



City Hall Advance

Current & Upcoming Projects/News from Carpinteria City Hall August 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration

Candidate Filing Period Closes August 6

The City Council Candidate filing period is scheduled to close Friday, August 6. Should one or more of the incumbents choose to not file to run for re-election, the filing period will be extended one week to Friday, August 11.



City Officials to Tour Clipper Windpower, Inc.

As a part of its ongoing business retention program, City officials are scheduled to visit Clipper Windpower offices at 6305 Carpinteria Avenue on August 25th. During these visits, City officials seek to learn about how it may assist local businesses in operating successfully in Carpinteria.

Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Linden-Casitas Pass Freeway Interchange Replacement Project Complete

After extensive study and public comment, the environmental analysis for this major capital project has been completed by CalTrans. The Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass freeway interchanges are scheduled to be demolished and replaced with larger interchanges by 2016. The projects also include the creation of a continuous frontage road on the north side of Highway 101 through the extension of Via Real from east of Carpinteria Creek to Casitas Pass and from Vallecito Road to Linden Avenue. The interchange replacements are a part of a larger freeway modernization and expansion effort that includes adding High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes from Mussel Shoals to Carpinteria Creek, and the addition of a third lane in each direction, from Santa Barbara to Carpinteria. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2020. The document is expected to be available by early August at City Hall, on the City website, www.carpinteria.ca.us, and at the CalTrans project website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/linden_casitas/index.htm. The development application for the project is expected to be filed with the City later this summer and the City's public review process will begin later this year.

City Clerk and Human Resource Administrator/Risk Manager Candidate Interviews Scheduled

The City will conduct interviews with candidates for these open positions August 12th-13th, and 19th-20th , respectively. The City is seeking to fill the positions by the end of September.

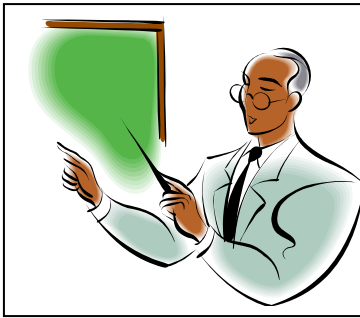
Carpinteria's CERT Program Manager to be Recognized

Kris McGuire, the City's Emergency and Volunteer Services Coordinator is scheduled to be recognized by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors at its meeting of Tuesday, August 3rd. The Carpinteria Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, now also offered in Spanish, provides Carpinteria residents with disaster preparedness information and training, with an expectation that a prepared community is integral to an effective emergency preparedness strategy.

Tentative City Council Agenda Matters for August

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 644, regarding public consumption and open alcoholic beverage containers in public places
- A Resolution to establish two passenger loading zones on Seventh Street in the Downtown.
- Consideration of the cancellation of the regular City Council meeting of August 23, 2010
- Consideration of an award of bid for the Tomol Park Development project at Linden Field
- Consideration of a rate increase request by E.J. Harrison & Sons, the City's franchise trash hauler
- A progress report on the City's 2010 Work Program
- Annual meeting of the Carpinteria Public Improvement Corporation (CPIC)

A S S I S T A N T T O T H E C I T Y M A N A G E R & E C O N O M I C D E V E L O P M E N T



The Assistant to the City Manager is currently on vacation.

P U B L I C W O R K S D E P A R T M E N T

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Pavement Maintenance

The Department of Public Works is preparing to begin a major pavement rehabilitation project in August. In June, the City Council awarded a \$664,432.58 contract to Berry General Engineering for the 2009 ARRA Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The project is funded by the 2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, a federal grant, and local Measure D funds. The project consists of grinding and overlaying Santa Ynez Avenue north of Carpinteria Avenue and Casitas Pass Road north of US 101.

The Department of Public Works also completed a year-long study of the condition of the roadway pavements maintained by the City. The City maintains 28 centerline miles of roadway with approximately 5,411,915 square feet of pavement. The pavement alone (not including other infrastructure such as curb, gutter and sidewalks) represents an asset with a replacement value of approximately \$70,000,000. Data from the study was entered into a pavement management database software program that will allow the City to understand the condition of the pavement as

well as plan strategies for maintaining the pavement. The next step is to develop alternative pavement maintenance strategies with the accompanying financial information.

Grants

The Department of Public Works recently submitted two grant applications. An application was submitted in the Spring of 2010 for the Carpinteria Avenue Bridge-over-Carpinteria Creek Replacement Project. The bridge has been added to the Federal Highway Administration's Eligible Bridge List and has been added to the Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP) administered by the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). Once the FTIP has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration, we will apply for authorization to begin preliminary engineering. We will be working on the request for authorization to proceed this August.

The Department of Public Works also submitted a Safe Routes to School grant application to CalTrans for state funds for the Calle Ocho/Concha Loma Drive intersection improvements. The project includes formalizing the recent striping improvements made to the intersection. We will also continue to work on Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E grants for Clean Water projects.

