

# The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



April 2008

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# Short Takes

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## Corporate defaults on upswing as debt comes due

**By Matt Krantz, USA TODAY**  
Companies counting on consumers spending like there's no tomorrow are finding tomorrow may not be as bright as they'd hoped.

Corporate defaults, including the owner of the Tropicana casinos this week, are reaching levels not seen in years as companies struggle with a fickle bond market and nervous consumers.

Already this year, 27 U.S. companies have defaulted on their debt, according to Standard & Poor's, exceeding the 16 companies that defaulted in all of 2007. Many of these companies, including Tropicana Entertainment, have already filed for bankruptcy protection.

Bankruptcy experts say the uptick in defaults is just beginning, because massive amounts of debt

will come due at a much faster pace in about a year.

"The flood hasn't come yet, but the leading wave of the flood is in sight," says Martin Zohn, head of the bankruptcy practice at law firm Proskauer Rose.

A rise in defaults puts even more pressure on an already weak economy by making lenders skittish and threatening jobs as companies are forced to scale back. Struggling companies are getting pushed over the edge due to:

•**Serious lack of money to borrow.** Companies that don't have stellar credit ratings are still struggling to raise money, says Mariarosa Verde, managing director at Fitch Ratings. Average B-rated companies, if able to borrow at all, are paying 11% interest rates, she says, up from 8.25% a year ago.

•**Debt coming due.** Just as consumers with adjustable-rate mortgages suffered as their interest rates reset, so are companies as their debt matures, says Diane Vazza of S&P. More than \$22 billion of debt issued by companies with lower credit ratings comes due the next three quarters, meaning they'll have to borrow amid a hostile debt market. Next year, companies with lower credit ratings see \$40 billion in debt come due, Vazza says, and the amount will be double that each year through 2014.

•**Full-out assault on the consumer.** A poisonous blend of high gas prices and low confidence is forcing retailers and consumer companies already on the brink into default, Zohn says.

## If state's numbers don't come up, bet on a sales tax hike

By Evan Halper and Jordan Rau  
Los Angeles Times Staff Writers

SACRAMENTO — In his latest plan for closing a budget shortfall now estimated at \$17.2 billion, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will propose giving voters a choice between borrowing against the

state lottery and paying more sales tax.

The sales tax proposal is a turnabout by Schwarzenegger, who came to office as an anti-tax crusader and throughout his tenure has steadfastly insisted he would never consent to new

taxes. In recent days, the administration repeatedly denied reports that it has been laying the groundwork for a sales-tax increase.

Deep cuts in services would still be needed to balance the budget.

**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<br>\$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<br>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 - \$<br>TDA - \$   |              | Awaiting authorization for PE from Caltrans   |
| 24 |            | NO #      | Reeves - Sierra View to 330' east   | Joe Pollock     | \$130,000                   | CMAQ - \$<br>TDA - \$   |              | Awaiting authorization for PE from Caltrans   |
| 25 |            | ST9806    | Downs St. - Relocate Power Poles  | Joe Pollock     | \$1,615,000                 | HES - \$<br>RSTP, TDA   | ON HOLD      | Awaiting additional funding to underground<br>ROW Problem: ON HOLD since SCE stopped undergrounding   |
| 26 |            | NO #      | North China Lake Blvd. - Street Lighting  | Joe Pollock     |                             | HES - \$<br>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<br>Retrofit / Upgrade                           | Jerry           |                             |                         |              |   |
| 30 |            | 02211     | College Heights Burn Dump - China Lake<br>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,<br>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<br>SR2S for sidewalks near Las Flores ES grant \$75,150. need match \$8,350 |
| 33 |            | 04203     | FTA Section 5311 Vehicle Purchase   | Juan            |                             | FTA<br>TDA              | PE-inp       | Application submitted to Caltrans for approval Jan. 2005<br>City to buy bus   |
| 34 |            | 04204     | RTIP 05/06  | Jeremy          |                             | RTIP                    |              | Submitted Purpose & Need Statements to KCOG<br>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.<br>Conducted field review with Caltrans; Awaiting Authorization to Proceed                         |
| 37 |            | 05203     | Road Reconstruction - Downs Ave.<br>(from Inyokern Rd. to China Lake)               | Jeremy          |                             |                         |              | Project bid twice, no bids rec'd. Extension granted until June 2008. Project currently being re-bid.  |
| 38 |            | 05204     | Road Reconstruction - Downs Ave.<br>(from Ridgecrest Blvd. to UpJohn Ave.)          | Jeremy          |                             |                         |              | Prepared 1st invoice and submitted to Caltrans<br>Prepared engineer's estimate & submitted to Joe Pollock   |
| 39 |            | 05205     | Sidewalk Construction - French Ave.<br>(from China Lake to Drummond Ave.)           | Joe Pollock     |                             |                         |              | Project closed out  |
| 40 |            | 05206     | Road Improvements - Graff Ave., Reeves Ave. &<br>S. Mahan St.                       | Joe Pollock     |                             |                         |              | Construction complete, closeout in progress   |
| 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<br>Awaiting word from City if they want to proceed   |
| 44 |            | 06201     | Sidewalk Construction - Las Flores Ave.<br>(from Norma St. to Sanders St.)          | Jeremy          |                             | SR 25                   |              | Design completed; waiting on on Edison to relocate power poles  |
| 45 |            | 06202     | Upjohn Ave. Resurfacing   | Jeremy          |                             |                         |              | Funding has been lost   |
| 46 |            | 06203     | Upjohn Ave. & Sunset Blvd. Road & Sidewalk<br>Construction                          | Jeremy          |                             | CDBG                    |              | Project complete  |
| 47 |            | 06204     | TEA - Bike Rest Stations - Bowman Rd.   | Jeremy          |                             | TEA                     |              | Environmental on hold. Awaiting word from City on how to proceed.   |
| 48 |            | 06205     | Church & China Lake Traffic Signal  | Jeremy          |                             | HES                     |              | City now handling this  |

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| 49 |            | 06206     | Park and Rec. Bldg.                                     | Jerry           |                             |                         |        |   |
| 50 |            | 06207     | College Heights Reconstruction Dolphin to Franklin      | Jeremy          |                             | RSTP                    |        | E-76 rec'd; biological assessment need to be corrected. Awaiting word from Caltrans on cultural |
| 51 |            | 06208     | College Heights Reconstruction China Lake to Dolphin    | Jeremy          |                             | RSTP                    |        | Rec'd E-76; Enviro in process   |
| 52 |            | 06209     | Road Reconstruction Drummond Ave. (China Lake to Norma) | Jeremy          |                             | RSTP                    |        | Received E-76 for PE<br>Environmental work in process   |
| 53 |            | 06210     | DBE Program Update                                      | Theresa         |                             |                         |        | Caltrans approval 6-6-06<br>COMPLETE  |
| 54 |            | 06211     | TDA Article 3   | Jeremy          |                             |                         |        | Submitted apps. Not approved.   |
| 55 |            | 06212     | Las Flores-Sierra View to Downs                         | Jeremy          |                             | SR2S                    |        | Design complete. Waiting for Edison to relocate power poles                                     |
| 56 |            | 07200     | General Engineering                                     |                 |                             |                         |        |   |
| 57 |            | 07201     | DBE   | Dennis Speer    |                             |                         |        |   |
| 58 |            | 07202     | Road Maintenence  |                 |                             |                         |        |   |
| 59 |            | 07203     | BioSolids Feasibility Study                             |                 |                             |                         |        |   |
| 60 |            | 07204     | RSTP College Heights Reconstruction                     | Jeremy          |                             |                         |        | Awaiting PO to request PE   |
| 61 |            | 07205     | FHWA Quality Assuranc                                   | Dru             |                             |                         |        |   |
| 62 |            | 07206     | St. Recon. Imp. Norma St.                               | Jeremy          |                             |                         |        | Submitted estimate & proposal; waiting to PO to begin PE  |
| 63 |            | 07207     | TDA Article 3   | Jeremy          |                             |                         |        | Submitted applications for sidewalks to Kern COG  |
| 64 |            | 07208     | CDBG Curb Ramps @ Various Locations                     | Theresa         |                             | CDBG                    |        | Contracts INP   |
| 65 |            | 07209     | Safe Routes to School App. Gateway School               | Jeremy          |                             | SRTS                    |        | Application in process  |
| 66 |            | 07210     | West Ridgecrest Blvd. RTIP Submittal                    | Jeremy          |                             | STIP                    |        | Submitted RTIP forms to KCOG Oct. 07  |
| 67 |            | 07211     | Richmond Rd. RTIP Submittal                             | Jeremy          |                             | STIP                    |        | Submitted RTIP forms to KCOG Oct. 07  |

# RPD MONTHLY REPORT

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## Welcome Aboard Officers Groves and Merzlak

Officer Bill Groves was born in Ridgecrest July 9, 1984. Officer Groves received his education at Groves Elementary, Murray Middle School, and Burroughs High School.

