

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update**  
**1/3 to 1/9/11**

**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.

**Film Commission Vacancies**

The City is seeking applicants for two seats on the Film Commission. Interested persons should submit an application by Monday, January 11, 2011 at 5pm to City Hall, Attn. Angela Mumme. For more info, please call (805) 524-1500 ext. 214.

**Police**

**Crime Data:**

Traffic Collision:

A Street/Goodenough Road

Domestic:

300 block C Street  
800 block 4th Street

Theft:

500 block Ventura Street  
600 block Ventura Street  
600 block Chaparral  
400 block Santa Clara Street  
600 block Yucca Drive X 2  
800 block Ventura Street  
200 block Sheffield Lane  
700 block Ventura Street

Burglaries:

800 block Ventura Street X 2

**Current Projects:**

Police Explorers Update:

The Fillmore Police Explorers go to Chandler Arizona for a National teen explorer competition from January 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup> (9 Explorers and 3 Deputy Advisors).

Every 15 Minutes Program:

All Council and City staff invited to view the teen education program, "Every 15 minutes" It will be at 1 p.m. on January 24<sup>th</sup> on Second Street at the high school baseball field area.

This is an anti-drunk driving program for Seniors and Juniors. It is sponsored by the Police and Fire Departments and the School District. It will be interactive. It is a National campaign aimed at reducing teen deaths.

## **Facilities, Parks & Recreation**

### **Facilities:**

Business as usual at all the buildings.

### **Parks:**

#### **Shiells Park:**

Parks have been closed on and off for the last two weeks due to the heavy rains.

### **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.

#### **Youth Basketball:**

Youth Basketball will start up again on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after two weeks of being off for the holidays.

#### **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:**

The attendance at the theatre for the weekend of December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was 18 people.

## **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.

### **Upcoming in the Finance Department:**

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.

The Budget will finally be distributed next week. The delay revolved around a request to show the actuals for 2010 and it takes several months for those actuals to get recorded at year end.

The City's fulltime employees are now all receiving cuts in pay towards furlough hours that must be taken between now and June 30, 2011. After June 30, 2011, a new furlough goal will be implemented and employees will have until June 30, 2012 to take additional furlough hours. This sacrifice will help the City in meeting its financial challenges, but the gap is so large that it will take additional efforts next fiscal year to balance the City's budget.

The Redevelopment Agency Audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 was presented to the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at it December 14 meeting. Pending are the audit reports for the City of Fillmore, the Senior Center and the Veterans Memorial District.

Finance staff is beginning to plan for the mid-year report. It is not yet clear whether the report will be prepared by the new Finance Director or whether Interim Finance Director Anita Lawrence will be ask to assist 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.

Payroll is gearing up for year end payroll reporting and preparing the W-2's which are due January 31, 2011. It has also been busy in Payroll with staff trying to determine how to account for the furlough.

## **Fire Department**

### **Calls:**

Fire Department ran 61 calls: 49 Medicals, 2 Traffic Collisions, and 1 Structure Fire, 3 Fire Alarm, 5 Public service and 1 Assault.

### **Current Projects:**

#### **Goal planning meeting:**

Fillmore Fire Department officers will be meeting on Jan.19<sup>th</sup> 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 – Wash your hands often.

#### **Structure Fires:**

Fillmore City Fire responded to a structure fire in Santa Paula on Sat. Dec.18<sup>th</sup>. Fillmore Fire Department and Santa Paula Fire Department have a mutual aid agreement. This agreement allows each Department to help one other out with no cost to the Cities.

Fillmore Fire also responded to the City of Piru for a structure fire on 12/28/2010. Fillmore Fire assisted Ventura County Fire with extinguishing 5 structures that were on fire at an abandoned labor camp that is located on the 4000 Block of Center St. in Piru.

## **Community Development Department**

### **Planning Department:**

#### Entitlements:

Development Permit 11-1, 847 Ventura, Trailer business:

The property site is being reviewed for new outdoor trailers sales.

Minor Conditional Use Permit 10-01; Sespe Ind. Park:

A noticed Administrative Public Hearing was held and the project was approved. The project consists of allowing outdoor storage with conditions to improve the property with screening.

Screening 10-2, Chevron/Texaco:

The old Texaco Refinery site is now owned by Chevron and they are asking the City what the City would like to see on the property. This "application" is being reviewed by the Planning Commission on January 19 and City Council on February 8, 2011. This property is not in the City limits and any feedback provided is not binding. If Chevron decides to pursue annexation in the future, the process requires considerable detail to be provided by the applicant and a number of mandatory public hearings. The "public meeting" currently being advertized by Chevron is not through the City of Fillmore and Chevron has been requested to make this clear.

#### KB Home:

The KB Home Participation Agreement was extended by the City Council for 2 months. The Planning Commission will review the project to determine if the project is considered active or inactive.

### **Building and Safety**

#### Plan Check:

Capital Pacific:

Capital Pacific submitted construction plans and fees for plan check to 15 units.

#### Shah residential:

Zahid Shah submitted construction plans and fees for plan check. Please remember that the project will need to go back to the City Council to correct inconsistencies between the DDA and the entitlement.

### **Public Works**

Public Works staff has taken down the Christmas decorations, picked up some of the less critical sandbags that had been placed when the large storm was forecast, repaired 6 water leaks and working hard on the large amount of graffiti that occurred during the holiday weeks.

Well #5 Pumping Problem: The pumping rate of Well #5 has dropped from 1,900 gallons a minute to 1,400 GPM since July. Staff has prepared an item for Council consideration on January 11, 2011 to fund pulling the well and determining the source of the problem.

Well #9 Water Quality: The water quality testing for Well #9 revealed higher levels than expected for hardness and Manganese. The Manganese is over the maximum contaminant level set the State Health Department. This is a secondary contaminant and not a health risk. When the maximum contaminant level is exceeded it will sometimes require notices to the customers and can also require the use of filters for source reduction.

Middle School Drip Hose Repair: Union Engineering lowered the high drip tubes on the Middle School playground the week between Christmas and New Years. The repair went well. The next task on the Middle School Playground is for City Staff to do a final proofing of each zone to assure they are all functioning correctly and level the sod to smooth it out where prior repairs were made and some settlement has occurred.