Projects

The Department of Public Works is working on the following projects:

- Public Works New Vehicle Lift Foundation Design (August)
- Eighth Street Bridge Pile Removal Project (September–October)
- Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass Road Interchanges Project Via Real Alternative Alignment Design (August)
- Third Street and Ash Avenue Conceptual Design (Fall 2010)
- Ash Avenue Sidewalk In-fill Project (September)

STREET MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The Road Crews in the Street Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works will be working on the following in the month of August:

- Painting-School Thermo Legends/Crossings
- Tree Watering (continue)
- Neighborhood Concrete Sidewalk Replacements
- Barricade Maintenance/Repairs
- Painting-Crossing Ladders, Stop Bars
- First Friday Display
- Striping/Tees/Stalls/Beach Ends/Linden/City Hall
- Resume Tree Trimming (Bird Nesting Season End)
- Dead-End Cleanup/Inspections

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PLANNING & BUILDING

Planning Commission



The Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, August 2nd. The Commission will consider a comprehensive remodel for the Islands Apartments complex on the 200 block of Linden Avenue, across from Linden Field. There are currently eight apartments units there; four on the ground floor and four on the second floor. The owners propose to merge the four upstairs units into one unit and continue to rent out the four units on the ground floor after the remodel.

Chevron/Venoco Soil Remediation Project

The Chevron/Venoco Soil Remediation project at the Former Nursery Area will be ready for hearing at the Planning Commission meeting of Tuesday, September 7th. The Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday.

Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board will hold its regular meetings on August 12th and August 26th in the Council Chamber. On August 12th, the ARB will review preliminary plans for Peoples' Self-Help Housing's Casas del las Flores Apartments located on Via Real (at the Carpinteria Camper Park).

City Council

In September, staff will present an update to the Affordable Housing Policies and Procedures to the City Council. Also in September, staff will bring back the Neighborhood Preservation Committee recommendations for discussion by Council.

Linden-Casitas Interchanges Project

CalTrans will hold a Project Design Team meeting in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, August 18th. The Team will discuss the finalization of the Linden-Casitas Interchanges Project EIR and next steps in the permit and design review phases of the process.

SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategies

SBCAG will host another meeting for the Technical Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) that continues to work on the SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the County. The California Air Resources Board issued draft reduction target ranges for the state on a region-by-region basis. With input from SBCAG and TPAC, those targets will be finalized in September. Following the final target setting, cities and counties, through their regional agency (SBCAG for SB County), will develop land use strategies to meet the reduction targets in the short-term (2020) and long-term (2035).

Zoning Code Update

Contract Planner Nancy Minick will be pulling together the Zoning Code Update over the next two months with the goal of a public release of the document in early fall. Details of the public review kick-off have not yet been established.

Reality Church Conditional Use Permit

The church has submitted an application to amend their existing Conditional Use Permit to allow for an expansion of use at their existing location. The project will be presented to the Inter-Departmental Advisory Group in August and reviewed for application completeness. Once the application is determined to be complete, staff will begin the environmental review process.



CODE COMPLIANCE

Single Family Rental Housing Inspection Program

Code Compliance will begin work on Zone 2 of the Single Family Rental Housing Inspection Program, which includes all single-family homes used as rental units that are located north of the highway between Santa Ynez and Linden Avenues.

Municipal Code Enforcement

Code Compliance Officers will continue to enforce the Municipal Code at City Beach and all of our parks, including timed parking, smoking regulations and the dog waste and leash laws. Patrols with the Community Services Officer are also planned for August.

Demolition of Substandard House

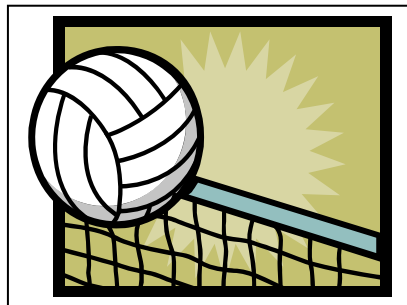
Staff is still working to arrange the demolition of the substandard house on Ninth Street or work with a new property owner to complete the demolition voluntarily. At 4800 Dorrance Way, a demolition, by the property owner, is voluntarily taking place and is expected to be completed by mid-August, again due to substandard conditions at the residence.

Industrial Research Park Compliance Orders

In response to a neighbor complaint, City staff sent notices to four property owners in the Industrial Research Park to address issues of non-compliance with previous permit approvals. Most of the issues relate to unpermitted changes to site landscaping (i.e., removal of trees without replanting), installation of barbed-wire fencing (which is not allowed in the City), outdoor storage of materials, and minor building additions constructed without permits. All of these matters are on a time schedule to be addressed over the next two months.

P A R K S & R E C R E A T I O N

In August, the Parks and Recreation Department Announces the following events will occur:



1. Saturday, August 7th, is the last day of Junior Lifeguards, and on that day they will have their end of the Summer Evening BBQ and Swim at the Carpinteria Community Pool. It is a potluck lunch affair.
2. August 6th and 13th Night Swimming.
On Friday August 6th and Friday August 13th, the Community Pool will stay open until 10pm. It's a great way to come with the family and relax and socialize. The pool takes on a whole different feel in the night air that is quite therapeutic.
3. Tuesday evening August 10th, the Carpinteria Aquatics Club will be hosting a Water Polo Scrimmage Tournament. This is a fun way to come and watch water polo. The tournament is a great example of the growth of the Carpinteria Aquatics Club that has been well attended all summer.

4. Local youth summer camps, including the Fun in the Sun, Boys and Girls Club, and Cornerstone's Happy Adventure Camp are scheduled to bring their groups to the pool for recreational swims in the month of August.
5. The City Council will hear a report on the progress made recently on the Tomol Interpretive Play Area and consider awarding a construction contract. This project is related to the Palm-to-Linden Trail Project that was recently awarded \$300,000 for construction purposes through the Recreational Trails Program.
6. August will also bring much preparation effort for the Carpinteria Triathlon. August is when event coordination is critical to produce a successful event.