



# City Manager's Weekly Update

July 3, 2013

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 7/4 Independence Day Holiday. City Hall and libraries closed.**
- 7/8** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 7/15** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 7/22** City Council Work Session, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- August - City Council Recess**
- 9/2 Labor Day Holiday. City Hall and libraries closed.**
- 9/3** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 9/9** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 9/16** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 9/23** Ethics Training, 6:00 p.m., Main Library
- 10/7** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 10/14** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 10/21** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 10/28** District 5 & 6 Town Hall Meeting, Time/Location TBD

**To: City Council**  
**From: Chris Zapata, City Manager**

## Mark Your Calendar

Zydeco Music and Dance (flyer attached)

**Thursday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. Dance Instruction; 7:00 p.m. Music Performance, Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue**

- Join us for a free evening of zydeco music and dancing with Les Amis Zydeco Band on **July 18**. The evening begins with a half hour of basic zydeco dance instruction, and then dance and enjoy the authentic sound of southern Louisiana Cajun, Creole and Zydeco music!

## Council Information

Public Safety Staffing for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

- For the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, the San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) will have increased patrol staffing and take a “zero tolerance” stance on fireworks. Police Officers will respond to calls regarding fireworks activity as necessary and as other emergency calls allow.
- All fireworks, including safe and sane fireworks, are illegal. It is illegal to possess, store, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, use, or explode any fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks as defined in the California State Health and Safety Laws. The intent of the law is to prevent injury, maintain order in our neighborhoods, and prevent fire or damage to structures and vegetation. Officers will be enforcing all laws and the San Leandro Municipal Code when dealing with firework related incidents. Below are the specifics on closures/extra patrol:
  - SLPD staffing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday beyond normal staffing will include additional officers to work foot patrol in the parks, downtown bicycle patrol and additional patrol staffing to handle fireworks related calls.
  - SLPD will close Marina Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the park will be fully closed at 8:00 p.m.
- Fireworks continue to be a problem around the City. Please get the word out that these pose a serious fire hazard and a drain on police services to respond to fireworks calls. We hope everyone has a safe holiday!

SLPD Captain Graduates from Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP)

- Last week, Captain Edward Tracey graduated from SMIP. SMIP is a program of the Police Executive Research Forum Program that provides senior police executives intensive training in the latest management concepts and practices used in business and government. The training includes management theory and practice, innovative solutions to organizational problems, and important issues in managing public service organizations effectively. A demanding three-week course, SMIP brings together a faculty from some of the nation's top universities, successful law enforcement chief executives, and subject matter experts from the private sector. It is designed for mid-to-upper

level police executives who will ultimately lead police agencies throughout the United States and other participating countries. SMIP's curriculum addresses those issues that demand the attention of today's forward-thinking law enforcement leaders. Participants emerge with an understanding of advanced management practices and effective leadership, and enhanced awareness of the management methods and resources necessary for performing current or future responsibilities. By sharing experiences and exchanging ideas during group discussions, participants gain confidence in their managerial abilities and develop resources for consultation, advice and support that will endure well beyond the course.

#### Private Video Surveillance Camera Registration

- As part of the San Leandro Police Department's (SLPD) "United for Safety Program," it will be accepting information from the community to register their Private Video Surveillance Camera system with the Police Department. This is SLPD's newest crime prevention and investigative program, which partners with residents and businesses to help solve crime and keep our community safe. Registering your business or personal surveillance camera may help deter crime and assist the SLPD in its overall crime prevention strategy. Register your camera [here](#).

#### Violent Crime Rate Update (comparison attached)

- Attached is the 2012 violent crime rate comparison for East Bay cities. Both violent and property crimes per 1,000 are included. Also of interest is this article entitled [Bay Area Leads California in Violent Crime](#).

#### LED Street Light Conversion Project Began July 1 (flyer and maps attached)

- On July 1, the Public Works Department began a month-long project to convert approximately 400 street lights from high pressure sodium (HPS) to led emitting diode (LED). The residential project areas include the southern portion of Estudillo Estates, eastern portion of Downtown and a majority of the Halcyon-Foothill area.
- LED lights use about 50% less energy than equivalent HPS lights, saving money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

#### Police Dispatch Centers Experience Workload Shift

- The National Public Radio (NPR) article [Police Take Different Approaches to 'The Tyranny of 911'](#) describes the workload shift in police dispatch centers with the increased use of cell phones, the shift to utilizing civilian staff in the field, and also using call takers to assist in fielding non-urgent calls so public safety dispatchers are available to handle emergencies and priority calls.

The San Leandro Public Library proudly presents ...

