

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update**  
**05/10 to 05/16/10**

**Police**

**Crime Data:**

*Domestic Disturbances*

700 block 4th St.

600 block River

600 block Ventura

*Non-injury accident*

A and Ventura

700 block Edison

*Search Warrants*

300 block Market St.

600 block Clay St.

300 block 4th St.

*Runaway*

900 block Blaine Ave.

400 block Saratoga

*Missing Child (found)*

1000 Meadowlark

*Vandalism*

900 block River

1st and C St

*Fight*

400 block Central

300 block Fillmore

*Stolen Vehicle*

400 block Ventura

*Disturbing Subject*

200 block Santa Clara

200 block Mutau Cir

*Drunk in Public*

A Street and Santa Clara

*Vehicle Burglary*

700 block Santa Clara

*Brandishing*

900 block Ventura

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*Party Disturbing*  
C and Ortega  
200 Central Avenue  
Dunton and River  
1100 block El Paseo  
200 East Telegraph

### **Upcoming Issues/Events:**

*Pharmaceutical drug turn-in program:* This program is designed to allow the public to turn in pharmaceutical drugs in a safe manner and control the destruction of the drugs. It has exceeded our expectations. We have collected over 15lbs of pharmaceutical drugs since the inception of the program. Other agencies in the County continue to replicate our program.

*May Festival, 5K Run, and Parade:* The 5K run will briefly close A St. for approximately 10 minutes while runner start at Sespe and A and head north. We will again support the intersection at Old Telegraph and C St. as runners return to the bike path through the intersection. The parade briefly closes Central Ave. for approximately 40 minutes while it proceeds from Third to Santa Clara. We will provide security for the Festival on Friday night through Sunday night.

*School Resource Officer:* Captain Hagel and Sergeant Wareham continue to work with the Fillmore Unified School board and administrators to continue funding for the assigned Fillmore School Resource Officer.

### **Facilities, Parks & Recreation**

Working with the Senior Center on the fireworks booth application. Working on all the information requested from the County of Ventura, Elections Department for the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial District – General Election on November 2, 2010. The parks are getting busy with rentals for the summer months.

### **Facilities:**

Business as usual and doing the end of the year maintenance for all the City of Fillmore Buildings.

### **Events Planned:**

May Festival, at City Hall/ Central Park starting Thursday, May 13 – Sunday, May 17, 2010.  
Citizen Patrol – Fundraiser Dinner, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Multi-Purpose Center/Senior Center.  
Mother/Son Banquet - Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.  
Band Banquet - May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Multi-Purpose Center/ Senior Center.  
Mother/Daughter Banquet - Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.

**Recreation:**

Girls Slo-Pitch League Applications are due Friday, May 14, 2010.  
Swim Lessons will be starting on June 1, 2010 at the pool.  
Summer programs will be starting at the pool starting the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**High School Track:**

The School Board agreed to open the track to the public for longer hours. However, to do so requires that the City pool hours to be open longer since the public gains access from the City pool gate. The City of Fillmore pool staff also is requested to monitor the high school track to prevent vandalism, violence and accept liability when the track is open to the public.

To lengthen the hours of the public pool will require City Council approval of budget adjustments to the Recreation Department pool staff. The approximate cost will be \$6,400 from June through September.

It also appears that there is a belief that a Running Club through the Recreation Department has been established. This is not the case. There is a private running club in the community that people can join and the public has paid \$25.00 to gain access to the track, but the City did not form a running club. This item will be presented to the Parks Commission May 17. The proponents will be present.

**Finance**

**Current Projects/Issues:**

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

On May 10, staff hand-delivered to the Ventura County Auditor Controller, a check for \$2,384,857 from the Fillmore RDA housing funds to mitigate the State's budget woes. The CRA asked for a "stay" so that the Redevelopment Agencies would not have to pay, but the stay was denied by the courts.

