



City Manager's Weekly Update

January 30, 2013

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1/30** District 3 and 4 Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard
- 2/4** City Council Closed Session, 5:30 p.m., City Manager's Large Conference Room
- 2/4** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 2/12** City Council Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street
- 2/19** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 2/25** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/4** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/11** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/18** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 4/1** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 4/8** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 4/15** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 4/22** Joint City Council/SLUSD Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

To: City Council
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

Mark Your Calendar

Ancestral Memories Quilt Exhibit and Reception (reminder; flyer and photo attached)

January 29 to February 28, Main Library Atrium, 300 Estudillo Avenue

- As a part of the San Leandro Public Library's 2013 Big Read, the library will be hosting "Ancestral Memories," an exhibit of quilts by the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland. "Ancestral Memories" is an exhibit which honors the memory of the quilters' families and heritage.
- The public is invited to a special opening reception for "Ancestral Memories" on Saturday, **February 2** from **2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the Karp-Estudillo Room of the San Leandro Main Library. This event is free and all are invited and encouraged to attend. The program will consist of a presentation about African American quilting and a discussion of the specific quilts in the exhibit. The well respected and highly praised Allen Temple Baptist Church Men's Choir, an ensemble of 25 men, will add their voices to the program.
- Light refreshments will be served. Call the library at 577-3971 for more information.

Council Districts 3 and 4 Town Hall Meeting (reminder)

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard

- Mayor Stephen Cassidy and Councilmembers Diana Souza and Benny Lee will host a Town Hall Meeting tonight, **January 30**.
- Topics of discussion will include: community and neighborhood safety; proposed ordinances on medical marijuana dispensaries and raising of chickens and bees; the new Kaiser Hospital; and a transportation update on I-880 overpass reconstruction. There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers on other topics.

Carpool to School Day (flyer attached)

Wednesday, February 6

- The City and Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program are sponsoring the first Carpool to School Day on **February 6**.
- Carpool to School Day was created to encourage families to save gas and time, make friends to build community and reduce pollution. Carpooling is also an alternative when the weather is too inclement for walking or bicycling. The program encourages families that travel to school by car to form carpools by registering at www.schoolpool.511.org.
- Schoolpool.511 is a free online tool to help families share the responsibility of getting children to school. Schoolpool.511 matches parents who make

similar school trips with other interested families traveling to the same school. On Carpool to School Day carpooling students will be greeted by parent volunteers and will then participate in an art project as they arrive on the morning of February 6, 2013. We want to congratulate Corvallis Elementary School for participating in the event this year and look forward to many more schools' participation in the future.

A Living History Tribute to Madame C.J. Walker

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Main Library Lecture Hall, 300 Estudillo Avenue

- Celebrate African American History Month on **February 7** by enjoying a unique interactive performance that portrays Madam C.J. Walker, America's first self-made woman millionaire as portrayed by J.P. Myrick, an art educator and storyteller.
- Click [here](#) for more information about free event.

San Leandro's Got Talent is Coming!

Friday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Main Library Lecture Hall, 300 Estudillo Avenue

- Talented teens ages 13 to 18, who can sing, dance, juggle, play an instrument, rap, do spoken word, you name it, can audition for *San Leandro's Got Talent*, a new city-wide talent show and fundraiser for teen programs.
- *San Leandro's Got Talent* will take place in the Lecture Hall at the San Leandro Main Library on **February 8**. Click [here](#) for more information.

Council Information

Lit San Leandro "Connected Buildings" List Continues to Grow

- In recent weeks, several buildings have either made connections to the Lit San Leandro fiber loop or put plans in place to do so in the near future. In addition to OSISOFT, F.H. Dailey Chevrolet, and the San Leandro Library (Main Library and Manor Branch), the following locations have now been connected:
 - 1032 East 14th Street
 - 2950 Merced Street (Merced Park Plaza)
 - 123 Estudillo Avenue (Best Building)
 - 400 Estudillo Avenue
- Work is also underway to connect 101 Callan and the Chamber of Commerce office space at the new Downtown Parking Garage.
- In addition to providing direct benefits to the businesses at these locations, these connected buildings will be much better positioned to attract premium tenants in the future.

