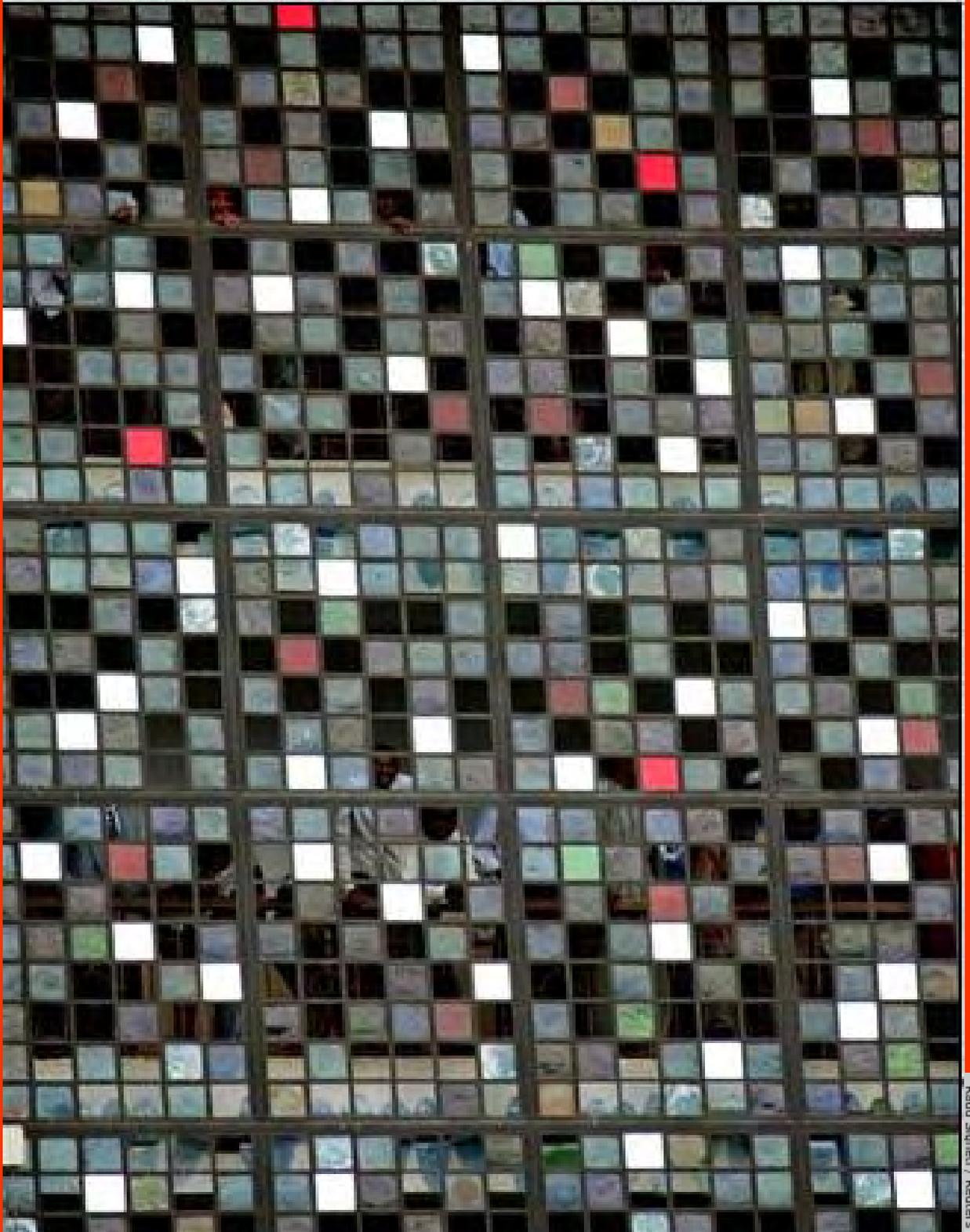


# The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report

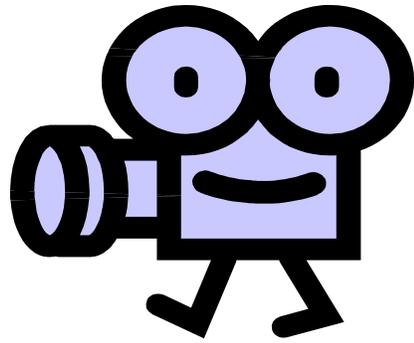


Radu Sighet / Reuters

November 2006

# Short Takes

*Written and Directed by  
Harvey Michael Reese*



-  “Published reports that an investment group is looking to acquire Home Depot in a \$100 billion leveraged buyout are likely nothing more than speculation. But, even if the takeover were to take place, don’t expect a massive closing of stores, observers say.”
-  “Wal-Mart remains determined to become the world’s greenest retailer. They detail a number of green building practices they follow, both in building practices and operating their stores. The company recycles about 80% of the construction debris from building one of its Supercenters, for example. Once new stores are up and running, each employs an array of energy-conservation techniques, such as reclaiming waste heat, using LED lights in places instead of conventional ones, harvesting rainwater, and utilizing a system of ‘light harvesting,’ which resembles skylights and defuses natural light.”
-  Fire services negotiations, and city manager teleconferences.
-  Meetings with local business owners.
-  Quarterly meeting of “The Bosses,” (City Manager/Base Commander/Schools Superintendent/College President/County CAO).
-  City Council meetings, Council Committees, Arts Council, Staff Meetings.
-  General Plan Consultant selection.
-  News Media briefings, DI news columns, KZIQ radio commentaries.
-  Developer annexation request.
-  Proposed developer land transaction.
-  AB 1234 Ethics Training.
-  Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
-  Meeting with operators of Liberty Ambulance.

**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

#	Merge With	Project #	Project Name	Project Manager	Engin Estimate Project Cost	Funding Sources/Amounts	Status	Description
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		Design completed and sent to CDBG & Utilities for input/comments
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		Submitted request for PE, awaiting approval
52		06209	Road Reconstruction Drummond Ave. (China Lake to Norma)	Jeremy		RSTP		Request for PE paperwork in progress
53		06210	DBE Program Update	Theresa				Caltrans approval 6-6-06 <b>COMPLETE</b>
