

The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



January 2010

City Manager/Administration

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CITY MANAGER JANUARY MTGS.

- Jan 02 - Congressman McCarthy's Visit to Ridgecrest
- Jan 06 - CITY COUNCIL Cancelled
- Jan 06 - Benz Mtg.
- Jan 07 - Kirshmeier Mtg.
- Jan 11 - John Landry Mtg.
- Jan 14 - Tom Mulvihill Mtg.
- Jan 21 - Benz Mtg.
- Jan 25 - Doug Lueck Mtg.
- Jan 26 - Wal-Mart Mtg.
- Jan 27 - Lemieux Teleconference



Interim City Manager

Interim City Manager Rose - Kern Council of Governments will host their annual Regional Awards ceremony at the Petroleum Club in Bakersfield on March 4, 2009 celebrating those who have improved our quality of life. Receiving an award for "Lifetime Achievement: Public Official" is retired City Manager Michael Avery. Congratulations to Mike! Due to the

holiday season, one Council meeting took place in January. During this meeting I introduced an ordinance asking the City Council to exercise its right to approve the Wal-Mart initiative and adopt the ordinance in lieu of an election, thus avoiding another 6 month delay in this project. In addition, having passed Ordinance No. 09-01 mandating curbside solid waste and recycling service, the City Council was asked to approve a resolution that establishes certain policies for the administration of this Ordinance. Once the resolution is adopted, staff can craft an application for exemption/refund/credit/adjustment.

Administration



Ann Taylor - I am still currently in the recruiting process for a City Manager and City Engineer. Continue to research for grants and funds for the city. I continue to work on the golden Handshake for several employees. Resubmitted to the State for reimbursement for 5311 funds totaling \$66,041.00.



Eva Peterson – Composed formal letter of invitation to President Obama inviting him to join the City of Ridgecrest celebrate Armed Forces Day. Set up meetings with CIWMB, Flanigan Law Firm and Assembly member Jean Fuller for Council members traveling to Sacramento.



Karen Guidangen - Recruitment for City Manager is still on-going and we have narrowed our search for a City Engineer. Waste Water has an opening for Operator I which we will begin recruitment soon. ICMA has not gotten back with me yet for a date of when they will be coming out. I will let you know as soon as I receive confirmation from them. There are several retirement seminars going on throughout Southern California through CalPERS. I have placed flyers in the Kitchen and out to the Departments if anyone is interested. Budget time is upon us again and with that negotiations will soon begin. In Risk Management we have 30 Workers' Compensation claims with 1 new claim opened this month for a total of 31 opened claims. I have begun reviewing all opened claims in preparation for upcoming udit. Completion of all insurance renewals have been done and we are ready for the next coming fiscal year. Thank you always for your support. Have a great day!

ADMINISTRATION

Harvey Rose Int. City Manager	Eva Peterson Exec. Secretary
Rachel Ford City Clerk	Pat Anderson HR Clerk
Ann Taylor Adm. Analyst III	Craig Bradley MIS Manager
Karen Guidangen HR/Risk Mgmt.	_____

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MIS

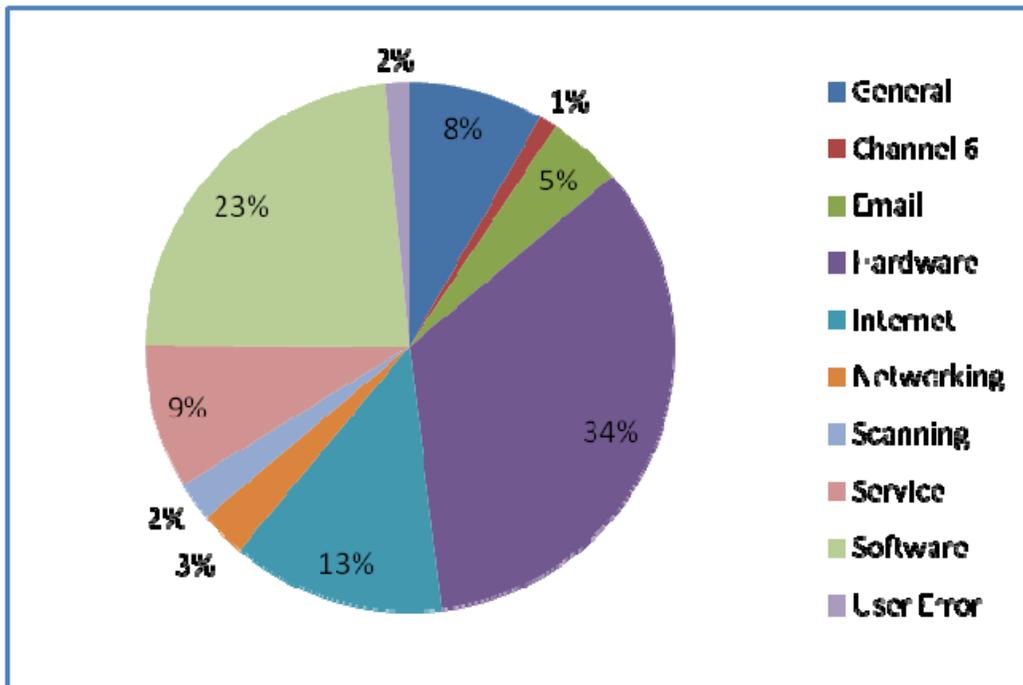
Of late MIS' primary focus has been on the Channel 6 project. This project is dedicated to the on-air broadcasts over UHF bands in the local IWV. In conjunction with the IWV TV Boosters and SSUSD, current programming of local government channel 6 will be expanded beyond the boundaries of closed circuit cable and allow local residents to receive channel 6 broadcasts with the use of a UHF antenna.

The first stage of this project will incorporate a directional antenna located at City Hall providing a signal to the IWV TV Boosters' translator atop Laurel Mountain. The signal will then be rebroadcasted to cover the entire IWV.

The second stage will include an Omni-directional antenna that will provide a local signal directly from City Hall. This will further enhance the system to include emergency broadcast capabilities during conditions of earthquakes, floods, etc. With an Emergency Alert System (EAS) in place, the City will become eligible for grant funding to further expand this community service.

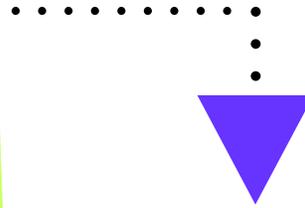
The project is 80% complete and is currently waiting on FCC licensing approvals before going inline in March.

In the second quarter of this fiscal year MIS handled 462 case calls sorted in the categories depicted in the graph below:



This performance in calls for service indicates some increase in activity however somewhat standard over this holiday period of the fiscal year. Note should be taken to a steady increase in Hardware calls. This stat indicates over-due replacements

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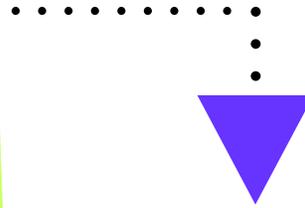


*Ridgecrest Parks, Recreation,
& Cultural Affairs
Department*



RPRD

Director's Scoop



The Scoop...

The Director says, to not lose the vision of the future. To not forget what a majority of the members of the community are asking for. To remember why we are here, and the strong beliefs we have...

Look at all the Park Improvements that will happen in this community. Keep the faith and make it happen!



A LASTING PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE YOUTH OF
OUR COMMUNITY

PARKS & RECREATION



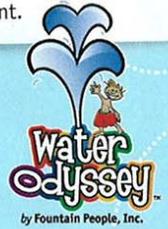
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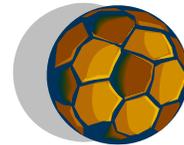
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**SPRING SOCCER &
VOLLEYBALL BEGIN**



Spring Soccer

Sign-ups: Feb 1 - Feb 23. **Ages:** 5 - 14 years.
Season: Apr 5 - May 15. Practice one night a week with games on Friday nights or Saturdays
Fee: \$50 1st child, \$45 for each additional child



Volleyball

Sign-ups: Feb 1 - Feb 18. **Ages:** 9 - 19 years
Season: Mar 15 - May 1.
Fee: \$50 1st child, \$45 each additional child.

