

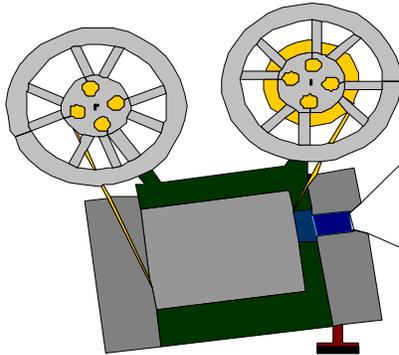
THE CITY OF RIDGECREST MONTHLY REPORT



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SHORT TAKES

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 City's sales tax revenue declining: "The American auto industry bracing for 'worst year in decade.' Most auto makers have been forecasting industry sales of 15.5 million to 15.7 million cars and light trucks this year, down from nearly 17 million two years ago. But turmoil on Wall Street has raised concerns that vehicle sales could come in even lower. A new forecast by J.D. Power & Associates earlier this week put industry-wide sales of light-duty cars and trucks this year at 14.95 million, the lowest level since 1994."

 "In a front-page story, the Wall Street Journal reported that, according to the Labor Department, 'U.S. employers shed 63,000 jobs last month, the most in five years.' This reinforces 'a widening view that the U.S. is falling into recession. Among economists and politicians, the debate is shifting to how deep the downturn will be and how to ease it."

 Quarterly meeting of the City Manager, Base Commander, Schools Superintendent, College President, and County Executive Officer. The Head of the regional office of the Bureau of Land Management also attended and will become a permanent member of the group. The Base Commander and Base Executive Officer were congratulated on the execution of the BRAC agreement. Discussion also focused on the use of BLM land for solar-thermal power generation projects. It is anticipated that the Head of the regional office of CAL-TRANS will attend the next meeting of this group.

 Regular Council meetings, Staff meetings, news media briefings, weekly radio commentaries, monthly newspaper columns.



Civilian-Military Affairs Council meeting.



Streets Initiative PAC meeting.



Labor negotiations; UFCW.



Labor negotiations; PEAR.



Stan Rothbart; meeting with Super Wal-Mart developer and staff to discuss off-site improvements for proposed project.



Staff ad hoc committee meetings to discuss Super Wal-Mart development.



Solar Millenium; meeting with prospective developer of solar-thermal power generation plant(s).



Outlook Conference.

Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs

February—March 2008

Monthly Report

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Basketball Comes To An End

The Parks and Recreation Departments youth Basketball League has come to the end of another very successful season.

This year saw over 350 youth spread over 40 teams practicing and playing weekly at the Kerr McGee center during the 8 week season. The teams practiced one night per week with games every Friday night and all day Saturdays. This year's league was sponsored by John's Pizza of Ridgecrest. John's Pizza made a generous donation toward

the league t-shirts as well as provided a coupon to all participants and coaches which was good for a free buffet each week.

The season finished with a 3 day Tournament for the older youth in Division 4, 5, and 6.

In the 11-13 year old boys Division 4 the Nuggets coached by Jim Ponek came out on top of the Mavericks coached by Kim Young to take home the Gold.

The Storm coached by Johnny Perez played a good

game and bested Kris Hayes and his Comets team to take the Gold in the 11-13 year old Division 5.

In the final game of the night, and the season, Glenn Robinson and his Clippers team defeated the Rockets coached by Sam Ford to take home the gold for the 14-17 year old Co-Ed Division 6.

We would like to thank all of the players and parents for making this program a success year in and year out. We would also like to thank all of the Referees, Scorekeepers and the Volunteer coaches, without whom this program could not operate. Bravo and Thank You to you all. As well, we would like to thank John's Pizza for your generous donation to this years league.



The Nuggets Coached by Jim Ponek, Division 4 Champions.



The Storm Coached by Johnny Perez, Division 5 Champions.



The Clippers Coached by Glenn Robinson, Division 6 Champions.



The Mavericks Coached by Kim Young, Division 4 Runner Up.



The Comets Coached by Kris Hayes Division 5 Runner Up.



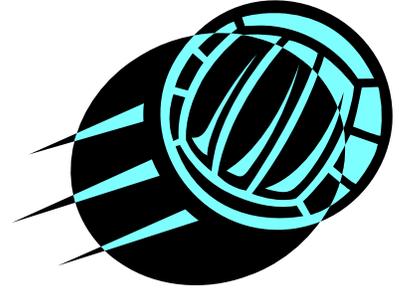
The Rockets Coached by Sam Ford, Division 6 Runner Up.

JOHN'S
 PIZZA • PASTA
 HOMEMADE ICE CREAM
 AND FUN FACTORY
 Good Food • Good Attitude
 2008 John's Pizza
 Youth Basketball League

2008 **JUICE IT UP!**

Youth Volleyball League

The City of Ridgecrest Parks and Recreation Departments *Juice It Up* Youth volleyball season has begun and it looks to be another successful season. The volleyball program is for youth ages 10-17 years and is co-ed. Evaluations were held on March 7th where a draft took place for the older division (13-17). Practices will be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with games every Thursday evening, with schedules like this, KMCC is sure to remain a busy place. Due to a generous donation of participant shirts, this year's league is sponsored by *Juice It Up* of Ridgecrest. All participants will receive a coupon good for one free smoothie.

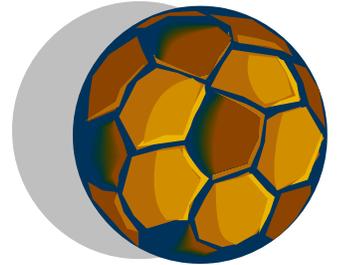


JUICE IT UP!

Spring Soccer Begins

The City Of Ridgecrest Parks and Recreation Departments Youth Soccer sign-ups ended on March 10th. Over 450 youth signed-up which is very good for the spring soccer season. Sign-ups for the spring season far surpassed that of the typically more popular fall season. Youth soccer is for kids 5-14 years of age. Practices are held Monday through

Thursday with games every Saturday. Games and practices are held at LeRoy Jackson Sports Complex.



