



City Administrator's Report

April 2005

Dear Reader,

This monthly report from the City Administrator's Office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the Santa Barbara community. Feel free to share your comments and suggestions with us.

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Key Meetings:

April 5, 12, 19, 26 ▪ City Council

Community Events:

- April (all month) ▪ Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale and events, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, (805) 682-4726; www.sbbg.org
- April 1 – 25 ▪ Employee Art Exhibit, Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center at 1118 East Cabrillo Boulevard, (805) 897-1982
- April 3 ▪ Daylight Savings Time begins, "spring forward" one hour
- April 9 -10 ▪ Maritime Museum Annual Sea Festival, Santa Barbara Harbor, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., (805) 962-8404, ext. 115, www.sbmm.org
- April 10 -16 ▪ National Library Week
- April 23 ▪ Earth Day Festival, Santa Barbara County Courthouse Sunken Gardens, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., (805) 963-0583, ext. 107 www.communityenvironmentalcouncil.org
- April 23-24 ▪ Wheels and Waves 7th Annual Classic and Hot Rod Show, State Street, Micheltorena to Gutierrez, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., (805) 683-3869
- April 29-30 ▪ Parade of Green Buildings, www.sustainabilityproject.org, (805) 966-3355
- April 30 and May 1 ▪ The 14th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival, De la Guerra Plaza and at Casa de la Guerra, www.cincodemayosb.com (805) 965-8561

Flags on State Street:

- April 1-15 ▪ CALM (Child Abuse and Listening Mediation)
- April 15-29 ▪ Rape Crisis Center
- April 29-30 ▪ Cinco de Mayo

City Administrator

Mayor’s Economic Development meetings continue: As one in a series of breakfast meetings with significant sectors of the city’s economy, Mayor Blum, Secord, Barnwell, and staff members met on March 31st with representatives of higher education institutions on the South Coast. Attendees included top administrators from UCSB, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara Business College, Antioch University, Westmont College, Southern California Institute of Law, Pacifica Graduate Institute, Santa Barbara College of Law, and Fielding Graduate University.

Neighborhood Improvement Program

Eastside community follow-up meeting set for mid-May: A meeting on the Neighborhood Improvement Program was held on March 21st at the Eastside Library and attracted about 45 residents. The meeting was led by Mayor Blum who was supported by city and county staff. Among the many issues raised by residents, flooding and parking concerns were at the top of the list. The group will reconvene in mid-May to explore interim and long-term solutions.

Graffiti Program approved by Council: Last month the City Council approved a program to remove unsightly graffiti from city neighborhoods. The next step is to hire a full-time person and purchase a paint truck with the necessary graffiti removal equipment. As part of this program, the city will schedule a meeting with county, state, and railroad representatives to form a partnership to remove and prevent graffiti on our right-of-way properties.

TV Hill fire hazard addressed: The Fire Department has issued a pre-citation letter to the largest property owner on TV Hill, requiring clean-up and removal of fire hazards and illegal encampments by the start of fire season on June 1st.

FY 2006 CDBG recommendations total \$485,375:

Last month, the City Council approved the Community Development/Human Services Advisory Committee recommendations for \$485,375 in Community Development Block Grant funds for six community projects in FY 2006. The projects include:

- Franklin Center/Library \$ 42,000
- Ortega Park Improvements \$ 85,000
- Montecito Street Lighting \$ 109,150
- Clean and Safe Neighborhoods \$ 64,225
- Code/Zoning Enforcement Office \$ 60,000
- Coronel Street Pocket Park \$ 125,000

Proposition 46 projects total \$473,500:

Last month the City Council approved an application for \$473,500 in anticipated State Workforce Housing Incentive Grant funds (Proposition 46) for the following neighborhood improvement projects:

Punta Gorda Street Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks - \$266,500

This project would bring new curbs, gutters and sidewalks where none currently exist. The proposed \$266,500 would be augmented with the city's street funds to fully fund this \$285,000 project.

Montecito Street Pedestrian Lighting Improvement Project - \$107,000

This project will provide much-needed lighting on a three-block stretch of Montecito Street between Milpas and Soledad Streets. The \$107,000 in State Workforce Housing funds would be used as matching funds for the CDBG grant to fully fund this \$216,000 project.