This years league is sponsored by
Gary Charlon State Farm Insurance.



**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
LEAGUE BEGINS**

**High School
Coed
Basketball League**

Sign-ups: Jan 19 - Feb 11 **Ages:** 14 - 18
Season: Mar 13 - May 1
Fee: \$55 per person
Additional Info: Mandatory Draft Feb 19 5:00pm



Maintenance Report



1. Things have been busy, as usual in parks Maintenance dept. this past month a larger than normal amount of spray paint tagging type vandalism has been occurring at Upjohn Park bathrooms and Jackson Park bathrooms, a loss of man hours and productive time is spent cleaning and painting over these areas.
2. Workers at the KMCC Facility have been putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls of the gymnasium which is about 80% done expected to be finished by the end of the month.
3. Pre season prep of the Pinney Pool facility is complete and ready for Burros High School swim team to start their season.
4. Winter turf maintenance with dethatching and sweeping the grass has begun in all parks.
5. At the KMCC Little League Facility three new poles have been set and catch netting will be installed down the outside of the left outfield fence of the Bronco field, keeping any stray long hits from entering onto Downs street.
6. Workers have been very busy preparing all the facilities for the upcoming spring programs, soccer/softball leagues& high school/ basketball/ volleyball/ little league/Burros swim team.



*Vandalism at
Leroy Jackson Park*

> BY FRED ENGH

Gambling On DNA

How far are parents willing to go?

Can you imagine holding an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at a local bar during happy hour? Or how about taking someone struggling with a diet to an all-you-can-eat buffet?

You're right, it wouldn't happen because the temptation would just be too great.

Yet, when it comes to temptation, what a Colorado-based company is doing goes far beyond those scenarios. Ever since opening its doors for business, it has been preying on the obsessions of moms and dads who bring their kids to various facilities to play sports.

The company is luring parents with the sales pitch that a simple DNA swab—performed on children from infancy to 8-years-old—will inform them what sport is best for their child.

The process—which parents shell out \$149 for—involves swabbing the inside of a child's cheek along the gums to collect DNA. It's sent to a laboratory for analysis of ACTN3, one gene among more than 20,000 in the human body.

Supposedly, the test reveals whether a child is better suited to participate in an endurance sport like running, or a more speed- and power-oriented sport like football, or a combination of the two.

Hitting The Genetic Lottery

I learned of this test several years ago when ESPN reporter Tom Farrey went to Australia—where this testing was first unveiled—to have the DNA of his infant son analyzed. He did it for an article he wrote for ESPN Magazine on the great lengths parents will go to in order to produce a talented athlete.

I cringed then because I knew it was

only a matter of time before this test reached the United States. Considering the sports-crazed culture we live in today, it's a fairly safe bet that parents will be lining up to have their diaper-wearing sons and daughters tested to see if they should be signed up for soccer or baseball—once they're old enough to walk.

We all know the lure of college scholarships, high-school stardom and even dominating the local 8-and-under Little League program drives many parents to push their children in sports.

What gets overlooked as parents cross their fingers and say their prayers for hitting that genetic lottery is that no one can predict athletic greatness at infancy, or push a child to elite levels if it's not part of his or her mental makeup.

Sure, many elite athletes are born with special gifts, but there are other components that factor into the equation, such as competitiveness, discipline and commitment. These are all traits that may show up over time as children grow and develop—but these traits won't appear in a laboratory test tube years before the child puts on that first colorful uniform.

Today's parents must understand that all kids won't turn out to be great athletes. In fact, many won't be athletes at all. Kids will still survive in this world and be contributing members to society.

Matching Skills And Interests

As the father of seven children who all played sports growing up, I never would have turned to this type of testing

even if it had been available. Why? Because organized athletics doesn't exist for us to run tests on our kids, and then push them into a sport we have no clue whether they have any interest in or not.

That's ludicrous thinking.

Whatever happened to simply watching kids play in the backyard or with their friends, then seeing what puts a smile on their face? If they enjoy kicking a ball around, we may start them off with soccer, or if they love swinging a bat, perhaps we get them going in T-ball.

And when that season concludes, we encourage them to try something else.

Experts universally agree that the more sports children are exposed to—regardless if some test says they're genetically better off in something else—the more well-rounded they'll be, the more skills they'll

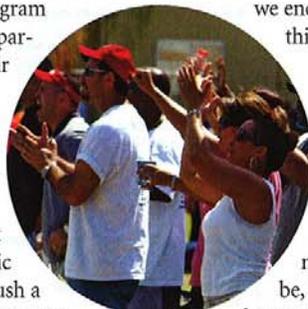
learn, and the more likely they'll be to lead healthy and active lives.

As for that \$149 test, if parents really want to spend that kind of money on a 1-year-old who has no clue what sports are, I have a better suggestion: How about using that money to start a college fund?

Chances are their child won't become a superstar athlete, but I bet they'll turn out just fine, with a college education, and make Mom and Dad proud. **PRB**

Fred Engh is founder and CEO of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) in West Palm Beach, Fla., which has been advocating positive and safe sports for children since 1981.

He is also the author of Why Johnny Hates Sports, which is available on Amazon.com. He can be reached via e-mail at fengh@nays.org.



KMCC Weekly Schedule

**January 18, 2010 -
January 24, 2010**

January 2010							February 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
1				1	2	3	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	25	26	27	28	29	30	31								

18	Monday	19	Tuesday
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	2:30pm	7:00pm ICS Basketball GAME; N/S Gym
		5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
		5:45pm	8:30pm Adult Cooking; Kitchen
		6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
		7:00pm	9:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
20	Wednesday	21	Thursday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	9:30am	12:00pm SSf; Fossil Falls/Ballarat
11:00am	7:00pm Houchin Blood Bank; Pinnacles	2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
11:00am	1:00pm YAC Leadership Meeting; Red Rock/Chimney	5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	5:00pm	6:00pm YAC; R/C Rm
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
6:00pm	8:00pm Kern County Dev. Standards Update; R/C Room	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
7:00pm	9:00pm Sierra Desert Gun Club; Lobby	7:00pm	8:00pm Healthy Ed Intro Class; Red Rock
7:00pm	8:30pm CERT Meeting; Ballarat	8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym
22	Friday	23	Saturday
8:00am	11:00pm Womens Retreat; Pinnacles	7:00am	6:00pm Youth Basketball Pix; Fossil Falls/Ballarat
3:00pm	7:30pm ICS Basketball GAME; N/S Gym	8:00am	8:00pm Youth League Basketball Games; N/S Gym
		8:00am	6:00pm Womens Retreat; Pinnacles
24	Sunday		

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**January 25, 2010 -
January 31, 2010**

January 2010							February 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
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3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	25	26	27	28	29	30	31								

25	Monday	26	Tuesday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	2:30pm	5:30pm ICS Basketball Jr High GAMES; N/S Gym
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro	7:00pm	9:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
5:45pm	8:30pm Adult Cooking Class; Kitchen	7:00pm	8:30pm Cameo Dog School; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym		
27	Wednesday	28	Thursday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	9:00am	2:00pm RC & D - Kern County; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
		5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
		6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
		8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym
29	Friday	30	Saturday
3:00pm	6:00pm ICS Girls Basketball GAME; N/S Gym	8:00am	8:00pm Youth League Basketball Games; N/S Gym
		12:00pm	12:00am St Anns Fundraiser Dinner/Raffle; Pinnacles/Petro
31	Sunday		

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**February 01, 2010 -
February 07, 2010**

February 2010							March 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
								14	29	30	31				

