



City Hall Weekly Highlights

February 18, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: City Departments

CITY MANAGER:

Annual Visit by Congressman Ken Calvert: On Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert who represents the 42nd California Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and his staff met with City Officials for the annual briefing of what is happening in the City and in Washington DC. In addition to discussions on matters of importance to the City such as funding for the Hamner Avenue Bridge Replacement Project and the status of Congressional funding for a City Water Project, the Congressman and his staff were provided with a brief tour of George A. Ingalls Memorial Plaza and the Silverlakes Equestrian and Sports Park. The Congressman and his staff were mightily impressed with the accomplishments of the City in building an impressive memorial dedicated to honoring the men and women who served or are currently serving in the various branches of the United States Military. He was also very impressed with the scope of the Silverlakes Equestrian and Sports Park, which is considered as one of the premier facilities of its type in the country.



DTSC Briefing: During Wednesday's City Council Meeting, Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) provided an update to the City Council regarding their clean-up efforts on the former Wyle Labs Property. The DTSC official noted that the clean-up efforts, which began in 2008, are still ongoing with two main clean-up activities taking place. One clean-up activity is remediation of contaminated soil at the center of the property and the other activity involves remediation of contaminated ground water from the 13 wells in the area. DTSC reported that since the clean-up began in 2008, they have removed approximately 1,500 pounds of TCE, and about 40 million gallons of contaminated water has been extracted. Their clean-up efforts have been successful in preventing contamination from migrating into the neighborhoods. In answer to a question from Mayor Pro-Tem Newton regarding residents' concerns on possible contamination from undeveloped hills above Crestview Avenue, DTSC official noted that they are available to discuss the issue with any concerned resident to determine if there is a basis to investigate the possibility of an environmental issue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Hospitality Promotion: The Hospitality Subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) is researching the feasibility of reserving exhibit space at the 2017 edition of the Los Angeles Travel & Adventure Show, scheduled for next February in Long Beach. As an exhibitor, Horsetown USA could heighten its visibility among tour operators, travel agents, travel writers and editors, and consumers. The Subcommittee will explore sponsorship opportunities to reduce the cost of the event and will be attending the 2016 Travel & Adventure Show later this month for further research.

Business Promotion: Under advisement from the Hospitality Subcommittee of EDAC, staff has begun exploring opportunities for the promotion of local businesses onsite at SilverLakes Equestrian & Sports Park. Some type of information desk or kiosk is under consideration, and the concept has widespread support from local merchants anxious to capitalize on the influx of players and spectators at the park.

Sixth Street Gateway Sign: Staff met with the Electronic Sign Subcommittee of EDAC to review the year-to-date financial performance of the sign. Fiscal year-to-date advertising revenues are approximately \$32,500 compared to \$12,900 in expenditures, which include sales commissions and programming expenses. It is critically important that the sign generate a positive cash flow, creating a reserve fund for long-term maintenance.

FISCAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES:

Bill Processing: Staff mailed out 2,064 utility bills to Group 2 customers; also 217 delinquent notices to Group 1, for unpaid bills. On Tuesday, a courtesy door tag was hung at the door of 93 delinquent customers in Group 3 by Public Works staff, notifying that if they did not pay by Tuesday, February 23, their water services would be shut off on Wednesday, February 24. No shut offs were processed this week due to the holiday.

Business License and Cash Receipts: There were seven new business license applications and no renewals during the week. Staff processed a combined total of 1,506 cash receipts from the building counter, Parks and Recreation, utility customers and other miscellaneous accounts receivables, totaling \$552,848. The City received \$403,800 in sales tax this week.

