



City Administrator's Report

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Key Meetings

- July 17, 24 & 31: **City Council Meetings**, City Hall Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 2 p.m.
- July 16: **Inaugural Single Family Design Board Meeting**, David Gebhard Room, 630 Garden St., 3 p.m.

Community Events

- July 14 – 15: **French Festival**, Oak Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, go to www.frenchfestival.com
- July 20 – 21: **California Wine Festival**, Chase Palm Park, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go to www.touringandtasting.com
- July 28 – 29: **Greek Festival**, Oak Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, go to www.saintbarbara.net
- August 1 – 4: **Fiesta**. For dates and times, go to <http://www.oldspanishdays-fiesta.org/>

Flags on State Street: www.santabarbaradowntown.com

July 2 - 9: Independence Day
July 9 – 20: American Institute of Architects (AIA)
July 20 – 30: Junior League
July 30 – August 6: Fiesta

City Administrator

Watch Inside Santa Barbara on City TV Channel 18. *Inside Santa Barbara* is an award-winning newsmagazine show about important projects, issues, and events. *Inside Santa Barbara* is everything you need to know about what's going on in the City. *Inside Santa Barbara* was filmed from downtown's new event, *First Thursday*. In July's episode, City TV takes a look at the effectiveness of traffic calming devices at slowing down speeds. The show also covers the Airfield Safety Project and the Valley Oak Restoration Project at Lake Cachuma. *Inside Santa Barbara* talks to local teens about the launch of an all-new teen magazine called *Shape of Voice*. Also, *Inside Santa Barbara* goes behind the scenes at local businesses to find out about their involvement in the City's Foodscrap Recovery Program. The program also goes inside the Victoria Court recycling project. You can watch the premiere of *Inside Santa Barbara* on City TV Channel 18 on Saturday, July 7th at 9 p.m. For a list of rebroadcast times, go to www.citytv18.com

1st Annual Mayors' Climate Protection Award. The City was announced as a finalist for the 1st Annual Mayors' Climate Protection Award. Santa Barbara was named as an award finalist with four "small cities" with a population under 100,000, including Fayetteville, AR; Northbrook, IL; Palm Desert, CA; and Richardson, TX. Award finalists in the "large city" category include New York, NY; Seattle, WA; Chicago, IL; Honolulu, HI; Austin, TX; and Baltimore, MD. The Mayors' Climate Protection Award recognizes cities that are making their communities greener, healthier and more sustainable. To learn more information about the City's efforts to prevent climate change and become more sustainable, check out the 2007 Annual Sustainable Santa Barbara Report on the City's website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov

Use of Bottled Water. As part of City efforts to become more sustainable and reduce global warming emissions, staff will begin using tap water at City meetings and events instead of individual water bottles. Starting in April, department assistants started planning events and meetings without purchasing bottled water, and replacing individual water bottles with carafes filled with City tap water.

By moving away from bottled water, a significant amount of energy that is consumed to produce, bottle, package, store, and transport the water to Santa Barbara from long distances will be saved. Since our City water supplies are thoroughly tested for safety and quality, the City does not need to buy bottled drinking water when we have easy access to drinking water at any faucet. This is one of the small steps the City is taking as an organization to become more environmentally sustainable and reduce our energy footprint.

Administrative Services

Poll Workers Needed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The City is seeking civic-minded individuals, who are at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in the State of California, to serve as poll workers on Election Day. Poll workers must be available from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Serving as a poll worker is a great way to support your community and take an active role in democracy. Poll workers are responsible for opening and closing the polls, issuing ballots, and assisting voters and instructing them on proper voting procedures. The City Clerk's Office will provide training to all poll workers prior to serving on Election Day. Poll workers serving as inspectors will receive a stipend of up to \$200; poll workers serving as clerks will receive a stipend of up to \$140.

If you are interested in joining our team for this important process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 564-5309.

