City Administrator's Report

June 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:

June 7, 14, 21, 28 ▪ City Council

Holidays:

June 19 ▪ Father's Day

Community Events:

June 4 ▪ Big Dog Parade and Canine Festival – Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. on State Street from De La Guerra Plaza to Old Chase Palm Park, where the festival continues – (805) 963-8727, ext. 1398, www.bigdogs.com

June 18 ▪ Caribbean Festival – Oak Park, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., (805) 687-4701, http://caribbean.santabarbara.com/

June 25 ▪ Summer Solstice Celebration – Parade starts at noon on State Street from Cota to Micheltorena Streets – Festival follows at Alameda Park, 12:30 – 8 p.m., (805) 965-3396, http://www.solsticeparade.com/

Flags on State Street:

June 1-6 ▪ Big Dog Foundation

June 6-13 ▪ Summer Solstice

June 13-17 ▪ Flag Day (Flag Day is June 14th)

June 17-27 ▪ Summer Solstice

June 27-July 8 ▪ Independence Day

City Administrator

Neighborhood Improvement Program

- Mayor and staff meet with Eastside residents to discuss infrastructure improvements and explore ways to cope with and reduce area flooding; the second of two meetings. Departments represented included the City Administrator's Office, Public Works, Community Development, Fire, Police, Parks and Recreation, Creeks Division, and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff.

  Meeting recap:

  Bridge replacement/alteration options are being explored.

  A creek maintenance program to reduce bridge blockage will be closely monitored and modified as necessary, and a creek area cleanup with neighborhood involvement will soon be launched.

  Area residents will be kept informed on our progress.

  Private creek property owners will be enlisted to participate, and a creek neighborhood watch to reduce illegal dumping, encampments, and deteriorating conditions will be organized.

  A "reverse" 9-1-1 warning system will be instituted to warn residents of flood risk.

  We will continue constructing sidewalks, curbs and gutters, installing lighting and repairing the streets; with more than $800,000 in improvements budgeted over two years.

  The annual, no-cost, large item pick-up program was explained.

- ***Loma Alta/TV Hill to undergo major cleanup to reduce fire risk and rid illegal encampments:*** The single largest land parcel below TV hill that has been the site of many trespassing violations and illegal encampments – which raise the risk of wildfires – has changed ownership. This month, the new owner plans to clean and patrol the area, institute a vegetation management plan to reduce risk of wildland fire, and install a fence to discourage trespassing. There are no development rights on the property.

- ***Quick Reference Numbers to cut and save:*** The last page of this report has a list of handy telephone numbers for contacting city services to report problems.

- ***Visited the city's website recently?*** See what we are all about by clicking on this link: http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/home.htm.

City receives Good Neighbor Award: The Good Neighbor Award was presented by the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the Red Cross to the City of Santa Barbara and to the 2004 Hurricane Response Team - Fernando Bañales, Don Dwyer, Mabel Shatavsky, and Antonio Velasquez on June 1, 2005, for having made significant humanitarian contributions in support of the American Red Cross.

At the American Red Cross Annual Awards dinner in Los Olivos last month, Santa Barbara was honored for sending four, city employees to Florida to assist residents in the aftermath of the hurricanes. The employees also received a Good Neighbor Award from the Red Cross.

"Inside Santa Barbara" on City-TV Channel 18: Starting June 8th, feature segments will include the Rehabilitation Institute, Lost at Sea Memorial, Bike to Work Week, and Fossil Free in 33. "Inside Santa Barbara" airs weekly on 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.

Airport Department

Passenger traffic continues to rise: In April, passenger usage rose 7.1% over the same month last year. In May, more than 70,000 travelers arrived at and departed from Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) last month, making it the 23rd consecutive month that traffic has shown a positive growth rate. The highest capacity routes on average were Denver (United Express) at 98%, Seattle (Horizon Air) at 88% and Dallas/Fort Worth (American Eagle) at 84%. Year-to-date, the passenger count is up 7.8% over 2004.

