

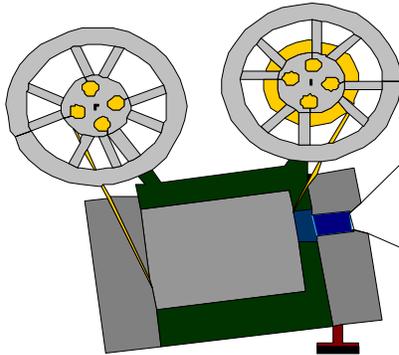
The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



March 2008

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SHORT TAKES

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Mayor, and
City Council



"The head of the top US phone company AT&T said it was having trouble finding enough skilled workers to fill all the 5,000 customer service jobs it promised to return to the United States from India. 'We're having trouble finding the numbers that we need with the skills that are required to do these jobs,' AT&T Chief Executive Randall Stephenson said. So far, only around 1,400 jobs have been returned to the United States of 5,000, a target it set in 2006, the company said, adding that it maintains the target."



Barry Jung and Paul Sippel of Kern County Community Development; discussed CDBG-funded projects and Enterprise Zone.



Bob Kirchmeier, et. al.; discussed development of his land at the center of Ridgecrest.



Scott Schaver of Cal-Trans: discussed planning for widening of 395.



Regular and Special Council Meetings, Staff Meetings, news briefings, radio commentaries, newspaper column.



Jason Caudle and Manny De Dios of Kinsell, Newcomb and De Dios; discussed preparation and marketing of bonds for redevelopment and for sales tax-funded infrastructure.



Tom Mulvihill, IWV Water District; monthly meeting to discuss mutual projects and problems.



PEAR; labor negotiations.



Periodic meeting of Base Commander, Executive Officer, Schools Superintendent, College President, County CAO, and City Manager to discuss mutual projects and problems.

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**Parks
Recreation and
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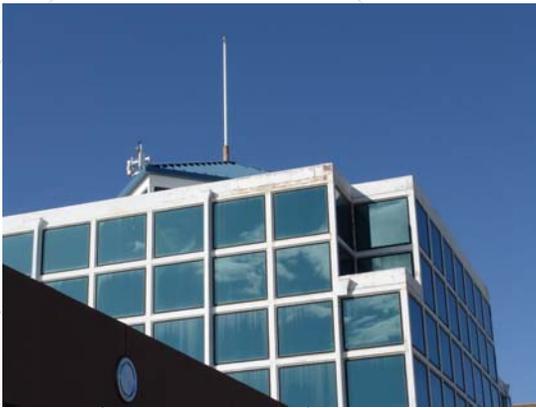
Parks Recreation And Cultural Affairs Department

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CITY HALL GETS A PAINT JOB



Spots like this were typical prior to the project beginning.

The second floor window area of City Hall has received a fresh coat of paint, as well as new caulking around each window. The job was completed by Michael J's Painting, a local contractor.



Michael J's begins



Painting complete. Looks great.

Lets Go On An Egg Hunt!!!

Miss Karen Bowlings Park Pre-School class hunts for easter eggs in front of KMCC.



Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**March 17, 2008 -
March 23, 2008**

March 2008							April 2008						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2	14	1	2	3	4	5	6
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12	24	25	26	27	28	29	18	28	29	30			
13													
14	31												

17 Monday		18 Tuesday	
7:00am	11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph
9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph	3:30pm	6:00pm Drama; R/C Rm
3:30pm	5:30pm Smashers Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym	4:00pm	7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym
5:30pm	8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym	5:00pm	8:00pm US Forest Svc; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm
6:30pm	8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak	5:30pm	7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro
		6:30pm	8:00pm CERT; Pinnacles
		6:30pm	8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
		7:00pm	8:00pm Youth Volleyball League Practice ; N/S Gym
		7:45pm	9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm
19 Wednesday		20 Thursday	
9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph	9:00am	12:00pm Social Security; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
11:00am	7:00pm Houchin Blood Bank; Pinnacles	9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph
11:30am	1:00pm YAC Leadership Meeting; Fossil Falls/Ballararat	3:30pm	6:00pm Drama; Pinnacles
3:30pm	5:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym	5:00pm	9:00pm Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym
5:00pm	6:30pm Soccer Coaches Mtg; Fossil Falls/Ballararat	5:00pm	7:30pm Quality of Life; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
5:30pm	8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro	5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm
5:30pm	8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym	5:30pm	7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro
5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	6:30pm	8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
5:30pm	7:30pm Arts Council; Red Rock/Chimney Peak	6:30pm	7:30pm Karate; R/C Rm
7:45pm	9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm		
21 Friday		22 Saturday	
7:00am	11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room		
10:00am	12:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S Gym		
23 Sunday			

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Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**March 24, 2008 -
March 30, 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	9	15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	18	28	29	30				
14	31														

24	Monday	25	Tuesday
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	8:30am	6:00pm Patrice; Kitchen
5:30pm	8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym	9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph
5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm
5:30pm	7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro	5:30pm	7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro
6:30pm	8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak	7:00pm	8:00pm Youth Volleyball League Practice ; N/S Gym
		7:45pm	9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm
26	Wednesday	27	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	8:00am	10:00pm Pink Ladies 50th Anniversary ; Pinnacles
5:30pm	8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro	9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph
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
7:45pm	9:00pm Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm	6:30pm	7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak
28	Friday	29	Saturday
7:00am	11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	8:00am	12:00am Farris - Bravo Reception; Pinnacles/Petro
		4:00pm	7:00pm Farris; Fossil Falls
30	Sunday		

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Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**March 31, 2008 -
April 06, 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 9	15	7	8	9	10	11	12 13
11	10	11	12	13	14	15 16	16	14	15	16	17	18	19 20
12	17	18	19	20	21	22 23	17	21	22	23	24	25	26 27
13	24	25	26	27	28	29 30	18	28	29	30			
14	31												

31	Monday	1	Tuesday
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	8:00am	12:00pm AARP 55 Alive; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
3:30pm	5:30pm Smashers Volleyball Practice; N/S Gym	8:30am	6:00pm Patrice; Kitchen
5:30pm	8:30pm Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym	9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph
5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	3:30pm	6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
6:30pm	8:30pm Officials Meeting; Chimney Peak	4:00pm	7:00pm 5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym
		5:30pm	7:30pm Aerobics; Aerobics Rm
		5:30pm	7:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro
		6:30pm	8:30pm CERT Training; Ridgecrest Rm
		6:30pm	8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
2	Wednesday	3	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	12:00pm AARP 55 Alive; Red Rock/Chimney Peak	9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph
9:30am	5:00pm Tumbling; Petroglyph	11:30am	1:30pm IWVESC; Red Rock/Chimney
3:30pm	5:30pm Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym	3:30pm	6:00pm Drama; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
5:30pm	8:30pm China Lake Cheer; Petro	5:00pm	9:00pm Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym
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	8:00pm SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak
		6:30pm	7:30pm Karate; Chimney Peak
4	Friday	5	Saturday
7:00am	11:00am Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	9:00am	8:00pm Smashers Volleyball Tournament - 16's; N/S Gym,
6	Sunday		
9:00am	8:00pm Smashers Volleyball Tournament - 18's; N/S Gym,		

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Kerr McGee Community Center
Weekly Schedule

**April 07, 2008 -
April 13, 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
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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

7 Monday				8 Tuesday			
7:00am	11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	↻	7:00am	9:30am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Rm	↻
5:30pm	8:30pm	Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym	↻	7:30am	5:00pm	Patrice; Kitchen	↻
5:30pm	7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	↻	8:00am	8:00pm	Desert Art League Class; Red Rock/Chimen Peak	↻
5:30pm	7:30pm	China Lake Cheer; Petro		11:00am	1:00pm	Youth Advisory ; Fossil Falls/Ballarad	↻
6:30pm	9:00pm	Desert Artists; Red Rock/Chimney	↻	3:30pm	6:00pm	Drama; R/C Rm	↻
6:30pm	8:30pm	Officials Meeting; R/C Rm	↻	4:00pm	7:00pm	5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym	↻
				5:30pm	7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	↻
				6:30pm	8:00pm	SARC Licensing Training; Fossil Falls/Ballarad	↻
				7:00pm	8:00pm	Youth Volleyball League Practice ; N/S Gym	↻
				7:45pm	9:00pm	Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm	↻
9 Wednesday				10 Thursday			
7:00am	11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	↻	8:00am	5:00pm	Desert Art League Class; Red Rock/Chimen Peak	↻
8:00am	10:00pm	Alta One FCU Annual Member Meeting; Pinnacles/Petro		11:00am	5:30pm	Harrison Nichols; R/C Rm	
8:00am	8:00pm	Desert Art League Class; Red Rock/Chimen Peak	↻	3:00pm	8:30pm	Volleyball Pix; Fossil Falls/Ballarad	
9:00am	12:00pm	IWW Collaborative; Fossil Falls/Ballarad	↻	3:30pm	6:00pm	Drama; Pinnacles	↻
9:00am	10:00am	Multi DSC Tm; R/C Rm	↻	5:00pm	9:00pm	Youth Volleyball League GAMES; N/S gym	↻
3:30pm	5:30pm	Smashers Volleyball; N/S gym	↻	5:30pm	7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	↻
5:30pm	8:30pm	China Lake Cheer; Fossil Falls/Ballarad		5:30pm	7:30pm	China Lake Cheer; Petro	↻
5:30pm	8:30pm	Youth Volleyball League Practice; N/S Gym	↻	5:30pm	6:00pm	Changeovers for R/C rm & Red Rock/Chimney	
5:30pm	7:30pm	Aerobics; Aerobics Rm	↻	6:30pm	8:00pm	SARC Licensing Training; Red Rock/Chimney Peak	↻
7:45pm	9:00pm	Kung Fu; Aerobics Rm	↻	6:30pm	7:30pm	Karate; R/C rm	↻
11 Friday				12 Saturday			
7:00am	11:00am	Senior Fitness with Patrice Johnson; Aerobics Room	↻	8:00am	1:00am	NRA Dinner/Auction; Pinnacles/Petro	
4:00pm	7:00pm	5th Grade Basketball; N/S Gym	↻				
13 Sunday							

