



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Thursday, August 11, 2011

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: August 11, 2011

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project Recommended for \$2.5 Million Grant

The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Technical Advisory Committee will soon recommend a \$2.5 million grant request for the Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project. The proposed funding allocation, which is part of the MTA's biennial Call for Projects, would help cover costs for seating areas, bus stops, sidewalks and bike lanes.

The MTA Board of Directors will consider the funding recommendation at their September meeting. If approved, the allocation will bring the project's grant funding efforts – or free money – to nearly \$5.2 million.

Weekly Update: Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

- On August 9 and as referenced above, the project team successfully presented an appeal for project funding. The original request initially missed the MTA's cut-off for funding.
- A weekly Q&A segment continues to be posted on the city website. Known as a 'weekly chat', it addresses community concerns, design features, project information and much more.
- The next community meeting for the project is tentatively set for September 29 at Live Oak Park Community Center. Subsequent updates will provide additional details as made available.

Governor Enacts Assembly Bill (AB) 23

Governor Brown recently signed into law AB 23 (Smyth) which requires city officials to announce, when holding simultaneous or back-to-back meetings, how much those attending the meetings will receive in stipends.

The reform bill addresses situations in which city council members receive one stipend for attending council meetings and separate stipends for simultaneously serving on other boards.¹ An example is when the City Council recesses its meeting to convene as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and then reconvenes as the City Council. The amount of compensation received by the Council for attending the CRA meeting would be announced, but only if that amount exceeds that of state statute.^{2,3}

The bill goes into effect January 1, 2012.

Temporary Storage for Friends of Temple City Library

In preparation for their October 22 book sale and fundraiser, the Friends of Temple City Library have been extremely successful in soliciting book donations, so much so, that they have run out of storage space. Staff has met with the organization to help accommodate their needs, and has provided temporary storage at the city's emergency operations center (next to the library).

City Calendar: Week of August 14

More info: (626) 285-2171

- August 15 Start of Free Care Management Services, Live Oak Park Community Center
Available to seniors (age 60 and over) and disabled adults (age 18-59) on the first and third Monday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The care manager will arrange services including advocacy, housekeeping, caregiving, transportation, utility payment assistance, vision and hearing services, and subsidized housing.
- August 16 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
Includes a public hearing on the adoption of County building and fire codes, and an update on graffiti removal efforts.
- August 17 Summer Concert with Cold Duck, 7 p.m., Temple City Park
Enjoy an evening of Top 40 hits including *Mustang Sally* and *Saturday in the Park*. Free. Bring chairs and blanket for seating.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
Will consider a request by Temple City AYSO allowing outside vendors at the September 10 Soccerfest event at Live Oak Park.

¹ The bill was enacted to curb the practice that happened in the city of Bell when city council members met simultaneously as several different bodies in one meeting, receiving significant compensation for the additional meetings.

² City Council members receive \$30 for each CRA meeting, up to a maximum of four meetings per month. The Council also meets as the Community Development and Housing Authority (CDHA) and Financing Authority when needed. Council members receive \$120 for each CDHA meeting and no stipend for meeting as the Financing Authority.

³ CRA and CDHA stipends are in line with state statute.

August 18 Temple City Park Closure, 12 to 10 p.m.
Reserved are the park grounds and performing arts pavilion for the sold-out *Dining Under the Stars* event.

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: 9142 Woolley Street

Feb 18: The property owner was issued a code compliance notice for maintaining an illegal room addition to a detached garage.

Mar 11: The property owner submitted plans to remove the unpermitted structures.

Aug 3: A follow-up inspection indicated compliance and resulted in a closed case.



(Before) Unpermitted room addition.



(After) Removed room addition.

Commercial Case Log: 4921 Encinita Avenue

July 26: The business owner was issued a code compliance notice for overgrown hedges and weeds along the parkway/sidewalk.

Aug 6: An inspection indicated compliance and resulted in a closed case.



(Before) Overgrown vegetation.



(After) Trimmed vegetation.

Monthly Activity Summary

The following summarizes Community Preservation activity for July 2011 and a comparison with corresponding figures for the prior month. The slight decrease in productivity from the prior month was due, in part, to a temporary and unforeseen decline in staffing. Parking citation data may underestimate the number of citation written due to a transition in ticket writing/monitoring software. For purposes of reporting caseload data, “inspections” include: observing violations while patrolling the city, responding to complaints, or follow-up inspections on cases already open.

INSPECTIONS	July '11	June '11
Total Inspections	424	420
Residential	269	253
Business	155	167
Parking Citations	80	45

CASES/CITATIONS	July '11	June '11
Total Cases Opened	180	190
Total Cases Closed	153	175
Opened - Residential	125	123
Opened - Business	51	44
Other	4	3

PLANNING DIVISION

Selected New Development Activity

This section shows the result of design review work performed by the Planning Division. In reviewing and ultimately approving each project, case planners achieved the highest level of design feasible by implementing the city's residential design guidelines. Subsequent reports will include selected cases as warranted, but may not appear weekly. For example:

Location: 10659 Daines Dr. and 5519 El Monte Ave.
Project: Two new single-family homes



Note: The homes above replaced the structures pictured below, which previously were cited numerous times for property maintenance issues.



PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Update: Green Island Restaurant and Public Parking Concerns

On July 13, Green Island Restaurant representatives asked the City to review the parking restrictions in the city-owned public parking lot behind the restaurant. Their request was to remove the all-day parking restrictions and install two-hour restrictions in the public parking lot behind the restaurant, creating additional transitional parking for customers.

The Public Safety Commission last night reviewed the request from Green Island Restaurant and held an informal public hearing. Residents on Primrose Ave. addressed the Commission and relayed their concerns about employees and customers parking on the street, thereby eliminating residential parking.

The Commission approved the request from Green Island Restaurant. The change in provisions will convert 37 all day parking stalls to limited two-hour parking. The Commission also voted to create a Residential Parking Permit program in the 5800 block of Primrose Ave., in response to

comments received by residents. Parking on Primrose Ave. will be prohibited unless the vehicle displays a residential parking permit.

The changes will be effective after a 15-day appeal period and 30-day notification period. The Commission directed staff to notify Primrose Ave. residents of the upcoming changes, and to inform them of the residential parking permit application process.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

USDA Soil Survey Work

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting a soil survey operation in southeast Los Angeles County, and will conduct non-invasive work on August 16 at Temple City parks. The survey will take an hour to conduct.

Update: 'I Love School' Supply Donation Drive

Donations continue to come in for the 'I Love School' supply donation drive. The department recently received a generous donation of \$2,400 in gift cards from the Amida Society of Temple City for the purchase of book bags and other essential school supplies.

This year's recipients will include families that have qualified for the Youth Scholarship Program. Those families will have an opportunity on August 22, 23 or 25 to select their supplies at the 'I Love School Supply Shopping Day' at Live Oak Park Annex.

Low-income families living in Temple City may apply for the free supplies by calling Debbie Ingram at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2361.

ATTACHMENTS

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

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR**September 6, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting**

Presentation of New Youth Committee

Gerald Fitzgerald Fund Presentation

Second Reading of Ordinance to Adopt County Building & Fire Codes by Reference

Chamber Supplemental Agreement

Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement with Seifel Consulting Inc.

September 20, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

Public Hearing: Outdoor Advertising Sign Amortization Agreement

Citywide Traffic Calming Master Plan Agreement

Downtown Parking & Strategic Plan Agreement

Recommendation for CRA Action in Response to Redevelopment Agencies Legislation/Lawsuit

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER
AUGUST 4 THROUGH AUGUST 10, 2011

August 4, 2011

Stolen Vehicle: Deputies responded to 5300 block of Sultana Ave. regarding a stolen vehicle report call. The victim stated at approximately 1000 Hrs. unknown suspect(s) stole his locked vehicle from his assigned parking stall.

Narcotics: At 7:57 PM, a deputy contacted a white male, who was sitting in an alley in the 5600 block of Rosemead Blvd., just south of the "Mobile" gas station. When the deputy approached the male to check on his welfare, he noticed the man was holding a marijuana pipe. The man's brother, a 24-year-old White male, walked up and began speaking to the deputy. The deputy asked the brother if he had anything illegal and the suspect stated he had heroin in his pants pocket. The deputy searched the suspect, located heroin in his rear pants pocket, and arrested the suspect for possession of a controlled substance. The suspect was additionally charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance after his field sobriety tests were indicative of being under the influence of a narcotic depressant. The suspect is a resident of Temple City.

August 5, 2011

DUI: At 11:00 PM, a deputy contacted a 22-year-old White male, whose car had collided with a building near the southwest corner of Oak Ave. and Las Tunas Dr. As the deputy contacted the driver of the vehicle, he displayed the symptoms of person under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. During the deputy's investigation, a 21-year-old White male, who appeared to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, approached the deputy and stated the vehicle belonged to him. The owner of the vehicle began to yell and distract the deputy, as if to prevent him from conducting his DUI investigation. The owner resisted the deputy and the deputy was required to use force to overcome his resistance. The owner was arrested for obstructing a peace officer and being drunk in public. The deputy arrested the driver of the vehicle for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage after his preliminary alcohol screening results showed he was above the legal limit. The driver was a resident of Temple City and the owner was a resident of Rancho Cucamonga.

August 5, 2011

Stolen Vehicle: Deputies responded to 6200 block of Rosemead Blvd. regarding a stolen vehicle report call. The victim stated between 6:00 PM and 9:30 PM unknown suspect(s) stole his locked vehicle, which was parked in front of his residence on the street.

Burglary: At 6:25 AM, deputies responded to 5000 block of Farago Ave. regarding a vehicle burglary report call. The victim told deputies she walked toward her vehicle, which was located in the parking lot of her town house. She saw two Hispanic males, 16 -18 years old, run from between several parked vehicles. The victim checked her vehicle and noticed the ignition had been pried open and the gate remote had been stolen.