2008 Desert Winds Event Cancelled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Desert Winds 5k event has been cancelled. We apologize to all who were looking forward to the event.

Desert Winds
!!!CANCELLED!!!

City Hall Getting Painted

Monthly Report

I am sure by now that everyone who works for the city and or attends events at the City Hall has noticed over the past few weeks that there has been a lot of activity happening on City Hall. The City of Ridgecrest in conjunction with The Parks and Recreation Department has initiated a contract with Michael J's painting to repair and rejuvenate the structural steel window frames above the first story of City Hall.

Over the past years the window units have been leaking due to failing sealants over the years of heat and cold coupled with driving winds. It is just age and an overall general deterioration of the sealants and joints that seal the windows to the exterior glass stops. Actually, the original products gave the city a fairly long life considering the materials tradesmen had to work with back in the day. Michael J and Greg Clark have been working with Dunn Edwards engineers to come up with a sealant, primer, and paint that will better weather and be specifically durable in our particular environment.

To accomplish this task properly all of the original caulking must be removed, the paint de-oxidized and sanded, rust abated, caulking and re-sealing, priming, and two coats of paint. Because of the precarious logistics involved in gaining access to some of the elevations, the big orange pumpkin "hoist" sitting at the front doors of city hall had to be deployed. The Crew of Michael J's has done an excellent job thus far not only with their painting expertise but in their mastery of manipulating the pumpkin. We appreciate everyone's patience at City Hall with understanding about the noise, fumes, disruption, and especially bearing with that annoying beeping. Michael J's is trying to move the pumpkin as little as possible to keep any and all disturbances to a minimum.

Michael J's is offering sky lift rides for a nominal fee to help offset the cost of renting the pumpkin. - Greg Clark, Parks and Recreation Department



Director's Scoop

The Scoop from the Director of Parks & Recreation-

I just attended the 2008 California Parks and Recreation Conference in Long Beach. A very well attended conference as it is an opportunity to get annual required credits as well as to meet with other agencies to discuss issues facing some of our Parks and Recreation Departments. One of the classes that I found very interesting was – **“Know the Score from our California State Legislature”**. California Parks and Recreation Society is taking a stronger position in politics, especially with the threat of the future state budget crisis we all will face. I believe that when reviewing this report some of you will be shocked at how some of our known politicians have voted. Enjoy the information, I sure did.

That is the scoop...

By Jim Ponak



Check out pages 4-10 for the **“Know the Score from our California State Legislature”** article referenced in this story.



2008 Legislative Resources

CPRS Legislative Advocacy Goals:

1. Members concerns are heard by legislators in the creation of relevant public policies that affect parks and recreation.
2. Members are informed of proposed public policies of substantial importance to the profession

Take Advantage of These Member Resources!

Legislative Action Center: your “one stop shop” for all current legislative news and actions. Visit (<http://capwiz.com/caparks/state/main/?state=CA>) weekly during the legislative session for the most current information.

CPRS Legislative Candidate PAC: supports candidates for state office who recognize the value of parks and recreation for all Californians and who are willing to listen to us about the important role recreation and parks plays in creating community through people, parks and programs. Members may contribute to the PAC any time during the year.
(www.cprs.org/whatsnew/CandidatePAC.htm)

Legislative Tool Kit: describes the legislative process, legislative terms, and how to contact your legislators
(www.cprs.org/pdf/LegToolKit.pdf).

Legislative Priorities: sets the public policy agenda for CPRS; priorities are determined annually by the CPRS Legislative Committee (www.cprs.org/pdf/LegPriorities.pdf).

CPRS Watch List & Monthly Updates: provided each month during the state legislative session; identifies the bills CPRS has established either a support, oppose or watch position (www.cprs.org/pdf/LegUpdate.pdf).

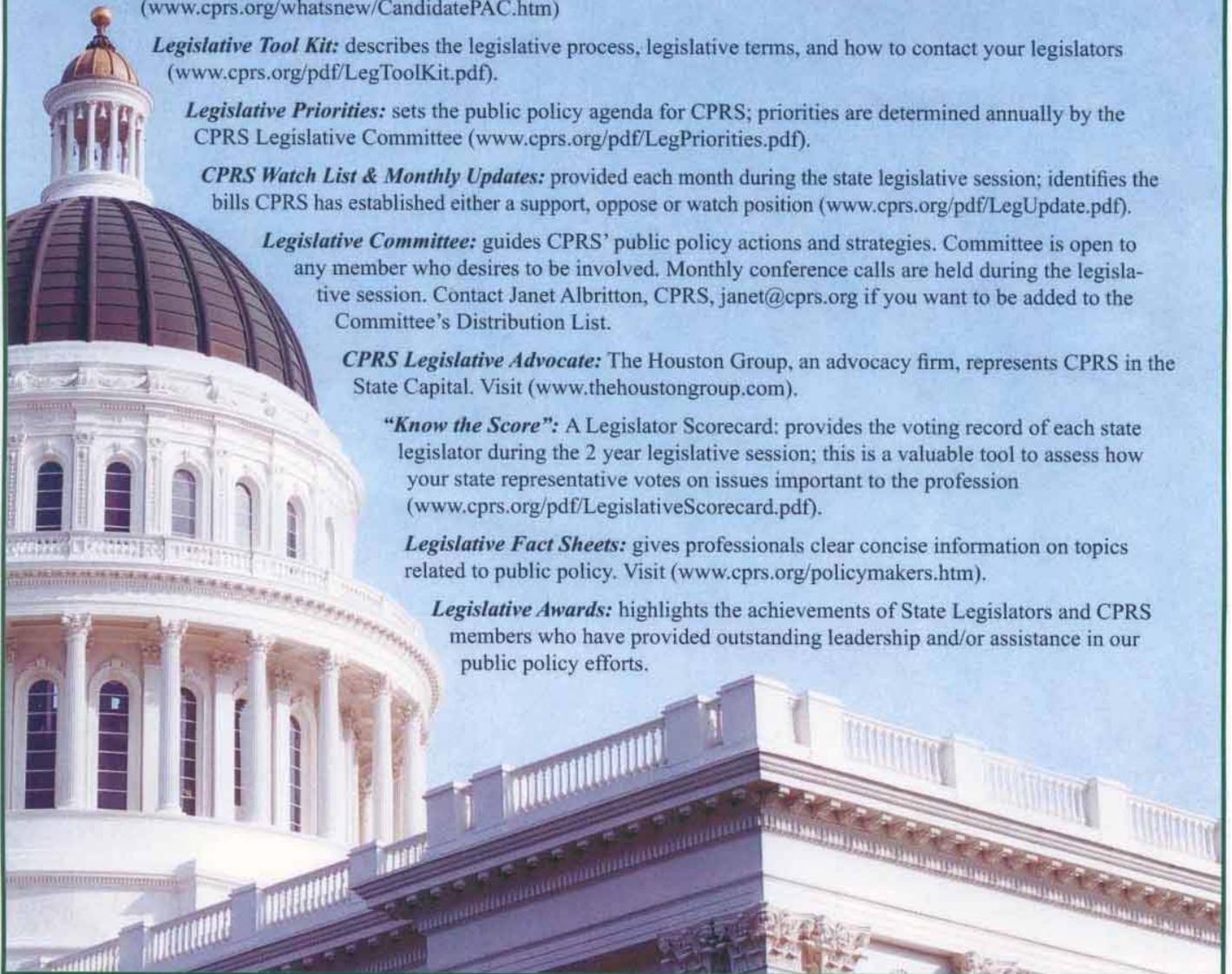
Legislative Committee: guides CPRS’ public policy actions and strategies. Committee is open to any member who desires to be involved. Monthly conference calls are held during the legislative session. Contact Janet Albritton, CPRS, janet@cprs.org if you want to be added to the Committee’s Distribution List.

