

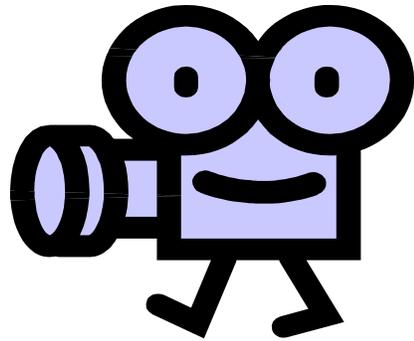
The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



December 2006

Short Takes

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-  “Stocks moved soundly higher in the first session of 2007 as investors cheered mostly solid readings on the economy and found reason for increased prospects for big-name retailers Home Depot, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.”
-  Mobile field offices for Assemblywoman Jean Fuller and Senator Roy Ashburn have resumed their schedules at City Hall.
-  Council meetings, Council Committees, Staff meetings.
-  News media briefings, KZIQ radio commentaries, Daily Independent columns.
-  Meeting with CACI management.
-  Meeting with Kern County Fire Chief Thompson.
-  Teleconference with attorneys regarding fire services.

**CITY OF RIDGECREST
PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

#	Merge With	Project #	Project Name	Project Manager	Engin Estim Total Proj Cost	Funding Sources/Amounts	Status	Description
1	2	ST9803	Norma Street Improvements Ph. 1 - Upjohn Ave. to Bowman Rd. (CD #17.96.1)	Joe Pollock		CDBG - Match	PE-inp	Curb, gutter, drive approaches, cross gutters, clearing & grubbing Design 75% complete, waiting for apr of boiler plate by CDBG
2	1	ST9804	Norma Street Improvements Ph. 2 - Upjohn Ave. to Bowman Rd. (CD #17.97.1)	Joe Pollock	337,819.50	CDBG - Match	PE-inp	Repaving Norma Street (claim \$22,906 on 2/16/01) Design 75% complete, waiting for apr of boiler plate by CDBG
3		ST9910	Ridgecrest Blvd. Improvements Ph.1 China Lake Blvd. to Norma St. (CD #17.97.2)	Joe Pollock	\$750,000	CDBG - Match	PE-inp	Design - no construction until additional funding located Claim - \$7,641.83. Could borrow ahead.
4	5,6	HR 9901	Las Flores Ave. - Handicap Access Improvements (CD #17.97.3)	Joe Pollock	\$242,500	CDBG Match	PE-inp	Bids opened 12/12/00, currently being reviewed Pre-con March 2, 01. CDBG 3 proj's = \$161,085. Bid 342,011
5	4,6	ST9901	Howell St. - Curb, Gutter & Street Improvements (CD #17.98.1)	Joe Pollock	(incl. Above)	CDBG - Match	PE-inp	Bids opened 12/12/00, currently being reviewed low bid \$ 342,011
6	4,5	ST2K03	Guam St. - Curb, Gutter & Street Improvements (CD #17.98.2)	Joe Pollock	(incl. Above)	CDBG Match	PE-inp	Bids opened 12/12/00, currently being reviewed
7		PK9802	Skate Park Improvements (C #17.98.3)	Joe Pollock	\$163,172	CDBG - Match (RDA)	CE-inp	Construction complete, CD project monitor inp
8	11	ST9801	Sunset St. - Curb, Gutter & Street Improvements (CD #17.99.1)	Larry Miller	\$279,000	CDBG -	PE-inp	Design inp, will be merged with CD #17.00.1 for construction
9		No #	Leroy Jackson Park Bike Path	Larry Miller		TDA Art. 3		Grant has been awarded. Design not started.
10	8	No #	Allen St. Repaving Improvements (CD #17.00.1)	Mike Tucker	\$378,000	CDBG - TDA - \$	AG-inp	CD Agreement sent to Ridgecrest for execution 01/17/01
11	21	ST9907	Drummond - Mahan to Kern	Joe Pollock	\$103,009	DMV - CMAQ	ENV-inp	Combined w/Mahan St. - Drummond to Sydnor, awaiting environmental apr from FHWA Funds to be spent by June '01,
12		ST2K01	Downs Landscaping - Inyokern to China Lake Blvd.	Joe Pollock	\$665,801	TEA - \$ MATCH	PE-inp	Plans com, awaiting construction authorization from Caltrans 589,234.00
13		BL2K01	China Lake Blvd. - Kmart to Inyokern (Chelsea Bike Lane)	Larry Miller	\$236,929	TEA - \$ TDA - \$		Awaiting authorization for PE from Caltrans \$175,412 TEA
14		BL2K02	Bikepath on Bowman - Downs to China Lake Blvd. PH I	Mike Tucker	\$82,541	TDA Art. 3 - \$ TDA - \$	PE-inp	Plans com, CS scheduled for Spring 2001
15		BL2K05	Bikepath on Bowman - China Lake to Gateway PH II	Mike Tucker	\$88,216	TDA Art. 3 - TDA - \$	PE-inp	Plans com, CS scheduled for Spring 2001
16		BL2K06	Bikepath on Gateway - Upjohn to Ridgecrest	Mike Tucker	\$83,041	TDA Art. 3 - TDA -	PE-inp	Plans com, CS scheduled for Spring 2001
17		BL2K04	Bikepath on Gateway - Ridgecrest to Pierce School	Mike Tucker	\$84,925	TDA Art. 3 - \$	PE-inp	Plans com, R/W problem with Navy
18		BL2K03	Bikepath on Norma - Ridgecrest to Church	Mike Tucker	\$75,110	TDA Art. 3 - \$ TDA - \$	PE-inp	Plans com, CS scheduled for Spring 2001
19		ST9906	So. China Lake - College Heights to Springer	Joe Pollock	\$802,000 \$359,518	STPL - \$ TDA - \$	CE-com	Construction completed 12/22/00
20	12	ST2K02	Mahan - Drummond to Sydnor	Joe Pollock	\$229,237	CMAQ - \$ TDA - \$	ENV-inp	Awaiting apr of environmental by FHWA
21		NO #	Mahan - Ridgecrest to Upjohn	Joe Pollock		CMAQ - \$ TDA - \$		Awaiting authorization for PE from Caltrans
22		ST9908	French and Drummond	Joe Pollock	143,000	CMAQ -	PE-inp	Awaiting acquisition of R/W from Navy PE authorized

