

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update
05/17 to 05/23/10**

Police

Crime Data:

Memorial Service:

Trent White's family is being helped daily by the Police Department and School District. We are meeting with them and providing grief assistance. A memorial service is planned for Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Skate Park.

Graffiti:

This was a bad week for graffiti. We were hit all around town. Our investigators are working diligently on finding the taggers. This is a new group of taggers.

Thefts:

Many thefts on Surrey Way area and the River Street area:(late night Juveniles)
We had many car thefts in these tracts. We apprehended 3 of the suspects and recovered some property.

Traffic Collisions:

A @ Goodenough
700 Block 126
C @ 126
B @ 126
300 Block Blaine
Central @ Main
126 @ Pole Creek Wash

Thefts:

Middle School
1300 Block 126
900 Block Santa Clara
100 Block Carriage Place
100 Block Surrey Way
3rd @ Goodenough
100 Block Surrey Way
800 Block Santa Fe
200 Block A
100 Block 4th

Domestics:

800 Block Hinkley
500 Block Clay

Fights:

4th @ A

Burglary:

Vehicle 500 Block 126

Upcoming Issues/Events:

May Festival 5K Rotary Race:

The race went well. We had over 70 runners. The race started on A at Sespe and ended at the Fire Station. Many Rotary volunteers and the police dept helped and Rotary raised money for school events. Joe Luna and Eppy Torres were the main two coordinators.

May Festival Parade:

No issues.

May Festival Carnival:

3 arrests for minor violations of drunk in public. Very well run with a perfect level of safety.

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:

Citizen Patrol – Fundraiser Dinner, May 20th, at the Multi-Purpose Center/Senior Center.

Mother/Son Banquet - Monday, May 24th, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.

Band Banquet - May 25th, at the Multi-Purpose Center/ Senior Center.

Mother/Daughter Banquet - Thursday, May 27th, at the Fillmore-Piru Veterans Memorial Building.

Recreation:

Swim Lessons will be starting on June 1st at the pool. Applications are now available at the pool site.

Summer programs will be starting at the pool starting the week of June 21st – September 17th.

High School Track:

The Parks Commission requested that an item is placed on the agenda for the upcoming City Council Meeting to form an ad hoc committee to discuss the use of the high school track by running clubs.

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Use of Two Rivers Park:

A meeting will be held with City staff and youth organizations interested in using the park for practices and/or games on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Staff will work with all organizations to share the use of the park.

Fire Department

Calls:

Fire Dept. ran 24 calls: 22 medicals, 1 public service, 3 Traffic accidents, 1 Assault, 2 Investigations.

Current Projects:

Disaster Preparedness: On June 15th the Disaster Coordinator is putting on a disaster presentation for City employees in the Council Chambers.

Community Service: Fillmore Fire Department will be helping Grad Nite Live with a BBQ chicken dinner fund raiser on Sat. May 22nd from 5:00 pm thru 7:00 pm. Location will be at Fillmore Fire Station (711 Sespe Place).

Fireworks booth meeting: Fillmore Fire Department will be having its annual firework booth mandatory safety meeting on June 9th at City Hall. Start time 6:30 pm.

Fire Recruit Graduation: Fillmore Fire Department will be having Graduation Ceremonies on May 30th for the new 7 recruits who will have successfully completed their six week Fire Academy. Location will be at Fillmore Fire Department, 711 Sespe Place with ceremonies beginning at 10:00 am.

Community Development Department

Planning Department

Heritage Valley Parks Specific Plan:

Foreclosed properties:

Bank of America has foreclosed on 24 residential lots that were Griffin Industries owned. Griffin continues to own a significant portion of Phase 1A lots.

Landscape Water Meters:

Griffin Industries is requesting to shut water off at the landscape water meters in the Landscape Assessment District. This issue is being reviewed by City staff prior to water being shut-off.

Conceptual Plans:

Super A Foods:

Super A Foods is expanding their bakery. The concept plans were reviewed.

Shah Towing:

The applicant requested conceptual review of a possible expansion on the west end of town.

Planning Applications:

333 Mountain View Demolished:

A new unit is proposed and was reviewed by the Planning commission on May 19th.

PacTen:

The development firm called PacTen is pursuing the purchase the KDF Communities property in the Business Park. PacTen submitted an incomplete application to modify the previously City Council approved project into three phases. City staff has reviewed the plans and revised the Conditions of Approval for the applicants review and is waiting for the applicants reply.

Plan Checking:

Planning Department completed the plan check for a patio cover and 2-car garage on Orange Grove.

Certificate of Occupancy:

Development Agreements:

Shah Residential:

The applicant has an approved 19 unit 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.

Temporary Use Permits:

Circus (TUP):

A circus submitted a TUP application for a circus on May 28-May 30 to be located on 19 acres south of Highway 126 between "E" St. and "D" St.

