

City of Fillmore Weekly Update
04/26 to 05/01/10

Police

Crime Data:

Unusual Occurrences:

Overdose on 400 Block of Bard, led to a death of a 50 year old male plus 2 accompanying teen juveniles survived overdosing on Methamphetamine and Datura. One teen had to be admitted at the county hospital for toxic and near lethal overdose including severe hallucinations lasting more than 20 hours.

Domestics:

900 Block 3rd
300 Block Central

Traffic Accidents:

700 Block Blaine (non injury)

Fights:

Middle School (2)
Central at Sespe

Theft:

A at Ventura

Burglary:

600 Block Fillmore

Circus:

The Circus was held at C street and Ventura. It lasted three days and was well attended. The cost is only 5 dollars for the children and this helps the attendance. The circus was hosted by Morning Rotary as a community event. It was made possible with major help from the Fillmore Fire Department and equipment donated by Fillmore Rentals and Don Palmer.

Thomas the Train:

No significant issues. Well attended.

Officer Update:

Both are progressing well and our thanks to all the city staff and community who have reached out to their families.

Current Projects / Upcoming Events:

Fillmore Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony, April 29th: Deputy Brian Hackworth will receive the Officer of the Year award this Thursday night at El Pescador.

Morning Rotary 5K, May 15th: Morning Rotary is sponsoring a 5K family walk run. It will start at the Fillmore Unified Building on Sespe and end near the fire station. The route will be safe for runners and the Police and Fire Departments will assist without additional costs. Traffic will not be impaired and only cross walks will be needed to be staffed.

Facilities, Parks & Recreation

Grant Renewal for the City of Fillmore, Senior Nutrition grant in the amount of \$20,000 for FY 2010/2011.

Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial District – Elections for two Board of Directors seats will be held on November 2, 2010.

Facilities:

Miss Fillmore Pageant was held at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday, April 24, 2010. The Memorial Building was a packed house for the pageant and is the kick off for the May Festival.

Special showing for the One-Step Program on Thursday, April 29, 2010 @ the Towne Theatre for (50) participants.

Events Planned:

May Festival will be held at City Hall/ Central Park starting Thursday, May 13th through Sunday, May 16th, 2010.

Fillmore High School – Mother/Son Banquet scheduled to be held on Monday, May 24th, 2010, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.

Fillmore High School – Mother/Daughter Banquet scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.

Special showing for Fillmore Middle School 8th graders on Monday, June 7, 2010 @ the Towne Theatre for (300) participants.

Fillmore High School Alumni Banquet Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.

Recreation:

Preparing for Women's Slo-Pitch League to start on Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

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

Staff is continuing with budget preparations for the 2010-11 budget. All departments are involved in the process. As we develop the 2010-11 budget, we will also be refining the revenue and expenditure projections for 2009-10. Budgeting is an ongoing process and subject to fluctuations from many directions, including the economy and unforeseen events.

Due to computer issues, the billing cycle that is going out on April 28 will be for a six week billing period. Staff will be putting a message on the bill notifying the water/sewer customer that the billing includes seven extra days. The utility bills are normally for a four week period, but periodically due to timing one of the billing cycles will receive a billing for five weeks, this occurs 4-5 times a year.

The water refunding bond documents are nearing completion. It has become very clear that a water rate increase will be needed as early in 2010-11 as possible to provide the required income to support the water operation and the coverage needed for the debt service. Staff also discovered that an existing ordinance already provides authority for an increase and will be bringing an item to the City Council in May to discuss.

The sweep account is working as planned. For example, on Monday, April 26, Finance withdrew \$9,850,000 to pay for the 2006 Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bond Anticipation Note and another debt service payment. The money came into the City's checking account and was placed into the sweep account for the evening and earned interest until Tuesday when the money was wired to cover the two payments.

Upcoming Issues/Events:

The department is watching the progress of the California Redevelopment Association's (CRA) lawsuit against the State of California to ascertain whether or not the Fillmore RDA will be required to pay in May 2010 the \$2,384,857 in housing funds to the County to mitigate the State's budget woes. From what we are seeing from the CRA, there is optimism surrounding this issue.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Dept. ran 28 calls: 21 medicals, 4 public service, 1 structure fires, 2 fire alarms.

Current Projects:

Weed Abatement: The Fire Department has started doing annual field surveys to inventory properties which need to conduct weed abatement per State law. A notice of public hearing will be published in the paper two times for the Public Hearing scheduled on May 25th. That hearing will authorize the Fillmore Fire Department to conduct weed abatement on the behalf of property owners who have not done so following notification by the City.

Brush Fire Season: With the wet weather this late in the season, the Fillmore area will be experience a tremendous amount of brush growth. This will make for a busy brush fire season. Fillmore Fire Department will be sending out a press release to the local media and remind all of our residents to maintenance a 100-foot brush clearance perimeter around their homes and structures on their property. Proper brush clearance is critical to personal property and helps the Fire Department to effectively protect structures in the event of brush fires.