AD - Advertisement
 AG - Agreement
 BA - Bid Award
 BD - Bids Due
 CD - Kern County Community Development
 CE - Construction Engineering and Construction
 CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
 COR - City of Ridgecrest
 CTC - California Transportation Commission
 EDA - Economic Development Administration
 EE - Engineer's Estimate

EEM - Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation
 ENV - Environmental
 FAA - Federal Aviation Administration
 FHWA - Federal Highway Administration
 HES - Hazard Elimination Safety
 KC - Kern County
 KCOG - Kern Council of Governments
 NFA - No Funds Available
 NOC - Notice of Completion
 NTP - Notice to Proceed
 PC - Project Completion
 PE - Preliminary Engineering

PS - Project Start
 PM - Property Management
 PO - Property Owner
 PT- Permitting
 PR2 - Program Supplement
 RDA - Redevelopment Agency
 RFA - Request for Authorization
 RFP - Request for Proposal
 R/W - Right of Way
 RSTP- Regional Surface Transportation Program
 SC - Start Construction
 SRC - Subdivision Review Committee

TDA - Transportation Development Act
 TEA - Transportation Enhancement Activities
 WW - Waste Water
 app - application
 apr - approval
 aut - authorization to proceed
 cad - calendar days
 com - completed
 inp - in process
 war- warranty period
 wkd - working days

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23		NO #	Graaf - Norma to Wayne	Joe Pollock	196,997	CMAQ - \$ TDA - \$		Awaiting authorization for PE from Caltrans
24		NO #	Reeves - Sierra View to 330' east	Joe Pollock	\$130,000	CMAQ - \$ TDA - \$		Awaiting authorization for PE from Caltrans
25		ST9806	Downs St. - Relocate Power Poles	Joe Pollock	\$1,615,000	HES - \$ RSTP, TDA	ON HOLD	Awaiting additional funding to underground ROW Problem; ON HOLD since SCE stopped undergrounding
26		NO #	North China Lake Blvd. - Street Lighting	Joe Pollock		HES - \$ TDA - \$		ON HOLD
27		NO #	Upjohn Bike Path	Mike Tucker		TDA		
28		NO#	Allen St. Repaving	Joe Pollock	\$355,735	CDBG		
29		01210	Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Retrofit / Upgrade	Jerry				
30		02211	College Heights Burn Dump - China Lake Waste Management Site/Hazardous Materials	Jerry				
31		02214	Ridgecrest Blvd. PA & ED	Juan	\$1,000,000	STIP	GW-inp	Environmental phase complete, waiting for next phase funding. Engin/Enviro documents complete
32		03204	Grants (EDA, Leroy Jackson Sports Complex, DMV App., Safe Rtes. To Schools App.)	Jeremy	\$5,040			TDA Art. 3 for \$50k matching funds for UpJohn Ave. awarded by KCOG Fall 2004 SR2S for sidewalks near Las Flores ES grant \$75,150, need match \$8,350
33		04203	FTA Section 5311 Vehicle Purchase	Juan		FTA TDA	PE-inp	Application submitted to Caltrans for approval Jan. 2005 City to buy bus
34		04204	RTIP 05/06	Jeremy		RTIP		Submitted Purpose & Need Statements to KCOG Awaiting technical data & ranking
35		04205	Overall Work Program 05/06	Jeremy	\$44,000	KCOG	Awaiting apr	Applied for sewer trunk line video inspection
36		05201	RSTP 05/06	Jeremy		RSTP	App	Sent request for E-76 for PE for College Heights Blvd. Conducted field review with Caltrans; Awaiting Authorization to Proceed
37		05203	Road Reconstruction - Downs Ave. (from Inyokern Rd. to China Lake)	Jeremy				Prepared 1st invoice and submitted to Caltrans Project bid twice, No bids received
38		05204	Road Reconstruction - Downs Ave. (from Ridgecrest Blvd. to UpJohn Ave.)	Jeremy				Prepared 1st invoice and submitted to Caltrans Prepared engineer's estimate & submitted to Joe Pollock
39		05205	Sidewalk Construction - French Ave. (from China Lake to Drummond Ave.)	Joe Pollock				Project complete. Closeout in Progress
40		05206	Road Improvements - Graff Ave., Reeves Ave. & S. Mahan St.	Joe Pollock				Prepared 1st invoice and submitted to Caltrans project-construction underway
41		05208	FHWA Project Status	Jeremy				
42		05209	RSTP 06/07	Jeremy				Submitted application to KCOG for reconstruction of Drummond
43		05210	CMAQ-CNG Fueling Station	Jeremy				Application approved by KCOG
44		06201	Sidewalk Construction - Las Flores Ave. (from Norma St. to Sanders St.)	Jeremy				Received executed PSA to begin work
45		06202	Upjohn Ave. Resurfacing	Jeremy				Funding has been lost
46		06203	Upjohn Ave. & Sunset Blvd. Road & Sidewalk Construction	Jeremy		CDBG		Project out to bid
47		06204	TEA - Bike Rest Stations - Bowman Rd.	Jeremy		TEA		Awaiting appropriate fiscal year
48		06205	Church & China Lake Traffic Signal	Jeremy		HES		Awaiting approval from Caltrans to begin preparation of bid documents.

