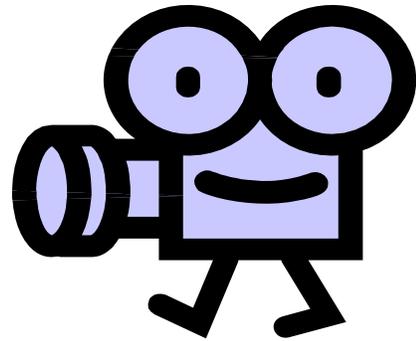

The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



August 2007

Short Takes

*Written and Directed by
Harvey Michael Reese*



-  Edison International, the owner of California's second-largest utility, reported that second-quarter profits fell 47%.
-  "Nowadays, there are numerous signposts indicating that inflation in the United States is getting out of control. The US M3 money supply is 14% higher than a year ago, its fastest growth rate in 35-years, the US Dollar Index is plunging to 15-year lows, gold is surging toward \$725 /oz, a 28-year high, crude oil is cruising above \$80 /barrel, wheat prices have doubled to \$8.75 /bushel, an all-time high, and the Baltic Dry Freight Index has zoomed 300% higher to stratospheric levels." Global Money Trends
-  A Kern County Fire Department representative has joined semi-monthly City Staff Meetings.
-  City-County teleconference to discuss the possible formation of a regional Enterprise Zone.
-  Council Meetings
-  News media briefings, and KZIQ radio commentaries.
-  Labor negotiations; UFCW.
-  Labor negotiations; PEAR.
-  Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training.
-  Personnel hearing.
-  Staff Wal-Mart and Gateway Project Discussion Group meetings.
-  Meeting: Energy and Building Issues.
-  Assemblyman Bill Maze.
-  IWV Water District General Manager Tom Mulvihill.

Ridgecrest Police Department

RPD monthly report

Special points of interest:

Check out the pictures of Dirty Job host Mike Rowe

ABC Shoulder Tap Operation

On August 31, 2007, Ridgecrest Police Detectives Rick Smith and Kristen Lawson conducted a "Shoulder Tap" operation at local convenience stores. The purpose of this operation is to identify and prosecute adult patrons who supply alcoholic beverages to minors in our community. During this operation, two minors approached the decoy and offered



to sell the decoy marijuana. The two minors left and returned with marijuana which they sold to the decoy in front of Detectives Smith and Lawson. The minors were arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall in Bakersfield, charged with sales of marijuana.

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Community Oriented Policing

Inside this issue:

- General Investigations
- Overtime
- Animal Control
- Reserve Stats

During the month of August, Officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department made approximately fifteen citizen contacts related to our Community Oriented Policing philosophy. Many of the concerns voiced by these

citizens were related to the summer months and concerns of vandalism and juvenile problems. A "Zero Tolerance for Curfew Violations" policy by our patrol officers

curtailed much of the summer vandalism and loud party calls we normally receive this time of year.

One new Neighborhood watch program was initiated during this month



Burglary Solved

On 8-28-07, Ridgecrest Police Detectives Rick Smith and Kristen Lawson arrested Brandon Medlin, age 30 year old Ridgecrest resident for possession of stolen property and residential burglary. Medlin was contacted and found to be in possession of property stolen from an elderly female victim whose residence is on La Paloma St. in the City of Ridgecrest. The value of the stolen property recovered by Smith and Lawson was approximately \$19,750.00. Medlin was booked at Kern County Jail/ Ridgecrest substation and held on \$145,000.00 bail.



Staff from the Ridgecrest Police Department had the opportunity to meet and take photos with Dirty Job host Mike Rowe. Mr. Rowe was in the area doing a commercial and was kind enough to pose for a few pictures.



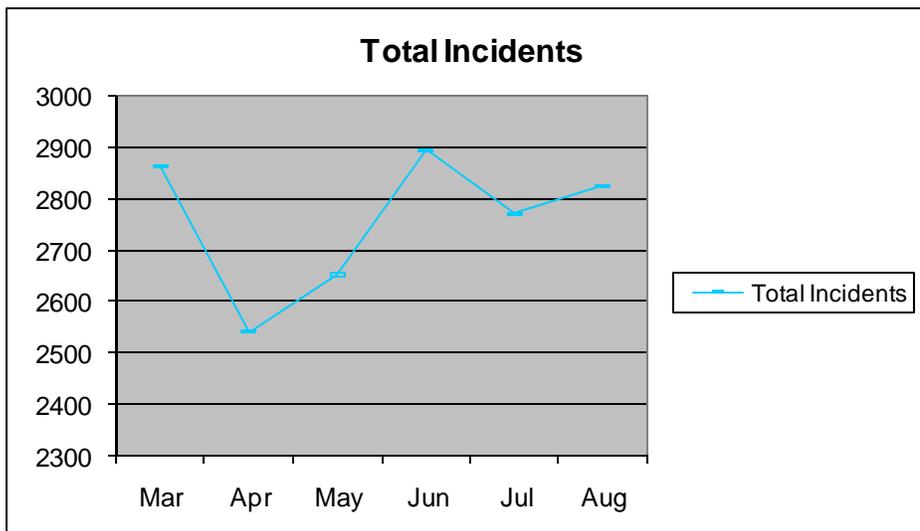
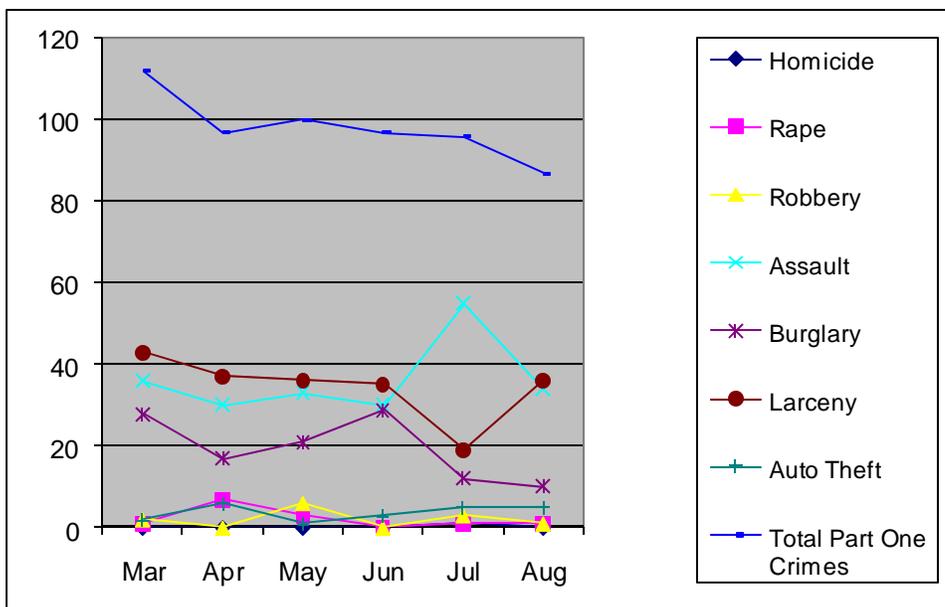
Upper left: Officer Ryan Marrone, Above: Officer McKay Lauritzen, and Right: Police Trainee Bill Groves.

