

**CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS
PROCLAMATION**

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH 2006

WHEREAS, organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act recognized worldwide as the greatest expression of compassion; and

WHEREAS, more than 90,000 individuals nationwide and 19,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waitlist; and every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting for a donated organ; and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives, and donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 25,000 lives are saved and the quality of life for many hundreds of thousands more is enhanced by organ and tissue transplantation; and

WHEREAS, many bereaved families find a measure of comfort in donating organs and tissue so that others may benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby proclaims April, 2006 as **National Donate Life Month 2006** in the City of Twentynine Palms. We urge the citizens of Twentynine Palms to learn about organ and tissue donation and exercise their power to donate life.

DATED this 11th day of April, 2006.

Kevin Cole, Mayor

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RECORDING FOR THE BLIND AND DYSLEXIC'S WEEK 2006

WHEREAS, more than a million people in the US are legally blind and one out of every five Americans has a learning disability; and

WHEREAS, research in the field of print disabilities indicates that by grade four, without the benefits of recorded books, many students with print disabilities have already failed, reducing their self-esteem and turning them into non-readers; and

WHEREAS, the dropout rate for these students is 35 percent, more than double that of students without print disabilities; and

WHEREAS, students with print disabilities such as blindness or dyslexia can benefit greatly from recorded textbooks that help them achieve their goals for academic and professional achievement; and

WHEREAS, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D) is the nation's educational library for people with print disabilities and provides recorded textbooks in every subject area and grade level; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that students who use RFB&D's textbooks achieve significant results, including improvement in reading speed, content acquisition and reading comprehension; and

WHEREAS, these books are read and recorded by more than 7,100 volunteers, including 250 here in through the Inland Empire/Orange County Unit's with recording studios; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,575 students in California already benefit from the use of RFB&D's recorded textbooks; and

WHEREAS, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic will hold its annual Record-A-Thon during the week of April 23, 2006, in Twentynine Palms, as part of the national effort to increase the number of recorded books available to RFB&D's more than 141,000 members nationwide,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby proclaims April 23-29, 2006 as **Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Record-A-Thon Week** in the City of Twentynine Palms. We urge the citizens of Twentynine Palms to support RFB&D's unique work to make education accessible to all students, regardless of disability.

DATED this 11th day of April, 2006.

Kevin Cole, Mayor



STAFF REPORT

April 11, 2006

To: City Council Via City Manager
From: Finance Director
Subject: Loan to Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council adopt Resolution Number 06-04 authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the loan documents.

BACKGROUND

The MBTA is organized in such a way that it has no General Fund. All the assets it has are dedicated to a specific purpose and cannot be used for other purposes. The result of this situation is that whenever MBTA receives a grant, it has to borrow money to cover costs until the project is completed. The City has General Fund cash that is often used to pay for grant-related projects until the reimbursements are received. The Community Development Block Grant, State Park Bond Act, and various Federal grants require the City to pay for projects first and then request the grant funds. In many cases, the City has paid out money and waited over a year for the grant reimbursement.

MBTA has requested the City loan it money for projects, similar to a line of credit. MBTA would borrow the funds from the City, and would repay the loan after they receive the grant monies. They have proposed to pay an interest rate of 2% above the rate we receive from the Local Agency Investment Fund. This would provide the City a little higher interest rate, and save MBTA two to three percent interest. The City has done this one time in the past.

The City Attorney has reviewed the proposal and his opinion is that the loan is within the powers of the City.

Staff recommends that the agreement for this loan be approved for a one year, with the provision that any loans be paid off within six after the end of the agreement.

The principal balance of the loan would be limited to \$800,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO LOAN UP TO \$800,000.00 TO MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The City of Twentynine Palms is represented on the governing board of Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA); and

WHEREAS; MBTA is in need of advanced financing for certain projects including the purchase of buses and construction projects which will be reimbursed by grant funds upon completion; and

WHEREAS; The City has funds in reserve, that can be used to assist MBTA, without putting a financial burden on the City, and

WHEREAS; It is in the interest of the City to assist MBTA in the fulfillment of it's mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Twentynine Palms as follows;

SECTION 1. The City shall make available to MBTA a loan in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, for the purpose of funding purchases and projects for which grant funds have been committed by the Federal Government and/or the State of California.

- A. MBTA may borrow and repay amounts up to the maximum loan, repay the funds, and borrow again over the term of the loan.
- B. The term of the loan shall be for one year, beginning May 1, 2006 for drawing funds, the funds must be repaid to the City by October 31, 2007.
- C. The interest on the loans shall be payable quarterly, and shall be computed based on the quarterly interest rate earned on investments in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) plus two percent (2%).