1	Monday	2	Tuesday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ↻	2:30pm	3:00pm ICS Basketball AWAY; N/S Gym ↻
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball JR High GAME; N/S Gym ↻	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym ↻	6:30pm	8:00pm CERT Mtg; R/C rm ↻
5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro ↻
6:00pm	9:00pm Desert Artists; Red Rock/Chimney ↻	7:00pm	9:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym ↻
8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym ↻		
3	Wednesday	4	Thursday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym ↻	8:00am	9:00pm Furniture Storage; R/C Rm
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym ↻	11:30am	1:30pm IWVESC; Red Rock/Chimney ↻
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym ↻	12:00pm	1:00pm Quality of Life; Fossil Falls/Ballarot ↻
		2:30pm	3:00pm ICS Basketball AWAY; N/S Gym ↻
		5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym ↻
		5:00pm	6:30pm Sister City Assoc.; Fossil Falls/Ballarot
		5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro ↻
		6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro ↻
		8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym ↻
5	Friday	6	Saturday
3:00pm	7:30pm ICS Basketball GAME; N/S Gym	8:00am	12:00am Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Dinner; Pinnacles/Petro
		8:00am	8:00pm Youth League Basketball Games; N/S Gym ↻
7	Sunday		
12:00am	1:00am Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Dinner; Pinnacles/Petro		

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**February 08, 2010 -
February 14, 2010**

February 2010							March 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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8	Monday	9	Tuesday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	7:30am	5:00pm Patrice; Kitchen
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	11:00am	1:00pm Youth Advisory ; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
4:30pm	9:30pm IWV Water District; Petro	2:30pm	6:30pm ICS Basketball GAME; N/S Gym
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
5:45pm	8:30pm Adult Cooking Class; Kitchen	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym	7:00pm	9:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
10	Wednesday	11	Thursday
9:00am	12:00pm IWV Collaborative; Red Rock/Chimney Peak	6:00am	2:00pm Economic Outlook Conference; Petro/Pinnacles
9:00am	10:00am Multi DSC Tm; R/C Rm	2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
12:00pm	7:00pm Economic Outlook - set up; Petro/Pinnacles	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
2:30pm	4:30pm ICS Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
5:00pm	8:00pm Youth Basketball Practice; N/S Gym	8:30pm	10:00pm Starlings Volleyball - 2 nets; N/S Gym
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14	Sunday		

RPD monthly report

January 2010

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2009 STAFF OF THE YEAR

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: DETECTIVE RICK SMITH

RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: OFFICER MIKE REGAN

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR: SERGEANT MIKE MYERS

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: LORI BENSON

EXPLORER OF THE YEAR: STEPHEN DAVIS

SAVE THE DATE:

“RESPECT FOR LAW

DINNER”.....MARCH 26TH

AT THE ELKS LODGE TO

RECOGNIZE OUTSTAND-

ING OFFICERS. TICKETS

ARE AVAILABLE FROM

CHAMBER OF COMMERC E.



MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING
RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
OPEN HOUSE.....

MAY 12TH, 6:00 P.M.

- ** RECEIVE A TOUR
- ** SEE A DEMONSTRATION
- ** GET TO KNOW POLICE STAFF
- ** BRING THE KIDS, MAKE IT A FAMILY NIGHT

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.....MORE INFO TO
FOLLOW!!

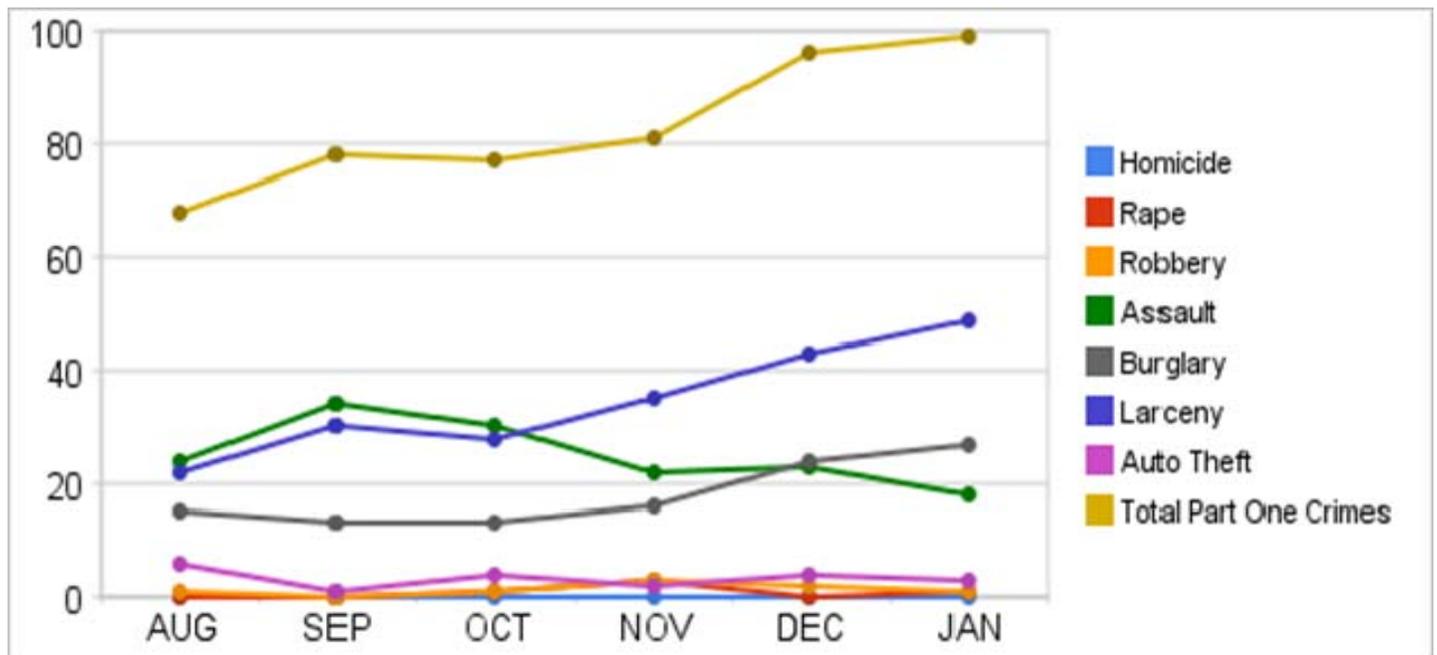


Ridgecrest Police Department

CrimeStatistics

Prepared February, 2010
Last Six Months

Crimes	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	3	0	1	5
Robbery	1	0	1	3	2	1	8
Assault	24	34	30	22	23	18	151
Burglary	15	13	13	16	24	27	108
Larceny	22	30	28	35	43	49	207
Auto Theft	6	1	4	2	4	3	20
Total Part One Crimes	68	78	77	81	96	99	499
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	Total
Total Incidents	3,573	3,179	3,058	2,773	2,969	3,177	18,729



