

The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



June 2008

City Manager/Administration

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CITY MANAGER JUNE 2008 MTGS.

June 02 - Sales Tax Mtg.
 June 04 - CITY COUNCIL
 June 05 - LegiStream Demo
 June 05 - Wal-Mart Project Mtg.
 June 05 - TRANE Project Mtg.
 June 06 - News Review
 June 11 - Ron Brummett Mtg.
 June 12 - Change of Command
 June 17 - Kern County Homeless Collaborative
 June 17 - D.C. Lobbyist Mtg.
 June 18 - RACVB Mtg.
 June 18 - General Plan Policies
 June 19 - Horton Mtg.
 June 19 - Bosses' Luncheon
 June 19 - Welcome Sister Cities Delegates
 June 19 - Wal-Mart Project Mtg.
 June 20 - Tom Mulvihill Mtg.
 June 24 - RRA Bond Tel Conference
 June 24 - Kern County Building & Safety Review
 June 25 - Taft Development Mtg.

ADMINISTRATION

Rita Gable
City Clerk

Ann Taylor
Administrative Analyst III

Rachel Rumbo
Human Resources

Starla Shaver
Administrative Analyst I

Eva Peterson
Executive Assistant

City Manager

Michael Avery begun his tenure as Ridgecrest City Manager on July 1, 2008. He is in the process of preparing a City budget to present to the City Council. He has been involved in discussions with TRANE corporation for facilities modernization. Airflows throughout the facility are currently being conducted by TRANE engineers. Michael Avery is working on a RRA Bond issue that will be presented at City Council. He turned over command of the Police Department to Ron Strand on June 12th. Michael Avery continues monthly Wal-Mart discussions with staff.

Other Meetings Attended:

Rotary - Footprinters
 Infrastructure - City Organization
 Community Development
 Admin Staff Meeting
 Admin Staff Evaluations/Meetings
 One-on-One Meetings w/Department Heads

Administration

Rita Gable has begun accepting applications for City Council election nominations. Rita has been involved in the planning of the LegiStream software program that is due to roll-out in October, 2008.

Ann Taylor continues her participation with various SCE projects. She also has a DBE for streets and is working on an EOC grant for ceiling tiles.

Rachel Rumbo worked on processing employee evaluations and change of status forms, including the recent COLA changes. She is assisting the City Clerk with Election Nominations and is actively running a parallel Council Agenda on the LegiStream software program. Rachel also attended recent Election Update training with Rita Gable at the Kern County Elections Office.

Starla Shaver, through the W. I. A program, has youth starting various jobs throughout the community. Starla participated in Transit 5211F workshop and continues her work in the Ridgecrest Cares program with the W. I.A. youth assisting in that effort.

Eva Peterson, along with the Horizons team, completed the 2nd issue of the New Horizons Newsletter. Eva coordinated the Sister City luncheon for the visiting delegates from Tepatitlan, Mexico.

Shakespeare in the House

Presented by The City of Ridgecrest Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Affairs Department

The INDEPENDANT Players
of Encino California present
Taming of the Shrew

&

Macbeth

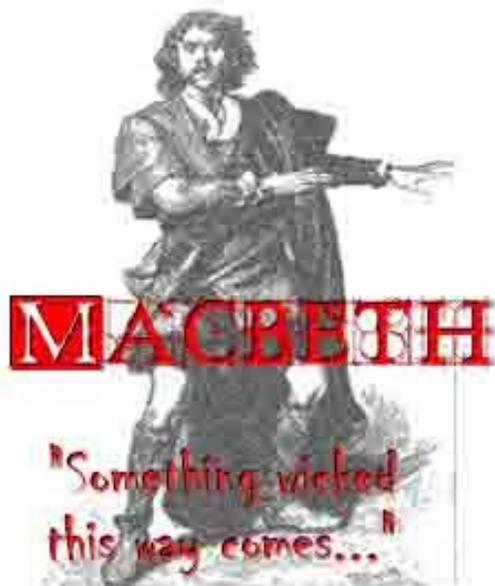
Shakespeare's
Taming of the Shrew
Saturday August 9th
At 7:30 pm
In The Kerr McGee Center

Free Admission!