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable: A total of 22 miscellaneous accounts receivable invoices were sent to individuals/agencies totaling \$4,843; these invoices are to bill for EMS services, hydrant meter billing, damage to City property, encroachment permits, loan payments, trash billing to California Rehabilitation Center and any other services provided by the City other than utility billing and business licenses.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Recreation and Community Services



Summer Concerts in the Park

Staff and subcommittee members are seeking sponsors and bands for the upcoming Summer Concerts in the Park. Concerts will be held on selected Friday nights from 6:30-8:00p.m. at Pikes Peak Park; dates to be determined. Admission and parking are free. Donations are being sought to offset the costs associated with this community special event. If you would like to donate, please contact Recreation Specialist Katrina Enriquez at 951-270-5635.

National Day of the American Cowboy

The National Day of the American Cowboy Committee held its 2016 kick-off meeting. **SAVE THE DATE!** The event is slated for Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center. Activities will include but not be limited to participation events such as sorting and ribbon races, PCJBR Rodeo, a Grand Opening Celebration, Cow Chip Contest and much more! Stay tuned for all the details!



Senior Services



Assistance from AARP

AARP volunteers continue tax preparations at the Rose M. Eldridge Senior Center each Tuesday. This free service will be available each Tuesday through April 12, 2016 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Community members can call the Rose M. Eldridge Senior Center at 951.270.5647 to make an appointment and receive a check list to assist with gathering proper information for their appointment.

Valentine's Luncheon and Dance

Staff would like to thank Norco High School Junior Class Officers and Commissioners who helped decorate for the Valentine's luncheon and dance at the Rose M. Eldridge Senior center last week. These ambitious young adults handed out Cupid Bucks, danced and helped clean up after the event concluded. Additionally, each senior received a colorful carnation and an attached card from staff at Corona-Norco Unified School District! What a great sense of community! Thank you again to all who made this a memorable event for our seniors!



Volunteers

Staff interviewed and accepted two participants from the Department of Social Services WEX Program for volunteer maintenance and clerical work. Both individuals are assisting staff for approximately 30 hours each week at no cost to the General Fund.

Youth Sports

Youth Basketball

The season continues with Boys and Girls Divisional Basketball Games at Riley Gym.

Youth T-Ball

Spring Youth T-Ball registration is open now through March 10, 2016. Cost is \$85 per player which includes a team jersey, hat and award. Games are slated to begin Saturday, April 9, 2016. Games will be played at Parmenter Park. Volunteer Coaches are being recruited. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 951-270-5632.

George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center

- Norco Horweek Pageant started their practice times at Moreno arena and is scheduled every Monday from February 1st – April 11th
- Community barrel race is scheduled Thursday - Friday , February 18th & 19th at Moreno arena
- Lunde Enterprises is hosting a 1-Day Team roping on Saturday, February 20th at Clark arena and a 2-Day Barrel Race at Moreno Arena Saturday - Sunday, February 20th -21st (see flyer below)
- Rebuilding Warriors is presenting a Service/Companion Dog named Dreamy to U.S. Army Veteran Gary Orvis on Saturday, February 20th at 10 a.m. at the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial (see flyer below)
- Staff and volunteers groomed the arenas for open riding, barrel racing and events, and installed 125 stalls and created separate warm up arena
- Replaced the Large American Flag at the Veterans Memorial after the storm cleared.

Lunde Enterprises
Breast Cancer Awareness Roping
PLUS CnC \$8,500 Added Barrel Race
Ingalls Equestrian Center • Norco, CA
3737 Crestview Ave. • Clark Arena
Sat., February 20th
There are many ways to help our Roping & Barrel Racing community and we are helping from a different sort of cancer, so please come out & support them in their fight.
Sign Up 8am • Entries Close 9am • Rope 9:30 Sharp
• #5 Two-Steer Draw Pot Capped At #3 • Get Six Entries For \$150
• #7 Hdcp. Up Or Down.....3 for \$35 Must Draw One, Pick Or Draw The Rest
All Pots Are Progressive After One • Ties Will Be Roped Off
CnC Productions
\$8,500 Added Barrel Race
Saturday-Sunday, February 20-21
Moreno Arena
Info: Casey Shirley (951) 609-1043
CORONA MILLWORKS
PRO Orthopedic Devices
TOYOTA of Glendora
CASH ONLY PLEASE!!! THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.
— Food & Drinks On Site by Cowboy Way Cafe —
For Info Call Jerry Lunde (951) 212-2238