Bill's informative years were spent with his older brother, Russell, who became

fast friends out of necessity, living outside the city limits.

They would spend their time riding their bikes, and playing baseball or football. As Russell got older (and he got his drivers license), Bill benefitted. The summer days were now being spent either at Lake Isabella or Lake

Diaz fishing, which sure beat the heat of Ridgecrest.

Officer Groves enjoyed wrestling in high school and later played recreational softball with his parents on the City League.

Upon graduation,  
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## Monthly Report regarding Community Oriented Policing

During the month of March, Officers of the Ridgecrest police Department addressed a community problem Ridgecrest Branch Post Office. A subject was bothering patrons by begging at that location. Information was provided to Postal Offi-

cials regarding this subject and he was cited three times for the Penal Code violation.

Officers attended two Neighborhood Watch meetings during March. These meetings were for newly formed Watches, one

on S. Sunset St. and the other in the area of N. Peg St. The officers involved were Officer Cory Ballestero and Officer Nino Agostinacci.

### Special points of interest:

Promotion

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(and to keep himself out of trouble) Officer Groves and a friend, Officer Frid, planned to go into the Marine Corp. After boot camp and the School of Infantry, Officer Groves went to Okinawa, Japan and then served a tour in Iraq where he was a machine gunner.



Deputy Chief Ron Strand and Captain Jon Wheeler at the Graduation Ceremony

Returning home, he married his wife Alisha. After leaving the Marine Corp, Officer Groves and Alisha came home to Ridgecrest where they are raising their two boys.

Officer Ken Merzlak was born on April 12, 1986 in Plattsburgh, New York. He is the eldest of three children. Moving to Edmonds, Washington when he was 5 Officer Merzlak spent elementary and Middle school in this area.

In 2000, the family made the

move to Trona, and after graduating in 2004, attended Cerro Coso Community college. While attending college, Officer Merzlak became interested in the PACT organization and became a volunteer in 2004. In the summer of 2005, Officer Merzlak made the move to Long Beach, where he held a position for Comcast as a Tech giving him ex-

perience in cable, internet, and digital phone. Although he was living in Long Beach, Officer Merzlak, continued with school at Cerro Coso online program and received his Associates in Administration of Justice in December 2006.

Officer Merzlak recently married his fiancé Melissa in January and they have a beautiful little girl.



Officer Groves and Officer Merzlak being sworn in by City Clerk Rita Gable

## Negligent Discharge of a Firearm

On April 21, 2008 at 2054 hours, Ridgecrest Police Officers responded to 236 E. Kashmire Ln. in Ridgecrest, regarding "shots fired." They learned that several subjects fled the area on foot after the shots were heard. Detectives from the Ridgecrest Police Department were called to the scene and an investi-

gation was conducted by Detective Kristen Hanley and Detective Michael Atkins. Ultimately, a firearm

*Officers responded to "shots fired"*

was found hidden at the residence,

along with other evidence of a shooting and the suspect, Reginald Prasad was arrested and booked at Kern County Jail/ Ridgecrest Substation and charged with 246.3(a) PC, Negligent Discharge of a firearm. Prasad was held on \$10,000.00.



*Above:* Chief Avery discusses the importance of being Captain. *Right:* Captain Wheeler's wife Kindy, pins on the Captains Badge. *Below:* Captain Wheeler's family shares in the special day.



**Congratulations**

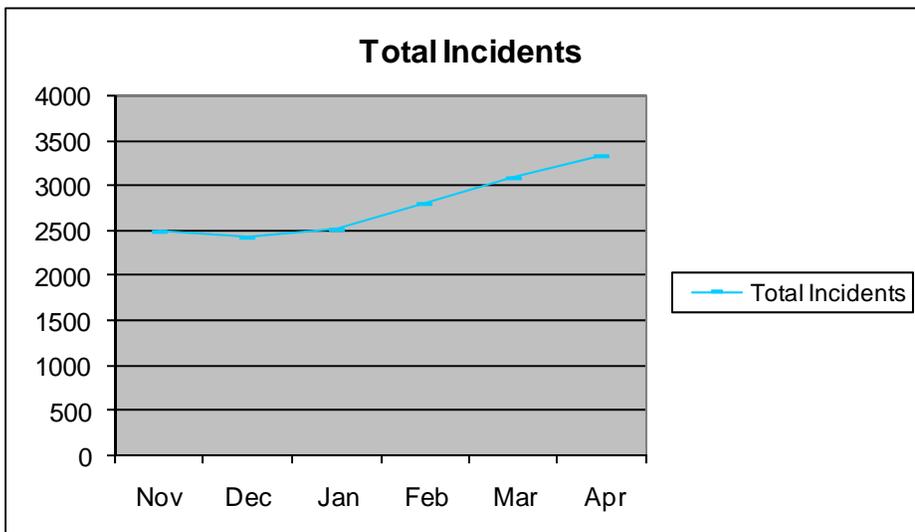
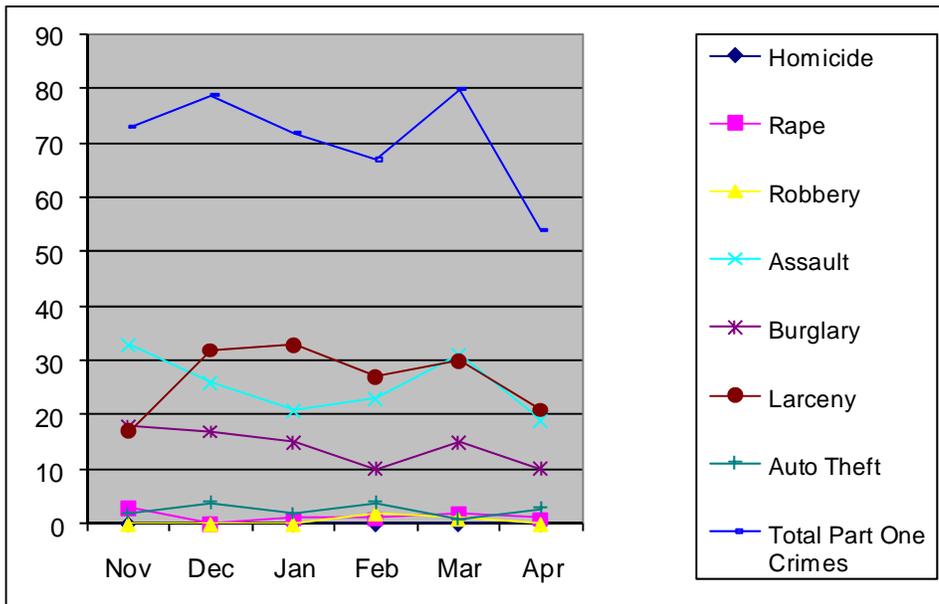


# Ridgecrest Police Department

Prepared May 13, 2008

## Crime for the Last Six Months

| Crimes                | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | Total |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Homicide              | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     |
| Rape                  | 3    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 8     |
| Robbery               | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 3     |
| Assault               | 33   | 26   | 21   | 23   | 31   | 19   | 153   |
| Burglary              | 18   | 17   | 15   | 10   | 15   | 10   | 85    |
| Larceny               | 17   | 32   | 33   | 27   | 30   | 21   | 160   |
| Auto Theft            | 2    | 4    | 2    | 4    | 1    | 3    | 16    |
| Total Part One Crimes | 73   | 79   | 72   | 67   | 80   | 54   | 425   |
| Total Incidents       | 2500 | 2434 | 2512 | 2803 | 3099 | 3336 | 16684 |



