



# QUARTERLY City Manager's Report

Fall 2025

## City Manager's Message



Summer vacations are wrapping up, kids are back to school, and fall is here. I sincerely hope everyone had a memorable summer and got the chance to enjoy all the fun activities our Recreation & Community Services team and community nonprofits had to offer! Our annual Crawfish Festival, Summerfest, and Lobster Festival were successful, where locals and visitors enjoyed food, music, drinks, rides, and dancing. Fountain Valley continues to strive to offer the best.

We are starting off strong in the fall with the inaugural Citizens' Academy from September 3 through October 15. The academy provides an exclusive and hands-on journey into municipal government. City staff selected 25 excited citizens to embark on a dynamic journey, learning all the ins and outs of local governance by shadowing each City department during a 6-week course. Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5k Run and Color Fun Run had over 2,000 participants.

As a community, we have had many challenges, and thanks to the City Council's leadership and the hard work of our City staff members, we have successfully managed our homeless challenges through the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC) and City Net contract, minimized the unpermitted food vendor operations, and mitigated the ongoing sober living/group homes issues.

In closing, I'd like to take a moment to remember our beloved retired Police Chief Kevin Childe and Fire Chief Bill McQuaid for their contributions and love for our Fountain Valley community. They made an impact within the fire and police departments alike, and the agency is better as a whole because of them. As a community, we will not forget Ed Arnold's legacy and the work he has done with the Special Olympics and the Huntington Valley Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to each of these extraordinary individuals for contributing to making Fountain Valley "A Nice Place to Live" and beyond.

[Read more here...](#)

Maggie Le, Fountain Valley City Manager

### Administration

#### Charter City Town Halls September 30 & October 18

There will be two separate town halls, which will cover the same topic on September 30 at 6 p.m. at the Council Chambers at City Hall, 10200 Slater Ave., and on October 18 at 1 p.m. at the Fountain Valley Recreation Center, 16400 Brookhurst St. Both Town Halls will discuss the potential of the City of Fountain Valley becoming a Charter City or remaining as a general law city. [Read More.](#)

#### Chamber of Commerce Gala October 18

Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce honors Mayor Ted Bui at the Year of the Rose Gala, at the Saigon Performing Arts Center. For tickets and more information [Read More.](#)

#### New Hired Risk Manager in City Clerk's Office

The City hired a Risk Manager in the City Clerk's office to improve cost recovery, limit the City's liability exposure, and focus on emergency services.

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## Community Development

### Planning

- Construction is underway for the Slater Mixed-Use Project, a luxury multifamily development at Slater Ave. & San Mateo offering 270 residential units, a 7,000 SF restaurant, and a 6-level parking garage
- The Planning Commission approved the Shopoff housing project at 16300 Euclid Street (former agriculture site) offering 606 units: 304 rental apartments, 83 senior apartments, 183 three-story townhomes (for sale), and 36 two-story triplexes (for sale).
- The Planning Commission approved the Holland Group housing project at 16800 Magnolia Street (former Boomer's site) a mixed-use 6.87-acre project with two buildings offering 657 apartments and 4,460 SF of retail space with a public dog park.

### Economic Development

**Amazon Fresh** – The Amazon Fresh at the intersection of Brookhurst and Talbert, is now open. The grand opening was held on May 1, 2025, and attended by several city council members and Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**McDonalds** – The McDonalds on Magnola held its grand opening on September 1 and is now operating.

**Que Vida Taqueria** – Que Vida Taqueria is now open at the former Rubio's site in the Callens Corner shopping center. Staff and the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce have reached out to the business for a grand opening/ribbon cutting.

**Little Saigon Community Improvement Business District Grant Update** – Staff from Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and Fountain Valley toured Little Saigon for an OCBC grant to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) for the purposes of creating jobs and promoting cultural tourism.

Permit and Inspection Activity	
	September to date
<b>Permits Issued</b>	167
<b>Inspections</b>	616
<b>Plan Checks</b>	116
<b>Valuation Added</b>	\$7,538,712

### Code Enforcement

There are currently 182 open code enforcement cases, with 20 cases closed within the last week. There are also 40 tagged sober living properties.

### Finance

#### Hired New Accounting Manager

The City of Fountain Valley's Accounting Department has hired an Accounting Manager to oversee financials, ensuring they are correct and to implement internal controls properly.