REBUILDING WARRIORS
MAKING WARRIORS ONE DOG AT A TIME

For Immediate Press Release

Rebuilding Warriors is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization providing highly trained and socialized Service/Companion Dogs to Honorably Discharged Veterans, diagnosed as Amputees as well as those with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), and TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury). These service dogs have proven to be great therapeutic relief for those suffering from the emotional side effects of warfare.

In an effort to help spread awareness about Rebuilding Warriors' mission and what they do for Veterans, we wanted to give you the opportunity to cover this feel good story on your local news segment.

U.S. Army Veteran Gary Orvis

Rebuilding Warriors will be presenting Service K9 Dreamy to U.S. Army Veteran Gary Orvis at the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Date and Time:
Saturday, February 20, 2016 at approximately 10:00 a.m. (we will be at the facility at 9:40 a.m.)

Address:
3737 Crestview Ave
Norco, CA 92860
(At the corner of South Street and Crestview)

Questions or concerns, please contact:
Jeff Anderson: 951-235-6969
Kristen Hager: 818-967-6131

Service K9 Dreamy

Parks and Building Maintenance Services

- Wi-Fi and an antenna have been installed at the memorial. If there is ever a future need to install cameras for security, this will allow for a feed to City Hall.

Animal Control Services

Staff processed 105 late notices for licenses that were due in January.

Public Works

❖ Potable Water Meter Repairs

- 1759 Detroit – reprogrammed meter to link for radio read system
- Wayne Makin Park – reprogrammed 2” domestic meter to link to radio read system
- 1475 River Dr. – repaired wire connectors linking meter to antenna, check programming link to verify connection to radio read system
- 1431 Mulberry – excavated meter, checked connectivity to radio read network, reprogrammed connection
- Shearer Soccer Field – reattached MXU magnetic link to mater, established radio read
- 1575 Sixth (CalTrans meter) – checked functional connection to the network, working at this time
- 330 Filly Lane – programmed MXU to link to radio read system
- 4960 Pinto Place – replaced MXU, programmed link to radio read system
- 3774 California – programmed link to radio read system
- 4011 Mt Verde – repaired damaged wires linking meter to MXU, checked programming link to verify connection to radio read system
- 180 Grulla - replaced MXU, programmed link to radio read system
- 4220 Temescal – replaced meter gaskets

❖ Potable Water Service Repairs

- On Monday, 02/15/2015 after-hours on-call personnel received notice of an underground water leak at 1675 Hamner Avenue. Field Operations personnel responded to the site, vacuum excavated the leak and repaired the polyethylene service line.

❖ Hydrant Repair

- Norco Hills Drive at Longhorn
- 3101 Second St.
- 2058 Second St.
- Replaced wet barrel fire hydrant and shear assembly damaged in traffic collision at all above listed locations.

❖ Fire service verification

- Verified fire service sizes at 26 locations

❖ Non Potable Water System

- 3364 Western (Wayne Makin Park) – installed MXU on 4” meter, programmed radio link to reading system
- Repaired 6” automatic pressure sustaining valve, bled air trapped in the control pilots and adjusted settings

❖ **Collection system maintenance**

- Valley View lift station – removed clog of “flushable wipes” from the pump impellers, re-primed lift station and placed back in normal operation
- Sprayed the weeds at the auger/grinder located at CRC using Roundup

