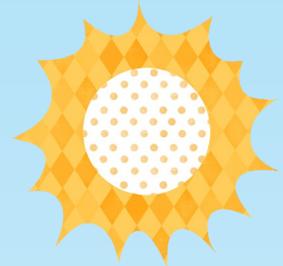


City¹ of Ridgecrest

City Manager Memo

July 2014



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Important Dates

08/06	City Council Meeting
08/11	Measure L Oversight Committee Meeting
08/12	Special Planning Commission Meeting
08/12	SSUSD School Starts
08/20	City Council Meeting
08/25	Measure L Oversight Committee Meeting
08/26	Planning Commission Meeting

The City Evaluation and Selection of Industrial Development Proposals

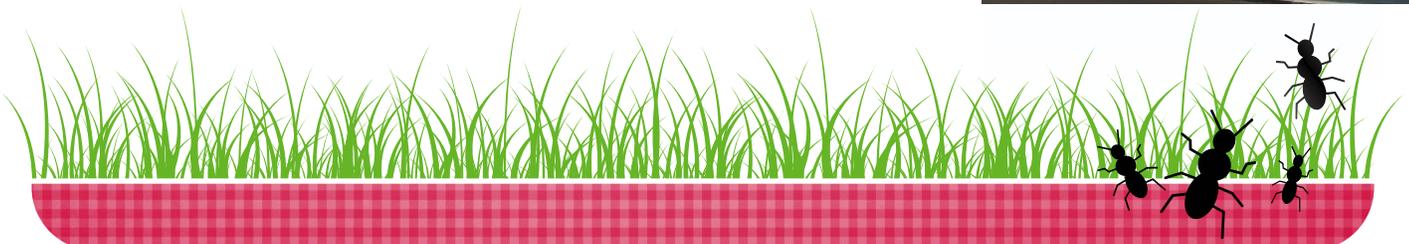
At the regular City Council meeting of June 18, 2014, staff presented five industrial development proposals seeking city economic assistance. The funding for this assistance will come from Economic Development TAB allocation. Staff prepared a matrix identifying some of the key elements for the evaluation of these proposals. Council reviewed and discussed the proposals in great length. Staff was asked to meet with several proposers and return with additional information on funding levels and milestones. Staff developed a draft grant assistance agreement which any selected firm will be required to execute. This agreement will require the establishment of milestones for continued funding, and long term continuation of operations within the city.

At the regular City Council meeting of July 2, 2014, staff presented additional information regarding the necessary funding levels of the selected proposers. Following Council discussion, four firms were selected to move forward in the process. The next step will be returning to Council with the grant assistance agreements for each selected proposer.

The iDEA Hub

At the July 16, 2014 meeting, the City Council approved an MOU with The California Innovation Hub for Defense, Energy and Aerospace (iDEA Hub). This agreement involves the collaboration between the Parties to facilitate and streamline collaboration on a dynamic range of projects and opportunities relevant to the promotion of economic development and innovation in the areas of defense, energy and aerospace.

The iDEA Hub is a state-designated Innovation Hub (iHub) by the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. The mission of iDEA Hub is to foster, develop, and promote the innovation ecosystem in its respective regions through collaborative networks. The iDEA Hub provides a platform for collaboration within a diverse network of participants achieving technology success through business innovation and is a unique partnership of government, industry, academia, non-profits and equity investors working collaboratively to address technology requirements for both the military and commercial marketplace. Utilizing the vast array of talents in the iDEA Hub regions solutions are sought for issues surrounding technology transfer, commercialization of capabilities, multi-use product development, education, training and local economic growth.



City Manager Memo continued



Appointments to the Measure 'L' Citizens Advisory Committee

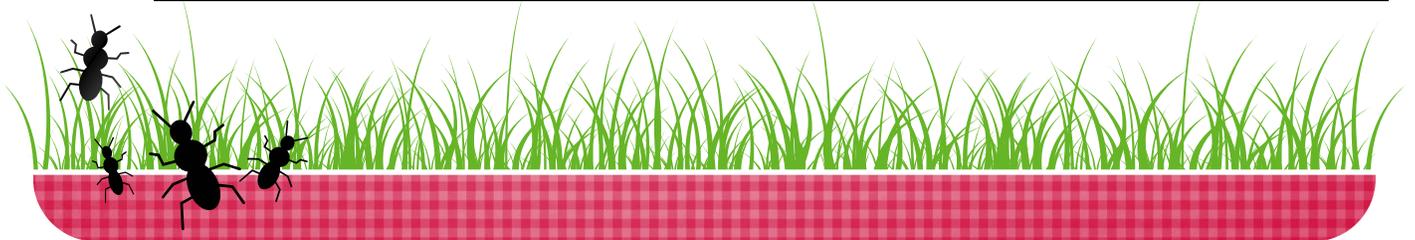
Two seats on the Measure L Committee expired on July 16, 2014. The Council directed the solicitation of applications to fill these seats. Since only one application was received by the July 16, 2014 meeting, the Council extended the application period. Appointments to these vacancies will be for a term of four years as per the Ordinance.