Human Resources Statistics. For the end of the Fiscal Year, the City has compiled some interesting statistics. For the Fiscal Year 2007, there were 110 appointments to regular City positions, 461 appointments to hourly positions, and 28 retirements. Approximately 2,220 applications were received during the Fiscal Year. During this time, 895 City employees enrolled in benefits and 1,073.25 LEAP training hours were provided.

Airport

May Passenger Traffic. May passenger traffic was down 7.5% compared to the same month last year. The decrease in passengers is attributable to a loss in seat capacity for United and Delta Airlines plus flight schedule reductions due to nighttime construction on the airfield. The highest passenger loads on average were aboard United's flights to Denver at 93.5% and American Eagle's flights to Dallas/Ft. Worth at 88.5%. Record passenger usage at SBA was experienced by Horizon Air aboard the Seattle service – they showed double digit growth.

Community Development Department

Planning Commission Update. Here's what's on the agenda for July 12th:

518 State Street Appeal--The Church of Scientology is appealing the Staff Hearing Officer's decision to approve a modification to allow no onsite parking for the residential units, and a Development Plan to allow the addition of 2,185 square feet of non-residential development on the subject property.

1400 Rodgers Court--This project proposes to initiate a Zone Change and General Plan Amendment for an existing lot at 1400 Rogers Court (formerly known as 1418 Cliff Drive). The zoning of the lot is proposed to be changed from E-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Two Family Residential. The General Plan Designation is proposed to be changed from Residential, 3 Units/Acre and 5 Units/Acre to Residential, 12 Units/Acre. If the initiation request is approved, the proposed project, which involves a

12-unit, one-lot subdivision would include eight units proposed at market rate and four units proposed at affordable rates.

Cabrillo Bridge Replacement--This project proposes to replace the existing deteriorated Cabrillo Bridge over Mission Creek and the deteriorated banks of Mission Creek between the Cabrillo Bridge and the State Street Bridge. .

535 E. Montecito Street--This is a public scoping hearing to accept comments from the public, agencies and Planning Commissioners on the proposed scope of analysis for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be prepared for the Los Portales Project at 535 E. Montecito Street. Forty-eight residential condominium units (24 two-bedroom and 24 three-bedroom units) in six, three-story buildings are proposed.

East Cabrillo Boulevard Sidewalk Project Nears Final Design. On March 21, 2007, the Historic Landmarks Commission granted a Preliminary Approval (with conditions) for the proposed sidewalk design. In mid-May, after some fine-tuning of the historical report, the Redevelopment Agency submitted a comprehensive package of materials to the State Office of Historic Preservation for review. Pursuant to the 1996 Preservation Covenant for the Transfer of State Highway 225 from the State to the City, the State retains design oversight for significant development within this State-designated historic district. On June 28, 2007 the State communicated their approval and support for the proposed sidewalk design as submitted!

Staff is extremely pleased with this determination and will be preparing to return to the HLC for Final Approval in late August or early September of this year. The City will also continue their dialogue with the Arts & Crafts Show to develop strategies that will minimize disruption to the weekend show during construction, which is tentatively planned for January through April 2008.

Finance Department

Council Adopts Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. On June 26th the City Council completed a two month review process and adopted the City's Two-Year Financial Plan for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 and the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Between filing of the budget on April 24th and adoption, the Council had held five special meetings and public hearings. In addition, the Council's Finance Committee held numerous special meetings to review specific aspects of the City Administrator's Recommended Budget. The Adopted Two-Year Financial Plan for the City's General Fund is fully balanced, including both the operating budget and an expanded capital program. In fact, the Adopted General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 has a small surplus after both operating and capital. This is the first time in a number of years that the General Fund budget has been fully balanced including both operating and capital.

Sales Tax Revenue for March Quarter. We have received our sales tax "clean up" payment for the quarter ended March 31st and, because of the way the State makes our sales tax payments, we now know how we will end the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

The good news is that this year's March quarter was up 7.6% from the same quarter last year. This is indeed strong growth. It will be mid-July before we have the detailed information necessary to analyze the data and determine what caused the growth.