CPRS Legislative Advocate: The Houston Group, an advocacy firm, represents CPRS in the State Capital. Visit (www.thehoustongroup.com).

“Know the Score”: A Legislator Scorecard: provides the voting record of each state legislator during the 2 year legislative session; this is a valuable tool to assess how your state representative votes on issues important to the profession
(www.cprs.org/pdf/LegislativeScorecard.pdf).

Legislative Fact Sheets: gives professionals clear concise information on topics related to public policy. Visit (www.cprs.org/policymakers.htm).

Legislative Awards: highlights the achievements of State Legislators and CPRS members who have provided outstanding leadership and/or assistance in our public policy efforts.



2005-06 Legislative Scorecard

The actions of California's State Legislature greatly impact the delivery of local and state park and recreation services and programs as well as the protection of parks, open space, natural habitat, and trails. During each legislative session, our state elected leaders determine the fate of bills that have major implications – positive or negative – on the long-term condition of the state's parks, environmental, open space, and recreation environment.

The CPRS Legislative Scorecard provides nonpartisan information about how members of the California Legislature (Assembly and Senate) voted on significant environmental, park and recreation related legislation during the 2005-06 legislative session.



During the 2005-06 legislative session, CPRS monitored and/or lobbied on 90+ bills. The votes recorded here represent the priority issues as determined by the CPRS Legislative Committee of which legislators were notified of CPRS' position on the bill. Only final votes of the legislators are recorded for the full Assembly and Senate. Committee votes are not included.

How to Use This Scorecard

Listed on these pages are the Assembly and Senate members of the 2005-06 California State Legislature, their party affiliation and their legislative district. In addition, we listed their individual vote on a particular bill. We have provided the overall percentage of their voting on CPRS targeted bills and their individual voting record on a particular bill. Finally, we assigned a total percentage for each Legislator.

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CPRS Legislative Priorities for 2005-06

Parks and Recreation...

- as an Element of the State's Infrastructure
- in Support of Physical Activity and Healthy Living
- as an Element of Transportation
- as an Element of Flood Control/Water Quality

2005-06 Legislative Scorecard

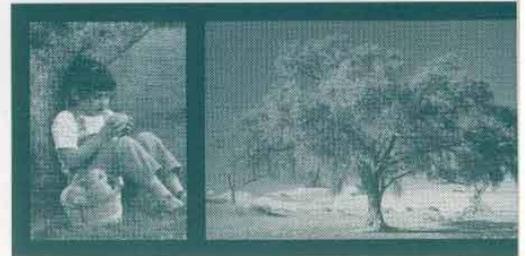
CPRS 2005-06 SCORECARD BILLS

AB 1144 (Harman) Playground Safety.

This bill would repeal existing regulations governing playground safety standards on January 1, 2008 and require as of that date that California's playground-related standards conform to the most current guidelines established by the American Society for Testing and Materials. This bill, signed by the Governor will eliminate considerable confusion relative to duplicative playground safety standards.

AB 1559 (Frommer) Urban Park Act.

This bill would change the name of the act to the Urban Park Act of 2006 and would permit projects that provide "new recreational opportunities" to be eligible for grant funding. Previously, the Act only allowed for new facilities or parks as eligible projects. In expanding eligibility, parks and facilities requiring rehabilitation may be eligible projects so long as a new recreational opportunity is part of the improvement. Signed into law, this bill takes effect January 1, 2007.



ACR 77 (Chan) Local recreation and park agencies.

This measure recognizes the importance of local recreation and park agencies in the effort to reverse negative trends in inactivity, obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among Californians and encourages the state to utilize and partner with local recreation and park providers to create a healthier state.

SB 523 (Torlakson) Bicycle Transportation Account: funding.

Vetoed by the Governor, this bill would have required an ongoing monthly transfer of \$600,000 into the Bicycle Transportation Account for bike lane improvements throughout the state. These funds would have represented a 25% increase in spending for bike lane enhancements, assisting California's communities in providing important alternative transportation routes for fitness, health and commuter related benefits.

