



City Administrator's Report

June 2006

Dear Reader,

Each month, this 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 send me your comments and suggestions.

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What's New This Month? We are always looking for ways to make the City Administrator's Monthly Report more reader-friendly. We have added a Table of Contents so that you can see an overview of the topics covered. For those who read the online Report, click on any item in the Table of Contents and it will automatically bring you to that page.

We appreciate any feedback so that we can continue to improve the City Administrator's Monthly Report.

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Key Meetings

- June 6, 13, 20, 27 ▪ City Council Meetings.

Community Events

- June 3 ▪ **Big Dog Parade**, 9:30 a.m., State and De la Guerra Streets. For more information, call 963-8727 ext.1351
- June 4 ▪ **“Wonders of Water” Event**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Santa Barbara Zoo. Event is free with Zoo admission. For more information call 962-5339 ext. 27.
- June 3 – 10 ▪ **Women’s Golf Week**, various times, The Santa Barbara Golf Club. For more information, call Kathy Sullivan of Parks and Recreation at 564-5589.
- June 5 ▪ **5th Annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet**, 6 – 8 p.m., Cabrillo Arts Pavilion, 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd., For more information, call Ashley Sanchez of Teen Programs at 897-2649.
- June 11 & 12 ▪ **State Street Mile**, 8 – 11 a.m., begins at State and Pedregosa Streets and ends at State and De La Guerra Streets. For more information go to www.sbmile.com.
- June 17 ▪ **Beach Cleanup**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Arroyo Burro Beach. For more information call Jessica Scheeter of Creek Division at 897-2606.
- June 18 ▪ **Caribbean Festival**, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Oak Park. For more information call 687-4701.
- June 24 ▪ **Summer Solstice Parade**, parade begins at 12:00 p.m. at State and Cota Streets and ends in Alameda Park. For more information call 965-3396.
- June 29 ▪ **Free Summer Concert Series**, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Chase Palm Park. For more information go to www.sbparksandrecreation.com.
- July 4 ▪ **4th of July Fireworks**, 12 p.m., live entertainment and food, fireworks begin at sundown, West Beach. For more information call 568-0020.
- July 4 ▪ **4th of July Parade**, 1:00 p.m., begins at State and Micheltorena Streets and ends at the corner of State and Cota Streets. For more information, call 708-5466.

Flags on State Street

- May 30 – June 5 ▪ Big Dog Parade
- June 5 - 12 ▪ GaySantaBarbara.org
- June 12 - 16 ▪ Flag Day
- June 16 – 26 ▪ Summer Solstice
- June 26 – July 7 ▪ Independence Day

City Administrator

City Facilities Converted to City-Owned Fiber. A side benefit of the recently constructed Granada Garage includes fiber connection of the Garage to City Hall and to all city buildings between them. This sub-project consisted of boring an underground path along Anacapa Street and connecting seven City facilities with City owned fiber. This includes the Main Library, Fire Headquarters, Carrillo Recreation Center, all Parking garages, and future connection capability for Police Headquarters. This new fiber is operational and has begun saving the City over \$1,500 per month in contract services. In addition, it provides fast network connectivity to the facilities and creates an infrastructure for future Parking operation and fee collection improvements.

New Streaming Video Technology. The public will have the ability to view “streaming video” content of both live meetings and past archived meetings (including direct linkage to a specific indexed agenda item) from either a City workstation, or from the Internet. This new capability is in final testing now and will begin with the City Council meeting on July 11th. Following this rollout, several of the other 11 televised City Commission/Advisory Group meetings will be made available as well. This “streaming video” technology will also be used by Fire Department Training staff to enable training material to be broadcast over the network to remote Fire Stations so that crews can receive training without leaving the station. The technology allows for multiple people to view a “live” meeting simultaneously, or for individuals to see any portion of an archived meeting in an “on demand” setting.

City Employees Honored. Congratulations to Tom Doolittle for receiving the Russ Hargreaves Memorial Volunteer Award of the Year by the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table. He was nominated by the Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club for his efforts and commitment as Weekend Trip Director for the past nine years. Also, congratulations to Todd Stoney of the Police Department for receiving an award for “Outstanding Athlete” by the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table. During his time at San Marcos High School, he led his football team in interceptions and was voted SMHS Football MVP. He attended Occidental College where he also received many awards, including First Team All-League defensive back. Later, Todd returned to his high school alma mater to coach. Tom Doolittle and Todd Stoney were recognized at an awards dinner on Tuesday May 30th at Fess Parker’s Double Tree Resort. To learn more about the achievements of both city employees, go to www.sbart.org.