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RPD MONTHLY REPORT

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RPD MONTHLY REPORT

Hit and Run, Possession of Narcotics

ON FEBRUARY 6, 2008, OFFICERS OF THE RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE DISPATCHED TO THE 300 BLOCK OF S. RICHMOND RD. FOR AN ACCIDENT. PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL THEY WERE ADVISED THAT ONE SUSPECT HAD FLED THE SCENE AND WAS BEING PURSUED BY A WITNESS. OFFICERS KEYS, BALLESTERO, AND SGT. OBERGFELL ARRIVED AND THE SUSPECT AND VEHICLE WERE SE-

CURED. THE VEHICLE, A HONDA CIVIC APPEARED TO BE TOTALED. OFC. BALLESTERO AND SGT. OBERGFELL RESPONDED TO THE ACCIDENT LOCATION AND FOUND THE ABOVE VICTIM AND ANOTHER SUSPECT ON SCENE, BOTH INJURED. THE SUSPECTS HAD RUN THE STOP SIGN AT E. CALIFORNIA AND S. RICHMOND RD, CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

THROUGH THE INVESTIGATION AND WITNESSES, IT WAS DISCOVERED THE SUSPECT WHO REMAINED AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT, LOPES, WAS THE ORIGINAL DRIVER. AFTER THE ACCIDENT HOWEVER,

WITHERSPOON JUMPED INTO THE DRIVER SEAT AND SPED AWAY, BEING PURSUED. ADDITIONALLY IT WAS DETERMINED

Stolen Motorcycle Recovered

ON 02/06/2008 AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS OFFICER RYAN SLOAN RESPONDED TO A RESIDENCE IN THE 900 BLK OF E CALIFORNIA AVE ON THE REPORT OF A BURGLARY AND STOLEN MOTORCYCLE. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE SUSPECTS HAD ENTERED THE GARAGE

AND STOLEN TOOLS, THE MOTORCYCLE AND OTHER ITEMS. OFFICERS SLOAN, BALLESTERO AND ALONG WITH THE HELP OF THE VICTIM AND A WITNESS WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE MOTORCYCLE AND EVIDENCE AT 433 S. RICHMOND AVE. THE VEHICLE WAS RECOV-

ERED AND RETURNED TO THE VICTIM. AS THE INVESTIGATION UNFOLDED, THE PARENT OF ONE OF THE JUVENILES ARRESTED, ASSISTED IN THE INVESTIGATION AND BROUGHT THE MALE SUSPECTS TO THE POLICE STATION. ADDITIONALLY

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Special points of interest:

Officer of the Year

Promotion

Possession of "Rock Cocaine"

On March 10, 2008, at about 0030 hours, Officers Castaneda and Do went to 841 "A3" N. Norma St to conduct a probation search on the residence of Andre Hamilton and Lakiesha Boyd. During the search of the residence, Officers located a substantial amount of suspected "Rock Cocaine". The "Rock Cocaine

was individually packaged for the intent of sales. The street value of the "Rock Cocaine" found was estimated to be \$500.00. Also located in the search was a small amount of marijuana and a digital used to weigh the dangerous drugs. Andre Hamilton was placed under arrest and taken to the Kern County Jail –

Ridgecrest.

Hamilton was booked where he remains in custody on \$35,000.00 Bail.

Sex Offender-failing to register

On March 15, 2008 at about 1000 hours, Ridgecrest Police Officers Ballestero, Marrone and Podell responded to a residence in the 200 blk. Of S. Holly Canyon on information of a sexual offender who had not registered as required by law. FIELDS had previously lived in the State of

Idaho and move to the City of Ridgecrest. It was confirmed that FIELDS had in fact not registered, in the city.

"FIELDS had previously lived in the State of Idaho"

FIELDS was located and arrested at the residence without inci-

dent and admitted to living at the location.

FIELDS was arrested and transported to Kern County Jail-Ridgecrest where he was booked on the above listed charge. He remains in custody in lieu of bail at the time of this press release.

Stolen Motorcycle Recovered

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THE FEMALE SUSPECT WAS ALSO LOCATED AND ARRESTED AS WELL.

THE JUVENILES WERE BOOKED AT RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT AND RELEASED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PARENTS. THE SOLE ADULT ARRESTED, MILES, WAS TRANSPORTED AND BOOKED AT KCJ-RIDGECREST.

Hit and Run, Possession of Narcotics

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THAT BOTH SUSPECTS WERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT AND BOTH HAD SUSPENDED LICENSES. WITHERSPOON WAS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF A QUANTITY OF CONTROLLED SUB-

STANCES, AND WAS CHARGED WITH HIT AND RUN AS WELL, LOPEZ WAS ALSO WANTED ON AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT. BOTH SUSPECTS AND THE VICTIM WERE TREATED AT RRH. THE SUSPECTS WERE BOOKED AT KCJ-RIDGECREST. BAIL ON LOPES WAS 13,000.00 AND BAIL ON

WITHERSPOON WAS 28,000.00.

Officer of the Year, Officer Ryan Sloan

Ryan Sloan was born in New Mexico and while still a small child, moved to Ridgecrest in 1981 with his family. He is the oldest of five siblings

with only one sister in the family. After a lot of night school, Ryan graduated Burroughs High School in 1998. Ryan's love of music sparked his interest at becoming a "Rock Star", but after exploring this for two years, realized he needed to go to college. He enrolled in Cerro Coso Community College and two years later decided if you can't beat them, join them. Ryan enrolled in the Reserve Police Officer Program.

Officer Sloan graduated as a Level II reserve qualified and was "hired" by the Ridgecrest Police Department in 2003. After three months, he was offered a full time position and attended the 161st Basic Academy through the Riverside Sheriff's Academy. Ryan graduated, 2nd overall in his class, in September, 2004.



Officer Sloan completed the FTO program and was assigned to patrol. He is a dedicated officer who

enjoys investigating cases and apprehending the perpetrators. He excels in narcotics cases and is diligent in getting drugs off the streets.

It is at the holidays that Officer Sloan does his best work. Several Christmas's ago, Officer Sloan successfully identified the suspects and recovered the stolen property in a high profile theft case. The stolen Christmas reindeer was returned to me and remains a holiday favorite in my household. On a more serious note, this past Christmas, a local family was the victim of a burglary and the majority of their Christmas presents had been stolen. Officer Sloan's assistance in the investigation was instrumental in the apprehension of the suspects and recovery of the stolen property. That family was

able to salvage their holiday.

Ryan married his wife, Teresa, in February of 2007 and last November, Ryan became the proud father of a beautiful little girl. (If you do the math, it is 9 months)

Ryan is well liked by his peers and members of the community. Ryan's character, integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm for police work exemplify what is expected of a Ridgecrest Police Officer.

It goes without saying that I am honored to present to you Officer Ryan Sloan, the Ridgecrest Police Department's Officer of the Year.