54		06211	TDA Ariticle 3	Jeremy				

Ridgecrest Police Department

# RPD monthly report

## Special points of interest:

### Thief caught in Crime Spree

Linda Roth, a 52-year-old female and Ridgecrest resident, was arrested on November 26, 2006, by Detective Rick Smith. Ms. Roth had been arrested the week prior by patrol officers after being involved in the theft of a wallet from K-Mart. She was subsequently released on bail at that time. After her release, Ridgecrest Police Department Investigators developed evidence to link Roth to a wallet

theft crime spree in the city. This crime spree started before her initial arrest and had continued afterwards as well. Roth was booked into the Kern County Jail on 18 –counts of Commercial Burglary. Bail was initially set at \$180,000. The Investigations Division devoted over two weeks of surveillance and investigation time into this crime spree and linked Roth to twenty-four ac-

tive Ridgecrest Police Department cases.

### Monthly Report regarding Community Policing

#### Inside this issue:

General Investigations

Overtime

Volunteer Organizations

During the month of November, Officers continued to receive surveys back that were previously mailed out in their districts. The intent is to identify specific problems in their Districts. In the 100 and 200 block of Balsam, the Officer responsible for that District contacted the majority of all the businesses and handed out introduction

letters.

Several Officers are networking to work with each other in an attempt to bring extra resources and attention to their Districts. The idea is to share the work load to make more progress.



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The new C.H.A.M.P.S. car is well on it's way to completion. Custom painting for the vehicle has been completed and the vehicle is currently at Paul and Sons Automotive where custom audio equipment will be installed.



## Monthly Report regarding Community Policing

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Patrol Officers went through a shift rotation and are assigned to new Watch Commanders. With the changes, Sergeants are learning the new Districts that their Officers are responsible for and what issues are important in those Districts.



