



QUARTERLY City Manager's Report

Spring 2024

City Manager's Message



I hope everyone had a great start to 2024. City staff kicked off the New Year with new initiatives and we will continue throughout 2024. We hope you have tuned in to "A Nice Place to Podcast" with Host and Mayor Glenn Grandis. Through the podcast, Mayor Grandis will have conversations with executive management staff and community champions monthly to share information and talk about all things Fountain Valley. The Mayor also launched a Mayor's Message on a bi-weekly basis to inform the community on City Council and Planning Commission meetings and much more by recapping past meetings and sharing what to expect at upcoming meetings. We coordinated a first of its kind 2024 State of the City event with a Lunar New Year theme, and it was well received. We continue our efforts to work with the cities of Garden Grove and Westminster on the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC) and the goal is to open in summer 2024. We anticipate at least two major housing development projects to go through the City's application process: former Miller's property at Euclid and Heil and the former Boomer's property at Magnolia and Warner. The housing developers will host community meeting to spread awareness. City staff worked with the County on the Point-in-Time Count (PIT) and anticipate receiving data from the study in May 2024. The PIT count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered individuals on a single night during the last 10 days of January. Transparency will continue to be a priority for the City Council and myself. I hope you find this City Manager's Quarterly Report educational and beneficial.

Maggie Le, Fountain Valley City Manager

Administration

Vote Center Locations in Fountain Valley

The City is partnering with the County of Orange Registrar of Voters to provide residents access to Vote Centers. Join us in person March 2-5. We also have two ballot drop box: Fountain Valley Branch Library, 17635 Los Alamos St. and The Center at Founders Village, 17967 Bushard St. [More...](#)

State of the City Recap

We had a successful 2024 State of the City Luncheon. There were 220 attendees, and everyone enjoyed the venue, food and entertainment. Big thanks to our State of the City Planning Committee: Maggie Le, Meghan Wishner, Jenni Worsham, Talia Aparicio, Bryan Nobles, Brian Genovese, Tracy Nunez and Kasie Hanley. The event surplus funds will go to the Fountain Valley Kiwanis. We are grateful to our sponsors and City Council for your support. See you in 2025! [More...](#)

A Nice Place to Podcast & Bi-weekly Mayor's Message

The City launched its first Podcast "A Nice Place to Podcast" with host and Mayor Glenn Grandis. The Mayor will use this podcast platform to keep residents informed and engaged and will feature guests from the community and internal City staff. Additionally, on a bi-weekly basis, Mayor Grandis provides a recap on the most recent City Council meeting and provides an update on upcoming Planning Commission and City Council Meeting. The Mayor will also cover any upcoming events. [More...](#)



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Community Satisfaction Survey Extension

City staff is proud to serve our great community every day. We value our customers and are satisfied with our recent customer service survey results that we compiled at City facilities and online. We are expanding our efforts in collecting additional feedback from our residents and businesses on the services that the City provides. City Council extended the Community Satisfaction Survey for another 90 days. Please complete the Community Satisfaction Survey by going to the link below so we can better serve you in the future. [More...](#)

City Council Invitation Form

City Council is excited to connect and serve our community. If you have an event and you would like to extend an invite to City Council, you can submit a City Council invitation form on the City website. [More...](#)

Nonprofit Calendar Request Form

The City is extending opportunities for non-profit organizations to promote your upcoming events on our website. The community event calendar will also provide an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to better plan your event in the community. [More...](#)

Community Development

At their February 14 meeting, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Voted to deny McDonalds a Precise Plan and CUP for construction of a new restaurant and drive-thru. The official resolution of denial will be presented to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.
- Approved a Precise Plan and CUP for the demolition of two existing buildings and construction of one, new 19,000 square foot multi-purpose building for the First Chinese Baptist Church located at 16835 Brookhurst Street.
- Approved Variance 338 to allow residents along San Rafael to utilize wood and vinyl to construct fences along their rear property lines in addition to the exiting block material.
- Adopted a resolution recommending that the City Council not approve an increase in ADU size to a maximum of 1,200 square feet and instead keep the existing maximum which range from 800 to 1,000 square feet.

Economic Development

Dutch Bros - Dutch Bros has opened its first location and a second location is scheduled to be open at the end of the year at Warner/Bushard.

Rite Aid Closing – Staff is working with property owner to identify prospects.



