

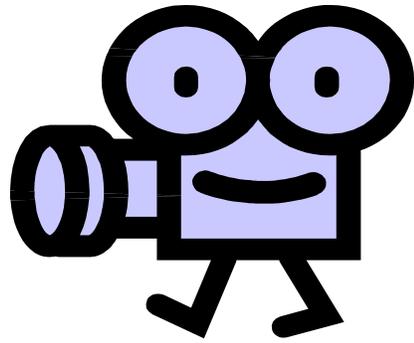
# The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



August 2006

# Short Takes

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-  *Health Affairs* predicts that prospective home health-care workers may instead opt for careers flipping burgers, thanks to rising fast-food wages. Coupled with looming cuts to Medicaid, the potential shortage of home care assistants is “a tsunami waiting to happen,” according to one industry official. “Most people are oblivious to it.”
-  Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training; National Incident Management System (NIMS) training; Ridgecrest emergency management tabletop exercise funded by Homeland Security grant.
-  Regular and special City Council meetings, Council standing committees, Council ad hoc committees, Arts Council, staff meetings.
-  News media briefings, KZIQ radio commentaries, Daily Independent column, present proclamation in absence of Council.
-  Periodic meeting: Tom Mulvihill, IWV Water District.
-  Water District and City staff to discuss landscaping guidelines.
-  Desert Mountain Division City Managers teleconference.
-  Meetings: David Mechtenberg, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.
-  Kern County City Managers conference: fire services.
-  Kern County CAO Ron Errea and Adel Klime: annexation, fire services, etc.
-  Labor negotiations.
-  Desert Willow Apartment Project developers; other developers.

We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

# PARKS RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2006

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## NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAQUE BY JIM PONEK

The Healing Field sponsored by the Ridgecrest Exchange Club was once again breath taking. Located in our Freedom Park, the field of flags was a beautiful site which gave you goose bumps. Also complimenting the flags was the fountain and memorial plaques in the Veterans Memorial. We have been informed the Exchange Club will be displaying flags once again next year.



The finished memorial plaque at Freedom Park



Freedom Park

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Plaque at Freedom Park
- New Scoreboards
- Adopt a Roadway
- Healing Field Pictures
- Director's Scoop



Randy Brown cuts and places the black granite tiles on the plaque monument base.



**NEW SCOREBOARDS AT KMCC BY GREG CLARK**

Currently the Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of installing brand new electronic scoreboards in the Kerr McGee Center gym. Our previous scoreboards have had electronic problems over the past couple of years which caused them to intermittently flicker and on occasion go blank. After researching the option of repairing the former scoreboards it was found that they were so outdated that parts were not available anymore.

We purchased new LED scoreboards that have the latest technology. They are 3 feet by 8 feet with an emerald green power coated finish. The maintenance staff took on the precarious task of mounting the 150 pound devices in unobstructed locations more conducive to comfortable viewing by the fans, officials and players. Our electrician is presently working on wiring the scoreboards and we expect to have them up and running for the upcoming ICS volleyball season.

We will also be offering space on both scoreboards for local organizations, establishment, and other sports minded individuals to advertise. We are confident that the 4 advertising spots, which will be 2 feet by 3 feet, are going to be ripe real estate for those who want thousands of our local residents to view their organizations and be reminded that these establishments support Ridgecrest youth activities.



The new scoreboards, like the one pictured here on the right were mounted in locations more conducive to easy viewing by players, spectators and officials.

**ADOPT A ROADWAY PROGRAM BY GREG CLARK**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department has re-introduced the Adopt A Roadway program. This program is known nationally for its success in providing for the cleanup of litter from national highways, rural roadways, and community streets.

Although the City of Ridgecrest had such an effort previously it was being misused by those who sought to advertise along those areas and in return would maintain said areas. While some of the organizations abided by their pledge of support, many would turn a blind eye away from their responsibility to clean up their areas once their advertising was in place. Eventually, overtime, and currently many of our streets are lined with litter and an

assortment of debris. While this is a volunteer effort there was still an implied advertising benefit for that volunteer who agreed to maintain a section of roadway.

Jim Ponek was approached by David Jester who is a volunteer that wanted to revive the program. David has been cleaning various areas around the city and sees the value of having sponsors for areas he personally has not been able to maintain. David agreed to help facilitate a new effort if the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department oversaw the processing of applicants. We are currently taking the registration, insuring implementation, producing organization signage, and providing road safety equipment.

Thus far we have a handful of sponsoring organizations with a wide variety of areas that still need to be adopted. As well we have some signs of prior entities standing in areas that are not actually sponsored or registered for those organizations that will have to be removed in order that legitimate sponsors can acquire those areas.

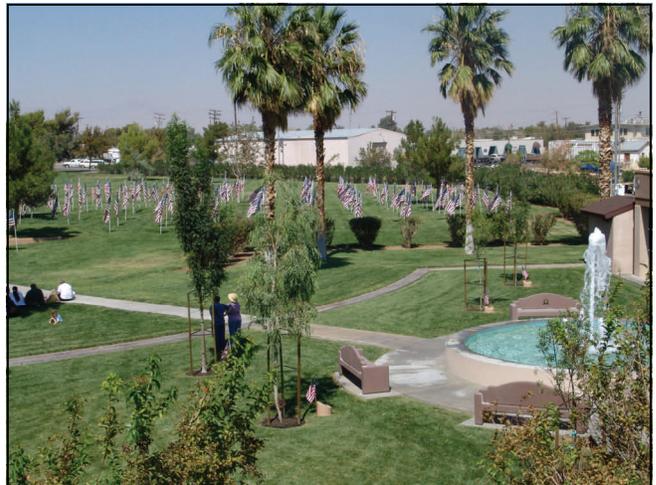
We presently have 21 sections of roadway that need sponsors, and of this date we have four paid sponsorships for those areas. Adminstrating and facilitating the program is not an easy task. This responsibility requires supervision and monitoring to insure maintenance work is being done and safety regulations are being followed. Through the combines efforts

of our volunteers and city staff we are dedicated to be the conduit for a successful beautification of our city thoroughfares and streets.

Typically the costs are a follows: \$200 dollar fee for the initial registration which includes the signage with organizational logo and contact information applied, mounting of the sign posts in the median, and the first year fees. After the first year a \$75 dollar fee will be collected yearly thereafter. Contact Greg Clark at the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department for costs, registration, and equipment issues.

**HEALING FIELD AT FREEDOM PARK** PICTURES BY JACOB WINEGARDNER

To honor those who have fought to protect our country's freedom, and the lives lost in the September 11 terrorist attack, the Ridgecrest Exchange Club placed 750 US flags in Freedom Park over the weekend of September 9th-11th.



# Everybody Listen Up!!



## DIRECTOR'S SCOOP BY JIM PONEK

As an advisor for the Youth Advisory Committee, I was able to attend the League of California Cities. Along with the Chief of Police, his secretary, six youth, the Mayor and all four City Councilman the City of Ridgecrest received a Helen Putnam award. I was honored to be part of the event and am very proud of our youth in our community.

The Summer is officially over and I want to thank my entire staff for another wonderful and fantastic Summer. Just wait until you see the winter/spring schedule... It is going to Blow you away... We got all kinds of new activities for Winter.

That's the scoop...

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Community Economic

&

Development

Department

# CEDD MONTHLY REPORT

The month of August has seen the approval of building plans for the new Marriot Hotel & Office project within the Business Park. Construction is now being scheduled for the beginning of October.

Two additional parcels are in the negation process within the Business Park. Staff has begun work on the development of the City and Business Pak Landscaping and Lighting District.

The Rite-Aide project has submitted building plans for a Building Plan Check to our Building Department and awaits site review by Kern County Plan Check. Demolition is currently planned for October.