The troubling news is that, even with the March quarter's strong growth, sales tax will end Fiscal Year 2007 (which ended on June 30th) up just 1.1%. This leaves us far short of the 4% we

needed to make budget. We will fall almost \$587,000 short of the Fiscal Year 2007 sales tax budget. Although we fully expected to be short of budget, and despite the strong March quarter results, we will still end the fiscal year approximately \$87,000 short of our revised year-end projection upon which the new fiscal year's sales tax budget was based. So, while the Fiscal Year 2008 sales tax budget was based on an assumed 3.5% growth rate, we will now need to grow almost 4.5% to meet the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

May Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) up 3.7%. Through eleven months, year-to-date TOT growth is 5.9%. With one month left in the fiscal year, we expect to meet budget and our year-end projections.

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES								
Month	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%	\$ 1,556,439	5.3%
Aug	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%	1,591,998	5.8%
Sept	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%	1,196,533	7.9%
Oct	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%	1,051,043	9.1%
Nov	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%	887,047	9.6%
Dec	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%	669,540	-0.4%
Jan	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%	677,428	2.4%
Feb	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%	758,041	2.6%
Mar	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%	953,927	11.5%
April	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%	1,046,772	4.6%
May	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%	1,052,582	3.7%
June	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%	1,223,974	5.7%		YTD
FY Total	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 11,081,490	6.9%	\$ 12,032,372	8.6%	\$ 11,441,351	5.9%
Budget	\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200		\$ 12,630,600	

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

Fire Department

19th CERT Graduation. On Tuesday, May 29th the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department concluded its 19th Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT). CERT is an eight week disaster preparedness course that prepares participants to be equipped in the event of an emergency. Lessons include: Fire Extinguisher Use, Disaster Medicine, Light Search and Rescue, Team Organization and Disaster Psychology. The curriculum was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985 and is now used nationwide and locally taught by members of the Fire Department. The course culminated with a mock earthquake, fire, natural gas leak and 15 “injured” Boy Scout volunteers. To date, staff has trained over 350 individuals and several neighborhood organizations and housing complexes. This training is free to the public and can be presented in either English or Spanish.

Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District Renewal. On June 19th City Council approved the renewal of the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District.

With the successful completion of the first year of the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District, a reduction of the risks and threats of wildland fires has been achieved through the reduction of flammable vegetation. The Vegetation Road Clearance Program has improved the response and evacuation routes in the high fire hazard areas. A Defensible Space Inspection and Assistance Program were implemented providing valuable information and assistance directly to property owners. The specifics relating to these efforts are as follows: 1) Over 21 miles of road clearance has been completed in the District, which resulted in the removal of 758 cubic yards (or 150 tons) of flammable vegetation. Over 97% of this material was chipped and distributed back onto public and private lands. 2) The chipping services that were provided to homeowners resulted in an additional 400+ cubic yards of flammable vegetation being reduced to chips that were re-distributed back to the homeowners (100% of the material was re-used). 3) To date, over 60 homeowners have requested defensible space inspection services, which Fire engine company crews are performing on a weekly basis.

Library Department

Summer Reading Program for Children. Mystery is the theme for the Library's fun-filled summer reading program, held from June 18 through August 13. Approximately 3500 to 4000 children are expected to join the program this year at the various libraries and on the Bookmobile. Children of all ages read books and come into their local library to "talk to" a library staff member or volunteer about them. The book reports range from nods and shrugs in response to gentle questions, to enthusiastic and full-blown descriptions and critiques. The books are logged onto the child's reading list, and prizes are awarded for various numbers of books read.

Mark Teague, the well-loved author and illustrator, who dreamed up Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation and many other books and book characters, illustrated the summer reading program materials for 2007. LaRue, Teague's notorious detective dog, stars in the artwork for the program.

There will be dozens of programs to enjoy throughout the summer – puppet shows, magicians, musical shows and animal mysteries presented by Zoo to You. For schedules, click [here](#).

