City Administrator Monthly Update
June 2015

By City Administrator Mike Story

Administration

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 2, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

Don't miss out on these upcoming special events:

- Run Whatcha Brung Car Show & Cruise
  June 12, 5:00 – 9:00 pm – Cruise on Foothill Boulevard (Route 66)
  June 13, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm – Car show in Downtown Rialto
  For more information contact (909)-877-0200 or go to www.rialtorotary.org.

- A Hometown 4th of July Celebration
  Saturday, July 4, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, at Rialto City Park - Kids Fun Zone, Trackless Train Rides, Firework Show Spectacular, and Eating Contests
  For more information call (909)-877-9706.

City Clerk/Management Services

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Farmers' Market is located at City Hall where vendors sell a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and nuts at a reasonable cost to consumers. Come out and see what our local growers have to offer!

Economic Heartbeat of Rialto

Mayor Deborah Robertson's Economic Heartbeat of Rialto can be seen on the Rialto Network, Channels 3 and 99. It is also available on live stream via the City's web site, www.rialtoca.gov. This show is an in-depth interview with local Rialto businesses.

Administrative & Community Services

Finance

The Finance Division is nearing the end of the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget. A Budget Workshop with the City Council was held on May 21, and final Budget Adoption is

scheduled to take place at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, June 9. This budget is the result of many hours of collaboration and includes contributions from staff in all departments, as well as Council Members and City leadership. After the adoption for the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget the Finance Division will begin preparing for the City's Annual Financial Statement Audit scheduled to start at the end of July.

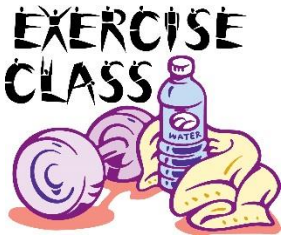
Recreation

Summer Series Movies and Concerts in the Park

The City of Rialto hosted the first Summer Series movie at Rialto City Hall on Friday, May 29. Families in attendance were treated to free popcorn and cotton candy hosted by the Rialto Branch Library, as well as free face painting and outdoor games. The Summer Series Movies and Concerts in the Park continues through July 4th with movies, music, and search for the Sound of Rialto star. These events begin at 6:00 pm, with movies playing at 8:15 pm. For more information, call (909) 877-9706.

Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center

We would like to welcome 11 new and renewed annual members, and 7 trial members, to the City of Rialto's Racquet and Fitness Center this month. We look forward to introducing our new clients to other areas of fitness that we offer here at the facility such as Vibe Fitness Boot Camp and Personal Training, swimming lessons, and group exercise classes. Their fitness goals become ours as we strive to provide them with the best customer service and assistance in the facility. Our floor staff is scheduled throughout the day to show our clients how to use each machine and inform clients of upcoming events within the facility and City. Our members are important to us and we are continuously looking for ways to evolve the fitness programs we offer.



A new addition to our fitness programs is the Fitness Orientation class, which has been a great success. Current members are bringing guests from other gyms to take advantage of our new offer of fitness knowledge to the community. Current members and paid guests are welcome to attend. Participants receive useful information regarding beginning to advanced exercise routines. For more information please contact us at (909) 820-2611.

We have had 16 clients take advantage of our Summer Savings special. Our Specialized Group Exercise Class pass is only $30.00 for one month - a savings of

$6.00. Clients who are solely interested in one class type will benefit from this summer savings. We look forward to enhancing our client's experience with the variety of options we have for the community to get fit.

The Vibe Fitness training area is now complete with final touches to be complete in a couple of weeks. Vibe Fitness had 54 paid clients this month, with 12 FREE one-week trial clients. We anticipate ongoing growth throughout the facility as we continue our fitness center specials throughout the year to encourage members and the community to participate in all our programs.

Tom Sawyer Swimming Pool

We have had an increased interest in our Private Swim Lessons and Parent and Me programs. "Parent and Me" is usually held in the warmer months for children 6 months to 3 years. The swimming pool is host to the First 5 Little Guppies program. This is a free swim lesson program, taught by American Red Cross certified instructors for families that qualify, and is for ages 0-5. We are preparing for the upcoming summer months of increased swim lesson interest, recreation and lap swim participants, and an overall interest for members of the public to have a safe and fun place to cool down.

FIT4KIDS

May 2015 was a busy month for Fit4Kids! Our staff has been dutifully preparing the ins and outs of the upcoming Sports and Fitness Camp at the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center, as well as the Summer Day Camp at the Rialto Community Center. We have a summer full of fun games, activities and nutritional instruction that will keep the youth of Rialto busy and engaged during these critical summer months. As a result, Fit4Kids has seen a spike in application intake during the month of May and we are excited to serve more Rialto youths than ever before! Fit4Kids is eagerly looking forward to providing high-quality fitness programming this Summer season.

Fit4Kids staff has come together and begun developing means by which we can raise additional funds for the Fit4Kids program. Ideas being considered are car washes, recycling drives and a Fit4Kids Walk/Jog-a-thon. Stay tuned as Fit4Kids moves forward in the upcoming fiscal year to be bigger and better!

Youth and Adult Sports

Summer Season of Youth Basketball began June 6. Our Divisions are stacked with waiting lists in almost every division. Each division currently has 6 teams - division 5, our 5-6 yr. olds, has 4 teams. We have a host of new coaches in our midst and this season plans to be highly competitive.

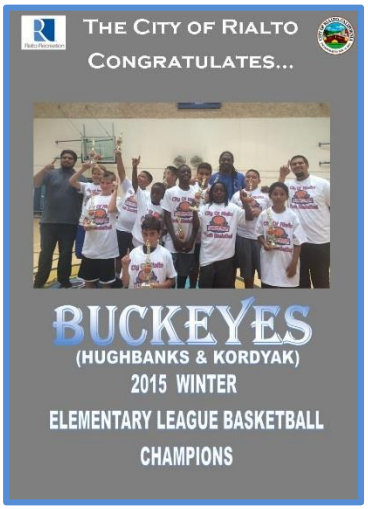
The Rialto Pride season began on June 6. As of right now, we have 20 potential athletes who are interested in joining the team. The Rialto Pride's reputation has grown so large that there has been a request to add additional teams at younger age levels. The Pride hosted a skills assessment/tryout on May 16, 2015, and had over 50 kids of all age levels show up to participate. The Pride's values, work ethics, and reputation resonate within the community and interest continues to grow. We look forward to working with the youth of Rialto, and continuing the Rialto Pride tradition. As always, the Rialto Pride would like to send a huge thank you to volunteer coaches for all their hard work and dedication to the team.