Junipero Bridge Pedestrian Lighting Improvement Project - \$100,000

This program will provide lighting from Calle Real to Modoc Road.

Clean-up activities continue: In March, police officers conducted several patrols of the railroad corridor and discovered evidence of frequent drug use in the vicinity of Carrillo Street and the tracks. Additionally, officers coordinated with CalTrans to clean up an illegal campsite near Bath Street and the 101 freeway. They also removed shrubbery that was obscuring illegal activity in the area of Milpas Street and the 101.

Annual Advisory Group meeting: The Annual Advisory Group meeting was held on March 30th at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center. The meeting focused on the State of the City, city finances and the Brown Act. Approximately 60 board members and staff attended the meeting.

"Inside Santa Barbara" on City-TV Channel 18: The April edition airs April 6th through May 7th. Feature segments include Community Planning in Santa Barbara, Airport Terminal Project Update, Day-in-the-Life of Parks Maintenance, Hobie Tiger Championships, and Harbor Patrol Ocean Rescue. "Inside Santa Barbara" weekly air times are Mondays at 8 p.m., Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Saturdays at 9 p.m., and Sundays at 10:30 p.m.

Ty Warner Sea Center Grand Opening is April 23rd: The Sea Center has been on Stearns Wharf since 1987 and closed in December 2001 for a multi-million dollar reconstruction. In April 2004, Beanie Babies creator Ty Warner, CEO/chairman of Ty Inc. and of Ty Hotels and Resorts, donated \$1.5 million to the Sea Center revitalization project. In recognition of Mr. Warner's philanthropy, the facility was named the "Ty Warner Sea Center." The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History owns and operates the Sea Center, which is focused on connecting people of all ages to the marine environment through interactive exhibits and programs. For details on the grand opening ceremony, please call Easter Moorman at (805) 682-4711, ext. 117 or e-mail emoorman@sbnature2.org.

Poet Laureate to be selected for Santa Barbara on April 5th: The City Council will officially appoint Barry Spacks as the city's first Poet Laureate for a two-year term. Barry Spacks has been an involved resident of Santa Barbara for 25 years – as an active participant in, and vigorous supporter of local literary events, and as a mentor, workshop leader, consultant, and speaker. He has logged more than 50 years of writing poetry that transcends gender and cultures. Barry's work has appeared in the most discerning national magazines and literary publications, as well as in nine published collections of his poetry. He has been honored with numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize nomination, the St. Botolph's Arts Award, a Commonwealth Club of California Poetry Medal and the Cherry Grove Collections Prize.

Airport Department

Airport to construct a native plant nursery off Hollister Avenue across from Aero Camino: Plants produced in the native plant nursery and raised from local stock will be used to restore the Goleta Slough wetlands. The restoration project mitigates wetland impacts resulting from planned airfield safety projects at a ratio of up to 4:1. The nursery is expected to be in full production by early summer.

February passenger traffic up over last year: There was a 5.1% increase in passenger usage at SBA over the same month in 2004 compared to the national average of +1%. Close to 58,000 passengers arrived and departed in February, bringing the year-to-date increase to 10.6%. The United Express flights to Denver and Horizon Air's Seattle service were the most popular routes.

Public workshop on Airline Terminal improvements set for April 12th at 5:30 p.m.: The Airport Department staff will present a project overview to the public on the Airline Terminal Improvement Project at the Airport's Visitor's Center, 45 Hartley Place. This project was included in the Airport Department's long-range plan, and the improvements are in response to increased passenger volumes; scattered, inadequate, and deteriorating airline operating facilities; and the need to operate efficiently with new safety and technological requirements. The workshop will include a presentation on the history of the Airline Terminal, its present condition, project goals and the upcoming design process. Community members can also provide input. For more information, please contact Project Planner Laurie Owens at (805) 692-6023.

Vintage hangar houses high-tech turbine company: Clipper Windpower Technology, Inc., a world leader in wind turbine technology based in Carpinteria, has been a temporary Santa Barbara Airport tenant during development of a wind turbine prototype. Each new turbine will be capable of providing electricity for up to 750 homes. The former WWII maintenance hangar on David Love Place was chosen because of its 30-foot-high doors. When completed, the turbine will power rotor blades 305 feet in diameter on a 250-foot tower, and sell them for approximately \$2,225,000 each. The prototype has been shipped to Wyoming for testing.

