



City Manager's Weekly Update

July 11, 2012

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 7/16** City Council Closed Session, 5:30 p.m., City Manager's Large Conference Room
- 7/16** Farewell Reception for Councilmember Starosciak, 6:15 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 7/16** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 7/19** City/SLUSD Liaison Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 7/24** Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- City Council August Recess
No Meetings**
- 9/4** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 9/7** Finance Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 9/10** CC/SLUSD/SLzUSD Joint Work Session, 7:00 p.m., SLUSD Arts Education Center, 2200 Bancroft After
- 9/12** Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 9/17** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 9/20** City/SLUSD Liaison Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., District Offices

To: City Council
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

Mark Your Calendar

Clean Up Day at Root Park (flyer attached)

Saturday, July 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Root Park, East 14th Street at Hays Street

- Help Friends of the San Leandro Creek (FSLC) by removing litter and debris from San Leandro Creek this Saturday at Root Park.
- They recommend that you wear sturdy shoes, long pants and sleeves, mosquito repellent. Bring gloves if you have them. FSLC will provide latex gloves, trash bags, snacks and drinks.
- For more information, call Susan Levenson with Friends of San Leandro Creek at 510-577-6069, visit their Facebook page (Friends of San Leandro Creek) or visit <http://www.fslc.org> to download waiver forms. All participants are required to fill out the waiver form. Children under 14 years of age are welcome at creek cleanups, but must be accompanied by an adult. The Friends will certify volunteer hours for community service.

Solar and Energy Efficiency Fair (flyer attached)

Saturday, July 14, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hayward City Hall Rotunda, 777 B Street

- Community Development Department staff is participating in a Solar and Energy Efficiency Fair this Saturday at Hayward City Hall Rotunda. This is a joint effort between the South Alameda County cities of Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Newark, and San Leandro to gather local and regional solar companies with local residents.
- Information will also be provided about Energy Upgrade California, a program for energy improvements to single-family homes, including assessments to show where you might save energy and money through weatherization, supported by PG&E rebates. Reducing energy use before sizing a solar system for the home will save energy and money on both fronts!

2012 All Employee Barbecue and Service Awards (invitation in packet)

- **Thursday, September 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Marina Community Center**
- The Council is invited to attend the annual All Employee Barbecue on **September 20**. This event will also include the presentation of employee Annual Service Awards.
- RSVP to Yolanda Carrascro, if you would like to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

Council Information

Lit San Leandro Featured on 'The CEO Show'

- Mayor Stephen Cassidy and OSISOFT President Patrick Kennedy were interviewed on the July 3 episode of 'The CEO Show' on KLIV AM1590, a weekly program that focuses on the tech industry.
- The interview focused primarily on Lit San Leandro. Dr. Kennedy explained how the data revolution is leading to an increasing demand for bandwidth from businesses in virtually every industry and Mayor Cassidy described how Lit San Leandro fits into a larger pattern of investment in the City. The full interview can be heard [here](#).

California Shuffles Crimes Under Inmate-Crowding Law (article attached)

- Please see the attached article regarding A new law changing where some criminals serve their time is prompting anger from certain lawmakers.

Bayfair Center Update (article attached)

- Macy's will renew its lease to occupy 213,000 square feet at Bayfair Center. There are also plans for a renovation of the space.

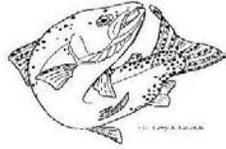
San Leandro High School Senior Recognition Night Featured on Channel 15

- A video of the Senior Recognition Night Ceremony for San Leandro High School is being aired on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. on cable Channel 15 and U-Verse Channel 99, and will run through the first weekend of August.

Correspondence From Other Agencies

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) – Temporary Changes to Parking at San Leandro BART Station

- BART will be making temporary changes to parking at the San Leandro BART Station for earthquake safety work. For more information, click [here](#).



Creek Cleanup Day At Root Park

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9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

*Individuals, Families,
Student or Service Groups -
All are welcome!*

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**Root Park is located at East 14th Street at Hays Street,
One block north of Davis Street in downtown San Leandro.**



Clean. Affordable. SOLAR.

Solar power is more affordable than ever! You're invited to learn about how solar panels work, what you may want to consider before installing panels on your home, and how to finance your project. Get your questions answered! Learn from experts at PG&E and other organizations.

When: 10am - 1pm, Saturday July 14, 2012

Where: Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street,
Adjacent to Hayward BART and
Hayward Farmers Market

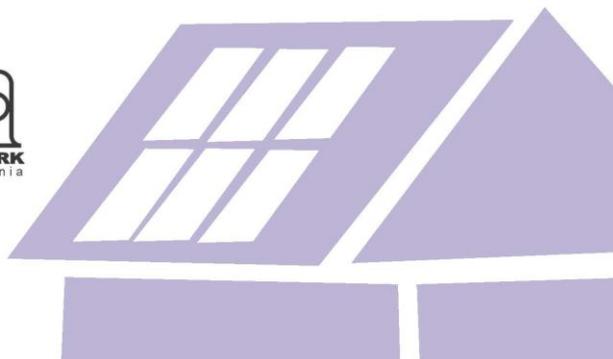
Residential Solar & Energy Efficiency

Most homes have the potential of significantly offsetting their energy bill through small investments in energy efficiency and solar panel installation. Join us and learn how!

Solar Project Financing

Today, there are more companies than ever that offer low cost solutions to solar installation. Come learn how to select the best solution for your home!

This event is sponsored by the Cities of Union City, Hayward, Fremont, Newark and San Leandro.



Calif. Shuffles Crimes Under Inmate-Crowding Law

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A new law changing where some criminals serve their time is prompting anger from certain lawmakers who believe the state again is renegeing on its promise to keep those convicted of violent and other serious crimes in state prisons rather than county jails.