The summer season of volleyball began on June 5. The program now has 4 teams in each division. With 2 new coaches, we look forward to a great season of learning and fun.

Our little Tots Tee-Ball Sports program concluded with a trophy presentation and banquet. All participants were presented with trophies and recognized by all parents. These future "Hall of Famers" posed for pictures with their parents and newly formed friends. It was a great "Day in the Park."

Elementary Basketball League

This special season concluded on Sunday, May 31st, and a new champion was crowned. The combination of Hughbanks and Kordyak Elementary schools took the crown as the champions for this special league. We have introduced basketball to a new diverse group of kids, and they have joined our summer recreation league. The stands were packed weekly with excited fans, cheering their team to victory. For the championship, there was standing room only.



The Rialto Recreation and Community Services Division would like to thank the Rialto Unified School District for the honor of administrating and facilitating its entire Elementary school basketball program.

Rialto Senior Center

The Annual Senior Prom was held on Thursday, May 14th from 4:00-8:00 pm. The theme of the prom was "Let's Go to the Hop." Each senior received a goody bag and a raffle ticket before entering the prom. Live music was provided by the "Southern Star Band." The prom was sponsored by the "Friends of Rialto Senior Center."

The Friends prepared a lovely meal for the seniors. Two cakes were donated by our healthcare representative Mike Pichardo, and we received raffle donations from the following donors: Rialto Rotary Club, Cuca's Mexican Restaurant, SCAN Health Plan, Patio West Deli, Omni Trans, Ramrod Senior Housing, Inc., Donna Whittrig (Rialto

Senior Center Hair Salon), Wayne & Mary Moore (Senior Participants), Family Service Association, Planet DVD, GT Jams N Jellies, and Guardian Angel. The highlight of the night was the crowning ceremony. The seniors voted and chose Teresa Garcia and Aurelio Pereida as our 2015 Rialto Senior Center Prom King and Queen. Susan Bean, President of Business and Professional Women, donated a beautiful bouquet of flowers for our new Queen. During the crowning ceremony Representative Marisol Guerra from Senator Norma Torres office and Representative Sara Garcia from Assemblywomen Cheryl Brown's office both presented the Prom King and Queen each with a congratulatory certificate.

The seniors danced the night away with the Rialto High School ROTC Cadets. This year we had a photo booth for the participants to take free souvenir prom pictures. The prom was well attended with 112 participants along with the following special guests: Recreation Commissioner Clifford DeVost, Cable Advisory Commissioner Betty Luvert, First Lady of Rialto, Janet Story, our Administrative & Community Services Supervisor Julio Salcedo and our Director George Harris. A fun time was had by all.

Our nutrition program Family Service Association (FSA) continues to promote heathly lifestyles with the Mobile Fresh Bus by bringing fresh produce directly to our Senior Center. This innovative program aims to combine the convenience of a corner store with the selection and freshness of a farmers market. They accept cash, debit/credit, and EBT. The Mobile Fresh Bus came out on Monday, May 18th and they are scheduled to visit our Senior Center every other Monday from 11:00 am to12:00 pm.

Human Resources

Applicant Processing/Employee New Hires

Human Resources has received and screened over 397 applicants in the last 30 days. We have hired and processed 4 new hires:

FULL-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Kevin Collinge	Fire Battalion Chief	Fire
Yesenia Saldivar	Human Resources Assistant	ACS/HR
Jason Shields	Accountant	ACS/Finance

PART-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Antonio Saldana	Recreation Leader	ACS/Recreation

Current Open Recruitments

The City of Rialto is currently hiring for the following positions:

Position Title	Closing Date	Position Type
Aerobics Instructor II	Continuous	Part-Time
Emergency Dispatcher II	Continuous	Full-Time
Lifeguard	Continuous	Part-Time
Lifeguard/WSI	Continuous	Part-Time
Police Officer (Lateral)	Continuous	Full-Time
Police Officer Pre-Service	06/04/2015	Full-Time
Reserve Police Officer	Continuous	Volunteer

Upcoming Recruitments

The City of Rialto accepts job interest cards for future openings, please visit our website at www.rialtoca.gov and click on "jobs" to sign up.

Prescription Drug Discount Program

The **Prescription Discount Card** is made available to residents by the City of Rialto in collaboration with the **National League of Cities** (NLC) and is made possible through City of Rialto membership in NLC. The card is **FREE to all City of Rialto residents**, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you **may save an average of 20%** off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. *This program is NOT insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies.*

Discount cards are available at:

- City of Rialto website: http://www.rialtoca.gov
- Human Resources – 246 S. Willow
- Senior Center – 1411 S. Riverside Ave
- Library – 251 W. First Street
- Recreation – 214 N. Palm Ave., #204
- Chamber of Commerce – 120 N. Riverside Ave.

NATIONAL LEAGUE of CITIES

NLC Prescription Discount Card Program
Monthly Savings Report

City	Month	Total Rxs	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
CA, RIALTO	FEBRUARY 2015	23	$ 139.03	$ 6.04	25.2%	13
CA, RIALTO	MARCH 2015	23	$ 242.62	$ 10.55	34.3%	12
CA, RIALTO	APRIL 2015	27	$ 946.61	$ 35.06	51.7%	11

Rialto Community Career Center

The new Community Career Center is open!! Residents have access to six computers to assist with job searches, job banks, resume writing, etc... The center provides access to job seekers with a printer, fax machine, and other job searching tools at no cost. There is also postings for other agencies available for review/copy. The Community Career Center is housed in the Human Resources Division located at 246 S. Willow Avenue.

Development Services Department

Retail Chatter

- On May 27, 2015, after many months of anticipation, **Tacos El Gavilan** opened its new restaurant at the southeast corner of Baseline Road and Riverside Avenue. Tacos El Gavilan opened its first restaurant in 1992 in Los Angeles at the corner of Gage & Main. Rialto is the company's 6th location, after stores in the cities of Bell, Los Angeles (2), Huntington Park and Downey. Based upon the large turnout, Tacos El Gavilan has found a prosperous new home.