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49		06206	Park and Rec. Bldg.	Jerry				
50		06207	College Heights Reconstruction Dolphin to Franklin	Jeremy		RSTP		Request for PE paperwork in progress
51		06208	College Heights Reconstruction China Lake to Dolphin	Jeremy		RSTP		Recd. E-76. Environmental work to begin.
52		06209	Road Reconstruction Drummond Ave. (China Lake to Norma)	Jeremy		RSTP		Request for PE submitted to Caltrans.
53		06210	DBE Program Update	Theresa				Caltrans approval 6-6-06 COMPLETE
54		06211	TDA Ariticle 3	Jeremy				

Ridgecrest Police Department

RPD monthly report

SOBRIETY / DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKPOINT

Special points of interest:

Open House

You Got Caught !!

The Traffic Division conducted a DUI / DL Checkpoint in the 300 block of W. Drummond Ave on December 23, 2006. We started screening drivers at 10:00 pm. A total of 169 drivers went through the checkpoint during the 4 hour detail and 2 drivers were detained for possible DUI. Those 2 drivers were released shortly after passing the field sobriety tests. By the end of the checkpoint at 0200 hrs., we had a total of 3 drivers cited for 12500(a)cvc Unlicensed Driver and 2 for

14601.(1)a cvc, Driving on a suspended license. We towed 4 vehicles with a 30 day hold.

There were 6 full-time Officers assigned to this checkpoint, 2 reserve officers, and 6 PACT volunteers. PACT volunteers donated 24 hours for this event

Monthly Report regarding Community Policing

Inside this issue:

General Investigations

Overtime

Volunteer Organizations

During the month of December, various Officers focused on problem solving in their respective areas. In one instance Officers noted an increase in thefts and vandalisms in the Lumill and Church St. areas. They did research to identify a possible reason and discovered that a street light in the area was inoperative. Since the lack of lighting could be

providing "the cover of darkness" for such crimes to flourish, SCE was contacted to repair the light.

During the course of a rape investigation, we discovered that the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital ER would not/could not conduct an evidentiary exam due to a lack of formal training for their

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A Personal Invitation—Open House



On January 23, 2007 the Ridgecrest Police Department will be holding an Open House. The Open House will take place 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The purpose of the open house is to give the citizens of Ridgecrest an opportunity to come and meet the Sworn Officers and Staff that serve them at the Department. As part

of the Open House, tours of the Department will be conducted as well as several demonstrations of police equipment. Representatives from the Department including P.A.C.T., Explorers, Animal Control, and Reserves will be present to answer questions about their respective duties. Please come

and bring your family or someone you know.

Monthly Report regarding Community Policing

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staff. Detective Plumhoff organized and conducted a meeting with SART and RRH personnel and the problem was resolved.

Officer Keys met with motel managers in his area in an attempt to increase security and cut down on drug dealing by

locals utilizing motel rooms. A walk through of the area was completed and recommendations were made regarding physical security. Additionally, the management identified numerous local individuals who will no longer be allowed to rent rooms at the locations to facilitate their drug dealings.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE A SUCCESS

The annual Elks Christmas Parade was held on December 9th, 2006. There were **15** PACT volunteers that assisted with traffic control.

Our awesome volunteers donated a total of **60 hrs.** for this event. We are hoping to have new Police Motorcycles for this parade next year.

Parole and Probation Sweep

On December 6, 2006, the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department/Trona substation, hosted a Parole/ Probation compliance operation in the Trona area. Due to the confidential nature of this operation, 30 plus Officers from approximately 8 local law enforcement agencies gathered at the Ridgecrest Police De-

partment for a pre-operational briefing, away from the target area of Trona. During this one day operation, 15 suspects were identified and arrested for varying offenses. The success of this type of operation is important to the citizens of Ridgecrest because the criminal element in Trona commutes easily be-

tween the Ridgecrest and Trona areas.

You Got Caught—Doing the Right Thing From Community Members

I just want to say thanks, and great job. Over Christmas my house was broken into. I made a call to your department and the case was solved in hours with a confession. Being a former officer of 10 years I am used to seeing residential burglary going for the most part unsolved or not enough evidence to make an arrest. Officer Agostinacci is a great officer and an asset to your department. In the short time I have lived in Ridgecrest I have met a few Officers and you seem to have a good crew. Keep it up sir. Great job.

Thanks again Chris Saunders

I am writing this letter to thank you and to tell you about an incident with two of your officers, Keys and Agostinacci. I work at College Community Services and yesterday we had a lady in crisis come in and state she was going to hurt herself if left alone but her intentions were not to commit suicide. We called the RPD and your officers responded. Officer Agostinacci was the first one to respond. Your officer got at the clients level, sat on a child size chair and spoke with our client. Soon after Officer Keys came in and asked her "What's wrong Hun?" treating her with compassion. Your Officers were not able to 5150 her which presented a problem since we could

not transport her either. Your Officers spoke with her in a very kind and respectful manner and asked her to please call them to let them know how she was doing once she was stabilized. Your Officers went above and beyond their call of duty. I know you must be a great guy as well to have two Officers as great as these two. Thank You Ridgecrest Police Department, Chief Avery, Agostinacci, Keys, and all of the Officers as compassionate as these.