Community Development Department

Housing Element implementation strategies aired: The Housing Policy Steering Committee met last month to discuss a Jobs/Housing Mitigation Study and a proposed Tenant Protection and Relocation Ordinance. Both are implementation strategies identified in the city's Housing Element. The Jobs/Housing Mitigation Study looks at the impact new commercial development has on the demand for affordable housing in Santa Barbara.

The proposed Tenant Protection Ordinance would provide some relief to renters displaced by the demolition of housing units for new construction. The limited relief allowed by state law may include a tenant's right to terminate a lease, limitations on rent increases, provision of moving/relocation expenses, and the first right of refusal for new replacement residential units.

Single Family Design Guidelines/Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance next steps: Upcoming Steering Committee discussions include Design Review application routing and draft proposed Floor to Lot Area Ratio (FAR) regulations. In May, the committee will begin review of a Draft Updated Single Family Design Guidelines document. After the committee concludes its work, the document will be reviewed by the Design Review bodies, Planning Commission, and City Council. City Council adoption is planned for early 2006. To allow for increased participation by the public, the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room. For more information, please visit the website at:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Community/Planning/NPO.htm>

Planning Commission update:

- On April 7th, the Commission will hold a discussion on accessibility requirements under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the State Fair Employment and Housing Act. This will be an educational session about the regulations that apply to new and existing development. The Commission will also consider proposed changes to the Municipal Code and the Local Coastal Program to expand the type of projects that can be acted on at the staff level. Changes would result in the creation of a Staff Hearing Officer who would act on minor projects. The purpose of this hearing is to receive Planning Commission feedback on the proposed recommendations before taking them to the City Council. Projects being recommended for action by the Staff Hearing Officer include small subdivisions, lot line adjustments and condominium conversions.
- On April 14th, the Commission will consider a 10-unit condominium project at 210 Meigs Road, mostly surrounded by Washington School, which also requires a Local Coastal Plan amendment to change the designation from public and institutional/school use to Residential. The Commission will also consider a nine-unit subdivision/planned residence development at 1156 N. Ontare Road, and also discuss issues related to the Veronica Meadows 24-lot annexation project.
- On April 21st, the Commission will consider options for sidewalks on Alvarado Place as part of the El Encanto Hotel improvement project. The Riviera Association has raised concerns about having a sidewalk in this location. A number of smaller projects will also be considered.

- On the evening of April 28th, the Planning Commission will meet jointly with the Transportation and Circulation Committee to hold a discussion of General Plan Update Trends and Issues related to Transportation and Circulation and Air Quality.

Finance Department

February TOT was down 0.6% from the prior fiscal year: Our growth for fiscal year 2005 year-to-date is 4%. The February drop is due in large measure to the fact that February 2004 was an exceptionally good month (up 14.1% from February, 2003). We still expect to meet our 4% FY 2005 year-end projection, which would result in revenues over budget of about \$95,000.

City of Santa Barbara TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES

	FY 2001	FY 2002	Change from Prior Year	FY 2003	Change from Prior Year	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,204,593	\$ 1,171,041	-2.8%	\$ 1,183,951	1.1%	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%
Aug	1,246,973	1,276,212	2.3%	1,328,278	4.1%	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%
Sept	952,314	808,657	-15.1%	849,174	5.0%	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%
Oct	839,946	790,919	-5.8%	830,054	4.9%	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%
Nov	691,398	653,829	-5.4%	684,776	4.7%	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%
Dec	594,145	539,598	-9.2%	529,694	-1.8%	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%
Jan	578,703	511,090	-11.7%	583,413	14.2%	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%
Feb	628,764	611,322	-2.8%	616,824	0.9%	703,493	14.1%	699,400	-0.6%
Mar	769,047	783,829	1.9%	704,942	-10.1%	782,652	11.0%		
April	810,450	822,209	1.5%	793,352	-3.5%	875,760	10.4%		
May	841,975	856,251	1.7%	817,047	-4.6%	895,378	9.6%		
June	1,012,439	1,012,905	0.0%	942,897	-6.9%	973,955	3.3%		YTD
FY Total	\$ 10,170,747	\$ 9,837,862	-3.3%	\$ 9,864,403	0.3%	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 7,108,271	4.0%
Budget	\$ 10,065,000	\$ 9,779,115		\$ 9,974,700		\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900	

Note: This report includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creek Restoration and Water Quality Improvement (Measure B).

