



**City Manager Report
to
The Mayor and City Council**

October 19, 2022

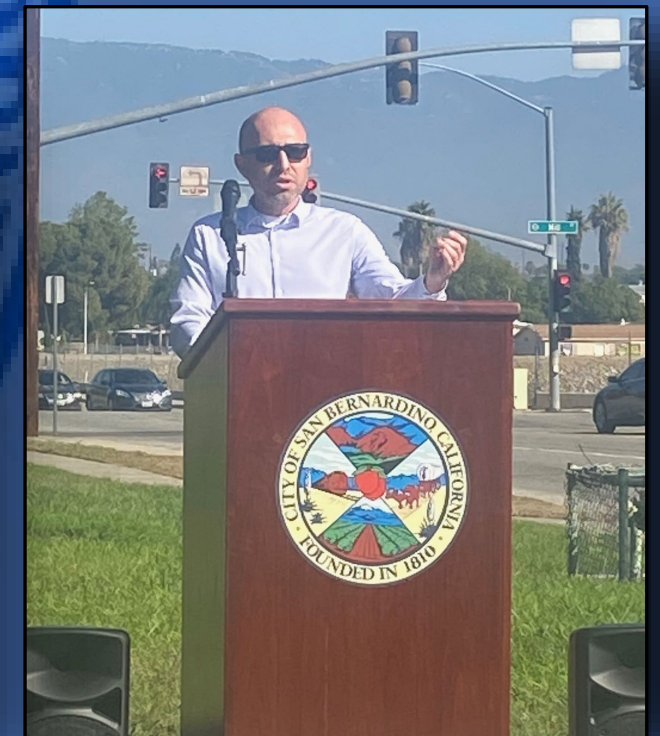
San Bernardino Parties at Festival

Over 4,500 residents had a great time at the inaugural Festival, held on October 8 at Seccombe Lake Park. There were great performances, food, art, vendors, rides, and animals. Kudos to Parks, Public Works, and all the volunteers that made this a success!



Pepper Avenue Improvement Project Groundbreaking

The City partnered with Rialto to celebrate the kickoff of a joint project to improve a two mile stretch of Pepper between Mill and Base Line that will include road resurfacing, ADA ramps, and new sidewalks.



Grants Now Available to Small Businesses and Non-Profits

Applications are now being accepted by the city for grants to small businesses and non-profits for between \$10,000 and \$35,000.

A total of \$3 million is available. Funding was approved by the Council earlier this year and will be awarded to qualifying businesses on a first come, first served basis through December.

For more information, click the link on the city homepage.



Arrow Transit Rail Ribbon Cutting

On Friday, October 21, SBCTA will cut the ribbon on the long awaited, and long tested rail service between San Bernardino and Redlands. The nine-mile project connects Downtown San Bernardino to the University of Redlands with three additional stops in between. Passenger service begins October 24.



Breeze Airways Expands Service at SBD

Breeze Airways announced today the addition of service to Las Vegas and Hartford, Connecticut from San Bernardino International Airport starting in February. The announcement comes just over three months since Breeze launched its local service to San Francisco and Provo.



Calvin Re-appointed to California League of Cities Policy Committee

Sixth Ward Council Member Kimberly Calvin has been re-appointed to serve on the Community Service Policy Commission as a Presidential Appointment.

The League of California Cities, which represents California's 476 cities, sponsors, drafts, and takes positions on legislative and regulatory matters impacting cities across state.

The Community Services Policy Committee specifically focuses on childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, natural disaster preparation, cultural arts, and community and human services programs, including homelessness.



Planning Commission Approves Two New Restaurants and the Expansion of Another

At the October 11 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved conditional use permits for a new Habit Burger Grill on 2nd Street near the 215 Freeway and a Rally's on Highland near Palm.

The Commission also approved a proposal for In-N-Out on 5th Street to expand their parking lot and increase the size of their drive through from one lane to two and to accommodate up to 30 vehicles.



