

City of Fillmore Weekly Update
07/05 to 07/11/10

Police

Crime Data:

We had a busy week for law enforcement.

There was a gang disturbance on B street at 4th. A North Fillmore gang suspect fired at least 7 rounds of 45 caliber at a passing car with suspected gang members. No injuries. We have our gang and homicide unit investigating. We have received some leads and believe this to be an issue with two Fillmore gangs.

We took in 14 pounds of prescription narcotics that citizens turned into the station.

No serious block party issues.

No reported injuries from fireworks.

Primary Firework Complaint Streets:

Given in "blocks"

El Paseo

River (5)

900 1st

South C Street

North C Street

200 Santa Clara

500 Saratoga

600 Santa Clara

500 Foothill

Fights:

Given in "blocks"

700 4th street

900 3rd street

Los Padres at C Street

3rd Street

Boulder

Mallard at Sespe

200 Casner

Thefts:

Given in "blocks"

1200 El Paseo

800 4th (2)

300 Bridlewood (car)

400 2nd

Domestics:

Given in "blocks"

1100 Howard

300 Fillmore

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400 Clay
400 Blaine
600 Ventura
300 1st
400 Fillmore

Car Accidents:
Given in "blocks"
A at Ventura Non Injury
100 Surrey Way Non Injury
800 3rd street Non Injury Hit and run
A at Sespe Non Injury
B at Ventura Non Injury
Clay at Ventura Non Injury
200 East Telegraph Non Injury

Burglaries:
Given in "blocks"
900 Ventura (fireworks)
700 Del Valle (car)
B at Goodenough (car)

Upcoming Issues/Events:

Police Explorers worked the car show and provided a presence for helping the public during the event. It was a great event with no thefts this year. We believe it was from the presence of all the volunteer explorers in the parking areas.

During this year's fireworks season, the police department wrote 14 fireworks citations for possession of or discharging illegal fireworks.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation:

Business as usual for the facilities.

Parks are booked every weekend during the months of July, August & September.

Ribbon Cutting for Two Rivers Park was on Friday, July 2, 2010 and soccer teams are using the fields for practice as of Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

Fillmore Youth Football will be using Two Rivers Park for their practice field during their season. Starting July 19, 2010 – December 3, 2010.

AYSO will be using Shiells Park and Delores Day Park for their practices and their games will be played at Two River Park.

Swim Lessons are in full swing every class is full during session one & two.

Men's Summer League softball application deadline is Friday, July 9, 2010.

Co-ed Summer League softball application deadline is Friday, July 9, 2010.

Men's Summer League is scheduled to start Thursday. July 22, 2010.

Co-ed Summer League is scheduled to start Friday, July 23, 2010.

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 gearing up for year end and the audit by preparing the schedules needed by the auditors and performing reconciliations on certain general ledger accounts.

Staff completed the preliminary budget for the projected amended budget for FY 09-10 and new FY 10-11. The Proposed Budget was delivered (or mailed) to each City Councilmember on Monday, June 28 and placed on the City's website that same day.

As we developed the 2010-11 budget, we refined 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. We know that budgeting is an ongoing process and subject to fluctuations from many directions, including the economy and unforeseen events. The estimates provided by each department for fiscal year 2009/2010, while not adopted by the City Council, are being taken into consideration as spending winds down for the fiscal year. If a department exceeds their estimate, they are being reminded of the "promise" they made and are having to find the funding elsewhere within their budget. It will be a major accomplishment if departments are able to stay within the "promise" they made during the development of the 2009/10 estimates included in the budget.

The extent of the budget shortfall in the General Fund gives only a small glimpse of the overall picture. There are five other funds,; the Street and Drain (Gas Tax) Fund, the Pool Fund, the Recreation Fund, the Town Theater Fund and one of the DIF funds, that have their own budgetary challenges because they are ending 2010/11 in the red. 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 disheartening to see one fund after another suffering from the impacts of the economy. As the 2011 budget was refined and new estimates for 2010 were developed, it became 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 or unforeseen events. 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 Bond 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 that a sewer rate increase will be required. The City Council will also need

to make a decision about the master fee schedule where literally every fee is being examined and the refuse rates charged by the hauler. The City Council will be asked to discuss the possibility of adding street sweeping to the refuse bill, which will cost each rate payer \$1 to \$1.50 per month additional. Unfortunately, the City Council will need to make some very hard decisions during budget deliberations from every fee and rate to reduction in service levels to possible reductions in staffing to get the City's finances back on track.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Dept. ran 28 calls: 11 medicals, 2 Investigations, 1 Tree Fire, 4 Traffic collisions, 1 Vehicle Fire, 1 Fire Alarm, 7 Refuse Fires and 1 Public Service calls.

Current Projects:

4th of July week: 4th of July week ran smoothly. The Fire Department ran a total of 28 call and was able to handle them with no problems. Illegal fire work usage was down from the years past.

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.

Ready, Set, Go!: Fillmore residents and homeowners across the County will have the opportunity to talk directly to Fire Chief Rigo Landeros and County Fire Chief Bob Roper and learn whether their home is at risk from a wildfire.

Computer mapping programs will be used for residents who want to show the Chiefs where they live and ask their opinion on the risk they face. Instruction will also be given on the Ready, Set, Go! Wildfire Preparedness program.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Planning Applications:

Business Park Modification

A special Planning Commission public hearing has been set for July 12 and a City Council public hearing for July 20. Staff has been working on preparing staff reports, resolutions and conditions of approval for the four projects requesting modifications.

Super A Foods Expansion

Super A Foods has submitted a Development Permit application to expand their business into the adjacent property and building to add a bakery to the supermarket. The application is currently being reviewed by City Staff.

Storefront Rehab:

405 Santa Clara St – Fillmore Auto Electric – The applicant is requesting financial assistance for exterior improvements to the former Texaco Gas station structure. This item is scheduled for consideration by the Loan Review Committee on July 14, 2010.

501 Santa Clara St – Double AA Café – The applicant is requesting financial assistance for exterior improvements to the commercial structure located at the corner of Central Avenue and Santa Clara St. This item is scheduled for consideration by the Loan Review Committee on July 14, 2010.

275 Central Ave – Bella's Teas & Treats – The applicant submitted an incomplete application for financial assistance to install new signage and awnings. This item will be brought forward to a future Loan Review Committee meeting.

Housing Rehabilitation:

955 Blaine Avenue – The applicant is requesting financial assistance to fund critical work needed to repair roofing, plumbing and ventilation amongst other issues. This item is scheduled for consideration by the Loan Review Committee on July 14, 2010.

Temporary Use Permits:

Iglesia Cristiana de Fillmore – 808 River Street – Church submitted a TUP application for a community event on Saturday July 31st, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff is currently working to complete conditions of approval for the event.

Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc – Central Park, corner of Central Ave & Main St. Clinicas has submitted an application to hold a health fair on Sunday August 8th, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff received this application on July 7th, 2010 and will begin its review with City Staff.

Building & Safety

The Building Official is on vacation. All inspections will be consolidated to certain days and inspections will be conducted by California Code Check.