City TV-Channel 18's "Inside Santa Barbara." Find out what's going on in the city by tuning in to this month's episode of "Inside Santa Barbara," which will air on Wednesday, June 7th at 9 p.m. June's episode will cover a number of fuel alternatives. The show will also give viewers an inside look at the local tradition of Nite Moves. "Inside Santa Barbara" will cover this year's AVP Volleyball Tournament as well. You can also learn about the success of Bike Week and to bike safely. Finally, find out the latest project in the Barry Berkus Art Collection. For more information and rebroadcast times, go to www.citytv18.com.

Airport

Taxiway M Construction Completed. Taxiway M is one of the safety projects approved in the Airport's Aviation Facilities Plan. The new taxiway reduces the number of runway crossings, thereby reducing the risk of runway incursions. Incursions have been identified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as one of the biggest safety issues related to ground operations at airports nation wide. The new taxiway also greatly improves circulation for aircraft taxiing in the northwest section of the airfield. The \$4.5 million project was funded by FAA grants and Passenger Facility Charge revenues. It was designed by URS Corporation and Penfield & Smith Engineers and constructed by Granite Construction.

Verhelle Bridge Newly Constructed. The new bridge improves flooding conditions and provides better access to the airfield. The \$1.8 million project includes a two-lane clear span bridge with a sidewalk, lighting, fencing, and channel bank stabilization near the bridge. The underside of the old bridge was four feet below the base flood elevation while the new bridge is six inches above the base flood elevation. The bridge deck was poured with barrier rails and street conforms by Lash Construction with 1940's architectural elements. The bridge is located off South Fairview Avenue across from Matthews Street, opened Friday, May 12th for tenants in the northeastern quadrant of the Airport.

Security Upgrade at Airport. This project includes a new access control system consisting of closed circuit television and computerized access control for doors and perimeter gates. The new system has automatic vehicle gates and walk-through pedestrian gates using dual authentication card recognition technology (as with bank ATM activity). All airfield gates, including the Airline Terminal are operated by a new card system. Extensive acceptance testing was conducted prior to the system going online. The total project cost of \$1.9 million was funded by FAA Airport Improvement Program grants. The system was designed and constructed by Glover Resnick Design Associates and Johnson Controls.

T-Hangar Construction on Target for Fall. The Airport has developed a plan to construct 24 t-hangars housed in buildings with sliding doors, window, and exterior architectural treatment reminiscent of hangars built on-site during WWII. Demand for t-hangar space at SBA exceeds the supply, and public meetings have been held to explain the project and lottery procedure. The Airport's financing goal is to make \$3 million project economically self-sufficient; two primary funding sources are Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Division of Aeronautics' California Airport Loan Program. A set of documents to establish and standardize administration of the project, including a waiting list procedure, rules and regulations, occupancy terms, a policy for assignment of space accessible to disabled individuals and program authorization documents are available online at <http://www.flysba.com/index.asp?pageID=143>.

Community Development

Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. The development of Santa Barbara County's TYP is in full swing. The Leadership Council has met three times and is providing direction to the six working committees: 1) supportive housing; 2) prevention; 3) outreach, 4) engagement and services; 5) increasing incomes; 6) finance and oversight/implementation. Council appointed Mayor Blum and Councilmember Schneider to represent the City on the Leadership Council. In addition, numerous city departments are participating on the working committees, including staff from City Administration, Community Development, Fire, Library and Police. Recently, Councilmember Schneider and Sue Gray from Community Development joined representatives from the County Board of Supervisors, County staff and the City Housing Authority to represent Santa Barbara at the first ever National Summit on Homelessness in Denver. The summit was hosted by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Participants came back with practical solutions to the problem of chronic homelessness, as well as numerous reports on how it is working in other communities.

Planning Commission Update. The following projects are tentatively scheduled on the Planning Commission agenda in the upcoming weeks:

June 1, 2006

- 1009 Del Sol Avenue involves the demolition of a single-family residence and garage and the construction of two new three-bedroom condominium units within a two-story duplex in the Coastal Zone.
- 85 N. La Cumbre Road involves the demolition of all existing site improvements, including a two-story apartment building, a detached residence, a garage and apartment structure and carports (a total of ten (10) residential units would be demolished). A new three-story condominium building containing nine residential units is proposed. One of the one-bedroom units is proposed as a bonus density unit affordable to middle-income homebuyers.
- Recommendations to the City Council on the review and comment of the Single Family Design Guidelines/Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance Draft Update Package.