SB 638 (Torlakson) Before and after school programs.

Signed by the Governor, bill significantly changes the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program and changes to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program, allowing for easier access to Proposition 49 funds such as direct grants instead of current reimbursement system, streamlines transition for 21st CCLC grantees into the ASES program, increases dollars for high school programs, raises the daily per child rate from \$5 to \$7.50, reduces the 50 percent grant match to 33.3 percent and revises evaluation system that considers many demonstrable program strengths

SB 707 (Kehoe) Before and after school programs.

Signed into law, this bill allows an After School Education and Safety Program grantee to petition the State Board of Education to approve other unforeseen events as qualifying a program grantee to shift funding to other program sites. Bill additionally provides greater flexibility to grantees relative to hours of operation.

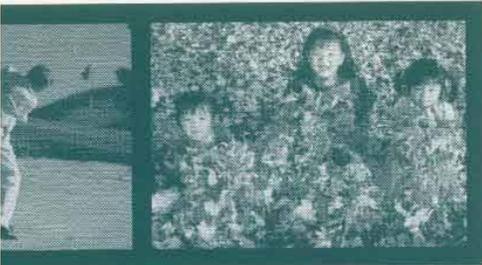
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SB 1179 (Morrow) Skateboarding

Existing law, effective until January 1, 2008, provides that skateboarding at a public skateboard park is a hazardous recreational activity, if all of specified conditions are met, including if the person skateboarding is 14 years of age or older. This bill would reduce that age limit to 12 years of age or older and would extend the operative dates of those provisions until January 1, 2012.

SB 1556 (Torlakson) The Great California Delta Trail System.

Signed into law, this bill requires the Delta Protection Commission to establish a continuous recreation corridor, including bicycle and hiking trails, around the delta and also require the plan to link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties ultimately creating one of California's largest trails networks.



SB 1677 (Torlakson) School facilities: joint-use facilities.

Vetoed by the Governor, this bill would have expanded the types of allowable projects available to be built pursuant to the joint-use funds available through state school bond proceeds to include historical or

cultural education centers, performing arts center, physical education or outdoor recreational site development.

SB 1689 (Perata) Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

Signed into law, this bill enacts the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C) authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000. If approved by the voters on November 7, 2006, this measure will, among other things, provide \$400 million in funds for local park improvements.

CPRS Legislative Honor Roll

This scorecard represents somewhat of a departure from previous tabulations as every Democratic legislator scored 100%. CPRS strives to maintain a bi-partisan approach to advocacy and while this scorecard is somewhat tilted, it is, in fact, considerably more balanced than scorecards prepared by other environmental organizations. For example, while not a single Republican legislator amassed a perfect score of 100%, nearly 10 secured a mark of 70% or better. This outcome is due largely to bills CPRS identified as priority legislation that contained fiscal implications to the state (i.e. SB 523). Oftentimes Republican support for policy bills takes a back seat to fiscal objections. Therefore, the scorecard is reflective of this voting dynamic. In the aggregate, this scorecard demonstrates a substantial overall improvement from both sides of the aisle over previous CPRS legislative scorecards.

Senate Floor Voting

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2005-2006 Legislative Session

Member	Party	District	Percentage Voting with CPRS Position	AB 1144 - Playground Safety Standards	AB 1559 - Urban Park Act of 2006	ACR 77 - Importance of Local Recreation and Park Agencies	SB 523 - Bicycle Transportation Funding	SB 638 - Before and After School Programs	SB 707 - Before and After School Programs	SB 1179 - Skateboarding at Public Skateboard Parks	SB 1556 - The Great California Delta Trail System	SB 1677 - Joint-Use School Facilities	SB 1689 - Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act
CPRS POSITION				S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Annestad, Sam	R	4	40%	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Ackerman, Richard	R	33	60%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
Alarcon, Richard	D	20	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Alquist, Elaine	D	13	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ashburn, Roy	R	18	44%	+	-	+	-	+	NV	+	-	-	-
Battin, Jim	R	37	30%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Bowen, Debra	D	28	100%	+	+	NV	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+
Cedillo, Gilbert	D	22	100%	+	NV	+	+	NV	+	+	NV	+	+
Chesbro, Wesley	D	2	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cox, David	R	1	50%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Denham, Jeff	R	12	50%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Ducheny, Denise	D	40	100%	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+
Dunn, Joseph L.	D	34	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dutton, Robert	R	31	56%	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	NV	+
Escutia, Martha	D	30	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+
Figuroa, Liz	D	10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Florez, Dean	D	16	100%	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	NV	+
Harman, Tom	R	35	60%	+	-	+	V	+	V	V	-	NV	V
Hollingsworth, Dennis	R	36	40%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Kehoe, Christine	D	39	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kuehl, Sheila	D	23	100%	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+
Lowenthal, Alan	D	27	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Machado, Michael	D	5	100%	+	NV	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+
Maldonado, Abel	R	15	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Margett, Bob	R	29	33%	+	-	+	-	NV	-	+	-	-	-
McClintock, Tom	R	19	30%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Migden, Carole	D	3	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Morrow, Bill	R	38	57%	+	NV	NV	-	+	+	+	-	-	NV
Murray, Kevin	D	26	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ortiz, Deborah	D	6	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Perata, Don	D	9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+
Poochigian, Charles	R	14	33%	+	-	+	-	NV	-	+	-	-	-
Romero, Gloria	D	24	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Runner, George	R	17	33%	+	-	+	-	NV	-	+	-	-	-
Scott, Jack	D	21	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Simitian, Joseph	D	11	100%	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+
Soto, Nell	D	32	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Speier, Jackie	D	8	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Torlakson, Tom	D	7	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vincent, Edward	D	25	100%	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+