Enplaning passenger survey had a high participation rate: Approximately 600 departing travelers completed a survey questionnaire at the Airline Terminal last month. The Airport Department conducts a survey every other year to determine customer satisfaction levels for services and facility maintenance. The findings are used in making improvements and determining SBA's target market. Additionally, the results are shared with local organizations and corporate airline headquarters, and are included in the Airport Department's performance measurement reporting.

Airline Terminal restaurant and menu are being revamped: Twenty years have passed since the last major renovation of the SBA terminal's upstairs restaurant, which is currently undergoing a complete make-over. Creative Host Services, the restaurant operator, has begun a major reconstruction to open up the interior and give the space a lighter and brighter feel. Creative Croissants, the deli located in the main lobby, is open during construction and is serving pastries, salads, sandwiches and beverages. When completed in mid-July, the new restaurant and bar will reveal an international-style menu in response to traveler requests.

Airport surveillance radar project slated for completion this fall: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control Tower at SBA will expand the airspace it monitors from the Conejo Grade to Paso Robles. Contractors have been trenching streets near the SBA tower to install electrical conduit for a new state-of-the-art radar system that is among the first fully digitized systems in the nation. The FAA contracted the project and is funding the improvements.

***Sightseeing biplane crashes in Goleta Slough*:** Shortly after takeoff on May 22nd, the Santa Barbara Biplane Tours' aircraft made an emergency landing. Fire crews from the Airport's Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting station, in addition to the County Fire Department responded to the incident. Two passengers and the pilot were treated and taken to a local hospital. The plane wreckage was airlifted by helicopter on May 25th to an offsite location. Both Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board inspectors are investigating the accident.

Finance Department

April Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) up 7.5%: The table below shows that April was up 7.5% from the prior year. With two months remaining in the fiscal year, our fiscal year-to-date is now up 5%.

	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%	699,349	-0.6%
Mar	769,047	783,829	1.9%	704,942	-10.1%	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%
April	810,450	822,209	1.5%	793,352	-3.5%	875,760	10.4%	941,348	7.5%
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%**	**$ 8,922,122**	**5.0%**
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).

Business License Audit Program generates additional revenue: Using taxpayer data made available by the State Franchise Tax Board (FTB) under a new state law, Finance Department staff has begun an expanded business license audit program. Under the new state law, the FTB is allowed to supply cities with the names and addresses of any person or entity filing a state tax return that includes business income. The city cross-references the state information against our business license database. In cases where we find no corresponding city business license, a letter is sent to the taxpayer and compliance efforts are begun. The city is allowed to collect unpaid business license taxes for three prior years. So far, the city has sent more than 300 letters, and payments totaling over $40,000 have already been received from 144 different taxpayers.

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2006 budget is scheduled for June 21st: The Finance Committee completed its budget review and will forward recommendations to the City Council on June 7th. On June 14th, the City Council will provide staff with final direction. Adoption will conclude a six-month staff effort to develop and present the budget, and a nine-week review process by the City Council and Finance Committee, including numerous special meetings. In addition, many of the city's boards and commissions spent considerable time and effort reviewing budgets within their respective jurisdictions. Thanks to all involved.

Community Development Department

Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (NPO) update: The Single Family Design Guidelines/Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance Update project continues to proceed through the steering committee process. After the committee concludes review of its last Issue Paper (J Application Routing and Trigger Mechanisms) on June 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, staff will prepare an updated Single Family Design Guidelines Draft for steering committee review. The document will then be reviewed by the Architectural Board of Review, Historic Landmarks Commission, Planning Commission, Ordinance Committee and City Council. The updated NPO and Guidelines are estimated to reach City Council for approval by early 2006. For more information, please see: http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Community/Planning/NPO.htm.

Planning Commission recap:

- June 9th – The Planning Commission will hear a status report on Casa Esperanza, and the work that has been done with the neighborhood over the past year to improve neighborhood conditions related to the shelter.

- June 23rd – The last baseline reports on General Plan Update Condition, Trends and Issues will be considered by the Planning Commission, along with a final wrap-up. At the same meeting, the commission will also consider a proposed ordinance that will codify certain allowances under zoning to provide reasonable accommodation for the disabled.

