



QUARTERLY City Manager's Report

Fall 2024

City Manager's Message



Administration

4/10 Pilot Program Survey

Fountain Valley City Hall is testing out a 4/10 work schedule pilot program for a six-month period, through February 28, 2025. In order to better gauge the feedback and thoughts of our residents and patrons who utilize City services, we have prepared a short survey. Depending on the feedback we receive and City Council's direction, this will help us better understand if implementing the 4/10 schedule permanently is the best fit for the City and its residents.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

Sober Living/Group homes Webpage on City Website

City staff put together a City webpage with facts about Sober Living/Group Homes. The webpage has content that consists of what sober living homes are, what the City's latest action was, when the newly adopted ordinance will go into effect, along with some recent legislative efforts.

[More...](#)

It is hard to believe that summer is over and it is fall season. We hope our community has enjoyed a summer full of fun activities from Summerfest to Concerts in the Park, National Night Out and the opening of our AMAZING new Universally Accessible Playground (UAP). The UAP will go down in Fountain Valley history as we create awareness, break down barriers, build friendships and play TOGETHER. Special thanks to our City Council, Fountain Valley Community Foundation, Summerfest Committee, Assemblyman Tri Ta, Congresswoman Michelle Steel, Unlimited Play, the generous donors from our community, and our City staff for seeing it through with a vision that started over 10 years ago. It takes a village and Fountain Valley has done it again making Fountain Valley "A Nice Place to Live" and more.

As a community, we have had many challenges since the pandemic and our limited ability for local control when it comes to food vendors, group homes and homelessness, which is a priority for our City Council and management team.

In the last few months, we have had success in shutting down unpermitted food vendors in our community. These operators usually are located at the perimeter of our City and operate along public sidewalks, sometimes under large lighted canopies. These sidewalk food vendors do not meet any health or food related safety standards and often take away business from local restaurants. To address the issue, the City has created a food vendor taskforce consisting of representatives from code enforcement, police officers, public works crews and the Health Department. The taskforce conducts field inspections regularly and confiscates food and operating equipment from non-permitted sidewalk vendors. The operation recently was successful in supporting the property owner(s) in suing the food vendor operators from returning to their locations.

We have also seen a recent rise in group homes operating in our single-family residential neighborhoods. This trend started when the State of California and federal government removed the ability of cities to regulate group homes operating in residential areas. To protect against the impacts of unregulated group homes, the City Council recently passed an ordinance, similar in nature to one adopted by the City of Costa Mesa, with a goal of managing group home operations by establishing reasonable regulations. It is our goal to identify as many operators as possible and provide them with a timeline in complying with the City's ordinance.

[Read more here...](#)

Maggie Le, Fountain Valley City Manager

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Community Town Hall on October 7

The Office of Senator Janet Nguyen is hosting a Community Town Hall on Monday, October 7 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Fountain Valley Recreation Center (16400 Brookhurst St.).

Attendees will receive a legislative and local update featuring Senator Janet Nguyen, Mayor Glenn Grandis and Vice Mayor Ted Bui. [RSVP HERE](#).

Nonprofit Roundtable on October 9

Are you a nonprofit organization in the City of Fountain Valley or run a nonprofit organization that benefits the City of Fountain Valley? Then, this roundtable is for you! Join Mayor Grandis and various City representatives at the Fountain Valley Recreation Center for a great opportunity for the City and local nonprofits to collaborate on a community calendar. [More...](#)

Mayor's Breakfast on October 17

Join us for a Mayor's Breakfast with Mayor Grandis on Thursday, October 17 from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. at UCI Health – Fountain Valley (11190 Warner Ave.) Conference Center Suite 214 in Building #3. Guest Speaker is TBD. [More...](#)

Community Development

On September 13, 2024, The **Fountain Valley Street Vending Task Force**; consisting of FV Police Department, FV Code Enforcement, FV Public Works, and County of Orange Health Inspectors, successfully made contact with four (4) separate street vending operations in four separate locations throughout the City of Fountain Valley. All unpermitted food and vending related equipment from all contacted locations was seized and discarded of properly in the organic waste receptacle at the City Yard. This task force team was recognized internally for all their great work!



Planning

- Mike Thompson's RV has submitted an application for a freeway-oriented sign. The application is still under review.
- The Euclid + Heil project (Miller Farm) has plans to develop a community consisting of a 407-unit, 5-story apartment building; and a 14.06-acre parcel for 183 3-story townhomes and 36 2-story triplexes. You can attend their virtual meeting on October 7. [More info here.](#)
- An application to construct a project consisting of 657 units and 4,460 sf of retail space at 16800 Magnolia (former Boomers site) has been submitted.
- An application for the development of a 4-story parking structure with 862 spaces for hospital employees at Memorial Care hospital has been resubmitted.

Economic Development

Que Vida Taqueria – A new lease was recently signed at the former Rubios and Chop Stop site at the Callens Corner commercial center. The name of the new tenant is Que Vida Taqueria

Le Shrimp Noodle Bar – Le Shrimp Noodle Bar, located at the Fountain Valley Plaza is now open. Staff is working to coordinate a grand opening/ribbon cutting.