Sales Tax for the quarter ended December 31, 2004 was up 3.8% over prior year:

On an accrual basis, we are up 2.9% from the prior year, which is slightly below our budgeted growth of 3.2%. Since we will not have any more definitive data from the State until June 2005, we are projecting a 3% growth for this fiscal year. The numbers for FY 2005 have been adjusted to account for the "Triple Flip." They include amounts we have received in sales tax and amounts that we either have received or will receive as property tax in-lieu of sales tax.

Budget to be filed on April 19th: Development of the Two-Year Financial plan for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 is almost complete. The Finance Department staff is working on production of the document, which will be filed with the City Council on April 19th. This is one week later than originally planned. Release of the budget on the 19th will begin a two-month public review period by the City Council, city boards, commissions, and the public

Fire Department

Training program generates \$7,100: The In-service Firefighter Training Program is a cooperative agreement between the Fire Department and Santa Barbara City College that was launched in 2003. The college provides unit credits for firefighters, and the Fire Department provides the training and program coordination – entitling the department to a portion of the state funding received by the college for the student enrollments.

Home explosion on Sycamore Canyon Road injures occupant: Three Santa Barbara fire engines and a Montecito fire engine responded to the incident. A seriously injured victim is being treated at the Burn Center at Torrance Memorial Hospital. There were no other injuries to civilians or firefighters. The home and its contents were completely destroyed. Fire and Police Department investigators determined that natural gas was intentionally released into the structure, causing the explosion and fire.

Library Department

National Library Week is April 10th-16th: There is something for everyone at your library! Looking for information, how to write a winning resume, words to a song? Want to hear a spellbinding storyteller, surf the Web, get homework help? Or maybe you want a good book to read or listen to on tape or CD. The library offers these things and more. Each year, there are more than a million visits to the Central Library, six branch locations, Bookmobile, plus more than 1.5 million items checked out, 50,000-plus children attending programs, and more than 500,000 visits to the Santa Barbara Public Library website. Check it out!

Young Poets Contest winners to be announced this month: The Santa Barbara Young Poets Contest is sponsored by the Santa Barbara Public Library, Friends of the Library, and the Santa Barbara Independent. On April 14th at 7 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery of the Central Library downtown, contest winners will read their poems to friends, families, and other poetry lovers. Each participant will receive a certificate and congratulations.

Parks and Recreation Department

Summer camp registration begins Saturday, April 16th: The Parks and Recreation Department offers two options for parents eager to register their children in the city's popular summer day camp and sports clinics' programs. In-person registration is scheduled for April 16th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Carrillo Recreation Center, 100 E. Carrillo Street. Or, parents can choose to go online instead. The eRecreation option is available to anyone with Internet access and a pin number at www.sbparksandrecreation.com during the same hours as the in-

person registration. This year, 40% of camp spaces are reserved for online registration. Beginning April 18th at 8 a.m., remaining camp space may be reserved through a mail-in form found in the *Spring & Summer 2005 Activity Guide*, in person at the Administrative Office at 620 Laguna Street (8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.), or online.

Summerfun website offers valuable link to youth activity information: Parents can access detailed information about the Parks and Recreation Department's summer camps and sports clinics and other summer youth programs like swim and tennis lessons, art and dance classes, and Teen Program's Summer Late Nights from the department's boutique website: www.sbparksandrecreation/summerfun. Complete bilingual English/Spanish registration information and forms are also easily accessible on this site. Information about the programs, directors and counselors, plus sample schedules and photos are also provided. The site was created last year and proved to be a popular resource for parents.

Santa Barbara Youth Council honors city women: Mayor Marty Blum, Councilwomen Iya Falcone and Helene Schnieder, along with the women of the Park and Recreation Commission, were recognized for their dedicated service to the community, and as role models for young ladies – in honor of Women's History Month.

