City Manager Report

to

The Mayor and City Council

February 21, 2024
The record rainfall that hit the region earlier this month left debris, flood damage inoperative streetlights, and potholes in every city in Southern California. Following a storm in which parts of San Bernardino received over nine inches of rain in just a few days, the Public Works Department deployed eight crews every day to address potholes.

In addition to their regularly scheduled hours, the crews worked early morning and evening shifts as well.

By the numbers, the City Public Works Department reports that in just under a week:

- Number of Potholes Patched: 4,225
- Estimated Square footage of potholes: 20,534 sq. ft.
- Tons of material used to patch potholes: 200 tons
- Number for pothole requests from the public: 452
Thank you PITC Volunteers!
The City's annual Homeless Point in Time Count was held on Thursday, January 25 at 5:15 am. Thank you to the large number of residents and organizations that participated.

The Point in Time Count is conducted across the nation and is used to determine funding allotments for housing programs and services in local communities.

City receives largest competitive grant ever!
The City received nearly $35 million Project Homekey grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide interim housing for chronically homeless in the City in partnership with Lutheran Social Services.

It is the largest grant awarded during the current round of Homekey funding and is believed to be the largest competitive grant the City of San Bernardino has ever received.
San Bernardino Welcomes Travelers from Phoenix

Last week, Breeze Airways began twice a week round trip service from San Bernardino International Airport to Phoenix. After starting service sixteen months ago, Breeze will now offer flights out of SBD to San Francisco, Las Vegas, Provo, Hartford, and now Phoenix.

The first passengers from Phoenix arrived at San Bernardino International Airport earlier today and they were so excited to be here. Everyone was given a VIP treatment, with welcome bags for the passengers and a traditional water cannon salute for the plane.
Russell Named Human Resources Director

Yesterday, Andrea Russell was named the City’s new Human Resources Director.

Russell, who had been serving in the interim role, brings over 20 years of Human Resources experience at municipal, county, and special districts in Southern California.

Alexander Featured by League of Cal Cities

Council Member Damon Alexander was one of several African American City Council Members from across the State to be featured as part of a statewide campaign during Black History Month by the League of California Cities.
City News

Cracking Down on Illegal Truck Parking Continues

Last week, SBPD along with Parking Enforcement, conducted an illegal commercial parking operation in the city. The targets were dirt lots being used illegally for parking big rig trucks. 119 citations were issued, and Code Enforcement will follow-up at these locations.

Community Dump Day this Saturday

Last year, San Bernardino residents dropped off over 579 tons at our eleven Community Dump Days. That is 1,158,660 pounds!!

This month’s free event will take place on February 24 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at Seccombe Lake Park. Proof of City residency is required.

Residents can discard bulky items, tires, tree limbs, e-waste and metal. Construction and Hazardous materials will not be accepted.
The 5th Street Senior Center Kitchen Grand Re-Opening is tomorrow, February 22 from 11 - 11:30am.

The kitchen is the hub for our senior meal program which prepares over 68,300 meals each year. It is estimated that over 270 meals are prepared daily which includes lunch daily and dinner two times a week.

Upgrades include new appliances, a large commercial walk-in freezer and refrigerator, new flooring, energy efficient lighting, dining room improvements, and upgrades to the electrical.

The new kitchen will be available as a part of rental packages for large celebrations in addition to the daily meal programs currently in place.

The project was funded using CDBG funds.
The City of San Bernardino Celebrates

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In February

Special Events continue to take place throughout the month at City libraries, parks and community centers, as well as at Cal State SB and SBVC.

A full list of events is available on the city’s homepage.