



City Administrator Monthly Update March 2015

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Administration

Notice of City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.



City Clerk/Management Services

Passport Day

Join us for Passport Day in Rialto, Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can apply for your passport and learn more about travel requirements. And, if you process your passport that day, you'll get a free lunch! For more information on obtaining a passport any time, contact the City Clerk's office at (909) 820-2519 or visit the City website at www.rialtoca.gov/cityclerk_passports.php. The City Clerk's office is located at 290 W. Rialto Avenue.



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 completed FY2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) on February 26, 2015. The FY13-14 CAFR will be presented to Council to receive and file at the first meeting in March.

At the February 24, 2015 City Council meeting, the Finance Division also culminated the comprehensive midyear budget review process for FY2014-15. This process involved an in-depth evaluation of budget-to-actual performance, additional analysis and forecasting, and the collaborative evaluation of City goals and resources. The division was pleased to present to City Council various options to utilize excess General Fund reserves to fund one-time capital improvements and reductions in liabilities that have been deferred in previous budget cycles. Following is a list of the items approved by City Council:

FY14/15 Mid-year Capital Replacement Plan Adjustments

Description	Amount	Notes
<u>Fire</u>		
Fleet	934,865.00	2 Fire Engines; 3 Command Vehicles - net of GEMT Revenue Balance
Station 201 - Rehab	265,000.00	Establish dorm style bunking in Station 201 to better accommodate female firefighters and A/C effectiveness
EMS Equipment for additional ambulances	100,000.00	To Equipment two new ambulances
Personal Protective Equipment	75,000.00	Department wide replacement of fire protective gear.
Fire Total	\$ 1,374,865.00	
<u>Police</u>		
Fleet	495,000.00	8 Patrol Units (SUV); 4 Staff Units; 3 UC Units; 1 UC Van; Equipment and Lighting
Computer and Laptops	202,000.00	25 Laptops x \$4,500 = \$112,500; 45 Desktops x \$2,000 = \$90,000
Regional Swat Building	160,000.00	With the closure of the airport a facility is needed to house the Regional SWAT vehicles and equipment
Driving Simulator	175,000.00	
Use of Force Simulator	85,000.00	
Police Total	\$ 1,117,000.00	
<u>Finance</u>		
Litigation Reserves	1,000,000.00	Measure U Litigation Reserves; Will be transferred to Fund 730 Gen Liab
Employee Bonuses	500,000.00	One-time Employee Bonus
OPEB	1,430,000.00	FY2011/12 & FY2012/13 Budget excluded the OPEB payment. This allocation will catch up the one missing payment.
Finance Total	\$ 2,930,000.00	
<u>Recreation</u>		
Community Center Rehab	1,000,000.00	Upgrade windows, flooring, ceilings, lighting, finishes and ducting in the 200, 300, 400 and 500 Wings
Park Design (Frisbie/Cactus & Randall)	400,000.00	Begin the park project designs for two park locations (\$200/each); Project funding would come later.
Pool Deck	100,000.00	\$50K budgeted, Bids estimated at \$150K
Recreation Total	\$ 1,500,000.00	
<u>Development Services</u>		
Dev. Svcs Software	200,000.00	Software that unifies Building, Code, Planning and Engineering into one system.
Development Services Total	\$ 200,000.00	
<u>Public Works</u>		
Street Overlays	2,000,000.00	Projects Assigned per Pavement Management Program.
Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk	478,135.00	Additional Funding for Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk repairs.
Public Works Total	\$ 2,478,135.00	
Grand Total	\$ 9,600,000.00	

Recreation

Naming Ceremony

On Saturday, February 28, 2015 the Recreation and Community Services Division hosted the Frances E. Brooks Conference Center Naming Ceremony in honor of former Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Frances Ellen Brooks for her longtime service to the community of Rialto. The dedication ceremony took place at 214 N. Palm Ave. The ceremony began at 11:00 am and was followed by light refreshments. Ms. Brooks received accolades from City of Rialto dignitaries as well as awards from Assemblymember Cheryl Brown and State Senator Norma Torres.



Youth Programs

KidStuff Program

We have begun classroom improvement at both Preston Preschool and the Community Center Tiny Tots rooms. The classrooms have been re-organized with new classroom set up and stocked with supplies and new toys. The floors have been stripped and waxed, and all toys, surfaces and restrooms have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Walls have been painted and have been livened up with new classroom décor. Renovations are nearly complete. The children and staff are excited about the new changes.



Spring Camp

Spring Camp is underway, and lesson plans and marketing materials have been completed. Flyers and posters were distributed to all Rialto Elementary and Middle schools and various locations throughout the City.

Rialto Senior Center

Karaoke

Our seniors are over the moon with excitement that we now have Karaoke. We have a wide selection for the seniors to choose from. We have everything from Country, Rock, R&B, Spanish, Oldies, music from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and much more. The first Monday there were 8 seniors in attendance but by week two the word was out and that number grew to 22 seniors and continues to grow. The seniors really enjoy singing and some of them enjoyed dancing, too. Karaoke is every Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Berglund room.



Sweethearts' Dance

We had our Annual "Sweethearts' Dance" on Thursday February 12th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The dance was sponsored by the Friends of Rialto Senior Center and the Rialto Rotary Club. Art Cooper & Company reformed. Each senior received a goody bag upon arrival. The seniors were also treated to light refreshments, cake, punch and coffee. The cakes were donated to us from our SCAN Healthcare representative. The room was decorated beautifully with a balloon canopy that covered the dance floor. We had 95 senior participants in attendance and a good time was had by all!



Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center

Membership

We would like to welcome twenty new and renewed annual members and eight trail members to the City of Rialto's Racquet and Fitness Center this month. We look to introducing our new clients to other areas of fitness that we offer here at the facility like Vibe Fitness Boot Camp and Personal Training, swimming lessons, group exercise classes, etc. 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.

We are continuing our \$0.00 Joining Fee special until the end of March. This is a high savings for interested members to join the facility. Our programming and community feel is like no other in the area. We are awaiting the arrival of nine new treadmills and the completion of the renovation of our cardio room and



fitness training area. We are looking forward to serving fitness seeking individuals, couples and families. Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center has something for the entire family.

As a token of gratitude and appreciation, the Rialto Racquet and Fitness Center will be launching a new and **FREE** informational service this February to all our loyal members. For more information please contact us at (909) 820-2611 x108.

We are preparing to host monthly member appreciation days where we have a rotation of a variety of activities offered throughout the year in addition to our daily programs and classes. Members can bring in a guest for free that day in hopes in turning them into regular attending members.

Vibe Fitness has welcomed two new clients on their 30-day Personal Training Experience and two drop in clients. This month the Vibe Fitness Training program had forty paid participants. Vibe Fitness also has a free week team training trial.

We anticipate ongoing growth throughout the facility as we continue our joining fee specials until March 31st and encourage members and the community to participate in all our programs.

Tom Sawyer Swimming Pool

The swimming pool opened on Thursday, February 26th at 9:00 am. The pool's hours have expanded from the fall/winter schedule where we lost the Friday and Sunday hours. Our members and guests are relieved to get back in the water. We also has small snacks and drinks to give members and guests as a token of our appreciation in waiting out the maintenance of our heater. Swim lessons are set to start the first week of March.

FIT4KIDS

February 2015 has been a fun and exciting month for the Fit4Kids Program. The Rialto PD hosted its first annual Rialto Police Officer Memorial 5K Run/Walk on January 31st, 2015. Fit4Kids was able to send several of our participants up to the 5K to represent our program. Vanessa Sahagun (12), Ivan Sahagun (12), Markus Covarrubias (11) and Angel Valdez (14) were outstanding representatives of Fit4Kids and they were able to get a nice workout on an off day of Fit4Kids programming. Great job kids!

Every third Friday of the month, Fit4Kids has begun hosting what we've termed as "Fun Fridays." "Fun Fridays" allow the Fit4Kids staff to break away from our daily Monday through Thursday routine in order to plan different fun and engaging activities that aren't as feasible on a traditional school night. At the February 20th "Fun Friday" Fit4Kids hosted our very first Parent Day. This gave several of our participants' parents the opportunity to come in and not only see what their children do on a day-to-day basis but to also complete the activities with them! We had a ton of fun going through parts of our fitness regimen, having a relay race, and playing a competitive game of soccer with many of our Fit4Kids and their families. We look forward to hosting more special activities at upcoming "Fun Friday" events.

Youth and Adult Sports

Youth Basketball

Winter Season of Youth Basketball began without a hitch! Teams were formed and the first month of the season is in the books. This season, most teams are evenly matched in all divisions.

Picture day occurred on 2/21/2015, which both parents and participants look forward too. Councilman Joe Baca greeted the opening day crowd and as always, imparted words of wisdom to all of the future Hall of Famers. The season is scheduled to run through March and end on 4/18/2015.

Rialto Pride Basketball Team

The Rialto Pride continues an established winning tradition. The Pride participated in 2 basketball tournaments for the month of February. The Pride won the first tournament in grand fashion, going undefeated. The Pride will participate in the second tournament on February 28th- March 1st. This season of the Pride will come to an end in March. We will then begin the spring/summer season immediately following this winter season. The Pride has an interest list that continues to grow, as more people are becoming aware of the winning tradition that is The Rialto Pride. As always, the Rialto Pride would like to send a huge thank you to volunteer coach Jovon Jenkins for all his hard work and dedication to the team.



Girls Volleyball

The winter season of volleyball began on February 13th, 2015. Division 1 and 2 boast highly competitive matches. Division 1 has a mixed field. This division is for the older girls, more competitive, faster paced. The teams are evenly matched and matches can span for upwards of 75 minutes. This division has grown consistently, showing a genuine community interest in the sport.



Division 2 focuses more on the fundamentals of the sport and gets players ready for their future in more competitive play. This season, with only 3 teams, division 2 will truly prepare all the participants for the next level.

Little Tots Basketball

This season of Little Tots began on January 24 and is progressing great. Our little tots come ready to play and anxious to learn. The final 2 weeks will put their learned skills to the test. As we move closer to the finale of this session, the little tots will be separated

and placed on mock teams for actual competitive play. Sessions are held Saturdays, 9:00 to 10:00 am at the Carl Johnson Gymnasium.

Adult Basketball

The winter season of Adult Basketball began on 2/8/2015 with 10 teams, including 2 former championship teams. This league has galvanized the community and become a “Sunday Night event.” Since its conception, the Rialto Basketball League has consistently given the community thrills and excitement. This season is 3 weeks old and already had 3 buzzer beaters, 2 double overtime games, and community volunteers’ helping facilitate the weekly contests. This season will be a memorable one to say the least.



Share Your Talents and Earn Extra Income!

The Rialto Recreation and Community Services division is currently seeking instructors to expand the selection of fee-based special interest classes offered to the Rialto community. If you have a special talent and want to earn extra income teaching it to others, then come and partner with us! We will provide and maintain facilities, handle registration, and provide direct mail advertising to 32,000 residential and business addresses! Call 421-4949 and ask for Jessica Perez.

Human Resources

Applicant Processing/Employee New Hires

Human Resources has received and screened 428 applicants in the last 30 days. We have hired and processed 4 new employees and 1 promotion.