Teen Reading Program. Teens will be joining us to solve a mystery or two and to participate in crime scene investigation programs on shoe and tire casting, DNA testing, mystery gaming, and K-9 Corps. The program, "YNK – You Never Know @ Your Library," runs through August 13.

The teen program asks students in the 7th through 12th grades to read ten books by the end of the program to receive prizes and coupons from local merchants (free pizza from Taffy's, free swimming, discount for Metro Entertainment, etc.). They may sign up for the program and pick up their "evidence folder" at any Library branch.

Students may submit book or media reviews (crime reports) to be entered in weekly drawings for mystery computer games and other prizes. Selected reviews will appear in the teen section of the library website.

In addition, a series of feature films for teens on the theme of Crime Stoppers will be shown Tuesday evenings at 6:30 from July 10 to August 14 at the Central Library. Most of these are major box office hits inspired by comic book characters

Rotary Club Supports Literacy Program. The City recently received a \$1,000 gift from the Rotary Club of Los Olivos for its Library Adult Literacy Program. A special donation to the group made the gift possible, and several volunteer tutors from the Central and Solvang branches were present at the award ceremony on June 14. The funds will support tutor training, supplies for tutors and learners, and general program operations.

City Employees Share Favorite Books. City employees were invited to share their favorite books with each other and the community in honor of National Literacy Day. Recommendations in the following categories are presented during the month of July in the Staff Picks page linked from the Library's homepage: What I'm reading now; A favorite book of all time; One of my favorite books from childhood.

Parks and Recreation Department

New Urban Forest Superintendent Hired. Tim Downey was appointed as the new Urban Forest Superintendent for the City and started work on June 11 overseeing all street and park trees. Mr. Downey had been an arborist for 23 years in the City of Ventura and for 1 1/2 years in the City of Santa Clarita. The City will benefit from his arborist knowledge, organizational management skills and vision. His office is located in the Parks Operation Office, 402 E. Ortega Street.

Cameron Benson Hired as New Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager. Cameron Benson, a local resident for nearly 25 years, was appointed as Creeks Manager, to oversee a broad range of creek and ocean water quality, riparian and wetland habitat restoration, and public education and outreach programs. With a background in environmental law and policy, Mr. Benson brings many skills and strengths to the position. He has contributed to the protection and enhancement of the region's natural resources and public open spaces. From his role as Executive Director of the Environmental Defense Center as well as District Director for Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson, Mr. Benson has an established background in organizational management as well as extensive experience working with diverse stakeholders to address complex environmental policy concerns. Mr. Benson also served as a Creeks Advisory Committee member from 2004 to 2006. The City will benefit from his environmental policy knowledge and organizational management skills as well as his dedication to improving creek and coastal ocean water quality. Mr. Bensen starts on July 9.

Renovation of Santa Barbara County Public Health Clinic at Franklin Neighborhood Center. The County will be undertaking a \$1 million tenant improvement project to address increased demand for patient services at the Franklin Public Health Clinic. A remodel within the clinic area will increase the number of exam rooms from three to eight. The reception, patient waiting areas, and patient flow within the clinic will be greatly improved and nurse's station added. Accessibility improvements will include renovation to the public restrooms and the addition of a west exit ramp to the parking lot. It is anticipated construction will begin in the fall 2007 and will take approximately six months to complete. A temporary trailer will be

placed on the front lawn at the Franklin Center, in order to continue clinic services during construction.

New Playground for Ortega Park. The playground at Ortega Park is being renovated this month with new equipment and surfacing. This heavily-used playground will benefit greatly from the installation of a new play structure and swing set, as well as an expanded area of safety surfacing. This new model line has some progressive features that increase the ways children can play and interact while using the equipment. The Department is confident that it will be a valuable addition to the neighborhood and invites the public to come by and check it out. The playground is scheduled to be finished by the end of July.