- **McDonalds** completed demolition of the old building at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue in preparation for its new restaurant in the Renaissance Shopping Center. On May 26, 2015, the City Council awarded a bid to PTM General Engineering Services, Inc. for the construction of a median island in Cedar Avenue north of Foothill Boulevard (to restrict conflicting turning movements into and out of the center) and to construct a traffic signal at the joint entrance with Home Depot on Foothill Boulevard (to improve safety and accommodate additional traffic generated by the Food 4-Less gas station and new McDonalds restaurant). The owners of the shopping center and the two new businesses helped pay for these needed improvements.

- The Gateway Plaza, which is across from the existing Wal-Mart store on Riverside Avenue, has leased space to the **99 Cents Only** Store. The 15,400 sf store will join Chuze Fitness and Espinoza's Mexican Restaurant. This new location will be the discount retailer's third Rialto store.

ICSC Convention in Las Vegas

City representatives attended the **International Council of Shopping Centers** RECON 2015 convention held in Las Vegas on May 17-20 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Over 36,000 participants attended, with retailers, property owners, developers, brokers and others involved in the commercial retail business. The City was represented by Mayor Robertson, Councilmember Ed Scott, Planning Commissioner Artist Gilbert, as well as City staff from Development Services and Public Works.

Rialto's booth was located in the South Hall in the vicinity of most of the retail tenants. The booth contained a multimedia display and printed literature that provided attendees with information on various retail and commercial development opportunities in the City. The imminent development of the Wal-Mart Supercenter and a revised site plan for the Renaissance Marketplace generated significant tenant interest. The developers of the Wal-Mart Supercenter Project announced leases with Carl's Junior, Chipotle, Jersey Mikes, T-Mobile, and GNC. They reported difficulty with securing a full service restaurant.

Rialto marketed its retail development opportunities via one-on-one meetings with current and prospective developers, tenants and shopping center owners, as well as by visiting the booths of targeted retailers. The City also met with representative from several hotel chains at the convention, including Best Western, Choice Hotels, Hilton Worldwide, InterContinental Hotels (Holiday Inn), and Marriott International to present potential hotel sites along the 210 Freeway. The revised Renaissance Marketplace proposal currently shows two hotel development sites, one for a business/extended stay class and one for a limited service mid-range hotel.

Staff has been contacted by and is continuing to follow up on the various leads generated at ICSC's Recon 2015.

Mayor Robertson, Councilmember Scott, Planning Commissioner Gilbert, and City staff work the Rialto booth at the 2015 Recon Convention in Las Vegas. For the past several years, the City has marketed its opportunities to the 30,000+ retailers, developers, and investors at this international convention.

Airport Redevelopment Update

The Airport Redevelopment Project proceeds with several activities underway:

- **Demolition/Remediation**. The City Council awarded several construction contracts for removal of existing facilities at the Airport:

- Pantano Excavating completed demolition of most of the vertical hangar structures, including the County Sheriff Facility, and removed the underground storage tanks and dispenser facilities.

- Tafoya Associates will commence removal of the underground storage tanks at Mercy Air and Scholl Aviation on June 16th, after receiving all removal permits from the County of San Bernardino.

- During May, We Care Charities commenced remediation of its former site in accordance with an approved work plan. The Regional Water Quality Control Board and the City are overseeing the work. The City has requested some additional excavations based upon the initial remediation work.

- The City contracted with West Tech Contracting for the final phase of the demolition and remediation work, removing the asphalt and concrete and conducting any required soil remediation. Work was originally scheduled to commence immediately after completion of the vertical demolitions, but during a pre-construction survey burrowing owl nests were discovered. The City engaged a biologist to establish the required protocol and this will delay commencement of the final phase of work.

Pantano Excavating demolishes the former Sheriff's Aviation Facility on Miro Way (picture on left). As part of the Miro Way Improvements, the sewer line is the first facility to be constructed (picture on right)

- **Public Improvements.** The Airport area lacks modern public improvements, including streets, sidewalks, and utilities. The City and LHR will expend substantial sums to modernize the public facilities, to accommodate current development and induce future development.

  - **Miro Way Street Improvements**. During May, LHR commenced work on the sewer line in Miro Way, working easterly from Alder Avenue to Linden Avenue. Bids were received for the storm drain in Miro Way and work will commence in June. Construction of the storm drain will cause delays on Ayala Drive and will also decommission a portion of Jerry Eaves Park. Street improvement bids will be received in June.

  - **Alder Avenue Street Improvements**. On May 12th, the City Council approved a Construction Reimbursement Agreement with LHR for the Phase I Alder Widening Improvements. Phase I widens Alder Avenue from Miro Way to Renaissance

Parkway, to allow four travel lanes as required by the conditions of approval for Medline and Niagara. The estimated Phase I costs are $5.4 million funded from development impact fees and Airport Escrow Funds.

The City made an offer to acquire the right-of-way necessary for Phase I and continues negotiations with the property owner.

- **Specific Plan Revisions**. On September 23, 2014 the City Council directed staff to initiate evaluation of a proposed amendment to the adopted Renaissance Specific Plan. The City is in the process of reviewing the following documents:

  - The Revised Renaissance Specific Plan contemplates a realignment of land uses, with industrial concentrated west of Linden Avenue and residential and commercial uses east of Linden Avenue. The industrial square footage increases by 1.4 million square feet and residential units decrease by 400 units. The Revised RSP has been circulated for internal review, and for review by the City's peer review consultant. The various City commissions and the City Council will consider the plan in 3-4 months.

  - A Supplemental EIR will be prepared to identify the environmental impacts of the Revised RSP. During May, the traffic scoping letter was approved by City staff and the consultants will move to complete the traffic impact analysis and the corresponding studies for noise and air quality.

  - Staff reviewed a preliminary Fiscal Impact Report for the Revised RSP. The consultant will revise the report and submit concurrent with the public hearings on the RSP. In general, the fiscal impact of the Project will improve by substituting non-residential land uses for residential land uses.

  - The City and LHR must now move toward negotiating a Development Agreement for the Project. The Development Agreement will establish, among other things, the timing of development, the construction of infrastructure such as parks, and the type and amount of development impact fees. The Development Agreement will become one component of the overall land use entitlements.

