

**City of Fillmore Weekly Update**  
**06/07 to 06/13/10**

**Police**

**Crime Data:**

*Shooting/Stabbing:*

On 6-4-2010, at about 3:50 pm, 700 Block Akers in North Fillmore.

This was a **gang related** 911 call that came out as a drive-by "single shot" disturbance involving a White-SUV. After an immediate investigation by on-scene gang officers, it was determined that this was a gang disturbance. During the ensuing investigation, we found a very uncooperative gang member who was not shot, but stabbed and snuck to a distant hospital to seek treatment for the stabbing. He did this to avoid detection by us. We are actively working the case. No persons were shot at the original call; however it appears there was a shot fired.

*Domestics:*

1400 block Cottonwood  
Shiells Park

*Fireworks:*

600 block River

*Party Calls:*

This was a very busy week for party disturbance calls. Summer is here!

4th and A  
900 block B  
1100 block Sespe  
900 block 1st  
700 block Akers  
70 block S Pacific  
400 block Blaine  
300 block Santa Clara  
500 block Saratoga

*Burglary:*

Goodwill 700 block 126. Arrest imminent.

*Stolen car:*

300 block Condor (known suspect)

*Traffic Accidents:*

Hit Run 900 block Sespe  
Hit Run 200 block Central  
Non Injury 100 block 126

*Theft of Marijuana:*

Area of Santa Clara. A subject was maintaining marijuana plants under protection of a written note from a doctor. We had warned him about the probability of the plants being stolen by youth. Our foresight became fact as he just had his plants stolen. No suspects.

**Upcoming Issues/Events – None.**

**Facilities, Parks & Recreation:**

Special Showing at the Towne Theatre: Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with 222 students from Fillmore Middle School in attendance.

Senior Breakfast: Wednesday: June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Alumni Banquet: Saturday: June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Annual Fireworks meeting: Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

Swim Lessons and Recreation Swim: starting Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

TNT Fireworks Company will be having a meeting with their fireworks booths on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Multi Purpose Center/ Senior Center.

Men's League and Co-ed Leagues are winding down their Spring League and will be gearing up for their Summer League starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July.

Movie in the Central Park is the first Friday the months of June, July & August; the movie starts at dusk. The event is sponsored by the church Deeper Life.

Parks are booked with rentals for graduation parties and for the summer months.

Facilities – business as usual with several end of the school year events taking place.

100<sup>th</sup> Meeting Dinner to kick-off the week's activities in preparation for the BIG football game between Fillmore/Santa Paula will be on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Building.

100<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Fillmore Flashes versus the Santa Paula Cardinals football game will be held at the Fillmore Football Field on Friday, November 12, 2010. If you have questions please call Lynn Cole at Fillmore High School at 524-6100.

**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 development of the preliminary budget for the projected amended budget for FY 09-10 and new FY 10-11. As we develop the 2010-11 budget, we will be refining the revenue and expenditure projections for 2009-10. 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 extent of the budget shortfall in the General Fund gives only a small glimpse of the overall picture. There are other funds, such as the Pool Fund and the Towne Theatre Fund, that have their own budgetary challenges because revenues do not match expenditure levels. To the extent that there is a revenue shortfall, a look at other potential sources is required. Typically a City will look at the General Fund to fill those gaps, but Fillmore's General Fund has its own revenue shortfall. Another potential source, as long as the use of the funds is within the regulations, is the Redevelopment Agency. Its challenge is a declining assessed value resulting in less property tax, the use of housing funds to recently pay for the take-away by the State with a requirement that the housing fund be paid back within five years, and an escalating debt service schedule. We are reviewing all funds that receive services from the General Fund to make sure those funds are being charged for them.

The water refunding has 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. It should be added that the sewer fund is also having difficulty meeting its bond covenants and it is likely that a sewer rate increase will be required. The Finance Department is massaging the budget, where possible, to minimize the increase that will be required.