Other new Economic Development projects are being proposed near Ridgecrest Boulevard and Downs as well as new retail on China Lake Boulevard.

First drafts sections of the Wal-Mart EIR have been received by staff and are now undergoing review and comment.

Construction continues on Searles Lake Federal Credit Union project.

Other new projects being proposed are a new Grandstay Hotel to be located on China Lake Boulevard between the Business Park and K-Mart. This project is an extended stay 56 unit project. Also currently planned on the site are several retail sites.

Housing projects this month have included a request for development assistance by Shibu Basuthakur with his project The Esplanade and by The Willows apartment project.

# CITY PLANNING

During the latter part of August the Planning staff has been busy with the following projects:

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:**

**Approved by the P&Z Committee on August 23, 2006:**

The P&Z Committee's Scope as follows:

1. Resolve issues that become deadlocked at Planning Commission level.
2. The Steering Committee for the City of Ridgecrest General Plan Update.
3. Available early-on to meet and confer with developers as a sounding board for feedback regarding projects needing General Plan Amendments or Zoning Changes.
4. Dynamo initiator for big picture programs involving physical planning, (examples include: BLM land swap, Bowman Creek Linear Park Master Plan, Design Program for China Lake Blvd, Olde Towne Design guidelines).



## **CITY COUNCIL:**

**To be considered by the City Council on September 20, 2006:**

1. A request by the City of Ridgecrest for A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA-06-11 FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MD) ON 4.59 ACRES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CHURCH AVE. AND DOWNS ST.
2. A request by the PAM Companies for A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM COMMERCIAL/PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (C) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) ON 3.01 ACRES,
3. A request by the PAM Companies for a rezoning ON THE WEST 1.5 AC FROM LOW-DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) AND ON THE EAST 1.5 AC FROM PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (PO) TO R-1,



4. A request by Dr. Shibu Basuthaker for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change on ON 51.31 AC LOCATED AT THE NW CORNER OF SANDERS ST. AND LAS FLORES AVENUE,
5. A request by the PAM Companies for a rezoning and a General Plan Amendment for 11.08 AC LOCATED ON DOWNS ST., SOUTH OF LAS FLORES AVE. AND NORTH OF ARGUS AVE. FROM MULTI-FAMILY (R-2) TO SINGLE FAMILY (R-1) AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM MEDIUM DENSITY (MD) TO LOW DENSITY (LD), and,
6. A request by Benchmark Opinions for a rezoning 50.45 ACRES LOCATED AT THE NE CORNER OF SPRINGER AVENUE AND NORMA STREET (URBAN RESERVE) TO E-3 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL / 7,500 S.F. MINIMUM LOT SIZE.



### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

#### **Approved by the Planning Commission on August 22, 2006:**

1. An AMG Associates Site Plan Review for a 81 Unit Family Housing Complex with a Community Center located on 6 acres at 340 South Downs Street was approved by the Planning Commission on August 22, 2006,



#### **To be considered by the Planning Commission on September 26, 2006:**

2. A General Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Subdivision proposal by Carol Vaughn for the approval of 242 single family lots on 79.6 acres located at the northwest corner of Mahan Street and Springer Avenue.
3. A request by Heller Development for site plan approval for a 112 unit multi-family residential project located on 7.6 acres 800 feet north of the northwest corner of Ridgecrest Blvd., and Gateway Blvd,
4. A request by PAM Companies to create a 51 lot single family subdivision on 13.06 acres located at the southeast corner of Drummond Ave and N. Inyo Street,
5. A request by Dave Sjaastad: to create a 3 Estate Density (10,000 sf min) lot subdivision on 1.2 acres located at the northeast corner of Sydnor Ave and Carolyn Street,
6. A request by AMG to create a 12 lot General Commercial (GC) subdivision on 4.60 ac. located at the SW corner of Ridgecrest Blvd and Downs Street, and,
7. A request by the Desert Empire Fair for a 1 year extension and a revision to the approved TPM 11182 to create a three lot division on 81.5 acres.

|                        | CASE NO.          |                        | APPLICANT               | APN #                          | Size        | ADDRESS/LOCATION                     | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  | Application Complete, Fees collected. | By | DISPOSITIO  |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| <b>PC ACTION TAKEN</b> |                   |                        |                         |                                |             |                                      |  |                                       |    |   |
| 1                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-01<br/>06-01</b> | Taft                    | 080-020-03                     | 14.5<br>ac  | NE corner or Bowman<br>& Sunland     | From R-1 to R-<br>3TTMr6710 remainder &<br>from LD to MD                                       | 5200                                  | ph | 4/11/06 appr'd<br>w/conditions,no vote<br>5/10, appealed PZ; b<br>CC Aug 2 aapr. CC |
| 1                      | <b>SPR<br/>06</b> | <b>11</b>              | Taft Corp               | 080-020-30<br>remainder parcel |             | NW cor Bowman and<br>Forest Knoll    | TTM 6893 Condo   | 3620                                  | ma | 4/11/06 appr'd<br>w/conditions,no vote<br>5/10, appealed PZ; b<br>CC Aug 2          |
| 2                      | <b>VAR</b>        | <b>06-01</b>           | Eloy Rodriques          |                                | 7400<br>sf  | 320 N Helena                         | garage being<br>constructed 2' from PL,<br>need 3' variance                                    | 1210                                  | ph | 4/11 PC DENIED Ap<br>,Appr'd CC 8/2   |
| 3                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>05-01<br/>05-01</b> | Schiller                | 463-013-02, 453-<br>013-11     | 7.32<br>ac  | S. of Graff between<br>Inyo & Downs  | Fr. M1 to R3 with GPA fr.<br>Industrial to Med.<br>Resid.for Desert Willow<br>Apts SPR-06-09   | Fee expt                              |    | PC appr'd to CC 8/2   |
| 4                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-05<br/>06-04</b> | Dr. Shibu<br>Basuthakur | 067-041-12,13                  | 51.31<br>ac | NW cor Las Flores &<br>Sanders       | R-2 to R1 w/GPA MD to<br>LD R-1 to R1/PUD<br>RSP to R1/PUD w/GPA<br>PS to LD (see TTM<br>6867) | 5200                                  | ph | App'd 6/13 TO CC 9  |
| 4                      | <b>06</b>         | <b>6867</b>            | Dr. Shibu<br>Basuthaker | 067-040-12,13                  | 51.31<br>ac | NW corner Las Flores<br>& N. Sangers | 190 lots   | 2980 500                              | ph | App'd 6/13 to ZC/GF<br>9/20 <b>NEED SPR</b>   |
| 5                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-08<br/>06-07</b> | PAM                     | 067-050-21                     | 11.08       | Agnus & Downs<br>"Helena"            | R-2 to R-1 44 lots TTM<br>6790   | 5200                                  | ph | 5/9 PC aprv'd 6/13 to<br>9/20   |
| 5                      | <b>06</b>         | <b>6790</b>            | PAM                     | 067-050-21                     | 11.08       | Argus and Downs                      | R-2 to R-1 44 lots w ZC<br>GPA   | 2980<br>500                           | ph | 5/9 PC aprv'd 6/13 to<br>GPA CC 8/16  |



