

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

January 27, 2017

CRIME PREVENTION

The Police Department has scheduled a neighborhood block party for January 28 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the 700 block of Stargell Way. The Police Department encourages attendance to this informal gathering of the northeast area residents to discuss homeless encampments near the creek beds and the community park, graffiti hot spots, reporting after hour activities at the parks and neighborhood concerns and quality of life issues.

PATROL

Our newest hire, Officer Lauren Kroger, began working at the Police Department Monday, January 23. This week she has gone through orientation, in house training and range qualification as well as being sworn in at the City Clerk's Office. Lauren's public swearing in is scheduled for the February 7 Council meeting. She will begin several months of patrol training with her first Field Training Officer Monday, January 30.

INDUSTRIAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT, DEEP WELL PROJECT

A Preliminary Engineering Design Report has been completed that outlines results of the aquifer testing and proposed well design. The quality of the groundwater appears to be excellent and should easily meet State drinking water requirements. The estimated water quantity should exceed original expectations. Final design of a new 1650 foot deep well is under way.

STORM RELATED FACILITY REPAIRS

A contractor is performing warranty work on the Police Department roof and assessing leaks at the Library for future repairs. Significant moisture extraction has been necessary in the council chambers, due to below grade seepage. Staff are evaluating options for further preventive measures.

PARKS

- Storm clean up/tree removal in Parks and city landscape areas. A total of 10 city trees were removed due to storm damage. Various trees needed to be straightened up with tree stakes, broken branches were picked up and/or cut out of trees. Cleaned debris out of street gutters/storm drains.
- Removed 2 American flags in Parks (Community & Walker) due to storm damage. The rope on the flag poles broke in the high winds.
- Walker Park synthetic turf field "Field Goal" nets damaged due to unauthorized raising of the nets in high winds/storms. The nets have been secured in the down position so they can't be raised until fixed by Parks staff.
- Closed Meadowview Park restrooms to the public due to a high volume of vandalism (fire).
- Conducted monthly playground inspections and repairs.
- Walker Park natural turf soccer field needs a rest/renovation from high soccer usage. The turf field needs repairs and turf re-growth in bare areas. The soccer goals have been secured together so they can't be used.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Paint and Wine Night on February 8, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Cactus.
- Red Hawk Casino Bust Trip on February 9, leaving from the Chabolla Center at 8:00 am.