INVESTIGATIONS

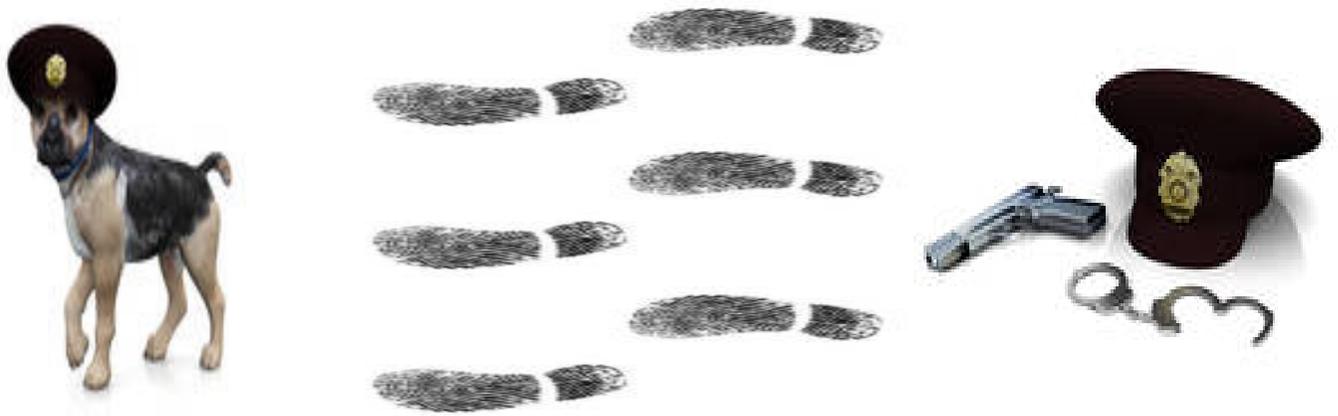
Detective Castaneda investigated a child abuse case where an infant/child (20 months old) was taken to the hospital unconscious with massive brain injuries. The investigation focused on the physical injuries to the child and inconsistent statements given by the child's father, Ernie Olmedo. With information gained through extensive investigation with medical professionals at Loma Linda Medical University Hospital, Detective Castaneda was able to get a confession from Ernie Olmedo of physical abuse of his child. Olmedo was booked into KCJ on charges of felony child abuse and felony battery. Case #: 09-4363

Detective Castaneda led the investigation into a residential burglary where the victims were asleep in their bedroom while their home was burglarized. Extensive investigation with help from Detective Atkins and CSU was conducted with numerous probation searches and a search warrant served. Evidence linking Douglas Goldy, David Bowers, and Jason Peters to the crime were uncovered. Several items stolen from residence were also recovered and linked to the suspects. Goldy was on Probation out of Nevada for theft violations. Bowers and Peters were on active California State Parole. All were booked into KCJ on charges of residential burglary and possession of stolen property. Case #: 09-4281

Detective Atkins continued follow-up investigations with recovered property in the residential burglaries that had occurred last month (Dec 2009). He also assisted in property handling and location of the rightful owners in the above listed Goldy, Bowers, and Peters case.

CSU assisted general investigations with the above cases. CSU also assisted several neighboring agencies with narcotics investigations related to the area.

Detective Hanley is continuing her work on several lengthy investigations including child abuse, child molestations, domestic violence, date rape, and elder abuse. The most significant case worked this month was the elder abuse case of John Halligan (#09-4051). She finally received needed medical records as well as a complete interview of victim. She is currently working on length report and will be arresting suspect soon. Detective Hanley also worked a "cold" battery case (#09-934) in which the victim had a miscarriage due to an assault which occurred at Mesquite School. Witnesses and suspect were located and in-



PACT

PACT volunteers worked a total of 788 hours during the month of January. PACT Graffiti removal team members cleaned up an unprecedented 145 graffiti sites. Due to this graffiti problem and a rash of thefts from vehicles, PACT members spent 52.5 hours conducting surveillance in the City. PACT is pleased to welcome one new PACT member, Branden Engleking.

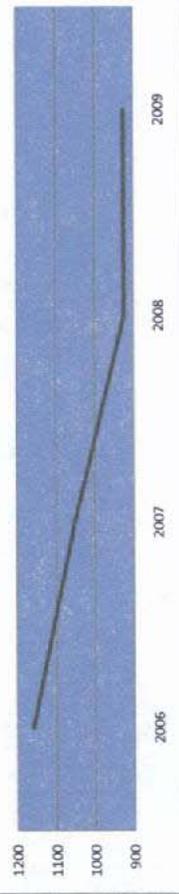


Ridgecrest Police Department Statistics

Crime

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Jan 09	Jan 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Violent Crime	39	10	-74%	167	10	-94%
Murder	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Rape	3	1	-67%	15	1	-93%
Robbery	0	1	100%	11	1	-91%
Aggravated Assault	36	8	-78%	141	8	-94%
Property Crime	57	84	47%	565	84	-85%
Burglary	19	27	42%	170	27	-84%
Larceny	27	50	85%	337	50	-85%
Auto Theft	3	3	0%	43	3	-93%
Arson	8	4	-50%	15	4	-73%
Part 1 Crimes	90	100	11%	924	100	-89%

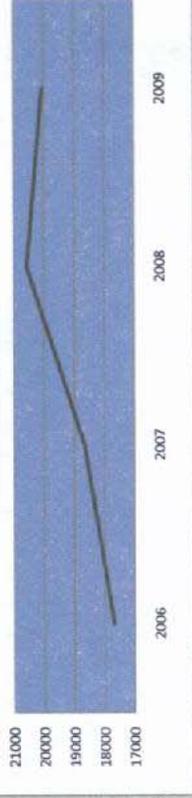
Part 1 Crimes



Performance Measures

Patrol Activity	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Jan 09	Jan 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Total Incidents	3270	3117	-5%	39326	3117	-92%
Calls for Service	1621	1643	1%	20018	1643	-92%
Officer Initiated Incidents	1649	1474	-11%	19308	1474	-92%
Traffic Stops	751	578	-23%	8651	578	-93%
Other OIA Incidents	898	896	0%	10657	896	-92%
Reports Taken	385	346	-10%	4394	346	-92%
Total Arrests	210	186	-11%	2615	186	-93%
Felony Arrests	33	42	27%	488	42	-91%
Juvenile Arrests	42	31	-26%	494	31	-94%
Drug Related	20	36	80%	284	36	-87%

Calls for Service



Personnel

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Jan 09	Jan 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Total	51	50	-2%	50	1	-98%
Sworn	35	34	-3%	34	1	-97%
Professional Staff	16	16	0%	16	0	-100%
Vacant Positions	16	16	0%	16	0	-100%
Police Officer	COOPS grant position left open - salary savings					

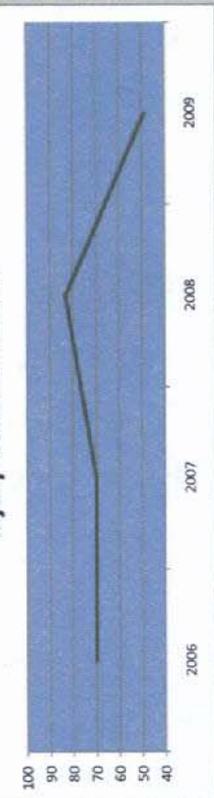
Traffic

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Jan 09	Jan 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Citations	489	358	-28%	4874	358	-93%
Moving	89	89	0%	978	89	-91%
Non-Moving	82	22	-73%	392	22	-94%
Other	328	247	-25%	3504	247	-93%
Collisions	15	17	13%	231	17	-93%
Fatal	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Injury	1	3	200%	60	3	-95%
Non-Injury	14	14	0%	151	14	-91%
DUI Related	0	0	0%	20	0	-100%

Top 5 Collision Intersections YTD
 1. Folsom Auburn Rd. / Greenback Ln.
 2. Folsom Blvd. / Blue Ravine Rd.
 3. E. Bidwell St. / Blue Ravine Rd.
 4. Prairie City Rd. / Iron Point Rd.
 5. E. Bidwell St. / Oak Avenue Pkwy & E. Bidwell St. / Iron Point Rd.