## PENDING PC ACTION

|         |           |                |                               |                      |              |                                      |  |                    |       |   |
|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|---|
| 3       | ZC<br>GPA | 06-02<br>06-02 | Carol Vaughn                  | 508-010-04-08        | 79.6<br>ac   | NW corner Mahan and<br>Springer      | From UR to R-1<br>TTM6798 RD to LDR                  | 5200               | ph    | 5/09 PC cont 6/27to<br>to 9/26                              |
| 3       | 06        | 6798           | Carol Vaughn                  | 508-010-04 - 08      | 79.6<br>ac   | NW corner Mahan &<br>Springer        | 243 lots and 2 park/basin<br>lots (w/ZC & GPA-06-02) | 2980<br>500        | ph    | 5/09 PC cont 6/27to<br>to 9/26                              |
| 4       | ZC<br>GPA | 06-07<br>06-06 | AMG                           | 343-370-03,04        | 7.8          | NE cor Richmond<br>Upjohn            | GC to R-1 & GPA C to LD<br>no TTM# yet               | 5700               | ph    | 5/9 PC NO BIOTA/M<br>cont 6/13,7/11cc vot<br><b>PC 8/22</b> |
| 5       | SPR       | 05-11          | AMG                           |                      |              | 340 S Downs                          | 81 unit family apt project<br>Larkspur               |                    | ma/gp | Appld CC 1/18/06 R<br>for PC approval 7/<br><b>8/22 PC</b>  |
| 1/6/00  | SPR       | -06-13         | Heller Dev                    | 396-040-07,08        | 112<br>units | NW corner Ridgecrest<br>and Sunland  | 112 unit Apt Condo on<br>7.64 ac                     | 3620 500           | ph    | CON to SCH 6/20 N<br>to SCH 7/20 <b>PC 8/2</b>              |
| 6/16/06 | TPM       | 11584          | Dave Sjaastad                 | 453-020-39           | 1.2          | NE cor Sydnor &<br>Carolyn           | create 3 parcels in E-2                              | 1010 60            | ph    | <b>PC 9/26</b>  |
| 6/17/06 | TPM       | 11562          | AMG                           | 508-020-<br>04,05,06 | 5.37         | RC/Downs SW cor                      | SW cor RC/Downs create<br>12 CG lots                 | 1010<br>500        | ph    | PC 9/26   |
| 8/21/06 | TTM       | 11182<br>Ext   | Desert Empire<br>Fair Grounds | 343-014-<br>26,28,19 |              | Richomond/Radar                      | divide 3 parcels                                     | 760                | ph    | 8/1 sub pmt   |
| 5/4/06  | TTM       | 6908           | Pam Co.                       | 456-010-<br>02,03,08 | 13.06        | Drummond at Inyo and<br>Downs        | 51 lots  | 2986<br>credit 500 | ph    |   |
| 8/8/06  | ZC<br>GPA | 06-12          | PAM                           | 343-070-24           | 13.04        | SW cor<br>Richmond/Upjohna           | GPA :C to LD<br>ZC : RHM & GC to R-1                 | 5200               | ph    | NEED SCH MAILING  |
| 8/8/06  | TTM       | 6927           | PAM                           | 343-070-24           | 13.04        | SW cor<br>Richmond/Upjohna           | 56 lots w/GPA/ZC                                     | 3620               | ph    | NEED SCH MAILING  |
| 8/8/06  | SPR       | -06-17         | Bernard Connolly              | 396-500-02           | 1.43         | SE cor E. Drummond<br>Ave. & Chelsea | 11,600 sf Professional<br>office                     | 2510               | ph    | tentative <b>10/10 PC</b>                                   |

**ACTIVE NON PC  
ITEMS**

|         |            |               |                     |                             |         |                      |                                      |           |    |  |
|---------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----|--|
|         |            |               |                     |                             |         |                      |                                      |           |    |  |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>-06-03</b> | Dye/C5              | 419-072-03,04,05 419-073-01 |         | 1551,1555 China Lake | Merge 4 lots                         | 210       | ph | Recording To Cnty 7/2  |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>06-05</b>  | Mark Ball           | 081-072-28,29               |         | 900 Randall          | Merge 2 lots                         | 210       |    | Recording to Cty 7/2 up by applicant                                 |
|         | <b>LLA</b> | <b>06-06</b>  | K-Partners Marriott | 033-071-20,21               |         | 105 Sydnor           | Adjust lot lines for Marroitt        |           |    | sent to Eng for review back needs major workRECEIVED PAR MAP WAIVER? |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>06-04</b>  | Roberta Laignel     | 081-052-18,19               |         | 1625 porter          | merge 2 lots                         | 210       | ph | Recording sent to C  |
|         | <b>LLA</b> | <b>06-07</b>  | EJ Ent. Jon Mule    | 418-030-03,04               |         | 1409,11,13,15        | merge 2 lots                         | 210       | ph | To Eng for review 7/ appvd, hand car to r                            |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>06-08</b>  | Becker              |                             |         | 1501 N. Inyo         | merge 4 lots                         | 210       | ph |  |
| 8/10/06 | <b>LLA</b> | <b>06-09</b>  | EJ Ent. Jon Mule    | 418-030-03,04,              | 4 lts   | 1409,11,13,15        | adjust 4 lots                        | 210       | ph |  |
| 6/16/06 | <b>SPR</b> | <b>06-14</b>  | United Rentals      | 453-031-02                  |         | 1241 Inyokern        | Add Silo batch to existing           | 680 60    | ph | Site visit w/MA ok to notice   |
| 6/18/06 | <b>SPR</b> | <b>06-16</b>  | Eloy Rodriquez      | 418-062-12                  | 3 units | 710 Atkins           | Add 728 sf to existing triplex in R3 | 680 60 25 | ph | In house ?   |
| 6/30/06 | <b>SPR</b> | <b>06-15</b>  | Micheals Interiors  | 418-110-02                  | 2980 sf | 1519 Norma           | Add 2980 sf storage                  | 680 60    | ph | In house Ste visit w/  |

7/12/06

SGN

06-17

Pacific Tile  
Jacobs

531 W. Upjohn

**PROJECTS ON HOLD**

|  |            |              |                              |                                  |                       |                                     |   |               |  |                    |
|--|------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|--------------------|
|  |            |              |                              |                                  |                       |                                     |   |               |  |                    |
|  | <b>ZC</b>  | <b>05-05</b> | Pam Co.                      | 455-100-06 E-2<br>455-100-09 E-1 | Ac.<br>32.96<br>112.7 | SE corner of Mahan<br>and Ridgcrest | From E-1,E-2 to E-3<br>Hidden Lakes 466 lots TR<br>6691 | 2350 +<br>500 |  | HOLD for Enviromen |
|  | <b>CUP</b> | <b>05-29</b> | Cingular<br>Wireless/Parsons |                                  |                       | 1529 McLean Way                     | Cell Tower at R/C<br>Business Park                      | 1800          |  |                    |

**WITHDRAWN OR  
DEAD**

|         |                   |                        |         |               |                    |   |   |                             |    |  |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|----|--|
|         | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-11<br/>06-10</b> | PAM     | 033-050-24    | 38                 | Chelsa No of Business<br>Park                               | R-3 and CS to M1 GPA<br>to I  | 5200                        | ph | Agency sent 4/10 4<br>OWNER WITHDREV               |
|         | <b>GPA</b>        | <b>06-12</b>           | CRS LLC | 418-010-05    | 5.96               | NE cor Ward and<br>Sierra View                              | R-2/MD to R-1/LD  | 5200                        | ph | OWNER WITHDREV<br>process 5200 refund<br>ck clears |
| 7/20/06 | <b>TTM</b>        | <b>6903</b>            | CRS LLC | 418-010-05    | 5.96               | Sierra View at Ward   | 27 R-2 lots   | 2980<br>500Cks<br>retn HOLD | ph | SCH 7/27   |
|         | <b>GPA<br/>ZC</b> | <b>05-02<br/>05-06</b> | Pam Co. | 343-070-24    | 13<br>.04<br>ac    | South of Upjohn, East<br>of So.Richmond, North<br>or Bowman | From RHM/CG to R-3<br>PUD w/GPA Comm. to<br>Med Resid. Sunpoint<br>East 216 units | 5200 +<br>500               |    | 6/9 PC OWNER<br>WITHDREW                           |
|         | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-10<br/>06-09</b> | PAM     | 455-101-08,06 | 17.7<br>& 20<br>ac | NW Cor R/C and<br>Mahan with 125 ac                         | E-1 to RSP & R-2 E-2 to<br>E-3 GPA to PS &  | 5200                        | ph | 5/9 PC Part of Hidde<br>NO BIOTA OWNER<br>WITHDRW  |