Staff is continuing with budget preparations for the 2010-11 budget. All departments are involved in the process. The revenue and expenditure projections for 2009-10 have been updated. When the Midyear report was provided to the City Council, we knew that further refinement would be likely as newer staffing became more familiar with City operations and objectives. We know that budgeting is an ongoing process and subject to fluctuations from many directions, including the economy and unforeseen events. The City Manager and the Interim Finance Director met with the employees within the various departments to solicit ideas to help close a \$1 million budget gap in the General Fund.

The water refunding bond documents are nearing completion, but have been placed on hold until the City can conduct a 218 Hearing on the Water Rates. It has become very clear that a water rate increase will be needed in 2010-11 to provide the required income to support the water operation and the coverage needed for the debt service.

## **Fire Department**

### **Calls:**

Fire Dept. ran 24 calls: 15 medicals, 2 public service, 1 structure fires, 5 Traffic accidents, 1 Assault.

### **Current Projects:**

Disaster Preparedness: On June 15<sup>th</sup> Disaster Coordinator Patrick Maynard is putting on a disaster presentation for City Employees in the Council Chambers.

Community Service: Fillmore Fire Department will have extra staffing to help with the busy weekend (May Festival).

Quest Burn Relay: Fillmore firefighters donated \$510.00 to burn survivors. Every year Quest Burn Relay has a fundraiser where they drive to every Fire Department in Southern California and raise money for burn patients.

CPR Training Class: On May 18<sup>th</sup> Captain Al Huerta will be giving a CPR class at the Fillmore Fire Station. Hours are from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and is open to all Fillmore residents.

## **Community Development Department**

### **Planning Department**

#### TTR 5496 Phase 1B Heritage Valley:

Griffin Industries submitted partial public improvement plans for two streets surrounding the future school site. Engineering is preparing a letter to Griffin indicating requirements for plan check submittal.

#### TTR 5520 Phase 1A Heritage Valley:

Griffin Industries and City staff are reviewing the payment of fees.

#### 333 Mountain View Demolished:

A new unit is proposed and will be reviewed by the Planning commission on May 19<sup>th</sup> as a Screening.

#### July 4<sup>th</sup> Block Party Permits:

The deadline for Block party TUP application will be June 21, 2010. The Planning Department will provide notices on the City website, Channel 10, Fillmore Gazette, Sespe Sun and call those people who had permitted block parties last year of the deadline. A checklist will be put on-line and made available to interested parties. The Planning Department will also advertise the conditions imposed on block parties.

#### Circus (TUP):

A circus submitted a TUP application for a circus on May 21-May 23 to be located on 19 acres south of Highway 126 between "E" St. and "D" St.

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 20<sup>th</sup>.

Perry Ranch:

The Planning staff conducted a final walk inspection of the street improvements. Minor corrections have been identified.

El Pescador sign request:

El Pescador restaurant submitted an application about 3 months ago for a permanent off-site sign to be located on the corner of Mountain View and Highway 126. This is considered an off-site sign and, according to the Zoning Ordinance, only Tourist Attractions are permitted off-site signs. El Pescador is requesting a temporary sign at this site and staff is working with El Pescador on the request.

341 Central Ave., Maggie Apartments:

The applicant is seeking Final Certificate of Occupancy of the building which triggered a complete review of the project site. The project is required to pay Development Impact Fees and the applicant is disputing the amount. City staff is working with the applicant to determine the DIF amount and this issue will be presented to the Finance Committee on May 25, 2010 for a decision.

The applicant also entered into a Participation Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency for financial assistance to one residential unit and in return, the RDA is to restrict one unit as an affordable unit.

19 Apartment Units:

The applicant has an approved 19 units apartment project at the corner of Mountain View and Santa Clara St. There was confusion that the approval was for condominiums but the applicant has now agreed that apartments were approved. Full and complete plans have been submitted for plan check review without fees.

The applicant is requesting to amend the Disposition and Development Agreement with the RDA and has asked that plan checking of plans not start until the amendment request is reviewed.

Fillmore First Friday:

The City Council adopted a Strategic Goal to improve the local economy. One of the steps to improve the local economy is to research the concept of a downtown event called Fillmore First Friday. City staff will be meeting with some of the merchants downtown to help determine the expectation of this concept and will then present it to the City Council.