SECTION 2. The Mayor and/or City Manager shall have the authority to execute the loan agreement with MBTA on behalf of the City, and have responsibility to monitor the loan process and assure that all loans are backed by a valid grant.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Twentynine Palms this 11th day of April 2006.

Kevin Cole, Mayor

Attest:

Charlene Sherwood, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 06-04 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Twentynine Palms at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 11th day of April, 2006, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

Charlene Sherwood, City Clerk

TWENTYNINE PALMS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS BUREAU

MONTHLY RECAP REPORT: MARCH 2006

The Chamber of Board of Directors wants to express their appreciation to the City of Twentynine Palms for the use of the bus for the Kelso Dedication on March 25th.

We are proud to announce the Chamber's Annual Awards for 2006:

Business of the Year: *Wonder Garden Café*

Pillar of the Community: *Liz Meyers*

Lifetime Achievement: *Ray Kinsman*

Volunteer of the Year: *GySgt. Rob Fleck*

Public Servant of the Year: *Pete Wood,*

Morongo Unified School District

"At your Service:" *City of Twentynine Palms*

President's Award: *Twentynine Palms Rotary Club*

We are also pleased to announce that Willis and Corrine Keys have agreed to be our 2006 Pioneer Days Grand Marshals.

VISITOR SERVICES

New information/publications available in the Visitor Center include:

- Desert Legacy Guide to the Wild Mojave;
- 5th Annual Morongo Basin Open Studio submission form;
- Chamber 29 News-April Edition;
- April 2006 SBA classes;
- RV Journal, Spring 2006;
- SBC "Starting a Business;"
- SBC "Economic Development Public Services Group;"
- SBC "Employment Resource Centers;"
- SBC "Employer Services;"
- SBC "Workforce Development Center Resources;"
- SBC "Hotline for Food;"
- SBC "Senior Training & Employment Program;"
- "Job outlook to 2008 for 200 occupations;"
- Protection & Advocacy Inc.;
- SBC Home "American Dream Down payment Initiative;"

- SBC Home "Homeownership Assistance Program;"
- SBC "Department of Aging and Adult Services;"
- Seniors and the Law, Guide for Maturing Californians;
- Senior Companion Program;
- SBC "Adult Protective Services;"
- SBC "Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program;"
- SBC "In Home Supportive Services Program;"
- National Ethics Bureau, "Seniors Guide to Investment Scam Prevention;"
- SBC "On the Job Training for Persons 55+;"
- SBC "How to do Business with the County of San Bernardino Purchasing Department;"
- Social Security Incentives, Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach;"
- US Dept of Justice "Guide to Disability Rights Laws;"

Gift Shop -

- Sales in Gift Shop for March 2006: \$88.71

March New Members: 5

Total Chamber Members: 250

Contact Statistics: March 2006:

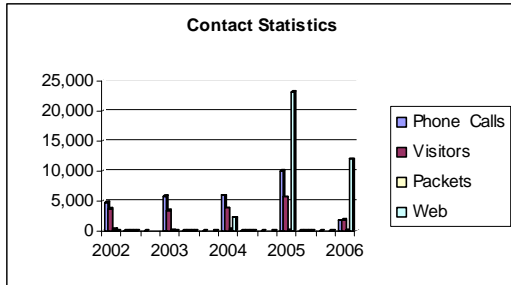
Phone Calls: 1,060

Visitors: 638

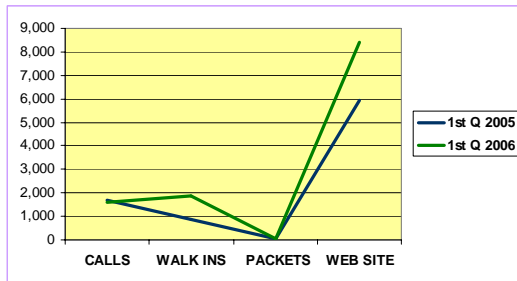
Web Count: 4,277

Information Packets Mailed: 10

	Phone Calls	Visitors	Packets	Web Count
2004	5,846	3,756	131	2153
	Phone Calls	Visitors	Packets	Web Count
2005	9,991	5,623	116	23,244
	Phone Calls	Visitors	Packets	Web Count
2006	1,648	1,863	29	11,926



**FIRST QUARTER STAT COMPARISONS
2005/2006**



WEB SITE STATS

Figures in parentheses refer to the 7-day period ending Apr 01 2006 at 4:08 AM.