Ridgecrest Police Department

Prepared September 14, 2007

Crime for the Last Six Months

Crimes	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Rape	1	7	3	0	1	1	13
Robbery	2	0	6	0	3	1	12
Assault	36	30	33	30	55	34	218
Burglary	28	17	21	29	12	10	117
Larceny	43	37	36	35	19	36	206
Auto Theft	2	6	1	3	5	5	22
Total Part One Crimes	112	97	100	97	96	87	589
Total Incidents	2864	2541	2652	2895	2772	2826	16550



**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
August 2007**

	2007		2006		2007
	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	YTD
<u>Crime/Reports:</u>					
Part-One Crimes	87	728	88	751	-3%
All other Crime Reports	161	1331	172	1389	-4%
Traffic Accidents	18	114	23	217	-47%
Miscellaneous Reports	83	704	67	650	8%
Traffic Citations	372	2247	292	2381	-6%
All other Reports	12	83	7	66	26%
Total of all Reports	361	2960	357	3073	-4%
<u>Arrests:</u>					
Part 1 Arrests	33	235	23	252	-7%
Narcotic Related Arrests	23	196	18	284	-31%
All other Felony Arrests	20	125	17	164	-24%
Total other Misd. Arrests	151	1072	129	1011	6%
Total all Arrests	227	1628	187	1711	-5%
Total all Juvenile Arrests	66	366	30	302	21%
Total all Adult Arrests	161	1262	157	1409	-10%
<u>General Information:</u>					
Total Service Hours	2364	18435	2087	15960	16%
Total Activity Hours	1692	13132	1409	11022	19%
Total Patrol Hours	672	5302	678	4939	7%
Total Calls for Service	2826	21606	2605	19330	12%
Total Value Prop. Stolen	58543	561356	72644	433611	29%
Total Value Prop. Recovered	35555	207285	37453	246406	-16%



RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

PATROL STATISTICS

REPORTING PERIOD: AUGUST 2007

9/5/2007

Statistic	Count
Total Incidents	2826
Calls for Service	1522
Officer Initiated Incidents	1304
Traffic Stops	472
Other OIA Incidents	832
Bus/Building checks	83
Veh/Ped Check	90
Total Officer Reports	361
Accident	19
Documentation Purposes Only	63
Felony	89
Information Only-no Crime	20
Infraction	1
Misdemeanor	154
Status Offense	3
Unclassified Reports	12
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	194
Misdemeanor Arrests	146
Felony Arrests	48
Total Citations	372
Bicycle	11
Felony	5
Infraction	73
Mini Bike	3
Misdemeanor	106
Person	2
RMC Violation	40
Vehicle - Moving	106
Vehicle - Parked	21
Unclassified	5
FIs	0



ACCIDENT SUMMARY BY SEVERITY FOR 2007

9/5/2007

MONTH	NUMBER	--- ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION ---					--- INJURY TOTALS ---		
		FATAL	MAJOR	UNKNOWN	MINOR	NO INJ	FATAL	MAJOR	MINOR
January	13	0	0	6	6	1	0	0	9
February	9	0	1	3	5	0	0	1	3
March	20	0	1	6	12	1	0	1	9
April	12	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	4
May	14	0	1	7	6	0	0	1	14
June	17	0	2	4	10	1	0	2	6
July	16	0	0	3	12	1	0	0	5
August	18	0	2	3	13	0	0	2	3
September	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	120	0	7	34	74	5	0	7	53



ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE FOR 2007

9/5/2007

MONTH	NO. OF ACCIDENTS	DUI INVOLVED	FATAL DUI	NO. FATALITIES
JANUARY	13	0	0	0
FEBRUARY	9	1	0	0
MARCH	20	1	0	0
APRIL	12	0	0	0
MAY	14	5	0	0
JUNE	17	1	0	0
JULY	16	3	0	0
AUGUST	18	1	0	0
SEPTEMBER	1	0	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0
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TOTALS	120	12	0	0