June 8, 2006

- World War II Memorial at the Santa Barbara Airport involves the creation of a Memorial on Airport Property to honor local aviators who lost their lives and to commemorate those who served at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara. The project would be located adjacent to the Airport Vista in the Long Term Parking Lot.
- Appeal of project at 70 La Cumbre Circle involving the addition of 265 square foot sunroom to a 1,260 square-foot single family residence with an attached 370 square-foot garage.

June 15, 2006

- 900 Calle de los Amigos involves the construction of 34 additional residential units to the Valle Verde Retirement Community and an upgrade to the facility's Central Core. The demolition of one residential unit and the removal of 12 oak trees are also proposed.
- 535 E. Montecito Street EIR Scoping Hearing to receive comments from the public and Planning Commission regarding the proposed mixed use building of 198,031 square feet. Ninety residential condominiums, 6,612 square feet of commercial space, and a 139 space parking lot are proposed. Of the 90 proposed residential units, 54-66 would be affordable pursuant to City Affordability requirements. The remaining units would be sold at below or

at market prices depending upon the program selected by the applicant and decision-makers.

Fire Department

Firefighters Halfway Through Training Academy. The Fire Department's seven new (replacement) firefighters are now halfway through their ten-week training academy. So far, training topics and hands-on skill exercises have included a general overview of City and Fire Department policies and procedures including safety in the field; EMS instruction; knowledge of fire behavior and fire attack strategies; hose and equipment applications; an overview of Hazardous Materials and Search and Rescue operations; and a vehicle and structural fire "live burn" drill. Upcoming topics will include ladders, auto extrication, ropes and knots; confined space and trench rescue, and ventilation. The academy will conclude with a final test on all these subjects and a formal graduation ceremony on June 23rd.

Car Seat Safety Inspection Program. This summer, the Fire Department plans to roll out a new public outreach program involving the inspection and safe installation of child passenger safety seats. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics reveal that approximately 90% of child safety seats are installed or used incorrectly. The misuse rate for car seats is truly alarming and places children at great risk of serious injuries. The Fire Department has three members that are specially trained (via a forty hour intensive training course) to inspect and correctly install child safety seats, which can take up to 45 minutes per inspection/installation! We will not only be taking appointments for these inspections, but also plan to participate in local safety events and car seat inspection clinics along with allied agencies such as Cottage Hospital. Watch our web-site this summer for the introduction of this excellent new service for the community.

Library Department

Summer Reading Programs. The 2006 Summer Reading Program for children kicks off on June 19, with free activities through August 14. "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" is the theme for the young readers who receive stickers and prizes after recounting their summer reading choices. Teens are urged to participate in "Creature Feature @Your Library." Read for fun, write and share your own book reviews and get great prizes. Go to www.sbplibrary.org for a list of puppet shows, science programs and storytellers visiting each library this summer.

Finance Department

April TOT Up 6.2%. Transient Occupancy Tax revenue for April was up 6.2% over the previous April. Through ten months of the fiscal year year-to-date growth is 9.7%. We appear to be on track to meet our projected 8.6% growth rate for this fiscal year.

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES										
Month	FY 2002	Change from Prior Year	FY 2003	Change from Prior Year	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,171,041	-2.8%	\$ 1,183,951	1.1%	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%
Aug	1,276,212	2.3%	1,328,278	4.1%	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%
Sept	808,657	-15.1%	849,174	5.0%	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%
Oct	790,919	-5.8%	830,054	4.9%	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%
Nov	653,829	-5.4%	684,776	4.7%	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%
Dec	539,598	-9.2%	529,694	-1.8%	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%
Jan	511,090	-11.7%	583,413	14.2%	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%
Feb	611,322	-2.8%	616,824	0.9%	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%
Mar	783,829	1.9%	704,942	-10.1%	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%
April	822,209	1.5%	793,352	-3.5%	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	999,231	6.2%
May	856,251	1.7%	817,047	-4.6%	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%		
June	1,012,905	0.0%	942,897	-6.9%	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%		YTD
FY Total	\$ 9,837,862	-3.3%	\$ 9,864,403	0.3%	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 11,081,490	6.9%	\$ 9,791,583	9.7%
Budget	\$ 9,779,115		\$ 9,974,700		\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200	

This report includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).

