



# QUARTERLY City Manager's Report

Spring 2023

## City Manager's Message



Our Fountain Valley team has been working hard since the start of the New Year. We continue to find ways to connect with our amazing residents and community champions. This "new" City Manager's Quarterly Report highlights some key projects we have been working on in the last quarter. Transparency will continue to be a priority of mine so I will prepare this City Manager's Quarterly Report and have it available on the City website. I hope you find this Report educational and beneficial.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Le*

Maggie Le, Fountain Valley City Manager

## Administration

### City Manager Update Videos

To kick off the New Year, City Manager Maggie Le and City staff implemented a new monthly 'CM Update' video series. The monthly update is available on the City website, social media and Channel 3. [More...](#)

### Is Fountain Valley – A Nice Place to Live?

A survey titled "Is Fountain Valley – A Nice Place to Live?" was released to the public to gauge what residents envision for the City in the future and how City Council and City Staff can take steps to achieve that vision. We are seeking community feedback on the City's current vision/mission statements and what makes FV "A Nice Place to Live". The survey received 67 responses within its first 24 hours of being live! To view or share the survey, please visit this link: [More...](#)

## Central Cities Navigation Center

The City in partnership with the cities of Garden Grove and Westminster are working to develop a year-round Navigation Center. The Navigation Center will provide emergency housing and wrap-around services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The address of the future Navigation Center is 13871 West Street and it is expected to open by the end of 2023. Proposed Layout:

- 85 beds
- Men's, women's and couple's dorms and lavatories
- Full kitchen
- Laundry room
- Dining and outdoor lounge areas
- Check-in and staging areas
- Lockers for personal items
- Staff and service areas [More...](#)



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## Community Development

### General Plan Update

We expect to have a draft of the General Plan Update available for review within the coming months. The General Plan creates a long-term vision for the City's future and we encourage everyone to participate in the review process, including the many public meetings we will be hosting. [More...](#)

### Short Term Rental Update

Short Term Rental Enforcement is in full effect. Notices have been mailed to properties identified as operating STRs. A number of properties have ceased illegally operating as STRs and some have moved to longer-term stays. Despite these notices, some operators have continued making their homes available for short-term stays. The next step in the process is the issuance of an administrative citation by the City which carries fines of \$1,500 for the first offense, \$3,000 for the second offense, and \$5,000 for subsequent offenses.

The collection of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for those illegally operating STRs is also underway. The City is currently developing estimates on the amount of the revenue collected at each property identified and encourages all STR owners to immediately cease operations and pay any TOT due. [More...](#)

### Former Boomers Property - 16800 Magnolia Ave

The condition of the former Boomer's property has continued to deteriorate. In response, to Code Enforcement action, the property owners have removed all of the nuisance issues.

The property is now being used as a unpermitted storage facility for vehicles that are for sale at a local auto dealership. Code Enforcement is once again engaged with the property owner and business to obtain the required permits.

### Fam Vans Project 10870 Kalama River Ave

The City approved the construction of a new four-story, 287,240 square foot building for Fam Vans located at 10870 Kalama River. The building will include vehicle sales, offices, service, parts, a body shop, a spray booth, and a truck wash area at the rear of the property with a second, third, and fourth level roof deck for vehicle storage and display.



### New Businesses

A new Dutch Bros. Coffee is coming to the northeast corner of Magnolia and Talbert. The Planning Commission will be considering a second location in the Floor and Décor center (off Warner and the 405 fwy). A new Urban Plates was also recently approved and will be located at the Southeast corner of Talbert and Brookhurst.

### Building

Permit and Inspection Activity for **January – March:**

**Permits Issued:** 537

**Inspections:** 1,784

**Plan Checks:** 489

**Valuation Added:** \$15,972,387

## Community Services

### Universally Accessible Playground (UAP)

City Council approved its first ever Universally Accessible Playground (UAP) and recreation area in January 2023. The UAP is a sensory-rich recreational environment that enables children and adults of all abilities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally. Centrally located at the Fountain Valley Sports Park, this playground and recreational area will provide accessible and inclusive recreational amenities as well as intensify park usage to support anticipated growth in the City of Fountain Valley. PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc., the selected vendor, will partner with a non-profit organization, Unlimited Play, to help fundraise and promote the project in our community.



### Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Dance

Put on your dancing shoes, grab your friends and come join us for our SPRING DANCE on Friday, April 28 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Center at Founders Village! The event is open to adults, ages 18+ (Do NOT need to be a FV Resident), cost is \$1 per person (cash paid at the door) and includes a DJ, dancing, refreshments, raffle & fun! No RSVP required! [More...](#)

### Annual City of Fountain Valley Easter Egg Hunt

Join the City of Fountain Valley for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at the FV Sports Park from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Easter Bunny has been hard at work to have thousands of eggs for the community to hunt for inside our continuous egg hunt area. Make sure to bring your own basket and come out to enjoy the carnival games, crafts, bounce houses, obstacle courses, fun zone and more. [More...](#)

## Huntington Beach & Fountain Valley Community Service Day

Coordinated by the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, volunteers will be coming together on April 22, 2023 to help out at the Fountain Valley Sports Park by Planting 500 plants, spreading wood chips, and weeding. Park and meet in the field next to the Boys and Girls Club (right off of Brookhurst). Bring water, hat/sunscreen - and shovels, rakes, gloves if you have them. Great park clean-up project for families, kids, and workgroups! All are welcome and needed for an hour or two to make a difference in Mile Square Park. Please visit [justserve.org](http://justserve.org) for more info or to sign up. [More...](#)