## WELCOME ABOARD MCKAY LAURITZEN

McKay Lauritzen has successfully graduated from the Riverside Sheriffs Academy and was sworn in as an Officer on November 7, 2006.

Officer Lauritzen was born in Corona California and has spent 19 years here in the Valley with his family. Born to Alice and David, Officer Lauritzen is one of six siblings, with two brothers and three sisters.

Officer Lauritzen oldest brother Christopher, lives in Provo, Utah. His oldest sister Camellia just return from a Mission last month from Quebec, Montreal. Sister Adrian is going to school in Santa Barbara and his little sister Leah is a senior at Burroughs along with Lester who is a freshman.

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## Going Once, Going Twice, Sold



On December 16, 2006, the City of Ridgecrest will hold its "Surplus Item Auction" in front of City Hall.

Items scheduled to be auctioned off include, jewelry, computer parts and equipment, cameras, stereo equipment, bicycles, police vehicles and more. The auctioneer is Wallace Martin. Property inspection be-

gins at 11:30 am and the auction begins at 1:30 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Sgt. Paul Wheeler at 499-5111.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Sergeant Jon Wheeler**

Sergeant Jon Wheeler recently graduated from the Peace Officer Standards and Training Supervisory Leadership Institute. This course uses experience – based learning techniques to enhance the leadership abilities of first-line supervisors in California law enforcement. This intensive program assists supervisors in analyzing their individual strengths and weaknesses and develops the type of interpersonal skills and strong ethics needed by leaders in law enforcement today. The program consists of eight 24-hour sessions presented over eight months, and culminates in a commencement ceremony.



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Officer Lauritzen graduated from Burroughs High School 2004 and decide to go to college at Cerro Coso, where he study criminal justice and participated in the reserve academy.

Officer Lauritzen joined the explorer program when he was 14 years of age when his best friend Bobby Rosser, invited him to a meeting. After participating in the

program for two month Officer Lauritzen realized that he wanted to be a police officer and has been active in the explorer program and the PACT program up until he left for the academy.

Officer Lauritzen loves being out within our community with new and exciting things happening everyday. Officer Lauritzen feels that police work is an honorable job and that your allowed to learn new things about and life.

Officer Lauritzen enjoys riding dirt bikes, playing drums and spending time with his family.

## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE COLLECTING "TOYS FOR TOTS"

The Youth Advisory Leadership team participated with "Toys for Tots" in collecting gifts for underprivileged kids.

The Team encourage students from their schools to place new toys in boxes that were placed in the front office.

A total of 6 boxes were collected and presented to Ann Ryan the "Toys for Tots" coordinator in the area.





**-PACT MONTHLY REPORT  
November 2006**

<u>PACT Volunteer Hours</u>					
Executive Director	2.0				
Financial	2.0				
Fundraiser	0.0				
Training	0.0				
Administrative RPD	166.0				
Administrative Org	48.0				
Vehicle Maint.	0.0				
Animal Welfare	289.0				
Child ID	0.0				
EOC	2.0				
Graffiti Task Force	10.0	# Sites	10	Sites YTD	131
Nuisance Abatement	23.5				
Patrol	196.5	# Houses	18	Houses YTD	203
Preventive Patrol	0.0				
Surveillance	0.0				
PACT HOURS	739.0			YTD Hours for 2006	8813.5
Non-member hours	0.0			YTD Hours for 2005	8567.5
Chaplain hours	10.5				
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>749.5</b>			<b>Total Hours for 2005</b>	<b>9,423.6</b>

Volunteers served thirteen subpoenas and attempted to serve seventeen additional times.  
 Four evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> four volunteers came in to do two juvenile transports to Bakersfield.  
 November 6<sup>th</sup> two volunteers came in to do a juvenile transport to Bakersfield.  
 November 19<sup>th</sup> four volunteers assisted Detectives in a sting operation.  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> one volunteer assisted an Officer with a transport to Bakersfield.  
 November 29<sup>th</sup> two volunteers drove a victim to LAX.  
 Ten graffiti sites were cleaned up with ten volunteer hours being spent.  
 Nineteen volunteers attended the coffee on November 29th.  
 The Chaplain Corps logged ten and a half hours.