❖ **DG/misc. aggregate**

- 976 Second Street – placed 2 tons class 2 base rock in customers drive way to fill rain ruts
- 1205 Second – added ½ ton DG add driveway lip
- 631 Seventh – added 1 ton class 2 base
- 3496 Hillside – added ½ ton DG to driveway
- 2970 Norco Drive – added ½ ton DG to small rain ruts
- 5254 Roundup – added 1 ton DG to fill driveway ruts
- 2559 Corydon – spread ½ ton DG at driveway lip
- 3161 Broken Arrow – spread ½ ton DG at driveway
- 2689 Corydon – spread ¼ ton DG to driveway rut
- 3157 Pacer – spread 1 ton DG in trail ruts
- 2550 Second Street – spread ½ ton DG in trail
- 976 Second – spread ½ ton DG

❖ **Trail Fence**

- 2421 Roundup - Replaced 9 vandalized caps on the new PVC trail fencing

❖ **Graffiti/Debris sites**

- Removed broken tree branches blocking the travel lanes at the intersection of Valley Drive and Norco Hills Road
- Intersection of California at Green Tree – cleared dirt and windblown debris from the roadway
- 661 Seventh – removed pile of tree branches dumped in the right of way
- Intersection of Cota and Parkridge – cleaned up large box of screws and drill bits dumped and scattered across the intersection
- 440 Eighth – removed tree limbs laying at road edge

❖ **Storm Debris Cleanup**

- California at Sixth – cleared DG and debris washed into the intersection

❖ **Tree Trimming**

- 3194 Hillside – trimmed 3 trees
- 4696 Center – trimmed 2 trees

❖ **Drains**

- 281 Buckskin – cleared various yard litter and accumulated dirt from the drain inlet

❖ **Signs/Striping**

- Intersection of Rock Springs and Thoroughbred – replaced missing STOP sign
- Additional way-finding signs have been added to guide visitors to the Veterans Memorial

❖ **Potholes**

- Parkridge at Three Bar – repaired various potholes

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND BUILDING DIVISION:

Approved Special Events:

- 09/01/15 to 06/01/16: Temporary food preparation and service modulars (SilverLakes)
- 01/025/16 to 03/25/16: Grand opening, Black Belt Academy, 1161 Hidden Valley Parkway
- 02/28/16 to 03/13/16: Signs advertising “Casino Night”, various locations.

Planning:

Conditional Use Permits:	(0 commercial, 1 residential)
Landscape Plans:	(1 commercial, 0 residential)

Building Division:

Permit Applications:	11	(1 commercial, 10 residential)
Building Permits Issues:	10	(0 commercial, 10 residential)
Valuation of Construction:		\$ 151,152.12
Building Fees Collected:		\$ 5,847.54
Field Inspections:	41	

Surrounding Jurisdictions:

- The City of Jurupa Valley issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report on the proposed Interim General Plan. Responses to the NOP are due by March 7, 2016. A public scoping meeting is scheduled on March 1, 2016 at 7 pm at the Jurupa Valley City Hall, 8930 Limonite Avenue.
- The City of Chino issued a Public Hearing Notice for a general plan amendment/specific plan amendment for the “Preserve Specific Plan” located at the southeast corner of Chino-Corona Road and Cucamonga Avenue (west of River Road). The meeting will be held at Chino City Hall on March 17, 2016 at 7 pm. The proposed amendment changes land uses within the specific plan and reduces the overall number of housing units from 1,074 to 823.

Code Enforcement:

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>
OPEN CASES:	42	(26+42 carry-over from 2015)	68
NEW CASES:			6
CITES ISSUED:			2
CLOSED CASES:	2		9
YARD SALE SIGN REMOVAL:			<u>17</u>
TOTAL CASES:	<u>313</u>		51

NORCO SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:

This Weekend:

Steer Clear” 91 Freeway-Full Closure Information: As part of the 91 Project, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) will conduct a full weekend closure of both the eastbound and westbound 91 between the 71 and I-15 in Corona. Because of the impact that a full closure will have on this heavily traveled roadway, the 91 Project team is urging motorists to “steer clear” of the area during this closure.

**The closure will be from Friday, February 19, 2016 at 9:00 p.m.
through Monday, February 22, at 4:00 a.m.**

Stay Informed and Plan Accordingly!