Nedra Comack & Ruthy Smith

College Community Services

Thank
You

STOLEN ITEM RECOVERED IN THEFT

On December 13, 2006, Officer Agostinacci began following up the reported theft and recovery of a vehicle stereo system, taken from the unlocked vehicle of a Heritage village resident. The investigation led to the arrest of one of the young suspects, and review of additional in-

formation. This led to the identification of over ten additional victims in the area, and the second suspect.

On December 14, 2006, the second suspect was arrested and booked at Ridgecrest Police Department. He was released to the custody of his parent. It was his second

similar arrest in the last thirty days.

All the property that was recovered was released to its owners.

Overtime Use

<i>Overtime Type</i>	<i>Total Of Total Hours</i>
51 Support Services	14
54 San Bernardino County Services	2
55 Ridgecrest Patrol	205.75
56 Shelter Services	388
AM Administrative Duty Meetings	1035.75
AR Administrative Duty Records	109
ARM Administrative Duty Repair/Maintenance	45
AS Administrative Duty Station Assingments	190.5
AT Administrative Duty Training	2494.5
CA Court Appearance	1701.5
CS Court Stand-by	209.5
IF Investigations Criminal Follow Up	1815.25
II Investigations Interviews	395.5
IR Investigations Traffic Related	201.75
IV Investigations Vice / Narcotics	444.25
PB Prisoner booking	543.25
PM Prisoner matron duty	19.5
PR Prisoner release/feeding	8.25
PT Prisoner transportation	1102.5
RC Report Writing Criminal	1614.75
RI Report Writing Information	91.25
RT Report Writing Traffic	238.5
SC Shift Coverage In Court	74
SE Special Events	3505.5
SL Shift Coverage On Sick Leave	1786.25
SL Shift Coverage On Time Off	12
SS Shift Coverage Shortage	2953.25
ST Shift Coverage On Time Off	1445
<i>Total Hours</i>	22646.25

**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS
MONTHLY SUMMARY**

DECEMBER 2006

CATEGORY				TOTAL
DIRECT FILES	DA / COURT		81	81
CLOSE OUTS	INVEST.	183		183
	DIRECT	141		141
REFER TO D.A. / JUV. PROB.			26	26
DA COMPLAINT SHEETS RETURNED			48	48
SUBPOENA'S SERVED			05	05
TOTAL		324	160	484

PREPARED BY: JOYCE MARKWITH

APPROVED BY: Paul A. Wheeler

RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
RESERVE ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY
December, 2006

	Current Month	YTD Total
Reserves Hrs.	103.5	1018.0

During the month of December, Reserve Officers worked the following hours:

Officer Kiren	4
Officer Dysart	21.5
Officer Schatz	2
Officer Robbs	20
Officer Dorrell	40
Officer Regan	8
Officer Mitchell	8
Total hours:	103.5

This month, members of the reserve organization augmented patrol, assisted with range, provided prisoner transports, worked a parade traffic detail, worked a traffic DUI/DL checkpoint, and assisted in CSU and other Investigation Division details.

Prepared by


Justin M. Dampier
Sergeant

**-PACT MONTHLY REPORT
December 2006**

<u>PACT Volunteer</u>	<u>Hours</u>				
Executive Director	2.0				
Financial	4.5				
Fundraiser	0.0				
Training	0.5				
Administrative RPD	254.0				
Administrative Org	102.0				
Vehicle Maint.	4.0				
Animal Welfare	266.5				
Child ID	0.0				
EOC	0.0				
Graffiti Task Force	15.5	# Sites	10	Sites YTD	131
Nuisance Abatement	0.0				
Patrol	258.0	# Houses	32	Houses YTD	235
Preventive Patrol	0.0				
Surveillance	10.5				
PACT HOURS	917.5		YTD Hours for 2006		9740.0
Non-member hours	0.0		YTD Hours for 2005		9423.5
Chaplain hours	9.0				
TOTAL HOURS	926.5		Total Hours for 2005		9,423.5

Volunteers served thirteen subpoenas and attempted to serve twenty-two additional times.
 Four evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.
 December 2nd two volunteers did patrol in the Ridgecrest heights area.
 December 7th six volunteers did traffic control for funeral.
 December 9th sixteen volunteers worked the Christmas parade.
 December 12th six volunteers called out to traffic accident.
 December 15th volunteers helped set up for auction.
 December 16th volunteers worked at the auction.
 December 17th volunteers helped clean up after the auction.
 December 23rd six volunteers worked the DUI checkpoint.
 Ten graffiti sites were cleaned up with fifteen and a half volunteer hours being spent.
 Ten volunteers attended the coffee on December 27th.
 The Chaplain Corps logged nine hours.

Prepared by Virginia Smith, PACT Coordinator



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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

DEC. 06—JAN. 07

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- First flag football season.
- Basketball season begins.
- Pinney pool lobby remodeling begins.

FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON A SUCCESS

By Lamaar Iva

As we leave many great memories of 2006, from Summer sports camps to Christmas dinners, our greatest memorable moment was the start of our newly added sports program—Flag Football. The City of Ridgecrest announced to the public in early September that they would begin their first ever flag football league. What a great outcome we had! The league ran from November 4 through December 16. Children from ages 6-14 years took part in this newly developed league. Every week for 6 weeks, children participated in practice drills and football trials with the goal of learning football fundamentals and developing many skills that give structure and help them to pursue future goals. Parents also came out every week to show their support to the children and the league itself. We have received nothing but praise from parents, coaches, and staff about the difference this league has made for them and the children with the hope that the program will continue for years to come. Thank you to all the staff and the people of the city of Ridgecrest for their support and effort in making this league a success. We wish you all the best and hope to have your support in future seasons.