Re-designed City of San Leandro Website to Go Live on February 1

- A new version of the City's website (www.sanleandro.org) will go live after hours on January 31. This is the first significant overhaul of the site since 2009.
- Visually, the new site will feature an updated color palette, expanded use of photos, improved display on mobile devices, and new options for customizing department pages and sections.
- The site will also feature several functionality enhancements including multilingual translation (using Google Translate), improved calendar functionality, and local weather. The new version also avoids using Adobe Flash technology, which means that all photos will now display on Apple's mobile devices.
- Many of the latest changes were developed based on comments from the community and a group of citizens who volunteered their time last year to provide feedback on the website.

Police Department Offers Free Website to View Crime at CrimeReports.com

- The San Leandro Police Department uses CrimeReports to help citizens understand where and what types of crimes are occurring within our community. CrimeReports is offered free to our citizens.
- CrimeReports.com is the largest, most comprehensive crime-mapping website in the world. The San Leandro Police Department partners with CrimeReports to bring you accurate, official, and up-to-date

crime information for the areas you care about most. Search and explore the CrimeReports map to see how it works.

- CrimeReports is launching a new version on February 4, 2013. This redesigned crime map will make browsing the website easier and allow citizens to access and view the website on their mobile devices and smart phones. There are features that make searching for and sharing crime-related information easier than ever. You can access this by using the following link: www.crimereports.com/agency/sanleandro.
- Citizens can send anonymous tips to San Leandro Police Department by texting the word SLPD and their tip to 847411. Anonymous web tips can be submitted from the Police Departments website www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/services/at.asp. For crime prevention tips please go to the Police Departments website at www.sanleandro.org. or contact Jennifer Crosby at (510) 577-3252.

Board of State and Community Corrections Approval

- The big news this past week was the unanimous approval by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) of the \$24 million budget allocation for city police departments. Actual funds should be distributed to the fiduciary cities (which will be Oakland) in each county in the next thirty days. **Alameda County police chiefs received about \$430,000.**
- Once funds are distributed to fiduciary cities in each county, the police chiefs in that county will be charged with the responsibility of determining the use of those funds at the local level. The upcoming budget proposes increasing this allocation to \$27.5 million. Chief Spagnoli is sitting on the committee to make recommendations to the alameda county chiefs association.
- On the Legislative front, Senator Lou Correa (D-Orange County) has agreed to introduce Cal Chiefs sponsored legislation to enact a drugged driving per se law in California. This bill will be co-sponsored by the California State Sheriffs Association, the California Peace Officers' Association, the California Narcotic Officers Association and the International Faith Based Coalition. As crafted, the bill will create a per se violation whenever a driver is found to have any detectable amount of a controlled substance in their system.
- Assembly Member Nora Campos (D-San Jose), Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly, has agreed to carry Cal Chiefs' sponsored legislation to lower the voter threshold for any local public safety tax from 67% to 55%. Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles) has tentatively agreed to introduce legislation to address ambiguities in the law relating to mandated child abuse reporting. This measure, also sponsored by Cal Chiefs, will address problematic provisions of Penal Code Section 11166, which seem to excuse mandated reporting where more than one person is aware of the abuse in question.
- Although not yet introduced, we did receive confirmation from Assembly Member Tom Ammiano's staff that he intends to introduce permissive medical marijuana dispensary legislation. This bill will be modeled after his 2012 effort, AB 2312, which passed the Assembly, but failed in the Senate due in part to opposition from the California Police Chiefs Association.

Alameda County Chiefs of Police & Sheriff's Association

- Here are some highlights from a recent Alameda County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association meeting:
 - Part 1 Crime is up in most cities (San Leandro is up by 12%)
 - Heavy discussion regarding Public Safety Realignment AB109 and the need for better coordination and tracking, as well as funding
 - Clear communication on the need for more money to pay for police officers
 - The need for more crime labs and not necessarily having the County run them
 - Discussion on gun violence

San Leandro Marshlands Update (staff report attached)

- The City is fortunate to have ongoing relationships with several environmental agencies working throughout the Bay Area to enhance and restore local habitats. Specifically for the City, this collaboration benefits the approximately 315 acres of restored marshlands that are located south of the Tony Lema Golf Course. The update attached is provided by staff from Olofson Environmental, Inc. who is involved with the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project.
- This restoration work is being done at no cost to the City.

San Leandro Public Library • BIG READ 2013

ANCESTRAL MEMORIES

An exhibit of quilts by the
African American Quilt Guild of Oakland

January 29 - February 28

On display in the Main Library atrium during regular library hours.