Top 5 PCFs YTD
 1. Exceeded safe speed limit
 2. Failed to yield right-of-way
 3. Improper turn
 4. Alcohol-under influence
 5. Disregarded traffic signal

Injury Traffic Collisions



Investigation

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Jan 09	Jan 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
News Cases	349	335	-4%	3144	335	-89%
Cleared DA or Other	154	92	-40%	1249	92	-93%
Arrests	138	179	30%	1633	179	-89%
Inactivated	42	26	-38%	354	26	-92%
Active	184	276	50%	1757	276	-84%

K-9 Deploy

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Jan 09	Jan 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Deployments			0%			0%
Apprehensions			0%			0%
Building Searches			0%			0%
Vehicle Searches			0%			0%
Drug Finds			0%			0%

PACT MONTHLY REPORT
January 2010
Corrected version

PACT Volunteer	Hours			
Executive Director	28.5			
Financial	1.5			
Fundraiser	0.0			
Training	6.0			
Training Administration	3.5			
Administrative RPD	130.0			
Administrative Org	81.0			
Vehicle Maint.	0.0			
Animal Welfare	296.0			
Child ID	0.0	# of ID's issued - 0		
EOC	6.0			
Graffiti Task Force	45.5	# of sites: 145		
Nuisance Abatement	8.0	(0 shopping carts rounded up)		
Patrol	128.5			
Vac. House checks		#of sites: 11	#of checks: 17	
Preventive Patrol	0.0			
Surveillance	52.5			
Neighborhood Watch	0.0			
PACT HOURS	787.0		YTD Hours for 2010	788.0
Non-member hours	1.0		YTD Hours for 2009	771.0
Chaplain hours	0.0			
TOTAL HOURS	788.0		Total Hours for 2009	9,639.0

Volunteers served three subpoenas and attempted to serve three more.

Three evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.

One hundred and forty five graffiti sites were cleaned up in January with a total of 45.5 volunteer hours being spent.

There were eighteen members attending the monthly coffee.

There were no carts were rounded up in January A total of 2088 carts have been rounded up so far since PACT started the round-ups.

PACT was called out on Jan. 8th to assist with traffic after a fire.

PACT was called out Jan. 29th to assist with traffic control.

Four Surveillance details were out with PACT volunteers with a total of 52.5 hours being logged.

Forty eight Victim letters were sent out for Neighborhood Watch.

There are three pending AW members and three pending full PACT members and one new Full PACT volunteer, welcome Branden Engleking, yet another full time US Navy Air Traffic Controller!

Prepared by Nancy Young, PACT Coordinator

RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESERVE ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY

JANUARY 2010

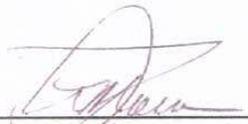
	Current Month	YTD Total
Reserve Hrs.	42	42

During the Month of **JANUARY** Reserve Officers worked the following hours:

Officer Kiren	0.0 (On Personal Injury)
Officer Dysart	02.0
Officer Schatz	04.0
Officer Robbs	02.0
Officer Dorrell	02.0
Officer Regan	04.0
Officer Mitchell	14.0
Officer Kinslow	06.0
Officer Podell	08.0

This month, members of the Reserve Organization augmented Patrol, and assisted with Teen Court.

Prepared by;


Tony Brown
Sergeant

Reserve Report for the Month of January 2010

The Reserve Officers achieved a total of 42.0 hours for the month of January. Officers Mitchell and Podell contributed 14 and 8 hours respectfully.

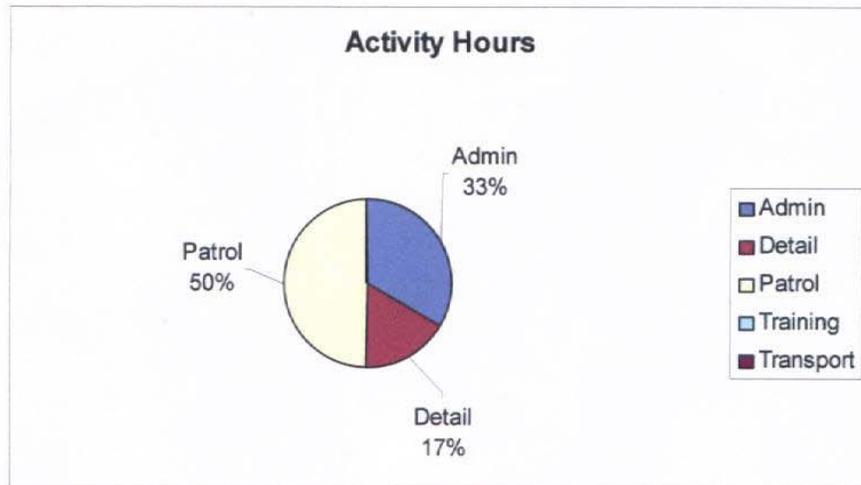
Reserve meetings accounted for 33 percent of administration time with 14 hours.

Reserve Officers logged a total of 7 hours of detailed time assisting with Teen Court and the Warrents. This accounted for 17 percent of the reserves total time.

Patrol time accounted for 50 percent of the total reserve hours. Officers Dorrell and Dysart contributed 21 hours.

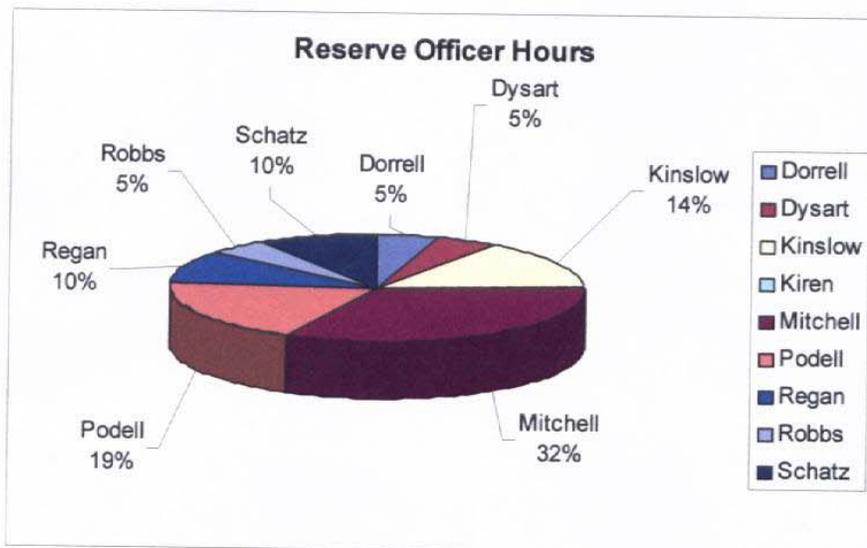
The following is a breakdown of the Reserve hours:

Administration	14.0 hours	33%
Details	7.0 hours	17%
Patrol	21.0 hours	41%



Reserve Officer hours for the month of December:

Dorrell	2.0 hours	5%
Dysart	2.0 hours	5%
Kinslow	6.0 hours	14%
Kiren	0.0 hours	0%
Mitchell	14.0 hours	32%
Podell	8.0 hours	19%
Regan	4.0 hours	10%
Robbs	2.0 hours	5%
Schatz	4.0 hours	10%



Ridgecrest Police Department

Animal Control Section

Monthly Report of Activities
January 2010

	CITY	NAWS	KERN CO	SAN BERN	Current Year		Previous Year	
					MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
Dispatched Calls	179	0	0	1	180	180	180	
Field Calls	9	0	0	0	9	9	9	
Emergency Calls	3	0	2	0	5	5	5	
Impounded Dogs:								
Public	19	0	9	3	31	31	31	
A.C.O.	52	0	4	0	56	56	37	
Total	71	0	13	3	87	87	68	
Impounded Cats:								
Public	26	0	24	2	52	52	63	
A.C.O.	5	0	0	0	5	5	7	
Total	31	0	24	2	57	57	70	
Miscellaneous Animals:								
Dead Animals:	8	0	5	0	13	13	19	
Cumulative of Animals Handled:	110	0	42	5	157	157	159	
Dispositions								
Dogs Adopted	15	0	4	1	20	20	19	
Dogs Released	37	0	2	0	39	39	20	
Dogs Euthanasized	3	0	0	0	3	3	19	
Cats Adopted	2	0	0	1	3	3	8	
Cats Released	1	0	1	0	2	2	3	
Cats Euthanasized	15	0	19	1	35	35	54	
Animals Euthanasized:	18	0	19	1	38	38	73	
Fees Collected								
Licenses		\$1,844.00				\$928.00	\$928.00	
Vaccinations		\$189.00				\$245.00	\$245.00	
Shelter Fees		\$3,501.50				\$3,245.00	\$3,245.00	
Total Fees Collected		\$5,534.50				\$4,418.00	\$4,418.00	