Fire Department

Two accidental structure fires on May 10th:

The first occurred at a San Pascual Street single-family home shortly after 8 a.m. An occupant was asleep inside the home but was awoken by a passerby. The fire was caused by a mattress placed over a floor heater.

The second fire occurred around 9 p.m. in an upstairs apartment on East Anapamu Street, when a candle came in contact with a mattress. The occupant and neighbors made several attempts to extinguish the fire themselves before calling 9-1-1. Fire damage was contained to the apartment.

Fire Season officially began on June 1st: The potential threat, however, is anticipated to occur in later months when temperatures rise and humidity drops. The abundance of grass produced from the rainy season may increase our wildfire danger this year.

Wildland fire outreach program reaches 200 homes in Eucalyptus Hill: On May 14th, the Fire Department in cooperation with the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council and Montecito Fire sponsored a Community Wildland Outreach Day. This is the fourth year the city has participated in this county-wide program. Going door-to-door, members of the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council, Red Cross, fire agencies, AERES (amateur radio operators), and Homeowner Associations talk with property owners about wildland fire issues. The focus of the door to door campaign is motivating the public to take personal responsibility in preparing for wildfire. Four main topics are covered with each homeowner: Evacuation; Red Flag Fire Alerts; Disaster Preparedness; and Defensible Space.

Library Department

Summer reading programs begin June 20th: Coming soon…storytelling, magic, and lots of books for children to read. Hundreds of young people will join the 2005 Summer Reading Program – "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds" – to keep up their reading skills, receive prizes, and have fun. Teens will also earn rewards and read "just for fun" by participating in the Teen Reading Program, "Joust Read." Both programs continue through August 14th.

Wireless internet access now available: To curb demand and long waiting lines for library Internet terminals, and better serve students, groups using the meeting rooms, and others, all branches of the Santa Barbara Public Library System have installed wireless access to the Internet. Library patrons bringing in their own laptops (with wi-fi cards) can now use the Internet anywhere inside the library buildings. At the Central Library, usage since mid-May has averaged 28 customers per day.

Parks and Recreation Department

Summer Late Nights for teens kicks off July 6th: A trip to Magic Mountain on July 6th is the first event of the Summer Late Nights 2005 program, now in its tenth year. This summer-long party provides local teens with opportunities to visit fun spots like Knott's Berry Farm, Lazertag, Disneyland, Dodge Stadium, Universal Studios, and the Getty Museum. Friday night dances are also included. Space is limited and going fast. For more information, call Teen Programs at (805) 897-2650; or visit www.sbparksandrecreation.com/teens

Got kids? We've got camps!: There is still time to enroll your children in one of the Parks and Recreation Department's summer camps and sports clinics. The camps make full use of the city's resources—beaches, parks, playgrounds, pools, tennis courts, and sports fields – to ensure a fun-filled and diverse experience. Camps include Aquacamp, Nature, Discovery, Sports & Beach, and Triathlon. Sports clinics include beach volleyball, kayaking, skateboarding, soccer, and tennis. Experienced instructors, affordable prices, and flexible one-and two-week schedules are provided. Register for your child's summer adventure at www.sbparksandrecreation.com/summerfun; or call (805) 564-5418.

Mural Restoration Project receives funding: The Parks and Recreation Department has received a $3,800 grant for the Ortega Park Mural Restoration Project, occurring June 20th through July 25th. The funds will be used to provide project supplies and youth participant stipends under the Community Services Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Semana Nautica 2005 set for June 24th through July 17th: This year's festival includes ocean swimming events, running events, and a variety of related sporting activities. The one-mile ocean swim, three-mile ocean swim, 4th of July 15-K, and the Forresters 4th of July baseball game are all great spectator events. Calendars will be available at the Cabrillo Bathhouse, Carrillo Recreation Center, Los Baños pool, and 620 Laguna street after June 10th.

Oak Park wading pool is ready for summer fun: After four years of renovations, the pool officially opened on Memorial Day weekend. Visitors will be treated to new fencing, better water circulation, a new pool deck, and a brand new grass seating area.

