

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update
02/20 to 02/26/10**

Police

Crime Data:

Theft:

1226 Block El Paseo
800 Block Sespe
100 Block Oliver
El Dorado Mobilehome Park
600 Block River
Vons Shopping Center

Fight:

700 Block A
500 Block Old Telegraph
400 Block Arundell
400 Block Saratoga
Von' Shopping Center
500 Block Saratoga

Traffic Collisions:

Injury 126 @ A
Hit and Run 800 Block River
Non Injury 1000 Block 126
Non Injury A @ 126
Non Injury B @ 126
Non Injury Mountain View @ 126

Domestic:

1000 Block Village Square
C @ Telegraph
300 Block Wileman
400 Block 2nd
Central @ Santa Clara

Burglary:

600 Block River

Current Projects / Upcoming Events / Community Issues:

Boys & Girls Club Donation: Ventura County Sheriff's Captain Randy Pentis presented a \$500 donation from Cops Running for Charity and, Sergeant Dave Wareham presented a \$1,250 donation from the Ventura County Deputy Sheriff's Association to the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley at the City Council meeting on February 23rd.

Police Station Repair: Glass at the front of the station building is being replaced this week and will be completed next Wednesday.

North Fillmore Storefront: Part-time North Fillmore Storefront Community Services Officer Selina Escoto has accepted a job with County Behavioral Health. She will be leaving March 5th. Human Resources will be announcing the open position.

Economic Development

Current Projects/Issues:

Scheduling Workshops to help Business Community. Staff will be meeting with the head of the Collaborative next week (March 1-5) to talk about the timing of the workshops in Fillmore entitled "Keys to the Survival of Your Business", which are three workshops dedicated to addressing the urgency businesses are experiencing during these troubling economic times.

1. Business Planning & Management: Every business needs a plan. Through this workshop you'll not only gain valuable information about how to survive tough times, but also to position your business for maximum growth as the economy rebounds.
2. Financial Performance Improvement: Introduces strategies and resources for finding money in your current operations, getting the funding your business needs, and improving your banking and vendor relationships.
3. Marketing & Communications: Every business needs to learn how best to tell its own story. This workshop focuses on sharpening your message, with an emphasis both on retaining your best customers through quality customer service and reaching and attracting new resources through various marketing and advertising strategies.

Upcoming Events:

EDC-VC Economic Development Managers Roundtable Meeting: Wednesday March 10th.

City-wide Clean Up Day: The first of two annual City-wide Clean Up Days is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional information is available on the City's website.

Household Hazardous Waste Day: The first of two annual Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up Days is scheduled for April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Additional information is available on the City's website.

Special Projects

Current Projects/Issues:

Redevelopment Five Year Plan:

Planning Staff continues to work with David Gruchow of Urban Futures on information needed for the preparation for the Five Year Plan. Further information will be forthcoming.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Current Projects/Issues:

Equestrian Center RFP update: Staff is working on internal review. It is anticipated that this process will take approximately one month. Meetings with the Proposal Review Subcommittee will be scheduled following the completion of staff review. The 4H farm board is now in process of selecting the member for the subcommittee.

Facilities:

The new temporary Senior Center staff person, Beverly Fox, started Monday, February 22nd.

All other buildings: business as usual.

Recreation:

All new softball leagues will start the 3rd week of March.

Adult Kickball Spring League for the City of Fillmore will start 1st Monday in May.

Youth Basketball has one more week to go before we can say we had another successful season!

Aquatics Facility: Programs are up and running.

Senior Center Programs:

Dance Class is still running.

Weight Watcher classes are still be offered every Wednesday from 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

Theater Class is still be offered every Thursday from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

The 2009/10 midyear for the Redevelopment Agency went to the Board this week and the Midyear will be finalized for the City and be taken to the City Council on March 9th.

2006 RDA Notes. Staff is also working on paying off most of the 2006 RDA Note and plans to take an item to the RDA in March so that we can pay them off in May without paying a premium. About a month ago, staff reported the annual report for the RDA stated that the 2006 Note does not have the required 1.2 coverage (revenue at 120% of the debt liability), but that the coverage is at .7 (70%). This shortfall is due to the RDA not receiving the expected tax increment because of declining property values and the bond growth assumptions. The good news is that the City has not spent the bond proceeds. Once the bond is paid, the RDA will be fine as it has sufficient income to pay the debt service on the other bond RDA issues.

Potential Refinance of Water Bonds. Staff is also working on a project to refinance the existing Water Bond and an agenda item will be brought to Council in early March. This project has some urgency because the Fed monetary policy which is keeping rates low is supposed to end in late March. Staff is getting quotes from interested firms.

Finance staff is working on day to day assignments, utility billing, accounts receivable, utility billing, accounts payable and payroll. The contract accountant is currently working on bank reconciliation and special finance projects.

Transportation Funds. In preparing the Midyear, it appears that there will need to be a budget adjustment to the fund. The amount is in the process of being calculated and could be approximately \$200k-\$300k. It is the result of budget adjustments and local sales tax revenue coming in lower than anticipated.

