



CITY MANAGER COMMUNITY REPORT

January 2017

Message from the City Manager

2017 is off to a fast start and our first challenge of the year was dealing with significant rainstorms.

Our public works crews worked diligently to prepare for the January rainfall by cleaning out debris from our flood channels and storm drain system to ensure they were working efficiently. These actions helped us avoid any major flooding issues in the city.

The Public Works Department's commitment to excellence makes it no surprise that they are being awarded the "Plant of the Year Award" and "Collection System of the Year Award" by the California Water Environment Association.

Construction has begun at the Sun Lakes Village Shopping Center for Pad A, which will feature three new businesses including T-Mobile, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and Mattress Firm. We expect the businesses to be open by this summer.

There are several other projects on the horizon that will help improve the quality of life for all Banning residents and I look forward to sharing those updates with the community in the coming months.

City Council Meetings Report

The Banning City Council met on January 10th and 24th and took action on several items including:

- Reaffirmed the city's commitment to hosting the annual Survival Disaster Expo by making it a City Signature Event, which allows the city to utilize more resources for planning the event. This year's expo is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, from 10am - 2pm at City Hall.
- After several attempts to work with CalTrans to allow for vehicles to park temporarily on free-way overpasses to celebrate patriotic events, it was determined that this activity would not be permissible under California law. The curbs on all overpasses will be painted red to reflect the current law.
- Authorized the city to host a Volunteer Recognition Dinner for city volunteers who help support several important city departments including the Police Department and Community Services.
- Adopted a resolution to partner with the Coachella Water Agency in submitting a joint grant application to fund pilot studies for the removal of Chromium-6.

Ribbon Cutting for Brew Rebellion

The City of Banning welcomed Brew Rebellion to downtown Banning on Friday, January 13th. The city worked very closely with the business owners to help them through the city's planning process. The revitalization of downtown Banning remains a key priority and we will continue working to attract businesses that will make our downtown a thriving, walkable destination.