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|                                    | 2008  |        | 2007  |        | 2008  |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|                                    | APRIL | APRIL  | APRIL | APRIL  | APRIL |
|                                    | MTD   | YTD    | MTD   | YTD    | YTD   |
| <b><u>Crime/Reports:</u></b>       |       |        |       |        |       |
| Part-One Crimes                    | 54    | 273    | 97    | 348    | -22%  |
| All other Crime Reports            | 147   | 619    | 189   | 717    | -14%  |
| Traffic Accidents                  | 26    | 72     | 11    | 50     | 44%   |
| Miscellaneous Reports              | 94    | 333    | 107   | 343    | -3%   |
| Traffic Citations                  | 330   | 1150   | 259   | 1175   | -2%   |
| All other Reports                  | 10    | 36     | 11    | 34     | 6%    |
| Total of all Reports               | 331   | 1333   | 415   | 1492   | -11%  |
| <b><u>Arrests:</u></b>             |       |        |       |        |       |
| Part 1 Arrests                     | 21    | 114    | 35    | 112    | 2%    |
| Narcotic Related Arrests           | 32    | 122    | 39    | 123    | -1%   |
| All other Felony Arrests           | 12    | 48     | 19    | 64     | -25%  |
| Total other Misd. Arrests          | 95    | 453    | 124   | 518    | -13%  |
| Total all Arrests                  | 160   | 737    | 217   | 817    | -10%  |
| Total all Juvenile Arrests         | 30    | 151    | 47    | 178    | -15%  |
| Total all Adult Arrests            | 130   | 586    | 170   | 639    | -8%   |
| <b><u>General Information:</u></b> |       |        |       |        |       |
| Total Service Hours                | 2390  | 9298   | 2276  | 9178   | 1%    |
| Total Activity Hours               | 1631  | 6431   | 1644  | 6408   | 0%    |
| Total Patrol Hours                 | 759   | 2867   | 632   | 2770   | 4%    |
| Total Calls for Service            | 3336  | 11750  | 2541  | 10461  | 12%   |
| Total Value Prop. Stolen           | 20810 | 107026 | 89038 | 330132 | -68%  |
| Total Value Prop. Recovered        | 6502  | 41521  | 28809 | 112189 | -63%  |



# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PATROL STATISTICS

REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 2008

5/8/2008

| Statistic                          | Count |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Total Incidents                    | 3336  |
| Calls for Service                  | 1754  |
| Officer Initiated Incidents        | 1582  |
| Traffic Stops                      | 531   |
| Other OIA Incidents                | 1051  |
| Bus/Building checks                | 144   |
| Veh/Ped Check                      | 84    |
| <br>                               |       |
| Total Officer Reports              | 331   |
| Accident                           | 25    |
| Documentation Purposes Only        | 69    |
| Felony                             | 72    |
| Information Only-no Crime          | 25    |
| Infraction                         | 5     |
| Misdemeanor                        | 122   |
| Status Offense                     | 3     |
| Unclassified Reports               | 10    |
| <br>                               |       |
| Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests | 150   |
| Misdemeanor Arrests                | 114   |
| Felony Arrests                     | 36    |
| <br>                               |       |
| Total Citations                    | 330   |
| Bicycle                            | 3     |
| Felony                             | 4     |
| Infraction                         | 88    |
| Misdemeanor                        | 94    |
| RMC Violation                      | 33    |
| Vehicle - Moving                   | 70    |
| Vehicle - Parked                   | 35    |
| Unclassified                       | 3     |
| <br>                               |       |
| FIs                                | 0     |



# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE FOR 2008

05/08/2008

| MONTH     | NO. OF ACCIDENTS | DUI INVOLVED | FATAL DUI | NO. FATALITIES |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| JANUARY   | 16               | 6            | 0         | 0              |
| FEBRUARY  | 17               | 1            | 0         | 0              |
| MARCH     | 15               | 1            | 0         | 0              |
| APRIL     | 26               | 1            | 0         | 0              |
| MAY       | 1                | 1            | 0         | 0              |
| JUNE      | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| JULY      | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| AUGUST    | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| SEPTEMBER | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| OCTOBER   | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| NOVEMBER  | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| DECEMBER  | 0                | 0            | 0         | 0              |
| -----     | -----            | -----        | -----     | -----          |
| TOTALS    | 75               | 10           | 0         | 0              |



# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ACCIDENTS BY TYPE OF COLLISION FOR 2008

05/08/2008

| MONTH     | NO. OF<br>ACCIDENTS | ----- COLLISIONS INVOLVING ... ----- |             |          |             |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
|           |                     | VEHICLES                             | MOTORCYCLES | BICYCLES | PEDESTRIANS |
| JANUARY   | 16                  | 16                                   | 0           | 0        | 1           |
| FEBRUARY  | 17                  | 16                                   | 1           | 1        | 0           |
| MARCH     | 15                  | 15                                   | 1           | 1        | 3           |
| APRIL     | 26                  | 24                                   | 0           | 2        | 2           |
| MAY       | 1                   | 1                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| JUNE      | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| JULY      | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| AUGUST    | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| SEPTEMBER | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| OCTOBER   | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| NOVEMBER  | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| DECEMBER  | 0                   | 0                                    | 0           | 0        | 0           |
| -----     | -----               | -----                                | -----       | -----    | -----       |
| TOTALS    | 75                  | 72                                   | 2           | 4        | 6           |



# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ACCIDENT SUMMARY BY SEVERITY FOR 2008

05/08/2008

| MONTH         | NUMBER    | --- ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION --- |          |           |           |          | --- INJURY TOTALS --- |          |           |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|
|               |           | FATAL                           | MAJOR    | UNKNOWN   | MINOR     | NO INJ   | FATAL                 | MAJOR    | MINOR     |
| January       | 16        | 0                               | 0        | 5         | 11        | 0        | 0                     | 0        | 6         |
| February      | 17        | 0                               | 1        | 4         | 12        | 0        | 0                     | 1        | 8         |
| March         | 15        | 0                               | 1        | 6         | 8         | 0        | 0                     | 1        | 8         |
| April         | 26        | 0                               | 2        | 4         | 19        | 1        | 0                     | 2        | 5         |
| May           | 1         | 0                               | 0        | 0         | 1         | 0        | 0                     | 0        | 0         |
| June          | 0         | 0                               | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0                     | 0        | 0         |
| July          | 0         | 0                               | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0                     | 0        | 0         |
| August        | 0         | 0                               | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0                     | 0        | 0         |
| September     | 0         | 0                               | 0        | 0         | 0         | 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         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>0</b>                        | <b>4</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>              | <b>4</b> | <b>27</b> |

# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN MONTHLY SUMMARY

MONTH: APRIL

### ACTIVE CASES OPEN

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| CARRIED OVER      | 206        |
| NEW ACTIVE CASES  | 7          |
| REACTIVATED CASES | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>213</b> |

### CASES CLEARED

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| RETURNED TO OWNER          | 1        |
| DESTROYED                  | 0        |
| REASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATOR | 0        |
| INACTIVE                   | 0        |
| OTHER / AUCTION            | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>1</b> |

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| ACTIVE CASES | 212 |
|--------------|-----|

### PROPERTY/EVIDENCE HANDLED

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| DESTROYED / DEST. BIN | 1429 |
| RETURNED TO OWNER     | 3    |
| OTHER                 | 0    |

**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INVESTIGATIVE SECTION STATISTICS  
MONTHLY SUMMARY**

**MONTH:**

| CATEGORY                         | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| NEW CASES                        | 286   |
| CASES OVER FROM PREVIOUS MONTH   | 109   |
| REFERRED TO D.A.                 | 90    |
| BY ARREST                        | 47    |
| CLEARED BY OTHER MEANS           | 96    |
| INACTIVE                         | 26    |
| ACTIVE CASES OPEN @ END OF MONTH | 136   |
| PROPERTY RECOVERED               | \$ 0  |

**PREPARED BY:**

**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**RESERVE ORGANIZATION**

MONTHLY SUMMARY

APRIL, 2008

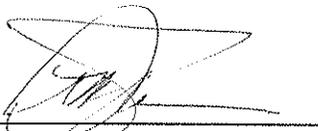
|                     | <b>Current<br/>Month</b> | <b>YTD<br/>Total</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Reserve Hrs.</b> | <b>160</b>               | <b>360.5</b>         |

During the Month of *APRIL*, Reserve Officers worked the following hours:

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Officer Kiren    | 2  |
| Officer Dysart   | 0  |
| Officer Schatz   | 14 |
| Officer Robbs    | 51 |
| Officer Dorrell  | 32 |
| Officer Regan    | 24 |
| Officer Mitchell | 39 |

This month, members of the Reserve Organization augmented Patrol, assisted with Range, provided prisoner transports and Perishable Skills training in Visalia, CA.

