

City of Fillmore Weekly Update
03/20 to 03/26/10

Police

Crime Data:

Significant Calls:

Deputies Erica Ragsdale and Danny Ozuna fought hand-to-hand with two males in North Fillmore who attempted to take a police baton away from Ozuna. Both deputies were uninjured and overcame their attackers. Both arrested for assault of an officer.

Bomb Threat:

900 Block of 3rd Street. Suspects stated they were going to blow up the area. Nothing found.

Kidnapping:

A Fillmore undocumented female adult resident was kidnapped at the border and held for ransom in Mexico. Her family was required to pay ransom for her release. We worked covertly with our major crimes and FBI to assist in her safe release. The family's name is withheld. Suspects are outstanding.

Dog Bite:

Shiells Park: A pitbull was loose, dangerous and attacked a citizen. Passersby called 911. Deputy Biter arrived first on scene. He said the pitbull was out of control. Biter used his electronic taser to subdue the pitbull. It took nearly three times the human electric dose to subdue the pitbull. The citizen suffered bites and was treated by medics on scene.

Fight:

200 block Rhodes

Domestics:

800 Block 4th Street

A @ Santa Clara

700 Block 4th Street

Accidents:

1300 block Highway 126

Highway 126 @ Mountain View (Injury)

4th @ Central (Injury)

A @ Chambersburg (Injury)

Theft:

1100 Block 1st street

Burglary:

300 Block Los Serenos

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Assault with a Deadly Weapon:

C Street @ Sespe Avenue: Unknown suspect shot at a car at 9:30 pm (Gang Unit investigating)

Current Projects / Upcoming Events:

Make-A-Wish:

The Police Dept is coordinating a Make-A-Wish fund raiser and awareness at the High School for May 19th. It will be a jog-a-thon with the goal of raising \$500 for their charity.

Grad Night Live:

Deputies are fund raising at the station.

Start Smart Driving Program: On April 13th at 6:00 pm, Motor Officer Tony Biter will be teaching teens about the dangers of driving while texting, cell phone usage, and drug and alcohol usage. This 2 hour program is open to all teens in Fillmore free of charge and will be advertised on Channel10 and the local papers. The Fillmore Fire Department is assisting with the course.

Economic Development

Upcoming Events:

This Saturday, March 27 - 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.

Next Saturday, April 3 - 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.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Facilities: Business as usual

Parks Rentals: Rentals are very busy this time a year; we are averaging two or three parks rentals a day.

Recreation: The department is gearing up to start the Spring League for Men's League and Co-ed Softball.

- Men's League games will start Thursday, April 8, 2010.
- Co-ed Softball games will start Friday, April 9, 2010.

Current Projects/Issues:

Facilities:

Business as usual at all the buildings.

Events Planned:

Sunrise Service: April 4th at 6:00 a.m. at the stairs at City Hall.

Fillmore Towne Theatre: Music Festival scheduled for April 17th.

Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building: 100 year Rotary Celebration scheduled March 27th.

Multi-Purpose/Senior Center:

- Fillmore Flower Show: April 10th & 11th
- Fire Department CERT Program: Starting March 30th through May 11th.

- Miss Fillmore Pageant: April 24, 2010.

Recreation:

Recreation programs coming soon:

Coming in May 2010: Dodge-Ball at the Community Center/ Boys and Girls Club.
Coming in May 2010: Kick-Ball at Shiells Park on Monday nights.

Aquatics Center:

Swim Lessons starting in May 2010.

Multi-Purpose / Senior Center:

Antonia Lopez, Senior Center Coordinator and Annette Cardona attended a Disaster Training with County of Ventura, Area Agency on Aging on Monday, March 22nd.

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

Anita Lawrence and two individuals from outside government agencies interviewed five auditing firms for City auditing services. None of the review panelists have any current business relationship with auditing firms. The interview results will be going to the finance committee on March 30 for review and then to City Council on April 13th for selection.

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

Finance staff has begun working on the 2010-2011 budget.

Risk Management

No new claims to report.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Department ran 21 calls: 14 - Medicals, 1 Investigation, 5 traffic collision, and 1 Public service call.

Normal department operations are running smoothly.

Current Projects:

Training: The Fire Department is busy doing various in-house training. On Thursday, March 25th the Fire Department will be training in a "live burn" exercise with Station 28 in the City of Piru.

Background checks on 6 new volunteers are being completed. These volunteers will be starting a 12 day Academy on April 17th.

Community Development Department

Current Projects/Issues:

Planning Department

Greenbelt (Santa Paula/Fillmore):

The City Council introduced the unnumbered Greenbelt Ordinance between Santa Paula and a second reading will need occur to make it final. The ordinance is identical to Santa Paula's Ordinance except Fillmore will add language emphasizing the County Save Our Agricultural Resource (SOAR). It is expected that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will review the greenbelt ordinance in May to complete this item.

Census:

Free promotional material is being distributed by the Planning Department to advertise the importance of Census 2010.

Maggie Apartments:

City staff is pursuing Final Certificate of Occupancy for the Maggie Apartment Building on Central Avenue. No additional tenants will be permitted until final Certificate of Occupancy. The property owner has been notified of the outstanding issues. The largest issue is that the City Council deferred payment of Development Impact Fee until Final Certificate of Occupancy. The applicant sent a letter to the City Council requesting a revised deferment plan. The City Council directed staff to present the issue to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. City staff is preparing an analysis of the DIF and will present it to the applicant and then to the Finance Committee.

Building Department:

Cabrillo, Central Station:

A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the 21 apartments. The Planning Department is reviewing the tenants income levels per the RDA Development Agreement and is finding this information incomplete.

Cabrillo is now requesting Temporary Certificate of Occupancy on the 8 for sale units. These units will not receive Temporary Certificate of Occupancy until the punch list is completed for the apartments.

454 Santa Clara Diamond Dave's:

The building at 454 Santa Clara St. burned in August 2009 and is attempting to rebuild. The Building Department and Planning Department is reviewing the requirements to bring the building into conformance with current zoning and building codes.

333 Mountain View Demolition:

Building Permits were issued to demolish 333 Mountain View.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

Two Rivers Park: The new sod at Two Rivers Park is growing nicely and should make the April 15th first mow date. Keep the sunshine coming!

Sespe Elementary Recycled Water Conversion: During the spring break last week Sespe Elementary School play grounds were converted to recycled Water by school staff and City Public Works staff.

Aquatics Facility and Boys and Girls Club: The conversion of the Aquatics facility and Boys and Girls club landscaping to recycled water has been completed.

City Manager's Office

Current Projects/Issues:

Strategic Planning:

The Strategic Planning Session goals have been transcribed and posted on the City website. A few items relating to the goals will be coming before the Council on April 13, 2010.

Classification and Compensation Study:

On Tuesday, the consultant made a presentation to the City Council. On Wednesday, the consultant met with staff to kick-off the project and to distribute Position Description Questionnaires (PDQs) which will be filled out by all employees.

KDF Update

On Tuesday, the City Council provided direction to staff to work with KDF to develop alternate funding sources for the project at the developer's expense. When the City Manager checked with the developer the following day, a representative indicated that KDF prefers not to pursue funding alternatives which exclude the I-bank. The City Manger made KDF aware that, if the developer reconsiders, the City is available for discussions.