- **Renaissance Marketplace.** On May 6th, the Economic Development Committee heard a presentation from LHR regarding the retail center scheduled for construction at the southeast corner of Ayala Drive and Renaissance Parkway. LHR informed the City that Target would not be an anchor tenant within the center, and this was confirmed by the City at the ICSC Convention in Las Vegas. Consequently, LHR presented an alternative shopping center plan that is anchored by a theater, several mid-size retail boxes, various specialty retail shops and restaurants, a grocery/drug store, and a health club. The revised plan also includes sites for new hotels. The 600,000 square foot center would commence construction upon securing of sufficient tenant commitments, most notably the theater and most of the mid-box retailers.

LHR presented a revised site plan for the proposed Renaissance Marketplace, eliminating the Target Store while adding a theater, hotels, various mid-size retailers, small shops and restaurants. LHR and the City marketed the plan to retail and hotel tenants at the ICSC Convention in May. LHR hopes to secure tenant leases and break ground in the spring, 2016.

Planning Commission Summary

The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects in May:

- **Tentative Parcel Map No. 19593**. A request to subdivide a 0.84 acre parcel of land into 2 single family lots located at 439 West Merrill Avenue within the R1-C (Single Family Residential) zone.

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 768**. A request to increase the height of an existing mono-pine wireless telecommunications facility by 12 feet to a new height of 68 feet and install 12 new panel antennas with auxiliary equipment located at 172 East Base Line Road within the C-1A (Community Shopping Center) zone.

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 770**. A request to establish a 99 Cent Only store within an existing commercial building located at 1501 South Riverside Avenue within the R-C (Retail Commercial) zone of the Gateway Specific Plan.

- **Conditional Development Permit No. 757.** The Commission approved a request to allow the development of a biosolids to liquid fuel processing facility on 5.28 gross acres of land located at the northwest corner of Riverside Avenue and Kline Ranch Road within the H-IND (Heavy Industrial) zone of the Agua Mansa

Specific Plan. The Commission approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Environmental Assessment No. 14-72) for the project.

During May, the Planning Division reviewed 8 site plans for future development projects including the following notables:

- **FedEx Ground**. An approximately 110,000 square foot expansion of an existing logistics terminal located at 330 W. Resource Drive.
- **Score Soccer Centers**. Development of an outdoor 5-a-side soccer facility on approximately 4 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Willow Avenue and San Bernardino.
- **Lowell & Locust**. Development of two warehouse buildings totaling 778,980 square feet on 40 acres of land located at the southwest corner of Locust Avenue and Lowell Street.
- **Go 2 Logistics**. Development of a 60,500 square industrial building on 4.7 acres of land located on the east side of Cactus Avenue approximately 950 feet north of Santa Ana Avenue.
- **Bertz Development**. Development of a shopping center containing approximately 72,500 square feet of retail buildings on approximately 5.25 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue, including a Smart & Final Extra.
- **99 Cent Only Stores**. Façade improvements and a 2,160 square foot covered loading and storage area at the rear of the building in the Gateway Plaza.
- **2298 West Stonehurst Drive**. Development of a proposed pallet yard on the site. This property has been mitigated for perchlorate contamination with a permanent impervious cap.

Business Licensing

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of May 2015. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home:

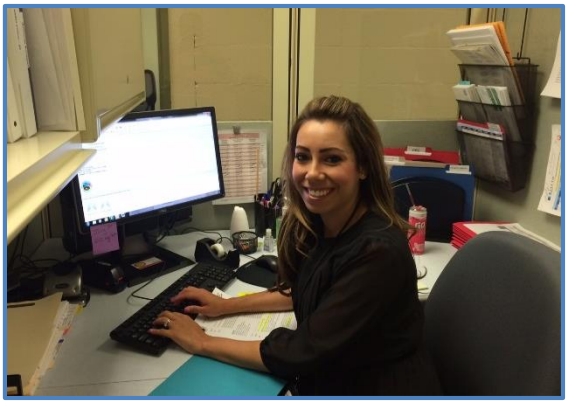
Business Name	Address	Goods/Services
Cheley Hair Design	420 S. Riverside Ave., #201	Hair Salon
Samaruma Shoes	2012 N. Riverside Ave., # F	Retail
Sierra Bakery (old Town Bakery)	456 W. Foothill Blvd.	Wholesale Bakery
T-Shirt Warehouse	875 E. Foothill Blvd.	Retail
Tacos El Gavilan Inc.	115 E. Baseline Rd.	Restaurant
Victor's Auto Smog Test Only	838 W. Valley Blvd.	Smog Station
Zuri's Wireless	105 W. Rialto Ave., #B	Retail Cellular Phones

New Development Service Employees

The Development Services Department has added two new employees to help serve Rialto resident and business customers:

- **Jennifer Kutz** worked in the insurance field for more than 5 years before coming to work for the City of Rialto. She is the mother of two girls and is actively involved in the PTA. Jennifer has a very strong work ethic and enjoys working in a team environment. She is a valuable addition to our team, and we are very happy to have her here in Development Services.

Jennifer Kutz



Angela Morales

- **Angela Morales** is the newest edition to the Development Services Team. Angela was hired in February 2015 to fill the Administrative Assistant position. Angela is responsible for core support to the Planning and Business Licensing Divisions, Development Review Committee, and general administrative duties for the Building, Code Enforcement, Economic Development and Housing Divisions. Angela has a Bachelor's Degree from Cal Poly Pomona in Business Administration. In her short tenure, Angela has already proven to be an invaluable team member. Please join us in welcoming her to the Rialto family!

Building Division Report

During the month of May, 2015 the Building Division provided the following services:

- Plancheck Submittals. The Division received 69 plans for Plancheck -- solar applications represent the largest type. Major construction projects including Walmart, Medline, and Niagara, were ready for permit issuance along with the apartment complex on Bloomington and Riverside.

- Plancheck Approvals. The Building Division approved 52 plans for permit issuance, primarily for solar installations and tenant improvement projects, and remodeling. Division staff performed same day, over the counter planchecks for 21 applications. The average review period for first plan check was 9 business days.

- Building Permits Issued. The Building Division issued 172 building permits with Panattoni's I-210 Logistics II the largest. Plancheck and permit receipts totaled

$250,577. Total building permit and plancheck revenues for FY15 are $1,970,292.

- Development Impact Fees Collected. The Building Division collected $2.5 million in development impact fees. Total development impact fee receipts for FY 15 are $4.2 compared to $4.2 million during the same period during FY14.

- Building Inspections. The City's building inspectors performed 686 inspections, or 45 inspections per working day. The City contracts with Willdan for 2 building inspectors per day, and the Lead Building Inspector and the Building Manager also cover inspections.

