

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update
06/14 to 06/20/10**

Police

Crime Data:

Property Thefts:

200 and 400 blocks of B Street (Vehicle)
600 block of Eagle (Vehicle)
1300 block of Waterford (Vehicle)
400 block Santa Clara (House)
600 block Highway 126 (Business)

Traffic Collisions:

B Street at 126 Non-injury
1000 block 126

Brandishing of Weapons:

800 block of Blaine (a subject used a knife)
300 block of Santa Clara (2 subjects, possible gang related)

Domestic:

300 block of Sespe

Fight:

900 block of 1st Street
900 block of Blaine Street
500 block of Central

Prowler:

400 block Mockingbird

Fireworks:

900 block 4th
C @ Sespe

Current Projects, Issues & Activities:

We are starting to see illegal fireworks calls. This pattern is seasonally predictable for this time of year. We have a zero tolerance policy.

Our Teen Explorers are having meetings at the Police Station in the evenings and are very energetic and a great addition to Fillmore Police.

Citizen's Patrol just had their meeting at the Police Station last week. There were 10 in attendance.

We have a College intern (Volunteer) working for 3 months at the Police Station. He works 16 hours a week, helping our detectives with caseloads.

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Goodwill was burglarized about two weeks ago. Cash was taken. Detectives have identified the suspect and will make an arrest.

Upcoming Issues/Events:

Preparing for the July Car Show and Fireworks programs.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation:

Alumni Banquet was a great success on June 12th at the Fillmore-Piru Memorial Building.

Upcoming Meetings:

Parks & Recreation Commission Month meeting will be held Monday, June 21st at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

A Joint City Council and Fillmore-Piru Memorial District meeting will be held on July 13th at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

4th of July Preparation & Activities:

TNT Fireworks Company held an orientation June 15th at the Senior Center for their booths for the 2010 Fireworks season.

TNT Fireworks Booths delivered on June 24th.

All Fireworks booths open on June 28th at NOON!

Pancake Breakfast on July 4th at the Fillmore-Piru Memorial Building from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

The Health Department is offering a kitchen training class at the Fillmore Senior Center on Thursday, June 17th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Recreation Updates:

All park shelters are rented every weekend during the month of June 2010.

Swim Lessons & Recreation Swim: started at the pool on Monday, June 14th. We have already had a great start with participants coming to the pool for both programs. Over 4,000 flyers for the pool summer programs were sent out to Fillmore Unified School District, Boys and Girls Club & the Storefront.

Men's Summer League and Co-ed Summer League: The deadline for applications is on July 9th. The new season is scheduled to start on Thursday, July 22nd & Friday July 23rd.

Fillmore Youth Raiders: will start their practices this season on July 19th at Two Rivers Park.

AYSO: will hold their games starting September 4th at Two Rivers Park and will hold their practices this season at Shiells Park and Delores Day Park.

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

Finance staff is working on day to day assignments, utility billing, accounts receivable, utility billing, accounts payable and payroll.

Staff is continuing development of the preliminary budget for the projected amended budget for FY 09-10 and new FY 10-11. As we develop the 2010-11 budget, we will be refining the revenue and expenditure projections for 2009-10. When the Midyear report was provided to the City Council, we knew that further refinement would be likely as newer staffing became more familiar with City operations and objectives. We know that budgeting is an ongoing process and subject to fluctuations from many directions, including the economy and unforeseen events.

The extent of the budget shortfall in the General Fund gives only a small glimpse of the overall picture. There are other funds, such as the Pool Fund and the Towne Theatre Fund, that have their own budgetary challenges because revenues do not match expenditure levels. To the extent that there is a revenue shortfall, a look at other potential sources is required. Typically a City will look at the General Fund to fill those gaps, but Fillmore's General Fund has its own revenue shortfall. Another potential source, as long as the use of the funds is within the regulations, is the Redevelopment Agency. Its challenge is a declining assessed value resulting in less property tax, the use of housing funds to recently pay for the take-away by the State with a requirement that the housing fund be paid back within five years, and an escalating debt service schedule. It is regrettable to see one fund after another suffering from the impacts of the economy. As the 2011 budget is refined and new estimates for 2010 are made, it is becoming clear that there is very little contingency left for unforeseen events. This is not an ideal way to develop estimates as it leaves no room for error. While conservative budgeting (estimating revenue low and expenditures high) is the ideal way to develop a budget, in Fillmore's case, it would be a luxury; a luxury Fillmore cannot afford.

The water refunding has been placed on hold until the City can conduct a 218 Hearing on the Water Rates. It has become very clear that a water rate increase will be needed in 2010-11 to provide the required income to support the water operation and the coverage needed for the debt service. It should further be added that the sewer fund is also having difficulty meeting its bond covenants and it is likely that a sewer rate increase will be required. The Finance Department is massaging the budget where possible, to minimize the increase that will be required. This is just one more challenge in producing a preliminary budget for the City. Unfortunately, the City Council will need to make some very hard decisions during budget deliberations.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Dept. ran 10 calls: 7 medicals, 1 Traffic accidents and 2 Public service call.