Prepared By: Mary Stage

Reviewed By: _____



Finance Department

Staff

Tyrell Staheli – Finance Director
Tess Sloan – Controller
Kristi Cole – Accountant
Margaret Rana – Payroll
Kelly Brewton – Accounts Payable
Virginia Johnson – Account Clerk / Front
Counter

Phone: (760) 499-5020
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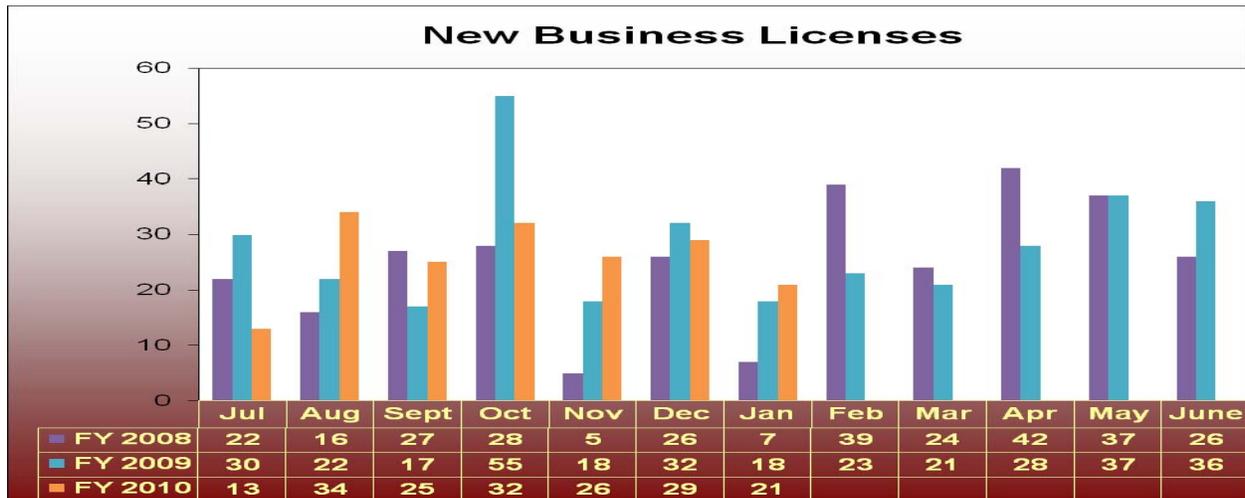
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FRONT COUNTER

Business License – Virginia processed 21 new business licenses and 567 renewals in the month of January. Second notices were sent out to the businesses that have not renewed their licenses for 2010



Benz Payments – Finance has begun collecting payments from residents for their past due amounts that are owed to Benz Sanitation for the recycling and trash pickup.

Bus Pass – Virginia produced the monthly order of passes from Kern Regional Center.

Miscellaneous projects – In addition to answering the phone, helping customers at the counter, and processing payments, Virginia updated monthly spreadsheets and distributed mail daily. She also filed all month end, adjusting journal and budget adjustment batches.

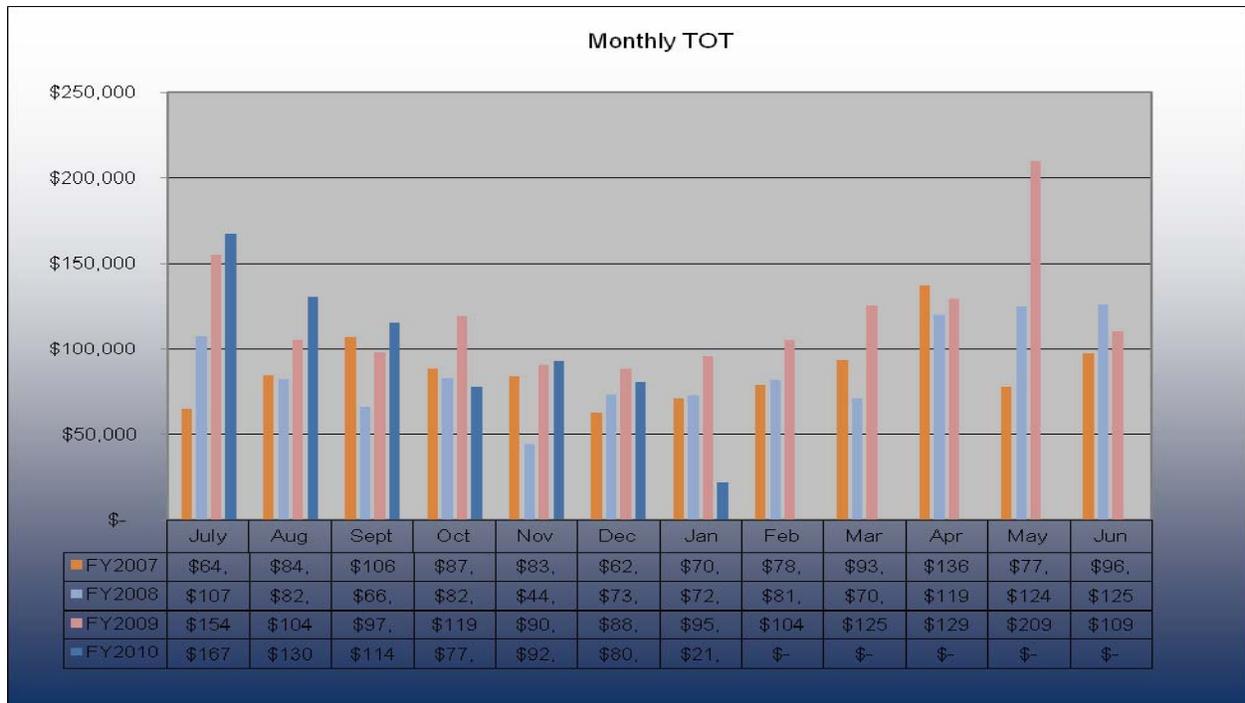
February To Do List:

1. Complete W-9 scanning
2. Desk Book for Finance and MIS
3. Organize the conference room filing.
4. Submit destruction list for City Council approval.
5. Scan latest assessment district files.
6. Find guidelines for Handyman Services. Evidently the sheet previously being used no one knows where it came from and it is wrong.
7. Rose Garden TOT spreadsheet.
8. Aloha Motel November short paid \$72.13 – letter with penalties



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9. Ridgcrest Motel – TOT payment letter.
10. Call Kem Park regarding Ty's title on his window.



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE



- All payables must be received no later than 10 am on the Thursday before the check run, unless otherwise specified.
~If there is something that needs be paid with the next check run and you will be unable to get it to AP's by the deadline, arrangements must be made **prior** to the deadline. We will not accept any request made after the deadline and invoice payment will be made the following check run.
- When you receive utility bills get them coded, signed and return to Account Payables the next business day. We try to get the utilities put in the blue inter-department envelopes so please pay close attention to these.
- Receipts need to be turned in no more than 5 business days after date of purchase (excluding Cal Card-see below).
- Cal-Card: Hold on to receipts until you receive the Cal Card statement then send receipts along with the coded and signed statement to AP's within 5 business days of receiving.
- Write description of what was purchased if it is not clearly stated on the receipt. Do not write over descriptions on receipts. If there is no room on the receipt you may write it on



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the back of the receipt or you may tape it to a piece of paper (just make sure that the receipt is taped at the top of the paper) to write the description on or you may write it on the back of the receipt.