ACCIDENTS BY TYPE OF COLLISION FOR 2007

09/05/2007

MONTH	NO. OF ACCIDENTS	----- COLLISIONS INVOLVING ... -----			
		VEHICLES	MOTORCYCLES	BICYCLES	PEDESTRIANS
JANUARY	13	12	0	2	0
FEBRUARY	9	9	0	1	1
MARCH	20	19	1	1	1
APRIL	12	11	1	0	1
MAY	14	14	1	1	0
JUNE	17	16	0	0	2
JULY	16	13	1	1	0
AUGUST	18	18	0	1	2
SEPTEMBER	1	1	0	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0
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TOTALS	120	113	4	7	7

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	2 OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE (INCLUDE "UNFOUNDED" AND ATTEMPTS)	3 UNFOUNDED I.E. FALSE OR BASELESS COMPLAINTS	4 NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES (COLUMN 2 MINUS COLUMN 3) (INCLUDE ATTEMPTS)	5 TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTIONAL MEANS (INCLUDES COL. 6).	6 NUMBER OF CLEARANCES INVOLVING ONLY PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE					
a. MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE (score attempts as aggravated assault) if homicide reported submit Supplementary Homicide Report	11				
b. MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	12				
2. FORCIBLE RAPE TOTAL	20				
a. Rape by Force	21	1	1		
b. Attempt to commit Forcible Rape	22				
3. ROBBERY TOTAL	30				
a. Firearm	31	1	1	3	
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	32			2	
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	33	1	1	1	
d. Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.)	34				
4. ASSAULT TOTAL	40				
a. Firearm	41	34	34	34	2
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	42	1	1	1	
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	43	5	5	5	
d. Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.) - Aggravated injury	44	5	5	7	
e. Other Assaults - Simple, Not Aggravated	45	22	22	20	2
5. BURGLARY TOTAL	50				
a. Forcible Entry	51	10	10	2	
b. Unlawful Entry - No Force	52	5	5	1	
c. Attempted Forcible Entry	53	4	4	1	
c. Attempted Forcible Entry	53	1	1		
6. LARCENY-THEFT TOTAL	60				
a. Autos	71	36	36	11	3
b. Trucks and Buses	72	5	4	4	1
c. Other Vehicles	73	4	1	2	
c. Other Vehicles	73	1			
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TOTAL	70				
a. Autos	71	5	1	4	1
b. Trucks and Buses	72	4	1	3	1
c. Other Vehicles	73	1		1	
GRAND TOTAL	77	87	1	86	54
					6

CHECKING ANY OF THE APPROPRIATE BLOCKS BELOW WILL ELIMINATE YOUR NEED TO SUBMIT REPORTS WHEN THE VALUES ARE ZERO. THIS WILL ALSO AID THE NATIONAL PROGRAM IN ITS QUALITY CONTROL EFFORTS.

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August 2007

Month and Year of Report

CA0150600

Agency Identifier

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Population

09/07/2007

Date

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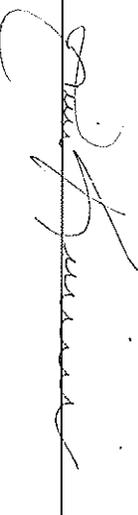
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Ridgecrest Police Department Animal Control Section

Monthly Report of Activities
August 2007

	CITY	NAWS	KERN CO	SAN BERN	Current Year		Previous Year	
					MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Dispatched Calls	167	0	0	0	167	1219	140	1344
Field Calls	12	0	0	0	12	136	23	184
Emergency Calls	6	0	0	0	6	31	6	21
Impounded Dogs:								
Public	18	1	9	7	35	381	56	431
A.C.O.	31	1	18	3	53	372	52	448
Total	49	2	27	10	88	753	108	879
Impounded Cats:								
Public	52	0	30	16	98	597	154	830
A.C.O.	24	0	0	0	24	82	8	119
Total	76	0	30	16	122	679	162	949
Miscellaneous Animals:	5	0	0	0	5	21	20	57
Dead Animals:	7	0	7	0	14	82	6	63
Cumulative of Animals Handled:	137	2	64	26	229	1535	296	1948
Dispositions								
Dogs Adopted	10	1	6	1	18	144	31	211
Dogs Released	12	1	6	2	21	261	31	267
Dogs Euthanasized	18	0	8	5	31	191	42	329
Cats Adopted	2	0	3	5	10	60	23	103
Cats Released	6	0	0	0	6	27	2	31
Cats Euthanasized	52	0	20	11	83	489	117	697
Animals Euthanasized:	70	0	28	16	114	680	159	1026
Fees Collected								
Licenses					MTD	YTD	Pre MTD	Pre YTD
					\$768.00	\$9,207.00	\$945.00	\$8,678.00
Vaccinations					\$150.00	\$1,770.00	\$200.00	\$1,610.00
Shelter Fees					\$1,995.00	\$24,095.00	\$3,680.00	\$25,785.00
Total Fees Collected					\$2,913.00	\$35,072.00	\$4,825.00	\$36,073.00

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Reviewed By: _____

**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS
MONTHLY SUMMARY**

AUGUST 2007

CATEGORY	TOTAL
NEW CASES	150
REFER TO D.A.	66
FROM D.A.	75
CLEARED	123
BY ARREST	82
TOTAL	496
PROPERTY RECOVERED	\$ 1528.45

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RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESERVE ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY

August, 2007

	Current Month	YTD Total
Reserves Hrs.	132.5	823.0

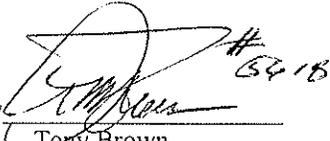
During the month of August, Reserve Officers worked the following hours:

Officer Kiren	0
Officer Dysart	7.0
Officer Schatz	38.0
Officer Robbs	38.0
Officer Dorrell	34.0
Officer Regan	33.5
Officer Mitchell	24.0

Total hours: 112.5

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

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Tony Brown
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RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

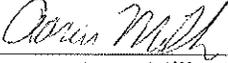
EXPLORER ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY

AUGUST 2007

	Current Month	YTD Total	Last YTD	Percent Change
Explorers	30	1760	311	565

During the month of July, the Explorers worked a total of 30 hours. The hours were comprised from meetings, assisting at the front counter, and shoulder tap operations. Recruitment for new people is currently on going. Now that the school year has begun Officer Franco has once again started recruitment at the High School via flyers and announcements. There are currently 22 active Explorers.