2nd Dutch Bros Location Now Open – The second Dutch Bros is now open to the public. A ribbon cutting and grand opening was held on Wednesday, September 4 and was a collaboration between the owner, the Fountain Valley Chamber and the City. See below for a picture of the grand opening.



Building

Permit and Inspection Activity	
	September to date
Permits Issued	45
Inspections	157
Plan Checks	55
Valuation Added	\$963,470.00

Code Enforcement

Currently, there are **170** active code enforcement cases and **31** closed cases. There are **67** tagged sober living properties.

Finance

Short-Term Rental TOT

In August, Finance staff sent out 65 “Final Notice” letters to former STR operators demanding payment of back Transient Occupancy Tax due from the operation of a Short-Term Rental. Staff cross-checked our STR database with current property tax records to ensure the property owners were in fact the owner while STR activity was occurring. We have given the property owners until August 30 to respond to the City’s letter and/or remit payment. The City has collected about \$60,000 from STR TOT in the past 2 years.

Street Vendors

At the request of City Council, Finance staff has put information about street vendors, who have current permits with the City, on the City’s website. This information includes business name, location, and products sold. Finance staff will periodically update this information as new permits are issued or old permits expire. The street vendor permits can be found [HERE](#).

Recreation & Community

Services Department

Universally Accessible Playground (UAP)

Grand Opening

The City threw a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, August 9 for the City’s Universally Accessible Playground (UAP) Ribbon Cutting event as we celebrate the completion of the first UAP in Fountain Valley. The UAP is

now open and available to the public. We hope you enjoy!



Rocktober-Fest on October 18

Join us for our very first Rocktober-Fest! This spooky concert will take place on October 18, 2024 at the Fountain Valley Sports Park.

This family-friendly event will begin at 5 p.m. for all activities including food, games, a costume contest and a scare zone! Live music will begin at 6 p.m.

[More...](#)



Parks Master Plan

The City has recently adopted an updated General Plan with one of the action items being to prepare and adopt a Parks Master Plan. When the final document is presented to City Council, roughly 18 to 24 months from now, it will show how the parks (and services) system can be intensified to meet the planned growth identified in the updated General Plan. We look forward to the exciting look towards the future of Fountain Valley!

Fire Department

FVFD Open House on October 12

Residents of Fountain Valley are invited to attend this year’s Fire Department Open House scheduled for Saturday,

October 12, 2024, at Fire Station 1 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. [More...](#)

Firefighter Storytime was a Success!

Firefighter Storytime at the Fountain Valley Library on September 17 was a great success! This is the first time that the Library and the Fire Department have teamed up for a community outreach program and hopefully it won't be the last. Please enjoy this [video](#) recapping the event.

Airport Fire

A HUGE thank you to the OES Strike team for their assistance on the Airport Fire!



Police Department

The City Welcomes Interim Police Chief Mike Ishii

The City of Fountain Valley has selected Michael Ishii, retired Hawthorne Police Chief, as its Interim Police Chief effective Monday, August 5, 2024, and was formally approved by City Council on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, as a retired annuitant interim police chief until a permanent replacement is appointed. [More...](#)



E-bikes in City Parks Educational Campaign

Following an increase in resident complaints, staff is working together to create an educational campaign on E-bikes in City parks. More information to come on that soon.

FVPD is Recruiting Police Explorers

Think you've got what it takes? Join our Explorer Program and start your law enforcement journey today!

Qualifications:

- Must be between the ages of 14-21
- Maintain good academic standing
- No criminal history
- Good moral character
- Willing to attend regular meetings & community events

[More...](#)

Public Works

City of Huntington Beach Urgent Sewer Repair

In June 2024, a sinkhole impacted the City of Huntington Beach (HB) sewer pipeline between Magnolia and Ross on Warner Avenue within HB right away. Repair work for the sewer pipeline and street began on September 16, 2024.

Human Resources

Active Recruitments

- Chief of Police
- Engineering Technician III/II
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Fire Prevention Volunteer – Fire
- Maintenance Worker II – Landscape/Facilities
- Maintenance Worker II – Water certified
- Police Dispatcher – Entry Level
- Police Dispatcher – Lateral
- Police Officer- Lateral/Academy Grad – PD
- Police Recruit – PD
- Recreation Coordinator
- Recreation Leader
- Risk Manager
- Volunteer Youth Basketball Coach

[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.

City of Fountain Valley, 10200 Slater Avenue Fountain Valley, CA 92708 www.fountainvalley.gov (714) 593-4400

This repair work is crucial to ensure safety and stability on the street and bring the sewer pipeline back into full service. This may result in significant traffic closures. [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.

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA)

At the October 1, 2024, City Council meeting, City Council adopted an ordinance to implement OCPA's Community Choice Aggregation Program. The intent of becoming an OCPA member agency is to give Fountain Valley residents options for purchasing renewable energy, accommodating for potential rate savings and allowing for alternative to Southern California Edison (SCE).

[Learn more here...](#)

Operational Activities (as of 09/26/24):

Construction Water Meter Permits: 0

Encroachment Permits: 11

Parkway Trees: 3

Transportation Permits: 8

Water Meter Distribution Permits: 0

Well Permits: 0

Permits Submitted: 69

Field Services Work Orders Received: 167

Field Services Work Orders Completed: 119