FY 2007 Budget Review Continues. The City Council has held two work sessions and public hearings on the recommended fiscal year 2007 budget. The Council's Finance Committee has completed its review of the budget and has forwarded their recommendations on to the full Council. On June 6th the full Council will review those recommendations and provide final direction on the budget to staff. Budget adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th.

Parks and Recreation Department

Popular Free Summer Concerts Series Begin. The Parks and Recreation Department's Concerts in the Parks series will open Thursday, June 29th from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at Chase Palm Park and continue on Thursday nights through August 24th. Opening night will feature a Disco Dance Party with the group Boogie Knights. Make sure you're "looking gooooooood" by donning your bell bottoms, platform shoes and groovin' 70's threads. You won't want to miss it! Concerts in Alameda Park will open on Sunday, July 2nd from 3 - 4:30pm and continue through Sunday, July 30th. A great variety of music will be featured in both parks including Latin Jazz, Zydeco, Soul, 50s and 60s Rock and Roll, Folk, Irish and Flamenco music. Come on out and enjoy some free summer concerts in the beauty of your City Parks! For a complete concert schedule, please contact 897-1982 or visit our website at www.sbparksandrecreation.com.

Santa Barbara Named Tree City. Santa Barbara has been named "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forest. This is the 26th year Santa Barbara has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The City of Santa Barbara has been successful in meeting four standards to become a Tree City: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Youth Leadership Awards Banquet to Honor Local Youth. Teen Programs will host its 5th Annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet on Monday, June 5th, at the Cabrillo Arts

Pavilion. Twenty two youth-serving agencies in the Santa Barbara sector—ranging from La Cuesta and La Casa De La Raza to the Santa Barbara Dance Alliance and the YMCA—have nominated outstanding young leaders to be honored at the banquet which formally recognizes local youth who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism with local nonprofits or who stand out because of their academic accomplishments or ability to overcome challenging situations.

Santa Barbara Golf Club to Host Women's Golf Week Events. Now in its second year, the American Express Women's Golf Week offers women 14 years of age and over an opportunity to learn and play golf in a women-friendly environment. The Santa Barbara Golf Club at Las Positas and McCaw Avenue is participating in this nationwide event from Saturday, June 3rd through June 10th by offering a variety of free or low-cost golf-related events, including a parent/daughter golf special, a women's golf equipment demonstration, free golf clinic, ten-minute lessons and week-long Happy Hour specials at Mulligan's Café & Bar, located at the Club. There is also a fundraiser for the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" movement. A fashion show at Mulligan's on Tuesday, June 6 at 5:30pm will sell tickets for raffle items with the proceeds going to support the women-related initiatives of the American Heart Association. For more information and complete schedule of events for the week, please call the Santa Barbara Golf Club at 657-7087.

Summer Activities for Local Teens. This summer local teens will have a variety of recreational opportunities, thanks to Teen Program's Summer Late Nights line-up. The Summer Late Nights program, which provides area youth with excursions to theme parks and other attractions in Southern California, kicks off on July 1 with a trip to Magic Mountain. Trips and activities take place twice per week, and advanced registration is recommended. To see a complete list of Summer Late Night activities, please reference the Parks & Recreation Activity Guide or visit www.sbparksandrecreation.com/teens.

Teen Rummage Sale a Huge Success. About 500 bargain hunters came out in hordes on Saturday, May 20th, for the Teen Programs rummage sale fundraising event, hosted by Santa Barbara Youth Council members and Teen Programs staff. The event raised money for the new Teen Center at 1235 Chapala Street, set to open in 2007. Teen Programs and the Youth Council would like to extend a huge "thank you" to City employees who donated items and contributed to the great successes of the sale plus remind everyone that teens are still accepting donations to help with equipment and furniture purchases.

Community Gardens to Receive Organic compost. On April 22nd, Vons announced plans to donate 500 tons of organic compost to parks, schools and community gardens throughout Southern California. The compost is generated through a Vons program that composts excess produce and other organic-based items at their Southern California supermarkets. Unlike many commercial fertilizers that can include sewer sludge and animal manure, Vons uses only produce trimmings, organic packaging and discarded perishable products such as baked goods, floral items and dairy products. The Community Garden Program/Park and Recreation Department is coordinating with Vons representative Curt Smith to deliver 10 tons of compost for use at the city's three community gardens. The compost will be free of charge and will be available to all garden participants of the Yanonali, Rancheria and Pilgrim Terrace Community Gardens. For more information call Antonio A. Velásquez at 963-7567.