Taming of the Shrew



*"He that is giddy thinks
the world turns round..."*



Shakespeare's
Macbeth
Sunday August 10th
At 7:30 pm
In The Kerr McGee Center

Free Admission!

Parks Recreation And Cultural Affairs



CITY OF RIDGECREST

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Summer Camps
- Pool Happenings
- Lions Club Bingo
- Washington Post Article on Youth Injuries

SUMMER CAMPS POPULAR

The Parks and Recreation Department is six weeks into our summer season and it has proven to be one of our busiest yet. The Kerr McGee Center is teeming with activity as youth of all ages come to participate in everything from Paper Airplane making to Soccer.



Daycampers get a chance to check out a Dwarf Class Race Car courtesy of Pearson Racing

UK Soccer Camp



Cheer Camp



BIG TURNOUT FOR LIONS CLUB BINGO

On Saturday June 28th, the Lions Club held their Annual Bingo Fundraiser to benefit the Ridgecrest Fireworks Fund. Over 200 people came to the Kerr McGee Center for the event. According to the events director and president of the local Lions Club, Steve Morgan, the event was very successful and went off without a hitch.



Directors Scoop

By Jim Ponek

2008 Summer --- WOW

From Basketball Camp to Volleyball Camp to Day Camp to Swim Lessons to Cooking Camp to Arts and Crafts Camp to Diving Camp and to the most popular UK Soccer Camp the Parks & Recreation Department is Off to a Great start for the Summer.

Many activities for families to choose from... the UK Soccer Camp had 113 participants this summer. This is a record participation season.

An update... Vandalism in the Parks is a continued problem as the maintenance staff does the very best to keep things maintained. Of note Toilets clogged, Sprinklers broken, Benches damaged, Lights damaged a Coke machine burned up.

Art in Public Places... Artists are completing their art projects purchased by the Arts Council. It is expected that the Art Garden be developed in front of City Hall by mid September.

That is the Scoop!



PINNEY POOL BUSY

By Tiffany Olson

Drive down the 200 block of South Warner anytime and you can hear splashing, laughing, and cheering coming from Pinney Pool! This summer is jammed packed with exciting events, here's just a few: Belly Flop Contest; July 25th- Friday Movie Nights; Aug 1st and Aug 30th Plus our 22nd of July Milk Carton Boat Races , and our First Annual Coca-Cola Chugging Contest on July 17th!

Instead of driving by, stop in and see the impressive improvements that happened over the last year! The bottom of the pool has been completely resurfaced.... No need for swim shoes! We have a new heater, new pool cleaners and even a brand new diving board! The pool is an awesome place to be in the hot hours of these summer days!

The schedule at the pool is crammed full to meet the needs of our local swimmers! We offer

lap swim in the mornings and evenings, swim lessons in the morning and evenings, an all NEW Rockn' Water Aerobics four nights a week (Mon-Thurs @ 6pm) in addition to our regular Open Swim Monday through Friday from 12:30-3:30. Enjoy a satisfying dip in a cool pool on a hot muggy night, our night swim is open from 6 to 9pm on Saturdays.

The High Desert Torpedo's Swim Team is off to an impressive start. Three meets are now completed and we have one to go until Championships. Sign ups for the second session are happening now at The Kerr McGee Community Center. The swim team practices in the morning on the odd lap swim days but get free admission to lap swim for additional practice!

The Snack Attack, our concession stand is an oasis of refreshments and snacks. Stop in to

enjoy a cold refreshing soda or ice cream or a bag of popcorn or even a warm soft pretzel- we have whatever the hungry swimmer desires!

Having a pool party is absolutely the best type of party to have in the summer! Imagine your child and their friends having a splashing fun time while under the supervision of trained lifeguards. Saturdays and Sundays are available for rental, but are filling up fast. Call 499-5151 for reservations.

Our lifeguards are highly qualified and trained to provide a safe swimming environment for your family. Water safety instructors are qualified lifeguards who are certified through American Red-Cross as swimming instructors. Our pool is a cool, safe, friendly and fun place to be! For more information, call 375-5250!