Outstanding teens to be honored at Youth Leadership Awards Banquet on June 6th: Mayor and council members will recognize 45 young people from our community who have been nominated by 20 youth service agencies. These teens are being recognized for their outstanding academic achievement, community service, or for overcoming challenges. The nominees will also be recognized by the offices of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Congresswoman Lois Capps, Senator Tom McClintock, Assemblyman Pedro Nava, and Senator Barbara Boxer. This 4th Annual Event, hosted by the city's Teen Programs, will be held at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center.

Family Recreation Fair provided fun for disabled community: The Second Annual Family Recreation Fair for children and adults with disabilities was held at Alameda Park on May 22nd. The event included $1,400 worth of donated prizes, as well as free cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and lunch. Several dozen agencies provided educational material about recreational opportunities available in the Santa Barbara community for disabled individuals. Participants and their families were able to participate in numerous games and activities provided by the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Athletic roundtable honors79-year-young senior fitness instructor: Ralph Holmes, a volunteer fitness instructor for the Parks and Recreation Department's "Stretch and Tone" class at the Carrillo Recreation Center, was honored on May 19th with the Russ Hargreaves Memorial Award at the Santa Barbara Athletic Roundtable Hall of Fame Banquet. Holmes has led more than 2,000 fitness classes at the center three days a week, with to up to 75 students. His "Stretch and Tone" class has been recognized by the county's Area Agency on Aging as Senior Program of the Year in 2000. Ralph is a model for active aging, lifelong fitness, and community service. He has touched the lives of hundred of Santa Barbara residents, and still has time for his wife Marie, his many friends, and his weekly golf game.

Mission Creek neighborhood meeting: Last month, 15 community members met with staff from the Creeks Division to share ideas on how to improve Mission Creek in their neighborhood. Staff provided an overview of current projects in the watershed and then walked along the creek between State Street and Oak Park to discuss potential areas of improvement.

Creeks giveaways at June 4th Big Dog Parade: Bring your canine companion to the Big Dog parade starting on State Street at 9:30 am. Afterwards, stop by the Creeks Division booth on the beach for dog snacks, water, and extra supplies of mutt mitts. Always picking up after your pet, no matter where you are, ensures that harmful bacteria don't get washed in to our creeks and beaches.

Kids Creek Fest kicks off summer: Enjoy the start of summer at the Kids Creek Fest at Arroyo Burro Beach on June 12th from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Based at the Watershed Resource Center, fun activities for all ages will include a guided nature walk, a presentation featuring live birds of prey, a Chumash storyteller, puppet shows, games and prizes. Enjoy the beach while learning how to protect the environment. Contact the Creeks Division at (805) 897-2658; or www.sbcreeks.com for the full schedule of activities.

Police Department

Burglars busted red handed: Two men who forced their way into the Castillo Street residence of a 35-year-old woman were apprehended inside the home by an officer responding to the woman's 9-1-1 call. The intruders, both in their fifties, were arrested for residential burglary, parole violation, and held without bail.

Bank robber found dead in hotel: A man who robbed a bank on State Street was caught in the act on bank surveillance photos that subsequently aired on local television. Resulting tips plus an anonymous call to 9-1-1 led police detectives to a State Street motel, where officers found the suspect's body lying on a bed. Pending toxicological analysis, the cause of death appeared consistent with a drug overdoes. Detectives believe that the stolen money was used to buy illegal drugs that caused the man's death.

Auto burglary bonanza: A 24-year old woman returning to her Toyota pickup parked on West Ortega Street noticed movement inside the vehicle and phoned police. The officer arrived to find a 23-year-old male seated in the cab with the victim's CDs in his hands. Marks and scratches on the dashboard suggested an attempt to pry out the stereo. The man was arrested for auto burglary and probation violation. Minutes later in an unrelated case, another officer stopped a VW pickup on East Haley Street for a defective exhaust. The 30-year-old driver was arrested for driving under the influence of methamphetamine. A police canine checked the vehicle interior and sniffed out a hidden 'crack-pipe' commonly used to smoke crystal methamphetamine, also known as 'ice.' The suspect's pocket was stuffed with another person's credit cards. At the same time in another location, police were investigating a smash-and-grab auto burglary. Stolen credit cards turned out to be the ones found in the drug suspect's pocket! Stolen tennis rackets and other property were also found in the man's vehicle, along with powerful sling-shot, possibly used to break automobile windows. The man was arrested for auto burglary, possession of burglary tools, driving under the influence of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, and parole violation.

