

City of Fillmore Weekly Update
06/21 to 06/27/10

Police

Crime Data:

6-16-2010

700 block A Street, FI. A citizen advised that he was chased by 24 year old suspect and struck in the head with a sling-type weapon. The adult victim received a welt on his head and did not seek medical treatment. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon 245 PC and booked at the jail.

6-17-2010

A 35 year old Fillmore resident drove her vehicle off the roadway at a hair-pin turn and plunged about 100 feet into Lake Piru. The vehicle settled in under water. Fillmore Deputies responded to assist with the rescue. Sheriff Deputies donned dive gear and were able to recover the victim from the vehicle. She was pronounced dead at the scene. The coroner was notified. The CHP is handling the investigation.

6-17-2010

200 Block Casner Way - Federal agents served an arrest warrant at a residence. After gaining entry and taking their female suspect into custody on fraud charges, they noticed a large cache of illegal firearms belonging to the husband. Fillmore detectives responded and assumed responsibility for the assault firearms investigation. The thirty-one year old suspect possessed a total of 79 firearms; 18 of which were illegal assault rifles. He was arrested on weapons charges.

6-19-2010

911 Request / Dog Attack - 800 block 4th Street, Fillmore -A citizen reported that he and his dog had been attacked by what he believed to be a pitbull. Deputies located the pitbull and transported it to the Fillmore station. Ventura Animal Control was advised and responded to the Fillmore station where it was picked up. It was also determined that no humans were bitten during the incident only the citizen's dog.

6-20-2010

400 block Clay St. A 26 year old male adult called 911 to report he was involved in a domestic incident with his pregnant (8 month) girlfriend. Ensuing investigation revealed that the girlfriend caused visible injuries to the male. The girlfriend was subsequently taken into custody for domestic violence and taken to the St. Johns Hospital and admitted as childbirth may be imminent.

6-22-2010

Suicidal Subject. A male Fillmore citizen stated that his ex-girlfriend called him and made suicidal statements. She reportedly had taken an unknown quantity of "pills". Our Deputies used cell phone triangulation to locate the girlfriend on the Ventura Pier and were able to get police to her and save her life. She was taken to the hospital.

Upcoming Issues/Events:

Citizen Patrol and our Explorer Post are preparing for 4th of July events.
The Police Department attended the Cabrillo farm worker housing grand opening.
The Police Station is using two college volunteer interns for helping out with workload.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation:

The FY 2009/2010 is coming to an end and all of the building maintenance is being completed at all the buildings.

Park rentals are in full swing for the summer months almost every Saturday is booked for rentals in July & August 2010.

Men's League is coming to a close on Thursday, June 24, 2010, we postponed last weeks' games due to the LAKERS playoff game. (All the coaches and players were happy about that)

Men's Summer League will start on July 22, 2010.

Co-ed League is coming to a close on Friday, June 25, 2010.

Co-ed Summer League will start on Friday, July 23, 2010.

Recreation Swim and Swim Lessons are in full swing for the summer. Both programs have been a very big success this year with a big turnout in both programs.

Monday, June 28th at 12:00 noon the Fillmore Senior Center Fireworks Booth opens for business. The fireworks booths will be open starting June 28th at noon through July 5th at noon. Please support the Fillmore Senior Center Fireworks Booth.

Movie in Central Park at dusk on July 2, 2010 come and join the fun!

Two Rivers Park will be opening on Friday, July 2, 2010.

1st Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

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. The 2010/11 Preliminary Budget does not include any payback to the housing fund. 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 20 calls: 11 medicals, 4 Investigations, 2 Fire alarms, 1 Assault and 2 Public service calls.

Current Projects:

4th of July week: Fillmore Fire Department is getting ready for the 2010, 4th of July week. Fire Department will be distributing posters to all of our retailers throughout the City and will also be displaying large banners to inform Fillmore residents of the dangers and fines that come with possessing and discharging illegal Fireworks.

Fireworks booths: Starting on Thursday June 24th you will be seeing our yearly fireworks booths being placed along Ventura Street starting at the east end of the City of Fillmore and ending on the west end of the City of Fillmore. All of these booths will also be taking delivery of all of their fireworks starting on Sunday, June 27th. The Fire Chief will be on duty all day on Sunday the 27th to make sure everything runs smoothly and everyone stays safe.

