

City of Fillmore Weekly Update
03/06 to 03/13/10

Police

Crime Data:

A burglar is working the area of Olive and 126 on foot and preying on parked cars. Detectives are working to identify and arrest the suspect.

Burglary:

Vehicle 800 block Burlington
600 block Santa Clara
Vehicle Olive at 126

Fatality Accident:

A local homeless man was accidently struck and killed while jay walking in a dark area of A street near River. Detectives are working the case.

Attic Incident:

Two East Side Gang Members were wanted and located hiding in an attic on Los Serrenos. They refused to come out. After negotiations one suspect surrendered. The second refused to give up. A Sheriff K-9 was placed up in the attic to capture the suspect. He was apprehended by the K-9

Disturbances:

900 block Blaine
200 block Rhodes

Domestics:

800 block 2nd.
500 block Clay
400 block 2nd
100 block Sespe
2nd block @ Clay

Fights:

700 block 3rd
500 block A

Traffic Accidents:

Hit and run 600 block 126
Pedestrian Fatality River at A
126 at A Street, non injury
900 block Ortega, non injury
125 at east City Limits, non injury
2nd street at High School, non injury
Central at Santa Clara
40 block A Street

Counterfeit Fraud:

Wells Fargo Bank received a \$100 fake bill. Reports of counterfeit bills being passed through the area.

Theft:

Rite Aid

300 block of Sespe, multiple cars stripped overnight of major car parts.

Current Projects / Upcoming Events / Community Issues:

The Department has increased foot patrols in the Lemon Way area after feedback from the North Fillmore Homeowners.

Economic Development

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:

Beginning the process for the exterior painting of the Memorial Building and the Youth Building.
Towne Theatre – replaced marquee lights on the North & South side of the marquee.
Replaced outside lighting at the Store Front.
Replaced inside lighting at the Police Station and Memorial Building.

Facilities:

Memorial Building – Business as usual.
Multi Purpose Center – Business as usual.
Towne Theatre – Business as usual.
Parks rentals are starting to pick up for the up coming months.

Recreation:

Recreation programs coming soon:

Adult Kickball League: Coming in May, 2010
Spring League for Men's Slo-Pitch: Starting Thursday, March 25th.
Spring League for Co-ed: Starting Friday, March 26th.
Dodge Ball League - inquiring into a possibility of having a league in the summer of 2010.

Aquatics Center:

Recreation Swim – open for Spring Break, March 15th – 19th, 1:15 – 3:45 p.m.
Junior Lifeguard Program
Water Polo

Swim Lessons starting in May 2010.

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Multi-Purpose / Senior Center:

Multi-Purpose Center – Business as usual.

Senior Center – New Programs:

Thursday – Salad Bar, Photo Club, Paper Craft Class and Tai Chi Class

Finance

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 was having difficulties, but those have been resolved. The two front desk computers have had difficulties this week and the IT employee has been able to resolve the issues.

The City has received notice there are a number of delinquencies for a Community Facilities District (CFD) Number 1 (related to Mello-Roos bonds). Per the bond covenant, the City is required to take certain action once this occurs and the City is starting the process.

Finance staff is currently reviewing the investment policy and the cash management practices for the City to make sure the City is availing itself of opportunities for maximizing investment returns within the requirements of the policy.

Risk Management

No new claims.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Department ran 28 calls: 20 - Medicals, 1 - Public Service 4 - Traffic Collision, 2 - Assaults and 1 - Fire Alarm.

Current Projects:

Captain Al Huerta gave the local preschool students a tour of our Fillmore Fire Station and talked to them about fire safety and the importance of knowing how to dial 911 during an emergency. This is a yearly event for Captain Huerta and the preschool always request Captain Huerta give them their Fire Station tour. Hats off to Captain Huerta!

Fire Department Training: On Saturday March 13th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm the Department will have a representative from Res. Q 42 (a new tool that we received from a grant in January) to provide training to the Department on the use of this new tool. We will also have an Engine Company from Santa Paula and Ventura County Engine 27 participating in this training which will take place at Fillmore Station 91.