Murder conviction: Two years and 21 days after an April 19, 2003 homicide, a jury convicted Jose Romo on May 9th of first degree murder in the killing of David Montenes, Jr. The jury found the murder occurred by means of a firearm, and with the special circumstances of lying-in-wait. This verdict virtually guarantees a life-sentence without parole for Romo. Co-defendant Alberto Lule, suspected of masterminding the killing, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit murder and doing so in furtherance of a criminal street gang. He is expected to receive a 12-year sentence.

Public Works Department

Cater Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project received the American Public Works Association's Central Coast Chapter Award of Project of the Year for Structures Greater than $10 Million: Additionally, this project received the American Society of Civil Engineers Regional Chapter Project of the Year Award. The noteworthy project is one of the largest and most technically challenging in recent years for California's south and central coast areas. The $13.8 million upgrades at the Cater Water Treatment Plant included constructing much-needed sludge retention and drying basins, replacing and modernizing aging and failing equipment, and improving water treatment processes to meet upcoming drinking water regulations. The project was successfully completed on time, without major delays, had minimal change orders, and was performed with minimal disruption to the treatment plant's daily operations. Overall, the project has improved the water treatment plant's reliability, efficiency, and security.

Sheffield Water Quality Project Open House on June 4th from 8 to 10 a.m.: The public is invited to see the latest project developments. Backfilling of the permanent 13 million gallon buried concrete tanks continues on the final phase of this project, which began November 3, 2003 and is scheduled to continue until November 2005. The permanent tanks are now operable, and the temporary tanks have been dismantled. For more information, call Supervising Engineer Bob Sedivy at (805) 680-2488.

Recycling and city beautification go hand in hand: During the past several weeks, Environmental Services and Streets Division staff worked together to install new recycling and trash containers at the Central Library, replacing cracked and vandalized 30-year-old concrete trash containers. They also installed retrofitted trash and recycling containers at the Eastside Library and Franklin Center. Citywide, staff is replacing older trash containers in all public spaces with new recycling and trash paired containers, while older containers are being refurbished into recycling and trash pairs, beautifying many parts of the city at very low cost. Temporary recycling containers placed in all city parks last summer are being progressively replaced with high-quality permanent trash and recycling containers. By thinking creatively and working as a team with other departments, the city is succeeding in its effort to expand recycling and enhance the aesthetics of Santa Barbara.

Pueblo Street Bridge over Mission Creek gets emergency repair: Unusually heavy winter rainfall damaged the bridge. The footings were undermined, necessitating immediate repairs which began on May 31st and should be completed by June 30th.

Wastewater Display at the Sea Center: An interactive display that shows how wastewater treatment mimics natural processes is now installed at the new Sea Center. The display was funded by the city and developed jointly by Water Resources staff and the Sea Center.

Waterfront Department

Two lotteries held by Harbor Commission on May 19th: One lottery was for developing a Lottery List; and a second lottery was for assigning a slip permit for Fish Float #22. The posted results are available on the Harbor Commission webpage at the City of Santa Barbara website. Staff will confirm the eligibility and ranking of individuals whose names were drawn and report back to the commission on the formation of the Lottery List and the slip assignment of Fish Float 22. For a copy of the results, contact the Waterfront Business Office at (805) 897-1963.

Lost at Sea Memorial dedication ceremony is June 15th at 2 p.m.: Construction of the memorial began on April 4th. The concrete slab has been poured and the whale's tail benches as well as the compass rose have been installed. Decorative rock and landscaping around the perimeter of the slab are also in place. Final items to be installed are the memorial plaque and dolphin bust set in stone. The dedication ceremony will be held at the Lost at Sea Memorial site, at the east end of the Santa Barbara Breakwater.