### **Fire Department**

**Calls:** Fire Department ran 23 calls: 17 medicals, 2 Traffic accidents, 2 Structure fires and 2 Public service calls.

#### **Current Projects:**

Disaster Preparedness: On July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm, Disaster Coordinator Patrick Maynard is putting on a disaster presentation for City Employees in the Council Chambers.

Fireworks Booth Meeting: Fillmore Fire Department will be having its mandatory annual fireworks booth safety meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Start time 6:30 pm.

Oxnard Fire Department training fire: Oxnard Fire Department will be conducting a live burn exercise on Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the corner of D & River Streets. The Fillmore Fire Department will be helping Oxnard Fire with some operational tasks during this training exercise.

CPR Training: Fillmore Fire Department will be offering a CPR class on Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fillmore Fire Station, 711 Sespe Place, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Weed Abatement: Weed abatement is well on its way and a large amount of the lots are being taking care of. The Fire Chief has been in contact with owners who have not yet started their abatement and the majority has committed to complete their work. A field inventory inspection of outstanding properties will be conducted at the end of this week with an update included in next weeks report.

## **Community Development Department**

### **Planning Department**

#### Planning Applications:

Green Property: An auto-repair business desires to locate in the Central Business District. The existing structure is a corrugated metal building and the Zoning Ordinance requires a Conditional Use Permit. The applicant will be submitting an application this week.

Aye Chihuahua Modification to CUP: The restaurant Aye Chihuahua submitted an application to modify the existing CUP for a beer and wine to add liquor sales. This issue is going before the Planning Commission on June 23.

Lot Merger: The property at 310 Santa Clara St. is correcting a lot line that is divide a building. The Subdivision Map Act does not permit property lines to divide a building.

#### Certificate of Occupancy:

341 Central Ave., Maggie Apartments: The Building Official began the Certificate of Occupancy routing slip to all City Departments. All City Departments will be conducting an inspection of the building and noting any correction that may need to be done.

The Declaration of Conditions Covenants and Restriction to the Participation Agreement is being prepared for recordation.

The DIF is expected to be paid within this month.

#### Business License Review:

A new restaurant is being proposed on Central Avenue that will require a resurfacing of a parking lot. The parking lot design is under review.

#### Temporary Use Permits:

Farmers Market: The property owner of the property located at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Sespe Avenue submitted a Temporary Use Permit application for a Farmers Market to begin in July. The Farmers Market will grow in time to about 30 food, art and crafts booths. The applicant has paid the application fee, contacted Ventura County Environmental Health for permits and the Ventura County Agricultural Commission for certification.

City staff asked the applicant to contact the Downtown Merchants Association in order to coordinate the merchant's effort for a Farmers Market so that each parties efforts complement each other rather than conflict.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Car Show:

Fillmore and Western Railway submitted the Temporary Use Permit application. The application has been reviewed by the Staff Review Committee and being prepared to be issued.

## Housing

401 Arundell Circle: The City Council approved the lowest bidder to prepare the property for sale.

Cabrillo, Central Station Townhomes: Special Counsel is reviewing the information submitted to them by Cabrillo in Cabrillo's effort to reduce Fillmore subordination position from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>.

Housing Rehab Application: This is a request for new roof and plumbing. The application will be reviewed and presented to the Loan Committee.

## Building & Safety

### Final Inspections:

Water Recycling Plant: Corrections for the Building Official have not been completed. Building Official will need to contact Kennedy/Jenks to conduct final walk through.

### Inspections:

1. Inspections for repairs to balconies on River St. This has been finalized and approved.
2. Plumbing for vapor recovery behind Texaco. Corrections have to be made prior to being approved.
3. Tenant Improvement for new sandwich shop in Parkview Apt. Correction need to occur for Environmental Health.
4. Santa Clara Plaster
5. Re-frame roof on Fillmore St. after discovery of non permitted work.
6. Mechanical on Mountain View
7. Re-roofing on 4<sup>th</sup> St.
8. New Electrical service on "A" St.
9. Mechanical on Clay

## Code Enforcement

### Illegal Garage Conversion:

Bard Street Garage Conversion: The illegal conversion has been removed.