City Financial Report of Measure 'L' Funds for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Pursuant to Council request, the Director of Finance prepared a Financial Report of Measure 'L' revenue and expenses.

The report is as follows:

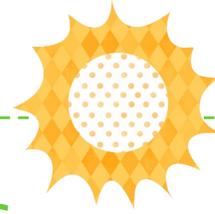
MEASURE L REVENUE		1,499,559.73
MEASURE L EXPENSE		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
CA BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	15,383.95	
POLICE		
SALARIES AND WAGES	443,473.35	
BENEFITS	226,634.59	
MEDICAL & LAB SERV	4,087.60	
LEGAL FEES - TRIAL	57,566.76	
ADVERTISING (RECRUITMENT)	354.85	
PASSENGER VEHICLE-	72,060.80	
RADIO EQ, PAGERS &	5,245.63	
CARRYOVER RESERVE	76,557.00	
TRANSFER TO FUND 2		
STREETS TRANSFER	598,195.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES AND RESERVE		1,499,559.53
NET DIFFERENCE IN REVENUE LESS EXPENSE		0.20



Parks

The condition of our city parks continues to improve. Over the past several months the feedback from the citizens, youth groups, city council, and city staff remains positive regarding the condition of our parks. We are currently and will continue to re seed and fertilize our parks over the next few months. We must periodically due

this to repair any damage that has occurred and also to keep the grass healthy as well.



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Recreation

This is the busiest time of year for the recreation side of the house. We are currently in the middle of all of our youth summer programs. There are too many programs to mention, but our programs include such activities as: Swim lessons, day camp, chess tournaments, archery, horse camp, sewing, crafts, and much more. Also, we recently wrapped

up our adult softball leagues, both male and coed. We had great participation this year. We added several teams to both the male and coed leagues. Last but not least we are in the final week of the summer jam basketball league. They are now playing the end of season tournament.

Medians

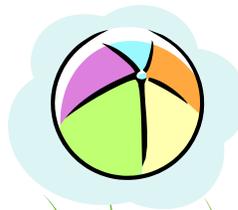
Like our youth programs the summer time is the busiest time of the year for our medians as well. As you can see our maintenance crew is hard at work keeping the medians in exceptional condition.

We continue to use a two punch approach to maintaining the medians the first part is a regular regimen of weed killer, and the second part is good old fashioned hands on manual labor.

Facilities

The Ker McGee community center banquet halls and meeting rooms continue to see plenty of action. Just about every weekend the banquet halls are booked with all kinds of events such as: weddings, wedding receptions, charity events, symposiums, conferences, and so on. The meeting rooms seem to be becoming more and more popular with local groups and organizations as well.

The city owned senior citizens building continues to operate in conjunction with Kern County for the senior nutrition program, and for a little fun they hold weekly bingo. Also, for the senior center we have some community development block grant money to make improvements to the facility in the near future.



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs continued



Wrap up

In general the Parks & Recreation department is doing very well and moving along fine. In closing I would like to talk about on last issue. From time to time I receive an e-mail or phone call regarding the watering of our parks during the day time in the summer. The concern is we are disregarding the water ordinance that prohibits watering between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are certain instances where watering during the day is unavoidable. Some examples of reasons you may see the parks being watered during the day are: our maintenance crew works during the day which means the systems must be tested and sprinklers realigned during the day, after repairs are made the system has to be turned on to make sure the repairs are complete, power surges and power outages can cause the timer system to malfunction, this could cause the sprinklers to activate as well, lastly when

we re seed and fertilize we must keep the affected are wet at all times or the seed will simply die off. Often we have a very small window to fertilize, reseed, and repair the grounds due to all of the different activities and groups that use our limited facilities. The parks & recreation department is very sensitive to the water issue in our valley and strictly adheres to the water ordinance.

Kerr McGee
Community Center

Tuesday through Friday:
8:00am - 9:00pm

Saturdays:
8:00am - 6:00pm

CLOSED:
Sundays and
Mondays





Public Works

Rough Roads Costing Motorists Hundreds More Per Year

Driving on rough roads costs the average American motorist approximately \$400 a year in extra vehicle operating costs. Drivers living in urban areas with populations over 250,000 are paying upwards of \$750 more annually because of accelerated vehicle deterioration, increased maintenance, additional fuel consumption, and tire wear caused by poor road conditions.