Code

Enforcement



## Code Enforcement Office Monthly Status Report

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Date: September 5, 2006  
To: Gary Parsons, Karen Gamble  
From: Bob Smith  
Re: Month of August 2006 Statistics

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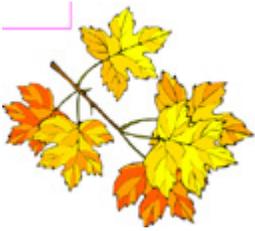
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|---|---------------|
| <b><u>Complaints:</u></b> 32                              | YTD 205       |
| <b>Initiated:</b> 2                                       | YTD 42        |
| <b><u>Site Inspection Days:</u></b> 17                    | YTD 105       |
| <b><u>Site Inspections:</u></b> 68                        | YTD 537       |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Correspondence:</u></b> 41                          | YTD 241       |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>RV/Oversized Warnings:</u></b> 5                    | YTD 83        |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Contacts:</u></b> 127                               | YTD 893       |
| <br>  |               |
| Telephone Received: 73                                    | YTD: 567      |
| Citizen Phone Contacts Made: 43                           | YTD: 432      |
| Citizen Walk-in: 1  | YTD: 6        |
| E-Mails: 1  | YTD: 5        |
| U.S. Mail: 0  | YTD: 0        |
| Field Contacts: 32  | YTD: 209      |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Pre-Abatement/Public Hearing Scheduled:</u></b> 0   | YTD 0         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Abatements:</u></b> 0                               | YTD 0         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Demolitions/Voluntary Compliance:</u></b> 0         | YTD 0         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Training:</u></b> 0                                 | YTD 80        |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Clean Up Projects:</u></b> 0                        | YTD 1         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Clean up pounds/tons:</u></b>                       | YTD 1         |
| <i>Total Cost:</i>  | YTD: \$269.80 |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Opened:</u></b> 32    | YTD 184       |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Closed:</u></b> 9     | YTD 82        |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>MSRs Percentage Closed</u></b> 384 of 516           | 74.4%         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>CEO Cases Open:</u></b> 0                           | YTD 0         |
| Cases Still Open: 0                                       |               |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Cases/Reports Closed</u></b> 0                      | YTD 1         |
| Percentage Closed: 100%                                   |               |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Percentage of Compliance with no Citations:</u></b> | 100%          |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Citations Issued:</u></b> 0                         | YTD 0         |

**Key Locations for Open Cases:**

600 Block Felspar, 300 Block Helena, 400 Block Reeves, 200 Block S. Gold Canyon, 300 Block E. Robertson, 700 Block La Paloma, Ginger at Sunset, 600 Blk. Maime, Willow at Downs, 100 Block Valley, 1000 Block W. Willow, 800 Block Balsam, 100 Blk. S. Silveridge, Upjohn at Norma, SB Sunset at Upjohn, 500 Block Vera, 200 S. Orchard, 1400 Blk. W. Upjohn, 600 Blk MaryAnn, 800 Blk. Lakeland, 1100 Blk. Randall, 100 N. China Lake, 300 N. Mono, 1600 Blk. McCall, 1000 Blk Coronado, 300 Blk., E. Upjohn Hood at Downs, 600 Blk. Regency Ct., 1000 Blk. Las Cruces,

**Synopsis:**

**Summer fires down just over 500 percent**



Efforts to keep weeds under control this past summer season have paid off. Even though two fires is two too many, it was down from the 11 reported fires in the summer of 2005.

We haven't totally abated weed-like fire hazards, but for the most part our enforcement has at least educated the community to watch their properties more carefully.

As we go into the Fall season, we will remind the community that the falling leaves must be cleared in a reasonable amount of time. Dry leaves are a combustible source and they also can block the gutters of our city by keeping the water flow from its natural state.



**This structure was not permitted by the City of Ridgecrest and is in violation of several ordinances.**



# Public Services

Telephone 449-5080 - Fax 499-1580

## August Meetings

- Aug. 03 - 178 Corridor Mtg.
- Aug. 04 - Boss's Lunch
- Aug. 09 - Wildlife Park Sign
- Aug. 09 - WWTP, Corrolo Engr. Scoping Mtg.
- Aug. 10 - AICUZ Briefing
- Aug. 14 - Willows Mtg.
- Aug. 15 - Carol Vaughn Mtg.
- Aug. 17 - AICUZ Mtg.
- Aug. 17 - Cooperative Water Management Group
- Aug. 18 - ETCPP Mtg. Mammoth
- Aug. 23 - GAMA, IWVWD Mtg.
- Aug. 24 - 178 Corridor Mtg.
- Aug. 25 - Blueprint - KernCOG Planning Dir. Forum.
- Aug. 28 - Vacation thru Sept.01

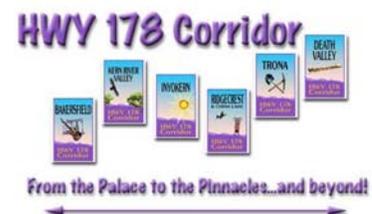
Additional regular meetings in support of various activities and on going projects of interest to the department and city were attended.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

James McRea  
Deputy City Manager  
Joe Pollock  
City Engineer

## The Highway 178 Corridor Tourism Expo October 27-19, 2006

The October 27-29 Highway 178 Corridor Tourism EXPO centered in Ridgecrest, California, is shaping up to be a huge crowd pleaser for southern California consumers and travel professionals alike. The Halloween weekend event will feature field trips, exhibits, a barbeque, multi-media presentations, music, stargazing, a street fair, visitor information and much more during the most prime-weather time of the year. Much of August has been directed towards the planning effort of the year long celebration and tourism project of the City, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, the IWV 2000, the RC&D, and the RACVB. Ray Arthur has accepted the leadership role for the IWV Valley and community with the assistance of Bob Barnes. Several grants for the County of Kern Tourism Promotion Board of Trade Grant and funding the event and the work of Bob Barnes.



## Ground Water Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA)

A statewide comprehensive assessment of ground water quality is currently being done in the Owens and Indian Wells Valley by the State Water Resources Control Board. The research is in coordination with the USGS and Lawrence Livermore National Labs and is a water well sampling process with the water quality being analyzed at very low detection levels. The report will be shared with the IWV Water District and the IWV Cooperative Groundwater Management Group. Additional information is available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov) or [ca.water.usgs.gov/gama/](http://ca.water.usgs.gov/gama/)

## **CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

### **Waste Water Headworks and Digester Cleaning**

Work continues on this project. Completion is anticipated to be in the first part of October of 2006. A study has commenced to determine the feasibility of either expanding the existing waste water treatment plant or to construct a completely new plant to provide for future waste water treatment demands.

### **Private Sector Projects**

The demand for inspection and plan checking is still increasing primarily in the commercial and residential sectors. There are currently about 38 new residential subdivisions being processed with a total of more than 3200 new lots. In addition to these there are about 1500 lots in the Ridgecrest Heights area that are vacant and buildable.

### **Street Projects**

CALTRANS has completed the project on Ridgecrest and China Lake. Work has commence on the Mahan, Graaf and Reeves. The Street Department was able to cap Ridgecrest Blvd. from Brady to Mahan.

## **WASTEWATER REPORT**

The City of Ridgecrest WWTF operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The treatment facility operated with no discharge violations for the month August.

The department inspected and passed eight new connections to the sanitary sewer system.