- Keep receipts away from heat and do not highlight receipts, as most receipts are now printed on thermal paper and the heat turns them black and highlighter erases the text.
- When submitting travels: If a registration check and advance check are needed, please submit 2 copies one with the employee name highlighted, and one with the registration highlighted.
- If submitting a check request in which back up needs to be sent with the check, include an additional copy. If an additional copy is not attached, nothing will be sent with the check.
- Remember all Account Payable documents are now scanned, so please try to remove as many staples as possible and use paper clips to keep papers together, if they are tiny receipts you may staple them and we will take the staples out. You also may tape them to a larger sheet of paper just make sure that the receipt is taped at the top of the paper.
- Prior to using a vendor check to see if they are an active vendor in our system, if they are not please obtain a w-9 prior to purchase or services.
- Remember any purchase or service costing over \$2000 will need a purchase order and needs to be completed before the purchase is made or services are rendered.

Check pick up

- Checks are generally ready for pick up at 4pm on the Thursday of the check run. If you have checks you need to pick up please send me an e-mail to let me know what checks you need and I will contact you as soon as they are ready for pick up.
- If a vendor wants to pick up a check, arrangements must be made with me no later than Wednesday of the check run, they can pick them up after 4pm on the Thursday or if they leave a phone number; I will contact them once the check is ready for pick up.



Work Completed January:

1. Processed and paid 850 invoices
2. Processed a total of 248 checks
3. Paid out \$826,893.41 to vendors

PAYROLL

Well, where to start! The past few months have been VERY busy with Finance having to restore and verify all of the data. Thanks to everyone for their help as well as all employees for their



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patience during this time. We are back up and going and the W-2's were even out on time, January 29th!

Since it is the first of another year, please remember to make any changes to your taxes for the New Year by filling out new Federal and State forms and turning them in to be processed.

Also, please verify that your address is correct on your checks/direct deposits. If not, please provide us with your correct address.

Again, Margaret would like to thank everyone who helped restore all the payroll information. This was a lot of work and many hours, especially during the holidays. We have a great group of employees here at the City.



ACCOUNTING SERVICES



Things are finally starting to get back to normal in the Finance Department. The payroll rebuild due to the system failure was completed on January 15th so all the overtime is now over (thankfully!).

Now the focus is on getting caught up on all the work that had to get postponed due to the rebuild. Hopefully things will be back to normal soon and everything will get caught up quickly.

Thank you to all City employees for their patience with our department during this hard time!!!

Public Services

JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan. 05 - Congressman Kevin McCarthy
- Jan. 06 - Benz Admin. mtg.
- Jan. 07 - R. Kirshmeier mtg.
- Jan. 11 - J. Landry mtg.
- Jan. 19 - Highland Homes mtg.
- Jan. 19 - GRHOA mtg.
- Jan. 20 - Kern County State of the County Dinner Bakersfield -
- Jan. 21 - Military Affairs mtg.
- Jan. 21 - KCWM mtg.
- Jan. 26 - Walmart Archit. mtg.
- Jan. 26 - Cal-recycle Tele-Confr.
- Jan. 27 - Town Hall Meeting
- Jan. 28 - IWVWD Public mtg.

James McRea
Public Services Director

Gary Parsons
Economic Development Manager

Matthew Alexander, AICP
City Planner

Pam Hill
City Planner

Desiree Becker
Administrative Secretary

Economic Development:

The major issue still being worked on by staff is that of solid waste. Staff is still receiving on advantage over twenty calls per day on this issue. The major key issues are vacant single family homes and multifamily units, followed by a variety of billing issues such as wrong property owner. Finally several "special needs" issues have also been recorded, such as low income. This activity has taken more than 80% of staff time.

During this period, other issues staff has worked on has been the completion of the ball field land exchange, the completion of the Hampton Inn development, and the Redevelopment Agency First Time owner buyer down payment loan assistance program. The development of mixed income apartment housing concept to serve both the new hires on base and the low income seniors within the community.

The reuse of two retail centers: The Ridgecrest Plaza and the Heritage Market Center.

Ongoing support for the Ridgecrest IWV economic outlook conference.

Completion of the Wal-Mart entitlement process and discussions of the development agreement and the production of building drawings.

Meeting with several single family housing developers

Land actuation of two parcels by the agency and disposal of several others

Continued attendance at a variety of community meetings; Chamber, IWV 2000, Military and Civil Affairs, Jawbone, RCVB, as well as several others.



PLANNING COMMISSION: January 2010

OLDE TOWNE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE :

An Olde Towne Action Plan Committee was approved by the City Council on December 16, 2009. The Olde Towne Action Plan Committee, or "OTAPC", is charged with working with the City Planner, other city staff members, and the public over the course of the next 12 to 18 months for the expressed purpose of preparing an Olde Towne Action Plan document.

The eleven OTAPC members, (as amended by the City Council on January 13, 2010), include the following:

City Council Members: Chip Holloway and Jerry Taylor,

Planning Commissioners: Nellavan Jeglum, Lois Beres, Eric Kauffman, Jason Patin, and Craig Porter, *Olde Towne Representatives:* Jake Easley, Melissa Reece, Trisha Stratton, and Kathy Armstrong.

OTAPC Committee meetings are all public and will begin at 6:30 PM as part of the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The public is encouraged to participate at OTAPC meetings. It is proposed that OTAPC break up into subcommittees. The time, date and place of the subcommittee meetings shall be at the discretion of the subcommittee members.

OTAPC meetings should facilitate Channel 6 coverage, thereby generating at-large interest in OTAPC's activities. The final draft Olde Towne Action Plan shall be recommended by the OTAPC Committee for approval by the City Council. The Ridgecrest Olde Towne Action Plan program promises to be among the most highly visible municipal projects during the next 12 to 18 months.

Olde Towne Action Plan Scope of Work:

When Olde Towne was established as the business and commercial center during the 1950's there were only about 3,000 residents living in Ridgecrest. Greater Ridgecrest has grown to an urban community with a population of 30,000 today. With this growth there has been some problems and concerns to the City's Central Business District.

The purpose of the *Olde Towne Action Plan* is to establish a blueprint for the revitalization of the Ridgecrest Olde Towne area and make it an inviting place for visitors and residents.

The *Olde Towne Action Plan* is intended to guide growth and development and create recommendations for a preferred style of streetscape, signage and landscaping within the Olde Towne area. This will encourage development and improvements which display the community's vision for Olde Towne. It will provide a plan for the revitalization of downtown Ridgecrest.

The *Olde Towne Action Plan* is a means of facilitating and prioritizing improvement projects, providing criteria to evaluate future development proposals and land uses, and enhancing the historic buildings within Olde Towne. Any recommended design criteria is not intended to restrict creative solutions; the *Olde Towne Action Plan* shall include recommendations for both public and private property improvements, and it can not be finalized without both parties investing in the future of Ridgecrest as a whole.

The *Olde Towne Action Plan* shall focus on improving the appearance of Ridgecrest Blvd. between Norma St. and China Lake Blvd. and Balsam Street between Argus Avenue and Ridgecrest Blvd. A revitalized Olde Towne should include attractive streetscapes, pedestrian improvements, public plazas, attractive building facades, and a mix of both commercial and residential, (mixed), uses.