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*City of Ridgecrest
Parks Recreation and
Cultural Affairs Department*



Monthly Report

August - September 2007



Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs

City of Ridgecrest

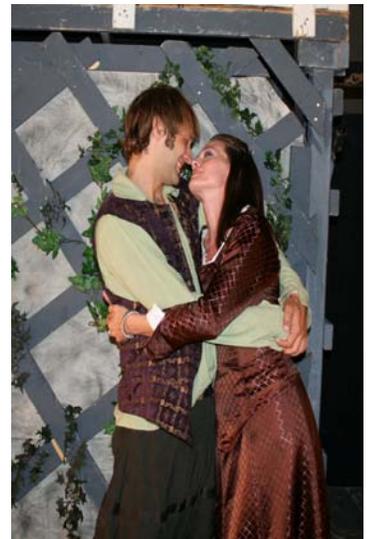
Special points of interest:

- * Shakespeare In The House & Community Appreciation Day
- * Comedy Night at the Kerr McGee Center
- * Soccer Season Begins
- * Healing Field
- * Softball Season Comes To And End

Shakespeare In The House

On Saturday September 8th the City of Ridgecrest Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Community Appreciation Day. There was free swimming and free fountain drinks at the Pinney Pool from 5-9pm but the main event of the day was the Free Shakespearian play, *Romeo and Juliet* at 7:30pm which was performed by the INDEPENDant Players of Encino California and presented by the City of Ridgecrest Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and the

Ridgecrest Arts Council. Over 150 people came to the Kerr McGee Center to watch the play on Saturday. In addition to the Saturday show, the troupe also performed Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* on Sunday, admission was also free. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank The INDEPENDant Players and everyone who attended for making Saturday and Sundays events a Success.



Romeo and Juliet pose for a picture at the end of Saturdays performance.



Cast of Romeo and Juliet, The INDEPENDant Players with guest performer Bethany Ponek

Comedy Night Comes to KMCC

On Friday August 31, 2007 the Kerr McGee Center was host to some big names in stand-up Comedy. Headlining the Event was Jimmie "JJ" Walker from the popular 1970's sitcom, *Good Times*. In addition to Walker, two other well known comics, Julie McCullough and "Dante" rounded out the event.



"Dante" performs during Comedy Night at the Kerr McGee Center

Fall Soccer Season Begins

It's Soccer Season again at the Ridgecrest Parks and Recreation Department.

The eight week Fall Soccer league began with the first practice on Monday September 3rd and will run

through October 27th. This years program is another success with over 400 youth signed up spread over 34 teams in 5 age divisions.



Softball Season Ends

The Parks and Recreation Departments Summer Fast Pitch Softball league began on June 27th with 5 teams, the Kicken Chickens, Cardinal Plumbing Flushers, JCF Outlaws, Cock-Tails and Hire's Hammers. Each team played one game per week with the season culminating in a Championship game between the undefeated Kicken Chickens and the Cardinal Plumbing Flushers. It was an exciting game that used every minute of the 2 hour league game time limit to see the Cardinal Plumbing Flushers come out on top of the Kicken Chickens 12-5 after 6 innings.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank The Tosti's, the umpires and officials, team Sponsors, and all participants for making this league possible.



Men's Fast Pitch Champions the Cardinal Plumbing Flushers



Men's Fast Pitch Second Place the Kicken Chickens

NEW Open Gym Schedule

Volleyball

Mondays 8:00p-9:30p
Saturdays 9:00a-3:00p

Basketball

Fridays 6:00p-8:30p
Saturdays 9:00a-3:00p

Pool Season Comes To An End

Although the hot sunny days continue, we see that with the end of summer vacation also brings an end to the pool season. Most of our lifeguards work long hours in the summer to be “work free” during the school year, and most of our patrons (youths) are now going back to school in the middle of August.

Fun games and activities held at the pool this year, along with our new concession stand, and a dedicated staff of professional lifeguards and water safety instructors has made this year outstanding. Many improve-

ments on the pool and facility are in the works for next year, along with a new pool schedule!

Many groups, activities and events are held at the pool each year; Burroughs High School Swim Team uses the pool regularly for practice and meets, High Desert Swim Team, Swim Lessons, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Training, Parent & Child Classes, Water Aerobics, Private & Semi-Private Swim Lessons, Lap Swim, (many of our local firefighters enjoy lap swim) Kern Swim Council Swim Meets, Diving

Camp and many more. The pool is important to a community that greatly appreciates the ability to cool off from the extreme heat living in the California deserts can bring. Pinney Pool recently was able to give thanks back with a “Community Appreciation Night” at the Pool on Saturday, September 8th. All admission was free; there was free soda from our soda fountain, free popsicles and prizes.