Fire Department training: Fillmore Fire Department sent 10 of our firefighter to a State Fire Control 3 training. This training consisted of 2 days of intense class room studies and 1 day of

live fire training. This training was at no cost to the City of Fillmore (paid by each of the firefighters). Hats off to all of them for their commitment and dedication to Fillmore City Fire Department and 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 requirements have been almost fully satisfied by property owners. A field inventory inspection will take place on Wednesday, June 23rd to check on the few remaining properties, with a follow-up to the owners planned. Further updates will continue to be provided with weekly reports.

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.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Planning Applications:

Business Park Modification

Some of the property owners in the Business Park requested City Council approved Conditions of Approval to be modified. The property owners requested the City Council to take action on the modification on July 13. However, the City Council and the property owners we explained that the proper process is to have the Planning Commissioners make a recommendation to the City Council.

First 1/3 Retail:

The City Council decision was to direct staff to study this issue but limit the scope of work to reduce the area of the "Core" and not change permitted uses.

Green Property:

Planning Staff has been meeting with the property owner to discuss parking and ADA requirements for the proposed auto-repair business. No application has been submitted yet.

Aye Chihuahua Modification to CUP:

The Planning Commission approved the Modification of the CUP to allow for liquor to be served at the restaurant.

Housing:

401 Arundell Circle:

Contracted has been signed to repair the unit.

GIS Training

Planners received free training by SCAG on the GIS system.

Building & Safety

Inquiries:

The Building Department is researching the fees for the Business Park consultant of the Plan Check Fees and Building Permit Fees for the Perry Ranch and Coe properties.

Final Inspections:

Water Recycling Plant:

Kennedy/Jenks submitted a reply to the Certificate of Occupancies and is working with the Building Official to complete the punch list.

Inspections:

1. Electrical/plumbing/roofing/wiring on Ventura St. for a vending machine.
2. Roofing on Third St.
3. Framing/mechanical/wiring/plumbing on Blaine.

Building Permit issuance:

1. 300 Santa Clara to replace windows/plumbing and doors.
2. Demolition permit for illegal unit.
3. Reroof on Fine St. and on Third St.
4. Construction of a new detached garage on Third St.

Code Enforcement

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.

Illegal additions on Lora Lane

Notifications were sent to the property owner and Certified notice and order was mailed to advise the property owner that there are illegal building additions.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

A Street/Railroad Storm Drain: The storm drain under the railroad tracks on A Street has collapsed. It was constructed sometime in the early 20th century. It is made of railroad ties stacked vertically with railroad ties laid across the top to create a storm drain. The railroad ties have rotted out. The drain is located on the east side of A Street just north of the tracks. Public Works will install some of our surplus storm drain pipe to replace the railroad ties and have it ready when A Street is paved in a couple of weeks.

Public Works Maintenance: Two leaky galvanized water services were replaced one of the repairs had to be done on overtime. The Well 8 motor is up and running with its new bearings.

RWQCB Inspection of WRP The RWQCB conducted it's first inspection of the Water Recycling Plant on Wednesday. The inspection went well and the comments were very positive. The Board Staff indicated they would like the City to join with United Water, City of Santa Paula and Piru to prepare a ground water assimilation study for salts and nutrients. The study is supposed to be completed by 2014.

Two Rivers Park: Staff met with the contractor on Two Rivers Park Wednesday. He will be fertilizing the grass on Thursday and watering it in over the weekend with the temporary sprinklers. The temporary sprinklers will be removed Monday June 28th. Additional water will be applied to eliminate the brown areas which were due to damaged sprinklers.

City Manager

Solid Waste: City Manager and Interim Finance Director met with the Harrison Company on Tuesday. The firm submitted a letter to the City this week requesting a pass-through rate increase due to notification by the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (Toland) that the tipping rates were going to be increased. The request is for an increase of 1.6 percent for residential and 1.7 percent for commercial. This is simply a pass-through because of the tipping-fee increase, Harrison is not seeking an operational rate increase. Also, the subject of having Street Sweeping added to the Harrison bill was discussed. In addition, although by Ordinance residents are required to use Harrison, in practice, it does not appear to be happening. The fewer the residents who participate, the higher the costs because there is a smaller base over which to spread the costs. This item will be discussed during Budget deliberations.

Small Business Workshop on Monday, June 28, 2010: There will be a second workshop on Monday, June 28 from 7-9 am in City Hall. The title of this workshop is "Planning and Financial Management for Business Success". This workshop follows the successful June 21 workshop where approximately 22 people attended. Thanks to Linda Diaz (staff), the Chamber and the Economic development Collaborative for putting on this event.

Budget: The budget will be rolled out on Monday, June 28, 2010. It will be on the City website and a copy will be available in the Clerk's Office and Library for public review. The Council will have its copy delivered.