Prepared by Virginia Smith, PACT Coordinator

# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## RESERVE ORGANIZATION

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

November, 2006

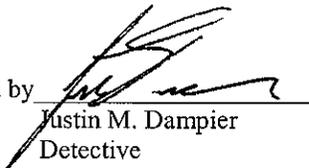
	Current Month	YTD Total
Reserves Hrs.	49.0	914.5

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

Officer Kiren	0
Officer Dysart	19
Officer Schatz	0
Officer Robbs	7
Officer Dorrell	11
Officer Regan	10
Officer Mitchell	2
Total hours:	49.0

This month, members of the reserve organization augmented patrol, assisted with range, provided prisoner transports, and assisted in CSU and other Investigation Division details.

Prepared by

  
Justin M. Dampier  
Detective

# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER ORGANIZATION

## MONTHLY SUMMARY

**NOVEMBER 2006**

	Current Month	YTD Total	Last YTD	Percent Change
Explorers	104	717	2166	-302

During the month of October the Explorers worked a total of 1100 hours. The hours were comprised of meetings, range, and ride-alongs. Recruitment for new people is currently on going. B.H.S. continues to run information regarding Explorers as part of their regular announcements. There are currently 10 active Explorers.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer A. Miller  
Explorer Advisor

# Public Works

Telephone 449-5080 - Fax 499-1580

"Maintaining Asphalt Pavements" - A course presented by the University of Wisconsin.

A two day course on the maintenance of asphalt pavement was attended by the City's Street Maintenance Supervisor, Ernie Carter. The course topics included:

- Asphalt pavement performance
- Pavement evaluation
- Crack sealing
- Asphalt surface treatments
- Asphalt patching
- Asphalt overlays
- Effective Recycling

The course is intended to increase knowledge and understanding of pavement maintenance. From a practical standpoint, course participants will learn preventive maintenance approaches, techniques to improve pavement performance; and strategies to extend pavement life. This type of information will be vital in addressing the City's pavement management needs.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

Dennis Speer  
Public Works Director  
Joe Pollock  
City Engineer

## **Consultant Selected to Prepare Transportation Development Plan (TDP)**

Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) selected a consultant on behalf of the City of Ridgecrest to prepare a five year TDP. The consultant selected is LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The firm has over 25 years experience in transportation consulting services.

The TDP will include:

- An evaluation of existing transit services
- A strategy to enhance mobility and improve transit operation efficiency
- An assessment of the types and level of transit services appropriate for Ridgecrest
- Evaluate services and connections in conjunction with other transportation providers.

The resulting TDP is intended to ensure that local transit operations are sustainable, efficient and meet the needs of the city.

## **Street Improvement Project Advertised**

Plans, specifications and contract documents are available for review at city hall for the next planned street improvement project.

The project consists of the following street segments:

- Upjohn between Norma and Sunset
- Wilson between Norma and Sunset
- Church between Norma and Sunset
- Sunset between Upjohn and Wilson

The bid opening for the project is scheduled for January 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room.



Sunset Street looking north between Upjohn and Church Ave.

## CITY ENGINEER REPORT

### Waste Water Headworks and Digester Cleaning

This project is essentially complete. The final item is installation of the heat exchanger on the digester which should be delivered in the next month.