Healing Field 2007



Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**August 20, 2007 -
August 26, 2007**

August 2007							September 2007								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
31		1	2	3	4	5	35					1	2		
32	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	36	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	37	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	38	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	27	28	29	30	31			39	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

20 Monday	21 Tuesday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:00pm 7:00pm Volleyball Officials Meeting; Red Rock ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺ 7:30pm 8:30pm Gospel Meeting; R/C Rm ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺ 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 8:00pm CERT; R/C Room ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺
22 Wednesday	23 Thursday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Arts Council; Fossil Falls/Ballarat ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:00pm 7:30pm Quality of Life; Fossil Falls/Ballarat ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak ☺
24 Friday	25 Saturday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 8:00am 5:00pm PD Training; Petroglyph 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	9:00am 2:00pm Kung Fu; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
26 Sunday	

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**August 27, 2007 -
September 02, 2007**

August 2007							September 2007						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31			1	2	3	4	5	35				1	2
32	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	36	3	4	5	6	7
33	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	37	10	11	12	13	14
34	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	38	17	18	19	20	21
35	27	28	29	30	31			39	24	25	26	27	28

27 Monday	28 Tuesday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 11:00am 2:00pm City Employee Pot Luck; Pinnacles 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 6:00pm 7:00pm Volleyball Officials Meeting; Red Rock ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺ 7:30pm 8:30pm Gospel Meeting; R/C Rm ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺ 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 3:00pm 6:00pm US Forrest Service Public Meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballaral 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺ 6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺
29 Wednesday	30 Thursday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph 5:30pm 6:30pm Soccer Coaches Meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballaral 6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 9:00am 3:00pm DART Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺ 6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; R/C Room ☺
31 Friday	1 Saturday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 8:00am 12:00am Comedy Night; Pinnacles 2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺ 7:00pm 8:00pm Bible Study; R/C Room	(Empty)
2 Sunday	(Empty)

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**September 03, 2007 -
September 09, 2007**

September 2007							October 2007								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
35					1	2	40	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
36	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	41	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
37	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	42	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
38	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	43	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
39	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	44	29	30	31				

3	Monday	4	Tuesday
8:00am	8:30am	Building Closed / Labor Day	
			7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺
			7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺
			2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺
			5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺
			5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺
			6:30pm 8:30pm CERT Training; Red Rock ☺
			6:30pm 8:30pm Officials; Chimney Peak ☺
			7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺
5	Wednesday	6	Thursday
7:00am	11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺
2:45pm	4:45pm	ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	11:30am 1:30pm IWVESC; Red Rock/Chimney ☺
5:30pm	8:30pm	China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺	2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺
5:30pm	7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺
6:00pm	8:00pm	BHS Volleyball; N/S Gym ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺
7:45pm	9:00pm	Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺	6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺
			6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak ☺
7	Friday	8	Saturday
7:00am	11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺
2:45pm	4:45pm	ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	8:00am 10:00pm Shakespeare - Romeo & Juliet 7:30 pm; Pinnacles/Petro ☺
9	Sunday		
8:00am	10:00pm	Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺	
8:00am	10:00pm	Shakespeare - Julius Caesar 7:30 pm; Pinnacles/Petro ☺	

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**September 10, 2007 -
September 16, 2007**

September 2007							October 2007								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
					1	2			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
35	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	40	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
36	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	41	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
37	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	42	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
38	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	43	29	30	31				
39								44							

10 Monday	11 Tuesday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺
8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺	7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺
2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺
5:30pm 7:30pm ACTION committee meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺	10:00am 2:00pm Exchange Club/Chamber of Commerce 9/11 Luncheon; Freed ☺
5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺	2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺
6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺
6:00pm 7:00pm Volleyball Officials Meeting; Red Rock ☺	6:00pm 8:00pm BHS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺
6:30pm 9:00pm Desert Artists; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺	7:00pm 8:30pm Prepaid Legal; Red Rock ☺
6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺	7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺
12 Wednesday	13 Thursday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺
8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺	8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺
9:00am 12:00pm IWV Collaborative; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺	9:00am 12:00pm Social Security; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺
9:00am 10:00am Multi DSC Trn; R/C Rm ☺	2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺
11:00am 1:00pm Youth Advisory ; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺
2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺
5:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺	6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak ☺
5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺	
7:00pm 9:00pm Cameo Dog School; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺	
7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺	
14 Friday	15 Saturday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	7:00am 5:00pm DART/HEARTS seminar on ADD/ADHD; Pinnacles ☺
8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺	8:00am 10:00pm Healing Field; Freedom Park ☺
2:45pm 4:45pm ICS Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺	1:00pm 4:00pm DART/HEARTS seminar on ADD/ADHD; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺
	1:00pm 4:00pm DART/HEARTS seminar on ADD/ADHD; Red Rock/Chimney ☺
16 Sunday	

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AUGUST MEETINGS

- Aug. 04 - Captain Fowler
Retirement Dinner
- Aug. 13 - Ethics and Sexual
Harassment Training
- Aug. 14 - NIMS/SEMS Training
- Aug. 14 - Olde Towne Mtg.
- Aug. 15 - NIMS/SEMS Training
- Aug. 15 - News Review mtg.
- Aug. 17 - Federated Republican
Women's presentation
- Aug. 17 - ANG Assoc. Mtg.
- Aug. 22 - IWVWD Ord. Mtg.
- Aug. 22 - IWMB Teleconference.
- Aug. 23 - 2008 E.O.C. Mtg.
- Aug. 29 - WEMO HCP Mtg. -
Palmdale
- Aug. 30 - Ken Parks, Olde Towne
- Aug. 31 - Globe Protect Mtg.

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

The Public Services Department worked with the 2008 Economic Outlook Conference & Expo Committee of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce to begin planning next years event. On the basis of the projected economic growth and pending activities for the balance of 2007 and early 2008, an informative and dynamic 21st Annual Economic Outlook Conference & Business Expo is being projected. The Business Outlook Conference will heighten the people's connection to the Ridgecrest Business Community and the opportunity of growth – to each other as residents - and to the Indian Wells Valley as a whole – in ways that are realistically attainable with limited resources at the same time as creating a sense of community.