Top: 1st Place Division 2- Browns
Bottom: 2nd Place Division 2- Falcons



Top: 1st place division 3- Bills
Bottom: 2nd place division 3- Eagles



BUSY PARTY SEASON COMES TO AN END

By Jacob Senn

The months of November and December were very busy as is typical for the Kerr Mcgee center, as companies and groups from all around the valley held their holiday parties.

The highlight of the holiday party season was Gateway Elementary School's annual holiday performance fundraiser. Over 700 people came to the event which featured the fifth grade

classes singing holiday favorites in multiple languages, as well as a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to raise money for the Camp Keep program. Good food and great entertainment served to make this a very successful event. Plans have already been made and the facilities booked for next year's event, which promises to be just as successful.



Full house at the Gateway Holiday Fundraising event.



Fifth graders singing holiday songs at the Gateway Holiday fundraising event.



The setup prior to the arrival of guests at the Gateway Holiday fundraising event.

GYM FLOOR RECEIVES A FACELIFT

By Jacob Senn

On the 22nd and 23rd of December the gym and racquetball courts at the Kerr Mcgee center were closed while the parks department's maintenance team went to work stripping the old wax and laying down a new coat.

The gym floor really looks great and just in time for the busy basketball season as

Immanuel Christian school, Burroughs High School and the City of Ridgecrest's own recreation league keeps the gym packed with people every day of the week.



NEW PINNEY POOL CONCESSION AREA

By Greg Clark

Over the years Jim Ponek noticed that it was becoming increasingly apparent that there was a need for a remodeling of the entrance and lobby of the Pinney Pool. There existed a great deal of wasted space and an inefficient flow of patrons to and from the pool including the shower areas. As well there existed a necessity for a better way to service the clientele with concessions and drinks. This did not come without a fair share amount of logistic challenges. The plan was instituted last year during the swimming season when Jim Ponek, Randy Brown, and Greg Clark looked at the entrance area and noted the proximity to electrical, drainage, and water in one area of the entrance when it was decided that a regular soda fountain dispenser and new concession counter could be constructed. The addition of the

soda fountain head and new concession display should increase the revenue \$3,000.00 per annum. The best part being that most of this work could be done in house by Brown and Clark. In addition to the new concession area being rebuilt, the pool has been drained to allow for a complete cleaning of the inside. Stay tuned for progress reports; this project is going to benefit both staff and pool goers alike.



The tear down of the old concession area begins.



Inside of the pool being cleaned.



KMCC TO BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS

Due to the start of Basketball season, the Kerr McGee Center will be open on Sundays from 12pm-5:30pm beginning Jan. 7th to facilitate

open gym Basketball and Volleyball. The Racquetball courts and fitness rooms will also be open.

Open Gym Schedule

January 7, 2007 — May 20, 2007

VOLLEYBALL

Sundays 12pm-2:30pm

BASKETBALL

Sundays 3pm-5pm

Open Gym Fee

\$1.50

Racquetball Courts and Fitness room also available from 12pm-5pm



BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

By Jacob Senn

The Parks and Recreation Department's youth Basketball league started January 8th. With over 400 youths spread out over 48 teams it looks like we have another successful, as well as busy season ahead. The Kerr McGee center will be busy every day of the week with practices that start nightly at 5pm Monday through Thursday and games on Friday nights and all day on Saturday. However, the department's recreational league are not the only basketball teams using the facility. Immanuel Christian School calls the center home court with practices every-

day, and Burroughs high school Junior Varsity squad practices a few nights a week as well. With all of this going on, The Kerr McGee Center is sure to be the busiest spot in town.



Directors Scoop

By Jim Ponek

The Scoop for the end of the year...

2006 was a fantastic year. Our department was once again able to provide the community the highest quality of recreation programs and facilities. Our department once again brought in over \$400,000 in revenue. The positive image of the department is reflected from the great staff and all of the wonderful volunteers that are involved with the program.

The Parks Maintenance crew was able to develop a new softball field and through the funding of Prop 40, Kerr McGee Youth Sports Complex is getting an Electrical Rehab which is to be completed February 1st. Many other repairs throughout all of the parks and facilities occur on a daily basis including Pinney Pool, which is presently getting filters rehabbed, inside of the pool repaired and concession area remodel. Also the Kerr McGee Community Center is one special place for the community and we all take pride in keeping it that way. Please stop by and take a look at this beautiful and well maintained facility.

In ending, I want to thank everyone that was involved with our department in 2006 for a great year. What a wonderful bunch of people. I also want to thank Mr. Jacob Winegardner for his last year and half as an employee with the department. Mr. Winegardner was a Recreation Coordinator who oversaw the operation of the Aquatics program and other recreation programming. Jacob was accepted to Brigham Young University and left for School during the holidays. We all wish Jacob the very best.

That is the Scoop...



KMCC SCHEDULES

Monday, Dec. 11, 2006

9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Building open 8 am – 9 pm Kern County Flu Shots (10 am – noon)		N/S gym
11:00 am – 10:00 pm	BHS Football Banquet		Petro/Pinnacles
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Smashers Volleyball	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Officials		R/C rm

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm Patrice		Kitchen
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Cooper – Parent/child class		R/C rm
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	YAC		Red Rock/Chimney
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Drama		Fossil Falls/Ballarat
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Prepaid Legal		R/C rm
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Kung Fu		Chimney Peak
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006

8:00 am – 10:00 pm	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm Gateway School		Petro/Pinnacles
8:00 am – 4:30 pm	USA-WSSA		Red Rock/Chimney
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Multi Disc Tm		R/C Rm
9:30 am – 1:00 pm	IWV Collaborative		Fossil Falls/Ballarat
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Youth Basektball coaches mtg		Red Rock/Chimney
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Art Class		Fossil Falls
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	IWV Youth Baseball		R/C rm
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Kung Fu		Ballarat
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006