- Successful requests:** 174,884 (37,390)
- Average successful requests per day:** 5,642 (5,341)
- Successful requests for pages:** 32,079 (7,728)
- Average successful requests for pages per day:** 1,035 (1,103)
- Failed requests:** 910 (0)
- Distinct files requested:** 8,570 (356)
- Distinct hosts served:** 4,277 (346)
- Data transferred:** 1.89 gigabytes (385.19 megabytes)
- Average data transferred per day:** 62.43 megabytes (55.03 megabytes)

Most frequent visited web pages:

- **Lodging**
- **Discovery Guide**
- **Member Directory**
- **Tourist Information**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Chamber News**
- **Things to Do**
- **Relocation**
- **Shopping**
- **Business Information**

MARKETING

- Chamber staff has completed a bulk mailing of Street Fair and Car Show sponsorship and vendor requests;
- Public Service Announcements on z107.7 and Copper Mountain Broadcasting;
- Continuing e-news events and things to do in the Morongo Basin;
- Continued update to “visit29.org” web site;
- Preparing for submission of articles with information regarding Spring/Summer Events to newspapers, magazines, and clubs;

TOURS, CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

- Chamber Event Committee met for planning stages of the Street Fair and Car Show, March 7th;
- Coffee with Superintendent Jim Majchrzak, March 16, 2006;

OTHER MARKETING

Chamber will capitalize event information regarding the following:

- Career Day at Copper Mountain College, April 5, 8am-12pm;
- 13th Annual Arts Festival, April 7,8,9, 2006;
- Reach Out Morongo Basin Ribbon Cutting, April 13, 2006;
- Sky’s the Limit Dinner Theatre, April 14, 2006;
- Booth for Hi-Desert Bridal Show, May 6, 2006;
- Street Fair and Car Show, June 2, 2006;
- Serendipity Tea, Roughly Manor, April 30, 2006

The following articles highlighted Twentynine Palms area and events:

- *Tripadvisor, had high ratings for the Roughly Manor and Harmony Hotel from March visitors*
- *National Defense, “Urban Battlefield is Proving Ground for Unmanned Aerial March 2006;*
- *United for Peace: Events-Candlelight Vigil, March 2006;*
- *Chaparral Naturalist, Birds of JTNP; March 2006;*
- *USA TODAY, “Developers covet areas surrounding national parks, March 2006;*

- *Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers, "Dark Sky Star Parties;"*
- *TBL/Web "Robert's Guest Spot at Twentynine Palms," March 2006;*
- *FindLaw, "Gary Sinise Heads back to Twentynine Palms to Entertain Marines and Sailors," March 1, 2006;*
- *Laweekly.com, "Master of the Off-Chance," March 1, 2006;*
- *Orange County Register, "Rolling tribute remembers Marines;"*
- *San Francisco Chronicle "Reservists answer call to hot zone;" March 5, 2006;*
- *PilotOnline.com, "Training for Iraq: Sometimes it takes a (fake) village," March 6, 2006;*
- *News from North America, "it's cold and it's damp!" March 6, 2006;*
- *Journal News, "Clarks town bulletproof vest collection surpasses expectations," March 8, 2006;*
- *National Post, Canada, "Hot property in the Mojave desert," March 9, 2006;*
- *Rhodian Attic, "We Woke to Snow," March 11, 2006;*
- *Free Republic, "To serve, to become (Marine first, Now a US Citizen)," March 13, 2006;*
- *Daily Bulletin, "Woman runs into courthouse waving paint roller, deputies injured," March 14, 2006;*
- *North County Times, "Marines continue to play key role in Iraq, March 15, 2006;*
- *The 2am Buzz, "Easy Living," March 15, 2006;*
- *Defend America, "Marine Brothers Cross Paths in Iraq ;March 21, 2006;*
- *North County Times, Roadside bombs focus of weeklong gathering," March 22, 2006;*

NETWORKING

- Basin Wide Foundation Breakfast, March 2, 2006;
- Pelican Dinner, March 13, 2006;
- Yucca Valley Chrysler Mixer, March 16, 2006;
- Twentynine Palms Elementary School March 22, 2006;

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Three Chamber Tourism Committee March 8, 2006;

- Desert Park Partners, March 8, 2006;
- Morongo Basin Economic Consortium, March 15, 2006;
- San Bernardino County "Community Outreach, March 23, 2006, Copper Mountain College;
- DRTA Executive Board, March 24, 2006;
- Caltia Conference on Tourism, March 27, 28, 29, 2006