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Arambula, Juan	D	31	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV
Baca, Joe	D	62	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bass, Karen	D	47	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Benoit, John J.	R	64	33%	+	-	+	-	-	+	NV	-	-	-
Berg, Patty	D	1	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bermudez, Rudy	D	56	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Blakeslee, Sam	R	33	60%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Bogh, Russ	R	65	60%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Calderon, Ronald	D	58	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+
Canciamilla, Joseph	D	11	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chan, Wilma	D	16	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV
Chavez, Ed	D	57	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chu, Judy	D	49	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cogdill, Dave	R	25	44%	+	-	+	-	-	+	NV	+	-	-
Cohn, Rebecca	D	24	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coto, Joe	D	23	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Daucher, Lynn	R	72	70%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
De La Torre, Hector	D	50	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
DeVore, Chuck	R	70	40%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Dymally, Mervyn	D	52	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Emmerson, William	R	63	78%	+	-	+	NV	+	+	+	+	-	+
Evans, Noreen	D	7	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Frommer, Dario	D	43	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Garcia, Bonnie	R	80	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV
Goldberg, Jackie	D	45	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hancock, Loni	D	14	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harman, Tom	R	67	100%	V	V	V	+	V	+	V	V	V	NV
Haynes, Ray	R	66	29%	NV	-	NV	-	-	+	+	-	-	NV
Horton, Jerome	D	51	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Horton, Shirley	R	78	80%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Houston, Guy	R	15	33%	+	-	NV	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Huff, Bob	R	60	56%	+	-	+	+	NV	+	+	-	-	-
Jones, Dave	D	9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Karnette, Betty	D	54	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+
Keene, Rick	R	3	44%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	NV
Klehs, Johan	D	18	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Koretz, Paul	D	42	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
LaMalfa, Doug	R	2	40%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
La Suer, Jay	R	77	44%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	NV

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**February 18, 2008 -
February 24, 2008**

February 2008							March 2008						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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9	25	26	27	28	29		13	24	25	26	27	28	29 30
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18	Monday	19	Tuesday
5:00pm 8:00pm	Youth Basketball League Practice; N/S Gym	7:00am 9:30am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm
		7:30am 5:00pm	Patrice; Kitchen
		3:30pm 7:30pm	ICS Jr. High GAMES; N/S Gym
		5:30pm 7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm
		6:30pm 8:30pm	Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak
		6:30pm 8:00pm	CERT; R/C Room
		7:30pm 9:30pm	Smashers volleyball - 1 Net; N/S Gym
		7:45pm 9:00pm	Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm
20	Wednesday	21	Thursday
7:00am 11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	6:00am 4:00pm	Economic Outlook Conference; Pinnacles/Petro
11:00am 7:00pm	Houchin Blood Bank; R/C, Red Rock/Chimney Peak	7:00am 9:30am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm
11:30am 1:00pm	YAC Leadership Meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballarad	9:00am 12:00pm	Social Security; Fossil Falls/Ballarad
12:00pm 8:00pm	Economic Outlook Conference Set Up; Pinnacles/Petro	10:00am 12:00pm	IWV Water District; Red Rock Chimney
5:00pm 8:00pm	Youth Basketball League Practice; N/S Gym	10:30am 12:30pm	Parks & Rec Interviews; R/C room
5:30pm 7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	10:30am 12:30pm	Parks & Rec Interviews; Chimney Peak
7:00pm 9:00pm	Bible Study; R/C Room	5:00pm 8:00pm	Youth Basketball League Practice; N/S Gym
7:45pm 9:00pm	Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm	5:30pm 7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm
8:00pm 9:45pm	Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; N/S Gym	6:30pm 7:30pm	Karate; Chimney Peak
		7:00pm 8:00pm	SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock
22	Friday	23	Saturday
7:00am 11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	8:00am 11:00pm	Wagner Reception; Pinnacles
8:00pm 11:00pm	Youth Basketball League GAMES; N/S Gym	8:00am 8:00pm	Youth Basketball League GAMES; N/S GYM
		8:00am 12:00pm	PD Testing; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
		3:00pm 6:00pm	Robeson Birthday Party; Fossil Falls/Ballarad
24	Sunday		
9:00am 12:00pm	Open Gym Basketball; N/S Gym		
12:00pm 2:00pm	Open Volleyball; N/S Gym		
2:00pm 5:00pm	Smashers Volleyball- 2 nets; N/S Gym		

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**February 25, 2008 -
March 02, 2008**

February 2008							March 2008						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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7	11	12	13	14	15	16 17	11	10	11	12	13	14	15 16
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9	25	26	27	28	29		13	24	25	26	27	28	29 30
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25 Monday	26 Tuesday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺
7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺	8:00am 12:00pm AARP Driving Class; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺
8:00am 12:00pm AARP Driving Class; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺	9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺
9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺	10:00am 1:00pm Kern County Testing; R/C Room
5:00pm 8:00pm Youth Basketball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺	2:00pm 9:00pm BHS Boys Basketball Banquet; Pinnacles
5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺	2:00pm 8:00pm BRANDES Assoc.; R/C Room
5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺	2:00pm 8:00pm Searles Valley Minerals Employee Health Clinic; Fossil Falls/B
6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺	3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Chimney Peak ☺
	5:30pm 8:00pm Smashers volleyball - 2 Nets; N/S Gym ☺
	5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺
27 Wednesday	28 Thursday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺
9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺	9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺
5:00pm 8:00pm Youth Basketball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺	3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Chimney Peak ☺
5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺	5:00pm 8:00pm Youth Basketball League Practice; N/S Gym ☺
5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺
7:00pm 9:00pm UFCW; Red Rock ☺	5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petroglyph ☺
7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺	6:30pm 8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock ☺
8:00pm 9:45pm Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; N/S Gym ☺	6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; R/C Rm ☺
	8:00pm 9:45pm Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; N/S Gym ☺
29 Friday	1 Saturday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺	8:00am 8:00pm Youth Basketball League GAMES; N/S GYM ☺
8:00am 11:00pm Erskin/Dunlap Wedding Reception; Pinnacles	9:00am 3:00pm CERT Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺
8:00pm 11:00pm Youth Basketball League GAMES; N/S Gym ☺	
2 Sunday	
9:00am 12:00pm Open Gym Basketball; N/S Gym ☺	
12:00pm 2:00pm Open Volleyball; N/S Gym ☺	
2:00pm 5:00pm Smashers Volleyball- 2 nets; N/S Gym ☺	