- Opening Reception -
Saturday, February 2 • 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Treat yourself to an afternoon of art
and gospel music performed by the
**Allen Temple Baptist Church
Men's Choir** as well as a presentation
on African American quilting.

Free admission. No registration
required. For more information call
510-577-3971.

300 Estudillo Avenue
San Leandro, Ca.
www.sanleandrolibrary.org

This event is part of the Big Read grant at the San Leandro Public Library. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.





**"My Guardian Angels" quilt by Benita Jones
African American Quilt Guild of Oakland**

CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

STAFF REPORT

Date: January 23, 2013
To: Chris Zapata, City Manager
From: Debbie Pollart, Acting Public Works Director
Subject: SAN LEANDRO MARSHLANDS UPDATE

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only, and no action is required.

BACKGROUND

The City is fortunate to have on-going relationships with several environmental agencies working throughout the Bay Area to enhance and restore local habitats. Specifically for the City, this collaboration benefits the approximately 315 acres of restored marshlands that are located south of the Tony Lema Golf Course. The update below is provided by staff from Olofson Environmental, Inc. who is involved with the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project.

The Invasive Spartina Project's (ISP) California Clapper Rail Enhancement, Restoration and Monitoring Plan is funded by the California Coastal Conservancy (who also sponsors the *Invasive Spartina* project) and the California Wildlife Conservation Board. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established and managed by California Coastal Conservancy project management staff. The TAC reviewed the 5-Year Re-vegetation Plan in the fall of 2011 and met on multiple occurrences in 2012 to inform and further develop and adapt the overall planting strategy, planting designs and the site specific re-vegetation plans. A complete copy of this plan can be found at http://www.spartina.org/project_documents/revegetation_program/2012-2013_RevegPlan_121112.pdf

The 5-Year Plan comprised a detailed strategy to provide enhanced habitat support for California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in areas where non-native cordgrass (*Spartina* spp.) has been or is being eradicated from the San Francisco Estuary. (The California clapper rail is an endangered species, listed since 1970, whose habitat is almost exclusively in the San Francisco Estuary.) The ISP Re-vegetation Program approach in the 5-Year Plan included the following five program areas:

- (1) Deployment of floating islands to provide clapper rail refuge and nesting habitat (first year deployment completed in August 2012)
- (2) Construction of high marsh elevations, modification of hydrologic regime, or other engineered solutions to reduce effects of extreme winter tides and storms and enhance tidal marsh function for California clapper rail
- (3) Predator control

- (4) Re-vegetation of habitat
- (5) Continued control of non-native *Spartina*

In 2012-2013, the ISP program will focus largely on plantings of *Grindelia stricta* on the marsh plain, around the perimeter of islands and berms, and *Spartina foliosa* along marsh interior channels and on the mud-flat transition zone. All plantings are intended to enhance nesting and high tide refugia habitat for the California clapper rail. The *Spartina foliosa* mudflat transition zone plantings will also provide additional low tide foraging habitat for the California clapper rail. The ecotone or upland transition zone plantings by ISP in 2012-2013 will focus on replanting 2011-2012 upland transition zone sites to maintain survivorship goals (40%).

The five-year California Clapper Rail Habitat Enhancement, Restoration and Monitoring Plan identified a number of invasive *Spartina* treatment sites where re-vegetation could benefit California clapper rail through enhancement of nesting and high tide refuge habitat. Most of the ISP re-vegetation sites were selected primarily because there were existing clapper rail populations that would benefit in the near term from habitat enhancement. Additional sites were selected based on the presence of restoration work already underway by project partners, and in one case, on the opportunity to develop field-based propagation techniques and establish propagation sources that will be needed in subsequent years. In addition, sites have been added where re-vegetation of High Tide Refuge Islands will occur per Section 7 Endangered Species Act permit requirements from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Robert's Landing Complex in the City of San Leandro has four 2012-2013 ISP re-vegetation sites including: Citation Marsh, North marsh Bunker Marsh and San Lorenzo Creek Mouth. Re-vegetation in 2012-2013 will include new planting sites as well as re-planting sites where work was initiated in 2011-2012. Plantings were completed in January 2013 and will be monitored throughout the summer/fall.

It should be noted that this restoration work is being done at no cost to the City.



San Lorenzo Creek: SBI Crew Planting 01/03/2013