FULL-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Angela Morales	Administrative Assistant	Development Services
Kyle Johnson	Accounting Supervisor (promotion)	Finance
Robert Eisenbeisz	Director of Public Works/City Engineer	Public Works

PART-TIME

Employee Name	Position Title	Department
Andres Mejia	Recreation Leader	Recreation
Brandon Gardner	Recreation Leader	Recreation
Shari Haynes	Recreation Leader	Recreation
Stephanie Podein	Recreation Leader	Recreation

Current Open Recruitments

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

Position Title	Closing Date	Position Type
Accountant	03/12/15	Full-Time
Aerobics Instructor II	Continuous	Part-Time
Crime Analysis Assistant	03/12/15	Full-Time
Emergency Dispatcher II	Continuous	Full-Time
Fire Battalion Chief	03/09/15	Full-Time
Human Resources Assistant	03/12/15 (or 1 st 100)	Full-Time
Lifeguard	Continuous	Part-Time
Lifeguard/WSI	Continuous	Part-Time
Police Officer (Lateral)	Continuous	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.



NLC Prescription Discount Card Program
Participating Cities - Monthly and Cumulative Savings

City	Month	Total Rx's	Price Savings	Avg. Price Savings	% Price Savings	Total Utilizers
CA, RIALTO	OCTOBER 2014	26	\$ 218.32	\$ 8.40	23.8%	19
CA, RIALTO	NOVEMBER 2014	23	\$ 962.43	\$ 41.84	53.5%	11
CA, RIALTO	DECEMBER 2014	31	\$ 232.73	\$ 7.51	23.1%	17

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

Airport Redevelopment Update

The City sold its first two parcels under the Contract of Sale with Lewis Hillwood Rialto LHR). The first two developments are:

- **Medline Industries** acquired a 56 acre parcel from LHR/City at the northwest corner of Miro Way and Locust Avenue to construct a 1.1 million square foot distribution facility. The City received gross land sale proceeds of \$10.3 million and netted \$6.8 million after paying contractual obligations to SBIA and others. Medline submitted improvement plans and expects to commence site grading during March. Medline Industries operates 37 distribution facilities across the United States providing medical supplies to health care providers. The new facility will create 300 new jobs.
- **Niagara Water** acquired a 36 acre parcel from LHR to construct a 600,000 square foot water bottling facility at the northeast corner of Alder Avenue and Miro Way. The Site consisted of approximately 24 acres owned by the City of Rialto and 12 acres independently owned by LHR. The City received gross land sale proceeds of \$10.3 million, and netted \$3.0 million after paying contractual obligations pursuant to the various Airport agreements. Niagara submitted improvement plans and expects to commence site grading during March.



Niagara Bottling plans to expand into Rialto with a \$200 million investment producing more than 100 new jobs, \$3.2 million in one-time City revenues, with general fund revenues of up to \$800,000 per year.

Contracts have been awarded for the **Phase I Demolition Project**, which entails removal of the vertical hangar structures. Work will commence on March 16th. On February 24th, bids were received for the **Phase II Demolition/Remediation Project** that entails removal of the asphalt and concrete surfaces and remediation of hazardous substances. On March 10th, the City Council will consider a contract to remove three underground storage tanks on the Airport.

On February 10th the City Council awarded a construction reimbursement agreement to I-210 Logistics Center for the \$15 million **Miro Way Project**. The project entails construction and reconstruction of Miro Way from Alder Avenue to Linden Avenue, and installation of a storm drain from Alder Avenue to the Cactus Basins. This improvement project will provide flooding relief on Baseline Road and open up development opportunities north of Miro Way.

Plans are substantially complete to improve Alder Avenue. The City intends to improve **Alder Avenue** in two phases: Phase I would provide four travel lanes from Miro Way northerly to the 210 Freeway and Phase II would construct full-width street improvements from Baseline Road to the 210 Freeway. Phase I is necessary to accommodate the Niagara and Medline Projects and can move quickly because most of the right-of-way has been secured. Phase II requires significant right-of-way acquisition and will follow 12-18 months later.

Retail Chatter

On Friday, February 6th **Chipotle Mexican Grill** opened its new restaurant next to **Jersey Mike's** and **In-N-Out Burger**. **Wing Stop** recently opened for business and **Major Brain Freeze** remains under construction with an expected March opening.

On February 10th, the City Council approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Fountainhead Shrugged, LLC for the third and last development pad at the Easton Retail Center. The Developer plans to construct a 1,900 square foot drive-thru **Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf**.

Food-4-Less completed its new gas station in a portion of the Renaissance Shopping Center parking lot located at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Cedar Avenue. **McDonalds** submitted construction plans for the development of a new 3,500 square foot drive-through restaurant but has not yet pulled building permits.



Tacos El Gavilan is moving rapidly toward a scheduled March 2015 grand opening. The building is substantially complete, and the project will move into installation of fixtures and equipment and completion of site improvements, including parking and landscaping. The restaurant should open within the next 30 days.

Industrial Project Report

Four industrial projects are moving rapidly through construction as shown in the pictures below:

- **CapRock Partners Distribution Center I.** This speculative 615,000 square foot distribution warehouse is located at the northeast corner of Locust Avenue and Bohnert Avenue.
- **CapRock Partners Distribution Center II.** This speculative 428,000 square foot distribution warehouse is located at the northwest corner of Casmalia Street and Linden Avenue.
- **Prologis I-210 Industrial.** This 677,000 square foot distribution warehouse is located on Tamarind Avenue, just north of Baseline Road. Prologis leased this facility to Keeco's, a premier home textile supplier specializing in fashion and basic top-of-the-bed products, window, bed/bath accessories, and patio mats.
- The **Space Center** completed grading to develop a speculative 259,000 square foot industrial warehouse on 12.1 acres at the northwest corner of Lilac Avenue and Merrill Avenue.