California's sweeping realignment of its criminal justice system took effect nine months ago to address court-ordered reductions in overcrowding at state prisons. When the plan to shift thousands of inmates to county jails was unveiled local governments were promised only those convicted of nonviolent, nonsexual and "non-serious" crimes would be moved to local lock-ups.

[The Associated Press](#) first reported days after the law took effect in October that at least two dozen offenses shifting to local control could be considered serious or violent, prompting angry responses from local officials who felt blindsided. Gov. [Jerry Brown](#) signed legislation last week shifting 10 crimes back to state prisons. Among them are several involving child sex offenses, selling drugs to a child in a park, seriously injuring a peace officer during an escape or while resisting arrest, and escaping from a mental hospital.

But the new law also shifts four more crimes to county jails. They include possession of certain dangerous items, such as certain explosives, various knives, and exotic weapons like guns or swords hidden in walking canes, belt buckles, lipstick cases, wallets or writing pens. Check fraud and defrauding the state's food stamp program also now merit time in jail instead of prison.

Sen. [Ted Gaines](#), R-Roseville, said the shift of the weapons possession crimes to counties is "very surprising and scary," and Sen. [Doug La Malfa](#) said he was "mystified about how this is going to help public safety in California."

"I don't want them in my backyard ... violent crime, felonies involving weapons of violence," said La Malfa, R-Willows. "This isn't fear-mongering, this is reality."

Sen. [Mark Leno](#), chairman of the Senate budget committee, said the changes merely fix drafting errors that will affect a small number of criminals who should have merited jail time all along. The [Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation](#) estimated that about a dozen more criminals will be affected in any given year because most of the changes were already included in previous projections.

"Taxpayers will save money by having them serve time in county jail rather than in state prison," said Leno, D-San Francisco. "We're getting smarter on crime so we can better invest limited resources on education rather than corrections, which every poll shows Californians support. And of course education is our best known crime prevention tool."

Another new law lets sheriffs release inmates up to 30 days early to comply with population caps, up from five days previously; and release inmates on electronic monitoring immediately instead of requiring them to serve at least 30 days behind bars for a misdemeanor or 60 days for a felony.

Assemblyman [Jim Nielsen](#), R-Gerber, said in a statement that the changes mean "more un-rehabilitated criminals on the streets, serving only a tiny fraction of their sentences in jail."

Lawmakers also approved giving counties more freedom to transfer prisoners between counties because of jail crowding or if inmates need specialized care.

"We're just looking for flexibility," California State Sheriffs' Association lobbyist [Nick Warner](#) said in supporting changes that will let counties lower their jail populations.

The budget for the new fiscal year that begins Sunday includes \$500 million for a new round of local jail construction and more than \$900 million to help counties pay for their increased cost of handling the additional criminals. Every county will get at least double the amount of state money it received in the first nine months.

Brown wants to guarantee that money in the state Constitution as part of a proposal on the November ballot that also would temporarily raise sales and income taxes.

The budget also begins carrying out a broad reorganization of the [Corrections Department](#) that was announced in April. Officials are looking to save money, improve poor inmate medical and mental health treatment, and end years of federal court oversight as prison crowding eases because of the shifting of criminals to local control.

It includes money for three cell houses within existing prisons to house about 2,400 inmates with physical or mental disabilities or substance abuse problems. After the three dormitory-style units are built in four years, the department will close the outdated [California Rehabilitation Center](#) in the Riverside County community of Norco.

It provides funding to complete the California Health Care Facility in Stockton, convert the neighboring Dewitt Nelson Youth Correctional Facility into an adult care facility; and to improve other prison medical and mental health units statewide.

With the prison population declining, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst had recommended that lawmakers reject some of the construction money sought by the department. But Corrections Secretary [Matthew Cate](#) said the department needs the medical and mental health facilities to comply with court orders.

The analyst also recommended that the state continue housing some inmates in private prisons in other states indefinitely as a partial alternative to building more cells in California prisons. However, the budget endorses the department's plans to return all 9,400 out-of-state inmates to California prisons by 2016.

Bayfair Center keeps Macy's, which renews lease and will remodel San Leandro store

By George Avalos
Oakland Tribune

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Macy's will remain at Bayfair Center in San Leandro, a decision that keeps the retailing giant in that city and bolsters the shopping center.

"It is huge that Bayfair is retaining Macy's," said Adria Giacomelli, a broker with commercial realty firm Cornish & Carey Newmark Knight Frank. "They are an anchor at Bayfair. It was vital that they stayed."

Macy's will do more than renew its lease to occupy 213,000 square feet at the 813,000-square-foot East Bay mall, said Whitney Livingston, vice president of management and marketing with Madison Marquette Property Investments, principal owner of Bayfair Center.

"As part of the Macy's renewal, we are now in discussions with Macy's about a remodeling of their space," Livingston said. "The lease renewal and the plans for a renovation show they are committed to Bayfair."

The deal also could serve to fortify the prestige of Bayfair mall.

"The recommitment of such a long term tenant is a testament to the continued distinction of Bayfair Center as a premier retail destination in the Bay Area," Eric Hohmann, a managing director with Madison Marquette, said in a prepared release.

Other tenants have undertaken a revamp of their spaces. Chilis and 24 Hour Fitness completed remodels recently.

Beside Macy's, Bayfair Center also has as anchors Target, Kohl's, Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond and a Century 16 movie complex.

The shopping center also has been adding tenants to its food court. Giacomelli recently arranged leases at Bayfair involving new tenants Digger's Diner and Pizza-cademy. Other new Bayfair tenants include a trade school and other non-retailers. The center is now 96 percent leased.

"You need your major retail anchors, but Bayfair also has done a great job of diversifying with other categories.