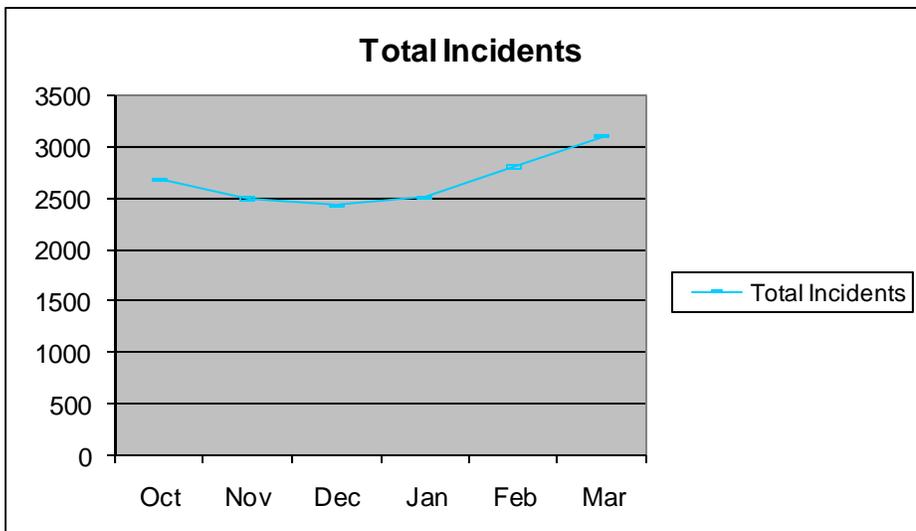
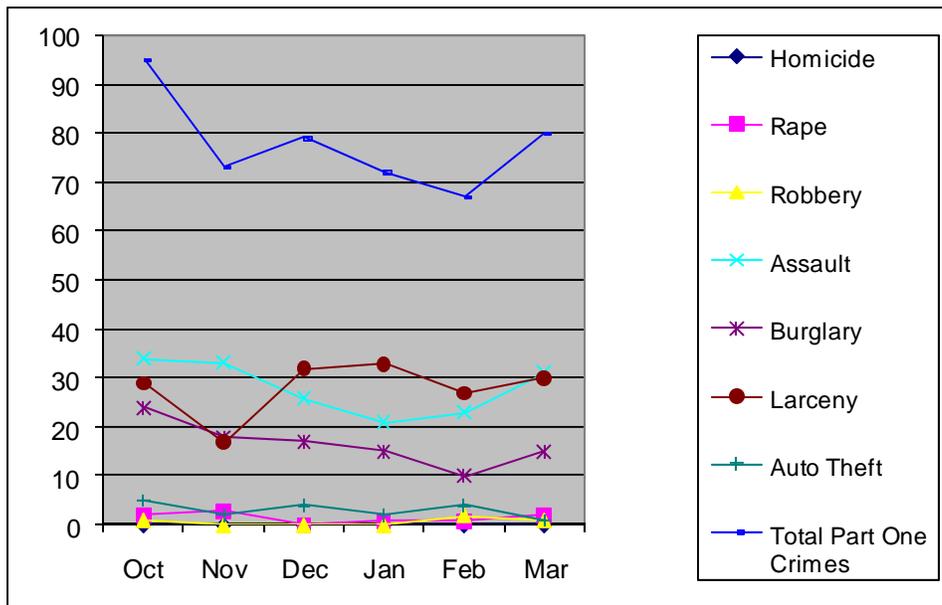
Captain Jon Wheeler presented Officer Sloan with the Officer of the year Award presented by the Kiwanis Club.

Ridgecrest Police Department

Prepared April 13, 2008

Crime for the Last Six Months

Crimes	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	3	0	1	1	2	9
Robbery	1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Assault	34	33	26	21	23	31	168
Burglary	24	18	17	15	10	15	99
Larceny	29	17	32	33	27	30	168
Auto Theft	5	2	4	2	4	1	18
Total Part One Crimes	95	73	79	72	67	80	466
Total Incidents	2682	2500	2434	2512	2803	3099	16030



Ridgecrest Police
Department



Chief of Police
Michael D. Avery



PACT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Marty Dorrell

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTOR
Detective Rick Smith

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President - *Marty Dorrell*
Vice President - *Rick Smith*
Secretary - *Bob Dickus*
Treasurer - *Vacant*
Director - *Dave Bruegl*
Director - *Dr. Ralph Ricco*
Director - *Frances Simpson*

CAPTAINS
Animal Welfare - *Larry Trowsdale*
Chaplains - *Dr. Ralph Ricco*
Child Identification - *Vacant*
Emergency Opns Ctr - *Robert Dickus*
Graffiti Taskforce - *David Truesdale*
Nuisance Abatement - *Gary Burgner*
Patrol - *Bill Maddux*
Surveillance - *Henry Wilson*

PACT COORDINATOR
Nancy Young

TRAINING COORDINATOR
Vacant

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Gary Burgner



Police and Community Together

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New Faces on PACT Board of Directors Bruegl, Dickus, Ricco, Simpson Start 2-Year Terms

PACT's Board has four new members, replacing five whose terms have expired. Executive director Marty Dorrell and Law Enforcement director Rick Smith announced their appointments at the Board's meeting of February 6. They are: David Bruegl, former Emergency Operations Center Captain; Robert Dickus, current EOC Captain; Dr. Ralph Ricco, Senior Chaplain; and Frances Simpson, who has logged more volunteer hours for PACT than any other member, with 15 years of service. A fifth candidate is being considered. Mr. Dickus has agreed to serve as Secretary, and a Treasurer is still unnamed.



Bob Dickus



Dave Bruegl

Dorrell and Smith thank the new Directors for offering their services, and the departing Directors for their considerable time and dedication in guiding PACT through several years in the continuing quest for excellence in community volunteer service. Retiring Directors include Larry Trowsdale (Animal Welfare Captain), Gary Burgner (Nuisance Abatement Captain), Kathy Truesdale (Secretary), Theresa Cook (Treasurer), Henry Wilson (Patrol Captain), and Bill Seif (Surveillance Lieutenant). Although PACT's bylaws call for a two-year term for Directors named from the general membership, several had served longer due to a lack of volunteers to replace them. The Executive Director and Law Enforcement Director are four-year positions filled by appointment by the Chief of Police. The ED and the LED then select at least four additional willing Directors from the PACT membership.



Rev. Dr. Ralph Ricco



Frances Simpson

PACT Annual Awards Dinner March 1

Victoria's at the Heritage will again host PACT's Awards Dinner March 1 at 6 p.m. Volunteers with noteworthy accomplishments will be recognized with a variety of awards, and achievements of the organization in 2007 will be reported. Among these is the first-time logging of over 10,000 hours of volunteer service during the year. Attendees must RSVP the PACT Coordinator's office (499-5107) by February 27. (Can-cancellations must also be received by the 27th for refunds.) PACT members are admitted with no charge, but spouses and other guests will be charged \$20 to cover the cost of the meal. Uniforms are preferred for PACT members, otherwise, "business" dress is appropriate.



Retiring Board Members Theresa Cook, Henry Wilson, and Bill Seif worked very hard and long as an *ad hoc* committee to set up the dinner and organize the awards ceremonies, for which the Board is very grateful.



Happy Valentine's Day!

Next Coffee: Feb 27, 11:30 a.m.



Board Action

Jan 9: Treasurer Theresa Cook and Secretary Kathy Truesdale were absent; Jesus Garcia was the only guest in attendance. Marty Dorrell presented the financial report and Larry Trowsdale recorded the meeting. The treasury contained \$8237 at the end of December. Nancy reviewed the Chief's monthly report, which showed over 10,000 hours were logged in 2007, 650 of which were in December. Five new members were approved in December and the backlog of pending apps is slowly being whittled down. The status of those applicants was discussed. Many delays are being caused by errors of various types in LiveScan processing for FBI and DOJ. The next coffee will be 23 January at 6:30 p.m. PACT is now a member of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, for what it is worth. Many members have not come in for rebadging and to sign the annual CLETS declaration; both are required for continued membership. Henry presented the developing plans for the annual Awards Dinner, the Board selected Victoria's proposal by acclamation, and fixed the charge at \$20 per paying guest. Nancy was requested to ask all PACT members to attend the RPD open house January 22 for visibility and to monitor office areas. This meeting was declared to have been the corporation's Annual meeting, postponed from September 2007 for the fiscal year 06-07, and required papers were signed.



Feb 6: Treasurer Theresa Cook reports \$7212 in the treasury at the end of January. She also reissued income/expense statements for the last several months due to minor corrections and revisions. The software seems to be working well after minor corrections by Gary in October. The Chief's report for January and the status of all pending applications were reviewed. Marty announced that five new Board members had been selected and thanked retiring Directors. Henry reviewed the status of planning for the annual Awards Dinner; the ad hoc committee members (Henry Wilson, Bill Seif, and Theresa Cook) were thanked for the many hours of meticulous work they devoted to the planning of the event, including the determination of awards to be made. LED Rick Smith reports some progress is being made in discussions with the DEF board.

Familiarization Checkout Required Before Driving Hybrid Camry

PACT's new hybrid Toyota Camry patrol car is now fully operational and in use for local patrols, vacation house checks, transports to Bakersfield, etc. But, before you may drive it, you must be given a familiarization briefing by LED Rick Smith or fleet administrator Josh Rutherford.

In a memo to the PACT membership January 22, Det. Smith explained that the hybrid has a few peculiarities in its starting, operating, and shutdown procedures that need to be learned and accommodated by unaccustomed drivers. The briefing should only take a few minutes, but please be considerate of Mr. Rutherford's and Det. Smith's prior commitments when asking for a briefing.

The Camry Hybrid uses gasoline, but the drive system is a combination of an electric motor and a relatively small conventional engine. The car also features an electronically-controlled continuously-variable transmission, which is similar to a conventional automatic for the driver. Present-generation hybrids perform best in stop-and-go driving, such as local patrolling. The car was provided through a grant from the California Air Resources Board, which requires as a condition that the hybrid replace another RPD vehicle which shall be crushed to preclude its resurrection by a new owner. The grant conditions also require that at least 75% of the hybrid's use be within Kern County.