PARC Fundraiser for Douglas Family Preserve to Feature Local Artists. The Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Douglas Family Preserve (DFP) on Friday, July 27 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. with a preview reception for the 2007 SCAPE (Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment) Art Show to be held in La Arcada on July 28 and 29. The reception will showcase work featuring the DFP by SCAPE artists as well as paintings from a group of renowned local landscape artists such as Marcia Burt, Meredith Brooks Abbot, John Iwerks, Arturo Tello and others. Held in the main library's Faulkner Gallery, the reception will also have four quick draw artists on site and auction off pet portrait commissions. Hors d'oeuvres and wine donated by Kalyra, the Ojai Vineyard and Alta Maria Vineyards will be served. Tickets are \$75 per person if purchased by July 25 or \$85 at the door. All proceeds from the event benefit the PARC Foundation Douglas Family Preserve Maintenance Fund. For more information or tickets, please call 687-4933.

Concerts in the Parks Series for July. The kickoff free concert season featuring Flamenco master Benise was a huge success, with crowds gathering in Chase Palm Park early in the afternoon in anticipation of the 6 p.m. event. Flamenco continued on Sunday in Alameda Park with the Anthony Ybarra Trio. Thursday night July concerts feature the Scott Martin Latin Soul Band, Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys, Captain Cardiac & the Coronaries and Coldwater Canyon. Sunday afternoon July concerts feature The Mark Roberts Band, Lady Blue & the Roadhouse Daddies and Pat Milliken & Friends. A complete [concert schedule](#) can be found online or by calling 897-1982.

Police Department

Fatal Accidents on Cliff Drive. As a rare occurrence, there were two fatal accidents on Cliff Drive on consecutive days. On June 16th, a 62-year-old woman crashed her vehicle into the residence at 1310 Cliff Drive. Her 77-year-old male passenger suffered major injuries and died three days later. On June 17th, a 72-year-old woman pulled out of a private driveway into the path of an SUV driven by a 54-year-old man. She was pronounced deceased upon arrival at Cottage Hospital. These accidents focused attention on the problems of speeders driving on Mesa area streets, even though speed does not appear to be the primary cause of either accident.

Transient Problem Tackled. In light of increased complaints over transient crime, SBPD has significantly stepped up enforcement efforts. The principal areas targeted included the waterfront, lower Milpas street corridor, and downtown. The total arrest count has exceeded one hundred. Most of the violations are chronic nuisance violations including: drunk or drinking

in public, public urination, trespass, violations of probation and parole, and existing arrest warrants. Of special note are numerous arrests for drug dealing, drug possession, and being under the influence. On a related note, bicycle patrol teams have contributed to a reduction of gang activity in the Eastside and Westside neighborhoods.

Police Stage Auto Burglary. On June 28th, police staged an auto burglary as a means of educating the public to the dangers of leaving valuables unattended -- even in a locked vehicle. In the demo scenario, a woman parked her car in a private parking lot, leaving a laptop computer and I Pod in plain sight. She locked the vehicle and walked away. Minutes later, a "thief" prowls the parking lot, quickly looking into parked vehicles. He spies the valuables in the target vehicle. Within ten seconds, he smashes through the side window, takes the laptop and I Pod, and quickly leaves the area. Several television and newspaper reporters captured the break-in on-camera. Even these news professionals were stunned at just how easy a professional thief can get in, get property, and get away from a locked vehicle. Hopefully, this well publicized demonstration will convince the public to leave valuables out-of-sight.

Barricaded Suspect Surrenders. On 6/28/07 police arrested a 22-year-old man after a standoff with the SWAT Team. The suspect was wanted for probation violation and was involved in a recent assault and vandalism case. The suspect told sources that he was armed with a handgun, and threatened to use violence if confronted by police. Police contacted the suspect at his residence in the 300 block of S. Soledad Street. The suspect shouted that he would have to be killed to be taken into custody. The SWAT Team surrounded the house and evacuated nearby residences. Police negotiators made phone contact and, two hours later, convinced the suspect to surrender. He was arrested without incident; however, needed medical clearance for a self inflicted slash to his wrist.

