



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: May 15, 2015
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Vacant Property Program

We are in the process of developing written "Abatement Plans" for two prominent vacant properties on Ojai Avenue. As part of this we will be seeking input from the Building Appeals Board and City Council on the standards which should be imposed to make these longer term vacant properties safe, secure, well maintained, and appropriately screened.

Libbey Park Community Build Project

The Ojai Civic Association has been working with the City on numerous park projects that benefit the community. We had asked them to consider contributing to the Community Build Project at Libbey Park. They have not made a final decision, but have raised concerns about the appropriateness of this location, and a preference to support play equipment at Sarzotti Park. As a result we will be making some adjustments to the project budget to assure adequate funding from other sources, and considering a design that leaves open options to expand the scope if they should ultimately decide to provide funding. We are very grateful to this group for all they have done and continue to do to support important community projects.

Police Memorial Week

This week is Police Memorial Week. The Ojai Police Department pays tribute to all officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure their communities remained safe. Most notably, Ojai PD honors Deputy Eugene Kostiuhenko who lost his life late last year. Deputy Kostiuhenko's name was added to the Police Office Memorials in both Washington DC and Sacramento this week.

Deputy Yevhen "Eugene" Kostiuhenko
January 30, 1973 – October 28, 2014



Deputy Kostiuhenko, an 11-year member of the Sheriff's Office, was struck and killed while on a traffic stop on the shoulder of the 101 Freeway in the city of Camarillo. He had completed his early morning traffic stop and was walking back to his patrol vehicle when he was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver. Eugene worked with the Office of Emergency Services before becoming a deputy in 2007. Born in the Ukraine, Eugene served in the Ukrainian military before becoming an American citizen and a deputy sheriff.

Miscellaneous Public Works

- A live oak was planted on Cuyama, west of the cemetery where an older oak fell a few weeks ago. The adjacent resident has generously installed drip irrigation to help establish the tree.
- The crew is finishing fire clearance/weed abatement of City right of ways.
- The crew replenished engineered wood fiber in the Libbey Park Playground.
- The crew is preparing the Sarzotti playground for replenished sand by replacing the wood base border with recycled plastic wood.
- Volunteers from the American Legion, coordinated by Ron Sheets, are cleaning up in the Cemetery this weekend.

Neighborhood Planning Workshop

The first Neighborhood Planning workshop has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 30 at 9 am in the Boyd Center Multipurpose Room. The postcard below will go out to all residents this weekend.

**WE WANT
TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF
COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS TO TALK ABOUT
THE FUTURE OF OJAI'S NEIGHBORHOODS

The City is embarking on a multi-phase process to better plan our unique neighborhoods, preserve our small-town and rural character, and:

- Guide the quality and design of new development to preserve Ojai's village scale, and reflect the unique character of each of Ojai's neighborhoods.
- Provide design standards for Ojai's streets to better balance accommodations for pedestrians, cyclists, horse, and automobiles ("complete streets").

Our consultants will present their initial findings and invite you to share your own ideas and provide feedback on:

Saturday, May 30, 2015 9:00 am to 12:00 P.M.
Boyd Center at Sarzotti Park / 510 Park Rd, Ojai
For more information, please call (805) 646-5581
or email wold@ojaicity.org or visit the website at <http://www.ci.ojai.ca.us>

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Dark Sky Initiative

The Green Coalition has worked with residents to replace 21 eye piercing porch lights with dark sky compliant porch lights. This demonstration program is funding through the City, and is at no cost to the participating residents.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below:

May 26

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission (5:30 pm)

Planning Commission Protocols

Presentation

Fire Chief: Fire Season Preparations

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lavender Month Proclamation

Consent

Accept Donation

FTA Grant Application
Active Transportation Program
Public Hearing
Intent to Levy and Collect Assessments
Appeal: Weil Tennis Academy
Discussion
Transient Rental Enforcement Measures
Libbey Park Community Build
Second Unit Compliance Guidelines
Legal Services Agreement
Closed Session
Employee Compensation

May 30

Neighborhood Planning Workshop (9am to noon) (Council attendance optional)

June 9

Budget Workshop 6 pm
Presentation
Rob Hanford: Golden State Water
Consent
Library Tax Assessment
Plaza and Lighting Assessments
Transit Grant Application
Lake Casitas Trolley
Public Hearing
Budget
Commissions and Boards
Community Organizations
Discussion
Signal Street No Parking Zone
Archeological/Cultural Resources

June 16

Workshop with School Board (Social time 5:30-Workshop at 6:00)

June 23

Budget Workshop 6pm

Discussion
Budget Adoption

June 30 (If needed)

Budget Review and Adoption