The department had effluent water analysis performed on pond No. 3. The analysis is conducted on a bi annual basis as per Board order No. 6-00-56. The results are included with this months State Monitoring Report.

The reclamation department reclaimed 6.76 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

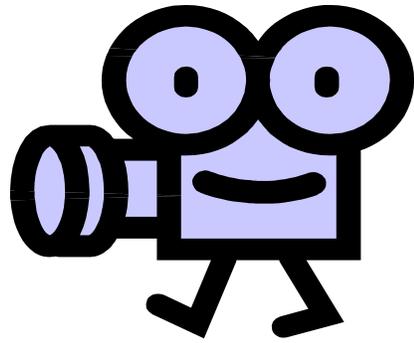
The department hydroflushed 1,500 ft. of main line collections system.

## **BUILDING REPORT**

A total of 66 permits were issued in August. Of the permits issued in August, three were Single Family Residence (SFR) permits and one was for the Marriott Hotel.

# Short Takes

*Written and Directed by  
Harvey Michael Reese*



-  *Health Affairs* predicts that prospective home health-care workers may instead opt for careers flipping burgers, thanks to rising fast-food wages. Coupled with looming cuts to Medicaid, the potential shortage of home care assistants is “a tsunami waiting to happen,” according to one industry official. “Most people are oblivious to it.”
-  Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) training; National Incident Management System (NIMS) training; Ridgecrest emergency management tabletop exercise funded by Homeland Security grant.
-  Regular and special City Council meetings, Council standing committees, Council ad hoc committees, Arts Council, staff meetings.
-  News media briefings, KZIQ radio commentaries, Daily Independent column, present proclamation in absence of Council.
-  Periodic meeting: Tom Mulvihill, IWV Water District.
-  Water District and City staff to discuss landscaping guidelines.
-  Desert Mountain Division City Managers teleconference.
-  Meetings: David Mechtenberg, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.
-  Kern County City Managers conference: fire services.
-  Kern County CAO Ron Errea and Adel Klime: annexation, fire services, etc.
-  Labor negotiations.
-  Desert Willow Apartment Project developers; other developers.

Community Economic

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# CEDD MONTHLY REPORT

The month of August has seen the approval of building plans for the new Marriot Hotel & Office project within the Business Park. Construction is now being scheduled for the beginning of October.

Two additional parcels are in the negation process within the Business Park. Staff has begun work on the development of the City and Business Pak Landscaping and Lighting District.

The Rite-Aide project has submitted building plans for a Building Plan Check to our Building Department and awaits site review by Kern County Plan Check. Demolition is currently planned for October.

Other new Economic Development projects are being proposed near Ridgecrest Boulevard and Downs as well as new retail on China Lake Boulevard.

First drafts sections of the Wal-Mart EIR have been received by staff and are now undergoing review and comment.

Construction continues on Searles Lake Federal Credit Union project.

Other new projects being proposed are a new Grandstay Hotel to be located on China Lake Boulevard between the Business Park and K-Mart. This project is an extended stay 56 unit project. Also currently planned on the site are several retail sites.

Housing projects this month have included a request for development assistance by Shibu Basuthakur with his project The Esplanade and by The Willows apartment project.

# CITY PLANNING

During the latter part of August the Planning staff has been busy with the following projects:

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:**

**Approved by the P&Z Committee on August 23, 2006:**

The P&Z Committee's Scope as follows:

1. Resolve issues that become deadlocked at Planning Commission level.
2. The Steering Committee for the City of Ridgecrest General Plan Update.
3. Available early-on to meet and confer with developers as a sounding board for feedback regarding projects needing General Plan Amendments or Zoning Changes.
4. Dynamo initiator for big picture programs involving physical planning, (examples include: BLM land swap, Bowman Creek Linear Park Master Plan, Design Program for China Lake Blvd, Olde Towne Design guidelines).



## **CITY COUNCIL:**

**To be considered by the City Council on September 20, 2006:**

1. A request by the City of Ridgecrest for A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA-06-11 FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MD) ON 4.59 ACRES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CHURCH AVE. AND DOWNS ST.
2. A request by the PAM Companies for A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM COMMERCIAL/PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (C) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LD) ON 3.01 ACRES,
3. A request by the PAM Companies for a rezoning ON THE WEST 1.5 AC FROM LOW-DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) AND ON THE EAST 1.5 AC FROM PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (PO) TO R-1,



4. A request by Dr. Shibu Basuthaker for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change on ON 51.31 AC LOCATED AT THE NW CORNER OF SANDERS ST. AND LAS FLORES AVENUE,
5. A request by the PAM Companies for a rezoning and a General Plan Amendment for 11.08 AC LOCATED ON DOWNS ST., SOUTH OF LAS FLORES AVE. AND NORTH OF ARGUS AVE. FROM MULTI-FAMILY (R-2) TO SINGLE FAMILY (R-1) AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FROM MEDIUM DENSITY (MD) TO LOW DENSITY (LD), and,
6. A request by Benchmark Opinions for a rezoning 50.45 ACRES LOCATED AT THE NE CORNER OF SPRINGER AVENUE AND NORMA STREET (URBAN RESERVE) TO E-3 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL / 7,500 S.F. MINIMUM LOT SIZE.



### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

#### **Approved by the Planning Commission on August 22, 2006:**

1. An AMG Associates Site Plan Review for a 81 Unit Family Housing Complex with a Community Center located on 6 acres at 340 South Downs Street was approved by the Planning Commission on August 22, 2006,



#### **To be considered by the Planning Commission on September 26, 2006:**

2. A General Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Subdivision proposal by Carol Vaughn for the approval of 242 single family lots on 79.6 acres located at the northwest corner of Mahan Street and Springer Avenue.
3. A request by Heller Development for site plan approval for a 112 unit multi-family residential project located on 7.6 acres 800 feet north of the northwest corner of Ridgecrest Blvd., and Gateway Blvd,
4. A request by PAM Companies to create a 51 lot single family subdivision on 13.06 acres located at the southeast corner of Drummond Ave and N. Inyo Street,
5. A request by Dave Sjaastad: to create a 3 Estate Density (10,000 sf min) lot subdivision on 1.2 acres located at the northeast corner of Sydnor Ave and Carolyn Street,
6. A request by AMG to create a 12 lot General Commercial (GC) subdivision on 4.60 ac. located at the SW corner of Ridgecrest Blvd and Downs Street, and,
7. A request by the Desert Empire Fair for a 1 year extension and a revision to the approved TPM 11182 to create a three lot division on 81.5 acres.