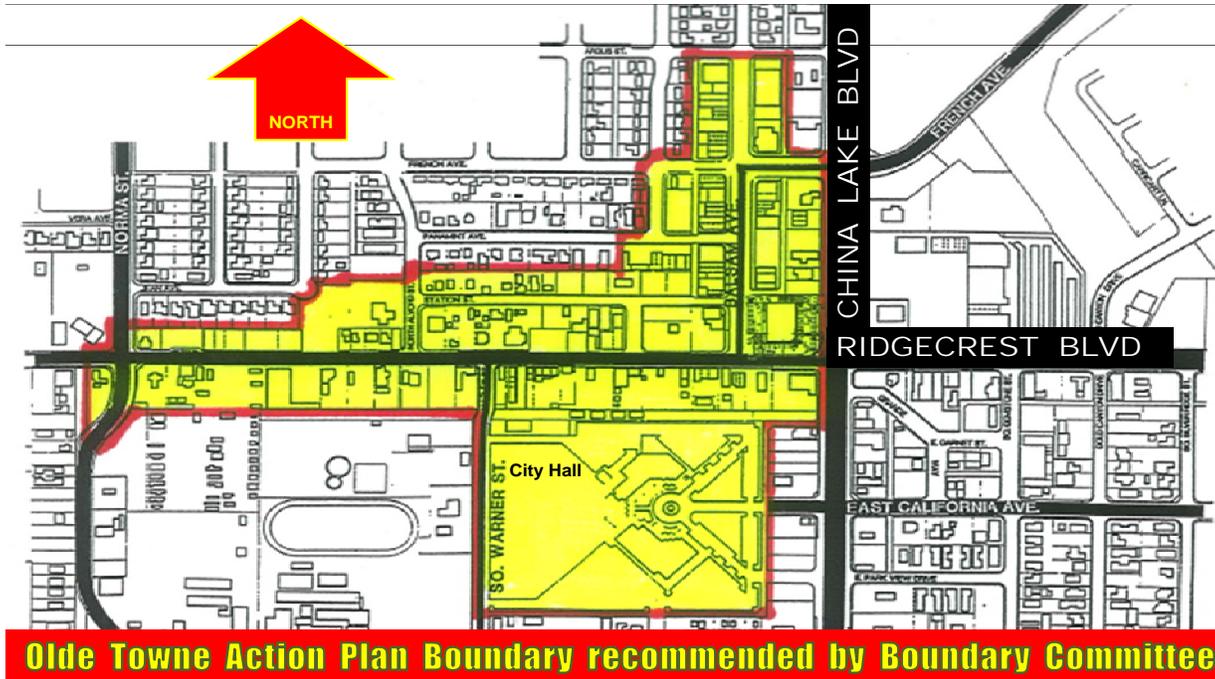
Spearheading the redevelopment process is the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency, which works toward the revitalization of Olde Towne. In order to maximize the talents and enthusiasm of Olde Towne advocates, the *Olde Towne Action Plan* formulation, review and approval process shall include participation from City staff, Olde Towne merchants and property owners, Chamber of Commerce representatives, Planning Commissioners, RRA Board of Directors and the public at large.

The fundamental objective of this planning process is to ensure a program that encourages good design, promotion and community pride in Olde Towne, Ridgecrest's historic and cultural heartland.

Olde Towne Action Plan Study Area:

OTAPC considered four alternative Study Area maps at its January 26th meeting. The Committee recommended that the Study area be defined at a pedestrian scale, (walkable). Also, it was the consensus of OTAPC that Olde Towne focus on commercial businesses.

On February 4th a OTAPC Boundary Subcommittee recommended the Study Area depicted on the following map. This Olde towne Study Area must be affirmed by OTAPC at its February 23rd meeting.



Olde Towne Action Plan Retail Survey:

In order to assist OTAPC, please complete the following Retail survey. Please return your completed survey to Matthew Alexander, at City Hall or Trisha Stratton at TMS Framing, 231 Ridgecrest Blvd. thank you for your consideration.

1. When do you prefer to shop for non-grocery items? check one box for each day				
	Before 11:00 AM	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	2:00 – 5:00 PM	After 5:00 PM
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				



2. How often do you eat out for the following meals? check one answer for each meal time				
	5 or more per week	2-4 times per week	Once per week	Less than once a week
Breakfast				
Lunch				
Dinner				

3. How often do you come to Olde Towne Ridgecrest for the following...? check one box for each category

	5 or more per week	2-4 times per week	Once per week	Less than once a week
Non-Grocery				
Retail Shopping				
Eating Out				
Professional Care				
Professional Service				
Work				
Passing Through				

4. How far do you live from Olde Towne?

	Live in Downtown	Less than 7 minutes	8 – 15 minutes	Over 15 minutes
My Residence distance				

5. Which Retail Businesses would you most likely patronize if they opened in Olde Towne? Check your favorite 4

Antiques		Book Store		Gifts/Souvenirs		Jewelery	
Baby/Children		Clothing/Botique		Health Foods		Music Store	
Bakery		Craft Store		Hobbies/Toys/Games		Shoe Store	
Beauty Supply		Gallery		Home Furnishings		Other_____	

6. What is your Gender ?		male				female	
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7. What is your age?	Under 18		18-24		25-44		45-54		55-64		Over 64	
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8. How do you feel about the following statements? Check one box for each answer

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I always try to buy products and services locally					
I feel safe in Olde Towne Ridgecrest during the day					
I feel safe in Olde Towne Ridgecrest during the night					
Olde Towne Ridgecrest businesses are open when I want to shop					
Olde Towne Ridgecrest sell at a fair price					
I like to bring out-of-town guests to Olde Towne Ridgecrest					
I am satisfied with Ridgecrest entertainment opportunities					
I am satisfied with Ridgecrest cultural opportunities					

Public Works Monthly Report

Bike Rules



Be Predictable

- Ride in the same direction as cars. (VC21650.1) Drivers are not looking for wrong way bicyclists.
- Follow the same rules of the road as drivers of cars, such as stopping at stop signs, signaling, etc. (VC21200)
- Ride on the road. Sidewalks are for pedestrians and those going walking speed – not for bicyclists riding fast



Door Zone

Ride in a straight line and stay out of the Door Zone. Ride far enough from parked cars so you can avoid suddenly opened doors. Riding in a straight line allows others to anticipate what you are likely to do.

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Wastewater Department

The City of Ridgecrest Wastewater Treatment Facility 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 (3) new connection to the sanitary sewage system. The department responded to (4) requests for service, after inspection (1) proved to be

related to the homeowners service lateral, (1) odor complaint and (2) main line collection system stoppages related to illegal grease discharges into the sanitary sewage system. The Department rebuilt the primary digester recirculation pump (new impellor and wear plate); a new shock cushion was installed on the primary piston pump. The Reclamation Department reclaimed 1.28 million gallons of

secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation. The Department hydro flushed 5,825 ft. of main line sewer for compliance with the SSO and SSMP program. The Department in compliance with Board Order directives collected samples from Pond No. 3 for semianual water quality analysis. The laboratory analysis results will be included with the February SMR.



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Ride a Straight Line

Don't weave between parked cars. Don't ride toward the curb between parked cars, unless they are very far apart. BE PREDICTABLE. Drivers may not see you when you move in and out of traffic.



Hand Signals

Use proper hand signals to let drivers and others know which way you will be moving. (VC 22111) BE PREDICTABLE.

Right Turns

For right hand turns, stay in the right lane; glance behind for other traffic before making the turn. If going straight, carefully move a few feet to the left when approaching an intersection. Be alert for cars that may turn right across your path.

Left Turns

Choose the best way to turn left.

1. Like the driver of a car, signal and move to the left side of the lane, and turn left. (This left turn is for experienced riders only.)
2. Like a pedestrian, use the crosswalk and walk the bike across. (This is safest for new riders.)
3. Use a box turn or 90 degree turn. Ride through the intersection to the far corner. Stop and position your bike in the new direction. Yield to oncoming traffic or wait for the green signal, where there is a traffic signal. Ride your bike across the intersection. (This is good for new riders and busy intersections with multiple lanes of traffic.)

Be Visible at Night

Don't assume drivers can see you at night (especially if you are wearing dark clothes.)

A front white headlight and a rear reflector are required when riding at night. A red light on the rear is strongly recommended. (VC21201(d))

Reminders for Bicyclists

- Never carry things that would prevent you from putting a least one hand on the handlebars of the bicycle. (VC21205) To be safe, keep 2 hands on the handlebars when possible.
- Hitching rides on a car is against the law for bicyclists, scooters and skateboards. (VC 21203)
- Each rider of a bicycle must have a seat; double riding is not allowed. (VC 21204 (b))
- Riding a bicycle requires your full attention ... do not ride with headphones in both ears. (VC 37400)
- Stay focused and stay alert. Ride defensively; try to anticipate and predict what motorists may do.
- Keep your bicycle in good condition.

“Like a pedestrian use the crosswalk and walk the bike across “