Eleven Enter PACT, Animal Welfare Service

Nancy and Ginger in the PACT Coordinator's Office report that in recent months eight new PACT applicants have cleared all the hurdles for membership: Judy Burns, Ammon Fulton, Clyde Hazen, John Johnson, Crystal Lloyd, Micah Lloyd, Salvador Ramirez, and Lowell Wheeler. In addition, three have been approved for service with the Animal Welfare Unit (AW): Wendy Ahr, Kimmie Brown-Graehl, and Kevin Wheeler. Welcome Aboard, all! Captains, call and invite these newbies to help you! (Editor—interview these people for the next Newsletter! (I will, I will!))

At last count, eleven PACT and ten AW applicants are in processing.

Commander's Corner

- Marty Dorrell, Exec. Director



My message for this issue of the PACT newsletter should actually be entitled the "thank you" column. Let me start by thanking our board members, who have so faithfully executed their positions over the last few years. Our by-laws state that our board members' terms are two years in length and some Directors have been over that for some time now. Det. Smith and I requested nominations from the existing board members and were also approached by members who voiced an interest in serving on our new board. We interviewed candidates and finalized on all but one of the members who will serve on the board beginning 5 March, 2007. Our hope is that we will have the selections completed by the night of the PACT Awards Dinner so we can announce the new Directors there.

Speaking of the Awards Dinner, a thousand thanks go out to the *ad hoc* Awards Dinner committee, which consisted of Henry Wilson, Bill Seif, and Theresa Cook. These devoted souls are responsible for a huge amount of legwork, planning and coordination to make the PACT Awards Dinner possible (don't forget - March 1st at Victoria's). In taking on this responsibility they allowed Nancy Young and Ginger Chamberlain (our Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, respectively) to focus on important tasks like pumping up Neighborhood Watch, processing PACT applications, and a multitude of other necessities to keep our organization running. In addition, Nancy's and Ginger's efforts are paying off, as we have 11 recent new members and 21 applicants nearing completion of background checks and soon to join the dedicated volunteers already putting in hours in support of the Ridgecrest Police Department. My thanks also go to Nancy and Ginger for all their efforts to keep us a viable organization.

Please note that we have a Neighborhood Cleanup March 1st, 7:30 to 12:30 at the Victory Baptist Church parking lot, Panamint at Alvord. Here is your opportunity to either work up an appetite or work off those calories BEFORE the Awards Dinner. Hope to see you out there.

Det. Smith and I continue to make plans for the upcoming PACT Academy and hope to have dates solidified soon. Many of the classes will be mandatory for a large number of the volunteers who have not yet completed the entire academy. This requirement is due to issues of liability if we do not properly train our folks who are out there working in the field. We look forward to seeing you in the classroom and on the driving course!

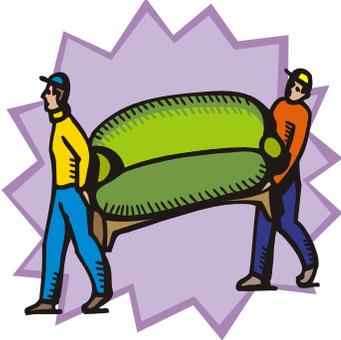
As always, I am thankful for every one of our volunteers who so faithfully give their time in order to make this a safer, cleaner, and more beautiful community. I hope to see you all at the annual Awards Dinner on March 1st. Just call the PACT office (by noon Feb. 27) if you have not made your reservations!

-Marty Dorrell

PACT Nuisance Abatement Team Ready to Clean Up This Town!

PACT volunteers will help man the City's reactivated Neighborhood Cleanup Program in the next cleanup Saturday morning, March 1. The cleanup is sponsored and coordinated by Code Enforcement Officer Bob Smith and Danielle Valentine of the Community Services Department. PACT's Nuisance Abatement program has committed to helping staff these activities, and requests your support.

"But," you say, "I'm not on PACT's Nuisance Abatement Team." Just show up, and you will be. No paperwork, no training. Volunteers are needed to expedite the flow of vehicles to the proper dumpsters (provided by Benz Sanitation) at the collection site (parking lot of Victory Baptist Church on Panamint St. at Alvord), in addition to doing some actual trash collection and hauling in the "no-man's land" areas such as alleys and open vacant lots.



The neighborhood targetted this time is between W. Ridgecrest Blvd and Las Flores, and N. China Lake Blvd and Norma. There are many alleys and easements that the property owners generally do not keep clean, so we will tend to them, and our collection site was selected to be convenient to folks in that neighborhood who might have difficulty transporting bulky items to the landfill. Tires will also be accepted (no charge). However, the site may be accessed by anyone, regardless where they live (no contracted projects' or business waste accepted, though).



Meet at the VBC lot at 7:30 a.m. and we'll work until about 12:30. Lunch is provided. There will be plenty of time to clean up and rest for the Annual PACT Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. that evening. If you plan on doing actual trash collection, you may certainly wear work clothes instead of a uniform; otherwise,

please wear your PACT uniform to make PACT's participation visible to the public. (It's a good way to use those older black pants and faded uniform shirts.)

I personally get considerable satisfaction from these cleanups, because when we're finished, the neighborhood's appearance is significantly improved, we've made a good impression on the folks who live there (and those who just drive by and see PACT volunteers out there working), and we've helped elderly and disabled people clean up their places (OK, some able-bodied as well - so what?). Come on out and see if you don't get a good feeling, too! **Please let me know if you plan on helping out (446-2874), and thanks for your help in advance.**

- Gary Burgner, Nuisance Abatement Captain

Child ID Captain Sought

A new Child Identification Captain is sought by the Board of Directors. Please indicate your interest in the position to Law Enforcement Director Rick Smith at 499-5100 or Executive Director Marty Dorrell at 977-8950.

Wilson, Maddux Swap Jobs

By mutual consent and with the Board's approval, Henry Wilson and Bill Maddux have swapped jobs. Henry is now the Patrol Captain, and Bill is the Surveillance Captain.

Animal Welfare Captain Thanks Volunteers for Holidays Service

As with many police and public service jobs, the work at the Animal Shelter never takes a vacation. I am especially appreciative of the AWU volunteers who worked to support Shelter Staff during the 2007 Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For these volunteers, waking up Thanksgiving and Christmas mornings meant reporting for duty to perform the always-waiting daily tasks at the Shelter. For their service during these periods, I wish to acknowledge Kimmie Brown, Mary Lise Trowsdale, Barbara Vijay, Wendy Ahr, Roland Veon, and Kevin Wheeler - for exemplifying the true Holiday spirit!

- Larry Trowsdale, AWU Captain



PACT Re-Launching Neighborhood Watch

PACT has been assigned a new, but old, program—Neighborhood Watch (NW). PACT Coordinator Nancy Young has been asked to organize the revitalization and expansion of NW in Ridgecrest. NW was originated nationwide and in Ridgecrest in the 1980s. It enlists the residents of a neighborhood to serve as eyes and ears to protect themselves from crime. Minimal training is involved; the critical element is commitment to mutual protection by alerting local police when unusual activity is noticed.

Nancy is looking for PACT volunteers to help initiate NW groups in their own neighborhoods as one of the first steps. Please contact her at 499-5107 if you live in an area where NW does not exist or has become inactive (almost all of them). Your participation will be a direct fulfillment of PACT's objectives of community liaison and crime deterrence. And you will be protecting yourself and your property from crime.

Captains' Reports

(In order to protect our volunteers' privacy, new contacts with Captains should be established through the PACT Coordinator's Office, 499-5107.)

Animal Welfare



-Larry Trowsdale



Members of the Animal Welfare Unit promote animal welfare by assisting the staff at the Ridgecrest Animal Shelter. Volunteers clean and maintain facilities, work with the animals, and provide computer and office assistance. There are occasional off-site activities as well. We've recently implemented additional training and mentoring for new volunteers.

As always, there is more to do than our present staff can handle. Contact either Mary Stage at the shelter or me and learn how you can join the team.



Child I.D.

-(Vacant)

Picture Yourself Here!

PACT conducts a Child Identification program that gives parents and police a head start if a child disappears. Parents are given a pamphlet containing their child's vital statistics, photograph, and fingerprints to aid in the search.

Call Nancy at 499-5107 if you want to help with future events or be Child ID Captain.



Nuisance Abatement

-Gary Burgner



The Nuisance Abatement program consists presently of shopping cart recovery and cleanups of neighborhoods and illegal dumpings.

Cart roundups so far in 2008 have netted 90 carts, bringing the total to about 1600 since the project started in 2003. Cart theft is on the rise, and another roundup is planned for late February. The number of roundups in 2008 will likely exceed one per month. PACT's cart roundup has drawn many compliments from the public (many folks stop and thank us during loading and unloading, and it's hard not to notice the PACT pickup truck rolling around town loaded to the gunnells with carts!) There are always plenty of maverick carts out there waiting to be rounded up! And, we have figured out how to

load and unload them from the truck with little physical exertion or risk of injury. If you want to help out, I'm good to go almost any time with a few hours' notice.

The last cleanup was November 10, in which 11 PACT volunteers participated. The next one is March 1, focussing on the area between W. Ridgecrest Blvd and Las Flores, and between N. China Lake Blvd and N. Norma (see the article on p. 3). Talks are underway to define another project to help the Code Enforcement Office.