CapRock Partners Distribution Center I (top left), CapRock Partners Distribution Center II (top right), Prologis Industrial I-210 (bottom left), and Space Center (bottom right).

Planning Commission Summary

The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects in January:

- Variance No. 706. The Planning Commission denied a request by Jesus Cenicerros to allow a Variance from Section 18.10.030I and Section 18.52.030 of the Rialto Municipal Code to reduce the required side and rear building setback from five feet to zero feet and to increase the allowable lot coverage from 30.0 percent to 30.6 percent related to a request to permit a canopy structure at an existing single family residence located at 1040 S. Larch Avenue within the R-1C (Single Family Residential) zone.
- Conditional Development Permit No. 762 and Environmental Assessment No. 15-09. The Planning Commission approved a request by the Rialto Unified School District to develop a compressed natural gas fueling station on a 6.29 acre parcel located on the east side of Lilac Avenue immediately north of the BNSF railroad tracks within the M-1 (Light Industrial) zone and approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- Conditional Development Permit Nos. 764 and 765. The Planning Commission approved a request by Pacific Retail Partners for the development of a 9,861 sq. ft. retail tire store (CDP No. 764) and the development of a drive-through restaurant (CDP No. 765) within the Rialto Marketplace shopping center extending along the south side of San Bernardino Avenue with frontage on Riverside Avenue and Willow Avenue in the Regional Commercial (R-C) zone of the Gateway Specific Plan.

During the month of February, the Planning Division reviewed 17 site plans for future development projects:

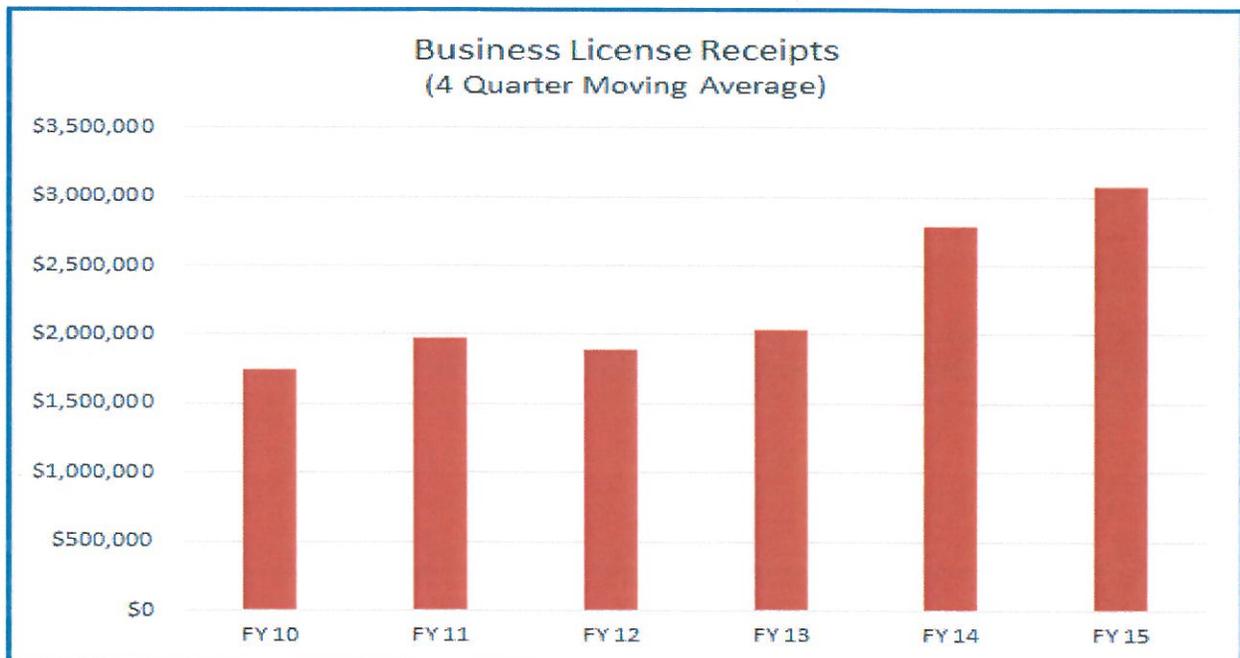
- **West San Bernardino County Water District**. Site design for a hydroelectric power station located at an existing water treatment facility located on the west side of Riverside Avenue just south of Linden Avenue.
- **Caprock Partners (Foresight Creations)**. Design review for a community identification marker and public art display on the northeast corner of Linden Avenue and Casmalia Street.
- **Coffee Bean**. Development of a 1,900 square foot Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf with a drive-thru on 0.89 acres of land located on the north side of Easton Street approximately 150 feet east of Riverside Avenue.
- **State Pipe and Supply**. Development of a 30,000 square foot Office/Manufacturing building at an existing pipe storage yard located at the northwest corner of Locust Avenue and Casmalia Street.
- **I-210 Logistics Center III**. Development of a 730,366 square foot warehouse building on 32.1 acres of land located at the northeast corner of Alder Avenue and Base Line Road.

