



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Thursday, September 29, 2011

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: September 29, 2011

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

City Officials Present Best Practices at Industry Conferences

- At last week's League of California Cities annual conference, Mayor Tom Chavez and City Attorney Eric Vail discussed the city's recently adopted ethics protocols, or rules of conduct for council members and board commissioners. Mayor Chavez explained that the standards – which establish rules for fair, open and ethical government – exceed the requirements of state law and prevent improprieties (like bribery) from happening again.
- This week, Assistant City Attorney Greg Murphy and Assistant to the City Manager / Economic Development Manager Brian Haworth presented at the California Redevelopment Association's *Introduction to Redevelopment* seminar. Mr. Murphy provided a legal perspective on the due diligence required to adopt or amend a redevelopment plan, while Mr. Haworth discussed his personal strategies to successfully manage redevelopment plan adoptions and amendments.
- Community Development Director Steve Masura will present tomorrow at the Los Angeles County Bike Summit. Mr. Masura will highlight the City's innovative strategy to obtain grant funding for protected bike lanes, and how to incorporate such amenities into a capital improvement project (or in Temple City's case, the Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project).

Weekly Update: Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

Preparations are nearing completion for the October 6 Rosemead Blvd. community meeting. For more information, please refer to the City Calendar section.

We learned this week that the City's \$1.3 million funding request did not qualify for the state's extremely competitive urban greening grant. If awarded, the funds could have free up project money for more amenities like public art and pedestrian lighting.

Staff is considering applying for the same grant funds next year, possibly for Rosemead Blvd. or other locations including Las Tunas Dr. The funds provide for trees, landscaping and other components that make the community greener.

City Calendar: Week of October 3

October 4: Street Tree Trimming Starts in Area 4
West Coast Arborists is scheduled to begin street tree trimming in Area 4 (bound by Daines Dr., Lower Azusa Rd., Baldwin Ave. and Temple City Blvd.). *No Parking* signs will be posted 48 hours in advance to inform residents of tree trimming activities. More info: Rob Cruse, (626) 285-2171, ext. 2360.

Donation Drives Begin for the Holiday Season

Join the City in helping those less fortunate by donating items to *Sock-O-Rama* and the *Santa's Claws and Paws* drive.

Sock-O-Rama will benefit homeless individuals and families in need. Donations are requested for packaged toothbrushes and toothpaste, NEW men's t-shirts, and NEW socks for men, women and children.

Santa's Claws and Paws will assist the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society. Dry dog and cat food, non-clumping cat litter, and towels and thin bed sheets are appreciated.

Donations will be accepted through December 16. Collection boxes are located at City Hall and Live Oak Park Community Center. More info: Debbie Ingram, (626) 285-2171, ext. 2362.

City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

Newsy items include a contract to conduct a comprehensive downtown parking study, and the consideration of an advertising and amortization agreement for a new billboard at 5302 Rosemead Blvd. More info: Jose Pulido, (626) 285-2171, ext. 2322.

October 6: Community Meeting, 7 and 8 p.m., Live Oak Park Community Center
See the updated design that transform Rosemead Blvd. from an asphalt highway to a pedestrian-friendly corridor with new landscaping, sidewalks, protected bike lanes and public art. The meeting will also discuss project's construction schedule for 2012. Two sessions will be held: English at 7 p.m., Chinese at 8 p.m. More info: Brian Haworth, (626) 285-2171, ext. 2323

October 8: Free Toilet Giveaway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Covina High School
Residents can receive up to two (2) high-efficiency toilets for free. Toilets will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Restrictions apply. More info: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, (866) 308-8391.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION DIVISION

Selected Case Activity

In order to show the increased amount of work done by the Community Preservation Division, this section highlights one or two cases (residential and commercial) that, through the diligent efforts of community preservation staff, brought properties into compliance. Highlighted cases are those that exhibit negative impacts to neighborhoods and business corridors through their appearance and/or dilapidated conditions. For example:

Residential Case Log: 4817 Agnes St.

September 5: A code compliance notice was issued for inadequate landscaping and overgrown vegetation (i.e., dry palm fronds).

September 22: A follow-up inspection indicated adequately maintained landscaping and the removal of dry palm fronds.



(Before)
Dry palm fronds.



(After)
Palm tree trimmed and fronds removed.

Commercial Case Log: 9568 Las Tunas Dr.