Recreation After School Program Students Get Money Sense. The Federal Credit Union teamed up with the RAP program and designed a five-week pilot program called *Money Matters*. This program, launched at the Monroe Elementary RAP site, explained to the school-aged participants the advantages of member-owned and operated credit unions (higher interest paid, lower borrowing costs)-- which is why 57 million Americans belong to one. All materials were supplied by the FCC and local businesses, including three facilitators and \$250 in prizes for Money Bingo and an auction at the end of the session. The students were also taken on a field trip to our local Laguna Street FCC Branch.

Project Renaissance Partners with Parks & Recreation Programs. Project Renaissance is an extraordinary new partner working with the Youth, Teens and Community Services sections of Parks & Recreation to provide art parties and collaborative youth-and-teen-based developmental and leadership programs over the next three years. They recently received a \$137,000 grant towards funding these projects for the next three years.

Police Department

Officers Awarded. Eight of Santa Barbara's police officers were awarded the H. Thomas Guerry Award for Valor. The following officers were recognized for their exceptional bravery and skill in the field: Sr. Deputy Clayton Turner, Deputy Michael Harris, Deputy Jonathan Jenkins, Deputy Kenneth Rushing, and Deputy Christopher Gotschall. As part of the Goleta Patrol Squad D, they were recognized for their response to the tragic shooting at the Goleta postal facility in January. Also recognized for their heroism were Officers James Ella, Darin Biamonte, and Larry Larson for their response to a violent disturbance in April in which a meth-induced man threatened their lives with a knife.

Road Rage Doesn't Pay. On May 24th, a 20-year-old local man was riding his bicycle West on Upper State St. A woman motorist traveling South on Hope Ave stopped at the red light on State St. The motorist turned right onto State St, cutting off but not striking the bicyclist. Enraged, the bicyclist sprinted along side of the motorist, and began shouting at her. With his head completely turned to the left, the bicyclist failed to notice another vehicle ahead of him that slowed to make a right turn. At the last second the bicyclist noticed his predicament. At full speed he slammed into the side of the slowed motorist, and pitched forward over the handlebars. Like a human missile, he flew over the trunk and against the rear windshield. His head smashed through the windshield, which caused severe lacerations to his scalp, face, and neck. He was admitted to Cottage Hospital in stable condition. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet; the wearing of which would have minimized his injuries. Meanwhile, it is unknown if the woman motorist ever realized what had occurred.

Fingerprints Don't Lie. Back in March, a man cashed a forged check at Montecito Bank and Trust. The check had been stolen from a vehicle broken into in Oxnard. The suspect used a stolen ID card, and his identity was unknown. Despite being handled by different people, the suspect's fingerprint was recovered from the check. CAL-ID matched the print to a 36 year-old Oxnard gang member. Meanwhile, the suspect had been arrested by Port Hueneme PD for auto theft. Additional investigation turned up checks, identification, and mail stolen from Santa Barbara mailboxes. More investigation is pending, but the suspect now faces additional charges of theft and forgery.

Arrests in Gang Stabbing. On May 11th, 16 and 20-year-old gang members each with stab wounds were hastily dropped off in the Cottage Hospital Emergency Room. The younger man nearly died from blood loss. Police traced the incident to a gang fight at Cacique and Voluntario Streets. Two Eastside gangs normally not enemies clashed possibly over the issue of “respect.” A 26-year-old gang member has been arrested and charged with attempted murder. Later that day, another gang fight was witnessed by an undercover detective. A 24-year-old man was arrested after knocking a 20-year-old man unconscious. The victim and suspect are members/associates from the same two gangs represented in the earlier stabbing incident. Retaliation appears to be the motive for this attack. The following day, police arrested seven gang members at the stabbing scene for violations of probation, parole, and for possession of illegal weapons. Gang officers continue with stepped-up patrols in areas frequented by gangs.

Public Works Department

Recruiting for City Engineering. In April, Engineering Management staff visited UCSB and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in order to recruit graduating engineering candidates for current openings in the City's Engineering Division. To supplement the usual flyer and application materials, City TV produced a DVD clip by cleverly weaving excerpts from the Mayor's State of the City address with existing excerpts from “Inside Santa Barbara”, and showcased a variety of projects under construction in the City. An introduction was added by Engineering staff, and copies of the DVD were presented to the students. The DVD proved very valuable in relaying to the students a sense of what it's like to "help build a city"!