Prepared by;



Tony Brown  
Sergeant

**PACT MONTHLY REPORT  
APRIL 2008  
(Revised)**

| <u>PACT Volunteer</u> | <u>Hours</u> |               |                             |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Executive Director    | 1.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Financial             | 0.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Fundraiser            | 0.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Training              | 47.0         |               |                             |                  |
| Administrative RPD    | 131.5        |               |                             |                  |
| Administrative Org    | 48.5         |               |                             |                  |
| Vehicle Maint.        | 0.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Animal Welfare        | 138.0        |               |                             |                  |
| Child ID              | 40.5         | 2 events      | 156 IDs                     |                  |
| EOC                   | 2.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Graffiti Task Force   | 2.0          | # of sites: 4 |                             |                  |
| Nuisance Abatement    | 4.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Patrol                | 134.0        |               |                             |                  |
| Vac. House checks     |              | #of sites: 21 | #of checks: 43              |                  |
| Preventive Patrol     | 0.0          |               |                             |                  |
| Surveillance          | 0.0          |               |                             |                  |
| <br>                  |              |               |                             |                  |
| PACT HOURS            | 553.5        |               | YTD Hours for 2008          | 2366.0           |
| Non-member hours      | 0.0          |               | YTD Hours for 2007          | 2645.5           |
| Chaplain hours        | 26.5         |               |                             |                  |
| <b>TOTAL HOURS</b>    | <b>580.0</b> |               | <b>Total Hours for 2007</b> | <b>10,157.75</b> |

Volunteers served four subpoenas and attempted to serve five more.

Four evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.

One Juvenile Transport to Jameson Hall in Bakersfield with two children.

Volunteer Fraser took one trip to Riverside to deliver a patrol car.

Ms. Virginia Wright, PACT Neighborhood Watch volunteer spent six hours going to different neighborhoods to deliver door hangers for Neighborhood Watch. Action Committee member also assisted.

The Coordinator held three Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

Coordinator conducted two PD tours for Kindergartners from Gateway School.

Approximately 38 volunteers along with Deputy Chief Strand, Captain Paul Wheeler, Detective Rick Smith, President Marty Dorrell and Coordinator Nancy Young attended the monthly coffee. Twenty nine PACT volunteers received The President's Volunteer Service Award. Twenty six received Bronze level, sixteen received Silver level nine received Gold level and one received a Lifetime President's Call to Service Award. PACT also received two Gold awards as well. The awards were for 2006 and 2007.

Ninety one volunteer hours were spent at the DEF Springfest on foot patrol.

Nine volunteers assisted with the purge of the Property room over a full week.

Two Child ID events took place during April. The first was the Children's Fair and the second was the DEF Springfest.

Prepared by Nancy Young, PACT Coordinator



City Of Ridgecrest

**PARKS RECREATION AND  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

# Parks Recreation And Cultural Affairs



CITY OF RIDGECREST

## ANOTHER JAM PACKED SUMMER AHEAD

### SUMMER SIGN-UP DATES:

- **May 27-** Day Camp, Pre-School and Arts and Crafts Classes
- **May 28-** All Aquatics Programs
- **May 29-** All Sports Camps
- **Sign-up times will be 6:00pm-7:30pm all three days.**

The Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for what is sure to be another summer season jam packed with activities for people of all ages.

The Summer Brochure detailing all of our camps, classes and other activities hit the Daily Independent on May 10th and was available at the Kerr McGee Community Center front counter on May 8th. There will be a 3 day sign-up event beginning May 27th.

On May 27th from 6pm-7:30pm we will be holding sign-ups for Day Camp, Fall Pre-School and Arts and Crafts classes which include necklace making, paper airplane making and a brand new

board game camp, just to name a few. On May 28th from 6pm-7:30pm we will be holding sign-ups for our Aquatics programs. This includes



regular swim lesson classes as well as Private(1:1 ratio) and Semi-Private(1:2 ratio) swim lessons. On May 29th we will be holding sign-ups for all of

our Sports Camps which offer instructional camps in everything from wrestling to soccer.

Sign-ups taken on these days will guarantee the person a spot in those classes/camps. Any sign-ups taken after those dates will be on a space available basis and will receive no guarantee of participation.

For more information, patrons are directed to visit the Kerr McGee Center or call 499-5151.

## SWIM TEAM GETS STARTED

The 2008 High Desert Torpedoes Swim team is underway. The team began practice on May 10th at the Pinney Pool. Currently the team consists of 20 youth ranging from 5-18 years of age.

Under the direction of Coach

Tiffany Olson, the Swim Team practices every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Early registration ended on Friday May 9th but will continue on throughout the season on a non pro-rated basis. There is still time to sign-up. Contact the Kerr McGee center at 499-

5151 for more information.



## 5TH GRADE BASKETBALL COMES TO AN END

The area elementary school's 5th Grade Basketball league at the Kerr McGee Center has come to a close. The 5th grade basketball league plays 1 game per week for both Girls and Boys divisions for the 7 week season. In the Boys Division there was Inyokern, Faller, Las Flores, St. Anns, Gateway and Pierce Schools. Pierce school came out on top with 5 wins for the season, with Las Flores in a

close second with 4 games. In the Girls division there was Inyokern, Faller, Las Flores, St. Anns, Gateway, Immanuel and Pierce. The Girls division ended with a 3 way tie for first place between Las Flores, St. Anns and Gateway, each with a 5 and 1 record.



5th grade boys 1st place—Pierce Elementary

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION COMES TO KMCC

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation held their annual fundraising dinner and auction event Saturday May 10th at the Kerr McGee Community Center.

After the dinner was served an auction took place where patrons bid on everything from wildlife themed paintings to guns and knives.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Champion the conservation of Elk and other wildlife with this mission statement taken from their website-

*"The mission of the Elk Foundation is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. "*



## PARK PRE-SCHOOL COMING TO A CLOSE

As summer programs begin, The Parks and Recreation Departments Park Pre-School comes to a close. The School year runs September—May for ages 2 1/2—Pre-K. Class runs 2 days per week from 8:30am—11:30am. The Park Pre-school program aims to develop every child's emotional, social, physical and educational growth through reading readiness, gross and fine motor skills, exploration, drama, puppetry, science, health, show and tell time, and community speakers. Sign-ups for next years classes will be held on May 27th from 6:00p—7:30p at the Kerr McGee Center. Open registration will be taken after those dates on a space available basis. For more information please pick up an information sheet at the Kerr McGee Center or call 499-5151.



# 2008 Drama Production

## "Raggedy Ann and Andy"



On Wednesday May 7th and Thursday May 8th a drama production of **Raggedy Ann and Andy** was held at the Kerr McGee Center. The production was co-sponsored by the City of Ridgecrest Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and High Desert Talent Agency's Elena Vitale. Both shows were free to the public.



