



Everybody's Business

A Moreno Valley Campus Update from the office of Business Services

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CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN FULL SWING



MVC administrators Dr. Monte Perez, Dr. Lisa Conyers, and Reagan Romali enthusiastically assist with planting flower beds in the middle of campus.

Quote of the week:

“...I can't help being thoroughly impressed by the improved condition of these facilities. Thank you, Reagan and your staff for all of your efforts. They are not unnoticed.”

Fabian Biancardi was the initiator of these words, which were spoken in an email about campus restrooms and subsequently echoed by other faculty members at Moreno Valley Campus. The Business Services and Facilities staff are excited to know that their hard work is putting a smile on the faces of faculty, staff and students.

Cleaner restrooms are just part of an all-out effort to make the Moreno Valley Campus grounds and buildings something to be proud of, as well as a place where students can achieve their educational goals, develop their life, social and

job skills, and experience community.

Dale Barajas and Ken Morgan are working with Facilities personnel to develop and maintain a higher standard of cleanliness for campus buildings and grounds. Additional part-time temporary employees have been hired to assist full-time staff in the deep cleaning of buildings, including the cleaning of blinds, walls, flooring, and furniture. Non-instructional equipment funds approved through the program review and strategic planning process purchased equipment for the deep cleaning of restrooms and removal of gum from walkways—points of frustration for many over the past several years. You will soon see more trash cans in convenient locations and, hopefully, less trash on the sidewalk and grass. Other projects are in

process, including repair and upgrade of irrigation and landscaping, installation of colorful banners to market programs, and replacement of parking lot signage.

As a demonstration of support for custodial, grounds and maintenance personnel, the Business Services and Facilities Departments partnered for the first-ever Facilities Retreat during spring break, where Facilities personnel received training on safety, standards of care, customer service, floor care, turf building, weed control, and energy management.

Watch for our hard-working Facilities personnel in their new teal polo shirts—and make sure you let them know how much you appreciate everything they do!

See page 2 for pictures.

Noteworthy Calendar Items

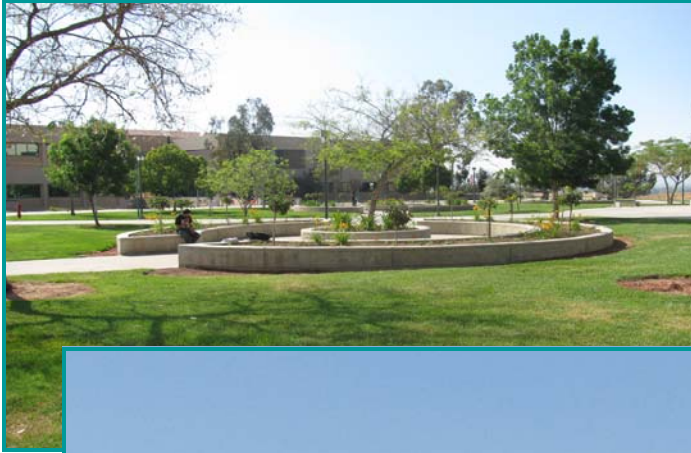
- May 14—ASRCC Awards Banquet
- May 15—Middle College High School Senior Banquet.
- May 27—Puente Banquet
- May 28—Transfer Achievement Reception and 2nd Annual Scholarship Tea
- June 5—Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony
- June 11—Commencement ★
- June 22—Summer Session begins

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LOOKIN' GOOD!





Construction Zone

The Moreno Valley Campus is getting ready to begin an exciting new phase where much construction will be dotting our landscape, allowing us to achieve some of the visions set forth in our master plan. What an invigorating time for all of us to be able to see long-range plans come to life right before our eyes! Here is a breakdown of the status of construction projects at this time:

Network Operations Center (NOC): this building will house all of the infrastructure for the existing campus as well as the proposed build-out. The Board has approved the design and should begin construction this summer. Slight delays are expected, as district and campus IT folks work to make sure every “T” is dotted and every “T” is crossed. (Get it? I and T?) Once begun, construction should take about one year.

Maintenance and Operations Building: Steinberg Architects has been selected as the architect, but this project hasn’t moved forward yet into the planning stages. .

Phase III Building: this multi-purpose building has an approved Final Project Proposal (FPP) at the state level and is simply awaiting passage of a state construction bond. This bond is not scheduled yet, so we await word from the state, which could be anywhere from this November to some future year. The exterior of the building was expected to use a material that did not perform easily on a building at Norco, thus we’re looking at a different exterior. Programs that were slated for this building are now slated for the Allied Health Building, allowing us an opportunity to reconsider this building to achieve better efficiencies. WWCOT, the architect, is preparing a proposal and we will involve a user group as these items are looked at. It’s important that as we progress through construction, we learn from what does and doesn’t work, so learning from Norco gives us great opportunities.

Parking Structure: LPA Architects is the architect for this project and many meetings have taken place to plan the programming for the structure. The structure was originally sited on the hill next to Humanities, but upon further study this was determined to be a poor site due to water run off and the need for a retention wall and rock blasting. Thus, the structure will be sited on the front of campus in front of the Library for easy access upon entering on Campus Drive. Plans currently being explored include siting surge space for faculty offices, meeting areas, police operations and retail shops such as a juice bar/coffee shop/c-store—operations could bring in rental revenue. Plans also include a pedestrian patio area with benches, seating, umbrellas and a lovely area for students to engage in activities and events. We’re also exploring use of photovoltaic (solar) panels on the structure. Walkways from the structure onto the quad are planned for easy disabled access. Other programs may be added or subtracted as budget allows.