EOC (Emergency Operations Center)



-Bob Dickus



PACT assists RPD and the City of Ridgecrest, in preparing, coordinating, and maintaining the RPD's Emergency Operations Center and its satellite equipment. All PACT members are subject to call-out to assist with EOC, and are therefore an integral part of the area's disaster preparedness team.

In a major emergency, the two conference rooms in the RPD station (which are specially equipped) will be used as the area's Emergency Operations Centers. The EOC team maintains those facilities in a ready condition.

Another of our responsibilities is hosting, on behalf of the Chief of Police, monthly luncheon meetings of the Indian Wells Emergency Services Committee (IWVESC). The IWVESC is a conglomerate of public and private groups in the valley that work together during emergencies. These meetings are held the first Thursday of each month except July and August. The next meeting is March 7 in the Kerr McGee Center. A member or guest agency often makes an interesting presentation. Lunch is provided for a \$3 donation and PACT members are welcome.

If you want to play an important role in disaster response, call me at 499-5107.



Graffiti Task Force

-Dave Truesdale



The objective of the taskforce is to remove graffiti as soon as possible after it is reported (by the public, police, or anyone else). Graffiti has been increasing recently, and several volunteers are now trained how to use the equipment to respond quickly to new tagging, especially on weekdays.

The mobile sandblasting rig has recently been overhauled and upgraded, with assistance from the RPD and a \$700 grant from United Way. It is now in prime condition to blast ugly graffiti off concrete and block walls, but Dave needs a few volunteers to help him.

All PACT members are asked to be on the alert for graffiti and report it to the PACT Office (499-5107) or RPD's front desk (499-5100).



Patrol
-Henry Wilson



Patrol is a many-faceted task. Lumped into patrol are vacation house check, preventive patrol, stakeouts, special operations, traffic control, overlaps with surveillance functions, and the writing of parking violations. Patrol provides extra eyes and ears for regular patrol officers, deters crime, and helps spot graffiti, stray dogs, traffic accidents, and other problems. Preventive patrols are used at high-traffic times to encourage good driving by the public and are manned by PACT volunteers in regular black-and-white cars. The violation-writing project is about to be expanded, so keep an eye peeled for the training opportunity.

Patrolling is a good way for new members to practice radio procedures, driving, general operations, and meet other PACT members. Get involved and check out our new hybrid Camry!

Surveillance



-Bill Maddux



At the request of the RPD, PACT conducts surveillance operations. Because these often concern on-going investigations, some cannot be reported in this newsletter, nor can the PACT members involved be identified and given the credit they deserve for their efforts.

Surveillance operations often overlap with patrol functions, but tend to be organized on short notice, often at night. Nighttime surveillance equipment is being studied to identify systems to assist in thwarting and identifying graffiti vandals.

Twenty volunteers are presently on the Surveillance team, and a similar number have taken training in the subject.



Just For Laughs!

Okay, we won't ask -

"I would not join a group that would have me as a member." - Groucho Marx



More Dumb Crooks, Etc.

(There is no end to the novel ways in which people will display stupidity):

Wrong Number

Ron Vanname was 21 in 1992 when he decided to entertain himself by making some obscene calls from a phone booth in Port Charles, Florida. His calls were to the 911 operator, nine of them in sixteen minutes, with new vulgarities each time. Suddenly, squad cars surrounded the booth and he was rushed by cops and arrested before he could even hang up the last call. He was unaware that the 911 system showed the address of every incoming call. He spent a week in jail.



Ride-Alongs, Watch For This One



An Elgin, Illinois man, wanted on an outstanding warrant, went down to his local police station to take part in the Ride Along program, which allows citizens to accompany police officers during patrols and see, among

other things, crooks getting arrested, which he was.

The Outcome was in Question Until

Judge: "Please identify yourself for the record."

Defendant: "Colonel Ebenezer Jackson."

Judge: "What does the 'Colonel' stand for?"

Defendant: "Well, it's kinda like the 'Honorable' in front of your name—not a damned thing."



Only a Sew, Sew Day



LA County Sheriff's deputies were investigating the break-in of a tent manufacturer when they discovered that a large industrial sewing machine had been taken. On closer examination, they discovered a thick thread snagged on the floor. They followed the thread

out the door, down the alley, across the street, through a back yard, up some steps, and under a door. After kicking in the door, they discovered the sewing machine in the kitchen and nabbed three surprised thieves.

...And Into the Fire

Arnold Ancheta apparently escaped from a correctional facility by squeezing through the bars in the roof of his cell, breaking out through a skylight, and jumping off the roof. Then, instead of heading for the fence separating him from the road and freedom, he took what appeared to be the path of least resistance, and jumped a shorter fence, ending up in the women's side of the facility. Female inmates alerted officers to the man running around in the yard, and he was returned to a more secure cell.



Never Happen Here

In Coventry, England, nine police officers entered an elevator to make a drug bust on the ninth floor of an apartment building. Unfortunately, the elevator, designed for only eight, stopped between floors, trapping the officers for 45 minutes while they called out for help. Finally, a resident heard them and shouted back, "I'll call the police!" The officers shouted back, "We ARE the police! Call the fire department!"

On Second Thought,...



Napoleon Bonaparte:

"In politics . . . never retreat, never retract . . . never admit a mistake. . . in politics, stupidity is not a handicap."

"Governments keep their promises only when they are forced, or when it is to their advantage to do so."

Cicero, to the Roman Senate:

"It seems to me that no soothsayer should be able to look at another soothsayer without laughing."



Norman Augustine:

Bulls do not win bullfights; people do.

People do not win people fights; lawyers do.

According to A. Lincoln, as modified by all his successors:

You can fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time . . . and that's enough.



Lee Iacocca

(during the first energy crisis):

"The American car buyer wants economy so badly he'll pay almost anything to get it!"

Mae West:

"Too much of a good thing can be wonderful!"



Epitaph on Boot Hill, Tombstone, Arizona:

"I was expecting this, but not so soon."

Snoopy:

"Yesterday I was a dog. Today I am a dog.

Tomorrow I'll probably still be a dog."



You Decide

San Francisco Judge James Warren handed Albert Brown, a convicted drug dealer, his black robes and ordered him to put them on. "Sentence yourself," the Judge said. Sobbing, Brown gave himself six months in jail. Then, he tacked on a string of self-imposed conditions, including cleaning himself up for his kids and steering clear of the neighborhood where he was busted.

The Probation Department had recommended six months and a stern lecture, but the Judge was tired of lecturing and decided Brown might be good at lecturing himself. "I had the transcript typed up and sent over to him," the Judge explained, "Just in case he forgets."

February 2008

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March 2008

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April 2008

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27	28	29	30			



Flex Fridays

- 5 Capts & Board mtg 6 pm
- 7 IWESC mtg, K-M Center
11:30 am (lunch)
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 27 Coffee, RPD Conference
room, 11:30 am

Coming Events

- 1 Neighborhood Cleanup
PACT Awards Dinner, 6
pm Victoria's at Heritage
- 5 Capts & Board mtg 6 pm
(Instl'n of new Directors),
Chief's Conf. rm. 7 pm
- 6 IWESC mtg, KMC 11:30 am
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 26 Coffee, RPD Conference
room 11:30 pm

Holidays

- 2 Capts & Board mtg 6 pm
- 3 IWESC mtg, K-M Center
11:30 am (lunch)
- 23 Coffee, RPD Conference
room 11:30

A Few Good Men and Women

Know any reliable, honest, trustworthy folks who would like to spend 2 or more hours a month working with Ridgecrest's Finest? Then give him or her a copy of this Newsletter and send them to the PD or have them call 499-5107 for a PACT application package.



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**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
March 2008**

	2008		2007		2008
	MARCH	MARCH	MARCH	MARCH	MARCH
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD	YTD
<u>Crime/Reports:</u>					
Part-One Crimes	80	219	112	251	-13%
All other Crime Reports	169	472	200	528	-11%
Traffic Accidents	13	46	18	39	18%
Miscellaneous Reports	79	239	87	236	1%
Traffic Citations	324	820	348	916	-10%
All other Reports	4	26	6	23	13%
Total of all Reports	345	1002	423	1077	-7%
<u>Arrests:</u>					
Part I Arrests	34	93	35	77	21%
Narcotic Related Arrests	24	90	37	84	7%
All other Felony Arrests	10	36	19	45	-20%
Total other Misd. Arrests	121	358	133	394	-9%
Total all Arrests	189	577	224	600	-4%
Total all Juvenile Arrests	35	121	51	131	-8%
Total all Adult Arrests	154	456	173	469	-3%
<u>General Information:</u>					
Total Service Hours	2408	6908	2506	6902	0%
Total Activity Hours	1660	4800	1793	4764	1%
Total Patrol Hours	748	2108	713	2138	-1%
Total Calls for Service	3099	8414	2864	7920	6%
Total Value Prop. Stolen	15952	86216	145627	241094	-64%
Total Value Prop. Recovered	3186	35019	54038	83380	-58%



RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

PATROL STATISTICS

REPORTING PERIOD: MARCH 2008

04/08/2008

Statistic	Count
Total Incidents -	3099
Calls for Service	1709
Officer Initiated Incidents	1390
Traffic Stops	490
Other OIA Incidents	900
Bus/Building checks	75
Veh/Ped Check	90
Total Officer Reports	345
Accident	14
Documentation Purposes Only	60
Felony	67
Information Only-no Crime	19
Infraction	11
Misdemeanor	167
Status Offense	3
Unclassified Reports	4
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	186
Misdemeanor Arrests	147
Felony Arrests	39
Total Citations	324
Bicycle	11
Felony	7
Infraction	96
Misdemeanor	110
RMC Violation	28
Vehicle - Moving	42
Vehicle - Parked	26
Unclassified	4
FIs	0



ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE FOR 2008

04/08/2008

MONTH	NO. OF ACCIDENTS	DUI INVOLVED	FATAL DUI	NO. FATALITIES
JANUARY	16	6	0	0
FEBRUARY	17	1	0	0
MARCH	13	1	0	0
APRIL	2	0	0	0
MAY	0	0	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
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TOTALS	48	8	0	0



ACCIDENTS BY TYPE OF COLLISION FOR 2008

04/08/2008

MONTH	NO. OF ACCIDENTS	----- COLLISIONS INVOLVING ... -----			
		VEHICLES	MOTORCYCLES	BICYCLES	PEDESTRIANS
JANUARY	16	16	0	0	1
FEBRUARY	17	16	1	1	0
MARCH	13	13	1	0	2
APRIL	2	2	0	0	0
MAY	0	0	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
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TOTALS	48	47	2	1	3



ACCIDENT SUMMARY BY SEVERITY FOR 2008

04/08/2008

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	13	0	1	4	8	0	0	1	6
April	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	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
Totals	48	0	2	13	33	0	0	2	20

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	2 OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE (INCLUDE "UNFOUNDED" AND ATTEMPTS)	3 UNFOUNDED I.E. FALSE OR BASELESS COMPLAINTS	4 NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES (COLUMN 2 MINUS COLUMN 3) (INCLUDE ATTEMPTS)	5 TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTIONAL MEANS (INCLUDES COL. 6)	6 NUMBER OF CLEARANCES INVOLVING ONLY PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	11				
a. MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE (score attempts as aggravated assault) If homicide reported submit Supplementary Homicide Report					
b. MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	12				
2. FORCIBLE RAPE TOTAL	20				
a. Rape by Force	21	2	2		
b. Attempt to commit Forcible Rape	22				
3. ROBBERY TOTAL	30				
a. Firearm	31	1	1	1	
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	32				
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	33				
d. Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.)	34	1	1	1	
4. ASSAULT TOTAL	40				
a. Firearm	41	31	31	16	4
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	42	1	1	1	
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	43	5	5	4	2
d. Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.) - Aggravated injury	44	3	3	1	
e. Other Assaults - Simple, Not Aggravated	45	22	22	10	2
5. BURGLARY TOTAL	50				
a. Forcible Entry	51	15	15	8	1
b. Unlawful Entry - No Force	52	5	5	3	
c. Attempted Forcible Entry	53	10	10	5	1
6. LARCENY-THEFT TOTAL	60				
a. Autos	61	30	29	6	1
b. Trucks and Buses	62	1	1		
c. Other Vehicles	63				
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TOTAL	70				
a. Autos	71	1	1	1	
b. Trucks and Buses	72	1	1		
c. Other Vehicles	73			1	
GRAND TOTAL	77	80	79	32	6

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

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March 2008

Month and Year of Report

CA0150600

Agency Identifier

23,000

Population

04/09/2008

Date

PAT RICHARD, Records Supervisor

Prepared by

Title

Ridgecrest Police Department, CA

MICHAEL AVERY, CHIEF

Agency and State

Chief, Commissioner, Sheriff, or Superintendent

Overtime Use

<i>Overtime Type</i>	<i>Total Of Total Hours</i>
51 Support Services	33
52 Kern Count Patrol	1.5
54 San Bernardino County Services	2
55 Ridgecrest Patrol	275
56 Shelter Services	565.5
AM Administrative Duty Meetings	1561.25
AR Administrative Duty Records	117
ARM Administrative Duty Repair/Maintenance	73
AS Administrative Duty Station Assingments	390.5
AT Administrative Duty Records	1.5
AT Administrative Duty Training	3747
CA Court Appearance	2189
CS Court Stand-by	241
IF Investigations Criminal Follow Up	2506.5
II Investigations Interviews	504.75
IR Investigations Traffic Related	260.5
IV Investigations Vice / Narcotics	595.75
PB Prisoner booking	697
PM Prisoner matron duty	21
PR Prisoner release/feeding	15.5
PT Prisoner transportation	1504.75
RC Report Writing Criminal	2271.04
RI Report Writing Information	168.75
RT Report Writing Traffic	364
SC Shift Coverage In Court	78.5
SCHEDULED OT	0
SE Special Events	4370
SL Shift Coverage On Sick Leave	2302
SL Shift Coverage On Time Off	12

<i>Overtime Type</i>	<i>Total Of Total Hours</i>
SS Shift Coverage Shortage	5006.75
ST Shift Coverage On Time Off	1959.5
<i>Total Hours</i>	31835.54

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

MONTH: March 2008

CATEGORY	TOTAL
NEW CASES	311
CASES OVER FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	147
REFERRED TO D.A.	119
BY ARREST	49
CLEARED BY OTHER MEANS	125
INACTIVE	61
ACTIVE CASES OPEN @ END OF MONTH	104
PROPERTY RECOVERED	\$ 400

PREPARED BY: Antoinette Agostinacci
APPROVED BY: P. Wheeler

RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

EXPLORER ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY

March 2008

	Current Month	YTD Total
Explorer	50	181

During the month of March the Explorers worked a total of 50 hours. The hours were comprised of meetings and training. Recruitment for new people is currently on going. There are currently 16 active Explorers.

Prepared by *Aaron Miller*
Officer Aaron Miller
Explorer Advisor

PACT MONTHLY REPORT March 2008

<u>PACT Volunteer</u>	<u>Hours</u>			
Executive Director	2.0			
Financial	0.0			
Fundraiser	0.0			
Training	0.0			
Administrative RPD	65.0			
Administrative Org	85.0			
Vehicle Maint.	7.0			
Animal Welfare	191.0			
Child ID	0.0			
EOC	4.0			
Graffiti Task Force	9.0	# of sites: 12		
Nuisance Abatement	25.0			
Patrol	126.5			
Vac. House checks		#of sites: 12	#of checks: 39	
Preventive Patrol	0.0			
Surveillance	.0			
PACT HOURS	514.5		YTD Hours for 2008	1786.5
Non-member hours	0.0		YTD Hours for 2007	1716.5
Chaplain hours	7.0			
TOTAL HOURS	521.5		Total Hours for 2007	10,157.75

Volunteers served four subpoenas and attempted to serve fifteen more.

Four evidence runs were made to Bakersfield, one trip to Victorville and one to Riverside.

Mr. Clyde Hazen, PACT Neighborhood Watch volunteer spent two hours working with PACT Coordinator on Neighborhood Watch duties and being in the field. The Coordinator held one Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Sixteen volunteers along with the PACT LED and PACT Coordinator attended the monthly coffee. One new Pastor, Jason Heneise, from the Chaplain program also attended the monthly coffee along with Senior Chaplain Dr. Ralph Ricco.

Nuisance Abatement went out twice on an abandoned shopping cart roundup and retrieved forty one carts.

Five PACT volunteers assisted with the City's Neighborhood Cleanup project on March 1, 2008.

PACT held its annual awards dinner and almost one hundred people were in attendance including Chief Avery and his wife Helen, Capt. Jon Wheeler, Sgt. Paul Wheeler and his wife Kindi and Sgt. Mike Myers and his wife Kristi. Sgt. Myers was presented with a special award for his years as the LED for PACT.

Prepared by Nancy Young, PACT Coordinator

PUBLIC SERVICES RIDGECREST

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MARCH MEETINGS

- Mar. 01 - KZIQ Interview; Wal-Mart & Develop. Projects
- Mar. 06 - Continental Labor Mtg.
- Mar. 06- KernCOG Regional Awards Dinner Bakersfield
- Mar. 07 - Marriott Hotel Springfield Suites pre-tour
- Mar. 12 - Ass't Living Facility Use
- Mar. 13 - Military Affairs Mtg.
- Mar. 13 - CIWMB Local Asst. Mtg.
- Mar. 14 - CIWMB Local Asst. Mtg.
- Mar. 14 - Matrix Litg. Mtg.; S. O'Neill.
- Mar. 20 - WEMO HCP Mtg. Palmdale.
- Mar. 20 - Matrix Litg. Bakersfield
- Mar. 24 - Matrix Trial Bakersfield
- Mar. 25 - Matrix Trial Bakersfield
- Mar. 26 - Matrix Trial Bakersfield
- Mar. 28 - Respect for Law Dinner, Officer Of the Year
- Mar. 31 - Watchable Wildlife Project Review

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

The California Integrated Waste Management Board and the Local Assistance Plan of the City of Ridgecrest

The City of Ridgecrest and the CIWMB have entered into an approved Local Assistance Plan (LAP) which highlights ten programs and activities (tasks) to achieve compliance with the compliance order issued by the State. The first required quarterly report for the period ending March 31 is being prepared and will be filed with the State accordingly. The City maintains a Compliance Documentation Binder to track and document the progress of each of the Compliance Order tasks. Tasks 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, & 10 have activities and goals for the first quarterly report.