|                        | CASE NO.          |                        | APPLICANT               | APN #                          | Size        | ADDRESS/LOCATION                     | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  | Application Complete, Fees collected. | By | DISPOSITIO  |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----|---|
| <b>PC ACTION TAKEN</b> |                   |                        |                         |                                |             |                                      |  |                                       |    |   |
| 1                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-01<br/>06-01</b> | Taft                    | 080-020-03                     | 14.5<br>ac  | NE corner or Bowman<br>& Sunland     | From R-1 to R-<br>3TTMr6710 remainder &<br>from LD to MD                                       | 5200                                  | ph | 4/11/06 appr'd<br>w/conditions,no vote<br>5/10, appealed PZ; b<br>CC Aug 2 aapr. CC |
| 1                      | <b>SPR<br/>06</b> | <b>11</b>              | Taft Corp               | 080-020-30<br>remainder parcel |             | NW cor Bowman and<br>Forest Knoll    | TTM 6893 Condo   | 3620                                  | ma | 4/11/06 appr'd<br>w/conditions,no vote<br>5/10, appealed PZ; b<br>CC Aug 2          |
| 2                      | <b>VAR</b>        | <b>06-01</b>           | Eloy Rodriques          |                                | 7400<br>sf  | 320 N Helena                         | garage being<br>constructed 2' from PL,<br>need 3' variance                                    | 1210                                  | ph | 4/11 PC DENIED Ap<br>,Appr'd CC 8/2   |
| 3                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>05-01<br/>05-01</b> | Schiller                | 463-013-02, 453-<br>013-11     | 7.32<br>ac  | S. of Graff between<br>Inyo & Downs  | Fr. M1 to R3 with GPA fr.<br>Industrial to Med.<br>Resid.for Desert Willow<br>Apts SPR-06-09   | Fee expt                              |    | PC appr'd to CC 8/2   |
| 4                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-05<br/>06-04</b> | Dr. Shibu<br>Basuthakur | 067-041-12,13                  | 51.31<br>ac | NW cor Las Flores &<br>Sanders       | R-2 to R1 w/GPA MD to<br>LD R-1 to R1/PUD<br>RSP to R1/PUD w/GPA<br>PS to LD (see TTM<br>6867) | 5200                                  | ph | App'd 6/13 TO CC 9  |
| 4                      | <b>06</b>         | <b>6867</b>            | Dr. Shibu<br>Basuthaker | 067-040-12,13                  | 51.31<br>ac | NW corner Las Flores<br>& N. Sangers | 190 lots   | 2980 500                              | ph | App'd 6/13 to ZC/GF<br>9/20 <b>NEED SPR</b>   |
| 5                      | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-08<br/>06-07</b> | PAM                     | 067-050-21                     | 11.08       | Agnus & Downs<br>"Helena"            | R-2 to R-1 44 lots TTM<br>6790   | 5200                                  | ph | 5/9 PC aprv'd 6/13 to<br>9/20   |
| 5                      | <b>06</b>         | <b>6790</b>            | PAM                     | 067-050-21                     | 11.08       | Argus and Downs                      | R-2 to R-1 44 lots w ZC<br>GPA   | 2980<br>500                           | ph | 5/9 PC aprv'd 6/13 to<br>GPA CC 8/16  |



## PENDING PC ACTION

|         |           |                |                               |                      |              |                                      |  |                    |       |   |
|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|---|
| 3       | ZC<br>GPA | 06-02<br>06-02 | Carol Vaughn                  | 508-010-04-08        | 79.6<br>ac   | NW corner Mahan and<br>Springer      | From UR to R-1<br>TTM6798 RD to LDR                  | 5200               | ph    | 5/09 PC cont 6/27to<br>to 9/26                              |
| 3       | 06        | 6798           | Carol Vaughn                  | 508-010-04 - 08      | 79.6<br>ac   | NW corner Mahan &<br>Springer        | 243 lots and 2 park/basin<br>lots (w/ZC & GPA-06-02) | 2980<br>500        | ph    | 5/09 PC cont 6/27to<br>to 9/26                              |
| 4       | ZC<br>GPA | 06-07<br>06-06 | AMG                           | 343-370-03,04        | 7.8          | NE cor Richmond<br>Upjohn            | GC to R-1 & GPA C to LD<br>no TTM# yet               | 5700               | ph    | 5/9 PC NO BIOTA/M<br>cont 6/13,7/11cc vot<br><b>PC 8/22</b> |
| 5       | SPR       | 05-11          | AMG                           |                      |              | 340 S Downs                          | 81 unit family apt project<br>Larkspur               |                    | ma/gp | Appld CC 1/18/06 R<br>for PC approval 7/<br><b>8/22 PC</b>  |
| 1/6/00  | SPR       | -06-13         | Heller Dev                    | 396-040-07,08        | 112<br>units | NW corner Ridgecrest<br>and Sunland  | 112 unit Apt Condo on<br>7.64 ac                     | 3620 500           | ph    | CON to SCH 6/20 N<br>to SCH 7/20 <b>PC 8/2</b>              |
| 6/16/06 | TPM       | 11584          | Dave Sjaastad                 | 453-020-39           | 1.2          | NE cor Sydnor &<br>Carolyn           | create 3 parcels in E-2                              | 1010 60            | ph    | <b>PC 9/26</b>  |
| 6/17/06 | TPM       | 11562          | AMG                           | 508-020-<br>04,05,06 | 5.37         | RC/Downs SW cor                      | SW cor RC/Downs create<br>12 CG lots                 | 1010<br>500        | ph    | PC 9/26   |
| 8/21/06 | TTM       | 11182<br>Ext   | Desert Empire<br>Fair Grounds | 343-014-<br>26,28,19 |              | Richomond/Radar                      | divide 3 parcels                                     | 760                | ph    | 8/1 sub pmt   |
| 5/4/06  | TTM       | 6908           | Pam Co.                       | 456-010-<br>02,03,08 | 13.06        | Drummond at Inyo and<br>Downs        | 51 lots  | 2986<br>credit 500 | ph    |   |
| 8/8/06  | ZC<br>GPA | 06-12          | PAM                           | 343-070-24           | 13.04        | SW cor<br>Richmond/Upjohna           | GPA :C to LD<br>ZC : RHM & GC to R-1                 | 5200               | ph    | NEED SCH MAILING  |
| 8/8/06  | TTM       | 6927           | PAM                           | 343-070-24           | 13.04        | SW cor<br>Richmond/Upjohna           | 56 lots w/GPA/ZC                                     | 3620               | ph    | NEED SCH MAILING  |
| 8/8/06  | SPR       | -06-17         | Bernard Connolly              | 396-500-02           | 1.43         | SE cor E. Drummond<br>Ave. & Chelsea | 11,600 sf Professional<br>office                     | 2510               | ph    | tentative <b>10/10 PC</b>                                   |

**ACTIVE NON PC  
ITEMS**

|         |            |               |                     |                             |         |                      |                                      |           |    |  |
|---------|------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----|--|
|         |            |               |                     |                             |         |                      |                                      |           |    |  |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>-06-03</b> | Dye/C5              | 419-072-03,04,05 419-073-01 |         | 1551,1555 China Lake | Merge 4 lots                         | 210       | ph | Recording To Cnty 7/2  |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>06-05</b>  | Mark Ball           | 081-072-28,29               |         | 900 Randall          | Merge 2 lots                         | 210       |    | Recording to Cty 7/2 up by applicant                                 |
|         | <b>LLA</b> | <b>06-06</b>  | K-Partners Marriott | 033-071-20,21               |         | 105 Sydnor           | Adjust lot lines for Marroitt        |           |    | sent to Eng for review back needs major workRECEIVED PAR MAP WAIVER? |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>06-04</b>  | Roberta Laignel     | 081-052-18,19               |         | 1625 porter          | merge 2 lots                         | 210       | ph | Recording sent to C  |
|         | <b>LLA</b> | <b>06-07</b>  | EJ Ent. Jon Mule    | 418-030-03,04               |         | 1409,11,13,15        | merge 2 lots                         | 210       | ph | To Eng for review 7/ appvd, hand car to r                            |
|         | <b>LM</b>  | <b>06-08</b>  | Becker              |                             |         | 1501 N. Inyo         | merge 4 lots                         | 210       | ph |  |
| 8/10/06 | <b>LLA</b> | <b>06-09</b>  | EJ Ent. Jon Mule    | 418-030-03,04,              | 4 lts   | 1409,11,13,15        | adjust 4 lots                        | 210       | ph |  |
| 6/16/06 | <b>SPR</b> | <b>06-14</b>  | United Rentals      | 453-031-02                  |         | 1241 Inyokern        | Add Silo batch to existing           | 680 60    | ph | Site visit w/MA ok to notice   |
| 6/18/06 | <b>SPR</b> | <b>06-16</b>  | Eloy Rodriquez      | 418-062-12                  | 3 units | 710 Atkins           | Add 728 sf to existing triplex in R3 | 680 60 25 | ph | In house ?   |
| 6/30/06 | <b>SPR</b> | <b>06-15</b>  | Micheals Interiors  | 418-110-02                  | 2980 sf | 1519 Norma           | Add 2980 sf storage                  | 680 60    | ph | In house Ste visit w/  |

