



CITY HALL NEWS

FOR CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSION MEMBERS & STAFF

OCTOBER 5, 2006

ADMINISTRATION

Silverlakes Workshop: A combined workshop including the Agency Board/City Council, Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission, will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m. at City Hall in Conference Rooms A and B to discuss options relating to the 122-acre Silverlakes Redevelopment Agency-owned property.

CITY CLERK

Consolidated General Election Early Voting: Early voting for the November 7, 2006 Consolidated General Election will take place at the Galleria at Tyler Mall in Riverside from October 21 through October 29, 2006. Voting will take place Monday—Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The location for the voting is on the lower level of the mall, next to the escalator across from The Alley. For additional information regarding the Election, go to the web site at www.election.co.riverside.ca.us/.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

• Staff has reviewed preliminary plans for development of infill housing on two sites owned by the Redevelopment Agency. One property is located at the south end of Valley View Avenue, south of First Street, and the other is located on 4160 Acacia Avenue. Approval of a variance application, requesting a waiver from the rear yard setback required in the A-1-20 zone, will be required before development is allowed on the property located at the south end of Valley View Avenue.

• Staff is putting the final comments into an Issue Paper on the City's parking standards. The Issue Paper will be making recommendations to the Planning Commission on revisions to the Municipal Code regarding parking and practices that has been used by the Planning Commission in calculation the parking for commercial business development. The first draft of the Issue Paper will be provided to the Planning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

• Staff has been having discussions with the new owner of the property located at 1550 Second Street on the south side of Second Street, adjacent to the Interstate 15 freeway. The property is the site of the "Moreno House", a California Bungalow Style house reportedly built around 1910 as a model home for a development by the Riverside Improvement Company. The Moreno House may be the only remaining house from the 1910 Riverside Improvement Company development. The owner has indicated he is willing to donate the house to the community, but wants the house moved from the property. A tour of the house by staff is scheduled for October 11 to determine what action can be taken.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

• On Monday October 9, the Fire Department will be hosting a reception to meet and welcome Battalion Chief Mike Norris to our City. The reception will be held at Fire Station 22 on Hillside Avenue from 3 - 5 p.m. Battalion Chief Norris comes to us from the City of Loma Linda, where he held the position of Fire Chief.

• September 17 thru September 30, the Norco Fire Department responded to 103 incidents as follows:

- 4 Fire Alarms
- 76 Emergency Medical Aid Calls
- 2 Hazardous Condition Calls
- 4 Calls for Service
- 12 Smoke Scare or Miscellaneous Calls
- 5 False Alarms

• A Type I Engine was sent to the "Day Fire" for approximately four days.

• Progress continues on Fire Station 21. The interior walls are painted and tile is being installed in the bathrooms. The cabinetry is being installed the week of October 9 and exterior work will be completed by October 13. The station should be completed by the end of the month with occupancy occurring shortly thereafter.

• The annual Norco Fire Department Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at Fire Station 22. Everyone is invited!

FISCAL & SUPPORT SERVICES

There's a New "MAIL" in Finance: Due to a change in U.S. postal regulations effective January 1, 2007, the mail metering machine had to be replaced. This triggered a chain of events that resulted in the discovery of a way to save on postage, using a pre-sort mailing service. It also motivated our own "Bob Villa" a.k.a. Michael Daly to build custom shelving in the workroom to accommodate the new equipment and some much-needed storage.

Public Hearing Regarding Water Rates: Under Proposition 218, notice is being sent to all owners of property in the City of Norco regarding a Public Hearing on December 6, 2006. Details of the proposed adjustments to basic water and quantity rates are included in the notice. The proposed rates reflect the City's actual cost of providing water and water-related services. Funds derived from the water rates may not be used for any other purpose. The proposed rate increases, which were approved earlier this year by the City Council, would be implemented over a three-year period of time. At the hearing, City Council will consider all written and verbal protests, and if a majority protest exists, will not implement the fee increases. The Public Hearing will be conducted as part of the regular City of Norco City Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The graffiti clean-up in town continues to take up a great deal of the Public Works Department's time.
- At the October 4th City Council Meeting, the Council made a decision to move forward with the design and construction of the water reservoir, to be located on the 3.25 acres purchased by the City in February of 2006. The site is located adjacent to the maintenance yard for the Hidden Valley Golf Course, east of Valley Drive and north of Norco Hills Road.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Riverside Sheriff's Department (Norco Office) conducted a Sobriety Checkpoint on September 29, 2006. This checkpoint began at 7:00 PM, ending on September 30, 2006, at 2:00 AM. The checkpoint was located on Hamner Avenue, north of First Street, in the City of Norco. The primary goal of the checkpoint was to screen for impaired drivers. The Office of Traffic Safety has provided grant funding for sobriety checkpoints to be conducted by local law