Rough Roads Ahead: Fix Them Now or Pay for It Later, a report released by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and TRIP, reports that one-third of the nation's major highways, including Interstates, freeways, and major roads, are in poor or mediocre condition. Roads in urban areas, which carry 66 percent of the traffic, are in much worse shape.

"The American people are paying for rough roads multiple times," said Kirk T. Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, at a news conference held to release the report. "Rough roads lead to diminished safety, higher vehicle operating costs, and more expensive road repairs. It costs \$1 to keep a road in good shape for every \$7 you would have to spend on reconstruction. It's another drag on the economy."

The report uses the latest government statistics to show pavement conditions in all 50 states and vehicle operating costs by state and urban areas. The report also finds that:

- 30 to 60 percent of the roads in 20 of the nation's largest urban areas are in poor condition.
- 36 percent of the roads in the Detroit urban area are in poor condition. In contrast, the Los Angeles area and surrounding communities have 64 percent of their roads in poor condition.
- 61 percent of rural roads are in good condition.
- 72 percent of the Interstate Highway System is in good condition, but age, weather conditions, and burgeoning traffic are eroding ride quality.

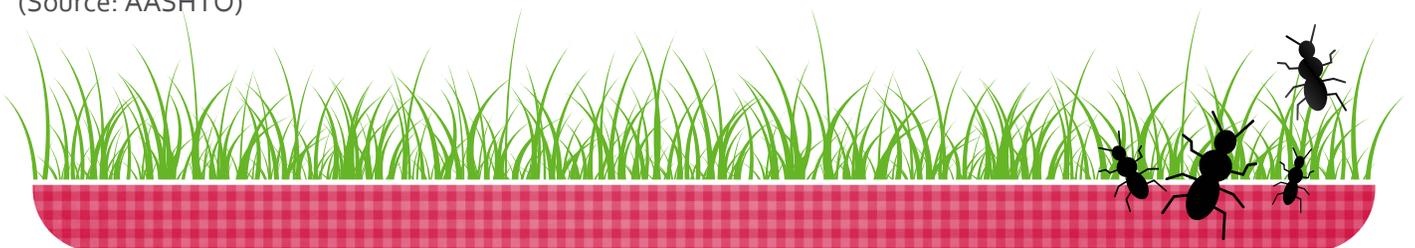
"Our nation has invested \$1.75 trillion in our public highway system over the past 50 years," said John Horsley, AASHTO Executive Director. "We hope Congress will make it possible for the federal government to sustain its share of the increased investment needed to keep America's roads in good condition. If not, it will cost the American people billions more later."

The report points out that traffic growth has far outpaced highway construction, particularly in major metropolitan areas. The number of miles driven in this country jumped more than 41 percent from 1990 to 2007 – from 2.1 trillion miles in 1990 to 3 trillion in 2007. In some parts of the country, dramatic population growth has occurred without a corresponding increase in road capacity, placing enormous pressure on roads that, in many cases, were built 50 years ago.

"The federal stimulus program is providing a helpful down payment towards repairing some of the nation's rough roads," said Frank Moretti, TRIP's Director of Policy and Research. "But it will take a significant long-term boost in investment by all levels of government to provide Americans with a smooth ride."

The full report is available at <http://roughroads.transportation.org>, along with charts, photographs, and examples from states working to improve their highway systems. Rough Roads is part of Are We There Yet? We Can Be!, AASHTO's effort to build awareness and support for the nation's transportation system.

(Source: AASHTO)



Wastewater Treatment Facility

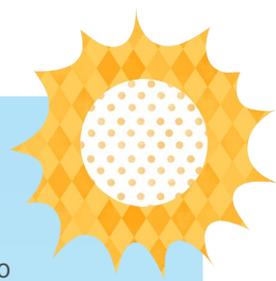
The City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Facility operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56.

The Department responded to (5) requests for service, (2) were contractor road construction related, and the others were for lateral replacement approval by homeowners and (1) main line repair by Pacific Gas & Electric.

The Department as compliance with SSMP performed line maintenance on 1,800 ft. of main line collection system.

The Reclamation Department reclaimed 8.30 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation.

The Department per Board Order # 6-93-86 conducted plant tissue testing on the fodder crop for regulatory compliance. All analysis results were within compliance parameters.



NEW PAVEMENT GOING IN ON WEST RIDGECREST BOULEVARD: MAHAN AVE TO DOWNS

Ridgerunner Transit

During July, the City of Ridgecrest Ridgerunner Transit focused on completing the Title VI Plan in order to meet new Federal mandates. Program policies were completed and submitted to the State and it is set to go before City Council in August.

In July, the Transit Department began working on replacing all the current bus stop signs with new signs that are more visible as well as bus stop kiosks at all bus stops as to provide more valuable route information.