- Final Certificates of Occupancy. The Building Division issued final certificates of occupancy for a total of 2 projects.

Code Enforcement Services

The Code Enforcement Division received 56 new complaints during the month of May, issued 131 Notices of Violation, 14 Administrative Citations, and assessed $224,000 in fines. Code Enforcement received 108 calls and counter inquiries and conducted the following special enforcement activities:

- **Illegal Weekend Yard Sales.** Code Enforcement Officers, and Code Enforcement Volunteers contacted and educated 3 Citizens in regards to unpermitted yard sales.

- **Scavengers.** Code Enforcement Officers continue to work with Rialto Police Department and Burrtec Disposal Services and contacted 7 Scavengers, educating them on violation of RMC 8.08.030 (unlawful collection) and for RMC 9.98.090 (c) (possession of a shopping cart).

- **Homeless Encampments.** Code Enforcement Officers and members of the Rialto Police Department conducted and vacated 4 homeless encampments after they were checked for wants and warrants and advised to vacate the locations.

- **Illegal Weekend Food and Flower Vendors.** Code Enforcement Officers contacted 16 Illegal street vendors throughout the main commercial thoroughfares and at city parks.

- **Illegal Board and Care Facility.** Code Enforcement Officers, working with State and County officials, successfully closed down an unlicensed Board and Care facility located at 720 N. Linden Ave. A total of 18 mentally disabled tenants shared 6 bedrooms. The Police and Fire Departments have responded to numerous calls for service. All tenants were relocated by County officials to several licensed care facilities at various locations in the County.

City Monitoring Two Significant Bills that Impact the City and the Successor Agency

The City is monitoring two significant bills that may negatively impact the Successor Agency. The first is the Governor's 2016 State Budget, which proposes to eliminate reimbursement agreements between a city and a former redevelopment agency. In 2010, the City and the former Redevelopment Agency executed a cooperation agreement, entitling the City to receive reimbursement of $5 million for a flood control improvement project. The Successor Agency approved an agreement to reimburse the City, but the California Department of Finance denied the approval. Staff has appealed the decision. The Governor's proposed budget, if adopted, retroactively abolishes the City's entitlement. The Legislature has until June 15, 2015, to consider the proposed budget.

The second bill is AB 806. The bill authorizes the Department of Finance to require compensation agreements prior to the disposition of real property assets that were retained by the City for future development. Current law arguably allows the City to retain all of the land sales proceeds from parcels designated as such. The Successor Agency owns several parcels claimed by the City for future development. The passage of AB 806 will prevent the City from claiming the land sales proceeds, and will require distribution through the property tax allocation system. The State Assembly is considering AB 806 as a third reading.

GRID Alternatives Accepting Applications for Solar Energy Improvements

On April 28, 2015, the City Council approved a collaboration with GRID Alternatives to market a solar energy program to low-income homeowners in qualified target areas. GRID Alternatives is currently accepting applications from qualified homeowner in the targeted areas in Rialto. Call the City at (909) 820-8014 for additional information.

Last Home for Sale as Part of the ARR Program

The last home of the Acquisition, Resale and Rehabilitation ("ARR") Program is now for sale. The three-bedroom house of 1,200 square feet is located at 613 N. Willow Avenue. The home was previously dilapidated and is now completely rehabilitated. The ARR Program is funded through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Since 2010, about 80 vacant homes were purchased, repaired, and sold to income-qualified homebuyers. Please contact (909) 820-8014 for information related to home at 613 N. Willow Avenue.

City Holds Lender Training About Mortgage Assistance Program

On May 9, 2015, the City and Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services ("NPHS") held a home buying seminar at the Rialto Senior Center. About 30 attendees participated. The City currently holds about $400,000 in CalHome Program funds for the Mortgage Assistance Program for low-income homebuyers seeking down payment or closing cost assistance to purchase a home in Rialto. The seminar is part of a marketing effort to seek applicants to utilize the CalHome funds and purchase a home in Rialto. Please call (909) 820-8014 to obtain additional information about the MAP Program.

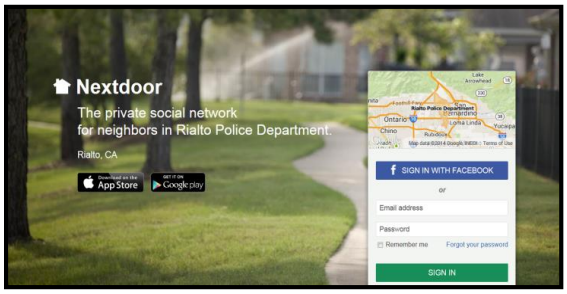
The ARR home at 613 North Willow is illustrated in the photo on the left. This is the last home the City will rehabilitate under the NSP Program. The photo on the right shows 30 prospective homeowners seeking information on the various down payment programs for purchasing a home in Rialto.

Police Department

Follow Rialto PD on Facebook

Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD.

RPD Virtual Neighborhood Watch



Nextdoor is free for residents! Each neighborhood creates its own private Nextdoor website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Rialto residents can use Nextdoor share information about neighborhood watch issues, local events, and local activities.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to make neighbors feel comfortable sharing information with one another in order to help build stronger communities. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on each Nextdoor site is only visible to members who live in the neighborhood and who have verified their address.

For more information you may contact your area commander, Captain Andy Karol, or the Department's Community Liaison at cnelson@rialtopd.com.

NIXLE

NIXLE is a free service that allows community members to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute, neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit, or for where your family and friends are located throughout the country. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from

urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the information, whether it's over your cell phone by text message, by email or over the web (or all of the above). You stay connected to what is happening in the community at locations that are relevant to you. Registration is FREE, SIMPLE, and SECURE!

For more information, please contact Captain Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email at akarol@rialtopd.com.

Coffee with the Chief

"Coffee with the Chief" offers residents an opportunity to personally meet their Police Chief and other representatives in a casual setting. At "Coffee with the Chief" community members will learn about the Police Department, special projects, and other related events.

Please join Chief Tony Farrar for our next "Coffee with the Chief" on Tuesday, June 9, 8:00-9:00 am, at Carrow's Restaurant – 289 E. Baseline Avenue. For additional information, please contact Jeanette Lopez at 909-820-2565 or email to jlopez@rialtopd.com.

Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant FY15

The Police Department has applied for, and been awarded funds, through the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). JAG funds can be used for local law enforcement programs; technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, or information systems for criminal justice. This grant award is $33,307.00.