Mud/Debris Cleanup from Tropical Storm Kay

Public Works Crews have wrapped up clean up work from Tropical Storm Kay. Wards 2, 4, 5, and 7 were most impacted. Over 1,666 cubic yards of mud and debris were collected - the equivalent of about 180 large dump truck loads.

In preparation for the rainy season and potential future heavy rain events, a city-wide re-inspection of all storm drains and city-owned culverts will begin in two weeks with additional work to clear any obstructed drains beginning shortly thereafter.





Police Crackdown on Illegal Gambling



Multiple Enforcement Team officers continue to address gang and violent crime throughout the City. During a recent investigation into an illegal casino, the officers recovered narcotics, a firearm, and a large amount of gambling proceeds.

Library

\$300,000 in Grants for Literacy Programs

The Library received four grants to sustain and expand their literacy programs. The \$286,000 from the California Department of Education and California State Library will fund standard literacy programs, adult literacy programs, and family literacy, as well as create a new English as a second language program.



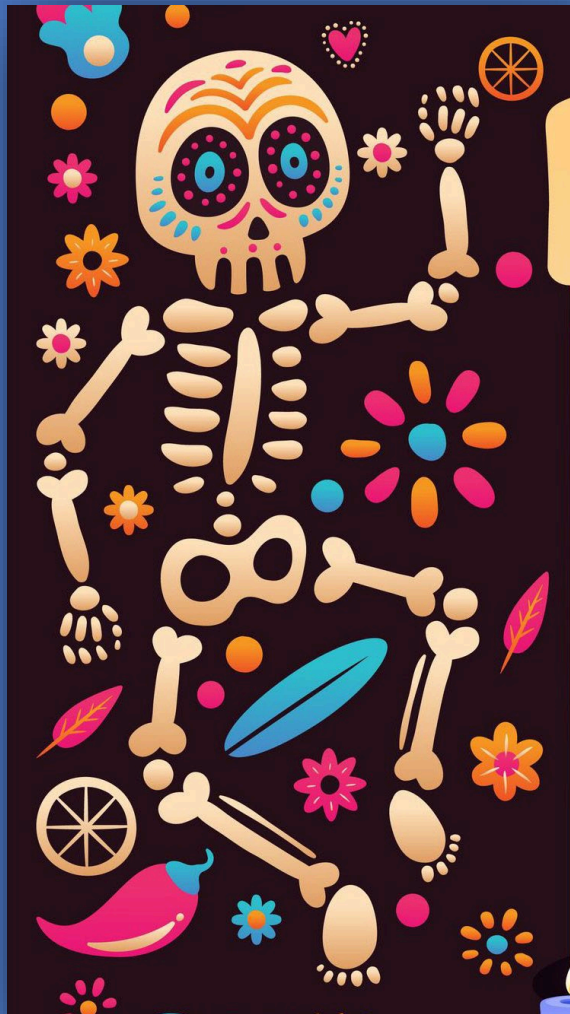
Baker's Supports Kids Reading Program

The Library is partnering with the San Bernardino County Library by participating in the annual Baker's Book Club for youth, now underway through Nov. 19.

Children aged 4 to 17 years old can register for the program and receive a rewards from Baker's Drive Thru! For every level completed, they will receive a Baker's Book Club certificate and a free food coupon.



Halloween and Dia De Los Muertos Community Events Coming



October 19: 4:00 pm – Pumpkin Decorating @ Inghram Library

October 21: 4:00 – 8:00 pm - Trick or Treat @ Verdemont Community Center

October 31: 3:00-7:30 pm – Trick or Treat @ Feldheym Library

October 31: 6:00 pm – Trick or Treat @ Villasenor Library

November 1: 5-8 pm - Dia de los Muertos @ Campo Santo Memorial Park

We are also pleased to report that the Caitlin Manor Haunted House has found a new location at 648 4th Street in a commercial district and will be operating from October 27 through October 31.