7/12/06

SGN

06-17

Pacific Tile  
Jacobs

531 W. Upjohn

**PROJECTS ON HOLD**

|  |            |              |                              |                                  |                       |                                     |   |               |  |                    |
|--|------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|--------------------|
|  |            |              |                              |                                  |                       |                                     |   |               |  |                    |
|  | <b>ZC</b>  | <b>05-05</b> | Pam Co.                      | 455-100-06 E-2<br>455-100-09 E-1 | Ac.<br>32.96<br>112.7 | SE corner of Mahan<br>and Ridgcrest | From E-1,E-2 to E-3<br>Hidden Lakes 466 lots TR<br>6691 | 2350 +<br>500 |  | HOLD for Enviromen |
|  | <b>CUP</b> | <b>05-29</b> | Cingular<br>Wireless/Parsons |                                  |                       | 1529 McLean Way                     | Cell Tower at R/C<br>Business Park                      | 1800          |  |                    |

**WITHDRAWN OR  
DEAD**

|         |                   |                        |         |               |                    |   |   |                             |    |  |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|----|--|
|         | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-11<br/>06-10</b> | PAM     | 033-050-24    | 38                 | Chelsa No of Business<br>Park                               | R-3 and CS to M1 GPA<br>to I  | 5200                        | ph | Agency sent 4/10 4<br>OWNER WITHDREV               |
|         | <b>GPA</b>        | <b>06-12</b>           | CRS LLC | 418-010-05    | 5.96               | NE cor Ward and<br>Sierra View                              | R-2/MD to R-1/LD  | 5200                        | ph | OWNER WITHDREV<br>process 5200 refund<br>ck clears |
| 7/20/06 | <b>TTM</b>        | <b>6903</b>            | CRS LLC | 418-010-05    | 5.96               | Sierra View at Ward   | 27 R-2 lots   | 2980<br>500Cks<br>retn HOLD | ph | SCH 7/27   |
|         | <b>GPA<br/>ZC</b> | <b>05-02<br/>05-06</b> | Pam Co. | 343-070-24    | 13<br>.04<br>ac    | South of Upjohn, East<br>of So.Richmond, North<br>or Bowman | From RHM/CG to R-3<br>PUD w/GPA Comm. to<br>Med Resid. Sunpoint<br>East 216 units | 5200 +<br>500               |    | 6/9 PC OWNER<br>WITHDREW                           |
|         | <b>ZC<br/>GPA</b> | <b>06-10<br/>06-09</b> | PAM     | 455-101-08,06 | 17.7<br>& 20<br>ac | NW Cor R/C and<br>Mahan with 125 ac                         | E-1 to RSP & R-2 E-2 to<br>E-3 GPA to PS &  | 5200                        | ph | 5/9 PC Part of Hidde<br>NO BIOTA OWNER<br>WITHDRW  |

Code

Enforcement



## Code Enforcement Office Monthly Status Report

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Date: September 5, 2006  
To: Gary Parsons, Karen Gamble  
From: Bob Smith  
Re: Month of August 2006 Statistics

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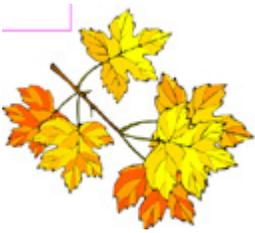
|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b><u>Complaints:</u></b> 32                              | YTD 205       |
| <b>Initiated:</b> 2                                       | YTD 42        |
| <b><u>Site Inspection Days:</u></b> 17                    | YTD 105       |
| <b><u>Site Inspections:</u></b> 68                        | YTD 537       |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Correspondence:</u></b> 41                          | YTD 241       |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>RV/Oversized Warnings:</u></b> 5                    | YTD 83        |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Contacts:</u></b> 127                               | YTD 893       |
| <br>  |               |
| Telephone Received: 73                                    | YTD: 567      |
| Citizen Phone Contacts Made: 43                           | YTD: 432      |
| Citizen Walk-in: 1  | YTD: 6        |
| E-Mails: 1  | YTD: 5        |
| U.S. Mail: 0  | YTD: 0        |
| Field Contacts: 32  | YTD: 209      |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Pre-Abatement/Public Hearing Scheduled:</u></b> 0   | YTD 0         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Abatements:</u></b> 0                               | YTD 0         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Demolitions/Voluntary Compliance:</u></b> 0         | YTD 0         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Training:</u></b> 0                                 | YTD 80        |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Clean Up Projects:</u></b> 0                        | YTD 1         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Clean up pounds/tons:</u></b>                       | YTD 1         |
| <i>Total Cost:</i>  | YTD: \$269.80 |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Opened:</u></b> 32    | YTD 184       |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Closed:</u></b> 9     | YTD 82        |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>MSRs Percentage Closed</u></b> 384 of 516           | 74.4%         |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>CEO Cases Open:</u></b> 0                           | YTD 0         |
| Cases Still Open: 0                                       |               |
| <br>  |               |
| <b><u>Cases/Reports Closed</u></b> 0                      | YTD 1         |
| Percentage Closed: 100%                                   |               |
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| <b><u>Percentage of Compliance with no Citations:</u></b> | 100%          |
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| <b><u>Citations Issued:</u></b> 0                         | YTD 0         |

**Key Locations for Open Cases:**

600 Block Felspar, 300 Block Helena, 400 Block Reeves, 200 Block S. Gold Canyon, 300 Block E. Robertson, 700 Block La Paloma, Ginger at Sunset, 600 Blk. Maime, Willow at Downs, 100 Block Valley, 1000 Block W. Willow, 800 Block Balsam, 100 Blk. S. Silveridge, Upjohn at Norma, SB Sunset at Upjohn, 500 Block Vera, 200 S. Orchard, 1400 Blk. W. Upjohn, 600 Blk MaryAnn, 800 Blk. Lakeland, 1100 Blk. Randall, 100 N. China Lake, 300 N. Mono, 1600 Blk. McCall, 1000 Blk Coronado, 300 Blk., E. Upjohn Hood at Downs, 600 Blk. Regency Ct., 1000 Blk. Las Cruces,

**Synopsis:**

**Summer fires down just over 500 percent**



Efforts to keep weeds under control this past summer season have paid off. Even though two fires is two too many, it was down from the 11 reported fires in the summer of 2005.

We haven't totally abated weed-like fire hazards, but for the most part our enforcement has at least educated the community to watch their properties more carefully.

As we go into the Fall season, we will remind the community that the falling leaves must be cleared in a reasonable amount of time. Dry leaves are a combustible source and they also can block the gutters of our city by keeping the water flow from its natural state.



**This structure was not permitted by the City of Ridgecrest and is in violation of several ordinances.**



We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

# PARKS RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2006

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## NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAQUE BY JIM PONEK

The Healing Field sponsored by the Ridgecrest Exchange Club was once again breath taking. Located in our Freedom Park, the field of flags was a beautiful site which gave you goose bumps. Also complimenting the flags was the fountain and memorial plaques in the Veterans Memorial. We have been informed the Exchange Club will be displaying flags once again next year.



The finished memorial plaque at Freedom Park



Freedom Park

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Plaque at Freedom Park
- New Scoreboards
- Adopt a Roadway
- Healing Field Pictures
- Director's Scoop



Randy Brown cuts and places the black granite tiles on the plaque monument base.