### CAST

**Raggedy Ann** – Samantha Harrison

**Raggedy Andy** – Cameron LaBrie

**Mechanico** – Daniel Harrison

**Twins** – Lizzie Joyce & Joanna Fletcher

**Suzu Pincushion** – Wendy Meyer

**Grandpa/King Koo Koo** – George "Andy" Anderson

**Bruin Bear** – Emma Weber

**Babette** – Alicia Seaman

**Dolls** – Madelynn Clark & Courtney Kent

**Lester Looney** – Kevin Seaman

**Prince Leonard the Looney-Hearted** – Anthony Gould

**Camel** – Sarah Meyer

**Trees/Walls** – Madelynn Clark, Courtney Kent, Celeste Meyer, Victoriah Meyer

**Witch/Lucretia** – Beth Ponek

**Greedy Bag** – Joshua M. Woods

**Taffy** – Celeste Meyer & Victoriah Meyer

**Grey-haired Whizzer** – Barbara Burton

**Page** – Jolene Fletcher

**Loonies** – Madelynn Clark, Courtney Kent, Celeste Meyer, Victoriah Meyer

**Peel Bearers** – Madelynn Clark, Courtney Kent, Celeste Meyer

**Marcella** – (Offstage Voice – Janis Harrison)



### CREW

**Director** – Elena Vitale

**Assistant/Prompter** – Janis Harrison

**Set Design/Backdrop/Scenery** – Vicki Seaman, Kurt Seaman

**Costumes** – Kathleen LaBrie, Vicki Seaman, Wendy Meyer, Janis Harrison, Cast parents

**Props** – Kathleen LaBrie, Vicki Seaman, Kim Hurst, Wendy Meyer, Janis Harrison, Cast

**Make-up** - Mary Fletcher, Kim Hurst, Caley Burton

**Lighting/FX** – Nathan Mc Artor

**Audio** - Craig Bradley, Philip Braem, Matt Freese

**Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department, Emily Mc Artor, Cate Acevedo, Atlas Moving, St. Ann Church, City of Ridgecrest and the parents of the cast for their support.**

Kerr McGee Community Center  
Weekly Schedule

**April 14, 2008 -  
April 20, 2008**

| April 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    | May 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M          | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |    |    |
| 14         | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 18       | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |    |    |    |    |
| 15         | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13       | 19 | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 16         | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20       | 20 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 17         | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27       | 21 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 18         | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |          | 22 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| 14 Monday   | 15 Tuesday  |
|---|---|
| 8:00am 9:00pm BHS Booster Spring Dinner; Pinnacles                | 7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺                              |
| 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                                   | 8:00am 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺               |
| 9:30am 11:30am BLM Preschool Presentation; R/C Room ☺             | 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                               |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺         | 9:30am 11:30am BLM Preschool Presentation; R/C Room ☺         |
| 5:30pm 7:30pm ACTION committee meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺ | 3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺                |
| 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                             | 4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺                 |
| 6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺                   | 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                         |
|   | 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                       |
|   | 6:30pm 8:00pm CERT; R/C Room ☺                                |
|   | 7:00pm 8:30pm Cameo Dog School; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺       |
| 16 Wednesday  | 17 Thursday   |
| 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                                   | 8:00am 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺               |
| 11:00am 7:00pm Houchin Blood Bank; Pinnacles ☺                    | 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                               |
| 11:30am 1:00pm YAC Leadership Meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺  | 3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺                |
| 3:30pm 5:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym ☺                      | 5:00pm 9:00pm Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym ☺        |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                           | 5:30pm 8:00pm Insight Schools of CA ; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺ |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺         | 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                         |
| 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                             | 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                       |
| 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺                              | 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; R/C rm ☺                                |
| 18 Friday   | 19 Saturday   |
| 4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺                     | 8:00am 11:00pm Big Band Express; Pinnacles                    |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm Davis Bunko Party; Red Rock/Chimney Peak            | 9:00am 3:30pm CERT Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺          |
|   | 9:00am 12:00pm USANA - Reset your Life; Fossil Falls          |
| 20 Sunday   |   |

Kerr McGee Community Center  
Weekly Schedule

**April 21, 2008 -  
April 27, 2008**

| April 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    | May 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M          | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |    |    |
| 14         |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6        | 18 |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |    |
| 15         | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13       | 19 | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 16         | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20       | 20 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 17         | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27       | 21 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 18         | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |          | 22 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| 21     | Monday   | 22     | 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 | 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺                     | 7:30am | 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺                                   |
| 9:00am | 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                                     | 8:00am | 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺                    |
| 3:30pm | 5:30pm Smashers Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺               | 9:00am | 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                                    |
| 5:30pm | 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺           | 3:30pm | 6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballarart ☺                      |
| 5:30pm | 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                               | 4:00pm | 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺                      |
| 5:30pm | 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                             | 5:30pm | 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                              |
| 6:30pm | 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺                     | 5:30pm | 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                            |
|        |  | 7:00pm | 8:00pm Youth Volleyball League Practice ; N/S Gym ☺         |
|        |  | 7:45pm | 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺                               |
| 23     | Wednesday  | 24     | 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 | 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺                     | 8:00am | 10:00pm Abstinence Program with Anthony!; Pinnacles/Petro ☺ |
| 9:00am | 5:00pm Tumbling; Fossil Falls/Ballarart ☺                    | 9:00am | 5:00pm Tumbling; Fossil Falls/Ballarart ☺                   |
| 3:30pm | 5:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym ☺                        | 9:00am | 12:00pm Social Security; Red Rock/Chimney ☺                 |
| 5:30pm | 8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Fossil Falls/Ballarart ☺            | 3:30pm | 6:00pm Drama; Large Preschool Room ☺                        |
| 5:30pm | 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺           | 5:00pm | 9:00pm Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym ☺             |
| 5:30pm | 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                               | 5:30pm | 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                              |
| 5:30pm | 7:30pm Arts Council; Red Rock/Chimney ☺                      | 6:30pm | 9:00pm Quality of Life; Red Rock/Chimney ☺                  |
| 7:45pm | 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺                                | 6:30pm | 7:30pm Karate; R/C Rm ☺                                     |
| 25     | Friday   | 26     | Saturday  |
| 5:30am | 6:00am Australian ANZAC ceremony; Freedom Park Flag Pole     | 8:00am | 10:00pm Harvey Rose Retirement Party; Pinnacles/Petro       |
| 7:00am | 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ | 9:00am | 3:30pm CERT Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺               |
| 4:00pm | 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺                       | 2:30pm | 4:30pm Glover / Chavez Wedding - 3 pm; Gazebo               |
| 27     | Sunday   |        |   |
| 9:00am | 5:00pm Smashers Volleyball Tournament- 2 nets; N/S Gym ☺     |        |   |

Kerr McGee Community Center  
Weekly Schedule

**April 28, 2008 -  
May 04, 2008**

| April 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    | May 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M          | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|            |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |          |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 14         |    |    | 5  | 6  |    |    | 18       |    |    | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 15         | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 19       | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 16         | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20       | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 17         | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 21       | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 18         | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    | 22       | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| 28 Monday   | 29 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 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺                     | 7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺                                  |
| 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                                     | 8:00am 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺                   |
| 3:30pm 5:30pm Smashers Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym ☺               | 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺                                   |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺           | 3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Red Rock/Chimney ☺                           |
| 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                               | 4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺                     |
| 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                             | 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                             |
| 6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺                     | 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                           |
|   | 7:00pm 8:00pm Youth Volleyball League Practice ; N/S Gym ☺        |
|   | 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺                              |
| 30 Wednesday  | 1 Thursday  |
| 7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ | 5:00am 9:00am Kiwanis Mayor's Prayer Breakfast; Pinnacles/Petro ☺ |
| 8:00am 6:00pm Preventive Health Screens; Red Rock/Chimney ☺         | 7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺  |
| 8:00am 3:00pm NAVAIR NSPS Training; Pinnacles ☺                     | 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺                   |
| 9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺                     | 11:30am 1:30pm IWWESC; Red Rock/Chimney ☺                         |
| 3:30pm 5:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym ☺                        | 1:00pm 9:00pm Creative Expressions Art Show; Pinnacles ☺          |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺             | 3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺                      |
| 5:30pm 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺           | 5:00pm 9:00pm Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym ☺            |
| 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                               | 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺                             |
| 6:30pm 8:30pm Kern County Public Fee Workshop; R/C rm ☺             | 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺                           |
| 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺                                | 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; R/C rm ☺                                    |
| 2 Friday  | 3 Saturday  |
| 7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ | 8:00am 8:00pm Creative Expressions Art Show; Pinnacles ☺          |
| 8:00am 8:00pm Creative Expressions Art Show; Pinnacles ☺            | 9:00am 3:30pm CERT Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺              |
| 4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺                       |   |
| 4 Sunday  |   |