Coming Soon - National Night Out 2015

National Night Out is a nationwide program co-sponsored by Target where neighborhood watch groups come together one night a year with Target representatives, police, fire, school and city officials, to celebrate the concerted effort in fighting crime throughout the year.

This year's event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. National Night Out is a wonderful opportunity for our community to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. It represents the kind of spirit, energy, and determination that is helping make our neighborhoods safer places throughout the year.

It is a night to celebrate safety and crime prevention success and to expand and strengthen our commitment throughout the year. For additional information please contact Corporal Cameron Nelson at cnelson@rialtopd.com.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is Back in 2015!

The goal of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH) is to reduce the blight, crime, narcotics sales, and narcotics use within the multi-housing communities in the City of Rialto. The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program will reduce blight, crime and

provide a safer living environment for the managers, landlords, and tenants that live within the multi-housing communities. The benefits of the CFMH include a stable, more satisfied tenant base with increased demands for rental units with a reputation for active management, lower maintenance and repair costs, increased property values, and improved personal safety for tenants, landlords and managers. For more information please contact Corporal Cameron Nelson at cnelson@rialtopd.com or Corporal Greg Marquez at gmarquez@rialtopd.com.

2015 Annual Memorial Day Tribute

On Monday, May 25, 2015, the Police Department participated in the Annual Memorial Day Tribute. This event, held at the Rialto Park Cemetery, was a huge success. Thank you to everyone involved.

Anti-bullying program sponsored by the Rialto Police Department, Colton Police Department, NASCAR and Shell Oil

On Friday, May 22, 2015, Curtis Elementary School teamed up with the Rialto Police Department, Colton Police Department, Shell Oil, and NASCAR for a **Superhero Anti-Bullying** event called "Fuel for Success." Students in grades 2-5 attended an anti-bullying assembly after ALL Curtis students are welcomed onto campus by staff in an *Anti-Bullying Tunnel of Hope*. Students have been joining together in an art contest to demonstrate the power they have to stop bullying. Students saw by example with the NASCAR drivers that hard work, following your dreams, and a drug free life style can be very rewarding. Students are shown through care and hope they can stay focused in school, despite any obstacles and challenges they may face in the future.

Preston Elementary

A recent visit to Preston Elementary School by Chief Tony Farrar and Corporal Greg Marquez proved to be beneficial for the students. This was a great group of kids with some well thought-out questions.

Officer of the Year - Blue Ribbon Breakfast

Congratulations to Detective John Lopez on being recognized as Rialto PD's Police Officer of the Year. Officer Lopez and other nominated officers from all over San Bernardino County were honored by the International Footprint Association - San Bernardino Chapter.

PRIDE Platoon Graduation – Class #10

On May 13, 2015, the Police Department's PRIDE Platoon Program graduated yet another class. Class # 10 was a great class, graduating a total of 39 students. Thank you to everyone who make this program possible.

San Bernardino County Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony

This year's Peace Officer Memorial was hosted by the Fontana Police Department. The event was held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10:00 am, and was a great success. Thanks to all who could attend.

Fire Department

Fire Season 2015

With persistent drought conditions throughout the state, it's not surprising that there are dire predictions for the 2015 fire season. While mild precipitation in May gave the appearance of some potential relief, the reality is that it may have only prompted late season growth of light vegetation (weeds, native wild shrubs). This only adds to the fuels available to burn once summer hits. The magnitude of this drought also creates a unique set of

circumstances where green belts (broad strips of live vegetation placed around structures to create a fire buffer) may not receive the irrigation that they require due to water shortages and restrictions.

The Rialto Fire Department is taking a two-pronged approach to help our community reduce the threat and impact of wildland fires. First, our firefighters are completing annual refresher training, and added specialized training on wildland strategy and tactics. This training allowed every member of the RFD to complete a 40-hour certification course in wildland fire behavior. This is a nationally recognized specialized curriculum that offers advanced applications of wildland firefighting techniques. This certification is typically held by select members of a fire department. However, the RFD wanted to ensure that every member is prepared to respond and bring value to any firefighting team.

The next strategic approach is to take preventative measures to reduce the fire risk in our community. This is done each year through an aggressive weed abatement program. By now, owners of undeveloped lots have been notified to clear all weeds and vegetation off of their property. For those who have not complied, the Fire Department will be arranging to have the property cleared immediately with the costs of the clearing billed back to the property owner. These open fields in the City can serve as a ripe fuel bed for fires that can spread to structures and other valuable property. Taking these proactive steps helps ensure that these properties do not pose a fire threat to our community. Over the next few weeks, you will see workers clearing these fields to help ensure a safer Rialto. For more information on the Fire Department's weed abatement program, please call Fire Administration at (909) 820-2501.

Independence Day Fireworks

Independence Day is just a few weeks away, and City staff is busy putting together awesome community events. This includes a Fourth of July Celebration at Rialto City Park that will conclude with a spactacular professional fireworks show.

While we want everyone to enjoy this holiday celebration, we are also reminded of the significant problem we have had in our City with the use of dangerous and illegal fireworks. A special study conducted by the Consumer Products Safety Commission found that 65 percent of all fireworks injuries in 2012 were sustained during the 30 days surrounding the Independence Day holiday. More than half of these injuries were the result of unexpected ignition of the device or consumers not using fireworks as intended. In addition to these injuries, illegal fireworks are disruptive to our community members, frightening to our pets, and increase the risk of fires in structures and open fields.

Last year, Rialto police and fire departments increased our enforcement efforts by issuing citations to anyone found using or possessing illegal fireworks. These citations carry a $1,000 fine and up to six months in jail, and the city is not showing leniency to offenders. This year, the City enacted a new section to the municipal code that calls for the same penalty for anyone who allows the use or possession of illegal fireworks on their property. Both police and fire departments will be increasing patrols throughout the holiday weekend to focus on illegal fireworks enforcement. Collectively, we expect to triple the number of personnel assigned to this detail as compared to last year.

As a community member, you can help as well by doing two things. First, if you see anyone lighting what appears to be illegal fireworks, please call the fire department immediately using our **Fireworks Hotline at (909) 421-7245.** Operators there will take the information and dispatch personnel to investigate and take appropriate action. Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 to report illegal fireworks on July 4th unless you also suspect a fire, injury, or serious crime.