Younger athletes getting sidelined by adult injuries

By Lauran Neergaard

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 14-year-old gymnast with a stress fracture in her lower back. A 12-year-old who tore his ACL in a soccer game. A 16-year-old runner with a leg stress fracture. A 15-year-old who tore his meniscus playing basketball.

A single morning's patients for Harvard's [Dr. Mininder Kocher](#) provides a window into a troubling trend: Injuries once seen mostly in adult athletes are becoming distressingly common in young athletes - not just in high school, but in Little League and Pee Wee Football.

These aren't simple injuries. In the past decade, "Tommy John" surgeries to repair elbows blown out playing baseball - an operation named for a Hall of Famer - have almost tripled among adolescents at a high-profile Alabama clinic, a meeting of sports medicine specialists will be told by researchers this week.

Worse, some injuries don't have good treatments for young patients. The surgery that fixed the torn ACL, or anterior cruciate ligament, in golfer Tiger Woods' knee, for instance, can thwart the growth of a young child's leg.

Dr. Kocher, an orthopedic surgeon at Children's Hospital Boston, is about to begin a government-funded study to figure out the best treatment for children who tear that anterior cruciate ligament while growth plates around the knee still are active.

But no matter how well certain injuries heal for now, Dr. Kocher worries about the long-term consequences for little joints.

"I wonder what these kids are going to be like 20 to 30 years down the road," he says. "Will we have a whole generation of middle-aged adults with early arthritis?"

Why the sudden influx? Orthopedic surgeons say that today's youth sports are more intense, with players often picking just one to specialize in as young as 8. And they can play and train in some sports virtually year-round - with a school team, recreation league, travel league, and summer camp.

"Youth athletes are not the same as small adults," says Dr. E. Lyle Cain Jr. of the Andrews Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center in Birmingham, Ala. Certain types of injuries "can cause permanent damage that affect their future growth."

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**June 23, 2008 -
June 29, 2008**

| June 2008 | | | | | | | July 2008 | | | | | | | |
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| 23 Monday | 24 Tuesday |
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| 8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺ 8:30am 11:30am Ceramics; Fossil Falls ☺ 9:00am 2:00pm Tot Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 12:00pm 4:30pm Youth Cooking Camp; Kitchen/Pinnacles ☺ 1:00pm 3:00pm Games, Games, Games; Ballarat ☺ 3:00pm 5:00pm SSBGC Karate; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Int/Advanced Volleyball Camp; N/S Gym ☺ | 8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺ 8:30am 11:30am Ceramics; Fossil Falls ☺ 9:00am 2:00pm Tot Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 10:00am 10:30am Spaceships & Airplanes; Ballarat ☺ 12:00pm 4:30pm Youth Cooking Camp; Kitchen/Pinnacles ☺ 1:00pm 3:00pm Games, Games, Games; Ballarat ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Mountain Rescue ; Pinnacles ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Int/Advanced Volleyball Camp; N/S Gym ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺ |
| 25 Wednesday | 26 Thursday |
| 8:00am 4:00pm NAVAIR NSPS TRAINING; R/C, Red Rock, Chimney Peak ☺ 8:30am 11:30am Ceramics; Fossil Falls ☺ 9:00am 2:00pm Tot Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 10:00am 10:30am Spaceships & Airplanes; Ballarat ☺ 12:00pm 4:30pm Youth Cooking Camp; Kitchen/Pinnacles ☺ 1:00pm 3:00pm Games, Games, Games; Ballarat ☺ 3:00pm 5:00pm SSBGC Karate; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Int/Advanced Volleyball Camp; N/S Gym ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺ | 8:30am 11:30am Ceramics; Fossil Falls ☺ 9:00am 2:00pm Tot Tumbling; Petroglyph ☺ 12:00pm 4:30pm Youth Cooking Camp; Kitchen/Pinnacles ☺ 1:00pm 3:00pm Games, Games, Games; Ballarat ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm Int/Advanced Volleyball Camp; N/S Gym ☺ 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak ☺ |
| 27 Friday | 28 Saturday |
| (Empty) | 8:00am 6:00pm Lions Club Bingo Fundraiser; Pinnacles/Petro |
| 29 Sunday | (Empty) |

Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**June 30, 2008 -
July 06, 2008**

| June 2008 | | | | | | | July 2008 | | | | | | |
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| 30 Monday | 1 Tuesday |
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| 7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 1:00pm 2:30pm SSBGC; N/S Gym ☺ 3:00pm 5:00pm SSBGC Karate; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ | 7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 1:00pm 2:30pm SSBGC; N/S Gym ☺ 5:00pm 6:30pm ICS Summer Basketball; N/S Gym ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 8:30pm China Lake Mountain Rescue ; Fossil Falls/Ballararat ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺ |
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| 4 Friday | 5 Saturday |
| 8:00am 8:30am CLOSED - Happy 4th | 8:00am 8:30am CLOSED |
| 6 Sunday | |
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Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**July 07, 2008 -
July 13, 2008**

| July 2008 | | | | | | | August 2008 | | | | | | |
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| 29 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 33 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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| 9 Wednesday | 10 Thursday |
| 7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ 8:30am 11:30am Ceramics; Fossil Falls ☺ 9:00am 12:00pm IWW Collaborative; Red Rock/Chimney Peak ☺ 9:00am 10:00am Multi DSC Tm; R/C Rm ☺ 3:00pm 5:00pm SSBGC Karate; Aerobics Rm ☺ 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 7:45pm 9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm ☺ | 7:00am 9:30am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm ☺ 8:30am 11:30am Ceramics; Fossil Falls ☺ 12:00pm 5:00pm Harrison Nichols; Chimney Peak 5:30pm 7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm ☺ 6:30pm 7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak ☺ |
| 11 Friday | 12 Saturday |
| 7:00am 11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room ☺ | 9:00am 1:00pm Sierra Desert Gun Club ; Lobby |
| 13 Sunday | |

CITY OF RIDGECREST

Public Services

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JUNE MEETINGS

- June 02 - Kern County LAP Review Mtg.
- June 06 - Mtg. Tom Martin TM
- June 06 - ETCPP Mtg.
- June 11 - RRA Bond Tel Conference
- June 11 - Sequoia National Forest Access Fee
- June 12 - D.R. Horton Mtg.
- June 12 - Change of Command
- June 17 - D.C. Lobbyist Mtg.
- June 19 - D.R. Horton Mtg.
- June 19 - WEMO HCP Mtg. Palmdale
- June 19 - Sister Cities Luncheon
- June 24 - RRA Bond Tel Conference
- June 24 - Kern County Building & Safety Review
- June 25 - Taft Develop. Mtg.
- June 26 - Kern County LAP Review & Assistance, Bakersfield
- June 26 - KernCOG Blueprint Dinner, Bakersfield

Additional regular meetings in support of various activities and on-going projects

PUBLIC SERVICES

James McRea
Public Services Director

Gary Parsons
Economic Development Manager

Matthew Alexander, AICP
City Planner

Bob Smith
Code Enforcement Officer

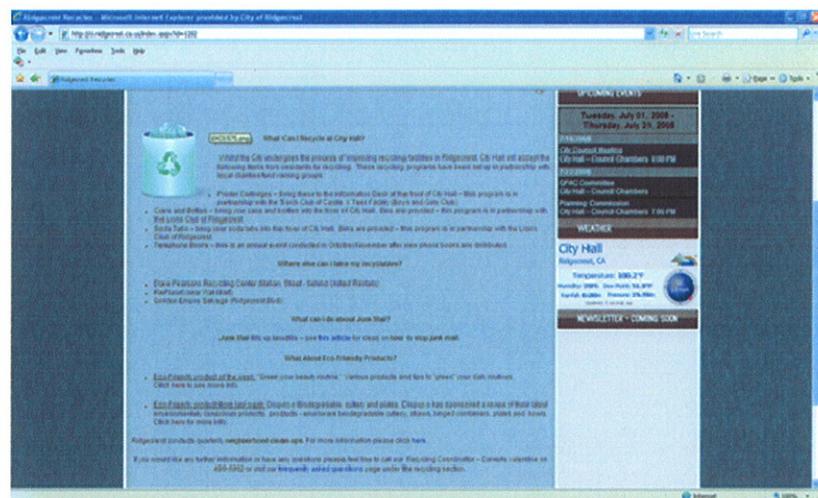
Danielle Valentine
Administrative Secretary

Waste Management

The Public Services Department, Community Development, and Recycling Coordinator have strengthened the general public awareness program, is in the process of preparing the second quarterly report for the Local Assistance Plan (LAP), and has interfaced with the Kern County Solid Waste Division for technical assistance on the requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) Compliance Order.