Kerr McGee Community Center  
Weekly Schedule

**May 05, 2008 -  
May 11, 2008**

| May 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2008 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M         | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|          |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |           |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 18       |    |    |    |    |    |    | 22        |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 19       | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 23        | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 20       | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 24        | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 21       | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25        | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22       | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 26        | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
|          |    |    |    |    |    |    | 27        | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

| 5 Monday  | 6 Tuesday   |
|---|---|
| <p>7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺</p> <p>8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 9:00pm Desert Artists; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; R/C room ☺</p> | <p>7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺</p> <p>8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺</p> <p>4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 8:30pm CERT Training; R/C Rm ☺</p> <p>7:00pm 9:00pm Sierra Gun Club ; KMCC Lobby ☺</p> <p>7:00pm 8:00pm Youth Volleyball League Practice ; N/S Gym ☺</p> |
| 7 Wednesday   | 8 Thursday  |
| <p>7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺</p> <p>8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺</p> <p>3:30pm 5:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Jets; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺</p>  | <p>7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>8:00am 9:00pm Storage; Fossil Falls ☺</p> <p>8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>9:00am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petro ☺</p> <p>5:00pm 9:00pm Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Ballarat ☺</p>   |
| 9 Friday  | 10 Saturday   |
| <p>7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺</p> <p>8:00am 9:00pm Storage; Fossil Falls ☺</p> <p>3:00pm 10:00pm Rocky Mountain Elk Dinner; Pinnacles/Petro ☺</p> <p>4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺</p>   | <p>8:00am 12:00am Rocky Mountain Elk Dinner; Pinnacles/Petro ☺</p> <p>8:00am 9:00pm Storage; Fossil Falls ☺</p> <p>9:30am 12:30pm Harris Brunch; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺</p>  |
| 11 Sunday   |   |
| <p>8:00am 10:00am Rocky Mountain Elk Dinner; Pinnacles/Petro ☺</p>  |   |

## PUBLIC SERVICES RIDGECREST

# Public Services

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### APRIL MEETINGS

- Apr 0—Mtg. with Benz Sanitation—Mandatory Recycling.
- Apr 02—Mtg. with Mike Fergusson
- Apr 02—Business Park Update
- Apr 03—IWVWD Citizen Committee
- Apr 04—Sister City Mtg.
- Apr 04—KernCOG Blue Print, Bakersfield
- Apr 06—Searles Minerals
- Apr 08—Olde Towne Mtg.
- Apr 10—Exchange Club Lunch Presentation
- Apr 10—Wal Mart Mtg.
- Apr 11—Change of Command NAWS
- Apr 14—JLUS
- Apr 15—Bob Kirchmeier
- Apr 15—Cedric Knight
- Apr 16—JLUS, Palmdale
- Apr 22—Earth Day Clean Up Project
- Apr 23—Sister City Mtg.
- Apr 24—Solar Millennium Mtg. BLM
- Apr 24—WEMO, Palmdale

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

### PUBLIC SERVICES

#### James McRea

Public Services Director

#### Gary Parsons

Economic Development Manager

#### Matthew Alexander, AICP

City Planner

#### Bob Smith

Code Enforcement Officer

#### Danielle Valentine

Administrative Secretary

### R-2508 Joint Land Use Study

The Public Comment Period and the Draft R-2508 Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) have been completed and circulated. The Advisory Committee has reviewed the final comments and the Final JLUS will soon be published. Mayor Pro-tem Steven Morgan served on the Advisory Community and James McRea on the Technical Advisory Committee. The R-2508 Joint Land Use Study was a result of a collaborative planning process between local governments & affected counties, participating military installations, Native American communities, land owners, interested individuals, and representatives from agencies serving the area in and around the Joint Service R-2508 Special Use Airspace Complex. The goal of the R-2508 JLUS is to protect the viability of current and future missions in the R-2508 Complex while at the same time accommodating growth, sustaining the economic health of the region, and protecting public health and safety. For the City of Ridgecrest and NAWS China Lake that translates to Mission Compatible Land Use, managed growth, and implementation of the set of tools, activities, and procedures that can be selected and used to implement the recommendations of the JLUS. The implementation strategies may be adjusted over time to ensure the JLUS remains relevant to the planning issues of the community and area. In the development of the R-2508 JLUS study, Kern County has been an indispensable partner, and through its funding assistance, has helped the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) provide the requisite non-federal match for the program. The JLUS Study consultant was the Matrix Design Group. This consultant is also the consultant working with the GPAC and General Plan Update for the City of Ridgecrest.

### Earth Day - April 22, 2008



## Economic Development

This month the department was busy with a number of proposed developments. The largest of which, Super Wall Mart, proposed to be located at the corner of China Lake Blvd. and Bowman Road, moved ever closer to submission of a new application for formal consideration and public hearing. Discussion continued concerning public improvements that may be needed as an outcome of the Draft EIR completes earlier this year.

Other projects included a proposed hotel and retail development on China Lake and two other hotel retail developments. The hotel market in town is still very strong with most of the local hotels and motels seeing great booking rates.

This month also saw the opening of the new Burger King restaurant as well as a new fine dining Restaurant on China Lake boulevard, other new restaurants are planned at Heritage Square

Staff attended several meetings this month including the Solar Millennium development meeting at BLM offices, which could bring new jobs as well as the potential for new low cost power and or new public facilities; the Community Development Committee meeting, the Chamber Board meeting, C.A.R.S. IWV 2000, GAVEA, RACVB, the Olde Towne Ridgecrest and several others.

Planning began for the upcoming ICSC Conference with several developers interested in discussing retail projects located around the proposed Wal Mart location.

## Planning

### GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The General Plan Advisory Committee held its thirteenth meeting which included discussion of the final draft policies recommended for the General Plan Update.

In addition GPAC members completed a survey of possible policies affecting the future growth of Ridgecrest. Here is the GPAC member survey response:

| Ridgecrest General Plan Supplemental Survey<br>by the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) |     |      |    |     |
|--|-----|------|----|-----|
| Policy   | Yes |      | No |     |
|  |     | %    |    | %   |
| Extend key arterials to US High-way 395, as needed.  | 11  | 100% | 0  | 0%  |
| Extend key arterial(s) to SR Highway 14.   | 7   | 64%  | 4  | 46% |
| Extend City limits to US Highway 395 along Bowman Road Corridor.                             | 9   | 82%  | 2  | 18% |
| Review and incorporate guidance from R-2508 JLUS.  | 11  | 100% | 0  | 0%  |
| Encourage industrial development provided no hazards are produced, (smoke, dust, etc.).      | 10  | 91%  | 1  | 9%  |
| Request transfer of BLM land in south portion of Planning Area, as needed.                   | 8   | 73%  | 3  | 27% |
| Designate incentive areas for growth / infill.   | 9   | 82%  | 2  | 18% |
| Provide incentives for growth throughout the City; not limited to specific areas.            | 4   | 46%  | 7  | 64% |
| Smaller businesses should be encouraged to do mixed use.                                     | 9   | 82%  | 2  | 18% |

|  |    |      |   |     |
|--|----|------|---|-----|
| Current height limitation of 36 feet for structures, (three  | 9  | 82%  | 2 | 18% |
| The City should develop more restrictive sign standards.   | 7  | 64%  | 4 | 46% |
| The City should develop reasonable design guidelines.  | 11 | 100% | 0 | 0%  |
| The City should NOT promote a design theme.  | 6  | 55%  | 5 | 45% |
| Reasonable exterior design enhancements should be required of mobile homes placed upon lots in single family home neighborhoods in order to inhibit a boxy | 11 | 100% | 0 | 0%  |
| Senior retirement housing should be encouraged by the City.  | 9  | 82%  | 2 | 18% |
| The location of a new high school is of prime interest to the City and the School District is encouraged to in-  | 10 | 91%  | 1 | 9%  |
| The city should begin a dialog now with the BLM on behalf of the use of public lands lying to the south and  | 10 | 91%  | 0 | 9%  |
| Designation of new golf course is a priority for the City.   | 9  | 82%  | 2 | 18% |
| New subdivisions should be designed with park/sumps in lieu of sumps only.   | 11 | 100% | 0 | 0%  |
| Pocket parks should be a priority in new subdivisions and should be maintained via Landscaping and Lighting  | 10 | 91%  | 0 | 9%  |
| The Municipal Swimming Pool, Skateboard Park and Performing Arts Center should be expanded within the  | 9  | 82%  | 2 | 18% |
| More City-County coordination is needed within our street widening and improvement projects.   | 11 | 100% | 0 | 0%  |
| An Area Plan should be developed for Olde Towne.   | 10 | 91%  | 1 | 9%  |

**Notes & Qualifications :**

This survey was completed by 11 GPAC members between April 24 – May 5, 2008  
 Policy 1 – Yes, to Bowman Road (two responses),  
 Policy 2 – No, improve to Garlock Road / Yes, to Bowman Road,  
 Policy 3 – Only as needed,  
 Policy 5 – Yes, but we should specify tech oriented jobs,  
 Policy 11 – Yes, but grandfather old signs / Yes, but easier to interpret,  
 Policy 18 – Yes, if purple water is used,  
 Policy 21 – Only if there are funds to do so and maintain them,  
 Policy 23 – No, use the plan the city paid for in 1991,  
 Policies 1 -9 and 16 – 20 are the most important.