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**March 03, 2008 -
March 09, 2008**

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

3 Monday	4 Tuesday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 8:00am 9:00pm Preschool Pix; R/C Room ☺ 9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 2:30pm 4:30pm Faller Basketball Practice; N/S Gym 5:30pm 8:00pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S Gym 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 9:00pm Desert Artists; Fossil Falls/Ballarat ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺	7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 7:30am 5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺ 8:00am 9:00pm Preschool Pix; R/C Room ☺ 9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Chimney Peak ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm volleyball Evals - 2 nets; N/S Gym 6:30pm 8:30pm CERT Training; Ballarat ☺ 6:30pm 8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock ☺
5 Wednesday	6 Thursday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 8:00am 9:00pm BHS Girls Basketball Banquet; Pinnacles 8:00am 9:00pm Preschool Pix; R/C Room ☺ 9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 5:00pm 9:00pm Youth Basketball League PLAYOFFS; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺ 8:00pm 9:30pm Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; N/S Gym ☺	8:00am 12:30pm Preschool Pix; R/C Room ☺ 9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 11:30am 1:30pm IWVESC; Fossil Falls/Ballarat ☺ 3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Chimney Peak ☺ 5:00pm 8:00pm Youth Basketball League PLAYOFFS; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺ 6:30pm 8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock ☺ 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Ballarat ☺ 8:00pm 9:30pm Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; N/S Gym ☺
7 Friday	8 Saturday
7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 8:00pm 11:00pm Youth Basketball League GAMES; N/S Gym ☺	8:00am 8:00pm Youth Basketball League GAMES; N/S GYM ☺ 8:00am 6:00pm SCA; Freedom Park - WATER OFF 9:00am 3:00pm CERT Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺ 11:00am 4:00pm DART ADHD Seminar (Set up like IWV Collab); Red Rock/Ch
9 Sunday	
9:00am 12:00pm Open Gym Basketball; N/S Gym ☺ 12:00pm 2:00pm Open Volleyball; N/S Gym ☺ 2:00pm 5:00pm Smashers Volleyball- 2 nets; N/S Gym ☺	

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**March 10, 2008 -
March 16, 2008**

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

10 Monday	11 Tuesday
<p>7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺</p> <p>8:00am 9:00pm Kern Schools FCU FICO Score Workshop; Pinnacles</p> <p>9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺</p> <p>2:30pm 4:30pm Faller Basketball Practice; N/S Gym</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm ACTION committee meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak ☺</p>	<p>7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>8:30am 6:00pm Patrice; Kitchen ☺</p> <p>9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺</p> <p>11:00am 1:00pm Youth Advisory ; Pinnacles ☺</p> <p>3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺</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 8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>7:00pm 9:30pm Smashers Volleyball-2 nets; N/S gym</p>
12 Wednesday	13 Thursday
<p>7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺</p> <p>9:00am 12:00pm IWV Collaborative; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>9:00am 10:00am Multi DSC Tm; R/C Rm ☺</p> <p>9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺</p> <p>5:00pm 6:00pm Volleyball Coaches Mtg; Fossil Falls/Ballarad</p> <p>5:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 8:00pm Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺</p> <p>6:00pm 8:30pm SEIU Local 521 Conv. Delegate Election; Red Rock/Chimney</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>9:30am 5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺</p> <p>3:30pm 6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballarad ☺</p> <p>5:30pm 8:00pm Smashers Volleyball - 1 net; 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 8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺</p> <p>6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; R/C rm ☺</p>
14 Friday	15 Saturday
<p>7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺</p> <p>4:00pm 7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym ☺</p>	<p>9:00am 3:00pm CERT Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺</p>
16 Sunday	
<p>9:00am 12:00pm Open Gym Basketball; N/S Gym ☺</p> <p>12:00pm 2:00pm Open Volleyball; N/S Gym ☺</p>	

Parks and Recreation Advertisements


Ridgecrest Parks and Recreation

Feb. 20

Volleyball
 Sign-ups: Feb 4 - Mar 3. Ages: 10 - 17 yrs Season: Mar 17 - May 15. Practice one night per week with games on Thursdays or Fridays (please be prepared to play either night). Fee: \$50 1st child, \$45 each additional child. This years league is sponsored by *Juice It Up*



Body Sculpting
 Come join ACE instructor Kim Young and enjoy this brand new class which focus's on full body strengthening using resistance training. Classes begin Feb. 6, 2008. Fee is \$30 for 12 visits/ \$21 for 8 visits or drop-in for \$3. Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30a-12:30p



Spring Soccer
 Sign-ups: Feb 4 - Mar 7. Ages: 5 - 14 years. Season: Mar 31 - May 10. Practice one night a week with games on Friday nights or Saturdays (please be prepared to play either day)
 Fee: \$40 1st child, \$35 for each additional

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Feb. 27

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Desert Winds

The Second Annual Desert Winds 5k Run will be held on Saturday April 5, 2008. This year we will also be having a double elimination Ping Pong tournament. Price will be \$15 and will include a t-shirt, egg breakfast and 1 or both events. Registration for this year will begin on March 10.



Summer Softball
 There is still time to sign-up your team for the Parks and Recreation Departments Summer Slow Pitch Softball League. Mens and Co-Ed leagues available. Sign-up by March 14, 2008.

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Desert Winds
!!!CANCELLED!!!

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Desert Winds 5K run has been cancelled for 2008.