The programs and activities are being coordinated within the Public Services Department and the Recycling Coordinator, Danielle Valentine. Interested individuals are invited to contact the department with respect to the following:

- Conduct New Waste Generation Characterization Study and Establish New Base Year.
- Public Outreach Education Program.
- Maintain Existing Green Waste Efforts.
- Establish Mandatory Curbside Recycling Program.
- Establish Mandatory Commercial On-Site Collection of Recyclables
- Materials Recovery Facility Feasibility Study.
- Community Clean Up Events.
- On-Campus Recycling at Education Institutions.
- City Government Recycling.
- Report Annually and Quarterly.



Earth Day – 22 April

City Employees Sign Up to help your City on Earth Day:-

- Wear a **GREEN** t-shirt on April 22.
- WALK** or **BIKE** to work – cut down on CO2 emissions
- VOLUNTEER** to be a member of our project teams to clean up the Bowman Channel (BYO gloves!):-

•First team departs City Hall at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 10:30 a.m.
•Second team departs City Hall at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 12:30 p.m.

Economic Development

This month has seen an increase in potential new commercial developments. There has been several requests for demographic and site information although no major spike in activity following the recent B.R.A.C. signing.

Two new commercial developments have been submitted to the Planning Department with the largest being a new hotel, restaurant and retail project—proposed location China Lake Boulevard between the new Marriott Hotel and the Kmart center on 7.5 acres of land. The project consists two new hotels several new restaurants and bars, a food court and a pool with a sand beach!

This month saw the opening of a new fine dining restaurant on China Lake Boulevard— “Mollys” is located in the old cottage café. Work continues on the Remax office building and the R.C. Bouncers project.

The City is still waiting for information and a new formal site plan application for the Super Wal-Mart. K-Partners has commenced the building of the Hampton Inn and office complex in the Business Park. Navy Federal Credit Union has leased the old Searle's Valley building on Balsam Street and work has commenced on the National Health Services building in the Business Park.

The City is completing work on a community entry sign - a joint project of the Rotary and City with the inclusion of NAWS China Lake.

Planning

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The General Plan Advisory Committee held its twelfth meeting which included discussion of the final draft Map # 8 (Preferred Land Use Map), Land Use Policies, the final draft Map # 9 Parks and Parkways Map, and a presentation from Lorelei Oviatt with Kern County Planning Department upon the soon to be initiated Indian Wells Valley Specific Plan and the city-county interface related to the Ridgecrest General Plan effort.

LAND USE REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Charles Roulund, Jim Fallgatter, Ruth Cooper, Lois Beres, and Joanna Rummer
1/29/08

Assumptions:

The committee made the following assumptions concerning our discussion and recommendations.

- Infill should be a top priority.
- The City is projected to grow by an additional 25,000 people in 30 years to a population of 50,000 people.
- Growth will be to the south and west. North is Base property and East is County property and is presently in the flight path of base aircraft.
- The amount of vacant land in current city limits reveals that presently there is little need to annex land into the city. We have 3,000 available lots at this time.
- 65 Units built during a year is sufficient to accommodate growth within the city.
- Further commercial areas will be needed as growth continues along China Lake Boulevard.
- Put commercial and employment blocks in areas around the city.
- Estate building south of Jarvis due to water.
- As a general guideline, new small shops and stores surrounded by housing with a neighborhood park within a half mile walking distance every square mile of the city.
- No single, multifamily or schools in flight plans. Very low density.
- Minimum half acre building south of Jarvis.
- Estate building north of Jarvis due to water.
- The project is seen in three phases:
 - short term, 1-3 years
 - mid term 4-15 years
 - long term, 15-30 years

Areas of Change:

Beltways are areas that are expected to remain open for use such as regional recreation and habitat protection. Our committee discussed that these areas should include the green belt that follows Brady, Jarvis, Ward, and Gateway Streets, and also the open area along Bowman Creek on the GPAC Consensus Map.

Areas that are expected to experience significant change through infill, reuse, and redevelopment are areas that need to be preserved or enhanced. Our committee recommends infill of the north portion of town between Drummond and Ward with employment; infill of the center of the city at Downs/Ridgecrest Boulevard/Gateway/Springer with multiuse and medium density residential; infill of medium density residential southeast of Springer; and infill east, west and southwest with Rural Estate and Residential, and commercial following Inyokern Road and China Lake Boulevard.

Our committee does not recommend any major transformation, development, redevelopment or dramatic change to existing areas. We recommend enhancing the commercial area bounded by Brady, Downs, Inyokern and Ward. Mixed use is an option over commercial and industrial. The area bounded by Downs, Upjohn, China Lake Boulevard, and Church should be replaced gradually by mixed use.

Our committee has identified the following open space areas to experience dramatic change through transformation or new growth due to major new development projects. We recommend an employment zone at Richmond to the west, San Bernardino County Road to the east, Ridgecrest Boulevard north and Bowman Road South, and a master planned community bounded by San Bernardino Road, Jarvis, Springer, and Gateway, to include a golf course

Specific Area Concepts:

Neighborhoods:

The area between Brady and Jack's Ranch Road and the area between College Heights and Gateway east are low density/estate residential. Low density neighborhoods (minimum 6,000 sq. ft.) are characterized by large lots, large front/side yards, frequent curb cuts, similar architectural styles, moderately wide sidewalks, limited street trees, parking primarily in driveways or personal garages, primarily single-family detached units with multi-family, wide streets. Estate neighborhoods (7,500 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. and above) offer a variety and choice in housing and lifestyle, inefficient use of land and infrastructure, preferred to provide buffers and serve as physical transition between suburban and traditional neighborhoods and city's outer edges that abut open space. Most of the residential in Ridgecrest, approximately 30%, is low density or estate

Our committee recommends that changes to existing low density and estate neighborhoods be to improve characteristics such as connectivity, pedestrian safety, neighborhood character and housing choice. Changes proposed in these neighborhoods should focus on preserving and restoring the quality of the area by protecting and enhancing features such as scale and quality of housing. Some may require extensive rehabilitation, infill development, and streetscape improvements.

Centers:

Centers are places of focused activity that the city's neighborhoods revolve around. They are a combination of employment, services, retail and/or entertainment and higher density housing. They are characterized by a physically compact pattern of development that includes a concentration of complementary uses and a distinct identity. A key element of centers will be the integration of attributes that complement adjacent uses and neighborhoods including building heights, types of uses, and overall design.

Our committee discussed centers that are low density/intensity single use commercial developments or horizontal and vertical mixed use development that include retail, service, office, and/or residential uses. Central public gathering places have centrally located outdoor spaces like parks or restaurants. Buildings may be taller. Our committee has identified current centers at the Stater Bros area, Balsam Street area, Wal-mart area, Rite Aid area, Kmart/Walgreens area, Sierra Vista Center, New Business Center, Home Depot area, Dollar Rental triangle, and Tivoli Center. Our committee recommends that current centers in our community consider redoing parking lots to build up (such as a parking structure) and reclaim property. Relocate parking behind buildings and out of public view. Broaden sidewalks, include street trees, upgrade pedestrian zone amenities, define public gathering places, and improve connections to surrounding neighborhoods. Our committee would recommend a center fronting College Heights Boulevard south of Springer. We recommend that any general commercial/service commercial or industrial areas can be designated as multiuse. Centers should accommodate uses that provide essential daily service and retail needs within walking distances. Infill should integrate residential and office uses and sidewalks should be integrated with pedestrian amenities.

Regional commercial centers are along major corridors and major freeway interchanges. They offer an opportunity to transform and enhance residential and employment. They are more compact with a regional destination for living, working, and shopping. Residential and office uses can be integrated into the regional commercial center to create a balanced mix of uses. Sidewalks are broad with

street trees and pedestrian amenities. They include major retail stores, home improvement stores, offices, restaurants, and services. They have multifamily units and central public gathering places, but are predominantly non-residential. Buildings are 1 – 6 stories with internal streets designed to integrate and balance safe pedestrian, bicycle, and transit use with efficient vehicular traffic flow. We would like to recommend that the existing and proposed new Wal-Mart site become a future Regional Center. We recommend Bowman Road, China Lake Boulevard intersection shopping complexes with the opportunity to use a multiuse overlay for general commercial/service commercial and industrial.

Central Business District

A central business district is the most intensely developed area. It includes a mixture of retail, office, governmental, entertainment, and visitor-serving uses. It is usually the original part of the city. It is for high-rise development with ground floor office/retail beneath residential apartments or condominiums. Our committee recommends that we revitalize the Old Town 1991 specific plan developed for the city by Barrio Planners. The Kerr-McGee Center are could be more fully developed into a central business district.

Other Designations

Other designations are defined by single, predominant use or function such as employment centers, industrial districts, public/quasi public (community center/school/college), parks, greenways, recreation facilities (play fields/picnic/sitting/concession/golf), and open space. Currently, our community college, schools, parks, soccer fields, tennis courts, swimming pool and facilities at Kerr-McGee Center fall into this category. Our committee recommends creating employment centers and master planned communities in the future.