Harbor Nautical Swap Meet successful: The Waterfront Department's first-ever Nautical Swap Meet took place in the Main Harbor Parking lot from 8 to 11 a.m. on April 30th. Hundreds of treasure-seekers pored through the wares of 57 vendors, walking away with terrific buys on fishing tackle, surfboards, inflatable boats, kayaks, skiffs, boat motors, sailboat rigging and other marine/nautical items. The Santa Barbara Harbor Merchants Association and Santa Barbara Roasting Company provided free refreshments for vendors and public alike. Recycling tips, boater safety literature and other brochures were also available. Owing to the event's popularity, staff expects to repeat the Harbor Nautical Swap Meet next spring.

Stearns Wharf Annual Pile Driving Project was completed May 13th: The original contract with Cushman Contracting Corporation was amended to include repair of pile caps, stringers, and ladders damaged during this winter's storms. In addition, Cushman Contracting in conjunction with Waterfront Department staff installed two new fiberglass pile jackets under the Harbor Restaurant. This new technique may minimize the need for future costly splice piles. Total project cost was $350,000. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Emergency Services will reimburse the Waterfront Department $21,403 in storm damage repair costs.

Rare sighting of snowy plovers on the sandspit: A pair of nesting snowy plovers was identified on May 7th. Snowy plovers are considered a threatened species pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act. Although snowy plovers periodically roost in winter, this is the first breeding pair identified in the Waterfront area in 70 years.

The snowy plover population has been greatly reduced by predation from other animals and human interference, thus their listing as a threatened species. The Coal Oil Point Reserve manager – a local expert on snowy plovers – was contacted by Waterfront, and placed a predator-proof cage, some fencing, and signage at the nesting location.

After consulting with U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Waterfront Department staff installed fencing across the breakwater extension and 16 perimeter signs to preclude public access on the sandspit. Snowy plover eggs normally hatch in four weeks and young plovers typically fledge the nest three weeks later. A docent program has been established to monitor the site and provide information to the public.

Second phase of dredging the federal channel was completed on April 27th: There were discrepancies between U.S. Army Corps of Engineers surveys and progress surveys conducted by the dredging contractor, AIS Construction (AIS). Original volume calculations identified over 150,000 cubic meters of material in the Federal Channel. However, approximately 123,000 cubic meters were actually removed from the channel which still met the contractor's contractual obligations to the Corps. AIS also dredged approximately 5,000 cubic meters of material between "S" dock and the sandspit to improve navigation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer and Waterfront staff will meet to discuss the surveying discrepancies and how to provide improved quality control for the next dredging cycles.

City of Santa Barbara
Quick Reference Numbers

HELP KEEP SANTA BARBARA
CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

Abandoned Vehicles (Public property)	(805) 897-2413	Pothole & Sidewalk Hotline	(805) 897-2630
ABOP (Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil & Paint)	(805) 560-7505	RADON Information	(800) 745-7236
Airport Noise Complaint Hotline	(805) 967-1900	Recycling Hotline	(805) 564-5587
Animal Control	9-1-1 or (805) 963-1513	Sand Bags	(805) 564-5411
BFI	(805) 965-5248	Sewer Problems (Water/Streets)	(805) 564-5413
Code Enforcement Hotline	(805) 897-2676	Shopping Cart Hotline	(800) 252-4613
Creeks – Dumping/Water Quality	(805) 897-2658	Street Lights (24 hr recording)	(805) 564-5416
Fire Department (24 hr.)	(805) 965-5254	Street Sweeping	(805) 897-1903
Graffiti Hotline	(805) 897-2513	Storm Drain Hotline	(805) 564-5458
Hazardous Waste	(805) 897-2624	Traffic Signals (Public Works)	(805) 564-5417
Information – City Hall	(805) 963-0611	Trash Complaints	(805) 897-2618
Marborg	(805) 963-1852	Tree Problems	(805) 564-5434
Noise Abatement (PD Dispatch)	(805) 897-2410	Vector Control (Rodents, mosquitoes)	(805) 560-7510
Park Ranger	(805) 897-1941	Water Problems: Broken mains, wasting water Conservation (audit requests)	 (805) 564-5413 (805) 564-5460
Police Department: 24 hr Non-Emergency 24 hr Dispatch Tip Line	 (805) 897-2300 (805) 897-2410 (877) 800-9100	Zoning Enforcement	(805) 897-2676