## Finance

### Delinquent Water Account Shutoffs

In January 2020, in response to SB 998, which mandated certain procedures for water service disconnections, City Council passed an ordinance that modified the City's policy for water service disconnections. In March 2020 the State put a moratorium on all water service disconnections to residential and small business accounts due to the COVID pandemic. This moratorium ended in 2022. However, the City has not disconnected any residential accounts since the moratorium began in 2020. Approximately 80 active residential water accounts have become delinquent since the moratorium started in 2020. City staff has been actively reaching out to the delinquent accounts to setup payment plans to bring their accounts current. To date, the City has put roughly 50 of these accounts into payment plans and are working with the residents to bring their accounts up to date. The remaining accounts have been un-responsive to staff efforts at outreach. As a result, the City will once again begin the disconnection process with the unresponsive delinquent accounts according to the policy adopted by Council in January 2020. Ultimately, the goal is to get all delinquent accounts into a payment plan to avoid any forced disconnections.

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

The City has begun its annual budget process for the upcoming 2023-24 fiscal year. Staff is preparing a draft budget for a budget workshop taking place at the May 16 City Council meeting. Staff will return to City Council on June 6 with a proposed budget for Council's consideration for adoption. The new fiscal year will begin on July 1, 2023.

## Fire Department

### Stop the Bleed

Our Fire Department partnered with the FVFD P.E.E.R program to donate 100 STOP THE BLEED kits to the Fountain Valley Unified School District. Each kit includes supplies for school staff to use on each campus to treat anyone that may have been wounded from an active shooter situation. Annual education will also be offered to the schools each year.

### Paramedic Membership Program

The Fire Department is working with Public Works and Focus Media Group on Bus Advertisements to promote our Paramedic Membership Program. These Paramedic ads will appear throughout the City in five (5) rotational locations. To make signing up easier, we have provided a QR Code, which is featured right on the ad, which will take a citizen straight to the sign-up page. We are excited to promote this wonderful program and hope people take notice of the Bus Ads. [More...](#)

## Human Resources

### Active Recruitments

Dispatcher Lateral – PD (open and continuous)  
Engineering Associate (open and continuous)  
Fire Prevention Volunteer – Fire (open and continuous)  
Firefighter/Paramedic – Fire (open and continuous)  
Fire Prevention Analyst – Fire (open and continuous)  
Foreman – Water Distribution - PW (open and continuous)  
Foreman- Sewer/Storm Drain – PW (open and continuous)  
Information Technology Manager –IT (filing deadline, 4/14/23)  
Maintenance Worker I – Streets/Utilities (open and continuous)  
Police Recruit – PD (open and continuous)  
Police Officer- Lateral/Academy Grad – PD (open and continuous)  
Police Sergeant – PD Promotional (filing deadline 4/6/23)  
Recreation Leader p/t - CS (open and continuous)  
Recreation Specialist p/t- CS (open and continuous)  
Volunteer Youth Basketball Coach (open and continuous)  
Administrative Intern – PW

[More...](#)

## Police Department

### City Net Update

City Net was able to reunite a homeless individual with his family in Arizona. To contact City Net, please call (714) 451-6198.

### Autism Awareness Month

An autism patch for both sworn and professional staff was developed for employees to wear for the month of April in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

### Traffic Division

The Traffic Division has recently transitioned to new BMW motorcycles from Honda. Four (4) were obtained and motor officers have completed transition training this month.

## Public Works

### Weather Emergency – Newland south of Ellis

On March 14, 2023 during the rain event, pavement settlement/subsidence over a storm drain pipe was observed on Newland Street south of Ellis Avenue. Outer lane was closed to traffic for public safety concerns and traffic control was set up. City staff will proceed with the geotechnical work for exploratory/engineering remedy. The City has declared a local of emergency due to the rainstorm events, which is consistent with the County and State.

### Upcoming Events

**April 15, 2023** Compost giveaway 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

**April 22, 2023** Neighborhood cleanup

- 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Everest Circle

**April 22, 2023** Community Service Day

- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Sports Park meet by Boys/Girls Club

**May 20, 2023** E-Waste /Paper shredding event

## CIP Projects

- I405
  - Ward bridge water connection – delayed due to rain
  - Warner bridge water connection – delayed due to rain
  - Universal Accessible Playground
    - Kick-off meeting held on March 15, 2023
- HSIP Traffic Signal Modification Project at eight (8) locations – Complete by April.
  - Magnolia/Slater
  - Bushard/Ellis
  - Ward/Ellis
  - Euclid/Slater
  - Warner/Los Jardines West
  - Brookhurst/Heil
  - Edinger/Ward
  - Harbor/Lilac
- Heil & Ward Paving/Concrete Improvement
  - Concrete Improvement Construction – ongoing
- Euclid/Condor & Talbert/Bushard Traffic Signal Modification (Updated start and completion date)
  - Project kick off with AGA on 2/21/23. AGA is working on specs.
  - Construction: August 2023
- Mt. Baldy Water Line (Updated start and completion date)
  - PSE is 99%. Construction start: June 2023
- Edinger TSSP
  - Waiting on updated design for Harbor/Edinger intersection.
  - Construction anticipated for May 2023
- Warner TSSP
  - Construction anticipated April 2023
- Talbert TSSP
  - Construction anticipated for May 2023
- Residential Paving (D1):
  - Plans out to bid May 2023
  - Construction: July – Sept 2023
- Warner – Bushard to Brookhurst Paving
  - In design
  - Construction in August 2023
- Ellis – Bushard to Brookhurst Paving
  - In design
  - Construction in August 2023