The next action you can take is to show your support for the City's enforcement efforts by placing one of our pre-made signs that warn against the use of illegal fireworks in front of your home or business declaring your neighborhood as an "Illegal Firework-Free Zone". These signs are free and make a bold statement about the seriousness of this issue. These signs are available at Fire Department Headquarters, 131 S. Willow Avenue, and at City Hall.

In support of our local non-profit groups, the City will continue to allow the sale of fireworks designated as "Safe and Sane". Safe and Sane fireworks stands will be open throughout Rialto from June 28th through July 6th. Safe and Sane fireworks are defined as those fireworks that don't fly, travel or explode. Fountains, sparklers, snakes and smoke effects, ground spinners, snap pops and other novelty fireworks fit this description. However, firecrackers, rockets, roman candles, shells, and other aerial effects are DANGEROUS and NOT considered safe and sane fireworks. Anyone found with these illegal fireworks will be cited and the fireworks confiscated.

Rialto Fire Explorers Sweep L.A. County Competition

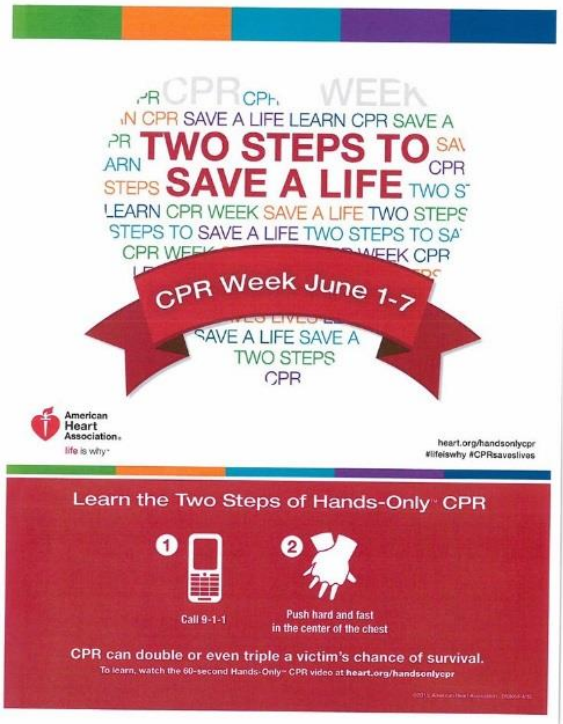
On May 30th, the Rialto Fire Explorers participated in the Los Angeles County Fire Explorers skills competition. These competitions, known as "musters" in the fire service, are a series of events that replicate traditional firefighting skills. Each event requires physical stamina, finely tuned skills, and highly coordinated teamwork. These teams practice for months to get as near to perfect in their skills and times as possible.

All that practice paid off as our Rialto Fire Explorers took first place overall, beating out 25 other teams that participated. As the picture below shows, our Explorers brought home armloads of trophies, but the perpetual trophy in the middle is the grand prize. We're very proud of our Explorers, and in addition to prevailing in the competition, we received several compliments from the other groups about the high level of professionalism shown by the Rialto team.

If you are between 16 and 20 years old and would like to be part of our Fire Explorer program, you can apply at our Fire Department headquarters at 131 S. Willow Avenue. If you have any questions regarding the program, you can also call us at (909) 820-2501.

CPR and Basic First Aid Training

Would you know how to help if someone was injured or needed CPR? One of the most important steps that you can take to help your family and friends in a time of need is to learn these basic skills that you can use before the fire department arrives. To help with this, the Rialto Fire Department is offering CPR and basic first aid classes for members of our community. Classes will be held on the third Thursday of each month at Fire Station 203, located at 1550 N. Ayala Dr.



The classes are offered in two sessions. The CPR class is taught by our certified instructors from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Upon successful completion, you will receive a Basic Life Support CPR certification card from the American Heart Association. The cost of the class is $50.00 which covers all required manuals, AHA certification costs, and your own one-way pocket mask that is used to deliver breaths when performing CPR.

The basic first aid portion of the training then picks up from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This class uses standardized curriculum to give the student the ability to properly deal with a variety of medical and traumatic events. The cost of this class is $20.00 which includes the instruction, hands-on training, and student manual.

Both of these classes offer an excellent opportunity to learn important skills that can save a life. For more information, please contact the Rialto Fire Department at (909) 820-2692.

Rialto Fire on Facebook

There's always something happening at the RFD. News updates, emergency updates, community activities, and more. "Like" us on Facebook now to find out, and get other up-to-date activities, incidents, pictures, videos, and more! Join us at https://www.facebook.com/rialtofiredepartment.

Public Works

Water Conservation

BROWN is the new GREEN – We are doing our part to conserve water during this drought. As a result of the Governors recent Executive Order requiring a statewide reduction of 25% in potable water usage, which restricts the irrigation of Ornamental Turf in medians, effective June 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016, staff has recommended that watering the following medians will stop and a process will begin of removing the turf and replacing it with a drought tolerant alternative:

- Turf areas along the southwest side of outer highway medians on Riverside Avenue between Trapp Elementary and Casmalia Street.
- Turf areas along the northeast wide of outer highway medians on Riverside Avenue between Kauri Avenue and East Arbeth Street.
- Turf areas along Riverside Avenue medians between Foothill Boulevard and First Street.
- Turf areas along Bloomington Avenue between Willow and San Bernardino Avenues.

The California Conservation Corp. (CCC) will provide free labor as a part of a work experience grant to assist Rialto with the removal of the turf and the conservation from spray to drip irrigation.

The conversion steps to drought tolerant alternative are as outlined:

1. Turn off all irrigation at these locations as soon as possible beginning June 1, 2015.
2. Remove the turf with labor from the CCC.
3. Convert the irrigation to drip irrigation for trees with labor from the CCC.
4. Replace turf with drought tolerant plants, wood chips, decomposed granite or artificial turf. As a temporary fill, wood chips and decomposed granite will be installed at all locations listed. A more permanent alternative will require more time for design and installation. As an example the Bloomington Median from Riverside to Willow Avenues is currently under design to install Xeriscape water conservation elements.

Water Conservation Landscape Class

The Water Conservation Landscape Class that was held on May 30, 2015 at the West Valley Water District drew in a crowd of 77 residents from Rialto. The class introduced homeowners to conservation practices and their importance in addition to focusing on water-efficient landscaping, use of California-native and drought-tolerant plants, healthy soils, lawn alternatives and efficient irrigation practices. This number of residents was double the amount of residents that attended the first class held in March 2015.