The next General Plan Advisory Committee meeting shall be at held at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers on March 25, 2008.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

February 26, 2008

On February 26, 2008, the Planning Commission met and approved **TPM 11806**, A request to create a 2 lot Service Commercial (CS) subdivision on 2.32 net Ac.. (Parcel A of LLA-06-04) part of Parcel 21 Parcel Map 10819 Ridgcrest Business Park at 101 and 105 W. Sydnor Ave. (adjacent to Spring Hill Suites). APN 033-070-4

March 11, 2008

On March 11, 2008, the Planning Commission met and approved a **TPM 11807** a request to create a 2 lot Service Commercial (CS) subdivision on 4.59 Ac . developed lot at 520 S. China Lake Blvd. APN 080-020-100 (Verizon)

The next Planning Commission meeting shall be at held at 7:00PM in the City Council Chambers on March 25, 2008.



15 Tons of Trash Removed on Clean-up Day

By Bob Smith

Thirty volunteers and several other residents helped kickoff 2008's City Clean-up Campaign, headed up by the City of Ridgcrest's Public Services Division and the Code Enforcement Department, on Saturday, March 1.

With the target area located in North Central Ridgcrest, 15 tons of trash, waste, rubbish and other items were collected and disposed of at the county dump. The event was also sponsored by Benz Sanitation, Weinerschnitzel, PACT, and Victory Baptist Church.

"We were given a great day to make a difference in our community and we took full advantage of the opportunity," said Code Enforcement Officer Bob Smith. "Danielle [Valentine] and I couldn't have been prouder of the volunteers that gave four hours of their time to help us in this endeavor." Residents from the valley brought items from their homes, while the volunteers cleaned easements, and helped clear private properties of unwanted junk and trash." I wish to thank all the people who supported this project. You wouldn't believe how hard the youth of our community worked during this event," said Smith. "It just goes to show us that programs like YES and the Castle X Boys and Girls Torch Club can develop our children into hard-working individuals."

The City of Ridgcrest has tentatively scheduled its next clean-up day for Saturday, May 17. It will run from 8 am to Noon. So come join the fun!

Code Enforcement - Closed Cases - March 2008

File#	OpenDate	CloseDate	Description	PropertyAddress	Cycle Time
07-000825	10/23/2007	3/11/2008	Daily Independent keeping newspaper recycle doors open and wind is blowing papers all over the block.	224 East RIDGECREST	140
07-000835	10/30/2007	2/14/2008	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	107
08-000016	1/11/2008	3/4/2008	RP reports cooler is mounted over her property and floods her property.	134 West HALOID	53
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 Blvd	16
08-000020	2/15/2008	2/27/2008	C-Keys indicated owner at 524 Alene is running a private garage business.	524 ATKINS Street	12
08-000021	2/15/2008	2/18/2008	Couches stacked up in the yard. Possible Fire Hazard?	320 ROBERTSON	3
08-000029	2/20/2008	2/20/2008	Abandoned vehicle on empty lot.		0
08-000030	2/20/2008	2/21/2008	Request information on 'warehouse permit' issuance at 417 W. Robertson	417 ROBERTSON	1
08-000031	2/26/2008	2/27/2008	Neighbor left lattice work up against tree.	213 West ST GEORGE	1
08-000033	2/29/2008	3/5/2008	Gated fence encroaching on sidewalk and is over height in the front yard.	230 PANAMI	5
08-000038	3/20/2008	3/20/2008	Over watering in the area. Flooded yard of complaintant.	2228 REEDY Street	0
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
07-000750	8/14/2007	2/19/2008	Half of DBW trailer was dumped on property at or near 1340 W. Mariposa. Also trash has been scraped to the trailer.	1345 BOSTON	189
07-000793	10/4/2007	3/11/2008	Weeds growing along the west walkway of N. Gold Canyon from Ridgecrest Blvd.		159
Record Count:14					
Record Count:14					

Code Enforcement - Open Cases - March 2008

File#	OpenDate	Description	PropertyAddress
08-000020	2/15/2008	C-Keys indicated owner at 524 Alene is running a private garage business.	524 ATKINS Street
08-000021	2/15/2008	Couches stacked up in the yard. Possible Fire Hazard?	320 ROBERTSON
08-000022	3/11/2008	Report that materials are being stored at Mahan and Inyo. Keep an eye on the area.	
08-000023	2/26/2008	Trash being thrown into empty lot behind residence.	
08-000024	2/26/2008	Big Rig Truck parked at the corner of Vista and Ashton.	
08-000025	3/13/2008	Pool is green.	329 East RIDGECREST
08-000026	2/28/2008	Mold growing on the walls and under the sink.	721 East CHURCH
08-000027	3/13/2008	Reopening of a case that has lingered for over 18 months. Property has a lot of problems.	505 HELENA Street
08-000029	2/20/2008	Abandoned vehicle on empty lot.	
08-000030	2/20/2008	Request information on 'warehouse permit' issuance at 417 W. Robertson	417 ROBERTSON
08-000031	2/26/2008	Neighbor left lattice work up against tree.	213 West ST GEORGE
08-000032	3/11/2008	Back door boarded shut. Check into safety issue.	247 Balsam Avenue
08-000033	2/29/2008	Gated fence encroaching on sidewalk and is over height in the front yard.	230 PANAMI
08-000034	3/18/2008	Junk beginning to pile up again in the front yard of property.	700 South ALLEN Street
08-000035	3/18/2008	Basketball hoop in the street at times, laying on its side in the sidewalk.	1213 ALYSA Court
08-000036	3/20/2008	Nail Art at 856-B N. China Lake Blvd. did work on inside of building without permits.	856 China Lake Boulevard
08-000037	3/20/2008	Property with trailer filled with trash.	1417 West ST GEORGE Street
08-000038	3/20/2008	Over watering in the area. Flooded yard of complainant.	2228 REEDY Street
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.	
08-000042	3/20/2008	Trash and water overflows in yard adjacent victim's home.	706 North BALSAM
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
Record Count:25			
Record Count:25			

Public Works

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING: WHY DO I NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT?

Most of the complaints traffic engineers receive would disappear if all drivers were considerate of others' life and property. This TIP from PWD takes a look at drivers whose actions demand that you drive defensively.

If you stop to think about the crazy, careless things people do when they get behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, you will be a confirmed defensive driver for life - not just yours, but the life of your family, your friends and, for that matter, the entire motoring public.

Following are actual comments drivers have given to the California Highway Patrol after traffic collisions on state highways:

I was eastbound, approaching the intersection at approximately 55 mph, trying to light my marijuana pipe, when suddenly I felt the impact. (This driver broadsided a school bus and injured four students).

My husband was driving. He was arguing with me. He had been drinking and he ran the STOP sign. (This driver broadsided a car. - 1 dead, 3 injured)

Stay Alert! - Others may not be.

I was eastbound behind a truck. The truck came to a stop at the intersection. I didn't know there was a stop sign at the intersection, so I drove around the truck. (This driver broadsided a car - 1 injured)

The driver entered the intersection where a STOP sign had been deliberately knocked down during the night and was broadsided by another vehicle. (The driver was killed)

I stopped at the STOP sign and didn't see any cars coming. When I started across the road, the car hit me.

Adjust your speed to the conditions.

Driver 1 - I stopped at the STOP sign. I looked both ways and thought I saw no vehicles approaching from either direction.

Driver 2 - I was northbound at 55 mph and saw the pickup stopped at the STOP sign. As I got closer, the pickup pulled out, right in front of me. I had no where to go.

There was a large truck parked near the intersection and I couldn't see, so I just gunned it to try to get across fast and she hit me.

My heater doesn't work too well and the windows were fogged up. I missed my driveway, so I made a U-turn. The blue car hit me.

It was foggy. I stopped on the road because of a traffic collision up ahead. The pickup came up behind me and rear ended my car.

Keep 3-seconds between your vehicle and the one ahead of you.

I don't know anything about the accident. I don't know what road I was on. I don't know how fast I was going or where I was going. I did not see a STOP sign. (DUI - 2 injured)

Officer - Did you see the car coming in your direction?

Driver - Yes.

Officer - Why did you turn left in front of it?

Driver - I don't know. I didn't think he was that close so I started my right turn onto the highway.

Drive with your lights on.

Engineering

Private Sector Projects

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

Street Projects

Work has started on the Downs Street Landscaping Project and progressing fairly well.

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.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

Dennis Speer

Public Works Director

Joe Pollock

City Engineer

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.

Transit

This March was a slow month for the transit system with only 2,800 passenger trips logged due to Spring Break. We have had the opportunity to transport 12 new passengers this month and almost all of them will be regular riders. The current sky-rocketing fuel costs are forcing more and more people out of their cars and giving them cause to look into transportation alternatives. Now that the Transit Department is fully staffed, we are looking forward to doing our part to help the citizens of the City find those alternatives by giving them reliable and dependable on-time service. The City's newest bus #R340 has been a big hit with riders and with this newest addition our transit fleet is up to seven operational units.