Very calm week for the City of Fillmore Fire Department.

Current Projects:

Disaster Preparedness: On July 21st at 1:30 pm, Disaster Coordinator Patrick Maynard is putting on a disaster presentation for City Employees in the Council Chambers.

Oxnard Fire Department training fire: Oxnard Fire Department will be conducting a live burn exercise on Friday, June 18th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the corner of D & River Streets. The Fillmore Fire Department will be helping Oxnard Fire with some operational tasks during this training exercise.

CPR Training: Fillmore Fire Department will be offering a CPR class on Thursday June 17th at the Fillmore Fire Station, 711 Sespe Place, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Mass Casualty Drill: Fillmore Fire Department participated in a mass casualty training exercise on Wednesday June 16th at Point Mugu Naval Base. They were among several Department from all over the County (Ventura County Fire, Oxnard Fire, Ventura Fire, Fed Fire and Santa Paula Fire) that took advantage of some great training on mass casualty. Our men and woman will be prepared for a large scale emergency in the City of Fillmore.

Worn U.S. Flags for Retirement: Flags flown within the City of Fillmore will be collected at Fillmore Fire stations and will be given to the Scout Troop 406 who will retire them properly in a quarterly ceremony held at the Boys Scout House at the end of Sespe Avenue. Firefighters have tremendous respect for the American flag. We're honored to accept these flags so they can be retired with the dignity our national symbol deserves.

Weed Abatement: Weed abatement is well on its way and a large amount of the lots are being taking care of. The Fire Chief has been in contact with owners who have not yet started their abatement and the majority has committed to complete their work. Field inventory inspections continue to occur and the number of outstanding properties is now under ten; further updates will be continue to be provided with weekly reports.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Regional Issues:

Greenbelt: The Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved the first reading of the Santa Paula/Fillmore Greenbelt Ordinance. The City of Fillmore and Santa Paula previous approved the ordinance.

Planning Applications:

Green Property: Planning Staff had a pre-application meeting with the applicant to discuss application requirements.

Aye Chihuahua Modification to CUP: The restaurant Aye Chihuahua submitted an application to modify the existing CUP for a beer and wine to add liquor sales. This issue is going before the Planning Commission on June 23. Notices have been mailed to all property owners within 300' and to the newspaper and there have been no public comment at this time.

Super A Foods: An application was submitted to expand the supermarket bakery shop into an adjacent vacant building. The adjacent vacant building is on a separate parcel owned by a different property owner. A recorded agreement between the two property owners must be completed prior to building permit issuance.

Business License Review:

A new restaurant is being proposed on Central Ave. that will require a resurfacing of a parking lot. The parking lot design is under review.

Temporary Use Permits:

Farmers Market: The Downtown Merchants and Association and City staff met with the property owner who is having a Farmers Market located at the Northeast corner of Central and Sespe Avenue. The Downtown Merchants Association are supportive of the Farmers Market.

Housing

401 Arundell Circle: The selected contractor has received the contract and City staff is awaiting signatures to the contract prior to beginning work.

Housing Rehab Application: A housing Rehab application was submitted and the property was inspected by the Building Official. The request for funding will be presented to the Redevelopment Agency.

Storefront Rehab Application: A property owner on Central Avenue has submitted an application for Storefront Rehabilitation Grant. The application is being reviewed and will be presented to the Finance Committee.

Building & Safety

Final Inspections:

Water Recycling Plant:

Corrections for the Building Official have not been completed. Building Official will need to contact Kennedy/Jenks to conduct final walk through.

Inspections:

1. Lath Inspection on Santa Clara.
2. Mechanical on Ventura
3. Vapor removal equipment on Central Ave.
4. Housing Inspection for Housing Rehab Grant application.

Building Permit issuance:

1. Plumbing permit on Ventruea St.
2. Reroof permit on Fourth St.
3. Housing Remodel on First St.

Code Enforcement

Illegal Satellite dish:

Applicant submitted plans per Code Enforcement letter.

Surrey Way:

Property owner has not yet responded to the notice to get a permit. The deadline has passed and a notice will be sent.

No Building Permits:

Mountain View – no permits:

Permits are being processed for the work that was done without permits. The property owner is also seeking an auto-repair business and that will require a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Planning Commission.

Waterford:

The property is preparing plans for submittal work that was done without permits and is getting a demolition permit.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

CAPE Seal Project: The placement of the first course of the CAPE seal began this week. The first layer is a Type III slurry which is very coarse. Next week the second layer will be applied which is a Type I which is very fine. Then a week later we will stripe the streets and finish the project.

Pedestrian Detection Pads: The pedestrian detection pads for the lighted cross walk were installed on Monday near La Unica Market. The pad on the south side is not functional yet. There is some problem with the controller for the lights. We have requested a technician with Light Guard, the manufacturer of the system, to make a visit and repair the controller.

Budget Effort: Public Works has been working closely this week with Finance to finish the Water and Sewer Rate analysis and finalize budget revisions with the many reductions in revenues. We will soon have results to share with the City Council.