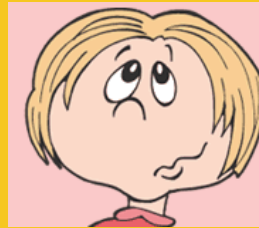
Sheriff's Department Cont.

enforcement agencies throughout the state to combat the increase in collisions involving impaired drivers.

A total of 1,250 vehicles passed through the checkpoint and one hundred and twenty-four (124) vehicles were inspected. Six (6) drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and/or drugs. Four (4) misdemeanor arrests were made for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. Six (6) misdemeanor arrest warrants were served in addition to one (1) felony arrest warrant. Two additional felony arrests were made for weapon charges and abetting a wanted felon. A total of one hundred (100) drivers were issued citations and thirty-seven (37) vehicles were impounded. A significant portion of these citations and impounds were for suspended, unlicensed, and/or uninsured drivers.



On a Personal Note: Please keep Brian Petree's family in your thoughts and prayers! Brian's step son, Staff Sergeant Kevin Pedilla, serves with the US Army Engineer Unit in Iraq. He is on his second tour of duty in Iraq.



**Who Needs a
Flu Shot?**

Free Flu Shots! For adults 60 years and older and persons with chronic medical conditions — November 15th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riley Gymnasium. Also available in limited supply is a pneumonia and Td (tetanus & diphtheria) Booster shot. The vaccine clinic is provided by the Riverside County Community Health Agency Department of Public Health. For information, call (888) 246-1215. (Children 9 years old and under should attend the children's immunization clinics.)

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our **Youth Basketball League** is in full swing with registrations, coach orientations, referee clinics, skill ratings, drafts and much more! We are excited to announce that we have almost 200 participants in our Pee Wee/ Instructional divisions; games will begin on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Enrollment for Boys and Girls divisions A, B, and C are still being conducted. Skills ratings will be held the week of October 23-26 for boys and girls ages 8-14 years old. Volunteers are the key to our success! Come join the success as a volunteer coach!

Wee People continued through the alphabet. Children are getting quicker to recognize the letters from previous weeks. We focused our lessons on letter "D" and "E". Since it's the beginning of the month, children made calendars with ghosts and goblins for their parents to hang on their refrigerators. Story time included books about ducks and elephants. Trish Ridge, our supervisor, bought our classes new sing-along books. The sets include themes such as "Back to School", "Jack and the Sack", and "Funny Frog". Another set includes all basic shapes for children to learn about. Titles include "Cindy Circle", "Suzie Square", and "Stella Star". The kids love these new books and tunes to sing to! Destiny, a child in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday Blue Class, brought pictures of her new Labrador puppies. The kids couldn't get enough!

Wee Twos finger painted with yellow paint to create a duck. The ducks decorated the classroom nicely! During outside time, children took their elephants they made for crafts on a walk! The kids practiced elephant noises and walks. While outside, Troy Potter stopped to check out a caterpillar on the concrete. Before any other children could see it, Troy lifted up his shoe, stomped on the caterpillar, and continued walking as if nothing happened! What a laugh that was!

Kids Club and Kids Zone kids switched tracks at the beginning of the month. To keep these kids busy and entertained, teachers created the themes "Space Martian" and "Monster" weeks. The kids loved making rockets, creating planets, mixing ingredients to make gloop, and dressing up like Frankenstein! Field trips included watching a movie at the local movie theatre and bowling at Brunswick Lanes on Hamner Avenue.

T.G.I.F. kids are getting quite fit and flexible! Warm up activities include stretches and fitness frenzy. Our sport for the month is basketball. At the beginning of the day, teachers reviewed rules and basic skills for the game. Kids split up into teams and created a team name. Teachers passed out jerseys for teams to wear and easily recognizable on the court. We held practice for kids to improve their dribble and shooting skills.

After the sun goes down on Saturday, October 7th at **Kids Night Out**, children will lay on their backs on the grass to count the stars in the sky. After all the stars had been counted, children will make their very own stars for craft time! With a little glitter and glue, a star was born! For our Friday the 13th evening, we will hold a costume party! Children will pick out costumes and create new ones with different pieces from each set. Once their outfits are complete, the children will parade around the classroom. By applause, the children will vote on which costume they think is the most creative. The winner will receive a bag full of candy.