Allied Health Building: Steinberg Architects is finishing the FPP prep due to the state June 30th to seek state funding approval, which would be contingent upon a future state construction bond. Working floor plans have been prepared to include four wet science labs and all allied health programs except dental. This will be sited next to Sci Tech on the grassy area. The structure would be modern and sleek, and would provide an attractive side entry to campus.

MDEC: since the old MDEC has to be vacated for demolishing, a new one will be built on 7.8 acres of donated land at the corner of Cactus Avenue and Riverside Drive. A permanent structure will house the dental hygiene and dental technology program. Lawyers

are working out the final details now on the agreement and engineering services are underway. HMC has been hired as the architect. User groups will be implemented.

Athletic Facility/Track and Field/Soccer Field/Amphitheater/Softball field: exploring funding opportunities now for joint-use project with the City of Moreno Valley and setting up interviews with architects to prepare a master plan for the rocky hillside behind Parkside Complex.

Administrative Annex Move: the administration consisting of the President and Vice Presidents, along with support staff, will be moving to the Humanities Building this summer prior to accreditation.

Science Laboratory Space: the Science and Mathematics faculty met with campus administration to discuss the possibility of adding wet labs to the Sci Tech Building and expressed strong support, indicating the need to resolve issues and a two-year wait list for courses. The architect selected is Steinberg Architects. A user group is being created to provide valuable input, which will include Business/CIS.

Lion’s Den Remodel: cafeteria and social area scheduled to come out of the Division of State Architects (DSA) in May with bidding thereafter and construction to begin Summer, 2009. Completion expected within 1-1.5 years. During that time, a trailer will provide food service, albeit at a lesser level of selection. But just wait, the new Lion’s Den will provide an outstanding selection of cooked-on-site selections, grab and go choices, an IC-E machine, hot pretzels, soups, healthy choices and outside seating.

Maintenance and Operations Plan: campus-wide plan to replace carpet and tile, paint, strip wallpaper, repair ceiling tiles, replace restroom dividers etc. This will be a major effort during the Summer, 2009 and into Fall. Classes may be rerouted to other classrooms; however, we’re hoping this exciting spruce up will delight you. Facilities staff will be available to help with packing and impacts. A calendar will be forthcoming to the campus so affected parties will have a better idea of when to pack, and when to get excited!

All of these projects will be updated and vetted through the strategic planning process. As with all construction, plans may be changed when conditions present themselves to improve opportunities or improve projects/budgets. All measures will be taken to ease construction impact on affected parties. Plans can change as budgets change.

Next Up:

Faculty and staff can look forward to new hard-surface flooring for Humanities 116-122 and carpet for Student Services third floor, to be installed the week of June 15th. Please mark your calendars, and watch your email for detailed instructions on how to prepare.





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The mission of the Business Services Department is to support and coordinate the needs and responsibilities of all Business and Administrative Service needs of the students, faculty and staff.



SAVE OUR WALLS—USE A BULLETIN BOARD

What kind of ambiance do we want to create for our students and staff? That’s a question that all departments should ask every time they decide what information to post for students. Some items are required by law or are otherwise non-negotiable—like the campus emergency guide. But the “lion’s share” of postings come from the department or program in an effort to inform students of procedures and deadlines that must be observed.

To clean up our act and provide a

more orderly appearance to classrooms and offices, Business Services and Facilities are requesting that the following guidelines be observed:

- All items should be posted on bulletin boards ONLY. Postings attached to the wall will be removed by custodians as part of their cleaning responsibilities.
- Bulletin boards should be checked weekly by the department or program, and all expired items removed.
- Do not use staples, tape or tacks on

walls or door frames.

•No signage should be taped or otherwise affixed to glass doors and/or windows unless approved by Facilities. Please explore other means of posting this information; for example, a standing sign.

Facilities has ordered additional bulletin boards that will be placed in obvious locations to assist this effort, painted MVC teal. We all want the same thing: a beautiful campus we can be proud of. Let’s work together to make that happen!

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH A SNAKE



Humans aren’t the only ones that enjoy basking in the warm spring sunshine—snakes like it, too! Hikers and outdoor enthusiasts should keep that in mind, and exercise appropriate caution when in “snake territory”. We hope you find the information below helpful.

Since approximately ninety-seven percent of snakebites occur between the months of April and November when the snakes are most active, it is better to assume snakes are around and take the necessary precautions than be surprised by one. Snakes like to hide in or under just about anything that affords protection so be cautious around piles of rocks, trash, stacked lumber, logs and rocky hillsides.

Snakes like to sun themselves on rock outcroppings, on branches overhanging a river, or on top of vegetation, so make a habit of watching where you step or place your hands. National studies report 95% of snake bites were located on an extremity, especially the hand. Of these bites, approximately 40% occurred while trying to capture or handle the snake.

If you encounter a venomous snake or hear a rattlesnake buzzing, resist the urge to run. Avoid sudden movements until you can determine if you are at risk. The best defense is to stay aware and slowly back away when it is safe to do so. In any case, don’t panic! Snakebites kill very few people in the United States. Properly treated, most bite victims easily

survive with little more than a few unpleasant memories to remind them of the incident. In the U.S., only about 0.1% – just one in a thousand – of bites are fatal. Venom dosage per bite depends on the elapsed time since the last bite, the degree of threat the snake feels, and the size of the prey. Anywhere from 20% - 50% of snakebites result in a “dry bite” where no venom was injected at all.

Taken from: www.lcra.org/newsletter/currents/july07/SnakeSafety.pdf

Advice: The safest thing to do with a snake is to leave it alone!

