

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update
02/27 to 03/05/10**

Police

Crime Data:

Fights:

Middle School

High School

800 block Goodenough (Gang)

4th at Edison (Gang)

B at Blaine (Gang)

900 block Ortega

Traffic Accidents:

A at Blaine non injury

Clay at Sespe non injury

High School

Central at 126 Hit and Run

Thefts:

700 Block Hwy 126

100 Block Dunton

600 Block Hwy 126

Vehicle Theft:

Backhoe 300 block Santa Clara (train)

Note: Jim Le Bard assisted us in finding and recovering the stolen backhoe in the river near the bridges.

Identity Theft:

800 Block Blaine

Domestic:

180 Block Santa Clara

300 Block 3rd

500 Block Clay

Current Projects / Upcoming Events / Community Issues:

Police Station Repair: The lobby has been repaired to original condition.

Police and Fire Department attended the Boys and Girls Breakfast of Champions event in Santa Paula on Friday morning.

Chief Landeros and Chief Hagel attended a meeting with the Middle School PTA to mitigate their traffic and student crossing congestion concerns at First and A streets between 7:35 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. We are offering additional training to the existing crossing guard and stepped up visibility by police during peak periods. There have not been any accidents in the intersection in 4 years.

Economic Development

Current Projects/Issues:

Business Outreach. The City Manager met with Bruce Stensile to discuss putting on a series of workshops for the business community. These were identified in the update for the past couple of weeks. The plan is to go door-to-door in the Downtown and invite merchants to the event. It will probably be held in April and the City will hold the meeting in the Theater (a Spanish translator will be provided). The City will approach the Chamber to cosponsor the event.

Outreach to Manufacturing: The Economic Development Collaborative has a new venture and is doing outreach to manufacturing and making available personalized business consulting, training, access to capital and other services. The Executive Director will be making a presentation to the City Council on March 23, 2010 about the program.

Upcoming Events:

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.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Current Projects/Issues:

Facilities:

Multi Purpose Center/Senior Center: The floor was sealed over the weekend the floor came out beautiful. The Senior Center has two new programs they started this week: Tai Chi class & Paper crafts. Salad bar will be offered for a second day during the week (salad bar days Tuesday & Thursday)

Memorial Building: The Miss Fillmore started their practices for the Miss Fillmore Pageant on Wednesday, March 3rd.

Towne Theater: A non-profit group is in the planning stage of a Music Festival proposed for April 17th.

Community Center: Business as usual.

City Hall: Business as usual.

Recreation:

Shiells Park: Fillmore Girls Softball will be using all of the fields Monday through Saturday, starting January 30th through July 10th.

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Delores Day Park: Fillmore Girls Softball will be using both fields for softball practice Monday through Saturday, starting February 1st through July 10th.

Youth Basketball had a very successful season this year the last day of the season was Saturday, February 27th.

Applications are available for Men's Slo-Pitch and Co-ed baseball at City Hall the new season starts March 25th.

Men's pickup basketball - Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Recreation programs coming soon:
Adult Kickball – starting in May 2010
Girls Slo-Pitch – starting in May 2010

New programs at the Aquatics Center:
Water polo
Jr. Lifeguard Class

Fillmore High School will have their first swim meet of the season at the pool Friday, March 5th.

Annette Cardona, Mark Arias & Robert Vahidi went to pool school taught by KNORR Systems on March 1st & March 2nd. The class was very informative and KNORR will be here March 25th at the pool site to show how the pool system works (pumping and filtering systems).

Multi-Purpose Senior Center:
Dance class is still running on Tuesday and Thursday's.

Weight Watchers is still running on Wednesday's.

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

Finance staff is working on day to day assignments, utility billing, accounts receivable, utility billing, accounts payable and payroll. The computer system in the water division is currently having difficulties that will hopefully soon be resolved. Some data was lost and the water division, along with the IT division are currently working on restoring it. Finance staff developed a Travel Form and a Mileage Form that will be used in the future for any travel or mileage.

Refunding of Water Bonds: Staff is working on refunding of water bonds. There will likely be a substantial savings in the water operation as a result of this effort. Staff will request the authority to refund the bonds at the first City Council meeting in March. Because the Fed has increased the discount rate in February, it might be advisable to move forward with the refunding in case the discount rate increase is an indicator of future bond rate increases. There is also another bond-related item on the RDA agenda. The item is a request for the authority to redeem (pay off) a major portion of the RDA 2006 Bond Anticipation Notes. The decline in assessed value is resulting in less tax increment, which is the source for the repayment of debt in the RDA. The fortunate fact is that the note proceeds were not spent, except for the costs of issuance.