8:00 am – 12:00 am	FA-18 AWL		Pinnacles
8:00 am – 4:30 pm	USA-WSSA		Red Rock/Chimney
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Social Security		Fossil Falls/Ballarat
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	BHS Basketball		N/S Gym
6:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Karate		R/C rm
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Karate		Aerobics

Friday, Dec. 15, 2006

8:00 am – 1200 am	Comptroller		Pinnacles
2:45 pm – 6:00 pm	ICS Basketball Jr. High Game	Full court	N/S Gym

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006

8:30 pm – 10:45 am	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
8:00 am – 2:00 am	Alta One FCU		Petro/Pinnacles

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006

9:30 am – 12:30 pm	CLOSED Smashers volleyball GAME	NO STAFF	
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KMCC SCHEDULES

Monday, Dec. 18, 2006	Building open 8 am – 9 pm		
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Sylvia Mendez & Assoc.	Speakerphone	Fossil Falls
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Smashers Volleyball	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Officials		R/C rm
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm		
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Cooper – Parent/child class		R/C rm
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	City Employees Christmas Party		Pinnacles
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	ICS Basketball High School GAME		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Prepaid Legal		R/C rm
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Kung Fu		Chimney Peak
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm		
11:00 am – 8:00 pm	Houchin Bloodbank		Pinnacles
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Art Class		Fossil Falls
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Kung Fu		Ballarat
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics
Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006			
8:00 am – 12:00 am	Gym closed for floor maint		N/S Gym
10:00 am – 10:00 pm	Owens Valley TANF		Pinnacles
6:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Karate		R/C rm
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Karate		Aerobics
Friday, Dec. 22, 2006			
8:00 am – 12:00 am	Gym closed for floor maint		N/S Gym
Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006	CLOSED		
Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006	CLOSED		

KMCC SCHEDULES

Monday, Jan. 1, 2007	CLOSED		
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm		
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Patrice		Kitchen
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Cooper – Parent/child class		R/C rm
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Drama		Fossil Falls/Ballararat
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm	BHS Basketball Practice		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Officials		R/C Rm
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Prepaid Legal		R/C rm
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics
Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm		
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	BHS Basketball Practice		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	IWV Youth Baseball		Red Rock
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics
Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007			
8:00 am – 12:00 am	Gym closed for floor maint		N/S Gym
10:00 am – 10:00 pm	Owens Valley TANF		Pinnacles
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	ICS Basketball GAME Full Court		N/S Gym
8:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
6:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Karate		R/C rm
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Karate		Aerobics
Friday, Jan. 5 2007			
2:45 pm – 5:30 pm	ICS Basketball Jr High GAME	Full Court	N/S Gym
6:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Kung Fu		
Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007			
8:00 am – 1:00 am	Chaco Wedding & Reception	WATER OFF OUTSIDE	Pinnacles 4:00 PM Wedding Gazebo 100 Chairs-
Sunday, Jan. 7 2007			
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Open Volleyball		N/S gym
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Open Basketball		N/S Gym

KMCC SCHEDULES

Monday, Jan. 8, 2007

2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball		N/S Gym
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth League basketball practice		N/S Gym
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Desert Art League		Fossil Falls/Ballararat
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Officials		R/c Room
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Joy Parker		Red Rock

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm		
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Patrice		Kitchen
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Sr. Art Class		Red Rock/Chimney
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Cooper – Parent/child class		Ballarat rm
11:00 am – 5:30 pm	Youth Advisory		Petroglyph
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Harrison Nichols		R/C rm
4:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Drama		Fossil Falls/Ballararat
8:00 pm – 8:45 pm	ICS Basketball GAME Full Court		N/S Gym
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Youth League basketball practice		N/S Gym
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Prepaid Legal		R/C rm
	Kung Fu		Aerobics

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Building open from 8 am – 9 pm		
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Multi Dsc Tm		Red Rock
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	IWV Community Collaborative		Fossil Falls/Ballararat
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	American Family Legal		R/C Rm
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	ICS Basketball Jr High GAME 3:30 pm	2 cross Court	N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth League basketball practice		N/S Gym
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Adult Cooking		Kitchen
7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Aerobics		Aerobics
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics
	Smashers Vball practice	Set up Nets	N/S Gym

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007

2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	ICS Basketball practice		N/S Gym
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth League basketball practice		N/S Gym
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	BHS Basketball Practice		N/S Gym
6:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Karate		R/C rm
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Karate		Aerobics

Friday, Jan. 12 2007

2:45 pm – 8:00 pm	ICS Basketball GAME	Full Court	N/S Gym
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Ferris Reception Set up		Pinnacles
6:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Kung Fu		Aerobics
8:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Youth League GAMES		N/S gym

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007

8:00 am – 10:00 pm	Ferris Reception	E	Pinnacles
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Sunday, Jan. 14 2007

12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Open Volleyball		N/S gym
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Open Basketball		N/S Gym
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Smashers volleyball	Set up Nets	N/S Gym

Public Works

Telephone 449-5080 - Fax 499-1580

Winter Driving Can Be Dangerous

During the winter season, particularly when snow is forecasted, it is important to recognize and prepare for driving in adverse weather conditions. The ability to control a vehicle is greatly reduced. As a reminder to the driving public, Caltrans offers the following advice:

Winter driving on roads and highways in the snowcapped mountains of California can be a pleasant adventure or it can be frustrating, tiring and sometimes even hazardous. The California Department of Transportation provides the following information to help make your mountain driving safe and pleasant.