City Council Approved Sober Living Ordinance

Sober Living Homes, a type of group home, have recently become a topic of interest to many citizens of Fountain Valley as well as City staff. Sober Living Homes are often located in single-family residences and are a cooperative living arrangement for people recovering from alcohol and/or drug addiction supporting one another in their sobriety. The City is limited in its ability to regulate or restrict this type of use due to a complex set of State and Federal laws. City Council approved the ordinance at the February 6 City Council Meeting and staff will coordinate on the next steps in the next few months.

Building

Permit and Inspection Activity	
	February
Permits Issued	78
Inspections	245
Plan Checks	51
Valuation Added	\$737,169

Code Enforcement

Currently, there are 145 active code enforcement cases and 60 closed cases.

Finance

City Audit Services Selection

City Council awarded a professional service contract for audit services to Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP (RAMS) for three fiscal years beginning with Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Recreation & Community Services

Department

Bingo Bash is SOLD OUT on March 8

This year's Bingo Bash is completely SOLD OUT with over 200+ participants this year! We will see all registered participants on Friday, March 8 at 6pm.

We are looking forward to a great event this year!

2023.



FV Egg Hunt on March 30

Come enjoy with family and friends the Fountain Valley Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Continuous Egg Hunts begin at 8:30 a.m. and you must bring your basket. (Eggs are limited to 5 per person). [More...](#)



Fountain Valley Summerfest June 13-16

Mark your calendars! Summerfest is back and this year it will take place Thursday, June 13 – Sunday, June 16. There will be live music, carnival rides, food vendors, and much more! [More...](#)



Teen Tech Tutors at the Senior Center

Have a question about your tablet, phone, or laptop? Make an appointment with the Teen Tech Tutors. Appointments are every Tuesday from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome, but it is highly encouraged to register ahead of time! To make an appointment or for more information, please visit The Center at Founders Village (17967 Bushard St.) or call us at (714) 593-4446. [More...](#)

Fire Department

Emergency Preparedness

Families can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Create a family disaster plan including an evacuation plan and a communication plan. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility. [More...](#)

Rookie Academy

The Fire Department team has started the new rookie academy for 3 new firefighter/paramedics. The course will run from January 8 through February 16. Good luck to our new recruits and we welcome them to our Fountain Valley Team!

Human Resources

Active Recruitments

- Accounting Manager
- Equipment Operator II
- Equipment Operator II
- Fire Prevention Volunteer
- Irrigation Technician
- IT Analyst
- Maintenance Worker II - Water Certified
- Police Dispatcher – Entry Level & Lateral
- Police Officer- Lateral/Academy Grad
- Police Cadet
- Police Recruit
- Police Services Officer
- Recreation Leader p/t
- Recreation Specialist p/t
- Senior Human Resources Analyst
- Volunteer Coach – Youth Basketball

[More...](#)

Information Technology

IT department continues to upgrade and update the City's hardware and security to significantly reduce the city's risk on cyber-attack.

Police Department

Coyote Season

January through early March is mating season for coyotes. They tend to become very active and will be active in marking and defending their territories to protect the viability of their pack and ensure the success in raising their pups in the spring. [More...](#)

Holiday Parking Permit Requirements

On January 30, 2024, the Fountain Valley City Council approved permit parking for neighborhoods along Mile Square Park on the Edinger, Euclid, and Warner side of the park. There will also be Preferential Permit Parking on Berg River, Mt Gustin, and Loya River. [More...](#)

Public Works

Street Sweeping Schedules and Enforcement

This is a reminder that all vehicles and trash carts need to be off the street on street sweeping day to allow for proper cleaning of the street. *Vehicles parked on the street will be cited.* [More...](#)

Police Department Locker Room Project

The Fountain Valley Police Department Project, consisting of upgrades to the locker room, workout room and CSI Lab is anticipated to be completed by January 2025. The stairway and ramp outside of the PD has already been completed.

Future Fire Station 1 Project

Demolition of the SPEC Services Building, where the future Fire Station 1 will be located, is anticipated to commence in March 2024. In addition, preliminary design activities are anticipated to commence in March 2024.

Newland Roadway Project

The Newland Roadway repair is complete. The project, included foam injections to stabilize the failed subgrade, asphalt and concrete repairs, and final striping, which was completed on March 12, 2024.

Universally Accessible Playground (UAP) Project

The Universally Accessible Playground (UAP) project is underway and expected to be completed by May 2024.



Operational Activities:

Construction Water Meter Permits: 1
Encroachment Permits: 11
Parkway Trees: 2
Transportation Permits: 17
Water Meter Distribution Permits: 2
Well Permits: 0

Permits Submitted: 61