The City continues to make our children and families its most valued investment, as evidenced by the City Council’s substantial enhancement of the Early Youth Intervention Program (EYIP). These enhancements include: 1) Adding two full-time and two part-time staff positions; 2) Increasing funding for new program initiatives; and 3) Developing new facilities to accommodate better programs and service coordination. In directing staff to develop even stronger intervention services for its residents, the Council recognizes that contributions to positive childhood development must encourage all City programs, schools, and the community to work together to ensure the brightest future for our children. The Early Youth Intervention Program is located at the City’s Family Center, which has been literally transformed into the City’s “hub” for youth development.

The EYIP builds upon earlier award-winning and successful City programs that have been found to help our young people and their families. These programs include parent education, the School Attendance Review Team (SART), diversity and mentoring programs, peer-to-peer support groups, probation supervision, community service, Saturday School, Literacy and Numeracy, and the ever-popular high-adventure strategy now called “Beyond Limits.”

These strategies are being delivered by an interdisciplinary City team who collaborate with other experts from local community care providers and agencies to maximize the benefits and results for our community. EYIP assists young people to develop strong personal and social assets that can help them make purposeful and positive choices. In the end, this will result in individuals who will be better prepared to face the many challenges of life.

The City Council encourages all residents to take advantage of the many services offered through this program. For more information, please call the Early Youth Intervention Team at 944-8106, or contact the team at the City’s Family Center, 10349 Heritage Park Drive.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of US (1882 - 1945)
City Council Update

The Community Development Commission and City Council meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at City Hall. For details, call the City Clerk's Office from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed every other Friday) at (562) 868-0511, Ext. 7314.

November 6, 2006

Community Development Commission Meeting


City Council Meeting

- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9020 approving the issuance by the Community Development Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs of Consolidated Redevelopment Project Tax Allocation Bonds, 2006 Series A, and its Consolidated Redevelopment Project Taxable Allocation Bonds, 2006 Series B.
- The City Council approved Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 41 to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an alcoholic beverage use involving the wholesale distribution of beer products at Triangle Distribution, located in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone at 12605 Pike Street.

November 21, 2006

Community Development Commission Meeting

- The Commission approved a Contract with Waterstone Environmental, Inc. for removal and disposal of contaminated soil located on the Aramco site in the Villages at Heritage Springs Development.
- The Commission approved Development Plan Approval Case No. 822 to construct an approximately 21,500 sq ft two-story, concrete tilt-up office building on property at 10704 Shoemaker Avenue.

City Council Meeting

- The City Council awarded a bid to Dave Bang Assoc., Inc. for the purchase of playground equipment for Lake Center Athletic Park.
- The City Council approved Reclassification of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 27 to allow the continued sales and serving of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at a restaurant known as Antojitos Guadalajara, located at 10941 Norwalk Boulevard.
- The City Council approved Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 42 to allow the operation and maintenance of an alcoholic beverage use permit involving the storage and wholesale distribution of alcoholic beverages, including tequila and other similar spirits, at 8620 Sorensen Avenue, Unit 7.
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9025 restricting parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds and implementing a Tow-Away Zone on the west side of Maryton Avenue, north of Rosecrans Avenue, and in front of 13924, 13940, 14106 and 14108 Maryton Avenue.

Fire & Police Services

Hazardous Household Waste Round Up

The City will host a Los Angeles County Hazardous Household Waste Round Up on Saturday, February 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Fire Training Academy located at 11400 Greenstone Avenue. Items that will be accepted include paint, cleaners, pesticides, batteries, oil, transmission fluid, pharmaceuticals, fluorescent light bulbs, electronics, computers, thermometers, and thermostats. Bring items in a sturdy box, preferable in their original labeled containers. Do not mix the items together. Place the items in the trunk or bed of the vehicle. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.

For more information, please call (800) 238-0172 or visit the website at www.lacsd.org.

Graffiti Hurts: Help Keep Santa Fe Springs Beautiful

City Offers Graffiti Reporting Reward - Up to $1,000

City Hires Gang/Graffiti Detective

The City recently reinforced its commitment to fighting graffiti in the community by allocating funds to hire a Detective who will focus on gang and graffiti crimes. The detective will work closely with schools, the Early Youth Intervention Program, and the City's Youth Probation Officer to help identify individuals who are vandalizing the community.

The City's Department of Police Services continues to seek the latest technology available such as the recent “Graffiti Tracker” Program. The Graffiti Tracker utilizes a GPS system to help link a graffiti offender with specific locations within our community. The City recently adopted an ordinance prohibiting anyone from carrying or having in their possession any graffiti implement on or around City property or on or around school grounds. It also requires that any business that sells spray paint must have it locked up and not on display.

The City thanks everyone who is already using the Graffiti Hotline and encourages others in the community to report graffiti by contacting the 24 hour hotline at 409-7601. Graffiti visible from the street will be removed. Please remember that the more detailed the description is, the faster the City can locate and remove the graffiti. Let's keep Santa Fe Springs beautiful.

Mayor's New Evening Office Hours

No appointment necessary!