CERT Class Training: The Fillmore Fire Department will be receiving additional moneys (approximately \$7,000) from the Department of Homeland Security to help fund additional CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes we are planning on starting a new CERT class on March 30th. This training is open to all Fillmore citizens. Contact the Fillmore Fire Station for additional information, or watch for press release with training date and time details.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Housing Element:

The City Council reviewed the 2nd Draft of the Housing Element on February 23rd and gave City Staff direction. City staff will be meeting next week to look at alternatives to Redistribute North Fillmore Specific Plan units.

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 will be identical to Santa Paula's Ordinance except Fillmore will add language emphasizing the County Save Our Agricultural Resource. It is expected that the Ventura County board of Supervisors will review it greenbelt ordinance in May to complete this item.

Greenbelt (Fillmore/Piru):

At the March 9th City Council meeting, the City Council directed City Staff to review the Fillmore/Piru Greenbelt to determine if it needs to be revised to be in compliance with the existing ordinance.

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.

There appears to be an applicant approved a storefront grant in 2008 but no progress was made. The City Staff and the applicant are working together to begin the rehab.

Census:

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

Grimes Canyon Mining:

Ventura County Planning Department is beginning to draft Mitigation Measures for the applications to the Grimes Canyon Mining operation and has requested The City of Fillmore's input. This will be presented to the Staff Review Committee.

Request to Amend the Zoning Ordinance:

Based upon a citizen's letter, the City Council directed the Planning Department staff on March 9th to provide a report on the request to amend the Zoning Ordinance in order to prohibit chickens in the Residential Low designation. At this time, chickens are allowed in the Residential Low designation.

345 Central Avenue – Maggie Apartment :

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.

Community Garden:

City Staff met with Mayor Pro-tem Washburn and Gerald FitzGerald on the request for a community garden. This proposal will be presented to the Monday Technical Advisory Committee and then to the Staff Review Committee. City staff will then present those comments to Gerald FitzGerald.

Illegal truck parking:

A business owner attempted to get an electrical meter for a trucking business operating on the corner of "C" St. and River St. The Zoning Ordinance does not allow trucking operations to occur within 500 feet from residential. The business owner was advised and is setting an appointment to meet with the Planning Department.

Building Department:

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 until the punch list is completed for the apartments.

454 Santa Clara - Diamond Dave's Restaurant:

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.

Fine St. House:

New house under construction in the framing stages and is receiving inspections.

Heritage Valley Specific Plan (The Bridges):

Griffin Homes is requesting Final Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) on one house on River St. This will be reviewed by all City Departments prior to issuance of C of O.

Re-roof permits:

Due to the recent rains, there has been a jump on re-roof and roof repair permits.

Brine Discharge softwater removal:

Permits are still being issued to remove brine discharge softeners.

Code Enforcement:

Roofing:

Complaint regarding roof on Third St. that roof is in disrepair. House is in foreclosure.

Illegal auto repair:

There was an illegal auto repair business in North Fillmore that was removed with the cooperation from the property owner.

Housing:

401 Arundell Circle:

City Staff has begun with starting over with the Request for Proposal to repair 401 Arundell Circle base upon the Building Official's report in order to prepare to sell the unit.

First Timehome Buyer Program:

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

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

Bid Openings:

On Tuesday March 9th bids were opened for the drilling of Well #9 and the A Street Waterline. Both projects came in under budget and will be presented to the City Council on March 23rd for award of contract.

Water and Sewer Utility Audit:

As part of the on going Water and Sewer Utility audit staff will be conducting a sidewalk survey looking for residential properties that may have multiple dwelling units but are only being charged for one dwelling unit. This type of survey has not been performed for many years to the best of staff's knowledge.

Recycled Water Conversions:

The conversions to recycled water are continuing at Central Park, Aquatics Center, Boys and Girls Club, Middle School and High School. The conversions at Riverwalk Park and Two Rivers Park are complete.

City Manager's Office

Current Projects/Issues:

Classification and Compensation Study: At the Tuesday City Council meeting, Council directed the City Manager to contract with Bryce Consulting; it added two more cities; and, increased the total amount budgeted for the study by \$12,000 to \$34,000. The consultant will be coming to town on Tuesday to prepare for the study and to meet with the Committee which has been expanded to include two members from every department and represented and unrepresented staff.