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City's streets to remain lit

MORENO VALLEY: The council OKs \$623,300 for lights through end of June, but it must find ways to cut costs.

BY LAURIE LUCAS
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All 8,500 residential streetlights will keep burning in Moreno Valley through the end of June while the council explores the legality and costs of removing some of the older poles to

save money.

The elected officials recently approved subsidizing streetlight services through the end of fiscal 2010-11 with \$623,300 from the general fund; and a \$52,000 loan to pay a lawyer to probe long-term solutions.

One remedy that interests the council is asking Southern California Edison to strategically take out poles on which the utility company levies no tariff — namely, the cheaper wooden models more than 10 years old.

In the meantime, frustrated council members said they were running out of time and money and needed to take immediate action.

The city spent \$400,000 in one year for two failed ballots in hopes of getting property owners to agree to increase fees by \$15 a year to support streetlights that are scattered throughout the community.

The general fund is a bit heavier than expected, thanks to a \$500,000 settlement, Financial Services Director Richard Teichert said.

The lighting expenses run about \$1.6 million a year, with \$625,000 "the magic number" to cover the rest of 2010-11, he said.

The expected shortfall for lighting services in 2011-12 is \$587,000.

"I would like to find a long-term solution by the time we get into 2012-13," Teichert said.

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Nathan Unterein, left, Payam Adloo and Jack Pritchett receive delivery of 430 pounds of donated Thanksgiving food items from Naval Surface Warfare Center's Chief Petty Officer Andra Hall and Lt. William Schindele at Corona-Norco Settlement House.

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NAVAL BASE EMPLOYEES SET RECORD FOR GIVING

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Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, employees have committed a record amount of their paychecks to the recently completed 2010 Combined Federal Campaign, the federally sanctioned program that funds local and national charities aiding veterans, the homeless, shoes for needy children and breast cancer research.

After tallying the results, the base's employees pledged \$123,110, a 12 percent increase over last year and a new record for the command, as part of nationwide fund-raising drive

that has raised more than \$6 billion for charities and foundations throughout the nation and abroad since established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

The base's parent command, the Naval Sea Systems Command, pledged \$6.4 million, more than a third of the Defense Department's \$17.2 million pledge.

There are 2,400 national and international foundations, plus another 40,000 local charities that benefit from the Combined Federal Campaign Foundation that ensures each dollar donated is helping individuals and charita-

ble efforts. Scores of these designated charities are in the Inland Empire, and NSWC Corona employees picked from among thousands of these charities to make their charitable commitments.

One of them is the Inland Empire's affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Donations from NSWC Corona employees, along with many other groups' donations, have provided \$4.5 million in grants to individuals since 1999, said the IE executive director Katie Parker. These grants help with the care of women battling breast cancer.

One local charitable organiza-

tion benefiting from donations to United Way, another charitable group NSWC Corona employees support, is the Corona-Norco Settlement House, which has provided food and sustenance to needy families since it was formed nearly 100 years ago to aid migrant farm workers in the citrus orchards.

Sally Carlson, executive director of the Settlement House, said the United Way donations she receives provide emergency funds to families evicted from their homes, while other donations provide shoes and coats to children in need.

Ladies Guild supports church, friendship

BY JENNIFER DEAN
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The Ladies Guild of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Banning is a force to be reckoned with.

This group of about 38 women holds three large fundraisers each year, raising nearly \$10,000 for the church, in addition to organizing a weekly food pantry and getting together for lunches and a yearly spiritual retreat.

The Ladies Guild, which has been around for more than 60 years, is planning for its annual rummage sale March 4-6 at the church. Donations for the sale began trickling in starting in October.

For about four months, several volunteers in the guild have been meeting twice a week to accept, clean and organize the donations that range from clothing to furniture to electronics.

"When we're done with the rummage sale, we still want to be together," said Lillian Moyer, guild president. "The fellowship and camaraderie of the group grows."

The guild's next project will be one of its two annual bake sales, which take place on Palm Sunday and a week before Thanksgiving.

"These aren't your average bake sales," Moyer said. "We make about \$1,000 from each sale."

Last year, the group raised about \$10,000 altogether. The funds were used to paint several doors at the church, buy chairs for the church's community center, to purchase a refrigerator at the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's sister church in Beaumont, and other odds and ends.

"We also support our seminarian Tyler Tripp, studying in San Antonio," Moyer said.

At the end of each year, the guild usually gathers for a potluck at one of the member's homes.

"We become so close," Moyer said. "We really develop a camaraderie."

Friends will follow soccer dreams together

BY TIM DUTTON
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Dale Howard and Cory Vanderpool certainly knew each other. They had been running in the same circles since age 6, had played together and against each other in baseball and soccer and had been coached by Dale's dad.

But it wasn't until both went to a soccer camp last summer at UC Berkeley, designed to give high school players a chance to be seen by college recruiters, that the high school senior rivals and club soccer teammates discovered they had a lot in common.

Relatively quiet until they get to

know someone. Serious about school and staying out of trouble. Dreaming about playing college soccer, and giving up other sports to make it happen.

So, as they walked through the streets of Berkeley, 450 miles and a world away from the streets of Murrieta, they found contact lens cleaning solution for Howard and a friendship that can survive little bumps.

Such as Howard's Murrieta Valley team beating Vanderpool's Vista Murrieta team 2-0 on Feb. 10 to grab the final playoff spot in the Southwestern League and end the Broncos' chances of their first post-

season trip.

This August, the two will head to Dominican University in San Rafael to play soccer. They'll also be roommates.

"It's awesome," said Howard's dad, Dale. "They've worked their rear ends off. It's been an amazing ride. It's just a blessing they can go to college together."

Vanderpool committed to Dominican in August. Howard took a little more time, heard good things from the Vanderpool family about the college, visited the campus and decided to go with his friend.

It was kind of natural, given that the families have known each other

for 10 years, played coed softball together and both athletes are thankful for the transportation and support Vanderpool's dad, Ryan, has provided through the years.

For both teenagers, a familiar face will help ease the move away from home. Especially for Howard, who's very close to his younger brother, Jake, a high school junior and teammate.

"It's gonna be weird going off to college because me and my brother are so close," Howard said. "We do everything together."

Said dad: "When Dale was named student of the month, he couldn't

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Vista Murrieta's Cory Vanderpool, left, and Murrieta Valley's Dale Howard are longtime friends who will play college soccer together.