September 8: During a business license inspection, a code compliance notice was issued for broken neon signage and a façade in disrepair.

September 27: A follow-up inspection indicated a repainted façade and the removal of broken neon lighting.



(Before)
Peeling/chipping paint and non-operable lighting.



(After)
Repainted front façade and repaired lighting.

PLANNING DIVISION

At the September 27 Planning Commission meeting, staff conducted a *Planning 101* presentation that focused on the roles and responsibilities of both the Planning Commission and city staff. Other topics included the General Plan, Zoning Code, Downtown Specific Plan, California Environmental Quality Act and development entitlements (i.e. conditional use permits, zoning variances, etc.).

[Click here](#) to view the presentation slides. Please note that the cover slide includes a link to the meeting's audio file, which narrates the presentation.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Monthly Law Enforcement Summary Report

The Sheriff's Department provides the City Council with a monthly report regarding city public safety issues. Below are items from their recent report.

Targeted Operations. During September, the Sheriff's Department conducted a parole and probation compliance check; targeted traffic enforcement at Olive St./Arden Dr. and Cloverly School; and co-hosted an Area Neighborhood Watch Meeting in Area 6.

Crime Trends and Statistics. Below is the number of Part 1 crimes that occurred during the month of July:

Robbery	2	Assault	2
Residential Burglary	8	Commercial Burglary	1
Grand Theft	2	Grand Theft Auto	4
Vehicle Burglary	3		

For the period of January 1, 2011 – August 31, 2011, the Sheriff's Department made 561 arrests, compared to 357 arrests for the same period in 2010. This represents a continued and proactive enforcement effort.

Traffic Statistics. The number of traffic citations issued and the total number of traffic collisions continue to decrease. For the period of January 1, 2011 to July 30, 2011, the Sheriff's Department issued 1,811 citations and handled 176 traffic collision investigations, compared to 3,638 citations and 208 collisions for the same period in 2010.

Next month, the Sheriff's Department will conduct enforcement operations focused on curfew, burglary and theft suppression, and targeted traffic and pedestrian enforcement. In addition to the focused operations, the Sheriff's Department will co-host an Area Neighborhood Watch meeting for Area 9. Details are forthcoming.

Invasive Species Alert: Asian Tiger Mosquito

The Asian tiger mosquito, known for its black body and white stripes, was recently sighted in an El Monte neighborhood. The mosquito is capable of carrying several viruses including dengue fever, West Nile Virus and yellow fever.

Although local vector control districts are doing their part to eradicate the mosquito, officials are also urging residents to dump out containers holding standing water. The mosquito is known to lay eggs in small water filled holes.

To report a sighting of the mosquito, call the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector and Control District at (626) 814-9466.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Walter P. Temple Bust Dedication

A ceremony to dedicate a bronze bust of city founder Walter P. Temple is tentatively scheduled as part of the October 22 Family Fall Festival. The bust will be incorporated into the new monument sign under construction at Temple City Park.

Details on the dedication ceremony are forthcoming.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agenda Forecast
2. Crime Blotter
3. Issued Yard Sale Permits

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR**October 4, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting**

Outdoor Advertising Sign Amortization Agreement

Citywide Traffic Calming Master Plan Agreement

Downtown Parking & Strategic Plan Agreement

Approval of Permits for Use of County Parking Lot: 2011 Fall Festival & 2012 Camellia Festival

Consultant Services Agreement for Development of an Emergency Preparedness Plan

October 18, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

City Work Plan Quarterly Progress Report

Public Hearing: Budget Reserve Policy

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report

Quarterly Financial Reports

Community Preservation Update

CRIME REPORTS
09/18/11-09/24/11

09-18-11

A Grand Theft of a bicycle occurred in the 5200 block of Halifax Rd. The victim left his unlocked bicycle leaning against his garage, prior to leaving his residence. When he returned home, he noticed his bicycle was gone

09-19-11

Deputies arrested a suspect for Unlawful Oral Copulation, Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a Minor and False Imprisonment, in the 5700 block of Temple City Bl. The victim said she met the suspect in her country of El Salvador. The suspect said he needed a caretaker to help him in the United States. The suspect said he would educate the victim in the United States and send money back home to her family. The suspect helped the victim get into the United States illegally. When the victim arrived in the United States, she realized the suspect lied about his intentions and held her captive as a sex slave. The victim said she managed to escape and ran to a nearby neighbor's house. This is an on-going investigation. The suspect is a resident of Temple City.