Project Helpline: **877-770-9191**

Project Website: **sr91project.info**

Project Email: **sr91project@rctc.org**

10. Is there a plan to manage traffic, if there are heavy backups on the 91 west of the 71 and east of I-15? Contingency plans have been developed, should lengthy traffic delays occur on either side of the 71 and I-15. The CHP will be monitoring traffic backups and diverting traffic to reverse directions, as needed. The 91 Project team is working with the Inland Empire and Orange County divisions of the CHP to plan and execute the "91 Steer Clear."

11. How can I get more information? Questions may be directed to the "Contact Us/Feedback" page of the website: sr91project.info, the helpline, 877-770-9191, or via email: sr91project@rctc.org.

Alternate Routes, "91 Steer Clear" Weekend Full Closure



Project Helpline: 877-770-9191
Website: sr91project.info
Email: sr91project@rctc.org



91 STEER CLEAR // Frequently Asked Questions

91 STEER CLEAR
91 BETWEEN 71 AND I-15
FEB. 19-22
FAST FORWARD
RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
#91steerclear

- 1. What is "91 Steer Clear"?**
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- 2. When will it take place?**
The closure will be from Friday, February 19, 2016 at 9 pm to Monday, February 22, 2016 at 4 am.
- 3. Why is the "91 Steer Clear" closure needed?**
The full weekend closure of the 91 will allow crews to perform three major construction activities:
 1) Demolish the west side of the Maple Street Bridge over the 91.
 2) Install support beams for the new westbound Maple Street flyover ramp bridge, and
 3) Pave the new eastbound 91 alignment near I 15.
- 4. What are the benefits of having a full weekend closure?**
Fully closing the roadway will allow these construction activities to be consolidated with in one weekend and will help ensure the safety of project crews and motorists by eliminating the possibility of conflicts. The weekend closure will result in a significant reduction in overall closure time. Consolidating the work activities within one weekend will reduce the number of closure hours by more than 50 percent.
- 5. Will a detour be in place during "91 Steer Clear"?**
Yes. To minimize major travel delays and impacts during the closure, RCTC strongly recommends that motorists plan ahead, avoid travel in the area or stay home. Motorists traveling on the 91, the 71 or I-15 near the project area during the closure period can expect travel delays of three to four hours. If travel cannot be avoided, motorists can use the 57, 60 and I-10 as alternate routes.
- 6. What if it rains that weekend?**
In case of heavy rainstorms or inclement weather, the closure will be postponed to the next weekend, weather permitting. To verify closure dates please see the "91 Steer Clear" section of the 91 Project website: sr91project.info. Updates also will be posted to Facebook and Twitter.
- 7. After that weekend, will all of the work be done in that area?**
A few work will be occurring in the Maple Street area during the coming months, including reconstructing the Maple Street bridge and building the flyover connector ramp bridge. Crews will require nightly full closures of eastbound 91 for about a week after the weekend closure. During these closures, motorists will be directed to the carbound 91 Maple Street off-ramp, and then east on Frontage Road to re-enter the 91 at the Maple/Plaza Grande on-ramp. Once the flyover ramp bridge is completed this summer, another full closure of the 91 may be conducted to remove the temporary support beams that will be placed the weekend of February 19-22.
- 8. Will emergency responders have access during the "91 Steer Clear"?**
Yes. During the weekend closure, emergency vehicles will be able to travel on the 91, as needed, to respond to police, fire and medical situations. A briefing is scheduled with all area emergency responders and transit operators to discuss plans for this closure.
- 9. Will residents near Green River Road be able to use that interchange?**
Yes. The Green River Road interchange will remain open to motorists. However, RCTC urges drivers to "steer clear" of this area, if possible.

Public Awareness and Crime Prevention:

The Norco Sheriff's Office would like to remind our residents that recent spring like weather can bring the potential for increased residential burglaries and prowlers into our neighborhoods.