New Teen Center fundraiser needs donations: The Santa Barbara Youth Council is sponsoring a huge parking lot garage sale and bake sale on April 16th and 17th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of 1235 Chapala Street. All proceeds will support the new Teen Center, scheduled to open in December 2005. Please support this event with your donation of household, clothing, or bake sale items, and drop by to make a purchase. For more information, please contact the Youth Council office at (805) 897-2650.

10,000th tree planting to be celebrated with a queen: Back in 1976, a partnership was formed between the Parks and Recreation Department and Santa Barbara Beautiful with the planting of a King Palm tree near what is now Paseo Nuevo. Today, that partnership has reached a milestone of 10,000 trees planted along our city streets, with the goal of planting in all the empty tree wells in the city. This monumental achievement will be celebrated on April 26th from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the 700 block of Anacapa Street, next to City Hall – with the planting of a Queen Palm. In addition, trees will be planted at seven local elementary schools during this week as part of the National Arbor Day observance on April 29th. Mayor Marty Blum, City Councilmembers, Park and Recreation Commission members, Parks and Recreation staff, Santa Barbara Beautiful Board of Directors, Arbor Day Poster Contest winners, school officials, and the public are all invited to the 10,000th tree planting.

Stevens Park to close for restroom replacement and conversion of septic to sewer connection: Stevens Park will be closed beginning April 4th through early June, depending on weather conditions. Alternative access to the Jesusita, Arroyo Burro and San Antonio trails is available via trail heads at San Roque, and North Ontare Roads. The replacement project includes demolition of the existing restroom, and construction of a modern ADA-accessible facility; a new and extended walkway to the restroom; and replacement of an outdated septic system with a connection to the city sewer. For further information, please call the Parks and Recreation administrative offices at 564-5434.

Police Department

Theft and recovery of the “Conception:” This 80-foot steel hull commercial dive vessel was stolen last month from Sea Landing in the Santa Barbara Harbor. Several hours later, a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter acted on a tip and the "Conception" was found beached on the property of Vandenberg Air Force Base. Detectives found evidence linking a 41-year-old homeless man to the theft. The man was arrested for grand theft and for intentionally damaging the vessel.

Technology helps arrest car thief: A patrol officer used his vehicle's computer to retrieve a car that DMV records showed was reported as stolen in San Luis Obispo. Other officers responded to assist, and the vehicle was stopped in the 900 block of E. Cota Street. The 58-year-old driver who was on parole for auto theft and had an extensive criminal history, was taken into custody without incident. This was the man's seventh arrest for grand theft auto.

Routine stop yields robbery fugitive with meth: Two officers stopped a motorist for driving the wrong way on Anacapa Street. The driver stated that his ID was stolen but identified himself with a citation issued by the Sheriff's Department the day before. No driver's license match was found under this name. A consensual search turned up a bundle of methamphetamine in the man's wallet, four methadone tablets in his pants pocket, plus hypodermic syringes and other drug paraphernalia inside his vehicle. The suspect was found to be wanted out of Los Angeles for felony violation of probation stemming from a robbery conviction. He was booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for possession of methamphetamine, possession of methadone, possession of hypodermic syringes, giving false information to a peace officer, driving without a license, and for the felony warrant.

First fatal shooting since 2001: A man was shot and killed by police last month after officers responded to a West Haley Street disturbance call by the man's father. The father caught his 28-year-old son smoking methamphetamine, and the two argued over his drug use. The son set fire to various materials in his shed/residence, and then brandished a knife at his father. The father put out a fire and called 9-1-1. Responding police officers arrived and repeatedly ordered the son to drop the knife. He refused, and made threats to kill the officers, kill himself, and for the officers to kill him. A brief stand-off took place. The officers requested emergency response by backup officers with a 'bean-bag-gun' – an extended range impact weapon designed to be less lethal than a firearm. Before help could arrive, the son, armed with a knife, advanced on the officers, was shot twice, and died of his wounds. A thorough investigation was immediately launched. Many witnesses who heard and saw specific details were interviewed. Evidence was photographed and collected. All officer involved shooting incidents are subject to an internal review process, and the completed case will be sent to the District Attorney for review.

Public Works Department

Campanil Water Pump Station will upgrade electrical service, water pumps, and controls over the next year: Staff will coordinate with Southern California Edison to use a higher voltage source to ultimately reduce the operating costs for the water pump station, and provide a more reliable water system for the Campanil Hill area.