Staff has developed an action plan on issues and programs which will be refined in the coming months. The City has been instructed by CIWMB to introduce universal or mandatory trash collection by March of 2009. Currently approximately 83 to 85 percent of the residential community participates in voluntary curb side trash collection provided by Benz/Ridgecrest Sanitation. The commercial and business community will be required to introduce a recycling component for commercial bin service. Administration is reviewing the necessary process, required Ordinances, and Resolutions for an orderly and effective transformation and implementation. The Recycling Coordinator has developed a wide variety of opportunities for conservation, recycling, school district participation, and community awareness.

The City's website now has a Recycling/Diversion page. The page includes information on recycling opportunities in Ridgecrest as well as a weekly Eco-Friendly Product Review and a link to an article on how to stop junk mail. Go to ci.ridgecrest.ca.us look for the "Residents" tab and choose Recycling/Diversion from the drop-down menu.



PLANNING DIVISION CASE LOAD:

Ridgecrest government watchers will recall that the number of planning permits issued by the city went through the roof during the months following the May, 2005 BRAC announcement. The Planning Division went into high gear during Fiscal Year 2005-06. While not as numerous, the planning permits approved during the past two years have been substantial. During the past twelve months the City has processed a total of 137 planning cases, (please see table below).

| City of Ridgecrest | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Annual Number of Planning Cases | | | |
| | FY 05-06 | FY 06-07 | FY 07-08 |
| Home Occupation Permits | 85 | 81 | 66 |
| Conditional Use Permits | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| General Plan Amendments | 13 | 1 | 5 |
| Zone Changes | 17 | 1 | 4 |
| Lot Mergers/Lot Line Adjustments | 15 | 10 | 6 |
| Tentative Parcel Maps | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Tentative Tract Maps | 13 | 2 | 5 |
| Sign Permits | 16 | 24 | 20 |
| Site Plan Reviews | 24 | 10 | 17 |
| Temporary Use Permits | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Variances | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 197 | 135 | 137 |
| <i>Data is for 12 month, July - June Fiscal Year</i> | | | |

Now that the Navy's new job and construction commitment has been reaffirmed, the Planning Division anticipates an increase in the number of applications for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

June 14, 2008

The General Plan Advisory Committee held its fourteenth meeting on Saturday, June 14th. This workshop included a discussion of the draft General Plan including:

1. Introduction
2. Overview
3. Land Use Element
4. Military Sustainability Element
5. Community Design Element
6. Circulation Element
7. Open Space and Conservation Element
8. Health and Safety Element

June 24, 2008

The General Plan Advisory Committee held its fifteenth meeting on Tuesday, June 24th. This workshop included an update from the Parks & Recreation Subcommittee, a presentation on Walkable, Healthy Communities and an update from GPAC's Land Use and Circulation Subcommittee.