Save the date and mark the calendar for February 20, the evening E.O.C. Speakers Reception and February 21, the 2008 E.O.C. event. Additional information will be released as it is developed over the coming months.

The City of Ridgecrest has emerged as a Regional Center for East Kern and the eastern & southern Sierra's sub-region. It is described as an ideal place to start a business, relocate, recreate, or retire. A City filled with renewed vitality, where people, education, commodities, retail, manufacturing, medical resources, innovations, research & development and the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake converge to create an regional center in partnership with NAWS, Cerro Coso Community College, Sierra Sands Unified School District, IWV Water District and the BLM. Ridgecrest is positioned, prepared and poised for the future today.

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James McRea

Public Services Director

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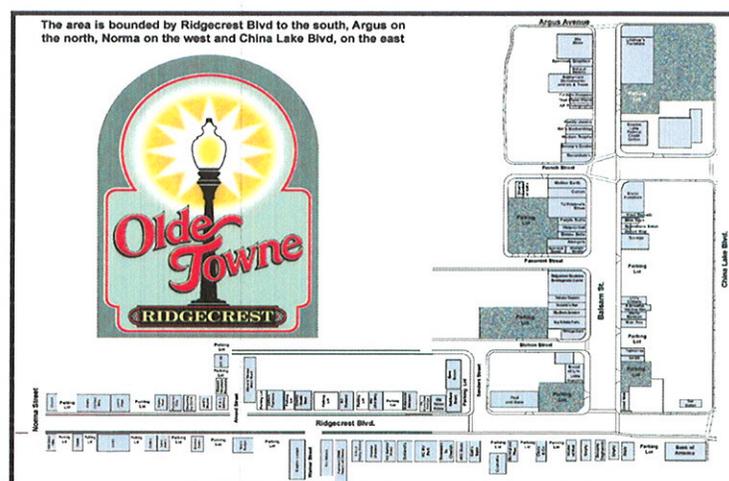
City Planner

Bob Smith

Code Enforcement Officer

Danielle Valentine

Administrative Secretary



Olde Towne Ridgecrest

The Merchants, Service Businesses, the Business Professionals and other retail stores within the Business Community of Balsam St. & West Ridgecrest Blvd have organized a schedule of activities, wine walks and festivals to encourage individuals and families to discover and visit downtown.

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On August 28, 2007 the General Plan Advisory Committee held its sixth meeting which included the following topic areas:

MAP ATLAS

Continued discussion was held upon the General Plan Map Atlas. Matrix Design Group consultants were given final direction from GPAC regarding the Existing Land Use Table and the Biological Resources Map.

LAND USE CONCEPTS

Rick Rust reviewed the different alternatives that came out of the groups from the GPAC workshops as follows:

Group 1

- Inward Western Edge
- Low density infill
- Use of Navy land
- Mixed density on the Southern Edge
- Compact urban core
- Greenway linear park system

Group 2

- Rural edge
- Medium density infill
- Mixed use infill
- Expansion to west and southeast
- Planned Unit Development included
- Employment growth off Bowman Road

Group 3

- Employment core on Western Edge
- No rural edge
- Low density Southern edge
- Mixed use in core
- Planned Unit Development included

Group 4

- No rural edge
- Low density infill
- Scattered infill inside built area
- Scattered recreational features
- Neighborhood commercial in new neighborhoods

Group 5

- Rural edge on west and southeast corner
- Medium/high density infill
- New parks in south side of community
- Employment growth off China Lake Blvd
- Capitalize growth near Highway 395

PLANNING COMMISSION:

On August 28, 2007, the Planning Commission considered the following comment from the public:

Molly Bosley of Matrix Design Group introduced herself to the Commission and stated that part of her charge would be to take a look at the zoning ordinance in an upcoming GPAC meeting. She advised that Matrix would be taking a comprehensive look at the ordinance in the hope of making the ordinance an easily digestible and graphic ordinance - something that can be easily understood - not only by Commissioners but interested citizens.

The Planning Commission considered the following public hearing item:

SGN/CUP 07-15

The application from Jim Charlon Ford who was represented by James Bell was a request for a Conditional Use Permit in order to permit signage over the maximum allowed for the permitted area. The ordinance allows the Commission to grant over-signage. Graphics were provided to show how the new sign

would appear. The Commission was reminded that that staff had recently asked for their opinion in regards moveable copy signs and the Commission had indicated they would allow moving copy signage.

James Bell on behalf of Jim Charlon Ford spoke to the Commission stating that the only request from the owners would be for leniency in regards sign color. He explained that preliminary work only had been done on design. He gave his assurance that the sign would be compatible to the signage in existence but for instance may not specifically have a grey pole. Mr. Bell also gave his assurance that the existing sign would be lowered and asked if the Commissioners had any questions.

Mr. Bell explained that the existing sign indicated the dealership was blue oval certified – something considered, significant and prestigious thing within the Ford Family as a dealership had to attain a certain level of achievement and service to “fly that flag”. Mr. Bell acknowledged that it was not likely that the sign would be removed as this would only occur if there was a drop in service level but it needed to be noted that this was a possibility however unlikely. Mr. Bell pointed out that if an additional sign read used cars for instance they would still have two signs but the two separate businesses would not require the CUP – as was the case for competitors a short distance away. Mr. Bell summarized stating that the moveable copy sign would present a whole different avenue of advertising for the owners – for instance advising customers that the Alta One Auto Sales vehicles are at the Fairground.