A Vandalism occurred at La Rosa School in the 9300 block of La Rosa Dr. The principal said two windows in class room #9 were broken out and two beer bottles were found inside the classroom. There were 4 separate door strike plates damaged, which appeared to be an attempt to gain entry into the class rooms. The principal will review the school video surveillance for any suspect information.

Deputies arrested a suspect for Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sales, Transportation of a Controlled Substance and Unlicensed Driver, at Baldwin Av/Live Oak Av. The suspect was driving a vehicle with expired registration, no driver's license and had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The suspect additionally possessed 27 Codeine pills without a prescription and a received a text message to sell pills. The suspect is a resident from the city of Pasadena.

09-21-11

A Vandalism occurred in the 8800 block of Las Tunas Dr. The victim said she parked her vehicle and exited. She later re-entered her vehicle and drove home. When she arrived home, she discovered a one foot long dent on the rear passenger door that was not present when she parked her vehicle.

A Residential Burglary occurred in the 9400 block of Las Tunas Dr. The victim and his girlfriend are going through a separation. The victim's front door was forced open. The girlfriend's younger sister was seen by witnesses carrying items from the victim's apartment to her vehicle. This is an on-going investigation

Deputies arrested a MA/41 for Violating a Domestic Violence Restraining Order, in the 6100 block of Reno Av. The victim has a restraining order against the suspect to stay away from her and her property. The suspect has disobeyed the court order two times within a one week period. The suspect is a resident of the city of San Gabriel.

Deputies arrested a FH/25 for Conspiracy and Burglary (shoplifting), in the 5600 block of Rosemead Bl. The suspect, her mother, and her mother's friend all agreed to enter the business and steal DVD's, then sell them for cash and split the money. The suspect was caught by store security, but the mother and her friend got away when security tried to detain them. There is surveillance video of the incident. The suspect is a resident of the city of Altadena and her mother is a resident of the city of Pasadena. This is an on-going investigation.

09-22-11

A Stolen Vehicle License Plate occurred in the 5700 block of Sultana Av. The victim believes his vehicle rear license plate was stolen from his vehicle, while it was parked in his driveway of his residence.

Deputies arrested a MH/24 for Possession of False Identification to Conceal True Citizenship and Forgery of Public or Corporate Seal. The suspect was detained for a vehicle code violation. The suspect was in possession of two false social security cards with different names and two permanent resident cards with two different names and birthdates, containing a photograph of suspect. The suspect admitted to buying the documents to work in the United States. The suspect is a resident of the city of Arcadia

09-23-11

A Disobedience of a Court Order occurred in the 4900 block of Halifax Rd. The victim said she has a Court Order against the suspect. The order says specifically, the suspect cannot change his address without prior knowledge of the court. The victim sent the suspect updated paperwork, but the paperwork was returned stating he no longer living at the address. The victim and suspect have a child in common. This is an on-going investigation.

09-24-11

Deputies arrested a MH/19 for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, in the 6000 block of Bartlett Av. The location is a group home for foster children and mentally disabled. The victim and suspect got into an argument, when the suspect punched the victim in the face, then kneed him in the face. The victim sustained a 2" laceration, under his eye. The suspect has a prior assault against the victim and against staff. The suspect trains in mixed martial arts. The suspect is a resident of the city of Temple City.

TEMPLE CITY	2009	2010	2011 / To Date
Murder	0	0	0
A.D.W.	36	36	20 11(Non Domestic)
Robbery			
Armed	5	4	10
Strong Arm	15	13	5
Burglary			
Residential	129	95	59
Other	47	45	18
Vehicle	56	81	47
Grand Theft Auto	86	36	21
Vandalism			
\$400.00 +	35	37	9
\$399.00 -	51	37	24
Other Thefts			
\$950.00 +	61	77	22
\$899.00 -	77	96	78



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: September 30, 2011

FROM: SANDRA SCOTT, CUSTOMER SVC REP.

SUBJECT: YARD SALE PERMITS ISSUED: SEPT. 30 TO OCT. 2

Yard Sale Address	Date
4946 Birchland Pl.	10/1
9720 Daines Dr.	10/1 & 10/2
10147 La Rosa	10/1
9977 Live Oak Ave.	10/1 & 10/2
9914 Live Oak Ave.	10/2
5621 Temple City Blvd.	10/1 & 10/2