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

- Chamber participated with Desert Park Partners to invite Congressman Lewis to visit with community leaders to discuss JTNP issues, challenges and achievements.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

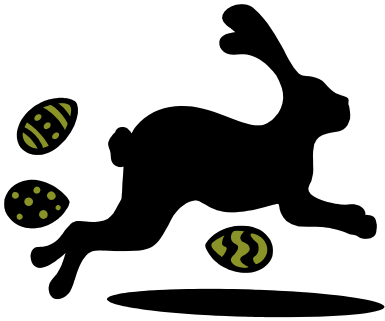
- Battle Color Ceremony aboard base, March 9, 2006;
- Col. Weddington's Retirement Ceremony, March 10, 2006;
- Gary Sinise's "Lt. Dan Band", March 12, 2006;
- Sgt. Major Ricker Retirement Ceremony, March 15, 2006;
- M.A.C. Assistance Fund The Chamber has continued to maintain a small fund of donated monies which has been set aside to assist military personnel and their families with urgent needs. Military personnel are eligible to apply for assistance upon referral from the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society.

EVENTS

- Career Day at Copper Mountain College, April 5, 8am-12pm;
- 13th Annual Arts Festival, April 7,8,9, 2006;
- Community Cleanup Day, 8am-12pm, April 8, 2006;
- Reach Out Morongo Basin Ribbon Cutting, April 13, 2006;
- Sky's the Limit Dinner Theatre, April 14, 2006;
- Chamber Board of Directors meeting, Thursday April 20th;
- Mixer, April 20th, 5pm-7pm, TBA;
- Action Council 29, BBQ, 11AM, April 22, 2006;

- Miss 29 Palms, 29 Palms Jr. High, April 22, 4:30pm;
- Serendipity Tea, Roughly Manor, April 30, 2006

HAPPY EASTER



Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce
Phone Call/Visitor Breakdown for the Month of March 2006

Subject	Phone Calls	Walk-Ins
Action Council	3	6
Art Galleries	3	10
Bank	1	1
Camping	5	5
Carnival	8	
Chamber Business	288	72
Demographics	2	
Developers	5	
Directions	20	10
Email Inquiry	26	
Employment Information	2	
Entertainment	30	
Gift Shop	8	
Golf	26	45
Information 411	64	
Internet Access		20
Job Information	3	
Joshua Tree N.P.	63	50
Kelso Depot Trip	13	
Laundromat		17
Lodging	66	57
Maps	6	13
Marine Base	9	5
Marketing	45	15
Miscellaneous	90	70
Mixers	21	9
Motorcycle Grand Prix	15	
Murals	30	8
Newspaper	1	5
Packet Requests (Relocation/Visitor)	9	
Phone Books		9
Pioneer Days	9	23
RealtorsRentals, Homes, Apartments, Business	16	21
Reporter	1	
Restaurants	38	30
Restroom		1
Road Conditions	1	25
Rodeo		
Room Rental		20
RV Parks	53	25
Spring Clean-up	8	
Street Fair/Car Show	41	15
Sunrunner Magazine	8	7
Transportation	7	25
Weather		4
Wild Flowers	16	15
TOTAL	1060	638

Packets Mailed

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STAFF REPORT
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To: City Council via City Manager
From: City Engineer and Community Development Director
Date: April 11, 2006
RE: Two Mile Road Widening and Overlay Project

RECOMMENDATION: Award Contract to Ficara Paving and Construction Inc. for the amount of \$459,193 for the "Two Mile Road Widening and Overlay Project."

DISCUSSION: On April 6, 2006, bids were received for the "Two Mile Road Widening and Overlay Project." The project includes reconstructing a portion of and overlaying with asphalt concrete (A.C.) paving Two Mile Road from Adobe Road to Sunrise Avenue. The widening on Two Mile Road will provide a continuous two-way left turn lane to enhance traffic safety for the residents that live along this section of Two Mile Road.

The scope of work for this contract includes labor only. The City has a separate contract with Matich to provide and transport asphalt concrete (A.C.) paving to the jobsite.

BACKGROUND: This project is in this fiscal year's budget and is consistent with the City Council's goal of utilizing Measure I, major arterial funds.

The following are the bid results:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Ficara Paving and Construction Inc.	\$459,193
Granite Construction Co.	\$733,612
Yeager Skanska Inc.	\$833,049
Matich Corporation	\$992,299
Hardy & Harper Inc.	\$1,263,755

After checking references, staff is satisfied that Ficara Paving and Construction Inc is qualified to do the work under this contract.