As the summer months are slow for the Transit Department with the closure of schools, it is ideal for making system adjustments as to better serve our community. In late June, Ridgerunner Transit visited the local senior apartment complex to provide the

seniors with route information and address any concerns regarding routes. It was discovered during the meeting that the senior citizens were struggling to attend the Senior Lunch Program at the Senior Center due to route ending times. As a result, Ridgerunner Transit added an additional Senior Center drop off at the end of the 10:00 am route to allow seniors better access to the lunch program. At this time, we have seen a slight increase in senior riders to that location.

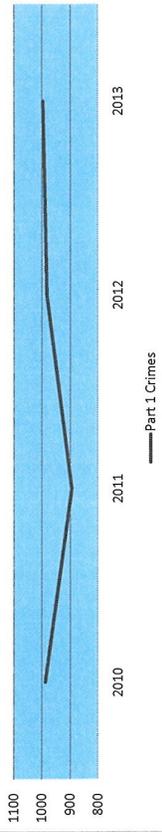


Ridgcrest Police Department Statistics

Crime

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	June 13	June 14	% Change	2013	2014	% Change
Violent Crime	42	24	-43%	205	169	-18%
Murder	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Rape	0	0	0%	6	1	-83%
Robbery	3	0	-100%	10	5	-50%
Assault	39	24	-38%	189	163	-14%
Property Crime	35	43	23%	298	224	-25%
Burglary	14	16	14%	110	66	-40%
Larceny	18	22	22%	160	132	-18%
Auto Theft	2	5	150%	21	24	14%
Arson	1	0	-100%	7	2	-71%
Part 1 Crimes	76	67	-12%	497	394	-21%

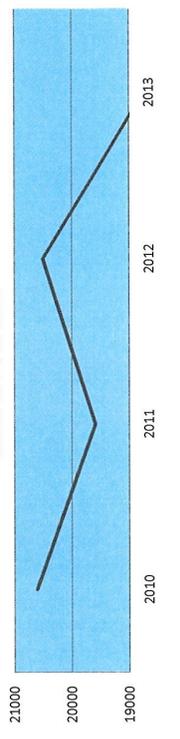
Part 1 Crimes



Performance Measures

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	June 13	June 14	% Change	2013	2014	% Change
Patrol Activity	2364	2710	15%	15440	15337	-1%
Total Incidents	1437	1641	14%	9522	8864	-7%
Calls for Service	927	1069	15%	5918	6473	9%
Officer Initiated Incidents	352	404	15%	1988	2697	36%
Traffic Stops	575	665	16%	3930	3776	-4%
Other OIA Incidents						
Reports Taken	324	383	18%	2178	2159	-1%
Total Arrests	195	245	26%	1240	1314	6%
Felony Arrests	42	68	62%	334	314	-6%
Juvenile Arrests	9	9	0%	114	84	-26%
Drug Related	17	53	212%	182	262	44%

Calls for Service



Personnel

	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
Total	49	49	0
Sworn	32	32	0
Professional Staff	17	17	0

Vacant Positions

	Status

Investigation

	Monthly			Year to Date		
	June 13	June 14	% Change	2013	2014	% Change
News Cases	319	373	17%	2079	1812	-13%
Cleared DA or Other	117	151	29%	888	615	-31%
Arrests	4	42	950%	110	155	41%
Inactivated	62	31	-50%	349	302	-13%
Active	348	88	-75%	2423	528	-78%

K-9 Deploy

	Monthly			Year to Date		
	June 13	June 14	% Change	2013	2014	% Change
Deployments	6	7	17%	28	27	-4%
Apprehensions	0	0	0%	1	2	100%
Building Searches	5	1	-80%	13	3	-77%
Vehicle Searches	0	1	100%	7	10	43%
Drug Finds	0	0	0%	5	4	-20%

Traffic

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	June 13	June 14	% Change	2013	2014	% Change
Citations	38	51	34%	333	412	24%
Moving	12	7	-42%	53	47	-11%
Non-Moving	13	3	-77%	79	48	-39%
RIMC Violation	22	14	-36%	119	101	-15%
Collisions	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Fatal	8	2	-75%	20	26	30%
Injury	11	11	0%	91	69	-24%
Non-Injury	3	1	-67%	8	6	-25%
DUI Related						

Top 5 Collision Intersections YTD

1. N. China Lake Blvd./Las Flores Ave.
2. N. China Lake Blvd./Triangle Dr.
3. N. Norma St./W. Las Flores Ave.
4. E. French Ave./Las Flores Ave.
5. La Mirage/E. French Ave.

Top 5 PCFs YTD

1. Failure to yield at intersection
2. Unsafe start/backing
3. Fail to stop at red light
4. Fail to stop at stop sign
5. DUI

Injury Traffic Collisions

