

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights Community Meeting
FROM: George Bloom, Lieutenant
DATE: April 19, 2007
SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2007

Lieutenant Bloom

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights Community and everything north of the 210 freeway. If you have any questions, call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at gbloom@fontana.org.
- For good information go www.Fontana.org, which is the city's website. The city's website has a link to the Police Department's website. Advised the City of Fontana will be holding their 52nd Annual Fontana Days Run, which is a ½ marathon run, 5k run and 5k Race Walk, fitness walk and Children's ½ mile dash on June 2, 2007. There will be:
 - Prize money and great goodie bags
 - Awards to top three finishers in each age division
 - Certified course and sanctioned event
 - Finish line refreshments
 - Finisher gift to all participants
 - Commemorative t-shirt
 - Commemorative lapel pin
 - Ample parking and water stations
 - Vendor expo and live entertainmentYou can register online at active.com or www.fontanarecreation.org.
- San Bernardino Associated Governments, Caltrans, and the Cities of Rialto and San Bernardino invite you to join the pre-grand opening celebration for State Route 210. Come play on the freeway: the Finale! Is a family-friendly event open to everyone on June 23, 2007. Sorry no pets allowed. Come play on the freeway: the finale will include fun bike rides, a 5K Marilyn Cardosi Memorial Run/Walk, a 10K Gary Moon Memorial Run/Walk, munchkin half-milers, a classic car show, a ribbon cutting ceremony, unveiling of the newly painted Muscoy Union Pacific Bridge, music, concessions, booths, exhibits, bounce houses, and much much more! All of these festivities will occur right on the freeway. Admission to this event will be free for everyone. However, run/walk/ride participants and car show entries require registration and fee. A free event t-shirt will be provided to each adult run/walk/ride and car show registrant. Proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Rialto and San Bernardino and the American Cancer Society. The freeway will open to drivers later this year, so don't miss this opportunity to finally "Come Play on the Freeway!"

The 5K and 10K run/walk events are dedicated to the memory of retired SANBAG Director of Freeway Construction Gary Moon and retired Rialto Unified School District Public Information Officer Marilyn Cardosi, who lost their battles to cancer in 2005 and 2006.

- Mow down air pollution-Once again, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is pleased to offer to AQMD residents an opportunity to help clean the air by exchanging an old, operable, gasoline-powered lawn mower and purchase a new Neuton 24 volt cordless rechargeable electric mower for only \$100 (sales tax included). Pre-registration is required. There will be eight locations and dates for the 2007 exchange events. For more information please contact AQMD at (800) CUT-SMOG (288-7664).
- Advised if you see shopping carts in the area you can call 350-6760 to report them to our Public Works. Our public works will pick them up and contact the store to pick up the shopping carts at City Yards. You can also report them online.
- You can also report any abandon vehicle in the city of Fontana online. Just go to the Police department's website and click on Abandon Vehicles and fill out the form and one of our Community Service Officers will respond to the location to check it out.
- Department and Area statistics:
 - 182 sworn officers
 - 195 approved positions
 - City population 180,000 (July 2007 estimate)
 - Residential Burglaries for the last 6 months for the north end of Fontana.

October	5
November	2
December	3
January	1
February	9
March	1

February a group of people had a day where they went out and kicked in four doors in the Hunter's Ridge area. That is why the number for February is so high.

- Vehicle Burglaries for the last 6 months for the north end of Fontana.

October	8
November	18
December	13
January	19
February	13
March	12

Vehicle burglaries have seemed to become a problem all over the city, the best way to prevent a vehicle burglary is to park your vehicles in the garage. Every citizen need to do some proactive things to help prevent vehicle burglaries. Another thing that could be done is to not

leave anything in your vehicle. Vehicle burglary is a crime of opportunity so don't give the criminal an opportunity to take your stuff. About 40 % all burglaries could be prevented if people would lock the car, close the garage door or take valuables out of the vehicle.

- Grand theft automobiles for the last 6 months in the north end of Fontana

October	3
November	8
December	6
January	5
February	2
March	2

The whole city on an average of 75 to 100 vehicles are taken a month.

Officer John MacMillan-Traffic Unit

- Advised he has been with the police department for 27 years. Advised he has spent most of his career in the traffic division.
- There has been major growth within the city and also major growth with the roadways in the city.
- Advised our city streets are growing more and more with traffic. The growth of the streets are usually slower than the growth of residential properties.
- Advised there has been a few complaints on speeders when that happens they try to get the motor officers up there to do a detail.
- If you have a concern with traffic issues. Call the traffic unit.
- If you know something is happening such as street racing give the police department a call.

Dan West-Parks and Landscape

- Introduced Erik Garwick the new Parks and Landscaping supervisor over contractors. Advised he has been with us for three weeks and comes to the city of Fontana from Disneyland.
- Advised there are not a lot of changes in the budget for CFD #12 Sierra Lakes.
 - Total personnel costs increase \$5,000 due to increase of salaries.
 - Total operating cost decreased \$35,000.
 - Total internal charges decreased \$700.
 - Total contractual services decreased \$877,400
 - For a total decrease of \$908,100 from the previous years budget.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights residents

- Asked how long are you allowed to have your motor home on the street to prepare for a trip? ***Code Inspector Bob Crosby advised it is 4 hours or you can get a permit for 72 hours.***