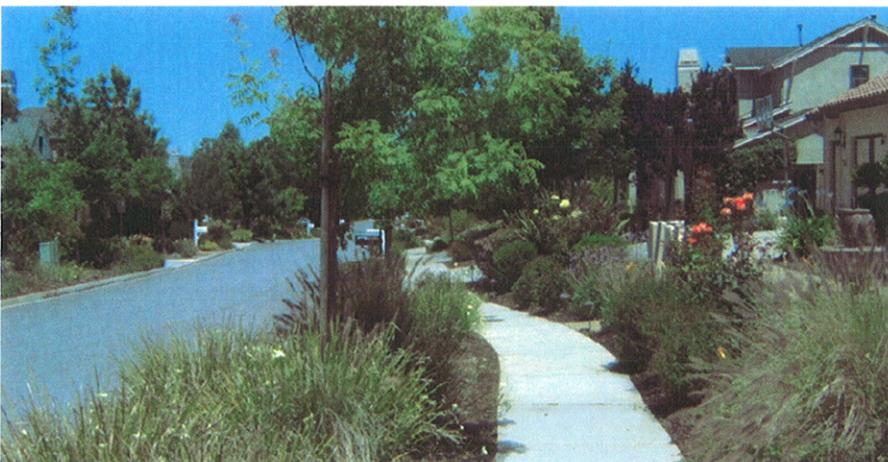
Parks and Recreation Action List

Chairman Jerry Taylor gave this report. He advised the Sub-Committee had investigated off-road vehicle use and explained that whilst some streets could be designated for this use – this would only be applicable for adults – not youth. He said therefore he was reluctant to designate streets given that this was not a viable option for the City's youth but that he and the Sub-Committee would continue to work towards finding a solution.

Jerry Taylor then addressed the topic of a second pool. He said that recreational facility/population ratio calculations used by the Sub-Committee did suggest that the City should have a second pool. He reported that the Sub-Committee had just met with Parks and Recreation Director Jim Ponek on that topic and would continue discussions. Mr. Taylor said that Mr. Ponek's suggestion was that a second pool should be contained within the current complex and be a year-round facility.

Walkable, Healthy Communities

City Planner Matthew Alexander made a brief presentation to the Committee on the more recent sustainable community concepts. He said he had borrowed most of his presentation from a recent KERNCOG meeting in Bakersfield and he hoped that through a group such as GPAC, urban form in Ridgecrest could be changed in a positive manner; saying it was an excellent time to change the future policies and goals of the community.



Mr. Alexander noted that since the end of WWII, communities had been developed for auto dependency. He said conversely a more traditional approach would be for streets to connect, for proximation between shopping and residential, for complimentary uses rather than barriers between uses.

In regards street design Mr. Alexander said Matrix had been asked to include designs for more connectivity.

He also said that studies showed that shade trees provided longevity for street paving as well as making the environment more pleasant. He provided sample photographs of parkway sidewalks including an example of a street with a parkway sidewalk on only one side of the street. He also spoke about parkways and narrower streets saying both of these had been shown to produce fewer traffic incidents.

Land Use and Circulation Action List

Member Beres presented on behalf of the Land Use and Circulation Sub-Committee. She said that there had been a conclusion that there was not a meeting of the minds. The Sub-Committee had said that all the areas identified as commercial could conceivably be mixed use – albeit via the Planning Commission and other filtering processes. She said that the concept was that the ground floor would remain commercial and that all mixed-use areas would have to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.

Member Beres said the Sub-Committee had decided that a “really rural” land use designation would be 2 ½ acres and that anything existing would be grandfathered in the flight corridor but anything new/to be developed would be included in the 2 ½ category. Ms. Beres said that the Sub-Committee had chosen to leave the village type/neighborhood areas that existed in place and in fact increase these areas.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

June 27, 2008

The Planning Commission considered and approved a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Commercial to residential for the easterly 5.37 acres of 7.8 acres owned by AMG Associates. Also, this application included a 24 lots subdivision on the 5.37 vacant acres located at the NE corner of Richmond St. and Upjohn Ave.

The Planning Commission considered and approved a request to construct a 3,860 sq. ft. building at 1500 N. McLean St in the Ridgecrest Business Park CS (Service Commercial) Zone for Pack Wrap Business Center, law office and office space.