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PUBLIC SERVICES RIDGECREST

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FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- Feb. 05 - Kern County Grand Jury Mtg.
- Feb. 05 - K-Partners Spring Hill Suites Mtg.
- Feb. 07 - IWMB Local Ass't Plan Mtg.
- Feb. 08 - SSUSD Facility Advisory Committee Mtg.
- Feb. 08 - IWMB Local Ass't Plan Mtg.
- Feb. 08 - Emerald Point Develop. Mtg.
- Feb. 15 - Matrix Motors Settlement Conf. Bakersfield
- Feb. 15 - RRA Refund Tele-conf. Mtg.
- Feb. 21 - 2008 Economic Outlook Conf.
- Feb. 21 - Super Wal-Mart Project Briefing
- Feb. 26 - Econo-lodge Lunch and Review
- Feb. 27 - Solar Millennium Mtg.
- Feb. 27 - Darlene McGonagle Lunch
- Feb. 27 - Super Wal-Mart Project Briefing
- Feb. 28 - Super Wal-Mart Project Developer Mtg.
- Feb. 29 - KernCOG Blue Print Round Table Bakersfield.

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

PUBLIC SERVICES

James McRea

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Danielle Valentine

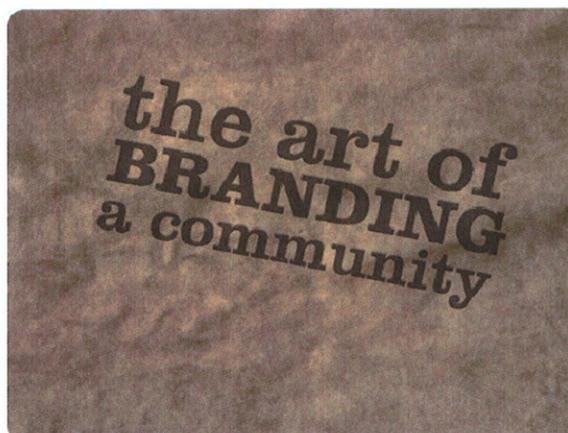
Administrative Secretary

The 21st Annual IWV Economic Outlook Conference and Expo. February 21, 2008

The Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and the City of Ridgecrest hosted an outstanding conference that featured Rear Adm. David Dunaway, Commander of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, NAWCWD Executive Director Scott O'Neil, and Captain Mick Gleason Commanding Officer of NAWS, who presented presentations that focused on maximizing the potential for attracting new people to our valley. "With this year's conference focusing on recruiting and hiring, and that a strong China Lake presence is a clear sign that we're all in this together."

Mayor Chip Holloway spoke on business-related activities of Ridgecrest, Matthew Alexander, City Planner, made a brief presentation on the General Plan Update and a General Plan Advisory Committee status report, and Laura Hickle, coordinator of special projects for the Sierra Sands Unified School District, addressed the audience on the use and benefits of digital response devices for instantaneous data collection and display.

The highlight of the program featured keynoter speaker Roger A. Brooks, a founding member of the award-winning professional marketing firm Destination Development, who spoke on "Immutable Rules for Marketing Your Community and the Impact of Branding a Community". The presentation was well received and addressed the business community and the City as a whole on what is necessary to achieve the position of a destination, a place to live, work, and visit.



A brand is a perception

This is the most important, most talked about, and most misunderstood rule in the tourism and downtown redevelopment industry. A brand is what people think of you - NOT what you say you are. It is a perception.

In a society that is information rich and time poor, people value feeling more than information. A brand is the "feeling" a potential visitor has about you. When someone mentions Disneyland,

what is the perception (the feeling) that comes to mind? Your brand should evoke emotion or an image. When you hear the words Napa County and then Napa Valley, which one brings an image to your mind? A picture of what it is like there?

Code Enforcement - OPEN Cases February 2008

File#	OpenDate	Description	PropertyAddress
08-000017	1/29/2008	Neighbor's sewer waste sitting on top of ground and draining onto adjacent property.	1229 South FOREST KNOLL Street
08-000018	1/29/2008	Local business allowing boxes to blow in neighborhood when wind arises in the valley.	225 East RIDGECREST Boulevard
08-000019	1/30/2008	Vehicle parked on the roadway for nearly two years.	217 APACHE Lane
Record Count:3			
Record Count:3			

Code Enforcement - CLOSED Cases February 2008

File#	OpenDate	CloseDate	Description	PropertyAddress	CycleTime
07-000830	10/25/2007	1/14/2008	Trees overhanging in the street and causing damage to school buses.	901 BATAAN	81
07-000831	10/23/2007	1/14/2008	Trees overhanging in the road which damage buses.	1051 SHERRI Street	83
07-000832	10/25/2007	1/14/2008	Trees overhanging in the road which damage buses.	600 ATKINS Street	81
07-000833	10/25/2007	1/18/2008	Pool rebuilt and dumped behind fence.	251 SIERRA VISTA Street	85
07-000838	11/5/2007	1/14/2008	Man in trailer park behind her is dumping trash in the alley behind the park and her house.	405 REEVES Street	70
07-000841	11/15/2007	1/14/2008	Back yard of residence collecting junk and debris. Fifth-wheel sticking into easment.	301 NORMA Street	60
07-000842	12/17/2007	1/18/2008	Renter accusing landlord of not providing heat for home.	628 HEATHER Court	32
08-000002	1/2/2008	1/30/2008	Home at 1112 Kaitlin not landscaped as per CCR. Only 1/2 the yard done.	1112 Kaitlin	28
08-000003	1/2/2008	2/13/2008	Indicated a person was living in a cab over campershell in the front yard of 1337 N. Sims.	1337 SIMS Street	42
08-000005	1/4/2008	2/6/2008	Roof work at 328 N. Helena, "roof will cave in"	328 HELENA Street	33
08-000006	1/4/2008	2/5/2008	At 320 N. Helena there is a red truck on the street with three flat tires.	320 North HELENA Street	32
08-000007	1/4/2008	2/5/2008	At 324 N. Helena there is a Ford Van with expired tags (September).	324 North HELENA Street	32
08-000008	1/4/2008	2/5/2008	At 317 N. Helena there is a truck with expired tags (April). Talked to property owner he advised Douglas Neiholm is the resident there.	317 North HELENA Street	32