Risk Management:

No new claims.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Department ran 19 calls: 2 – Traffic Collisions, 1 – Miscellaneous Fire, and 16 Medical Calls.

Upcoming Events:

Second Smoke Detector Day, February 27th, 10:00 am to 2 pm: The Fire Department assisted the Lions Club with a Smoke Detector Day at the El Dorado Mobilehome Park on Saturday, February 6th and will be doing so again this Saturday. This event will be announced in Fillmore Gazette.

CPR class: On February 18th and 23rd, Captain Al Huerta will be giving CPR training to Fillmore residents. Captain Huerta is passionate about CPR and making sure that everyone has the opportunity to get training. He has been providing this training to the community for 17 years. For more information on these CPR training classes, call Captain Huerta at 805-207-9202.

Fire Department Training: On February 27th Fillmore Fire Department members will participate in an eight hour training day on new Fire Services techniques and standards being implemented for vehicle extrication. The training will occur in Oxnard and will be put on by the Oxnard Fire Department.

“Fire House” Industry & Equipment Show: On March 2nd and 3rd, Chief Landeros and Assistant Chief Herrera will attend “Fire House” in San Diego, the largest fire industries and equipment show in southern California. Pat Askren will be covering the Department for the day and a half that the Chief and Assistant Chief will be gone.

“Fire House” - Officer Training: On February 28th and March 1st, Captain Billy Gabriel will attend Officer Training events at “Fire House” in San Diego. These training classes cover operational strategies and other topics relevant to fire fighting and fire safety. Captain Gabriel’s attendance will allow him to bring back new skills and information to be shared with the rest of the Fillmore Fire Department members.

Community Development Department

Current Projects/Issues:

Housing Element:

The City Council reviewed the 2nd draft of the Housing Element on February 23rd for the first time and asked City staff to do the following;

1. Include RDA Map and Boundary
2. Submit to the City Council alternative sites that can accommodate some of the units from Measure I.
3. Improve the vacant land map and spreadsheet so that it is easier to connect the spreadsheet with the map.
4. Provide information on the Ojai amnesty program.
5. Provide information on the Santa Cruz program which offers “approved” housing plans for infill projects.
6. Provide research from City Council minutes and VCOG minutes regarding the decision of 985 RHNA.
7. Gather research information on the number of Farmworkers are within the City.
8. Ask the Labor Camp if they are interested in being designated as a residential high density.
9. Provide some criteria (development standards) for Granny-flats.
10. Not in favor of reducing development standards.

It is estimated that this will take approximately 2-3 months to gather the additional information.

Greenbelt:

The City Council continued this item to March 9th in order to allow staff time to discuss the Planning Commission recommendation with Santa Paula and Ventura County.

Shah Residential:

The applicant received City Council approval for an 18 unit apartment project on the west side of Mountain View St. along the railroad property. The property is Redevelopment Agency owned land and the applicant entered into an agreement to purchase the property from the RDA.

The applicant submitted construction plans for plan checking without fees. The construction plans indicate the project as a condominium project but the Staff Reports, Conditions of Approval, Tentative Parcel Map indicates “apartments”. Before the project begins plan checking, this conflict needs to be resolved.

Building Department:

Central Station Certificate of Occupancy:

All City Departments completed their Certificate of Occupancy Inspections for the Cabrillo project along the railroad property. A temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the apartments/rental units only, and not for the recreation room or the “for-sale” condominium units.

Clay St. Demolition of illegal units:

A property owner is removing illegal units from the rear of the yard. This is a follow-up on a code enforcement complaint. The units are extremely small and consist of nothing more than plywood walls. The Planning Department handed-out to the property owner an application for a Housing Rehab to assist the property owner.

Taco Bell:

Taco Bell submitted Plan Check #3. The proposed project was approved by the Planning Commission to demolish and rebuild Taco Bell. The applicant did not indicate a time line of expected construction.

Cigar Shop

The cigar shop that opened a couple of weeks ago has been selling adult novelty products. Rigo visited the site and asked the clerk to remove the items after Rigo spoke with me. Code Enforcement will send an official letter to the owner telling them that those products are prohibited in that zone.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

Middle School:

Sod installation is complete at the Middle School. It should be ready for the students to play on by mid April.

Two Rivers Park:

The sod placement is about 50 percent complete and looking good. The rain stopped work on Wednesday and if there is too much rain this weekend, the project may be stopped for a while due to muddy conditions.

Mountain View Railroad Crossing:

Work continued in the rain on Wednesday and continued to make progress. The new concrete railroad crossing pads look great and will be really smooth. Work continues ahead of schedule.

City Manager's Office

Current Projects/Issues:

Classification and Compensation Study: The review group interviewed three firms for the Classification and Compensation Study on Wednesday. The firms made a presentation and answered questions. Two firms were selected to proceed to reference checks and to submit examples of written reports. It was a sealed bid proposal. Once the ranking was done, the bids were opened. The bids ranged from roughly \$37,000 to \$65,000, plus expenses. The higher expense is not surprising since this is the first time Fillmore has done a Classification and Compensation study and more work is required of the consultant.