July 4th 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. The Planning Department will also advertise the conditions imposed on block parties.

Housing:

401 Arundell Circle:

Bids are due on May 20th to make corrections to the building per the Building Official Inspection Report. A contractor will be selected by the City Council on June 1.

New Rehab application:

A new application has been submitted to rehab a residential unit on Blaine. This will be reviewed by City staff and presented to the Loan Committee if the application is properly completed.

Cabrillo (Central Station, First-time Homebuyer):

Two additional applications have been submitted for First-time Home Buyer. Unfortunately, these are incomplete and the applications will not be processed to the Loan Committee until the applications are finished. There are two remaining units for sale.

Miscellaneous:

SCAG/GIS:

The Planning Department has been awarded a grant through SCAG to update the existing GIS computer system. Information has been sent to SCAG to update the GIS Maps. Seven City staff members will be trained to use the new system. This is expected to be completed in the winter of 2010

First 1/3 retail requirement downtown:

The City Council adopted a Strategic Goal to improve the local economy. One step to improve the local economy 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.

Building & Safety

Final Inspections:

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. May 19th was the final walk through for corrections.

Home Inspection Report:

Home Inspection report was prepared for a First-time Home buyer house and submitted to Avalor Real Estate Co. to make corrections. The Building Department is waiting a call from the realtor to verify corrections have been made.

Inspections:

1. Plumbing on Ortega St. for a room addition
2. Final walk through for room addition at 310 Santa Clara St.
3. Mechanical inspection on McCampbell St.

Building Permit issuance:

1. Two re-roof permits
2. demolition permit issued for residential unit in Business Park
3. Three mechanical permits for various buildings through-out the City.

Miscellaneous:

Nonconforming Building:

City staff is still receiving inquires 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.

Code Enforcement

Illegal Garage Conversion:

Los Serenos

Demolition permits have been issued to the property owner to correct illegal garage addition and staff is waiting for a request for final inspection.

Bard St. Garage Conversion:

Demolition Permit has been issued and final inspection was conducted but there are corrections.

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. A Notice and Order will be sent to the property owner. If there continues to be noncompliance, a hearing will be set with a Hearing Officer.

Lora Lane:

Room additions and converted garage constructed without permits. This is a foreclosed property and the bank has been notified to make corrections.

Illegal Satellite dish

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

No Building Permits:

Mountain View – no permits

Old building is being upgraded with no permits. The property owner has been notified and made attempts to get permits but no permits have been issued because the applicant has not complete the information.

Waterford:

A complaint regarding a permitted outdoor kitchen was received and the property owner has been notified. City staff is waiting for a response

Building without permits:

900 block of Blaine constructed a carport without permits. The property owner has been notified and is in the process of receiving permits.

200 block of Ventura

Tenants complained about lack of compliance to building codes. This has been verified and the property owner has been notified to make corrections. The corrections are life/safety issue.

Public Works

Current Projects/Issues:

B Street Extension Project 2nd to 3rd Street: The new chain link fence that was to be installed on the east side of this new street has been deleted at the request of the adjacent property owner who preferred to keep his old fence. B Street is now open to traffic and is being well used.

Water Recycling Plant Open House: The open house for the new Water Recycling Plant is this Saturday May 22, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. This will be a good opportunity for residents to tour the plant and learn how it treats their water and recycles it. There will be a slide presentation of the construction progress from 2007 to 2010. Displays of the membranes used in the plant. And a collection of photographs from the grand opening of the old sewage treatment plant in October 1955.

Public Works Maintenance: Staff performed weed abatement at the new Two Rivers Park, graffiti is still very heavy. The tree trimmers are working in town doing our major tree maintenance. Staff is working on the A Street water line project with the Contractor.

Recycled Water System: We experienced some dirt and rocks in the recycled water system plugging filters and sprinklers and valves on the school sites. We suspect it is associated with construction activity by the landscape contractor working on the Railroad Right of Way. If this is proved to be the case we will back bill this contractor for the School and City costs associated with the dirt and rock.

Finance

Current Projects/Issues:

FY 2011 Budget:

The City has an approximate \$1 million shortfall for the upcoming FY 2011 budget, primarily due to revenues falling off more than projected at Midyear. The Interim Finance Director has been meeting with Department Heads and line staff to review budgets this week. There was also a coordination meeting between Finance and Human Resources to review the position count in this years' budget and next. Some changes have been made as a result. Suggestions about revenue enhancements, cost savings and operational changes continue to come in. Samples of ideas are closing City Hall every other Friday, furloughs, buying generic supplies, changing staffing configurations to reduce overtime, following up on nonpayment of citations, etc. The next step is to cost out some of the suggestions and examine any organizational suggestions made as a result of the Class and Comp study.