## Recreation & Community Services Department

### Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5k Run and Color Fun Run on September 27

Hyundai Hope on Wheels 5k Run and Color Fun Run took place on September 27 at the Fountain Valley Sports Park. This annual community event raises money for pediatric cancer research and brings money to the local community



### Renewal of 50-Year Lease with Mile Square Park

The City of Fountain Valley renewed a 50-year lease for Mile Square Park. This lease includes adding an additional 16 acres as a part of an expansion project for Fountain Valley Sports Park. A master plan is underway for community feedback on

plans for the 16 acres and parks in the community.

## Fountain Valley Universally Accessible Playground Grant Update

The Community Services team is happy to announce the State's Office of Grants and Local Services (OGAL's) has authorized the final payment from the \$1,000,000 grant award. The OGAL's team visited for a final site inspection of the FV UAP in August and were extremely impressed by the size and scope of the project.

## Department Successes

- Coordinated five (5) concerts in the park in July with a small local vendor fair.
- Unveiled Ed Arnold Way at the Fountain Valley Sports Park.
- The Senior Center celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this September.
- Coordinated three (3) new Fountain Bowl Night Markets in June, filled with live music, food trucks, local vendors, community engagement, and much more.

## 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 11, 2025, at Fire Station 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Read More.](#)



### New Fire Engine Paid Partially by Grant

The City of Fountain Valley Fire Department purchased a new fire engine after receiving a grant of \$187,000.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Firefighter Story Time

On Wednesday, September 3, the FVFD had their 2nd Annual Firefighter Story Time at the Library. The kids from the Boys & Girls club joined us, Sparky our Fire Dog mascot, and newbie Firefighter Paramedic, Diego Ochoa to read.

## Human Resources

### Active Recruitments

- Accounting Technician I
- Dispatcher – Lateral
- Dispatcher – Entry-level
- Equipment Operator I – Water
- Foreman – Sewer/Storm Drain
- Foreman – Streets/Traffic/Graffiti
- Human Resources Manager
- Irrigation Technician
- Police Officer- Lateral/Academy Grad
- Recreation Leader
- Senior Human Resources Analyst
- [More...](#)

### Labor Negotiations

The Human Resource Department was able to successfully complete labor negotiations with all labor groups.

## 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

### The Police Department hosted National Night Out on August 5

On August 5, Police Department personnel hosted National Night Out at the Recreation Center. The event saw excellent attendance from the community, businesses, police personnel, and city employees, making it a truly collaborative and engaging occasion for all involved.

### E-bike Safety Day

On July 26 the Fountain Valley Police Department held an E-Bike Safety Day to educate residents on proper E-Bike use. The event included obstacle courses, safety demos, and helmet fittings.

## **'You Are Not Alone' Program**

The Fountain Valley Police Department developed a You Are Not Alone Program (YANA), an outreach program specifically intended for seniors who live alone and would benefit from a daily check on their welfare. YANA is designed to provide a measure of security and well-being to help senior residents feel safer while continuing to live independently. [Read More.](#)

## **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**

### **Residential Roadway Rehabilitation Project (City Quadrant E7)**

The City's residential roadway rehabilitation project will provide roadway improvements including road surface, deficient curb, gutter, non-ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps. This project provides rehabilitation and resurfacing of City streets in Quadrant E7, bounded by Ellis Avenue, Ward Street, Garfield Avenue, and Brookhurst Street. Anticipated to be completed by Fall 2025

### **Sewer Structural Repair Project 2025**

The Project consists of the removal and replacement of existing sewer mains, segment repairs of existing sewers, cured-in-place lining of existing sewers, and construction of two new manholes. All sewer laterals affected by the project will be reinstated and existing pavement damaged during construction will be restored. Anticipated to be completed by Spring 2026

### **Citywide Traffic Signal Timing Update**

This project will implement traffic signal timing citywide to improve coordination and

synchronization within the City's traffic network, with the goal of receiving more green lights than red lights when driving through the city. Anticipated to be completed by Fall 2025.

### **Project Citywide Signage and Striping for Eleven (11) School Areas Project**

This project will implement enhancements to the school area signage and striping at eleven schools citywide and their surrounding areas. These project improvements include school area, crosswalks, signage, and school zone striping along the path of travel for students. Anticipated to be completed by Spring 2026

### **Operational Activities (as of 09/11/25):**

Construction Water Meter Permits: 0

Encroachment Permits: 15

Parkway Trees: 2

Transportation Permits: 3

Water Meter Distribution Permits: 5

Well Permits: 2

Permits Submitted: 68

Field Services Work Orders Received: 218

Field Services Work Orders Completed: 172