Public Works Department

Save Money, Save Water, and Get a Rebate. Given the dry winter, the City's Water Conservation Program encourages everyone to be water wise as always. You can help save water by installing water efficient appliances, rebates available on high efficiency toilets and clothes washers, getting free water check-up for your home or business, and adjusting your irrigation system schedule based on the weather. For more information, go to www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water or call 564-5460.

Foods Scrap Collection Update. In just two months of operation, the City's pilot Foods Scrap Recovery and Collection Program is already making a diversion impact! Over 16,000 pounds of vegetable cuttings, coffee grounds, and leftover foodscrap have been collected from our four initial participants-Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara City College, Sojourner Restaurant, and the Coffee Cat. The Santa Barbara Zoo is soon to be added, along with several of other local restaurants. All materials are composted at a certified compost facility and reapplied to local agricultural lands. Contact [Eric Lohela](#), Recycling Coordinator with questions.

Street Sweeping Soon in Upper Mesa, Bel Air Areas. The City's latest expansion of the residential street sweeping program goes into effect Friday, July 6 in the Bel Air/Portesuello and the Upper Mesa areas, as well as West Valerio Street above Hillside Road. These areas will be swept twice a month on Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. to noon without parking restrictions, except for two heavily parked streets, Red Rose Way and Camino Calma, which

need a one-hour parking restriction in order to clear the parking lane for the sweeper. During the last 12 months, over 3,000,000 pounds of dirt and debris, leaves, and trash have been removed from City streets by sweeping, thus keeping this trash and potential pollutants out of our gutters, storm drains and creeks and away from our beaches. Next summer the final expansion of street sweeping will be implemented, bringing sweeping into the San Roque area. At that time, the City's sweeping program will include all streets deemed suitable for regular sweeping, or about 80% of the City's streets. For further information, contact the Street Sweeping Hotline at 897-1903.

Multi-Site Sidewalk Infill Project. General Pavement Management, Inc. will begin construction in mid-July on a multi-site sidewalk infill project. Work is expected to be completed in September 2007, and includes installation of missing sidewalk sections, access ramps, trees and landscaping at seven locations throughout the City. The project is part of an ongoing sidewalk infill program where missing sidewalk sections are installed to improve pedestrian access and conform to requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Upcoming City Road Maintenance Work. Each year, the City awards pavement preparation and slurry seal road maintenance construction contracts. We anticipate the Pavement Preparation Project work to begin in late June and the Slurry Seal Project work to begin soon after the July 4th holiday. Slurry sealing roads is the primary method used by the City in its roadway preventative pavement maintenance program. The City roads are currently divided into six pavement maintenance areas and one maintenance area is typically maintained each year. Last year the downtown core, known as Area A, was slurry sealed. This year's project is for Area B, being just east and west of the downtown core. However, roads outside of Area B are included as the City roads with the greatest need, regardless of maintenance area, are addressed. Major roads to be treated this summer include Coast Village Road, and portions of Carrillo Street and Las Positas Road. Additionally ten City parking lots have been included in the project. Contact Tim Gaasch, Supervision Engineer, at 897-2502 with any questions.

Waterfront Department

Harbor Patrol Officers Save Choking Victim. On June 4, Harbor Patrol Officers Erik Engebretson and Jan Martinez rushed to Moby Dick Restaurant on Stearns Wharf on a "Code Blue" (man not breathing). Upon arrival they found an 88-year-old man slumped over a chair making only slightly audible wheezing sounds. The man's wife said he was choking on his meal. Officer Engebretson performed three abdominal thrusts, dislodging a 2" piece of steak from the victim's airway. Officer Martinez administered high flow oxygen and prepared the patient for transport. Their quick response and effective use of emergency medical training saved the man's life. This was the second choking victim saved by Harbor Patrol in the past two years.