Chair Biddlingmeier then asked if the Commissioners were agreeable to changing Condition 4. to read “The applicant is permitted to install one new pole sign consisting of 89 sq. ft. per side and shall have a compatible color scheme” excluding the phrase “consistent with the existing blue and white lettering on a grey pole”.

No objections were raised.

Chair Biddlingmeier then asked if Mr. Bell would be happy with that proposal and Mr. Bell indi-

icated he would be but stipulated that the lettering on the electronic sign would probably not be blue and white rather whatever color it needed to be as designated by the supplier. He further stated that wherever possible the colors would be consistent with the building and the surrounding area of the building.

Chair Biddlingmeier asked the Commissioners if they had any other questions for Mr. Bell and there being none asked for any comments from the public – there were none.

Chair Biddlingmeier asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Laire made a motion and Commissioner Jeglum seconded a motion to approve resolution 07-15 inclusive of the change to Condition 4. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On August 29, 2007 the General Plan Advisory Committee held its seventh meeting, (a special meeting), which included the following topic areas:

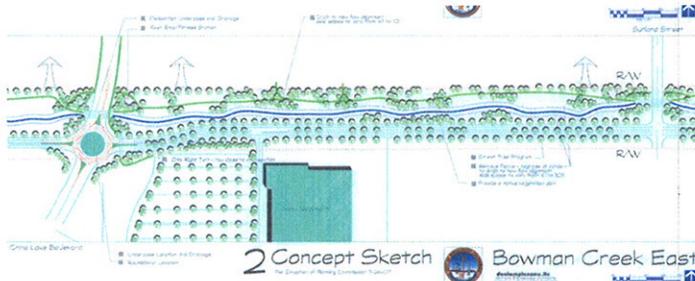
BOWMAN CREEK AND GATEWAY ALTERNATIVES

Landscape Architect and Planning Consultant Dan Lare was placed on speaker phone from his home in Arizona. Mr. Lare presented his Concept Sketch Plan for the Bowman Right-of-Way between Norma Street and Sunland Street.

Mr. Lare’s Concept Plan for the Bowman Target Area included the following features:

- Pedestrian and bicycle under-crossings connecting pathways and sidewalks traversing China Lake Blvd. and Bowman Road.
- A drought tolerant landscape plan, (unanimously approved by GPAC at their July meeting),
- Elimination of the existing chain link fenced pond area east of China Lake Blvd.,

- A four lane roadway for Bowman Road between Norma St. and Sunland St.,
- A low-flow channel, and
- Enhanced east-west jogging and bicycle path including rest stops and fitness stations.



POLICY CHOICES

Consultant Rick Rust summarized the exercise that GPAC had participated on the night before (GPAC #6 meeting) called Policy Choices. The work-sheet items for consideration were:

- Infill
- Edge Treatment
- Parks/Greenway
- Commercial/Employment
- Compactness
- Density
- Planned Unit Development
- Military Compatibility

Playing cards, (with Ace through eight were handed out to each GPAC member. GPAC was asked to rank these 8 items – the Ace is the number one and the 8 is the eighth priority.

The following night the results were shared with GPAC. The highest priority ranked by GPAC was **Military Compatibility**. The other high priorities ranked by GPAC included **Infill, Parks/Greenway and Commercial/Employment**.

NEXT GPAC

The next GPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers on September 25, 2007.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW DEVELOPMENTS - working with several firms and landlords on locating lease opportunities within the City. Continuing efforts on the completion of the Rite Aid project and hotels/ office building developments as well as Super Wal-Mart EIR and infrastructure.

HOUSING - work continues on the 52 ac. site at Las Flores and Norma. Development of an apartment complex at Church and Norma across from Ridgecrest Charter School.

Discussion with several developers interested in land at China Lake and Bowman for new strip centers, a new hotel and restaurant row development. Working on sightings for a new 25 to 30 ac. shopping center project to be located on China Lake.

Downtown business assistance program for Balsam/Ridgecrest small business, including a downtown signage effort. Work with Burger King Corporation on bringing a restaurant back to the City.

MEETINGS - included GAVEA, IWV200 Chamber and China Lake Museum Foundation Site Selection Working Group.

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File#	OpenDate	CloseDate	Description	PropertyAddress	CycleTime
07-000720	8/2/2007	8/29/2007	Call for service at PD forwarded to Code Enforcement.	644 KEVIN Court	27
07-000721	8/2/2007	8/3/2007	Vehicle parked for sale on empty lot.	W. Ward at N. Downs Ave.	1
07-000722	8/2/2007	8/3/2007	Used Vehicle sales on private property.	W. Ward at N. Downs Ave.	1
07-000723	8/2/2007	8/24/2007	Vehicle abandoned on the street for over a year.	605 West PERDEW	22
07-000724	8/2/2007	8/24/2007	Water Waste in backyard is deteriorating brick wall between addresses.	916 RANDALL Street	22
07-000725	8/3/2007	8/29/2007	Trailer left parked on the street.	316 MARI Court	26
07-000727	8/3/2007	8/7/2007	RV's parked on the streets around his home.	Beth Ct, White Oak	4
07-000729	8/3/2007	8/14/2007	Tree overhanging in backyard. It drops pine needles and such into Comp.'s pool.	1024 RANDALL Street	11
07-000731	8/3/2007	8/24/2007	RV parked on the street adjacent 416 W. Perdew.	416 PERDEW	21
07-000732	8/3/2007	8/24/2007	Cooler in room leaks, keeping the carpet wet and molding the wall. Door to bathroom fell off.	329 East RIDGECREST	21
07-000733	8/3/2007	8/29/2007	Two vehicles left on the street for over six months. They have flat tires and are never moved.	1008 West ATKINS Street	26