Business Licensing

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

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>
B & M Auto Body	544 W. First St.	Repair Service
Flores Furniture	238 S. Riverside Ave.	Retail
Inland Empire Interlock Device	522 W. First St., #D	Service
Olympus Auto Body Repair	137 S. Lilac Ave.	Repair Service
Rialto Coin Exchange	139 W. Rialto Ave.	Retail
S G & Sons Inc.	446 S. Yucca Ave.	Transportation
Sal's Poles LLC.	145 W. Bryant St.	Manufacturing
Singular Insurance Service Inc.	115 W. Rialto Ave.	Tax/Insurance Service
Skywalker Industrial Inc.	1260 N. Fitzgerald Ave,# 208	Retail
Stephanie's Windows	993 W. Valley Blvd., #408	Retail
Summer Nails & Spa	935 W. Foothill Blvd.	Nail Salon

Business license receipts continue to grow with new business formation, improving economic conditions, and improved collection methods. The chart below shows the sharp increase in business license receipts over the last 6 years from approximately \$1.7 million in FY10 to more than \$3.0 million expected in FY15.



Building Division Report

The Building Division remains active with new construction and rehabilitation activity. During the month of February, 2015 the Building Division provided the following services:

- Plancheck Submittals. Plans were submitted for a (i) 1,050,000 square feet warehouse by Medline Industries at Locust Avenue and Miro Way and Casmalia Avenue; (ii) 598,041 square feet warehouse by Niagara Bottling at Alder Avenue and Miro Way; and, (iii) restaurant tenant improvements for Major Brain Freeze at 186 E. Easton Avenue.
- Plancheck Approvals. The Building Division received 67 plans for review, primarily for remodeling, solar installations and tenant improvement projects. The average review period for first plancheck was 15 calendar days. The Building Division approved 44 plans for building permit issuance.
- Building Permits Issued. The Building Division issued 227 building permits with plancheck and permit receipts totaling \$275,943. Total building permit and plancheck revenues for FY15 are \$1,475,565, compared to \$995,780 during the same period for FY14.
- Development Impact Fees Collected. The Building Division did not collect any development impact fees during February. Total development impact fee receipts for FY 15 are \$3,910,458 compared to \$1,392,291 at this time last year.
- Building Inspections. The City's building inspectors performed 401 inspections, or 25 inspections per working day.
- Final Certificates of Occupancy. The Building Division issued final certificates of occupancy for a total of 9 projects.

Code Enforcement Services

The Code Enforcement Division received 40 new complaints during February, and issued 128 Notices of Violation, 8 Administrative Citations assessing \$34,000 in fines, and 2 State Citations. Almost 200 calls and counter inquiries were taken. Code Enforcement conducted the following special enforcement activities:

- **Illegal Weekend Yard Sales.** Code Enforcement Officers and Code Enforcement Volunteers contacted and educated 14 citizens in regards to unpermitted weekend yard sales in the month of February.
- **Illegal Weekend Food and Flower Vendors.** Code Enforcement Officers contacted 13 illegal flower vendors on Valentine's Day weekend throughout the main commercial thoroughfares. Code Enforcement Officers also contacted and cited 3 illegal food vendors in the residential areas.
- **Homeless Encampments** Code Enforcement Officers and members of the Rialto Police Department continue to conduct sweeps in the commercial rural areas and issued 5 citations for unlawful camping.
- **Scavengers.** Code Enforcement Officers continue to work with Rialto Police Department and Burrtec Disposal Services Monday thru Friday and contacted 7 scavengers -- 5 were cited for unlawful collection and for illegal possession of shopping carts.

- **Code Enforcement Work Release Program.** Code Enforcement Officers and Volunteers conducted 13 clean ups in various locations -- they also conducted 4 clean ups assisting disabled citizens.

Governor Proposes Changes to Redevelopment Successor Agency Law.

In January 2015, the Governor proposed legislative changes affecting the affairs of redevelopment successor agencies. Changes include (i) prohibiting a successor agency and city from re-entering into agreements; (ii) prohibiting reinstatement of loans between a successor agency and city; (iii) restricting the amount of legal fees to the administrative cost allowance (which is very limited); (iv) approving ROPS on an annual basis rather than bi-annually; (v) authorizing the county auditor-controller to staff the countywide oversight board; and, (vi) authorizing public parking lots that do not generate excess revenue as “government use”.

The proposed changes would void a \$5 million City loan to the former Redevelopment Agency for storm drain construction that was approved prior to enactment of the Dissolution Act. The changes will restrict the Successor Agency’s ability to litigate against the State (if necessary to defend our interests) by limiting eligible litigation allowances. The City/Successor Agency will meet with Senator Leyva and Assembly Member Brown to discuss the Governor’s proposal.

Redevelopment Successor Agency Approves \$21.2 Million Budget

In February 2015, the City Council and the Oversight Board approved a \$21.2 million spending plan (covering the period from July 2015 to December 2015) on behalf of the Successor Agency. Pursuant to the Redevelopment Dissolution Act, the payments (also known as the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule) require approval from the California Department of Finance.

The expenditures include \$7.8 million for debt payments; \$500,000 for administrative costs; \$6 million for improvements to Alder Avenue (between Baseline Road and the 210 Freeway); \$5.6 million for an affordable housing project; and, \$1.3 million for repayment of a loan for housing purposes. The funding sources include \$4.6 million from property taxes; \$3.6 million from reserves; \$12.9 million from previously issued bonds; and \$100,000 from other revenues.

Evaluation Panel Interviews Affordable Housing Developers

In January 2015, the Rialto Housing Authority received four responses (one respondent later withdrew) to its Request for Qualifications seeking developers to develop one or more affordable housing projects within one mile of the Rialto Metrolink Station. The Authority holds approximately \$5.5 million of housing bond funds and owns property to support such development.

In February 2015, the City’s evaluation panel interviewed the three respondents and recommended engagement of a partnership of National Community/Related Companies/Young Homes/LaBarge Industries. The evaluation panel included three city commissioners, staff, and representatives from Southern California Association of Governments and San Bernardino Associated Governments. In March 2015, the Rialto Housing Authority Board will consider the recommendation.