Before Heading for Snow Country:

- Make sure your brakes, windshield wipers, defroster, heater and exhaust system are in top condition.
- Check your antifreeze and be ready for colder temperatures. You may want to add special solvent to your windshield washer reservoir to prevent ice from forming.
- Check your tires. Make sure they are properly inflated and the tread is in good condition. Always carry chains. Make sure they are the proper size for your tires and are in working order. You might want to take along a flashlight and chain repair links. Chains must be installed on the drive wheels. Make sure you know if your vehicle is front or rear wheel drive.
- Other suggested items to carry in your car are an ice scraper or commercial de-icer, a broom for brushing snow off your car, a shovel to free you car if it is "snowed in", sand or burlap for traction if your wheels should become mired in snow and an old towel to clean your hands.
- It is also a good idea to take along water, food, warm blankets and extra clothing. A lengthy delay will make you glad you have them.
- Weather conditions may warrant detouring traffic from the main roadway. It is strongly suggested that drivers always keep an updated map containing the areas of travel.
- If you have a cellular telephone, pre-load the Caltrans Highway Information Network (CHIN) phone numbers for convenient, updated road conditions.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

Dennis Speer

Public Works Director

Joe Pollock

City Engineer

- Put an extra car key in you pocket. A number of motorists have locked themselves out of their cars when putting on chains and at ski areas.



Driving Tips:

- Allow enough time. Trips to the mountains can take longer during winter than other times of the year, especially if you encounter storm conditions or icy roads. Get an early start and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Keep your gas tank full. It may be necessary to change routes or turn back during a bad storm or you may be caught in a traffic delay.
- Keep windshield and windows clear. You may want to stop at a safe turnout to use a snow brush or scraper. Use the car defroster and a clean cloth to keep the windows free of fog.
- Slow down. A highway speed of 65 miles per hour may be safe in dry weather, but an invitation for trouble on snow and ice. Snow and ice make stopping distances much longer, so keep your seat belt buckled and leave more distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead. Bridge decks and shady spots can be icy when other areas are not. Remember to avoid sudden stops and quick direction changes.
- Be more observant. Visibility is often limited in winter by weather conditions. Slow down and watch for other vehicles that have flashing lights, visibility may be so restricted during a storm that it is difficult to see the slow moving equipment.
- When stalled, stay with your vehicle and try to conserve fuel while maintaining warmth. Be alert to any possible exhaust or monoxide problems.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Waste Water Headwork's and Digester Cleaning project is complete.

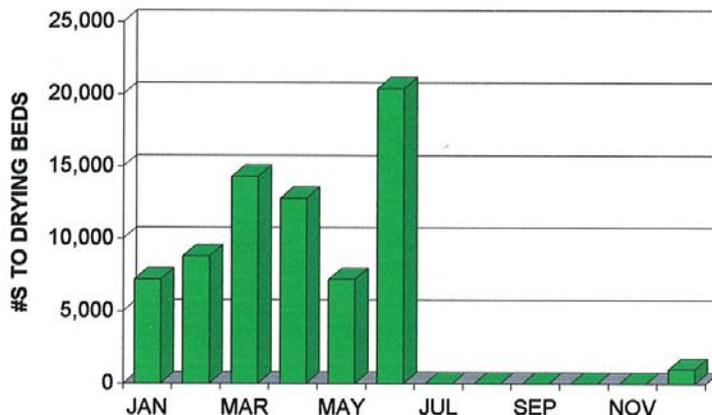
Private Sector Projects

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 Ridgcrest Heights area that are vacant and buildable.

Street Projects

The construction of Mahan, Reeves and Graaf projects are complete but some minor cleanup remains. Bids were opened on the Upjohn, Wilson, Church (all from Sunset to Norma) and Sunset from Upjohn to Wilson projects and the bids are being reviewed by CDBG in Bakersfield.

WW PLANT SLUDGE PRODUCTION 2006



WASTEWATER REPORT

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

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

The reclamation department reclaimed .9 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 3,500 ft. of main line collection system as preventative maintenance.

Community Services Department

James McRea, Director

January Monthly Report

- January 2007

The Economic Outlook Conference FEBRUARY 15, 2007

December was a short month due to the Holidays, but considerable planning and preparation for 2007 took place.

Economic Outlook Conference and Business Expo & Continental Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m.. Welcome by Ron Kicinski, President, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and Steven Morgan, City of Ridgecrest Mayor Pro-Tempore. The program will contain presentations from:

IWV 2000 Corporation & China Lake Defense Alliance
Matt Anderson

Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division
Brad Harlow, Deputy for Research and Engineering

*Long Term effects of "Center of Excellence" designation.
Base activities relevant to local economy.*

Searles Valley Minerals
Arzell Hale, Executive Director *Searles Valley Minerals*

Past, Present and Future

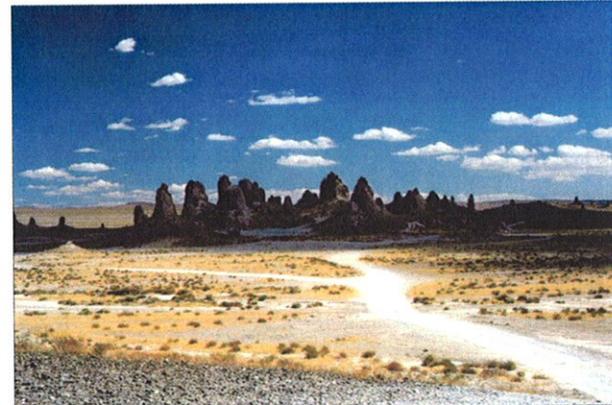
Kern County
Don Maben, Supervisor, 2nd District Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Richard Chapman, President and CEO Kern Economic Development Corporation.