Our **Teen Dance** will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 6-10pm at Riley Gymnasium. This event is open to all 6th through 9th grade kids. Admission is only \$5.00!

On Friday October, 13, 2006, **Party Parners** will bowl the night away with friends and family. Party Parners will have the chance to bowl right here in one of the City's finest bowling alleys, The Norco Senior Center! Participants will enjoy bowling, music, dancing and food! Any one up for trick or treating? Well, here at Party Parners we are! On Friday, October 27, 2006, in lure of the Halloween spirit the participants will play carnival games, win treats, and compete in a costume contest. Come join us for some spooky times!

Wow, are our seniors active at the **Senior Center**! Excursions for the month of October include a trip to the Palm Springs Tram, a Pirate Adventure dinner, Casino Morongo and the Annual Oktoberfest in beautiful Big Bear. On Thursday September 28, 2006, the Seniors ended their summer with a Western Hoe Down. Approximately 50 participants showed up in their western gear, spurs and all! Homemade chili and potato cheddar soup catered by Sixth Street Deli was prepared to our lik'n. Country Western music was provided along with raffle prizes and an overall kick'n heels time! Preparation for our October luncheon is underway with a magician act, spooktacula food, rat-ifying raffles and a kooky costume contest for all participants. Sign ups are now being taken at the Senior Center office or reservations can be made by calling 951-270-5647.



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONT.

★ On September 21, 2006 Deputy Johnson arrested a 52-year-old male of Riverside on Sixth Street and California for driving under the influence.

★ On September 21, 2006 Deputy Rodriguez arrested a 62-year-old male of Tustin in the 1200 block of Hamner for vandalism.

★ On September 21, 2006 Deputy Devine arrested a 40-year-old female of Hesperia on Vine and Bluff for being in possession and transportation of a controlled substance.

★ On September 22, 2006 Deputy Marker arrested a 24-year-old male of Minneapolis, Maryland on Hamner and Commerce for driving under the influence.

★ On September 22, 2006 Deputy Coronado arrested a 25-year-old female of Mission Viejo on Second and the I-15 freeway for driving under the influence.

★ On September 22, 2006 Deputy Postoian arrested a 52-year-old male of Corona on Lampton and Hamner for outstanding warrants.

★ On September 22, 2006 Deputy Johnson arrested a 45-year-old male of Norco on Sixth Street and Hillside for being in possession of methamphetamine, marijuana and an opium pipe, violation of probation, and for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

★ On September 23, 2006 Deputy Postoian arrested a 47-year-old male on Parkridge for outstanding warrants.

★ On September 23, 2006 Deputy Marker arrested a 47-year-old female of Norco on Sixth Street and the I-15 freeway for driving under the influence.

★ On September 23, 2006 Deputy Marker arrested a 26-year-old female of Riverside on Sixth Street and the I-15 freeway for driving under the influence.

★ On September 27, 2006 Deputy Torres arrested an 18-year-old male of Corona in the Santa Ana Riverbed for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

★ On September 28, 2006 Deputy Gomez arrested a 25-year-old female of Bloomington on River and Lincoln in Corona for kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon, and being in possession of stolen property and a loaded handgun.

★ On September 28, 2006 Deputy Gomez arrested a 23-year-old female of San Bernardino on River and Lincoln in Corona for kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon, and being in possession of stolen property and a loaded handgun.

★ On September 29, 2006 Deputy Johnson arrested a 21-year-old female of Norco on Second and Hamner for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

★ On September 30, 2006 Deputy Devine arrested a 45-year-old female of Corona on Hamner and Commerce for accessory to a felony crime.

★ On October 1, 2006 Deputy Marker arrested a 31-year-old male of Corona in the 2800 block of Clark for resisting a peace officer.

★ On October 2, 2006 Deputy Walls arrested a 35-year-old male of Corona on Parkridge and Hamner for an outstanding warrant.

★ On October 3, 2006 Deputy Kennedy arrested an 18-year-old male of Mira Loma in the 3700 block of Hamner for robbery and conspiracy.

★ On October 4, 2006 Deputy Schroeder arrested a 36-year-old male on Second and Hamner for forgery of an official seal and driving under the influence.

★ On October 4, 2006 Deputy Schroeder arrested a 28-year-old female of Riverside on Second and Hamner for outstanding warrants.

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