


**City of Claremont
Memorandum**

TO: CLAREMONT COMMUNITY

FROM: JEFFREY C. PARKER, CITY MANAGER 

DATE: JULY 31, 2009

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY UPDATE**

JULY 25 COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP SUMMARY

DARE Program and School Resource Officer Program: Unanimously approved combining the DARE and SRO programs into one position, and no longer provided the DARE program to the private schools.

Movies in the Park and National Night Out: Unanimously approved the elimination of the food component of movies in the park and the entire National Night Out Program.

Police Presence at Special Events: The motion did not pass on a 3/2 vote with regard to allowing the Chief of Police to make the call regarding the use of the Police Department at special events without the use of overtime. The practice remains unchanged.

Police Presence at City Council Meetings: Unanimously approved eliminating officer presence at City Council meetings.

Community Committee Liaison: Unanimously approved eliminating the Community Committee Liaison program.

Children's Programs (Preschool/Tiny Tots): Unanimously approved raising the fees for the children's programs to \$813 per month and study phasing out the program.

Contract Classes: Unanimously approved the philosophy of considering costs related to program staff that administer the program, administrative and management employees who oversee the program, program supply costs, and overhead when calculating cost recovery; and directed staff to make program changes as needed to the contract class program to meet the goals set in this philosophy.

Hughes Community Center Operations: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to the Community Center operations.

Facility Rentals: Unanimously approved charging full cost for rental of Taylor Hall with no requirement for a caterer, both residents and non-residents and to remain as is for non-profit groups.

Sports Division: Unanimously directed the Human Services Department to review with the Sports Committee a fee or sweat equity contribution for field usage.

Aquatics Program: Unanimously approved eliminating the Aquatics Program following the 2009 season.

Mobile Recreation Program: Approved on a 4-1 vote to eliminate the Mobile Recreation Program.

Wading Pools: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to the Wading Pool Program.

Youth and Family Master Plan and Social Services: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to the Youth and Family Master Plan and Social Services Division.

Special Events: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to the Special Events Program.

Teen Activity Center and Youth Activity Center: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to the Teen Activity Center and Youth Activity Center Programs.

Senior Programs: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to the Senior Programs.

EDAC Funding: Unanimously approved eliminating EDAC funding.

Extension of Effective Life of all General Fund Fleet Vehicles: Unanimously approved extending the effective life of the City fleet.

Elimination and/or Reduction in Outside Memberships: Unanimously approved staff's recommendation to make no changes to memberships.

Redevelopment Programs: Unanimously approved appropriating \$370,000 (\$450,000 - \$80,000 for way finding signs) from the RDA fund balance to fund the programs outlined in the staff report (excluding way finding signage program phase II).

Combination of Commissions: Unanimously directed staff to come back to Council with a recommendation for ways to improve the commission and committee process to be more efficient and cost efficient.

Infrastructure Grants Issue: Unanimously directed the City Manager to make the decision as to which grants the City will submit an application.

Claremont Heritage Consultant Fees: Unanimously approved continuing Claremont Heritage's consultant service.

Increased Revenues: Unanimously approved pursuing a fee increase for parking citations.

Approved on a 4-1 vote to defer consideration of an increase in the transient occupancy tax.

Unanimously directed staff to pursue the following potential revenue sources: commercial development of Towne and Base Line; charge sports groups for field usage; implement a business license recovery program; implement a business license processing fee; construct a public CNG station; and a review of all City fees.

Early Retirement Packages and Salary And Benefit Reduction (38 hour work week/Closed Fridays): On a 4-1 vote authorized the strategies offered and directed management to work out the best solution for the City and employees.

JULY 28 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board adopted resolutions approving a Disposition and Development Agreement between the City of Claremont, Claremont Redevelopment Agency and Jamboree Housing Corporation for the development of an affordable rental housing project at 111 S. College Avenue.

The City Council voted to forward the staff report and attachments related to parking standards in Institutional Districts with conceptual agreement to the Planning Commission for their evaluation.