Code Enforcement ~ Open Cases

June 2008



| File# | OpenDate | Description | PropertyAddress |
|-----------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| 08-000074 | 6/17/2008 | Entropy @ 112 N. China Lake Blvd is a new business with no license. (Next to Dollar Tree) | 112 North China Lake Boulevard |
| 08-000075 | 6/16/2008 | La Fiesta and Sandwiches and Things has Off-Site advertising sign on the property. | 119 North CHINA LAKE Boulevard |
| 08-000076 | 6/17/2008 | 1400 Block of Iowa has a salvage yard of cars. | |
| 08-000077 | 6/17/2008 | Albertsons' (new) has very dirty area in back of store. | 927 South CHINA LAKE Boulevard |
| 08-000078 | 6/17/2008 | People parking in her parking lot blocking roll up door. | 1500 N. Inyo Ave. |
| 08-000079 | 6/17/2008 | Neighbor yard is trashy. | 333 West PERDEW Avenue |
| 08-000080 | 6/17/2008 | People living in trailer with no facilities. | 1330 West BOSTON Avenue |
| 08-000081 | 6/17/2008 | Illegal Dumping at Nadeau and Cisco in Cimmeron Gardens. | |
| 08-000082 | 7/14/2008 | Fire hazard next door. | 930 FELSPAR |
| 08-000083 | 7/14/2008 | Lot development across Sims has blowing fine dust in the area. Needs water. Griffin Backhoe is the excavator. | |
| 08-000084 | 7/14/2008 | Tenant at 425 S. Sunset #C storing all kinds of junk and debris in the driveways on the roof. The area is an unsightly nuisance. | 425 South SUNSET Street |
| 08-000085 | 7/14/2008 | Owners of oversized vehicle leave it parked on the street for four to six weeks at a time. | 336 MARI Court |
| 08-000086 | 7/14/2008 | Bare wires on light outside door. Is this a safety hazard? | 208 MARIPOSA |
| Record Count:13 | | | |

Code Enforcement ~ Closed Cases

June 2008



| File# | OpenDate | CloseDate | Description | PropertyAddress | CycleTime |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 07-000835 | 10/30/2007 | 7/1/2008 | Dog Feces in front and back yards, smell in the neighborhood is bad. There is also a vehicle with expired tags in the street. | 229 ALVORD Street | 245 |
| 08-000012 | 1/8/2008 | 7/1/2008 | RP reports lot between 940 and 1008 Alene is overrun with tumbleweeds and trash. | 1000/1008 West Alene | 175 |
| 08-000023 | 2/26/2008 | 7/1/2008 | Trash being thrown into empty lot behind residence. | | 126 |
| 08-000034 | 3/18/2008 | 7/1/2008 | Junk beginning to pile up again in the front yard of property. | 700 South ALLEN Street | 105 |
| 08-000046 | 4/11/2008 | 7/1/2008 | Dog feces in front and back yard | 229 ALVORD Street | 81 |
| 08-000047 | 4/15/2008 | 7/1/2008 | Letter Test - Citizenserve | 1321 E. BOWAN Road | 77 |
| 08-000052 | 5/21/2008 | 6/16/2008 | Rooster crowing at 4 am every morning. | 229 North GOLD CANYON Drive | 26 |
| 08-000055 | 5/23/2008 | 6/26/2008 | Residence abandoned with junk and debris left inside and out of house. Broken windows in place and second house in disarray. | 414 South WARNER Street | 34 |
| 08-000058 | 5/26/2008 | 6/17/2008 | Trash left at home that appears abandoned. | 1107 LAS POSAS Court | 22 |
| 08-000059 | 5/26/2008 | 7/1/2008 | RP reports trash in the area behind Springfield Suites on Chelsea and near Nickolettis. He was advised we knew of the situation. | | 36 |
| 08-000069 | 5/27/2008 | 6/16/2008 | North fence at 532 N. Las Posas is blown down and the pool in its back yard is filthy and full of mosquitoes. | 532 LAS POSAS Street | 20 |
| 08-000070 | 5/27/2008 | 6/18/2008 | RP reported a fire hazard at 743 N. Norma. Appears to be a build up of trash in the yard and feces in the alley. | 743 South NORMA Street | 22 |
| 08-000071 | 5/29/2008 | 6/19/2008 | RP reported a truck has been parked in the street for over nine months. | 239 KIMBERLY Lane | 21 |
| 08-000078 | 6/17/2008 | 7/1/2008 | People parking in her parking lot blocking roll up door. | 15 Iny | 14 |
| 08-000079 | 6/17/2008 | 6/30/2008 | Neighbor yard is trashy. | 333 West PERDEW Avenue | 13 |
| 07-000740 | 8/7/2007 | 6/17/2008 | Complainant called to voice concerns over city drainage system near his home and the standing water caused by the poor drainage. | 842 SONJA | 315 |
| Record Count:16 | | | | | |

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TRAFFIC CONTROL BACKGROUND

Introduction



All traffic control devices (traffic signals, signs, stripe, and delineation), speed zones, street lights and school traffic control used in the City are intended to conform either to the State of California Traffic Manual, the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the State MUTCD, or policy resolutions of the City Council. The California Traffic Manual and State MUTCD are in substantial agreement with the Federal MUTCD. In cases of disagreement, the California Traffic Manual and State MUTCD are the references that take precedence in this state.

