



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

October 4, 2023

City Awards Over \$2.5 Million to 105 Local Small Businesses and Non-Profits

The City has awarded \$2,575,000 in grants to 87 local small businesses and 18 non-profit organizations as part of a grant program. Grant amounts to each organization ranged from \$10,000 to \$35,000.

Approximately \$425,000 of the \$3 million allocated by the Mayor and Council remains to be awarded. Those funds will be used in a second round of grants will be targeted to smaller businesses in San Bernardino and will be made available early in 2024.



City News



Groundbreaking for Del Rosa Fire Station

On Tuesday, September 19, San Bernardino County Fire, along with the City of San Bernardino, County of San Bernardino, and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians held a groundbreaking ceremony to launch the construction of a new fire station on Del Rosa Avenue. Station 226 will be the first new fire station in San Bernardino in over two decades. Construction on the station is estimated to be completed in one year.

City and SBCCD Co-host Open House at Job Training Center

The City joined SBCCD in co-hosting an open house at the Economic Development & Corporate Training Center. The Center provides custom job training for the employees of local businesses and trade unions.

At the event, SBCCD Chancellor Diana Rodriguez announced the District has received a \$3 million grant to expand the center to provide additional training in high demand occupations.



Library



Library Grant to Improve Broadband Service

The Library was awarded \$19,709.06 from the California State Library through the California Library Connect Program to replace broadband hardware at Feldheim Library, which acts as the central hub for internet connectivity distribution to all four City Libraries.

The new equipment will allow data speed upgrades of 1 gigabit per second, provide critical access for residents without internet service in their homes.

Popular Saturday Book Sale Returns on October 14 and 21

The popular Saturday Book Sale is returning to Feldheim Library on October 14 and 21 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Organized by the Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library, proceeds from the sale enable the Friends of SBPL to sponsor library programs including the successful Summer Reading Program.

Books, magazines and reading materials of various types will be available for purchase in addition to DVDs, music and more. The sale will feature a \$3 bag sale, where patrons can fill a bag with books for only \$3.

We Need Your Help – Take A Survey

The City of San Bernardino currently needs community input on three important projects:

- **City Parks Master Plan** – What programs and services do you want at your parks and community centers?
- **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Help the City plan its response to events such as an earthquake, fire, or flood.
- **Arrowhead Grove Affordable Housing Grant** – Community input needed as part of the grant application.

Each survey can be accessed on the City's website, www.sbcity.org



Rendezvous Back to Route 66 Returns This Saturday

Downtown San Bernardino 9:00 am – 9:00 pm





SBPD and the Community Come Together for Coptoberfest



COPTOBER FEST

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th
DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM | FREE ENTRY

710 North D Street, San Bernardino CA 92401
FOOD - MUSIC - GAMES

The poster features a colorful illustration of a Halloween-themed festival. At the top, the words "COPTOBER FEST" are written in large, stylized letters with pumpkin and autumn leaf patterns. Below the text, there are two cartoon police officers in blue uniforms and caps, a smiling pumpkin, a colorful castle, and a small stand with a red and white striped awning. The background is a green field with yellow leaves.

City Launching Weekly Farmers Market

Beginning Tuesday, October 17, the Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a weekly Farmers Market in Downtown from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Court Street Square.

Over 20 different vendors will be on hand selling their fresh produce, as well as hot prepared food. The market will be a certified farmers market, meaning the produce sold will be locally sourced and sold by farmers from the region.

Every Tuesday, downtown employees will be able to walk to the market to get something for lunch and residents will be able to stock up on healthy, locally grown food.