The City Council adopted a resolution approving Lot Line Adjustment File #09-LL04 affecting two parcels at 111 S. College Avenue and the adjacent vacant lot to the south.

Reappointed/appointed the following individuals to various City Commissions:

Architectural Commission

James Manifold - appointed to a four -year term

Karen Neuber - appointed to a four-year term

Community Services

Charles Salemi - reappointed to a four-year term

Ken Allison - appointed to a four-year term

Human Services Commission

Mauryce Feingold - reappointed to a three-year term

Lynn Forester - reappointed to a four-year term

Andrew Winnick - reappointed to a four-year term

Homer "Butch" Henderson - appointed to a four-year term

Planning Commission

Cynthia Humes - appointed to a four-year term

Marie Williamson - appointed to a four-year term

Police Commission

Richard Louis, III - appointed to a four-year term

Traffic & Transportation Commission

Chaim Rinde - reappointed to a four-year term

Joseph Salas - reappointed to a two-year term

HARVARD AVENUE PROJECT

As reported in May 2009, Golden State Water (GSW) is upgrading a deteriorated water main on Harvard Avenue, from First Street to Foothill Boulevard. To better accommodate Village activities, this project has been divided into two construction phases.

- Phase I: Harvard Avenue from First to Harrison: This construction phase began at the end of May and was substantially completed by the July 4th holiday. The roadway trench will receive the final paving in the near future. The newly installed water main is in service, as all required water testing has been completed. This portion was completed within schedule, even with the problems of unmarked utilities in this old section of roadway.
- Phase II: Harrison to Foothill: This phase commenced mid July and will take approximately ten weeks to complete. The contractor is making good progress and is currently working at 8th Street. Installation of fire hydrants, water services, and water testing are still pending. Traffic will experience some disruption due to the use of lane closures and flagmen. The trench paving from Harrison to 10th Street will occur prior to the opening of Sycamore school and the Colleges. The trench paving between 10th Street and Foothill will occur at the end of September.

GREEN STREET PROJECT

Golden State Water (GSW) is also performing a significant water main line replacement on Green Street. This project is progressing within schedule. Several services still need to be connected, as well as the implementation of three tie-ins, the abandonment of a fire hydrant and final capping of the job. This job won't impact Oakmont Elementary School as it is scheduled to be completed by August 21st. GSW is using their property, where the affordable housing is to be located, for material storage.

VERIZON FIOS Schedule

Verizon's FIOS tentative schedule for Claremont has all undergrounding work being completed by the end of 2010. The following streets have planned dates for start of construction:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Williams and Smith	November 2009
Turning Bend	October 2009
Mills and Edenborough	April 2010
Forbes and Miramar	April 2010
Indian Hill and 10th	July 2010
Berkeley and 7th Street	June 2010
Indian Hill and Green	August 2010
Area between Indian Hill and Yale n/o Bonita	August 2010
Padua	October 2010
Marymount and Mountain	September 2010

There are large areas, in addition to these streets, that will require undergrounding. As Verizon ramps up the work, there could be as many as 10-15 separate contracts going on simultaneously to meet the 2010 timeline. A portion of the City has overhead wiring, which is a much simpler process. Much of the overhead wiring has been completed in the City and staff will give routine updates when new streets are scheduled. For further questions about the Verizon FIOS project, residents may contact the City's Engineering Division at 909-399-5465.

LIGHTING RETROFIT AT THE PARKING STRUCTURE

In the next couple of weeks, staff from the Community Services Department will begin replacing the existing light fixtures in the parking structure to enhance energy efficiency. The project will be 100% financed by a grant from Intergy Corporation. To reduce costs, the City has elected to use in-house staff to complete the project. Work will be performed during early morning hours to minimize any inconvenience to those who use the parking structure. It is estimated that it will take several weeks to replace over 200 fixtures. This project is estimated to save approximately 118,000 kWh and \$14,000 each year.

RECREATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Concerts in the Park

Claremont's Monday, August 3 concert will feature The Ravelers, a classic rock band, performing from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Come early to stake out a spot on the lawn and purchase dinner from the Kiwanis Club concession stand. Next week's performance will feature Yolanda Creole Woman. For more information, contact the Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490 or visit on-line at www.ci.claremont.ca.us under recreation.

Family Camp Out

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 29 through Sunday morning, the Human Services Department invites you to join us for the first annual Claremont Family Campout. Camp under the stars and tell stories with your family, all while staying in Claremont! Our friendly City camp counselors have an evening and morning of fun activities planned -- from a good 'ol fashion BBQ dinner, to camp songs, a scavenger hunt by flashlight, and a nature craft. This one night campout is something the entire family will enjoy together in Lewis Park, with the conveniences of the Alexander Hughes Community Center's amenities near by. Registrations will be accepted until Friday, August 21 at the Alexander Hughes Community Center. The cost is \$25 per person (includes all meals and snacks). For more information, contact the Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

CBO Grant Benefits Teen Artists, Claremont Museum of Art, and Community

The teen artists, Claremont Museum of Art, and community are proud to announce **aRtPM: A Student Graffiti Art Exhibition & Artist Mixer** taking place at the Claremont Museum of Art (536 West First Street, In the Packing House) August 7 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. The exhibition includes 17 original graffiti art panels that will be painted August 3 and 4 in Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. by a group of TAC artists addressing the theme of "Our Reality" using graffiti style painting. Their master pieces will be installed in the Museum's main gallery for viewing on Friday, August 7 from 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. with the Artist Mixer from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. All artists will be present at the Artist Mixer to meet the community and gain recognition for their artistic perspective pieces. Music will be provided by a TAC Student DJ/ Artist. Admission is free for both events and open to the public.

Students have been researching street graffiti styles, planning and practicing their graffiti designs, and will write explanatory artist statements related to the theme, "Our Reality." Student artists toured the Museum's most recent exhibition, James Hueter, "A Retrospective" and met the artist personally. The artists would like to invite you to their art exhibition and mixer and take part of this "once in a lifetime" experience with them. For more information, please call the TAC at (909) 399-5378.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The Oak Room Presents: The Bluegrass Vagabonds

The Claremont Senior Program will be holding its monthly dinner and entertainment program on Friday, August 7. The performer for this month is the Bluegrass Vagabonds who will treat the audience to a night of memorable bluegrass classics and other toe-tapping delights. A \$5 reservation fee is required and dressy attire is recommended.

Healthy Summer Workshop: Maintaining A Healthy Brain

Stay healthy this summer with a series of workshops geared to keep you well informed and aware of the most up to date information regarding health conditions and interests that often affect the older adult population. On Wednesday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m., the Joslyn Center will receive a presentation titled "Maintaining a Healthy Brain." This workshop will focus on five key components, which include practical suggestions to help prolong brain health. This will be a fun and interactive activity! Inter Valley Health Plan sponsors this program. Please call to RSVP. For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Joslyn Center at (909) 399-5488.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Human Services Department will be hosting a Social Service Provider meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hughes Community Center (1700 Danbury Road) in the Padua Room. The meeting will provide Claremont service providers with an update on social service programs available to the community, including the new Family Stabilization Program and Food Pantry, which will be administered by Inland Valley Hope Partners at the Joslyn Center Annex. The meeting will also provide a training on the new 24/7 resource and referral database claremontconnect.com and an update on the new functions of Tri-City Mental Health Services.

All service providers and interested City and School District staff are encouraged to attend this informative meeting. Please RSVP to Nancy Krahn at (909)399-5495 or nkrahn@ci.claremont.ca.us by Friday, August 28, 2009.

AUGUST – "DARK"

Traditionally, there are no City Council or Commission meetings held in the month of August. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on a special date -- Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. Please check the City's website (www.ci.claremont.ca.us) for further posted meeting(s) schedules, or you may contact the City Clerk's office at 909-399-5460.