Beginning in January, the Mayor is available to respond to any questions or concerns citizens might have during accessible evening hours. The Mayor will be available the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This is in addition to appointments that can be made to meet with any councilmember by calling the City Clerk or City Manager's Offices.
City Welcomes New Directors

Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

The City recently welcomed two new Directors to its Executive Team. Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez was appointed to fill the Fire Chief position left vacant upon Chief Neal Welland's retirement. Alex most recently served as the Administrative Deputy Fire Chief for Rancho Cucamonga and brings over 20 years of experience to the Fire Department. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Studies from Cal State Long Beach as well as his Masters of Science Degree in Emergency Services Administration. Prior to Rancho Cucamonga, he served 14 years with the West Covina Fire Department, where he held a variety of positions, including and up to Assistant Fire Chief. Alex is an instructor in Hazardous Materials through the International Association of Firefighters. He is excited to join the City family and "such a wonderful community." "My philosophy is simple, we're all a team, and we're all striving for the same goal. Let's see what we could do to make the Fire Department even better for the community," stated Alex.

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

Jose Gomez joined the City to fill the Director of Finance and Administrative Services position which became vacant upon Susan Bengemon-Vance's retirement in July. Jose served the community of Paramount for the past 16 1/2 years, serving as Finance Director/Treasurer the past ten years. Jose earned his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University and his Master of Business Administration Degree from California State University, Long Beach. He is the Vice-Chair of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's Finance Officer's Committee, of which the City is a member. Jose is also the Treasurer of the Southeast Water Coalition, and a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO). Jose was drawn to this close-knit community and is very excited to be part of the City's leadership and contribute to the progressive growth of the City in years to come. "The City is progressive in every aspect," stated Jose, "in the quality of services offered to the community, development, and much more. I am very excited to be part of such a great community." Jose is happy to share his life with his wife Sylvia and their two daughters, Marissa (2 years old) and Natalie (6 months old).

The City feels excited about our two new additions and fully expects that they will be tremendous assets to the community for many years on into the future.

A Year of Reflection

Remembering Those Who Made a Difference

With the New Year comes the onset of the City’s grand 50th anniversary celebrations. As we look forward to a year’s worth of celebration of community, culture, and industry, it is also a good time to look back at the year just ended. While 2006 was a year of tremendous accomplishment and reason for great community pride, it was also one of deep loss for the City family. Amongst the several tragic passing that occurred in 2006 were those of three giants of the City organization. Phil Studebaker, Pete Vallejo, Jr., and Dale Covington. Phil Studebaker was the City’s first Public Works Superintendent. Phil suffered from Parkinson’s disease and died this past October at the age of 84. Under his leadership, the Municipal Services Yard was built, as was the City’s water system and significant elements of the City’s infrastructure. Phil first established the extraordinarily high standards of community maintenance that we live by today.

Pete Vallejo, Jr., was a retired Fire Department Engineer who served the City proudly for over thirty years. Pete grew-up in Santa Fe Springs, graduated from Santa Fe High School, and fulfilled his dream to work for the City. First as a Maintenance Worker then Firefighter and ultimately as a Fire Engineer. Pete was a role model for many fellow employees as he always demanded the highest level of service of himself and from his beloved Santa Fe Springs community. When he retired in 2002 he and his family, including eleven grandchildren, moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico. He learned his family values from his mother and father Toni and Pete Vallejo, prominent, life-long and very active Santa Fe Springs residents. Pete was the consummate firefighter even in retirement. He volunteered his time with the local Fire Department and had been on a recent Wild Land Fire just prior to his tragic and sudden passing in October.

Lastly and certainly not least, is the tremendous void left in the wake of beloved Recreation Supervisor Dale Covington’s all too sudden death, also in October. Over his 29 years of service to the community, Dale Covington became a fixture in Santa Fe Springs’ life. His work in the Parks and Recreation Division allowed him to influence the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of Santa Fe Springs youth. Dale’s humungous heart and inimitable smile spread their grace on all he came in contact with. His contributions to the quality of life in Santa Fe Springs were endless and will not be soon forgotten. In his memory and on behalf of his daughter Catherine, a Scholarship fund has been set up through the Santa Fe High School Foundation Contributions can be sent to:

Santa Fe High School Foundation
C/O Catherine Covington
10400 Orr and Day Road • Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

All three of these members of the City family played important roles in making Santa Fe Springs the tremendous community it is today. Their presence is gone, though it is certain not forgotten, but the impact they had on us as individuals and together as a community continues to grow and will be their everlasting legacy.

Santa Fe Springs, Got Shoes?

“Shoes For Sonrisas”

The City of Santa Fe Springs was pleased to host a city-wide shoe drive for “Shoes for Sonrisas” from November 6th to the 20th at our City facilities. Shoes for Sonrisas is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing athletic shoes to underprivileged individuals in third world countries and to promoting a physically active lifestyle. Currently, shoes are being distributed to Mexico, and hope to reach countries such as El Salvador, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. The City is proud to announce that the shoe drive was a huge success, with over 350 pairs of shoes being collected. The employee and community contributions to the shoes drive were overly generous and greatly appreciated by both the City of Santa Fe Springs and Shoes for Sonrisas. If you wish to donate more shoes, please contact Ms. Angelica Haro at admin@shoesforsonrisas.org. Help make someone smile, donate your shoes today!

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“Turning Your Business into a Retirement Nest Egg”

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Learn from a panel of experts how aspects involved in selling your business and investing the proceeds can provide you with a larger nest egg once the sale is complete:

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- Selling your Business to Your Key Employees
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