A message from our City Manager

As summer continues to wind down, I am reminded of the positive work that is going on in our community. At the beginning of August, we hosted our National Night Out event which brought our residents together with City staff to enjoy a summer evening. This event illustrated the positive attitude that results when the community and staff work together.

The newest edition of Hemet Highlights documents some of the work that is moving our community forward and in a positive direction, a community where we can work collaboratively to accomplish goals.

The work is performed by countless individuals that want to make Hemet a place that's not only enjoyable for residents, but for the thousands of visitors that visit and frequent some of our outstanding attractions.

Lastly, we would like to honor the families, survivors and all those that were impacted by the events of September 11, 2001. While we are many years removed from that day, we have not forgotten the lasting impressions those events continue to have on all of us today.

We hope you enjoy the latest edition of our newsletter.

For the Mayor and City Council,
Allen Parker, City Manager

On The Cover: September 11, 2001 Survivor Tree

Courtesy of the 9/11 Memorial: A Callery pear tree became known as the "Survivor Tree" after enduring the September 11, 2001 terror attacks at the World Trade Center. In October 2001, the tree was discovered at Ground Zero severely damaged, with snapped roots and burned and broken branches. The tree was removed from the rubble and placed in the care of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. After its recovery and rehabilitation, the tree was returned to the Memorial in 2010. New, smooth limbs extended from the gnarled stumps, creating a visible demarcation between the tree's past and present. Today, the tree stands as a living reminder of resilience, survival and rebirth.
HEMET POLICE AND FIRE HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer. Millions of individuals take part in National Night Out across the country by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other community events which allow public safety personnel to engage with local residents. This year the City partnered with Target to host an event where our Police and Fire Departments could easily engage with our local community. Police and fire vehicles were on display and personnel from both departments were on hand to engage and field questions from attendees. We are fortunate to have a community that takes pride in improving community relations and we are already looking forward to next year’s event.
Mayor and Council Adopt New Homeownership Program

At the August 30, 2018 meeting of the Mayor and City Council, the City Council adopted a resolution which allowed the City to participate in a program which allows eligible homebuyers to reduce the amount of federal tax burden on a home mortgage. This allows the buyer to qualify more easily for a loan by effectively increasing the stated income of the buyer. The City is hopeful that this program encourages potential homebuyers to look at the housing options within our community. The program can be used with all types of homes including new and resale single family and/or manufactured homes in our community. The program is administered through the County of Riverside, and more information can be found by clicking here.

New Residential Development Attracts Homebuyers

One of Hemet’s newest developments encompasses 44.7 acres and is located on the north side of Fruitvale Avenue, west of State Street, and east of Palm Avenue. The project includes 193 single family residential lots, and each lot contains a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet. The size of the homes range from 1,828 to 2,520 square feet, 3 to 4 bedrooms, 2 to 3 baths, and 2-car garages. Buyers have the option of choosing between four single story models, and two (2) story models. Every home also includes a cost saving solar panel system. RSI communities is the builder of all the homes, and the collections are referred to as the “Hideaway Court” and the “Hideaway Collection.” Each of the collections is prepared by a different architect which adds uniqueness to the collections. We are pleased to see this and other developments in our community.
Back to School with the Hemet Library

Back to school usually means, earlier bedtimes, backpacks, pencils, pens and paper and updating your children’s Hemet Public Library card! Your Hemet Public Library has many ways to help your student regardless of their age or grade. Our resources include free online homework help provided by Brainfuse. Brainfuse can help students from kindergarten through college with a variety of subjects. They have practice tests for GED, ACT and SAT as well! Brainfuse is available 7 days a week from 1 pm to 10 pm. All your student needs is their Hemet Public Library Card, PIN# and the link www.hemetpubliclibrary.net

Remember, your library card will also provide free public access to computers for homework assignments and have printing services available for a small fee per page. WIFI is also available to our patrons.