Risk Management:
No new claims.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Department ran 23 calls: 23 – Medical, 1 – Traffic Collision, and 4 – Public Service calls

Current Projects:

Second Smoke Detector Day, February 27th, 10:00 am to 2 pm: Fillmore Fire Department replaced batteries at twelve mobilehomes at El Dorado this past weekend.

Fire Department Training: The Department participated in roof operations training in Piru last week.

Community Development Department

Current Projects/Issues:

Planning Department:

Redevelopment Five Year Implementation Plan:

The Planning Department is compiling for the consultant, Urban Futures, the number of residential units constructed for the RDA implementation plan. It is important to note that the units are only those in the RDA boundary and not citywide. However, this research is affecting the 2nd draft Housing Element calculations in that more residential units can be counted toward meeting the Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers.

Greenbelt Agreement:

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

- a. The word city clerk needs to identify City of Fillmore City Clerk for our ordinance.
- b. Keep the Technical Advisory Committee review for future amendments.
- c. Put language in the ordinance that allows Fillmore to clean-out the Sespe Creek in an emergency flooding situation.
- d. Have the City Council address the 4/5th super majority approval for future amendments (this is not in the ordinance now)
- e. Keep the enhanced review of the 8 uses (this is in the Fillmore and Santa Paula Ordinance but not County draft ordinance)
- f. All 3 ordinances from all 3 political entities should read exactly the same. (Right now, Fillmore and Santa Paula is the same unless we add 4/5th requirement). The County will need to change their ordinance which has not been present to the Supervisors yet.

Landstone - Heritage Valley Specific Plan:

The Engineering Department issued a stockpiling permit for Landstone that consists of grading approximately 26,000 cubic feet of soil from the Santa Clara River and abating non-native plant material. The project received permits from various Federal, State and county agencies to conduct the work.

Shah Residential:

The applicant, Zahid Shah, 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.

Firm storing Boats:

Boats are being stored on the east end of Santa Clara St. between Santa Clara and Hwy 126 with in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. Another location has been identified, but that site needs a Conditional Use Permit. The property owner for this second site submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit but that application is incomplete. This second site is the Sespe Industrial Park adjacent to the Mobile Home Park.

Cabrillo, Central Station Townhomes:

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 unit the punch list is completed for the apartments.

Storefront Rehab:

The Planning Department is taking over the Storefront Rehab Program. There is \$59,000 remaining in the budget for this program. Business on Central Ave. is targeted for this project.

Census:

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

Building Department:

Taco Bell:

Taco Bell Plan Check#3 was reviewed and returned to the applicant. Significant information was missing from the plans such as engineering calculations.

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.

Housing:

First Timehome Buyer:

The Loan Committee requested Staff to conduct a comparison study of other Cities' program. This study is completed.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

Mountain View Railroad Crossing

Pedestrian access across the Mountain View Railroad crossing was restored on Tuesday March 2nd. The road closure will be removed Sunday afternoon March 7th about a week ahead of schedule. The paving of the asphalt on Mountain View should occur by July and then we will have a new road.

Two Rivers Park

The sod placement should be finished on Thursday March 4th. Let the sun shine and the grass grow!

Railroad Right of Way

The drip system on the Railroad Right of Way was tested Wednesday March 3, 2010. The contractor will make repairs and then begin the grow/kill cycles next week to reduce weed growth before hydroseeding with the tall fescue grass seed.

Well #5 Investigation

Staff is continuing to investigate Well #5. We are measuring higher than expected amperage readings at start up of the motor. The newly rewound electric motor has a very poor Meg Ohm reading. Staff is obtaining a quote from an electrical engineer who worked on the well about 8 years ago to see if he can advise us of the potential problems and solutions. Since we don't need to run Well #5 because of the low winter time demand, we have taken it off line until the electrical problems are resolved.

Canary Pond

The Boy Scouts have scheduled the first work day for the Canary Pond at the Water Recycling Plant for Saturday March 20th. Sufficient donations finally came in. Anyone interested in learning to build a water feature is welcome to come and help from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Lunch will be provided.

City Manager's Office

Current Projects/Issues:

Community Outreach. City Manager has been working with the City Clerk on draft changes to the Agenda and Staff Report Format which corresponds to Goal #2 "Engage Community." Making it easier citizens to understand and access information is a priority. To this end, the

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contract Deputy City Clerk is gathering information about LaserFiche which is an online document storage system (public could access) and Granicus (and other vendors) which allow the City Council meeting to be broadcast over the Internet. Another item being pursued is the website redesign.

Staff Training. As part of the community outreach effort, arrangements have been made with the City of Santa Clarita (Jennifer Curtis, HR Director) which has graciously offered the use of its training programs to City staff. Among the courses which can be taken are "Effective City Council presentations" and other hands-on course to improve communication skills.