Fillmore Fire Academy: This coming weekend will be the 3rd weekend of the Fire Academy. The new recruits are doing extremely well. A Fillmore Fire Department Captain is the training Captain in charge of this Academy.

Disaster Preparedness: The Disaster Coordinator is putting together a disaster presentation for City Employees next month. Date to be determined.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Carrera Boats:

Staff is continuing to work with the property owner of Sespe Industrial Park and will be sending a letter regarding the outcome of their CUP application review by Friday. The CUP application was filed to accommodate Carrera Boats, who has been storing boats without a permit on the east end of Santa Clara.

333 Mountain View Demolished:

Staff sent the property owner comments from the Staff Review Committee (SRC) with a recommendation to file a "screening" application that would be presented to the Planning Commission for the Commission's review of conceptual (preliminary) plans. This process allows the applicant to receive feedback on their project before filing a formal application for a Development Permit.

454 Santa Clara St, Fillmore Café, fire damage repair:

The Fire and Building & Safety Departments determined that fire sprinklers would not be needed and a building permit was issued for repairs.

Taco Bell Demolition & Rebuild:

The applicant was provided corrections from Plan Check #4 and staff is awaiting a re-submittal.

Cabrillo, Central Station (apartments):

The City Council Loan Committee reviewed four First-Time Home Buyer applications on April 27th and approved all four applications. These applications provided funding to the homebuyers of four of the eight for sale units in the complex. Staff is waiting on four more applications from the CEDC to review.

May Festival (TUP):

Department heads have approved the application and conditions of approval have been sent to the applicant, Chamber of Commerce. The planning staff is awaiting signature from one department head. As soon as it is obtained, planning staff will contact the applicant.

401 Arundell Circle:

The "Invitation to Bid" notice for rehabilitation of a condominium will be published Thursday in the local and Ventura County Star newspaper. Prospective bidders must submit their bids by May 20th.

Home Loan Applications:

An applicant for Down Payment Assistance program selected a home to purchase and city staff will be conducting a home inspection. This application was approved in March of this year.

"Welcome To Fillmore" Sign:

Planning staff is working on gathering information to create an RFP soliciting design proposals from sign companies for a new "Welcome to Fillmore" sign.

Perry Ranch:

The Planning staff conducted a final walk inspection of the street improvements. Minor corrections were identified and these will be provided to KDF's contractor.

Building & Safety

The building inspector conducted a final walk thru inspection of the Water Recycling Plant and identified corrections, which were provided to the Director of Public Works and to American Water.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

Mountain View, A Street Federal Overlay: This is our Federal Stimulus ARRA project. Staff opened bids on Tuesday and received excellent bids. The low bid is within budget and will be presented to Council for award of contract on May 11th. The paving of Mountain View and A Street should occur in July.

A Street Waterline: The construction of the A Street Waterline between Santa Clara and Sespe Avenue should begin Monday May 3rd. The Road will be closed from 8:30 A.M. till 4:00 P.M. on weekdays. This important project is replacing an old leaky water line before the street is repaved with the Federal Stimulus ARRA project.

KDF reimbursement meeting: City staff met with the KDF consultant on Tuesday and went over the methodology as well as the request for reimbursement. The City's draft memorandum has been provided to the KDF consultant and there will be a subsequent conversation regarding each methodology.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Closeout: Final punch list items are being completed on the Water Recycling Plant. The Building Official will have his final punch list submitted today. The goal is to have all work completed the first week of May.

Clearance from County Environmental Health and Ca Dept of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for Buried Concrete: The City received a letter from County Environmental Health indicating that both it and the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery have determined that the burial of concrete for flood protection at the WWTP site constitutes an "Excluded Activity."

Public Works Maintenance: Weeds are being sprayed throughout the city. Some weed abatement is also being done with tractors and weed whips. Quarterly as well as weekly water quality samples were taken this week. Some tree trimming is happening along the Sespe bike path. One old galvanized water service was replaced because it was leaking. Graffiti continues to be a full time job with the parks and bike paths being the hot spots. Pot holes were filled in the Surrey Way area as well as north Fillmore but there are many more to get to.

City Manager's Office

Current Projects/Issues:

Boys and Girls Club Agreement: The first meeting will be held next week.

Library Meeting: Meeting is set for Friday of next week. The issue is Camarillo is requesting a redistribution of the costs. Apparently there were unintended consequences when the new Library was built and Moorpark went on its own.

Labor Negotiations: The preliminary meeting to discuss ground rules with the Local 501 and the negotiating committee was held on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Classification and Compensation Study: The consultants will be here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the upcoming week. They will meet with each employee and go over the Position Description Questionnaire the employee and supervisor has filled out. This step helps employees who have not filled out this type of form before and helps to ensure the duties are reflective of the job.