

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update
12/13 to 12/19/10**

PROPOSED CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

As part of the budget furloughs, **City Hall is scheduled to be closed for part of the holidays.** City Hall will be open for two days Christmas week and two days during the New Year's week. The holidays are typically very quiet. The plan is to **close** Wednesday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 28, 2009. City Hall will be **open** December 20, 21, 29 and 30, 2010. This proposed schedule is posted on the City's website, Channel 10, doors, kiosk, Senior Center, Library and will advertised in the papers.

ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS:

Due to the scheduled City Hall closures during the Christmas holiday season, service requests for new or terminating water and sewer service will only be available on December 20 and 21 (Monday and Tuesday) or December 29 and 30 (Wednesday and Thursday). Please contact Utility Billing directly at 805-524-1500 ext. 136 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Police

Crime Data:

Traffic Collision:

400 Central - Non Injury

Domestic:

200 Sespe

800 4th

B @ Wileman

900 Blaine

200 Orange Grove

200 Rhodes

Theft:

Highschool

900 Arrasmith (House Burglary)

200 D

600 Ventura

300 Main

200 Waterford

300 Fillmore

500 Sespe

400 Central

Stolen Vehicle:

500 Mockingbird

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700 Edison
A @ Santa Clara

Gang:

We had a shots fired call at 4th and A Streets. It appears that it was a gang disturbance. The City Gang Unit is investigating. No known victims.

Fatal Car Accident:

On December 15th at about 6:15 a.m. a Fillmore pedestrian was crossing Highway 126 from north to south using the Central - Hwy126 crosswalk. He was struck by a car driven eastbound on Highway 126. The pedestrian was pronounced dead on scene. The investigation is continuing and the Fillmore Police Traffic Unit is investigating.

Current Projects:

Holiday Party:

Our festive Police Holiday party was held Saturday night at the Towne Theater. About 70 people attended the pot luck dinner and Mega Mind Movie. Nearly every Fillmore Officer and their families attended. Santa visited and gifts were given out to 25 children. There was no taxpayer costs associated with the party and the Town Theater was rented for the event.

North Fillmore Christmas Event:

Don't forget to attend the event at the North Fillmore Police station on December 21st at 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Explorers Update:

Our teen explorers assisted with the Piru community Christmas parade. They handed out nearly 1,000 books to Piru and Fillmore children, promoting our Sheriff Literacy campaign to prevent crime.

La Clinicas Toy Drive:

Fillmore Police Officers attended the toy event on Central Avenue. Police staff handed out stickers and had a fun day with the children waiting in line for toys.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Facilities:

Business as usual at all the buildings.

During the month of December, Facilities will be doing yearly maintenance on the buildings.

Parks:

Shiells Park:

AYSO is using Shiells Park and Two Rivers Park for the daily practices Monday – Friday with games on Saturday's.

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 started on Saturday, December 11th, both gyms ran very smoothly and the kids and parents had a lot of fun and enjoyed watching the games.

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:

Citizens Patrol held two free showings on Saturday, December 11th, with 600 children in attendance.

Fillmore Police Department held their annual Christmas Party on evening of Saturday, December 11th, with 75 people in attendance.

Fillmore Middle School had a special showing on Wednesday, December 15th with 231 children in attendance.

San Cayetano Elementary School will have a special showing on Thursday, December 16th, 125 children are scheduled to attend.

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 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 its 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 midyear report. It is not yet clear whether the report will be prepared by the new Finance Director or whether Anita Lawrence will be asked to assist in that process.

Mike Ogden has served the City very well over the past eight months, but has now retreated back into retirement. He said he would be available in the future should the City need his assistance. Special thanks to Mike for all of his hard work.

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 the preparations of 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 25 calls: 16 Medicals, 2 Traffic Collisions, 1 Structure Fire, 2 Fire Alarm, 1 Vehicle Fire and 2 traumatic Injuries.

Current Projects:

Toy Drive:

This year's Toy Drive will be held on Sunday, December 19th at Fillmore Fire Station 91 located at 711 Sespe Place. Bring a new toy valued at \$10.00 or more and receive a Chicken Dinner. Hours are from 4:00 pm thru 7:00 pm.

Annual Visit from Santa Clause at North Fillmore Police Storefront:

Santa will be making his annual visit to the North Fillmore Police Storefront on Tuesday, December 21st. Watch for more information as Santa finalizes his Fillmore travel plans!

Community Development Department

Planning Department:

Entitlements:

El Dorado Mobile Home Park Conversion:
City Council approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map 5844 subject to Conditions of Approval regarding flood plain submittal requirements prior to recordation.

KB Home:

The KB Home Participation Agreement was extended by the City Council for 2 months. The next step of the project is to determine if the project is considered active.

Building and Safety

Code Enforcement:

The City Council determined that the Grad Night Live containers are not permitted on Orange Grove right-of-way until the easement has been vacated. The direction of the City Council is for City staff to begin the proceeding for a General Plan Amendment to the Circulation Element and surveying of land to be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Public Works

Miscellaneous Public Works Crew activities:

The Public Works Staff is preparing for the rain coming this weekend by cleaning catch basins, filling sand bags and sharpening chain saws and tuning the tree chipper. There was a sewer lateral blockage in the alley west of Central Avenue behind the Maggie Apartments. Saticoy Lemon needed to work on their Reduced Pressure Back Flow Preventer and they did not have an isolation valve to separate them from the City water mains. Public Works crew had to turn off water to an entire block on Sespe Avenue so they could install a valve and then do the repairs. A new slide was installed in Meadowlark Park.

Middle School Sub Surface Drip:

The Contractor has scheduled to replace shallow drip tubes on December 20th through 23rd while the students are out of school.

**Happy Holidays Everyone!!!
Weekly Update will resume in 2011**