“Save Your Home” Event on March 16 in San Bernardino.

As reported in the February issue, on Monday, March 16th from 2:00pm – 8:00pm, the County of San Bernardino and HUD certified housing counseling organizations are hosting a “Save Your Home” event. Homeowners who are unemployed, behind on mortgage payments, experiencing trouble refinancing, or considering a short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure are encouraged to attend. The event includes homeowners meeting face to face with a lender or a non-profit housing expert and learns about resources that may assist homeowner from losing their home. Additional information can be obtained at www.hopenow.com. The event will be held at the Arrowhead Event Center, 180 S. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408.

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<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>
✓ 10 K Print	463 East Foothill Blvd., #114	Retail
✓ Advanced Radiology of Bev Hills	224 North Riverside Ave., # D	Medical
✓ Alta Dena Dairy	350 West Foothill Blvd.	Convenience Store
✓ Amazing Heels & Clothing	519 West Foothill Blvd., # C	Retail
✓ Chris Company	2280 South Lilac Ave.	Construction Service
✓ Inland Empire Liver Foundation	2006 North Riverside Ave., # A	Medical
✓ JSI Custom Wood Work	993 West Valley Blvd., #311	Woodworking Service
✓ Miranda’s Barber Beauty Salon	196 East Baseline Rd.	Salon Barber Beauty Shop
✓ R & M Motorcycle Specialists	1260 North Fitzgerald Ave., #204	Repair Services
✓ Sunday’s Silk Screening	1260 North Fitzgerald Ave., #110	Airbrush Custom Art
✓ M.R. Tudor – California Inc.	700 West Rialto Ave.	Retail
✓ Subway	2279 Castalia St.	Retail

Building and Safety Services

During October, the Building Division issued 231 building permits and received 70 plans for review, primarily for remodeling, solar installations, and tenant improvement projects. The average initial review period was 9 calendar days and the re-check period was 7 calendar days. The Building Division performed 342 building inspections. Total building permit and plan check fee receipts for the month were \$116,000. Among the more notable activities:

- Construction was completed for three (3) single-family homes at Bloomington Lane and the City issued Certificates of Occupancy.

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, Lieutenant 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 Lieutenant Andy Karol at 909-820-2526 or email at akarol@rialtopd.com.

CALGRIP Grant 2015

The Board of State and Community Corrections' Standing Committee on Gang Issues has completed the competitive process for the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program. These are extremely competitive grants awarded to cities to enhance gang intervention, reduction, and prevention efforts. The Rialto Police Department was awarded 1.4 million dollars over a three year period for this grant.



New Police Department Program

The Rialto Police Department would like to introduce its new community campaign - Report It, Don't Ignore It! This campaign was brought about to remind everyone of the importance of reporting crime or suspicious activity. In 2014, together as a community, we reduced property crime by -20.94% and violent crime by -24.42%. As we move into 2015, we want to continue with this positive trend so - Report It, Don't Ignore It!

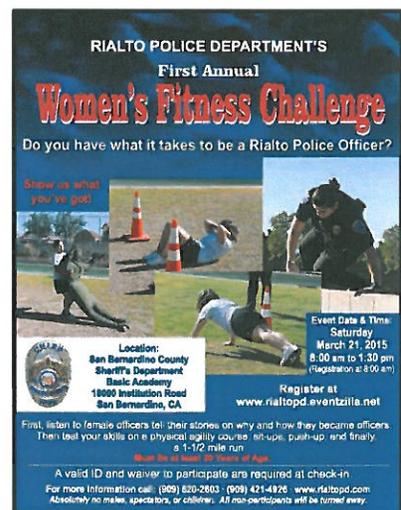


RPD Women in Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge

On March 21, 2015, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. the Rialto Police Department will be hosting a "Women's Fitness Challenge."

This event is open to all women 20 years of age and older and will consist of guest speakers, brief presentations by women law enforcement officers, and a fitness challenge to evaluate the physical readiness of those wishing to pursue law enforcement as a career.

For more information, please contact Corporal Vicki Gerard at 909-820-2603 or email at vgerard@rialtopd.com or Deidre Cook at 909-421-4926 or email at dcook@rialtopd.com.



Area Command Program and Community Meetings

In 2014, the Police Department in an effort to increase efficiency combined its area community meetings (the north end areas were combined into one meeting and the south end areas were combined into one meeting).

In an effort to further streamline the program and also to address a few staffing changes, the North end Areas (1 and 2) will now be designated as Area Command North and the South end Areas (3 and 4) as Area Command South. Lieutenant Kathy Thompson has been assigned to the North Area Command and she can be reached at 909-820-2560 or kthompson@rialtopd.com. Lieutenant Jim Kurkoske has been

assigned to the South Area Command and can be reached at 909-820-2568 or jkurkoske@rialtopd.com.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Captain Andy Karol at 909-802-2526 or email to akarol@rialtopd.com.

Department Awards Banquet

On Friday, February 20, 2015, the Police Department held its first Annual Awards Dinner at the Sierra Lakes Country Club. This was a great event whereby we were able to recognize our employees, community members, and others for their outstanding work, commitment, and dedication in 2014.

Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

The Baker to Vegas Relay is one of the most positive events offered to law enforcement officer today. Not only does it give police officers a reason to maintain a physical fitness program, it provides teamwork, camaraderie, and competition. Over the twenty plus years the Challenge Cup/Baker to Vegas Relay has run hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers across the desert. The number of teams has grown over the years from 19 in 1985, to over 270 in 2015, and will cover 120 miles in 20 stages. As a result of this growth, the race is now considered the largest law enforcement event of its kind with teams participating from Calgary Canada, Berlin and Hamburg Germany, and law enforcement from across the United States. Go Team 179 – Rialto PD!