Did you know that your library card saves thousands of dollars per family every year? You can borrow up to 30 items on your card for free and, at a cost of approximately $20 per item if you purchase them, you can see how valuable your Library is!
American Parlor Songbook to Broadcast from the Diamond Valley Arts Center

American Parlor Songbook is a radio variety program based in Southern California which features music, stories, and sketches each week. Hosted from the piano by composer JP Houston and his wife, the duo are joined by special guests from national music acts to stand-ups. It is recorded in front of live audiences at venues across the country including our very own Diamond Valley Arts Center.

The Diamond Valley Arts Center is located in the heart of the Historic Harvard District in Hemet. The 100 year old beautiful brick building houses an art gallery and performance space with state-of-the-art sound and lighting, which helps create its own unique and hip downtown atmosphere. Live original music, plays, and other art is performed and presented in the performance space and visitors can expect to see gallery changes every six weeks. Classes and art events are offered throughout the year with a robust summer program offering for all as well. You can purchase tickets online at the Diamond Valley Arts Website at http://www.thedvac.org

About the Diamond Valley Arts Council

The Diamond Valley Arts Council (DVAC), founded in 2004, is an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of the activities, events and venues for enjoying and participating in the various forms of artistic expression and cultural opportunities available to our community. Through partnerships with individuals, arts- and culture-related groups and local businesses, as well as civic and governmental agencies, we strive to develop programs and create opportunities which stimulate and enrich the cultural, economic, and intellectual life of the community; positive quality of life issues for the community to experience. These goals and ideals are summarized in our motto “Advancing the Arts – Creating Community.”
Update: City Partners with Neighbor to Complete Road Repairs

In the last issue of Hemet Highlights, we featured a story about an adopted agreement between the Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto to complete road repairs on Esplanade Avenue between Palm Avenue and State Street. San Jacinto and the City of Hemet partnered to complete the improvements since portions of the street covered both communities. We are pleased to report that the construction was completed by the contractor in mid-August. The project consisted of roadway grinding, asphalt concrete overlay, striping and loop detectors, ADA compliant access ramps and updated curb and gutter sections. We are appreciative of the partnership with the City of San Jacinto and the improvements that will benefit both communities. The project started and completed with no complications and within budget.
Hemet Firefighters Tapped to Help Fight Regional Fires

Over the course of the last couple of months our State has faced multiple fires which required the aid of neighboring partners to help combat and protect communities. The State Mutual Aid System is coordinated through the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, and sometimes our Hemet firefighters are requested to assist to help protect other communities. While assigned to an incident, CAL-OES provides all food, rest/sleeping accommodations, and vehicle fuel.

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Additionally, salary expenses are recovered to help ensure that jurisdictions are not burdened with costs when asked to provide assistance to our regional partners.

Most recently, Hemet firefighters assisted with the Ferguson Fire and the Holy Fire where Hemet Firefighters developed and refined their wildland firefighting and incident command skills which they bring back to our community.
Wondering How to Report Issues to the City? Here’s How!

The City of Hemet utilizes an application called YourGov to connect residents to staff that can address non-emergency issues.

YourGOV is an application that allows residents to report non-emergency issues to the City. YouGOV can be used via your mobile phone (through iTunes or Google Play) or the web. Issues can be submitted using both the mobile and web application. Issues are brought directly into the City’s Work Management Software and forwarded to the responsible department.

How does YourGov Work on the Web? When you follow the link to YourGOV, your first step is to sign in using a valid email address and password. If you’re a first time user, you’ll first need to create a profile before being able to use the application. Once successfully registered and logged in, you can select “Add Request” and enter an address or click on the map. Next you must select an issue and the date the issue was observed, and enter any pertinent details. The issue will be reviewed by City Staff and the appropriate action will be taken.

If you need immediate Police or Fire response, please call 911. YourGOV is intended for the reporting of non-emergency issues only.
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## 2018 HS Varsity Football Schedule

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• Never dart out in front of a parked car
• Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
• Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
• Do not walk while using headphones

• Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly
• Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across
• Watch for opening car doors and other hazards
• Use hand signals when turning
• Wear bright-colored clothing

Courtesy of the National Safety Council

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