First 1/3 Retail Requirement Downtown:

The City Council adopted a Strategic Goal to improve the local economy. One suggestion is to remove the requirement of the First 1/3 Retail in the Zoning Ordinance. City staff will present this issue City Council to explain this topic before it is determined to proceed for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

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Sespe Industrial Park:

The Sespe Industrial Park submitted an application for Minor Conditional Use Permit to allow for outdoor storage. The application is complete and the applicant has received comments to correct plans. Once the Minor Conditional Use Permit is approved it is expected that Carrera Boats will relocate to this site.

**Building & Safety**

Water Recycling Plant:

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. The Building Inspector is waiting for a call to inspect the final corrections.

Home Inspection Report:

A Home Inspection Report was prepared for a First-time Home buyer house.

Nonconforming Building:

City staff is still receiving inquiries from buyers and lenders on a property that was once a pharmaceutical building that has been illegally converted to a residential unit. Permits will need to be pulled to properly convert the building to a residential unit.

Inspections:

Inspections were completed for the following:

1. Roofing inspections; "B" St., Fillmore, Foothill, Santa Clara.
2. Plumbing on Ortega St.

**Code Enforcement**

Los Serenos:

Demolition permits have been issued to the property owner to correct illegal garage addition.

Bard St. Garage Conversion:

Enforcement is on going but the property owner is converting the unit back to a garage.

Blaine Garage Conversion:

Tenants continue to reside in illegal unit and code enforcement is beginning and will require the garage to be converted back to a garage. There has been no compliance at this time.

Illegal Satellite dish:

Code Enforcement has issued noticed a property owner on Lewis Lane to remove a large satellite dish that is on the roof.

New Business Inspection:

New restaurant inspection was conducted.

Mountain View – no permits:

Old building is being upgraded with no permits. The property owner was notified via telephone before code enforcement action is taken.

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*Santa Clara Apartments:*

Complaints made by tenant of unhealthy and unsafe conditions and Building Inspector is researching the issue.

*Waterford:*

Complaint received regarding an un-permitted outdoor kitchen.

**Public Works**

**Current Projects/Issues:**

*RV DUMP STATION OPEN:* The new Recreational Vehicle dump station is open for use by City of Fillmore sewer rate payers. The dump station is located at the end of River Street west of E Street. It is open 24 hours per day and has a 24/7 video surveillance camera.

*Public Works Activities:* The FLEX CAPE Seal streets are being sprayed for weeds so the streets will be ready for CAPE sealing after Memorial Day. General weed spraying still going on throughout the City. Graffiti is a major problem this week. Valve exercising continues around town, working the water valves extends their useful life. We are reinstalling the bike path cable fence along Sespe Creek bike path. Some sidewalk repair on Sespe Avenue and also at the North Fillmore Storefront will be needed.

*A Street Water Line Replacement:* Construction started this week. Road Closures will take place on week days from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Lighted detour warning signs were added on Hwy 126 and Hwy 23 to alert motorists of the closure. B Street railroad crossing was opened one day early to help ease the traffic problems associated with the A Street Road closures. The water line replacement project takes a lot of coordination between contractor and Public Works crew for water line shut downs and identifying buried pipes.

*B Street Railroad Crossing:* The ribbon cutting for B Street took place on Wednesday May 12th and the road is open to the public. This project has been about 10 years in the making. It was built through the worst flooding area in the city without worsening anyone's flooding problem. The City had to obtain permits for a new railroad crossing from the California Public Utilities Commission. The new street will provide traffic relief for the A Street school crush and provide improved emergency response to North Fillmore. The total cost of all phases completed to date is \$2.2 M. Grants included: Safe Routes to School - \$185,000, CDBG - \$165,000, Proposition 1B - \$266,000. The total amount of the grants is \$611,000. The remaining funding came from the Fillmore Redevelopment Agency.

*Canary Pond:* The Canary Pond being built at the new Water Recycling Plant by Boy Scouts and other volunteers has been finished and looks beautiful. Thank you to the hard working Boy Scouts who made this happen. Many of the Scouts said they enjoyed learning how to build things and had more fun on this project than other projects they have volunteered on.