### 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

The Mahan Street and Reeves Avenue projects are essentially complete. The first lift of asphalt concrete pavement on Graaf Avenue has been placed and paving should be completed on the 18th. Sidewalk remains to be placed on Graaf Avenue. Advertising for CDBG projects on Upjohn, Wilson, Church and Sunset is now underway. Bid opening is on the 4th of January

Graaf Avenue between N. Norma and Wayne Street is nearing completion and will be paved for Christmas. Picture taken 12-12-06

## 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.

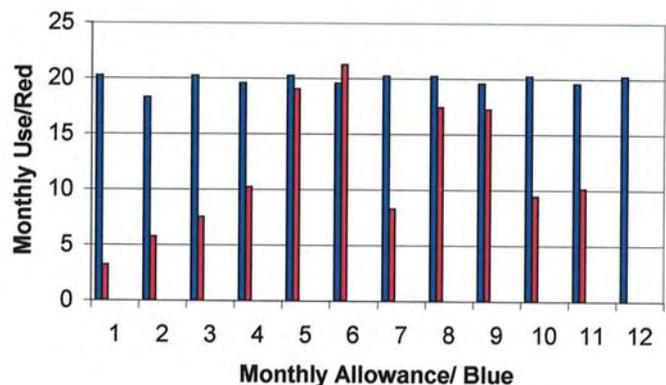
The semiannual groundwater monitoring report for the constituents specified in the city's waste discharge permits (WDID Nos. 6B150116001 and 6B159101001) have been forwarded to the California Water Control Board, Lahontan Region.

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

The reclamation department reclaimed 2.3 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 3,000 ft. of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

**Navy Golf Course Use**





## CITY OF RIDGECREST

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

Nov 2006—Dec 2006

# Director's Scoop

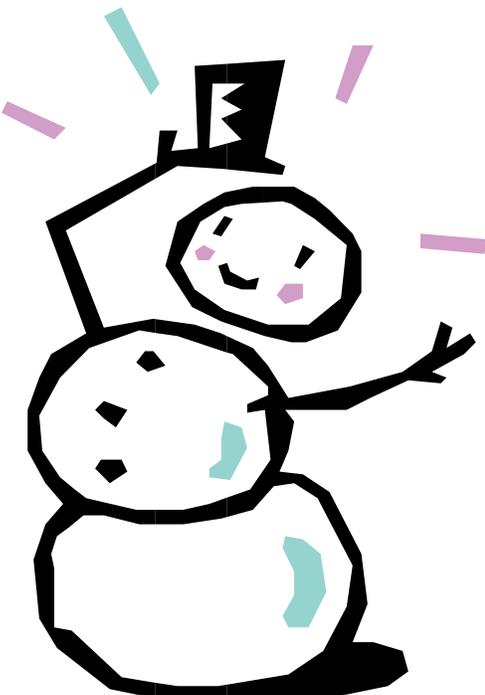
The Scoop from the Director...

2006 is coming to an end and I want to thank everyone for all of their contributions during the 2006 year. The success of the department is shown by the motivation of staff to be the very best they can be... Parks and facilities continue to improve, recreation programs are big city type of programs and the overall image of the department and the Kerr McGee Community Center is very Positive...

Hats off to all the wonderful city staff that makes this happen.

Now it is time to make 2007 even better...

That is the Scoop...



# November Monthly Report

## Public Services

### Department

**Economic Development  
Planning & Building  
Code Enforcement**

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Gary Parsons

The economy still remains strong. New construction has begun on several new projects within the Business Park including the Spring Hill Suites Hotel and Office Development, the new Taco Bell and Searles Lake Federal Credit Union buildings. The Rite Aide development is targeted to begin demolition in January of 2007 and The Wal-Mart public hearing process should begin in January with construction to begin if the development is approved in 2007. Construction continues at the corner of Bowman and China Lake Boulevard at the new retail building. Discussions have begun on several potential developments this month including the reuse of the old savon building located in the heritage center. Retail office space availability is now down below 8% city wide.

Housing development has slow down as we await the final results of BRAC. Although some small housing development and construction is still on going we expect only a small number of new homes to be built until we see the impact of any new families coming to our community as a result of BRAC.

The first part of the year should bring a number of new projects to the community with the construction of the second hotel and office development beginning as well as the new Navy Federal Credit Union building.

New and existing small business continue strong with several new small business start ups occurring as well as many existing business under going expansion.

