

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update
1/17 to 1/23/11**

JANUARY CITY HALL CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on Friday, January 7, Friday, January 21, and Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Holiday). The closure schedule is posted on the City's website, Channel 10, doors, kiosk, Senior Center, and the Library.

Police

Crime Data:

Traffic Collisions:

Non-injury A Street / Ventura Street
Hit & run/non-injury 500 block Sespe Avenue
Non-injury 800 block 5th Street

Domestics:

400 block Fillmore Street
300 block Blaine Avenue
800 block Santa Fe Street
200 block Orange Grove Avenue
200 block Sheffield Lane
100 block Main Street
100 block Bridlewood Lane

Thefts:

300 block Elkwood Court
300 block Market Street

Shots fired:

700 block River Street (Being investigated, no injuries)

Burglaries:

100 block Santa Clara Street
400 block Saratoga Street
900 block 3rd Street

*NOTE:

We have a burglar that is working on the east side of town (East of Central). This is a serious quality of life issue and detectives are working full time on catching this thief. The Chief is assigning the two gang officers to assist them for the week. We are doing probation search-sweeps in the area.

The burglar has hit Element computers and numerous houses and cars.

Current Projects:

Police Explorers Update:

Fillmore Police Explorers returned from Chandler Arizona with a first place in teen explorer competitions. They competed against hundreds of explorers from all over the Western USA. They entered the National Competition as an under dog and brand new. They beat every team in the Sheriff Dept, County and western region. We are very proud....GO FILLMORE!!!!

They are working feverishly on sponsoring the Forth of July Car Fillmore Show and Chile Cook-off. The Police Explorers may be receiving help to put on this event for 20,000 visitors from the Chamber.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Facilities:

Business as usual at all the buildings.

Parks:

Shiells Park:

Shiells Park and Two Rivers Park are busy with youth and adult soccer practices and games.

Fillmore Girls Softball will be holding tri-outs on Saturday, January 29, 2011, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Recreation:

Softball:

Men's League slo-pitch softball is held on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Co-ed League is held on Friday nights from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Gearing up to re-open the Fillmore Aquatics Facility on Monday, February, 7th, Lap Swim will begin at 6:30 am – 8:00 am. Watch for an upcoming events schedule.

Youth Basketball:

Youth Basketball just finished the 4th week into the season, there are some really good athlete's coming up through the program.

Dance Classes:

Ballet and Jazz classes are held at the Senior Center on Thursday's from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.; ages 3 to 8 years old.

Towne Theatre:

Fillmore Towne Theatre had 47 people in attendance the weekend of January 14th – 16th.

Finance

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

The utility billing staff has been diligently working on implementation of the new utility rates and the nuances related to the billing system related thereto.

The budget is completed and will be distributed this week.

The Finance Director presented a five-year projection for the Fillmore Redevelopment Agency showing that certain steps will be necessary to provide adequate funding for repayment of its debt over the next five years. One of the areas is the services provided to the Redevelopment Agency by the General Fund. Since projects and subsequent need for services by the General Fund will be reduced as the activity lessens, the General Fund will receive a reducing amount of transfer from the RDA each year over the next four years. This reduction in income to the General Fund will create additional challenges as the General Fund struggles to stay in balance. There is about a \$2 million shortfall when you look at the General Funds costs compared to income and include a number of other funds that rely on the General Fund to meet their shortfalls such as the Pool Fund and the Towne Theatre Fund.

Monday, January 24, 2011 is Anita Lawrence's official last day (although she will be asked to do some special projects). Her parting words are:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to work in the City of Fillmore. It has been a challenging 13 months and I do hope my contributions have been positive for the City. The City has so many great assets. I see them first as the beautiful setting provided by Mother Nature. Secondly, the community is clearly engaged in Fillmore's local government and knows that the City Council is interested in their thoughts. The City Council members seem passionate about the well-being of the City. Finally, the staff have been great to work with and I have enjoyed a great deal of support from the City Manager, the Department Heads and the Finance Department during my short time here. I truly believe that the differences I have witnessed can be bridged in a positive way to make Fillmore everything it can be.

Upcoming in the Finance Department:

The Financial Statements for the City of Fillmore will be published within the next two weeks.

Finance staff is beginning to plan for the midyear report. Anita Lawrence will be assisting in that process.

Staff has received the approved consultant agreement from the City Attorney for the investment advisory services approved by the City Council and the agreement was forwarded to the consultant. The agreement is now fully executed. The City's investment policy was reviewed and suggested changes have been received. This item will be taken to the Finance Committee first and then on to the City Council, probably after the new Finance Director is hired.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Department ran 26 calls: 16 Medicals, 3 Traffic Collisions, 1 Structure Fire, 2 Fire Alarm, 1 Vehicle Fire and 3 Public service.

No major events, everything is running like clockwork.

Current Projects:

Goal planning meeting:

Fillmore Fire Department officers will be meeting on Jan.19th to set goals and training schedules for 2011.

Medical calls:

Fillmore Fire Department is running on a large amount of medical calls due to the start of the cold weather and cold and flu season. Reminder to everyone washes your hands with often.

Community Development Department

Planning Department:

Entitlements:

Development Permit 1-11:

A trailer business was issued a Development Permit for outdoor sales located at B and Hwy 126

Building and Safety

Plan Check:

1. Routine inspections for the week consist of
 - HVAC unit on Yucca Drive
 - Reroofing on Mountain View Street
 - Electrical panel replacement on Fourth Street
 - Siding replacement on Howard Street
 - Plumbing & Electrical on McNab Circle
2. We have issued three building permits over the counter
3. Received two code enforcement complaints this week.

City Manager Office:

New Finance Director: Glenda Jay will be joining the City as its new Finance Director on Monday, January 24, 2011. Ms Jay has approximately thirty years of experience as a Finance Director in a variety of cities. Ms. Lawrence has given the City a head start on facing fiscal challenges before us and will be a hard act to follow. Fortunately for Fillmore, Ms. Jay is up to challenge. Please join us in welcoming her to the City!

Public Works: Bert Rapp has accepted a new position with a District and this is his last week. Bert will be greatly missed—both for his passion for the City of Fillmore and his expertise. He is a

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committed and tireless City employee who exemplifies public service. Our loss is the district's gain and I wish Bert the very best in his new job.