To provide a comparison of public sentiments upon these critical issues, the survey was also circulated to City of Ridgecrest employees. Following is the city employees' survey response.

| Ridgecrest General Plan Supplemental Survey<br>by the City Employees   |       |      |       |     |
|--|-------|------|-------|-----|
| Policy   | Yes   |      | No    |     |
|  | Count | %    | Count | %   |
| Extend key arterials to US High-way 395, as needed.  | 10    | 63%  | 6     | 37% |
| Extend key arterial(s) to SR Highway 14.   | 9     | 56%  | 7     | 44% |
| Extend City limits to US Highway 395 along Bowman Road Corridor.   | 9     | 56%  | 7     | 44% |
| Review and incorporate guidance from R-2508 JLUS.  | 12    | 80%  | 3     | 20% |
| Encourage industrial development provided no hazards are produced, (smoke, dust, etc.).  | 17    | 100% | 0     | 0%  |
| Request transfer of BLM land in south portion of Planning Area, as needed.   | 14    | 87%  | 2     | 13% |
| Designate incentive areas for growth / infill.   | 12    | 75%  | 4     | 25% |
| Provide incentives for growth throughout the City; not limited to specific areas.  | 11    | 64%  | 6     | 36% |
| Smaller businesses should be encouraged to do mixed use.   | 12    | 85%  | 2     | 15% |
| Current height limitation of 36 feet for structures, (three stories) should remain.  | 8     | 47%  | 9     | 53% |
| The City should develop more restrictive sign standards.   | 10    | 62%  | 6     | 38% |
| The City should develop reasonable design guidelines.  | 12    | 75%  | 4     | 25% |
| The City should NOT promote a design theme.  | 10    | 58%  | 7     | 42% |
| Reasonable exterior design enhancements should be required of mobile homes placed upon lots in single family home neighborhoods in order to inhibit a boxy appearance. | 13    | 76%  | 4     | 24% |
| Senior retirement housing should be encouraged by the City.  | 15    | 93%  | 1     | 7%  |
| The location of a new high school is of prime interest to the City and the School District is encouraged to involve the City on behalf of its site selection.          | 14    | 87%  | 2     | 13% |
| The city should begin a dialog now with the BLM on behalf of the use of public lands lying to the south and west of the City Limits.                                   | 15    | 88%  | 2     | 12% |
| Designation of new golf course is a priority for the City.   | 4     | 23%  | 13    | 77% |

|   |    |      |   |     |
|---|----|------|---|-----|
| New subdivisions should be designed with park/sumps in lieu of sumps only.  | 12 | 75%  | 4 | 25% |
| Pocket parks should be a priority in new subdivisions and should be maintained via Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District funds.   | 14 | 87%  | 2 | 13% |
| The Municipal Swimming Pool, Skateboard Park and Performing Arts Center should be expanded within the next decade, possibly in other parts of the City.   | 12 | 75%  | 4 | 25% |
| More City-County coordination is needed within our street widening and improvement projects.  | 15 | 100% | 0 | 0%  |
| An Area Plan should be developed for Olde Towne.  | 14 | 93%  | 1 | 7%  |
| <b>Notes:</b><br>This survey was completed by 17 Ridgecrest city employees between April 25 – May 7, 2008.<br>If the employees had no comment or were unfamiliar with the policy they left the response blank. Therefore, the number of responses to each question varies from 14 to 17. Non-responses are considered neutral; thus the percentages are based upon 100% for all yes and no responses. |    |      |   |     |

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

**April 22, 2008**

Tentative Tract Map 7112:

The Planning commission considered a request for Tentative Tract Map 7112 to create a 49 10,000 sq. ft. minimum residential lot subdivision in an E-2 zone on 20 acres located at the NW corner of Kendall Ave and S. Norma St, in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 16 T27S R40E APN 510-010-05 (Veatch). The project was approved by the Planning commission subject to conditions of approval.

Ayab Dhar Hotel-Restaurant-Retail Concept:

As a discussion item a request was made by Ayab Dhar for feedback on a hotel-restaurant-retail concept for property he owns at the SE corner of China Lake Blvd. and Inyokern Road.

Quentin Parker, the project architect, introduced himself and spoke to the Commission. He provided an overview document of plans, including subterranean parking and a five story hotel and asked for the Commissioner's feedback. He said that because of the site's prominence he had favorable review from a hotel chain. He said he had noted the minimal pedestrian activity at the intersection of China Lake and Inyokern. He said he hoped to develop Triangle Drive so that it was not a through-drive but more pedestrian oriented to allow for easier development of the project. He referred to third-street Promenade in Santa Monica as a relevant comparative for the project.

The commissioners indicated that height and some other details were issues, they wished to encourage Mr. Dahr to proceed with a formal site plan.

## Code Enforcement - Open Cases April 2008

| File#           | OpenDate  | Description  | PropertyAddress                 |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------------------|
| 08-000039       | 4/10/2008 | Pool in yard is green.   | 602 RIO BRAVO Street            |
| 08-000040       | 4/10/2008 | Trash piling up in side yard (behind fence) for two months.                                    | 512 HEATHERGLEN Drive           |
| 08-000041       | 4/10/2008 | Dust blowing from construction site on Downs Street.   |                                 |
| 08-000043       | 4/3/2008  | Fifth-wheel trailer on the street with Az. License plates. Been there since April 3rd.         |                                 |
| 08-000044       | 4/10/2008 | Water waste at residence.  | 408 BALSAM                      |
| 08-000046       | 4/11/2008 | Dog feces in front and back yard   | 229 ALVORD Street               |
| 08-000047       | 4/15/2008 | Letter Test - Citizenseve  | 1321 E. BOWAN Road              |
| 08-000048       | 4/16/2008 | Dirt piles in compound are too high. Wind blows them around saturating warehouses in the area. | 1300 North Mahan Street         |
| 08-000049       | 4/11/2008 | House owned by city has been destroyed by vandals. Pool has standing water and trash in it.    | 227 South DESERT CANDLES Street |
| 08-000050       | 4/17/2008 | Abandoned home broken into and in disaray.   | 526 West WILSON Road            |
| 08-000051       | 4/21/2008 | Dumpster placed into lot 16, smells - left open and is placed wrong.                           | 1600 North NORMA Street         |
| Record Count:11 |           |  |                                 |
| Record Count:11 |           |  |                                 |

## Code Enforcement - Closed Cases April 2008

| File#           | OpenDate  | CloseDate | Description   | PropertyAddress         | CycleTime |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| 08-000021       | 2/15/2008 | 4/16/2008 | Couches stacked up in the yard. Possible Fire Hazard?   | 320 ROBERTSON           | 61        |
| 08-000022       | 3/11/2008 | 4/23/2008 | Report that materials are being stored at Mahan and Inyo. Keep an eye on the area.  |                         | 43        |
| 08-000024       | 2/26/2008 | 4/15/2008 | Big Rig Truck parked at the corner of Vista and Ashton.   |                         | 49        |
| 08-000025       | 3/13/2008 | 4/2/2008  | Pool is green.  | 329 East RIDGECREST     | 20        |
| 08-000032       | 3/11/2008 | 4/8/2008  | Back door boarded shut. Check into safety issue.  | 247 Balsam Avenue       | 28        |
| 08-000035       | 3/18/2008 | 4/8/2008  | Basketball hoop in the street at times, laying on its side in the sidewalk.   | 1213 ALYSA Court        | 21        |
| 08-000039       | 4/10/2008 | 5/12/2008 | Pool in yard is green.  | 602 RIO BRAVO Street    | 32        |
| 08-000041       | 4/10/2008 | 5/12/2008 | Dust blowing from construction site on Downs Street.  |                         | 32        |
| 08-000043       | 4/3/2008  | 4/16/2008 | Fifth-wheel trailer on the street with Az. License plates. Been there since April 3rd.  |                         | 13        |
| 08-000044       | 4/10/2008 | 4/16/2008 | Water waste at residence.   | 408 BALSAM              | 6         |
| 08-000051       | 4/21/2008 | 4/29/2008 | Dumpster placed into lot 16, smells - left open and is placed wrong.  | 1600 North NORMA Street | 8         |
| 07-000742       | 8/8/2007  | 4/11/2008 | Routine case work at a nother residence revealed the discovery of a back yard that has a major collection of junk and debris. | 213 HELENA Street       | 247       |
| 07-000793       | 10/4/2007 | 4/14/2008 | Weeds growing along the west walkway of N. Gold Canyon from Ridgcrest Blvd.   |                         | 193       |
| Record Count:13 |           |           |   |                         |           |
| Record Count:13 |           |           |   |                         |           |

