



STAGE COACH EXPERESSES

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POLICE BUILDING PLAN APPROVED

The City Council recently approved a final plan to address the Police Department's facility needs. The plan will address needs in a two-phased approach. The first phase will consist of an extensive remodel of the existing building to address the highest priority immediate needs. The potential for a new station will then be reviewed again in five years.

The adjacent property has been acquired to expand parking. New procedures and technology has resulted in prisoners now being transported directly to the County jail following arrest. As a result, the existing jail and sally port area has been redesigned to address placement of computer equipment, evidence storage and detective office needs. Repair and a minor expansion of the south walls will enable expansion of the locker rooms. Maintenance will include a new roof and HVAC equipment. Storage is also being expanded on site in the existing parking area.



After two bond measures received over 60% of the vote, but failed to obtain the 2/3 needed to pass, the City studied a number of other ways to construct a new facility. However, it was determined that the debt required would not be prudent during such an unsure economic period. It was instead determined that dedicating future funding for public safety staffing was a higher priority at this time given service level needs. Therefore, it was concluded that a phased approach would be most responsible and enable the City to better identify long-term needs before investing in a new facility. Improvements are projected to begin construction in Fall 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORK DAY

Approximately 140 Advanced Placement (AP) Arroyo Grande High School seniors recently participated in what is hoped to be the first annual AP Senior Work Day event. The program was a partnership between the City, Arroyo Grande High School and Arroyo Grande in Bloom. The purpose was to help outgoing seniors appreciate their local community, learn about the City, and have an opportunity to give back in order to become more connected with their community before departing for their individual future endeavors.

The students worked on a variety of projects at over a dozen sites, including painting, gardening, debris removal, tree planting, and others. It enabled the students to experience "making a difference" in their community by completing a tremendous beautification effort that the City would not be able to accomplish with existing resources.



BUDGET ADOPTED

The City Council has approved the Fiscal Year 2013-14 and Fiscal Year 2014-15 Biennial Budget. The recommended Citywide total budget for FY 2013-14 is \$23,953,195 and \$23,003,212 for FY 2014-15. Proposed General Fund expenditures are \$13,605,885 in FY 2013-14 and \$14,023,090 in FY 2014-15. When one-time expenditures and revenues are accounted for, there is an increase of less than 0.2% in FY 2013-14 and less than 2% in FY 2014-15. Therefore, expenditure amounts are being held under control.

The City budget represents a mixture of both increased financial stability, but also continued challenges and constraints. The City will finish FY 2012-13 with General Fund revenues exceeding expenditures and an increase in reserves. While revenue shortfalls are projected in FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15, they have been substantially reduced from the prior budget. Plans are under way to achieve a fully balanced budget during the course of the next fiscal year through additional cost reduction measures. Therefore, this represents significant progress.

Despite these operational funding constraints, the budget continues the City's commitment to utilize revenue from the 2006 Local Sales Tax Measure for the purposes intended, which consist primarily of capital improvements. As a result, the budget fully funds identified capital and infrastructure project needs. In addition, the budget does not rely on General Fund fee or tax increases except inflationary adjustments in recognition of the impact economic conditions have had on the community's residents and businesses.



PANERA BREAD TO OPEN IN A.G.

The City's economic development efforts continue to show signs of success in attracting quality businesses to the community. The City Council recently approved a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a new Panera Bread Restaurant at the vacant site adjacent to the Hampton Inn and Suites.

The 3,850 square foot building will house both indoor dining and a drive-through. The attractive architecture and landscaping features are expected to provide a significant improvement to this visible location and a popular business for both residents and visitors. Opening of the new restaurant is targeted for completion prior to the end of the year.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City has continued to maintain street improvements as a top priority. As a result, despite operational funding constraints, the new budget will fund over \$1.2 million in street projects.

Preparatory work, which includes digouts and crack sealing, will take place throughout the summer. Repaving of Fair Oaks Avenue in front of Harloe School will begin in July, which will include water main replacement and a street overlay. It is being addressed separately because of the additional tasks and to avoid school traffic by completing the work in the summer months. The remainder of pavement management work is projected to begin in September.

This will consist of nearly 30 streets, including most of the Village residential areas, Halcyon Road, Alpine Street, Brisco Road, and portions of East Grand Avenue and Alpine Street. Most of these projects involve applying slurry seal or microsurfacing treatments. The projects are consistent with an overall plan to upgrade all streets on a 7-year cycle. Each year the City combines reconstruction of some of the worst streets with preventative maintenance on some streets in better condition to extend their life and reduce future costs.

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The Arroyo Grande Police Department uses **Nixle**, a free Community Information Service, to keep residents informed about important public safety emergencies and community events occurring within our City. Information sent by the Police Department via Nixle is immediately available by text message on your cell phone, by email, and over the web.

Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive Nixle Notifications by visiting the Police Department web site at <http://www.agpd.org/media/nixle/>. The Nixle service is free, secure, and subscribers may opt-out at any time.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

People of all ages are invited to attend a Summer Carnival Friday, August 9th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elm Street Park. The carnival will feature game booths with toy and candy prizes, a bounce castle, and hamburger and hot dog BBQ. In addition, the Annual Summer Playground Pinewood Derby Race will take place at approximately 1:00 p.m. The cost of the carnival is \$2.00 for unlimited games.

Pre-school and school age child care programs will also be offered again this year. School age child care programs are offered at Ocean View and Branch Elementary Schools. Kindergarten child care is offered at the Elm Street Community Center.

A fall adult softball league will be offered on Sundays beginning September 8th. Men's and coed divisions will be available. The Recreation Services Department also offers youth and adult special interest classes.

Please contact the Recreation Services Department at 473-5474 for more information.

WATER CONSERVATION

After another low rainfall year, it is a great time to install water saving improvements. The City offers a number of incentives, which include free low-flow toilet retrofits and water moisture meters, as well as rebates for energy efficient washing machines, digital controllers and automatic sensors, and replacement of turf areas with drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation.

Meanwhile, mandatory conservation measures remain in effect. Outdoor irrigation is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. It is permitted at even-numbered addresses only on Mondays and Thursdays and at odd-numbered addresses only on Tuesdays and Fridays. Irrigation is not permitted on Wednesdays, but is permitted at all addresses on Saturdays and Sundays. Excessive gutter runoff, emptying and refilling pools, cleaning driveways and patios with water, and washing vehicles without a hand controlled shutoff nozzle are all prohibited.

Please contact 473-5447 for applications or more information.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

The City is once again a co-sponsor of what will be the 76th Annual Arroyo Grande Valley Harvest Festival. The event will feature the fish fry, parade, booths, food, activities, contests and entertainment.

This year's theme is "The Spirit of 76." Activities take place 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27th. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28th and activities conclude at 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the event website at agharvestfestival.com.