Streets Overlay Project 2004/2005 is part of yearly Pavement Maintenance Program: The work will include replacing 40 access ramps, plus grinding off and replacing the top two inches of asphalt on the street to provide a new driving surface. This project should replace approximately one mile of roadway, be completed before summer, and includes the Mesa, Campanil Hill, the lower east side, and the area above Mission Ridge Road to the hills.

Annual sidewalk infill project will replace missing sidewalks throughout the city: As part of Santa Barbara's Circulation Element, the work involves constructing more than 16,000 square feet of sidewalk, 11 access ramps, 650 linear feet of curb and gutter, 1,600 square feet of driveways, and other miscellaneous street improvements including 14,000 square feet of landscaped parkway. Lash Construction, a local contractor, will be performing the work and is expected to finish near mid-June. For any questions on the project, please contact Public Works Inspector Dave Coseo at (805) 564-5451.

Year-long water mains replacement begins this month: With nearly 28,000 feet of water main in different areas of the city, this project is the largest main replacement effort the city has undertaken in many years. The project also includes replacing related fire hydrants, valves, and two pressure reducing stations.

Granada Garage parking structure still underway: The concrete footings, sheer walls and columns have been constructed along the North, West and South walls. Most of the interior columns for the first underground floor have either been constructed or are ready for concrete. The contractor is currently working on the utilities under the lower level slab in anticipation of beginning to pour the concrete decking.

As a result of winter rains and contaminated soil, the contract has been delayed 52 working days. City staff, in conjunction with the contractor, have implemented a plan to accelerate the schedule. The plan calls for changing the concrete mix to accelerate hardening, building a second set of forms and working overtime to post tension the structure. One of the project goals remains to provide parking by the 2005 holiday season.

Storm disaster recovery work continues citywide on 49 projects: The project repairs are estimated at \$2 million to recover from the devastating winter rains. Damage ranges from the foothills to the waterfront. City staff have the additional task of complying with FEMA and OES documentation requirements.

Shopping cart retrieval program adopted: The city entered into an agreement with California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation (CART) in February to pick up shopping carts throughout the community. The service picked up 69 carts in the first week, 59 in the second week, and seven in the third week for a total of 135 shopping carts. The city is paying \$3 per cart with a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,200 per month. Although the service picked-up shopping carts from 10 different establishments, Sclaris had the most carts in each of the three weeks reported.

The Streets Division is working with CART to identify the areas where shopping carts are often abandoned. Streets will continue to work with CART to enroll all Santa Barbara businesses in this retrieval service. To report an abandoned shopping cart, call (800) 252-4613.

Waterfront Department

Charitable fund established at Santa Barbara Bank and Trust for owners of sunken vessel Slick Chick: The Red Cross is also assisting with funds for a motel and groceries for approximately a week while matters are sorted out at the harbor. Local news media have been contacted in an effort to make the community aware of the opportunity to contribute to the fund. The local Fisherman's Association is also considering assisting the owners. Meantime, Waterfront Department personnel are still evaluating the salvage operations and costs to remove the vessel, which remains sunk at the end tie location in Marina One. For more information, please call Waterfront Director John Bridley at (805) 564-5525.

4th Annual Sea Festival set for April 9th and 10th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: The era of tall ships comes to life at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's Sea Festival with the return of *Spirit of Dana Point* – an 18th century 118-foot privateer. This fun-filled day of dockside and onboard activities features performers in period costume, a remotely operated vehicle, hardhat diving demonstrations, museum tours, crafts, touch tank, storytelling and more.

The Sea Festival is funded in part by Nichols Foundation, Harold Fue, and City of Santa Barbara Community Events & Festivals Grant Program. All activities including tall ship tours are free with museum admission: \$6 for adults; \$3 for seniors, students, and youth; \$1 for children 1-5. Members admitted free. For information, call (805) 962-8404, ext. 115.

Santa Barbara Nautical Swap Meet planned for 8-11 a.m. on April 30th: This three-hour event in the Marina 3 parking lot features 80 vendor spaces, and is hosted by the Waterfront Department in conjunction with the Harbor Merchants Association. The swap meet is a prime place to look for boat, kayak and surfing gear, diving equipment, anchors and tackle, tools, and more. Open to the public.