# *Zydeco Music & Dance*

*with Les Amis Zydeco Band*

Thursday, July 18, 2013

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm      Dance Instruction

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm      Music Performance

## **Main Library**

Karp/Estudillo Rooms

300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro

**FREE ADMISSION!**



Let the good times roll with an evening of zydeco music and dancing with Les Amis Zydeco Band! A half hour before the performance, dance instructor Cheryl McBride will start the fun by giving basic zydeco dance instructions to those interested. Les Amis Zydeco Band has its roots from the swamps of southern Louisiana, and they appear frequently to perform for the Bay Area zydeco dance scene. They strive for an authentic sound whether they're playing Cajun, Creole or Zydeco. So shuffle, slide and step on down to "Zydeco Central" at the San Leandro Library!

For more information about this library program, please call (510) 577-3971.

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## Violent Crime Rate Comparison 2012

City	San Leandro	Oakland	Richmond	Hayward	Fremont
Population	86890	399487	106357	147424	218927
Violent Crimes *	438	7962	1162	613	306
Murder	2	126	18	6	2
Rape	15	271	36	46	14
Robbery	273	4338	391	342	132
A. Assault	148	3227	717	219	158
Property Crimes **	3599	26342	5018	4792	4259
Burglaries	699	6168	1537	1109	1176
Larceny	2093	13198	1615	2227	2502
Motor vehicle thefts	793	6976	1866	1456	581
Arson	14	188	24	34	16
Violent Crime per 1,000 residents	5.04	19.93	10.93	4.16	1.4
Property Crime per 1,000 residents	41.42	65.94	47.18	32.5	19.45

\* violent crimes = murder, rape, robbery, & A. assault

\*\* property crimes = burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson

## *City of San Leandro LED Street Light Conversion Project*

As part of the national economic stimulus package, the City of San Leandro was allocated \$732,400 from a one-time federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The City allocated approximately \$165,000 of the grant monies to a street light conversion project that would convert existing high pressure sodium (HPS) street light fixtures to more energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures. Public Works staff recommended the LED conversion project for the following reasons:

1. LED lights use ~50% less energy than equivalent HPS lights thereby saving money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. LED lights have a much longer expected life (>10 years) than HPS lights (~3 years).
3. LED street lights give off a white, daylight-feel light for enhanced visibility and safety, while HPS lights give off a pale, yellow light that mask true colors.
4. Unlike HPS, LED lights do not contain mercury and are more environmentally friendly.

In October of 2010, the Public Works Department replaced six existing HPS street lights on two residential blocks with LED street lights as a test. Public Works staff installed two different types of LED fixtures and requested public input before starting the broader conversion project. The Public Works Department received positive feedback from the neighboring residents. The residents primarily preferred the new LED fixtures because of the whiter light.

In the winter of 2011/2012, the Public Works Department moved forward with a bid package to convert as many residential street lights as possible with the available funding. Both the LED street light fixture purchase and installation bids were very favorable and the City was able to convert approximately 400 residential HPS street light fixtures to LED fixtures.

The 400 fixtures installed to date represent 7% of the City's total number of street lights (~5,500). The selected LED fixtures use approximately 55% less energy than the current HPS fixtures. Based on PG&E's rate tables, the City projects annual electrical savings of approximately \$9,500 per year. In addition, there should be significant long-term labor and material savings as LED lights have a much longer expected life (3 to 4 times) than HPS lights.

Additionally, because the selected light fixtures qualified for PG&E rebates, the City received approximately \$21,000 from the initial fixture installation project, which was rolled into this work as a continuation of the project. With an additional 400 lights converted, the City will stand at having approximately 14% of the total street lights utilizing the more energy efficient LED lighting.

The project is scheduled to start on July 1<sup>st</sup> and should take approximately a month to complete. The following maps show the residential project areas, which include the southern portion of Estudillo Estates, the eastern portion of Downtown, and a majority of Halcyon-Foothill. These areas were selected so that the City could evaluate the effectiveness of the LED lights under differing street conditions (narrow v. wide, heavily wooded v. sparse vegetation) and to keep the type of lighting consistent in a neighborhood.

The funding for this project was a one-time grant from the federal government. Currently, there are no plans or funds to retrofit more street lights. The Public Works Department will continue to evaluate the LED fixtures for cost efficiency and performance. If funding becomes available in the future, further conversion projects may be possible.

The Public Works Department is very interested in getting your opinions and impressions of the new lights. Please provide us your feedback by mail, phone or e-mail:

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**San Leandro, CA 94578**  
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**LED Street Light Conversion Project Areas**