Narcotics: At 9:45 PM a deputy located a vehicle parked in the 6400 block of Encinita Ave. Due to multiple recent residential burglaries in the area, the deputy walked up to the vehicle to speak to the occupants. The deputy smelled the odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. The occupants were detained pending a possession of marijuana investigation. It was determined the 21-year-old Asian male had used his medicinal marijuana card to purchase marijuana from a dispensary. The male then met with his friends and provided them marijuana. The male was arrested for furnishing a controlled substance. The suspect is a resident of Temple City.

August 7, 2011

Narcotics: At 5:10 PM, a deputy arrested a 34-year-old Black male in the 6200 block of Rosemead Blvd. The suspect was stopped for riding his bicycle through a red traffic signal without stopping. Upon contacting the suspect, he displayed signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. The suspect was provided several field sobriety tests, which showed he was under the influence of a narcotic stimulant. The deputy arrested the suspect, searched him, and found a used, glass narcotic pipe in his shorts pocket. The deputy was able to retrieve a usable quantity of methamphetamine from inside the pipe; he was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect is a resident of Arcadia.

August 8, 2011

Petty Theft: Between 9:00 PM on 08-07 and 6:30 AM on 08-08, a petty theft occurred in the 4900 block of Agnes Ave. The victim left his son's

bicycle on the front porch of the residence, along with three other bicycles. When the victim looked at the bicycles again, his son's bicycle had been stolen by unknown suspect(s).

August 9, 2011

Burglary: At 6:00 PM on 08-08 and 6:30 AM on 08-09, a burglary occurred in the 4900 block of Ardsley Dr. The victim left his residence locked and when he returned, he found the garage door open and a window ajar. The victim reported power tools, a generator, nail guns, spray painter, and gas tank compressor were stolen by unknown suspect(s). It was undetermined how entry was made into the location. The stolen items were valued at \$5,130.00.

Burglary: Between 11:00 PM on 08-08 and 8:00 AM on 08-09 a residential burglary occurred in the 5400 block of Temple City Blvd. Unknown suspects entered the residence after the family fell asleep in their bedrooms. When the occupants woke up the following morning, they noticed a "Wii" gaming system, two electronic notebooks, and an "I-Pod" had been stolen from the dining and living room areas. A bicycle was also taken from inside the garage. The residence is a one story house. Entry was likely gained through the unlocked security screen door on the south side of the residence. The stolen items were valued at \$800.00. This burglary is unlike most residential burglaries within the area due to the early morning hour and the occupants being home at the time of entry.

August 10, 2011

Narcotics: Deputies conducted at traffic stop on a vehicle in the 9000 block of Olive Ave. at 10:00 AM. The driver of the vehicle, a 42-year-old White male, was found to be in possession of a prescription drug without a prescription. Deputies discovered numerous text messages on the suspect's phone related to narcotic sales. A search warrant was obtained to the location and narcotics, drug paraphernalia, and documents concerning forgery and fraud were found inside the residence. The suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sales, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect is a resident of Temple City.

Petty Theft: At 7:59 PM, deputies responded to the 9600 block of Lower Azusa Rd., regarding a petty theft. A 20-25 year old Hispanic male entered the liquor store and stole two 12 packs of beer from the

refrigerator. The suspect ran southbound across Lower Azusa and out of view. The stolen property was valued at \$24.00.



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2011

FROM: SANDRA SCOTT, RECEPTIONIST

SUBJECT: YARD SALE PERMITS ISSUED

The following is a current list of Yard Sale Permits issued for the weekend of August 12-14, 2011:

Yard Sale Address	Residents Name	Date
5144 Arden Dr	Victoria Chadcurve	8/13 & 8/14
4951 Birchland Pl	Harry & Lynn Spencer	8/13 & 8/14
9411 Broadway	Esther Mercado	8/13 & 8/14
10823 Daines Dr	Dennis Ng	8/13
9843 Flaherty St	Georgia Giannolias	8/13
9607 Garibaldi Ave	Aida Luis-Perez	8/13
5010 Glickman Ave	Mark Lau	8/13 & 8/14
5020 Halifax Rd	Cindy Salas	8/13 & 8/14
9402 Hermosa Dr	Debbie Theys	8/13
5106 Kauffman	Herbert Navarette	8/13
5216 Kauffman	Lily Soohoo	8/11 & 8/12
6016 Ivar Ave	Hai Wang	8/13
5402 Loma Ave	Danny Ng	8/12 & 8/13
9091 Lyledale St	Maria Hoyt	8/13 & 8/14
5226 Mc Clintock Ave	Robert Acosta	8/13 & 8/14
5533 Parmerton Ave	David & Jen Thomas	8/13 & 8/14
10657 Roseglen St	Nikki Shifter	8/13 & 8/14
10661 Roseglen	Miriam Brown	8/13
6004 Rosemead #9	Roger Baden	8/13
4913 Sereno Dr	Ana Dominguez	8/12 & 8/13
5673 Sultana Ave	Justin Downer	8/13
5636 Temple City	Margit Chayka	8/13 & 8/14
9861 Wendon St	Shana	8/13 & 8/14