Safety Reminder from the RPD Traffic Unit

There are plenty of facts, figures and details about distracted driving, but let's get the plain and simple ones on the table first:

- 80 percent of vehicle crashes involve some sort of driver inattention.
- Up to 6000 people nationwide are killed in crashes where driver distractions are involved.
- Talking on a cell phone or texting is the number one source of driver distractions.
- Texting takes your eyes off the road for an average of five seconds, far enough to travel the length of a football field at 55 mph. Most crashes happen with less than 3 seconds reaction time.
- The act of talking on a cell phone, even hands free, can give you "inattention blindness," where your brain isn't seeing what's right in front of you. You aren't even aware that you are driving impaired. If you think you can handle both driving and talking on a cell phone or texting, you are kidding yourself and putting us all at risk.



Distracted driving is anything that takes your eyes or mind off the road or your hands off the steering wheel - especially texting and cell phone use, whether hands-free or handheld. Who's doing it? Most of us. It has been estimated that, at any one time, over 10 percent of drivers are using a mobile device. A ticket for \$159 for texting or talking on a cell phone is a major distraction to your wallet. What can you do? Most important, obey the law. It's there for a reason. Also, do your best to eliminate distractions:

- Never text and drive.
- Turn off your phone when you get behind the wheel.
- Don't text or call someone when you know they are likely to be driving.
- Make a pact with your family, spouse, and caregivers never to use the phone with kids in the car.
- Don't program your GPS, MP3 player or other devices while driving.
- Pull over and stop to read maps.
- No reading.
- If something falls to the floor, pull over before trying to reach it.

DUI Checkpoint

On Friday, February 27, 2015, the Rialto Police Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/CDL checkpoint in the 800 Block of E. Foothill Boulevard. Of the 373 vehicles that entered the checkpoint 178 persons were screened for further investigation. Three arrests were made for DUI and six others were arrested for active warrants.



Smart Policing Grant(s)

The FY 2015 Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) grant program seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions. Funding for this initiative is available through the FY2015 appropriation to "support evidence-based policing."



BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

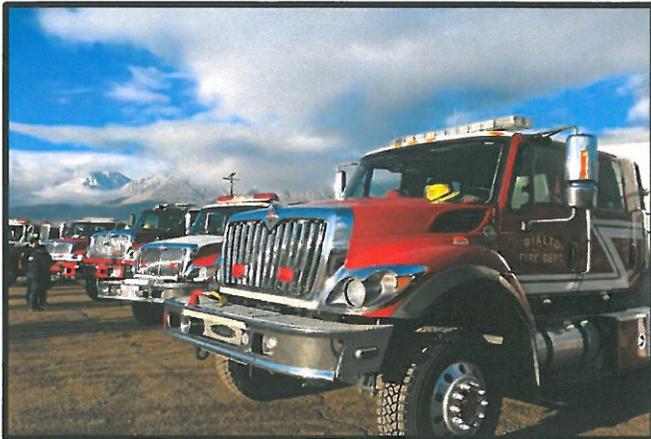
The Rialto Police Department is in the process of submitting for two separate grants that will focus on implementing and evaluating unique approaches to chronic crime problems; emerging crime problems, or barriers to police agencies' ability to address such problems.

Fire Department

Helping Out Across the State

Weather in 2015 has felt much more like a mild summer than winter. High winds, drought, and seasonally high temperatures have brought winter wildland fire risk. Your Rialto firefighters played a strong role in the Round Fire which burned 7000 acres and 40 structures in Mono and Inyo Counties the second week of February. One fire engine and one Battalion Chief Strike Team Leader from Rialto aided in quickly containing this devastating winter fire. In helping other communities our Rialto Fire Department personnel gained increased experience levels. The City is fully reimbursed for its

employee costs, vehicle usage and administrative costs associated with such assignments.



Pioneering New Medical Treatments in the Field

In the pre-hospital setting, effective ways to treat extreme bleeding are limited. Surgery for internal bleeding or whole blood replacement is not practical until the patient reaches a hospital, which is sometimes too late to reverse the damage from hemorrhage.

To deal with this challenge, Rialto Fire Department paramedics will be taking the lead on a new approach to treating trauma patients with severe internal or external bleeding. The goal of this trial study is to determine if the administration of Tranexamic Acid (TXA) to bleeding trauma patients will help improve survival rates in trauma patients. TXA administration has shown the ability to increase survival rates by up to 50% in trauma patients with significant bleeding. Although this drug is now being used in hospitals, it has not been introduced to the pre-hospital setting for use by Paramedics. Since the success of the drug is highly dependent on rapid administration (less than an hour of when the injury occurred) this may one of its best applications. Rialto Fire pioneered this trial study that is the first of its kind in the county. The trial study will begin on March 9th and last for 24 months.



New Promotions

After completing a thorough recruitment and selection process for the position of Fire Division Chief, the RFD is pleased to announce that Battalion Chief Sean Grayson has been selected for the position. Division Chief Grayson has been acting in this position for two months, so he has a strong start to a vital position. As the Division Chief of Operations, DC Grayson will oversee the delivery of emergency services in the field and related activities. The position also places him second in command of the fire department. DC Grayson's experience and focus on emergency operations will be a tremendous benefit to the department and the city. Congratulations to Sean for this career milestone.

Drowning Prevention

Rialto Fire has increased its participation in the San Bernardino County Child Death Review Team (CDRT) in an effort to determine the cause and prevention of



pediatric deaths in the City and in the County of San Bernardino. The CDRT reviews every child death in the county on a monthly basis and then makes recommendations on prevention, prosecution, education and safe practices for children and their families.