Purpose of Traffic Control Devices

The purpose of traffic control devices is to promote safety on City, County, State and Federal roadways by providing for the orderly and efficient movement of traffic and to warn, guide and regulate traffic in a consistent and effective manner.

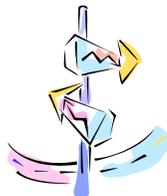
Requirements of Traffic Control Devices

The MUTCD lists five basic requirements necessary for a traffic control device to be effective. They are:

1. Fulfill a need.
2. Command attention.
3. Convey a clear, simple meaning.
4. Command respect of road users.
5. Give adequate time for proper responses.

Uniformity of meaning is vital to effective traffic control devices. In order to insure this uniformity of meaning, there are five considerations that must be employed. They are:

1. Design
2. Placement
3. Application
4. Maintenance
5. Uniformity



Simply stated, uniformity of meaning is the treatment of similar situations in the same way. The use of uniform traffic control devices does not, in itself, constitute uni-

formity. A standard device used appropriate is as objectionable as a device; in fact, this may be worse, misuse may result in disrespect at where the device is needed



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Engineering Study Required

The MUTCD states that the decision to use a particular device at a particular location should be made on the basis of an engineering study of the location.

The California Vehicle Code, Section 21400 provides that Caltrans shall, after consultation with local agencies, adopt rules and regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices and that only those official devices shall be placed upon a street or highway. Those rules and regulations take the form of the State Traffic Manual and MUTCD. Section 21351 gives local agencies authority to place and maintain such official devices.

Uniformity and Liability

Uniformity of the design, application and maintenance of traffic control devices is an important factor in reducing an agency's liability and risk. As courts throughout the nation either modify, or even eliminate immunities which have provided public agencies their major defense, uniformity of design and application and compliance with accepted practices, policies or guidelines become the best measures for reducing tort liability.



Support for Uniformity

In addition to the Federal MUTCD, the State MUTCD, and the California Traffic Manual, other organizations are actively seeking a national standard for traffic control. The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) offers texts, training courses and seminars on traffic control, tort liability, school areas control and other areas affecting the work of Traffic and Transportation Engineers.

The Institute of Transportation Studies (I.T.S.) of the University of California has been a leader in the area of traffic engineering studies and acts as consultant to Caltrans on a continuing basis.

The Automobile Club of Southern California staffs a complete traffic engineering department and has been a leader in the area of traffic control uniformity. Many of their publications on traffic engineering and traffic control are used by the City, as resources when responding to public requests.

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 on the Downs Street Landscape project is complete. The street crew capped Ridgecrest Boulevard from Balsam to China Lake on Sunday the 6th of July.

Road mix was used so this is just a band aid fix but it will provide a smooth driving surface for 3 to 5 years.

Traffic Signals

It appears that CALTRANS (Fresno) will be preparing the plans and specifications for the signal at Ward and China Lake. We are waiting for a co-operative agreement with District 6.



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 (6) new connections to the sanitary sewage system.

The reclamation department reclaimed 6.4 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The department hydro flushed 2,400 ft. of main line sewer as preventative maintenance.

The department collected the annual samples for analysis from pond No. 3 as compliance with Discharge ID No. 6B150116001, results will be included with the July SMR.

Transit

There were 2,767 trips taken this month. The system is currently providing rides to Summer School Students and has done very well getting them to school on time. There are currently over a dozen students riding the bus to and from Burroughs High School. Fuel prices reached over \$4.50 per gallon and as a result of this cost we have received more new riders to the system.

We are doing our best to rise to the occasion but the demand is high. Summer school will be out on July 17th and we will then have further availability for new passengers who are interested in using transit as an alternative to offset the high gas prices. There were seven complaints in June and these were mostly from college students who were concerned about all the Fiscal Year 07-08 punch passes becoming invalid as of July 1, 2008. The issue is currently being looked into.