- Asked if you can park your motor home on your property. **Code Inspector Bob Crosby advised you can park it on your property as long as it's not obstructing the sidewalks.**
- Asked if there were any plans to put a signal at Cherry and Victoria, right now there is a stop sign there but many people blow right through it. **Officer MacMillan advised it could possibly be done when new development occurs in that area.**
- Advised there are cars constantly racing on San Sevaine and Half Dome. **Officer MacMillan advised the Traffic Unit has been working with Ontario Police Department to develop a taskforce and are currently working on actively enforcing the street racing sections of the vehicle code. If you ever see a group of vehicles gathering such as those that race, call our police department dispatch don't hesitate.**
- Someone had a boat parked in front of their house and someone called and turned it in. That resident went door to door asking who turned it in and said he knows people at Fontana Police Department and they told him that she was the one who turned it in. **Lt. Bloom advised he was just trying to fish for information from you. We don't give out the information of who called.**
- Asked when you purchase a new vehicle how long do you have to put the plates on. Advised she has a neighbor who has had the vehicle for about 6 months and it still doesn't have plates on it. **Officer MacMillan advised you have 90 days to fix the plates on the vehicle. If you do not receive the plates prior to that 90 days, you need to go to the DMV because there could have been a mix-up.**
- Asked if there were any plans for widening Sierra north of Summit. **Officer MacMillan advised as wide as Sierra is just south of Summit is as wide as Sierra will be through the whole city.**
- Asked on Sierra from Summit to Sierra Lakes what is the speed limit? **Officer MacMillan advised the speed limit is 45 miles per hour.**
- Advised on Clubhouse there are some shrubs that don't get trimmed properly along the golf course. **Dan from Parks and Landscape advised the maintenance on those shrubs are done by the golf course and not by the city, so you will have to contact the golf course.**
- Advised the landscaping on Summit west to San Sevaine, the landscaping is starting to encroach onto the sidewalks and they have weeds growing. Also advised the men who cut the lawns when the sprinklers are up just run them over. **Dan West advised to give Erik a call with all your concerns with the contractual services.**
- Asked who monitors what these services are doing and checking to see if they are doing it right. **Dan West advised they have landscape technicians who drive through the areas and check it to make sure it was done properly. Right now they are in the process of filling Joey Furuto's position who recently went to a different job.**
- Asked who was in charge of Rosena Park, advised there is a lot of activity in the park and a lot of bottles just left in the parking lot. **Lt. Bloom advised he has already advised the beat one officers about the problems in the park.**
- Advised Rancho Cucamonga is less than 2 miles away and is very beautiful asked if the city is looking into making it look like Rancho Cucamonga because once you pass the ravine at Hunter's Ridge it's terrible. Advised we should beautify what we

have first. *Dan West asked for recommendations with the new development specks. Advised Rancho has a lot of rockscape with is easier to maintain.*

- Advised the new plants on the 210 freeway are beautiful.
- Advised some of the areas have not been turned over from the developer, asked what could be the hold up. *Dan West advised anything could hold it up. Also advised many of the areas are already turned over and to email him if you would like an exact list of the areas which have not been turned over to the city as of yet.*
- Asked who handles the entrance signs because there have been a lot of vandalism problems with the signs? *Dan West advised the Landscape Department takes care of the entrance signs. Advised they are well aware of the problems with the vandalism and it's not only Sierra Lakes with that issue it's all around the city. Advised they just started to replace the missing letters and have noticed that some of the letters are already missing again, however now they are using cheaper materials to make the letters.*
- Asked if someone is selling their home and not keeping their yard maintained is there something the city can do. *Bob Crosby with Code Compliance advised that is an ongoing problem in the city. There is a city ordinance that a yard has to be greenscape not weeds or dirt. It can not be more than 50% hardscape. What will usually happen is they will contact the property owner and give them a notice or they won't be able to sell the home. Advised the best time to get a hold of him is at 7-9 in the morning Tuesday through Friday and 5-6 at night. Advised if you call Code Compliance make sure you leave your name and a phone number, and in your message make sure you leave the address of the problem.*
- Advised he notices people let weeds pop up on the sidewalks. *Bob Crosby advised spring weed abatement season is about to start and advised the home owner is responsible for everything from the middle of the roadway in front of their house to the back of their property line and side to side to each residence. Advised if you see any problems like this to call Code Compliance and a 30 day notice will be given to the homeowner and in 30 days the inspector will go back out to make sure it has been taken care of.*
- Asked if there was a particular code for realtors who throw the pads on the driveway. *Bob Crosby advised there is a code regarding that, someone can not just go by your house and throw advertisements it would have to be handed directly to the person living in the house not thrown on the driveway or left at the front door. The newspaper is the exception because it's a subscription, it's something you asked for.*
- Asked if there is a limit to how much dirt a residence can have in their backyard. *Bob Crosby advised most CC & R's give 60 days to get the backyard landscaped and it doesn't mean with dirt.*
- When trash gets collected some people leave their trashcans at the front of their house until the next week. *Bob Crosby advised all trashcans have to be behind a gated fence out of public view. If not give Code Compliance a call.*
- Asked if it was ok to put your address on the trashcans. *Another resident advised that Burtec actually suggest you put your address on your trashcans and if they are graffiti'ed just call Burtec Waste and they will replace your graffiti'ed trashcan for free.*

- Asked who was in charge of the street cleaners because the streets are filthy. *Dan West advised the Environmental Department is in charge of the street sweepers. Advised if you have a problem with them to call the main office at Public Works and they will be able to advise you who you will need to speak with.*
- Asked if there were plans to build on top of the dump. *Advised most of the dump is the City of Rialto's property.*
- Asked if Fontana has a Neighborhood Watch Program. *Lt. Bloom advised they do and to contact Amber Smith at (909) 350-7710 or asmith@fontana.org to get more information regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program.*

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS July 16, 2007. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SIERRA LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5740 Avenal Place) AT 7:00 PM.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY July 15, 2007 TO:

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