Blaine Garage Conversion: Tenants continue to reside in illegal unit and Code Enforcement is beginning and will require the illegal room addition 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.

Illegal satellite dish, Surrey Way: Property owner has not yet responded to the notice to get a permit.

### No Building Permits:

Mountain View – no permits: Permits are being processed for the work that was done without permits. The property owner is also seeking an auto-repair business and that will require a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Planning Commission.

Waterford: The property was inspected after complaints of illegal construction. The inspection discovered an illegal room addition and out door kitchen.

900 block of Blaine: Constructed a carport without permits. The property owner asked for an extension before compliance.

200 block of Ventura: There were numerous code violations on the building. The property owner has been cooperative and corrections are being made.

## **Public Works**

### **Current Projects/Issues:**

Sespe Creek Levee Upgrade: The City Manager and Public Works Director met with Norma Comacho and her staff with Ventura County Watershed Protection District to review the status of upgrading the Sespe Creek Levee. The District has selected PACE Engineering to perform the preliminary and final engineering on the levee upgrade at a cost of about \$900,000 paid for by the District Benefit Assessment funding. After doing initial study and research the District should be ready in November or October to start considering alternatives for the upgrade. It is still not known if only the foundation needs retrofit in addition to increasing the height. Funding for the project is still up in the air. The construction cost could vary from \$5 million to \$30 million depending upon the need to retrofit the foundation. The District is pursuing all funding options including Prop 1E levee grants, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Etc. An optimistic schedule has the CEQA review starting in the spring of 2011 and construction beginning in spring of 2012 with project completion in 2013 and possible acceptance by FEMA before the insurance requirement is reinstated. Stay tuned in the coming months for further updates. There will be public meetings to discuss the project —possibly in the winter.

Trucks on New B Street: A "No Trucks" signs posted was installed for the new stretch of "B" St. at Old Telegraph Road.

Bike Path: A new post rail was installed at "B" Street to stop people walking across rail road.

Well #5: The repairs to Well #5 are mostly complete and the bearing on Well #8 is being repaired.

Graffiti: Graffiti continues to be heavy and requiring extra effort to stay ahead of.

Pavement Patching: The annual pavement patching over water repairs is underway. When water leaks are repaired during the year we patch them with temporary asphalt and once a year a contractor repairs them with hot mix asphalt.

Poison / Bait Traps on Sespe Creek Levee: Because the presence of pest control measures can sometimes be alarming, the following information has been provided by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District concerning bait stations placed along the Sespe Creek levee to control burrowing rodents and their lack of danger to other predators and neighborhood pets.

Rodents burrow into earthen levees allowing water to infiltrate and pipe deep into the structure, weakening it, and ultimately causing its failure. This, in turn, can result in flooding, loss of property, life, or other devastation. Consequently, the County has a policy of zero tolerance for rodent burrowing at their critical facilities.

In regards to concerns about the bait used in these stations, it takes repeated feeding over 3-7 days for squirrels and rodents to be affected by the bait so any predators would have to do the same thing – feed on affected animals repeatedly over a short period of time, and we rarely find the rodents dead above ground. Watershed Protection District uses another bait that doesn't have any possibility of secondary poisoning to knock down the populations initially (it can not be used repeatedly because the squirrels will become bait-shy), so the stations are only controlling new ones here and there as they migrate into the area. The chances of secondary poisoning are pretty slim. Watershed Protection District does its best to be sure that it stays that way.

CAPE SEAL PROJECT: The CAPE seal slurry project will begin on Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. During the past weeks the contractor has been preparing the streets. When the bids came in only 15 of the 20 streets on the bid list were going to be done. However a change in the type of slurry for the 1<sup>st</sup> layer has been made and the entire list of streets will now be slurried. The 1<sup>st</sup> layer will be conventional Type III slurry and the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer will remain rubberized REAS Type I Slurry. This change was made because of a materials issue for Type III slurry. The two coats of slurry will be placed one week apart and the re-striping will occur one week after the final coat of slurry.