In a survey conducted on the class, 70% of the attendees left with a better understanding of water-wise landscaping and 100% said they learned something valuable.

More classes are coming in the next few months to help Rialto residents meet the commitment to reduce water use by 28%.

Rebates to Help Save Your Money and Water

The City is pleased to announce our Water Conservation Rebate Programs. Rebates are offered on a first come, first serve basis which come in the form of a credit on your water bill and will be available for as long as funds are available. Below is a list of the new rebate programs available for our residents.

Weather Based Irrigation Timers = $100 REBATE

High Efficiency Clothes Washers = $100 REBATE

High Efficiency Toilets = $50 REBATE

Turf Removal = $2 per square foot up to a $350 MAXIMUM REBATE

High Efficiency Irrigation Nozzles = $4 PER NOZZLE REBATE

Shut Off Nozzle = $10 PER NOZZLE REBATE

Other restrictions apply, check the City of Rialto's website at www.rialtoca.gov or call (909) 421-7221 for more details.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The City of Rialto has installed two new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, with the help of Clean Transportation Funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC). These new EV charging stations help carry out the mission of the MSRC to invest in projects that reduce harmful emissions from mobile sources like passenger vehicles.

Since 1991, local governments have received AB 2766 funds to implement programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. The AB 2766 Subvention Program provides a funding source for cities and counties to meet requirements of federal and state Clean Air Acts, and for implementation of motor vehicle emission reduction measures in the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP).

The City applied for and received funding to serve the growing number of neighborhood electric vehicles in the community. The MSRC's funding provided the opportunity for Rialto to leverage funding from other sources including AB 2766 Subvention funds

which resulted in the MSRC granting up to $30,432 in match funds for pre-wiring, station installation, and some charging stations purchasing costs.

With these funds the City installed two new charging stations at the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center which is located at 1243 South Riverside Avenue, just north of the I-10 freeway.

Other charging station locations within the City are:

- One station installed at the Civic Center, located at 150 South Palm Avenue in the north parking lot; and
- Two stations at the Rialto Metrolink Station, located at 261 South Palm Avenue, to the right of the John Longville Depot.

All of these charging stations are free of charge to encourage more people to drive EVs.

With the generous support of the MSRC, the City of Rialto is able to implement strategies to improve local air quality and grow the network of electric vehicle charging stations throughout the Southland, benefitting the Inland Empire and all of Southern California.

For more information on the mission and projects of the MSRC, please visit www.CleanTransportationFunding.org.

Reporting Street Light Outages

If you have issues with your streetlight not working properly you can visit the SCE Outage Center website at www.sce.com/outagecenter and submit your request in the "Report a Street Light Outage" page or you can contact SCE directly at (800) 611-1911 to report the outage.

The City maintains the specialty streetlights in the downtown area that have a decorative look to them. If you experience a problem with those streetlights you can contact the Public Works Department at (909) 820-2602 who will submit a work order for repair.

Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of the month from January through November 2015 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The dates and locations for 2015 are as follows:

June 13, 2015 ..... Jerry Eaves Park ..... 1485 N. Ayala Drive
July 11, 2015 ..... Fergusson Park ..... 2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 8, 2015 ..... Frisbie Park ..... 1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 12, 2015 ..... Birdsall Park ..... 2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 10, 2015 ..... Kristina Dana Hendrickson ..... Riverside Avenue/Second Street
Cultural Center/Women's Club
November 14, 2015 ..... Metrolink Station/Downtown ..... 261 S. Palm Avenue

Project Updates

Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail (Rails to Trails) Open for Use – The Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail (Rails to Trails) Project is a multi-use paths that is 21 miles long and runs through the cities of Claremont, Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana. In January 2014, the City awarded a construction contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Company to construct the project. The project has recently been completed and the City held a Grand Opening ceremony on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the ending location of the trail on Cactus Avenue. The event was a success and was attended by various dignitaries from the surrounding areas in addition to all the agencies who were involved with the project from design to construction and everything in between. The City's Police and Fire Departments also participated in the event along with the Recreation Department who manned an information booth. The Claremont Senior Cycling Group, about 20 cyclists, left early Thursday morning to travel the trail from Claremont to Rialto to reach the end in time for the grand opening ceremony. The City is pleased to announce that the trail is now open for public use.

Overlay Project, Riverside Avenue – The Overlay project on Riverside Avenue that began in May 2015, which consisted of pavement reconstruction and concrete improvements from Foothill Boulevard to the Metrolink Train Tracks, is in the final stages of work including the installation of striping, with a targeted completion date of June 11, 2015.

Land Developments

The following developments were under construction, approved for construction, or in the plan checking review process for the month of May:

- **Developments Currently Under Construction**
  - **Panattoni I-210 Logistics Center II** – Construction of a 757,503 sq. ft. distribution warehouse located on the north side of Base Line Road between Maple and Linden Avenues.
  - **Miro Way Street Improvements** – Phase 1 of the Sewer and Water Improvements from Alder Avenue to the Cactus Basin.
  - **SA Golden Investments** – Construction of a 2,465 sq. ft. single family residence located on Maple Avenue south of Buxton Street.

- **Plan Checks in Review**
  - **Verizon Wireless** – Construction of a 60 ft. mono-pipe wireless telecommunication facility with 12 panel antennas and auxiliary equipment on an existing site located at 1397 W. Etiwanda Avenue.
  - **Monarcas Pallets** – Conversion of an existing residential structure into office space and development of a pallet yard on a 3.04 acre parcel of land located at 2847 S. Willow Avenue.
  - **Tudor Plaza Retail Building** – Development of a 9,425 sq. ft. retail building on a 0.9 acre vacant pad within an existing shopping center located at the northeast corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue.

Permits Processed

The following permits were process for the month of April:

- **Transportation Permits.** A total of 30 Annual and Single Trip Transportation Permits were processed and issued to various companies.
- **Encroachment Permits.** A total of 31 encroachment permits were process and issued for work to be performed by the utility companies.

Solid Waste Management News

During May, the Household Hazardous Waste Site served 114 residents. They brought in 300 gallons of used motor oil, 3 pallets of paint, 7 drums of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids, and 8 barrels of sharps.

During the month of June, the site will be open on Friday and Saturday the 12th and 13th, and Friday and Saturday the 26th and 27th from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.