Sheffield Water Quality Project Nears Completion. The main elements completed during the last 42 months of construction are two buried 6.5 million gallon capacity concrete reservoirs and conversion of the parcel to a passive open space. The existing open reservoir was demolished two years ago, construction of the new tanks has been completed, and the 23 acres around the water tanks has been backfilled and planted with over 500 trees and 35,000 plants. Final construction will be complete in early June, but the passive open space will remain closed to the public until the plants are established by late next year.

Granada Garage Project Receives Two Awards. The Granada Garage Project received two awards at the annual American Public Works Association's awards luncheon. The first award was in the project category of "Structures More Than \$10 Million." The criteria were based on construction schedule, management and control techniques, safety performance, environmental considerations, community relations, and unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions. The second award received was the grand prize of "Project of the Year". These two awards follow on the heels of winning the American Society of Civil Engineer's "Project of the Year Award" in February 2006 - and the project hasn't even been completed!

City Streets Annual Maintenance. Annually, the City awards a construction contract to maintain and slurry seal our City streets. The City is divided into six pavement maintenance zones and generally one zone is maintained each year. This year is Area A, which includes the downtown core area between Highway 101 and Mission Street, and between Highway 101 and Milpas Street. Included in this project are Parking Lots 8, 12, the Cota Commuter Lot, and the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion parking lot. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-June and will continue through the summer, with completion anticipated in the fall. Advance notifications will be delivered

to businesses and residents fronting the streets to be slurried. Contact Tim Gaasch, Project Engineer, at 897-2502 with any questions.

Cottage Hospital Storm Drain Project. The \$8 million Cottage Hospital Storm Drain Project gets underway in late June 2006. The 13-month long project will entail a storm drain pipe that starts at Mission Creek at the end of Padre Street and runs up Oak Park Lane to Junipero Street and then Junipero to Castillo Streets. This project is only the first step of a larger \$400 million Cottage Hospital renovation project that will take place over the next seven years.

Granada Garage Update. Construction of the \$25 million Granada Garage and Office Building will be wrapping up by June 1st, 21 months after it began in September 2004. A Grand Opening Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 13th. The parking garage, which has been open since Thanksgiving, will hold approximately 570 cars. The office building will be the new home of Downtown Parking, Environmental Services and a public bike station.

Waterfront Department

FY 2006 Stearns Wharf Annual Pile Driving Project Completed. The Stearns Wharf Annual Pile Driving Project was completed on May 11, 2006. Schock Construction Company installed 36 new piles, 127 linear feet of pile caps, 46 stringers, and 240 deck boards. Additional work to improve the Wharf's Wye area resulted in an increased project cost of approximately \$205,000. With Schock's contract now completed, the remaining 35 deck boards and five stringers will be installed by Waterfront staff to complete Wye improvements.

New Kayak Brochure Highlights Safety and Boater Tips. Staff recently met with a Kayak Safety Committee comprised of kayak rental businesses, kayak tour operators and local boaters, to finalize details of an updated Kayak Safety Brochure, 5,000 copies of which will be printed and distributed in early June. The brochure includes kayak safety tips, plus advice on high-traffic areas in the harbor to avoid. The brochure will be available at kayak rental businesses, the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, the Harbormaster's Office and at the main harbor parking lot kiosk.

First Annual "Harbor Clean Sweep" Catches 4,012 Pounds of Debris. In what is hoped will become an annual event, the Waterfront Department, along with the California Professional Divers Association, harbor dive businesses, commercial fishermen and local environmental groups, sponsored the first Harbor Clean Sweep on May 20th. The project's initial goal is seafloor debris removal in the vicinity of Marina 3. About 15 divers and 30 shore support staff worked from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to remove and catalog its "catch." They were joined by safety boats and vessels capable of lifting heavy objects. The divers removed 4,012 pounds of seafloor debris which included fish receivers and traps, bicycles, a steering wheel, propellers, barbecues, radiators, plastic boat liners, metal bow pulpit, tools, metal pipes, hoses and one marine battery.

Cruise Ship Passengers Greeted with Home Style Hospitality. On May 7th the cruise ship Island Princess visited Santa Barbara for the day, sending more than 1,500 passengers ashore at Sea Landing for wine tours, city tours and walkabouts. The visit went quite smoothly. The first passengers came ashore before 7 a.m. The ship, anchored a half-mile offshore, departed by 6 p.m. Local businesses report plenty of activity from the port stop, and anticipate

two or three more this year (though none others are currently scheduled). As always, teamwork between City staff, MTD, the Downtown Organization, the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, and the Santa Barbara Conference and Visitors Bureau was key to the successful ship visit. Revenue to the Department from ship visitor fees totaled \$14,395.