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07-000734	8/3/2007	8/10/2007	Vacant lot is full of dry dead leave. Appears to be a fire hazard.		7
07-000736	8/7/2007	8/13/2007	Trailer parked on the street.	925 North SIERRA VIEW Street	6
07-000738	8/7/2007	8/24/2007	Motorhome parked on the street.	433 DEBRA Lane	17
07-000739	8/7/2007	8/13/2007	Fifth-Wheel parked on the street adjacent 428 Debra Lane.	428 DEBRA Lane	6
07-000745	8/9/2007	8/27/2007	Report of mosquitoes. C- doesn't know the source.	413 MARGALO Street	18
07-000751	8/13/2007	8/27/2007	C- said the house he lives in was flooded with water because of bad pipe.	360 SUNSET Street	14
07-000752	8/14/2007	8/29/2007	Vehicle left on the road west of Crestwood Animal Hospital. Parked there for over a week.		15
07-000753	8/8/2007	8/27/2007	Roadway on North Gold Canyon has a water leak.	318 North Gold Canyon Road	19
07-000754	8/17/2007	8/27/2007	Car Sales on Private Property	Rader at S. China Lake Blvd.	10
07-000755	8/17/2007	8/27/2007	Car Sales on private property.	Rader at S. China Lake Blvd.	10
07-000756	8/17/2007	8/27/2007	Car Sales on private property.	Rader at S. China Lake Blvd.	10
07-000757	8/17/2007	8/27/2007	Car Sales on private property	Rader at S. China Lake Blvd.	10
07-000758	8/17/2007	8/27/2007	Car Sales on Private Property	Rader at S. China Lake Blvd.	10

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07-000759	8/17/2007	8/27/2007	Car Sales on Private Property	Rader at S. China Lake Blvd.	10
07-000761	8/21/2007	8/27/2007	Farm animals in residential area (ducks).	801 HOWELL	6
07-000763	8/22/2007	8/27/2007	Neighbors in the area leaving their trash cans out all week after Tuesday dump day.	Sierra Vista Dr.	5
07-000767	8/22/2007	8/27/2007	Tumble weeds in Boulder Pointe Trailer Park.	620 West UPJOHN AV SP	5
07-000769	8/22/2007	8/27/2007	Home at 1021 W. Willow has been abandoned by renters. Garage is ajar.	1021 WILLOW	5
Record Count:29					
Record Count:29					

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Traffic Control Policies and Procedures

SPEED ZONES

The two most requested traffic controls throughout the country are stop signs and speed limits. California is no exception. This TIP takes a look at speed zone requests.

SPEED ZONES: "HOW DO I GET ONE INSTALLED?"

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) is very specific and clear when it comes to speed limits. City and County officials are given the authority to either lower the 55 mph maximum speed limit or raise the 25mph business and residential speed limit if certain conditions are met and if prescribed procedures are followed.

The CVC requires local authorities to base speed limits on Engineering and Traffic Studies and not on arbitrary decisions. These studies are based on the fundamental assumption that most drivers are reasonable, law abiding citizens with a few (about 15%) driving too fast. The studies also consider speed related collisions and roadway conditions that may not be apparent to the driver. The speed that the "fast 15%" exceeds is called the *critical speed*. In California, the speed limit should be set at the first 5 mph increment below the critical speed. For example, if the "fast 15%" are driving faster than 48 mph, then the speed limit should be established at 45 mph. In situations where roadside conditions may present surprises to motorists, the speed limit can be lowered an additional 5 mph. In our example, such conditions might justify a zone of 40 mph.



Now back to the original question..."What does it take to get a speed zone installed?" After receiving a request for a speed zone, the local agency completes the required Engineering and Traffic Study. The study includes:

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Public Works Director
Joe Pollock
City Engineer

- A review of all speed related collisions for a three year period.
- The measurement of existing speeds with a radar meter, using an un marked vehicle.
- Calculating the *critical speed* (also called the 85th percentile speed).
- A survey of the roadway and roadside conditions.



If the Agency agrees that speed zone is justified, a recommendation is presented to the City Council.

Should the Council approve the zone, signs are posted and enforcement can begin. Where local speed limits are to be enforced by radar or other electronic devices (such as laser meters), the studies must be no more than five years old.

Sometimes we hear, "You should have posted it lower. It would be safer." Actually, research indicates just the opposite. Nearby residents are given a false sense of security because an unreasonably low speed limit makes almost every driver a violator and is considered a "speed trap" in California. Therefore, the courts will not hear such cases and as a result, law enforcement agencies will not issue citations and speeds are unaffected.



A special note about maximum speed limits: UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE, THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ARE:

2-Lane roads – 55 mph.

Multilane roads – 65 mph

Certain freeways – 70 mph

In any case, adjust your speed to current conditions.

Wastewater Report

The City of Ridgecrest Consolidated Treatment Facility operated for the month of August with no operational or unusual maintenance problems.

The department as routine maintenance hydro flushed 4,000 ft of main line collection system.

The reclamation department reclaimed 12.2 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department inspected and passed ten new connections to the collection system.

The department overhauled the primary piston pump, and continued the pond levee maintenance project.

The department inspected and passed five new connections to the collection system.

Engineering

Private Sector Projects

Residential construction has come to almost a complete halt due to the national credit mess. Commercial and multi-family projects however increased.

Street Projects

Aside from normal street maintenance we have no active street projects under construction. It is planned to apply several miles of Topein-C to street pavement.

Traffic Signals

The video cameras have been installed at all seven traffic signals operated by the City and are now operational. There have not been any complaints received.