**NEW SCOREBOARDS AT KMCC BY GREG CLARK**

Currently the Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of installing brand new electronic scoreboards in the Kerr McGee Center gym. Our previous scoreboards have had electronic problems over the past couple of years which caused them to intermittently flicker and on occasion go blank. After researching the option of repairing the former scoreboards it was found that they were so outdated that parts were not available anymore.

We purchased new LED scoreboards that have the latest technology. They are 3 feet by 8 feet with an emerald green power coated finish. The maintenance staff took on the precarious task of mounting the 150 pound devices in unobstructed locations more conducive to comfortable viewing by the fans, officials and players. Our electrician is presently working on wiring the scoreboards and we expect to have them up and running for the upcoming ICS volleyball season.

We will also be offering space on both scoreboards for local organizations, establishment, and other sports minded individuals to advertise. We are confident that the 4 advertising spots, which will be 2 feet by 3 feet, are going to be ripe real estate for those who want thousands of our local residents to view their organizations and be reminded that these establishments support Ridgecrest youth activities.



The new scoreboards, like the one pictured here on the right were mounted in locations more conducive to easy viewing by players, spectators and officials.

**ADOPT A ROADWAY PROGRAM BY GREG CLARK**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department has re-introduced the Adopt A Roadway program. This program is known nationally for its success in providing for the cleanup of litter from national highways, rural roadways, and community streets.

Although the City of Ridgecrest had such an effort previously it was being misused by those who sought to advertise along those areas and in return would maintain said areas. While some of the organizations abided by their pledge of support, many would turn a blind eye away from their responsibility to clean up their areas once their advertising was in place. Eventually, overtime, and currently many of our streets are lined with litter and an

assortment of debris. While this is a volunteer effort there was still an implied advertising benefit for that volunteer who agreed to maintain a section of roadway.

Jim Ponek was approached by David Jester who is a volunteer that wanted to revive the program. David has been cleaning various areas around the city and sees the value of having sponsors for areas he personally has not been able to maintain. David agreed to help facilitate a new effort if the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department oversaw the processing of applicants. We are currently taking the registration, insuring implementation, producing organization signage, and providing road safety equipment.

Thus far we have a handful of sponsoring organizations with a wide variety of areas that still need to be adopted. As well we have some signs of prior entities standing in areas that are not actually sponsored or registered for those organizations that will have to be removed in order that legitimate sponsors can acquire those areas.

We presently have 21 sections of roadway that need sponsors, and of this date we have four paid sponsorships for those areas. Adminstrating and facilitating the program is not an easy task. This responsibility requires supervision and monitoring to insure maintenance work is being done and safety regulations are being followed. Through the combines efforts

of our volunteers and city staff we are dedicated to be the conduit for a successful beautification of our city thoroughfares and streets.

Typically the costs are a follows: \$200 dollar fee for the initial registration which includes the signage with organizational logo and contact information applied, mounting of the sign posts in the median, and the first year fees. After the first year a \$75 dollar fee will be collected yearly thereafter. Contact Greg Clark at the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department for costs, registration, and equipment issues.

**HEALING FIELD AT FREEDOM PARK** PICTURES BY JACOB WINEGARDNER

To honor those who have fought to protect our country's freedom, and the lives lost in the September 11 terrorist attack, the Ridgecrest Exchange Club placed 750 US flags in Freedom Park over the weekend of September 9th-11th.



# Everybody Listen Up!!

## DIRECTOR'S SCOOP BY JIM PONEK



As an advisor for the Youth Advisory Committee, I was able to attend the League of California Cities. Along with the Chief of Police, his secretary, six youth, the Mayor and all four City Councilman the City of Ridgecrest received a Helen Putnam award. I was honored to be part of the event and am very proud of our youth in our community.

The Summer is officially over and I want to thank my entire staff for another wonderful and fantastic Summer. Just wait until you see the winter/spring schedule... It is going to Blow you away... We got all kinds of new activities for Winter.

That's the scoop...

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## August Meetings

- Aug. 03 - 178 Corridor Mtg.
- Aug. 04 - Boss's Lunch
- Aug. 09 - Wildlife Park Sign
- Aug. 09 - WWTP, Corrollo Engr. Scoping Mtg.
- Aug. 10 - AICUZ Briefing
- Aug. 14 - Willows Mtg.
- Aug. 15 - Carol Vaughn Mtg.
- Aug. 17 - AICUZ Mtg.
- Aug. 17 - Cooperative Water Management Group
- Aug. 18 - ETCPP Mtg. Mammoth
- Aug. 23 - GAMA, IWVWD Mtg.
- Aug. 24 - 178 Corridor Mtg.
- Aug. 25 - Blueprint - KernCOG Planning Dir. Forum.
- Aug. 28 - Vacation thru Sept.01

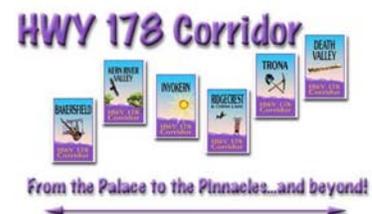
Additional regular meetings in support of various activities and on going projects of interest to the department and city were attended.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

James McRea  
Deputy City Manager  
Joe Pollock  
City Engineer

## The Highway 178 Corridor Tourism Expo October 27-19, 2006

The October 27-29 Highway 178 Corridor Tourism EXPO centered in Ridgecrest, California, is shaping up to be a huge crowd pleaser for southern California consumers and travel professionals alike. The Halloween weekend event will feature field trips, exhibits, a barbeque, multi-media presentations, music, stargazing, a street fair, visitor information and much more during the most prime-weather time of the year. Much of August has been directed towards the planning effort of the year long celebration and tourism project of the City, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, the IWV 2000, the RC&D, and the RACVB. Ray Arthur has accepted the leadership role for the IWV Valley and community with the assistance of Bob Barnes. Several grants for the County of Kern Tourism Promotion Board of Trade Grant and funding the event and the work of Bob Barnes.



## Ground Water Ambient Monitoring and Assessment Program (GAMA)

A statewide comprehensive assessment of ground water quality is currently being done in the Owens and Indian Wells Valley by the State Water Resources Control Board. The research is in coordination with the USGS and Lawrence Livermore National Labs and is a water well sampling process with the water quality being analyzed at very low detection levels. The report will be shared with the IWV Water District and the IWV Cooperative Groundwater Management Group. Additional information is available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov) or [ca.water.usgs.gov/gama/](http://ca.water.usgs.gov/gama/)

## **CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

### **Waste Water Headworks and Digester Cleaning**

Work continues on this project. Completion is anticipated to be in the first part of October of 2006. A study has commenced to determine the feasibility of either expanding the existing waste water treatment plant or to construct a completely new plant to provide for future waste water treatment demands.

### **Private Sector Projects**

The demand for inspection and plan checking is still increasing primarily in the commercial and residential sectors. There are currently about 38 new residential subdivisions being processed with a total of more than 3200 new lots. In addition to these there are about 1500 lots in the Ridgecrest Heights area that are vacant and buildable.

### **Street Projects**

CALTRANS has completed the project on Ridgecrest and China Lake. Work has commence on the Mahan, Graaf and Reeves. The Street Department was able to cap Ridgecrest Blvd. from Brady to Mahan.

## **WASTEWATER REPORT**

The City of Ridgecrest WWTF operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The treatment facility operated with no discharge violations for the month August.

The department inspected and passed eight new connections to the sanitary sewer system.

The department had effluent water analysis performed on pond No. 3. The analysis is conducted on a bi annual basis as per Board order No. 6-00-56. The results are included with this months State Monitoring Report.

The reclamation department reclaimed 6.76 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydroflushed 1,500 ft. of main line collections system.

## **BUILDING REPORT**

A total of 66 permits were issued in August. Of the permits issued in August, three were Single Family Residence (SFR) permits and one was for the Marriott Hotel.