



A message from the City Manager

December 2018

As we welcome December, I would like to thank you for helping to make this an incredible year for the City of Fontana. In 2018, we celebrated many milestones, a highly-anticipated grand opening, citywide awards, and new developments.

Fontana reached the 10-year milestone for facilities including the Lewis Library and Technology Center, the Jessie Turner Community Center, Center Stage Theater and Fontana Park. We also welcomed the completion of the Miller Park Amphitheater in Downtown Fontana.

The City Council's adoption of the new General Plan was another great accomplishment. The new plan will guide our growth over the next twenty years. I encourage you to review the plan and learn more about the city's future growth strategies at <https://www.fontana.org/2632/General-Plan-Update-2015---2035>

In 2018, Fontana was named the most Prosperous City in California and the Fourth Most Prosperous City in the United States out of cities with a population over 100,000. According to the RENTCafe study, the City excelled in categories of population and home values with an increase of 60%, along with a higher education change of 57% over a 10-year span.

The Press-Enterprise recognized the City of Fontana as a Top Workplace in the Inland Empire for two years in a row based on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by an independent research firm.

Through strong partnerships and investments into economic opportunities, Fontana has flourished into the thriving and prosperous city it is today. Businesses such as Sprouts, Oggi's Restaurant, Raising Canes and Café Rio have taken up residency in Fontana's Highland Village Shopping Center – a 70,000 square foot retail and restaurant shopping area. It is an exciting time to do business in Fontana. 2019 is promising to build upon the growth and development momentum with a variety of exciting projects that will offer the community new quality of life amenities.

Before we close out the year, I invite you to enjoy all the winter activities we have planned for you and your family. Take a dive with Santa during the Underwater Pictures with Santa Toy Drive taking place Saturday, December 8 at the Fontana Aquatics Center (15610 Summit Ave.) from 9:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m. Bring an unopened toy or a \$2 donation for an emailed photo. For more information, call (909) 854-5111.

Our annual Christmas Parade is on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. hosted by the Fontana Exchange Club. The parade begins on the corner of Arrow Boulevard and Sierra Avenue. The parade will be followed by the Festival of Winter on Saturday, December 8 at Miller Park (17004 Arrow Blvd.) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy train rides, attractions, live entertainment, photo opportunities with Santa, and a variety of vendors and activity booths.

For the entire month of December, a fan-favorite Holiday Follies show will be live on stage at the Center Stage Theater (8463 Sierra Ave.) in Downtown Fontana. For show dates, times and menu items, call (909) 429-7469 or visit <http://www.centerstagefontana.com/>.

December is always a festive time in the City of Fontana to enjoy with family and friends. From my family to yours, we wish you a safe and joyous holiday season.

All the best,

Ken Hunt