Code Enforcement - CLOSED Cases February 2008

08-000009	1/8/2008	2/5/2008	Ca 5V16734 - Ford F-150 parked blocking the driveway.	316 SIMS Street	28
08-000011	1/8/2008	2/5/2008	Abandoned car and trash in garage of unrented home.	252 West GRAAF Avenue	28
08-000014	1/11/2008	2/1/2008	Manager reports that constant water flow from 1119 Shelby is ruining her roads in the park and collecting in different areas of the park.	1119 SHELBY Court	21
08-000015	1/8/2008	1/18/2008	Anonymous report (by translation) reporting ceiling falling in apartment. Mirage is the leaser, and rent has been paid.	241 CISCO Street	10
08-000017	1/29/2008	2/5/2008	Neighbor's sewer waste sitting on top of ground and draining onto adjacent property.	1229 South FOREST KNOLL Street	7
08-000018	1/29/2008	2/14/2008	Local business allowing boxes to blow in neighborhood when wind arises in the valley.	225 East RIDGECREST Boulevard	16
08-000019	1/30/2008	2/13/2008	Vehicle parked on the roadway for nearly two years.	217 APACHE Lane	14
07-000741	8/8/2007	1/14/2008	Trash and Cars parked in the yard across the street from him.	402 MOYER Street	159
07-000813	10/9/2007	1/18/2008	Lilliard received a complaint regarding tumbleweeds in the easment behind several homes on the south side of the 300 block of Moyer St.	325 West MOYER Street	101
07-000814	10/9/2007	1/18/2008	Lilliard received a complaint regarding tumbleweeds in the easment behind several homes on the south side of the 300 block of Moyer St.	317 MOYER Street	101
Record Count:23					
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Public Works

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DOES SOMEBODY HAVE TO BE KILLED BEFORE A TRAFFIC SIGNAL WILL BE INSTALLED?

Traffic signals don't always prevent collisions. They are not always an asset to traffic control, and in some instances, total collisions and severe injuries increased after signals were installed. Usually, in such instances, right angle collisions were reduced by the traffic signals, but the total number of collisions, especially the rear-end type, increased.

There are times when the installation of signals results in an increase in pedestrian accidents. Many pedestrians feel secure with a painted crosswalk and a red light between them and an approaching vehicle. The motorist, on the other hand, is not always so quick to recognize these "barriers."

When can a traffic signal be an asset instead of a liability to safety? In order to answer this, traffic engineers have been asked and answered a series of questions:

1. Are there so many cars on both streets that signal controls are necessary to clear up the confusion or relieve the congestion?
2. Is the traffic on the main street so heavy that drivers on the side street will try to cross when it is unsafe?
3. Are there so many pedestrians trying to cross a busy main street that confusing, congested or hazardous conditions result?
4. Are there so many school children trying to cross the street at the same time that they need special controls for their protection? If so, is a traffic signal the best solution?
5. Are signals at this location going to help drivers maintain a uniform pace along the route without stopping unnecessarily?
6. Does the collision history indicate that signal controls will reduce the probability of collisions?
7. Do two arterials intersect at this location and will a signal help improve the flow of traffic?
8. Is there a combination of the above conditions that indicates that a signal will be an improvement rather than a detriment?

To aid them in answering these questions, engineers compare the existing conditions against nationally accepted minimum guidelines. These guidelines (often called "WARRANTS") were established from many observations at intersections throughout the country by experienced traffic engineers.

Where the guidelines were met, the signals generally were operating effectively with good public compliance. Where the guidelines were not met, public compliance was reduced, and additional hazards resulted.

A traffic signal that decreases collisions and improves the flow of traffic is an asset to any community. On the other hand, an ill-advised or poorly designed signal can be a source of danger and annoyance to all who use the intersection; pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike.

Advantages of Traffic Signals

Signals offer maximum control at intersections – they relay messages of both what to do and what not to do. The primary function of any traffic signal is to assign right-of-way to conflicting movements of traffic at an intersection. This is done by permitting conflicting streams of traffic to share the same intersection by means of time separation. By alternately assigning right-of-way to various traffic movements, signals provide for the orderly movement of conflicting flows. They may interrupt extremely heavy flows to permit the crossing of minor movements that could not otherwise move safely through an intersection.

When properly timed, a signal increases the traffic handling capacity of an intersection, and when installed under conditions that justify its use, a signal is a valuable device for improving the safety and efficiency of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. In particular, signals may reduce certain types of collisions, most notably, right-angle (broadside) collisions.

Disadvantages of Traffic Signals

While many people realize that signals can reduce the number of broadside collisions at an intersection, few realize that signals can also cause a significant increase in rear-end collisions. When there is no right-angle collision problem at an intersection and a signal is not needed for traffic control, there is no safety benefit and a signal can actually cause deterioration in the overall safety at the intersection. Signals are not a cure-all for traffic problems. The primary goal of the traffic engineer is to attain the safest and most efficient overall traffic flow possible. In addition to an increase in collision frequency, unjustified signals can also cause excessive delay, disobedience of signals, and diversion of traffic to residential streets.

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 have however increased.

Dennis Speer
Public Works Director
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Street Projects

Work has started on the Down Street Landscaping Project.

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.

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 (2) new connections to the sanitary sewage system.

The reclamation department reclaimed 1.97 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 2,880 ft. of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

Transit

The transit system had five complaints this month, four of which were time-related. All calls are investigated and acted upon when necessary. One complaint was in regard to the transit system policy on "no-shows". The passenger calling in had logged four no-shows and was pulled from the system until all rides were paid at City Hall finance window. The passenger was upset about having to pay, and not being able to use the transit system to come to City Hall to pay what she owed. Policy was explained to her and the situation was resolved to her satisfaction. The system made 3070 trips in February, and is now up to full staffing. The new bus unit #R430, was placed into service on February 28th, after passing the California Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Safety Inspection. The bus is now G.P.P.V. certified and legal to pick up school children both to and from schools.