The year 2007 will be a great one; one we can all look forward to until then  
Happy holidays!

# CITY PLANNING

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

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE:**

The P&Z Committee shall meet for the better part of the day on November 15, 2006 to interview Planning Consultants to prepare the City's General Plan update, an EIR and new Zoning Ordinance. The firms under consideration include: 1) Jones & Stokes, 2) Hogle-Ireland / Michael Brandman Associates and 3) Matrix Associates.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The Planning Commission met on December 12, 2006. 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).

## **ANNUAL PLANNING CASES REPORT:**

The following table indicates the number of applications submitted and processed by the Planning Division during 2006:

<b>City of Ridgecrest Planning Cases, 2006</b>	
Home Occupation permits	83
Conditional Use permits	1
General Plan Amendments	12
Zone Changes	12
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments	13
Lot mergers / Lot Line Adjustments	8
Tentative Parcel Maps	12
Sign Permits	20
Site Plan Reviews	20
Temporary Use permits	0
Variances	1
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>182</b>

# Code Enforcement Office Monthly Status Report

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Date: December 6, 2006  
To: Jim McRea, Karen Gamble  
From: Bob Smith  
Re: Month of November 2006 Statistics

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<b><u>Complaints:</u></b> 20	YTD 255
Initiated: 9	YTD 59
<b><u>Site Inspection Days:</u></b> 18	YTD 146
<b><u>Site Inspections:</u></b> 126	YTD 783
<b><u>Correspondence:</u></b> 20	YTD 279
<b><u>RV/Oversized Warnings:</u></b> 6	YTD 91
<b><u>Contacts:</u></b> 123	YTD 1503
Telephone Received: 64	YTD: 718
Citizen Phone Contacts Made: 42	YTD: 516
Citizen Walk-in: 2	YTD: 8
E-Mails: 2	YTD: 7
U.S. Mail: 0	YTD: 0
Field Contacts: 13	YTD: 254
<b><u>Pre-Abatement/Public Hearing Scheduled:</u></b> 0	YTD 0
<b><u>Abatements:</u></b> 0	YTD 0
<b><u>Demolitions/Voluntary Compliance:</u></b> 0	YTD 0
<b><u>Training:</u></b> 8	YTD 88
<i>Pandemic Flu Conference</i>	
<b><u>Clean Up Projects:</u></b> 0	YTD 1
<b><u>Clean up pounds/tons:</u></b>	YTD 1
<i>Total Cost:</i>	YTD: \$269.80
<b><u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Opened:</u></b> 20	YTD 255
<b><u>Miscellaneous Service Reports Closed:</u></b> 6	YTD 178
<b><u>MSRs Percentage Closed</u></b> 480 of 539	89.05%
<b><u>CEO Cases Open:</u></b> 0	YTD 0
Cases Still Open: 0	
<b><u>Cases/Reports Closed</u></b> 0	YTD 1
Percentage Closed: 100%	
<b><u>Percentage of Compliance with no Citations:</u></b>	100%

**Citations Issued: 0**

YTD 0

Key Locations for Open Cases:

900 block of Dolphin; 200 Blk of Locust; 200 blk Hayden; 300 blk Robalo; 1300 blk Farragut; 1200 blk Farragut; 400 blk Margalo; 500 blk Suzanne; 700 block Beth Lane; 600 block White Oak; 800 Blk White Oak; 1100 Block Willow; Downs at Ward; China Lake at Rader; Green Acres MH Park; Felspar at Downs; 600 block Ward; 900 Block Boston.

Synopsis:

Sign Ordinance to be enforced beginning in January

The three-year moratorium place in effect with the City of Ridgecrest sign ordinance comes to pass in January, 2007. Efforts by the Code Enforcement Department will begin to identify those businesses and buildings that do not comply with the new ordinance that was passed in March 2003. A plan is in place to begin the enforcement, which will start shortly after the turn of the year.

Construction Sites Begin to look unkempt



Sign Ordinance Issues are on the rise