In partnership with Rialto Fire, Assemblywoman Cheryl Brown is sponsoring Assembly Bill 299 (AB299) which will require all counties and the State of California to collect crucial data on all drownings and near drownings that occur in the State. This information will be invaluable in the fight against these 100% preventable tragedies. AB299 should hit the floor in the next month or two as it begins the committee process. Meanwhile, the RFD is gearing up for the annual drowning prevention program at Rialto schools and the East Rialto Kiwanis club.

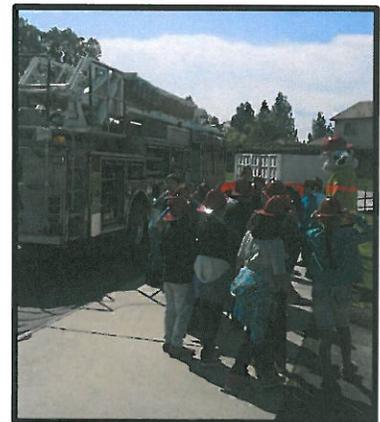
Fire Department Training

Effective and efficient emergency response is an essential skill set for firefighters. To maintain this skill set firefighters participate in daily training activities encompassing the wide spectrum of activities that they may be called on to perform. Recently your Rialto firefighters joined Colton and Loma Linda firefighters in a large scale auto extrication training session. Personnel exercised techniques need to gain access to and remove patients from damaged vehicles. The ever changing landscape of safety devices and electric/hybrid vehicle configurations makes auto extrication a skill set that needs continual updates.



Involving Kids in Preventing Fires

Children under the age of 12 represent a population segment that has one of the highest risks of perishing in a fire. The RFD recognizes this and makes extra efforts to find fun ways to get the fire safety message across to this group. After winning a “Fire Safety Bookmark Coloring Contest” that included all fourth-graders in the Rialto school district, Mrs. Buck’s class at Dollahan Elementary School was rewarded with a pizza party, courtesy of the RFD. Along with the pizza party, the students got a tour of the fire truck, and a Q&A session with fire fighters and Sparky the Fire Dog. This is the fourth year that fire prevention has held the bookmark contest with the students.



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

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:

March 14, 2015.....	Margaret Todd Park.....	201 N. Willow Avenue
April 18, 2015*	Andreson Park.....	726 S. Lilac Avenue
May 9, 2015	Flores Park.....	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
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

Reporting Street Light Outages

On February 2, 2015 Southern California Edison (SCE) implemented changes to the streetlight outage (Neighborhood Streetlights) reporting process in an attempt to improve the process and speed by which SCE manages streetlight outages.

If you have issues with your streetlight not working properly you can now 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 and we will submit a work order for repair.

Blower Exchange Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has implemented a trade in program for older backpack blowers for professional gardeners/landscapers. Registration for this trade-in program began on Tuesday February 24, at 8:00 am and operators are available Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information please see the brochure on the AQMD website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/Lawn-Equipment/leafblower-brochure.pdf> or to make a reservation please call toll free at 1 (800) 425-6247.

During the month of February, the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department completed the following:

Capital Improvement Projects

- **Project Bids.** The Department received bids for the Rialto Airport Demolition Phase 2 project.
- **Contracts Awarded.** The City Council awarded a Construction Contract to Downing Construction Inc., in the amount of \$667,291 for the Cedar Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project.

Land Developments

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

- **Developments Currently Under Construction**

- Space Center – A 258,857 square foot distribution warehouse located on the northwest corner of Merrill and Lilac Avenues.

- **Plans Approved**

- Bus Repair Canopy – Construction of a 2,160 sq. ft. bus repair canopy and a 631 sq. ft. tool storage enclosure located at 3061 South Riverside Avenue.
- Miro Way Street Improvements from Alder Avenue to the Cactus Basins – Off-site Public Right of Way Improvements including, Street, Storm Drain, Sewer, Water, and Street Lights along Miro Way.
- Parcel Map 19537 – Subdivide one 0.99 acre of land into four residential parcels for the property located at the southeast corner of Linden Avenue and Summit Avenue.

- **Plan Checks in Review**

- Medline Industries – Development of a 1,070,320 sq. ft. Warehouse Distribution Facility located at the northwest corner of Miro Way and Locust Avenue.
- Niagara Bottling Company – Development of a 596,749 sq. ft. Water Bottling Facility located on the east side of Alder Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Miro Way.
- Alder Avenue – Widen the current arterial road Alder Avenue from Baseline Road to Renaissance Parkway from two lanes to four lanes and construct a new Storm Drain along Alder Avenue from Renaissance Parkway to Miro Way.
- Thrifty Oil Company – Development of a 630,200 sq. ft. Distribution Warehouse located at the northeast corner of Alder Avenue and Casmalia Street.

- **Transportation Permits.** A total of 37 Transportation Permits were processed and issued to various companies.

- **Encroachment Permits.** A total of 10 encroachment permits were process and issued for work to be performed by the utility companies.

Solid Waste Management News

Special Event

CITY OF RIALTO
Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Event
Bring up to 3 Used Oil Filters to Recycle
& Receive New Oil Filters for FREE!

Open to Rialto residents only.
Must provide proof of residency (ID or utility bill).

Join us on...



Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015
Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: O'Reilly Auto Parts
286 W. Foothill Blvd.
Rialto, CA 92376



Household Hazardous Waste

During February, the Household Hazardous Waste Site served 166 residents. They brought in 365 gallons of used motor oil, 3 pallets of paint, 5 drums of misc. poisons and other toxic liquids, and 5 barrels of sharps.

During the month of March, the site will be open on Friday and Saturday the 13th and 14th and Friday and Saturday the 27th and 28th from 8:00 am until 12 noon.

