



A message from the City Manager

May 2018

April showers may bring May flowers, but here in Fontana, May also brings numerous city events and celebrations. From grand openings to anniversary festivities, our calendar is full of events to keep residents busy this month.

We're kicking off the month with the retirement of Police Chief Robert Ramsey. He began his career with the City of Fontana in November 1989 and moved up the ranks to the role of Chief in June 2016. Bob has represented this community well throughout the 29 years and we thank him for a marvelous job. The city welcomes Billy Green as the new Fontana Police Department Chief.

Continuing with Police Department news, the officers are taking a new approach to community meetings by moving these meetings outdoors. The first Afternoon in the Park meeting will occur May 7, 2018 at Fontana Park from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Residents have the opportunity to meet Police Chief Green, watch a K9 demonstration, get to know their neighbors and enjoy a variety of food.

The month of May is Building Safety Month, and we are looking forward to recognizing our Building and Safety Division for the terrific jobs they do to keep our residents and visitors safe in buildings and homes. The division will have displays in the Development Services Office, along with social media videos and classroom visits throughout the month.

In commemoration of the founding of Fontana by Azariel Blanchard Miller in 1913, we are celebrating with the Fontana Days Parade on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Miller Park Amphitheater will also be back with its grand opening on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The free, family-friendly event features a ribbon cutting ceremony, food vendors, giveaways and live performances. The new amphitheater features a 2,000 square-foot covered stage and a large, paved dance floor.

I am proud to announce that the City of Fontana is nearing its goal of taking 2 billion steps as a part of the Fontana Walks! Program. We are currently at 1.95 billion steps since launching the program in August 2017. Be sure to join us for the next Fontana Walks! event taking place on Saturday, May 19 at the Mary Vagle Nature Center at 8:00 a.m.

We look forward to an eventful month ahead and appreciate your cooperation as we all work to continue to make Fontana a shining example of exceptional municipal service. Whether you are here to live, work or play, we know that Fontana is a great place to be.

All the best,

Ken Hunt