Warmer temperatures can create the urge to sleep with our doors and windows open, or to leave our windows unsecured while absent on day trips or working away from the house. It's during these times of pleasant and enjoyable weather that a greater opportunity for criminals to steal items from inside our home exists. The warmer weather also brings the potential for criminals to prowl our neighborhoods looking for easy access into our homes.

The deputies who protect Norco take every step to help citizens safeguard their personal safety and valuables by making frequent patrols of our business centers and neighborhoods. The following list provides steps every resident can take to help Norco Sheriff's Deputies make our city an unfriendly place for criminals.

- Keep your garage door completely closed when inside or away from your home. Make a habit of checking and closing your garage door before you prepare for bedtime each night.
- Never leave for the day, or sleep overnight, with any doors into your home open or unlocked.



- Ideally, you should never leave for the day or sleep with your windows unlocked and open. If you have the urge to allow our beautiful weather into your home, consult your security professional or local hardware store to learn how you can purchase and install window locks.
- Be vigilant of strange activity or people near your home. People looking over backyard fences, walking from window-to-window around the outside of homes, staying close to landscape bushes or lingering in the shadows around homes can be indicators of criminal activity. Norco Sheriff's Deputies work hard to represent you well and want you to report any strange activity you see in your neighborhood to them by calling 9-1-1 immediately.
- Be vigilant of strange circumstances around your home. Window screens or fence padlocks which have been inexplicably cut or removed from your home, outside light bulbs which are unscrewed from the socket or removed entirely, and unexplained damage to window or door locks can be indicators of criminal circumstance. Norco Sheriff's Deputies take pride in their investigation of criminal circumstances around your home and ask that you notify them by calling the non-emergency dispatch center at (800) 950-2444.

Residents can also contact the Norco Sheriff's Office to learn more about the Neighborhood Watch program, at (951) 270-5673.

REMINDER: Crime Prevention - City of Norco Churches: Scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 10:00 a.m., at Norco City Hall. In addition to crime prevention, we will also be discussing the Riverside County Sheriff's collaboration with the Cops and Clergy Network. All churches are welcome.

Burglary and theft suspects are known to target churches when committing their crimes. In order to help reduce the risk of being burglarized, the Norco Sheriff's Office will be hosting a meeting with each of the city's church officials regarding crime prevention. Our Citizen's on Patrol (NCP) will also be on hand to assist each church with conducting an inventory of valuable assets and learning to apply serial numbers to the property. This step increases the possibility of recovering property following a burglary. If anyone would like to learn more information about this meeting, they can contact Sergeant Del Valle at (951) 270-5673.

FIRE DEPARTMENT / CAL FIRE:

Sandbags: Fire staff continues to distribute sand bags to City residents; 75 sand bags were provided this week.

Community Outreach: On February 13th, Engine Crew 3174 attended the Norco Film Festival at Norco High School. This year's Film Festival celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Batman television series. Pictured below is Engine Crew 3174 with Mayor Kevin Bash and Burt Ward.



Response Activity – Norco



False Alarm	4	8.7%
Medical	35	76.1%
Other Misc	1	2.2%
Public Service Assist	1	2.2%
Standby	1	2.2%
Traffic Collision	3	6.5%
Vehicle Fire	1	2.2%
Total:	46	100.0%

False Alarm	4
Medical	35
Other Misc	1
Public Service Assist	1
Standby	1
Traffic Collision	3
Vehicle Fire	1
Incident Total:	46

Riverside County Fire - Norco

Weekly Activity Report

2/11/16 - 2/17/16

Activity Totals

Plan Reviews

TOTAL NORCO

All Plan Reviews	6
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INSPECTIONS

Annuals	5
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New Construction	2
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Reinspections	6
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Title 19 Inspections	1
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Business License Review	
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Weed Abatement	
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TOTAL	24
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MEETINGS & OTHER

Meeting	2
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Training	2
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