# Public Works

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## Traffic Control Devices: Uses and Misuses

### Overview

Traffic control devices are signs, signals, pavement markings and other devices placed along highways and streets to move vehicles and pedestrians safely and efficiently. These devices are placed in key locations to guide traffic movement, control vehicle speeds and warn of potentially hazardous conditions. They also provide important information to drivers about detours and traffic delays.

### Functions of Traffic Control Devices

The main purpose of a traffic control device is to provide information to drivers so they can operate their vehicles safely along a highway or street. The five basic criteria of a traffic control device are to:

- Fulfill a need;
- Command attention;
- Convey a clear, simple meaning;
- Command respect from road users, and
- Give adequate time for response.

Signs, signals, pavement markings, cones, barricades and warning lights are designed with dedicated colors, shapes and sizes based on the different functions they provide. They regulate, guide and warn vehicle and pedestrian traffic about road conditions. Uniformity of design (color, shape, size and location) helps drivers to quickly understand the messages of traffic control devices. Consistency is important for driver respect, recognition and proper reaction to the devices.

### Characteristics of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

**Color.** Certain colors are used to trigger instant recognition and reaction; for example, STOP signs are always red. Similarly, signals at intersections must have the same sequence of red/yellow/green to communicate stop/warning/go to drivers and pedestrians.

**Nighttime visibility.** Traffic control devices are made visible under nighttime operating conditions by either being separately lighted or retro-reflectorized so that the light coming from vehicle headlamps is bounced off signs and other devices back to the eyes of drivers.

**Daytime visibility.** Traffic control devices are designed with highly visible colors or a sharp contrast of messages against a background. Sometimes traffic control devices are lighted even for daytime viewing to draw the attention of drivers to their messages.

**Shape and size.** Signs have standard shapes and sizes to trigger instant recognition and reaction.

For example, STOP signs have an octagonal shape of a particular size that no other sign is permitted to have. There are similar specifications for the shapes and sizes of many other traffic control devices for both permanent and temporary conditions.

**Location.** Traffic control devices must be placed in locations that provide enough time for all drivers to make the appropriate safe maneuvers, such as entering or departing a road or stopping and turning to avoid conflicts with other vehicles and pedestrians.

**Messages.** Traffic control devices are designed with carefully chosen symbol or word messages of specific sizes and content. Locations and functions are then selected in relation to the amount of time that drivers need to detect, read and understand messages to make appropriate vehicle maneuvers.

### REGULATORY SIGNS



STOP



SPEED LIMIT



DO NOT ENTER



NO LEFT TURN



NO U TURN



NO TRUCKS

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## Engineering

CITY OF RIDGECREST

### 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.

Dennis Speer

Public Works Director

Joe Pollock

City Engineer

### Street Projects

Work has started on the Downs Street Landscaping Project and progressing fairly well. Planting of the trees and shrubs is expected soon. Chemical tests of the soil in the islands revealed that three of the islands had a high level of Boron present. After some discussion with CALTRANS landscape personnel they provided a list of trees and shrubs that are thought to be Boron tolerant and these will be planted in these three islands.

### Traffic Signals

Plans and specifications have been received for the China Lake and Church intersection. It should go out to bid the first part of the year. A traffic signal warrant study for the signal at Ward and China Lake has been completed and forwarded to CALTRANS.

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## 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 or abnormal conditions.

The department inspected and passed (5) new connections to the sanitary sewage system.

The reclamation department reclaimed 2.64 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 3,880 ft. of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

The department as part of Board Order No.6-00-56 and No. 6-93-86 is required to perform ground water monitoring on an annual and semiannual basis, the results of the semiannual analysis are included with this month's SMR report.

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## Transit

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# Public Works

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## Traffic Control Devices: Uses and Misuses

### Overview

Traffic control devices are signs, signals, pavement markings and other devices placed along highways and streets to move vehicles and pedestrians safely and efficiently. These devices are placed in key locations to guide traffic movement, control vehicle speeds and warn of potentially hazardous conditions. They also provide important information to drivers about detours and traffic delays.

### Functions of Traffic Control Devices

The main purpose of a traffic control device is to provide information to drivers so they can operate their vehicles safely along a highway or street. The five basic criteria of a traffic control device are to:

- Fulfill a need;
- Command attention;
- Convey a clear, simple meaning;
- Command respect from road users, and
- Give adequate time for response.

Signs, signals, pavement markings, cones, barricades and warning lights are designed with dedicated colors, shapes and sizes based on the different functions they provide. They regulate, guide and warn vehicle and pedestrian traffic about road conditions. Uniformity of design (color, shape, size and location) helps drivers to quickly understand the messages of traffic control devices. Consistency is important for driver respect, recognition and proper reaction to the devices.

### Characteristics of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

**Color.** Certain colors are used to trigger instant recognition and reaction; for example, STOP signs are always red. Similarly, signals at intersections must have the same sequence of red/yellow/green to communicate stop/warning/go to drivers and pedestrians.

**Nighttime visibility.** Traffic control devices are made visible under nighttime operating conditions by either being separately lighted or retro-reflectorized so that the light coming from vehicle headlamps is bounced off signs and other devices back to the eyes of drivers.

**Daytime visibility.** Traffic control devices are designed with highly visible colors or a sharp contrast of messages against a background. Sometimes traffic control devices are lighted even for daytime viewing to draw the attention of drivers to their messages.

**Shape and size.** Signs have standard shapes and sizes to trigger instant recognition and reaction.

For example, STOP signs have an octagonal shape of a particular size that no other sign is permitted to have. There are similar specifications for the shapes and sizes of many other traffic control devices for both permanent and temporary conditions.

**Location.** Traffic control devices must be placed in locations that provide enough time for all drivers to make the appropriate safe maneuvers, such as entering or departing a road or stopping and turning to avoid conflicts with other vehicles and pedestrians.

**Messages.** Traffic control devices are designed with carefully chosen symbol or word messages of specific sizes and content. Locations and functions are then selected in relation to the amount of time that drivers need to detect, read and understand messages to make appropriate vehicle maneuvers.

### REGULATORY SIGNS



STOP



SPEED LIMIT



DO NOT ENTER



NO LEFT TURN



NO U TURN



NO TRUCKS

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## Engineering

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### 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.

Dennis Speer

Public Works Director

Joe Pollock

City Engineer

### Street Projects

Work has started on the Downs Street Landscaping Project and progressing fairly well. Planting of the trees and shrubs is expected soon. Chemical tests of the soil in the islands revealed that three of the islands had a high level of Boron present. After some discussion with CALTRANS landscape personnel they provided a list of trees and shrubs that are thought to be Boron tolerant and these will be planted in these three islands.

### Traffic Signals

Plans and specifications have been received for the China Lake and Church intersection. It should go out to bid the first part of the year. A traffic signal warrant study for the signal at Ward and China Lake has been completed and forwarded to CALTRANS.

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## 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 or abnormal conditions.

The department inspected and passed (5) new connections to the sanitary sewage system.

The reclamation department reclaimed 2.64 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 3,880 ft. of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

The department as part of Board Order No.6-00-56 and No. 6-93-86 is required to perform ground water monitoring on an annual and semiannual basis, the results of the semiannual analysis are included with this month's SMR report.

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