Sierra Sands Unified School District,
Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

Preparations for future

City of Ridgecrest
Harvey Rose, City Manager

Growth Plans.



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City of Ridgecrest Planning Department

During the latter part of December and first half of January, the Planning staff has been busy with the following projects:

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:

The P&Z Committee met on November 15, 2006 to interview Planning Consultants to prepare the City's General Plan update, an EIR and new Zoning Ordinance. The firm that received the unanimous support of the P&Z Committee, (and other members of the City's General Plan Consultant Selection Committee), was Matrix Design Group, (MDG). A recommendation to hire MDG shall be considered by the city council on January 17, 2007.

MDG was not only considered to be the best qualified and suited to assist in the preparation of a General Plan update / EIR and new Zoning Ordinance but also, far and away the low bidder. MDG's sticker price is \$295,000 - proposed to be spread out over two fiscal years. The other two consultants interviewed on December 15 were asking \$400,000 and \$720,000 respectively.

Some of the reasons contributing to MDG's "below market" rate for the amount of work proposed include the following: 1) MDG is already under contract with NAWS and has a large Ridgecrest area data base built, 2) our Planning staff has agreed to take on portions of the General Plan citizen review process normally undertaken by the consultant, and, 3) the City's current contractual agreement with Kern COG for GIS services has helped reduce costs.

The Ridgecrest General Plan update promises to be among the most highly visible municipal projects during the next 18 to 24 months.

The P&Z Committee held a meeting on December 21, 2006. The appropriateness of Tattoo Parlors to be permitted under the City's Home Occupation Permit was discussed. A staff report will be forthcoming at the P&Z Committee's next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2007.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission shall meet on January 23, 2007. Two public hearing items shall be considered by the Planning Commission at that time:

1. Site Plan Review SPR-06-20 : Applicant: David Lewis by Kiran Mehra Architect

A request to build a 804 sf Coffee Shop with a drive thru with indoor and outdoor seating, in a CG-General Commercial zone on .22 acres corner lot at the NE corner of South China Lake Blvd and Robertson Ave, 335 So. China Lake Blvd. APN: 478-053-10 & 11, and,

2. Tentative Tract Map 6912: Applicant: John Baer

A request to create a 23 lot E-2 (10,000 s.f. min.) subdivision on 7.4 ac. located west of Brianna St and east of Del Rosa Drive. APN 510-041-(01-17), 510-042-(01-17), 510-043-(01-16)

At which time the Commission approved a five lot commercial Tentative Parcel Map located north of K-Mart between China Lake Blvd. and Chelsea Street. This division of land will facilitate a Grand Stay Hotel and Suites, (anticipated to submit a Site Plan application to the staff in the near future).

Code Enforcement Office Monthly Status Report

Date: January 12, 2007
To: Jim McRea, Karen Gamble
From: Bob Smith
Re: Month of December 2006 Statistics

<u>Complaints:</u> 13	YTD 268
Initiated: 1	YTD 60
<u>Site Inspection Days:</u> 8	YTD 162
<u>Site Inspections:</u> 54	YTD 837
<u>Correspondence:</u> 13	YTD 292
<u>RV/Oversized Warnings:</u> 1	YTD 92
<u>Contacts:</u> 85	YTD 1591
Telephone Received: 27	YTD: 745
Citizen Phone Contacts Made: 51	YTD: 567
Citizen Walk-in: 0	YTD: 8
E-Mails: 0	YTD: 7
U.S. Mail: 0	YTD: 0
Field Contacts: 7	YTD: 261
<u>Pre-Abatement/Public Hearing Scheduled:</u> 0	YTD 0
<u>Abatements:</u> 0	YTD 0
<u>Demolitions/Voluntary Compliance:</u> 0	YTD 0
<u>Training:</u>	YTD 88
<u>Clean Up Projects:</u> 0	YTD 1
<u>Clean up pounds/tons:</u>	YTD 1
Total Cost:	YTD: \$269.80
<u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Opened:</u> 13	YTD 268
<u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Closed:</u> 5	YTD 183
<u>MSRs Percentage Closed</u> 522 of 587	88.9%
<u>CEO Cases Open:</u> 0	YTD 0
Cases Still Open: 0	
<u>Cases/Reports Closed</u> 0	YTD 1
Percentage Closed: 100%	
<u>Percentage of Compliance with no Citations:</u>	100%
<u>Citations Issued:</u> 0	YTD 0

Key Locations for Open Cases:

500 Block Las Posas, 1200 Blk W. Mariposa, 500 Blk Rio Bravo, 600 Blk Ginger, 500 Blk Scott Street, Ranger at Hood, Green Acres Park, 300 Blk Fountain, 100 Blk Sunset, 1200 Blk Rebecca, 1300 Blk S. Farragut, 1200 Blk S. Farragut

Synopsis:

Holiday Season slows complaint process; Work continued around the city

The Holiday season between Thanksgiving and the end of the year brought a mere 16 calls for service to the Code Enforcement Division. The extra time was put forth to good use as several properties in Ridgecrest have almost completed the abatement process that was issued to them.

The Code Enforcement Division is proud to report that no "Administrative Citation" was issued in the calendar year, and no Planning Commission hearings involving its cases had to be heard. This was due to the diligent work by the parties involved to abate their properties when requested to do so.

Keep of the good work citizens of Ridgecrest!

**On a lighter note:
Don't forget to pick up ALL of your signs
you place after your garage sales,
special events and elections. Thanks!**

