



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 01
Week Ending April 26, 2013**

From the office of the City Manager:
Susan A. Stanton

**Some of the
Highlights**

[Blood Drive...Help
save a life!](#)

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Hello Greenfield!

Thank you for signing up to receive my bi-weekly City Manager's report to the community. Last January, the Mayor and the City Council recognized that City government needs to do a better job communicating to its residents what is happening here at City Hall



**Say It to
Susan!!!**

I would like to personally invite you to the Plaza Bakery on Friday, April 26th, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. I would love to get to know

...and special events occurring in the community. City government tends to operate under the radar screen for most people and historically is not very good about telling people what is going on in the City or when a street is going to be torn up in front of their home.

So, this by-weekly City Manager Newsletter is designed to provide information about what is happening in your City, in your community and issues you might be interested in getting more information about once you receive this communication. While many cities publish this information on their web site, I have found more people actually read it if they get it as an email. Only those residents who provide an email address will receive the Newsletter so if you know of anyone who is interested, have them contact my Executive Assistant **Nina Aguayo** and she will add them to our mailing list.

I very much enjoy being your City Managerand living in South Monterey County. We are truly blessed surrounded by breathtaking mountain views, countless vineyards and beautiful agriculture fields full of life and color. In my old job in the City of Fort Lauderdale, I had to drive 40 miles on a 7 lane Interstate roadway and park on the fifth floor of a large parking garage before I ever walked into City Hall. I am slowly adjusting to California ...and trying my best not to say "In Florida, we did it this way" ...or "how far is that"?

Greenfield is a community full of potential and I look forward to getting to know my newly adopted home. If you have time, I am having a "coffee" at La Plaza Bakery this Friday, April 26, 2013 from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Hope to see you there!

the community and for the community to get to know me. Let's enjoy the company with the freshly baked goodies...hope to see you there!

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Soledad and Greenfield Shared Police Service Contract Update:

On Tuesday, the City of Soledad rescinded its decision to terminate our shared service contract and to continue partnering with Greenfield in exploring how both cities can save money in providing law enforcement. As I stated on Tuesday, it is not unusual for both parties to experience some stress in this partnership as administrators attempt to carry out their duties and responsibilities. Special recognition is extended to Mayor John Huerta and Mayor Pro Tem Randy Hurley in providing their leadership in working with Soledad to address areas of mutual concern. I am pleased that Chief Sills will continue to

provide strong leadership to the Greenfield Police Department and look forward to the next step in our partnership with includes a more detailed examination of further cost sharing models and benefits.

City Establishes New Code Enforcement Board

At the time of my appointment as City Manager last October I met with each member of the City Council in order to learn of their respective concerns with City government and ascertain issues of particular importance. By far, one of the most pressing issues of importance to every Councilmember has been the lack of effective code enforcement in the community. So many residents have also shared with me their concerns that many troubled properties and homes now serve as platforms for unlawful activities, prostitution, gang activity, homeless shelters and semi-public places of entertainment and parties.

In response to this problem, the City Council has taken the necessary steps to address this matter in the formation of a new Code Enforcement Board. ([Learn more about the Code Board here](#)) On March 26, City Council appointed **Jessica Bautista, Rodney Evans, Pastor James Kilgor and Avelina Torres**, as members of this very important board. Additionally, the City has stepped up its enforcement of code violations in the City. If any resident sees a code matter they feel needs to be addressed by the City, please email: [I love Greenfield](#)



Marketing Greenfield for New Economic Opportunities

Slowly many cities around Monterey County are beginning to see new economic activities in their communities...after so many years of slow growth and recession. Greenfield is also seeing increased activities and has recently created the new

Greenfield Commerce Committee to assist the City in creating a community profile and marketing program to assist staff develop materials to provide prospective businesses interested in coming to Greenfield. One of the most exciting projects is our Walnut Ave Redevelopment Plan (See a draft here) that is getting a lot of interest from national firms wishing to locate in South County with good access to 101. The Committee is just beginning its work and will be considering how best to partner with existing and future business in the community. Members of this committee that have volunteered are:

**Geary Coats
Paul Muga
John Pekema
Helen Singley
Robert Thorp
Agapito Vasquez**

The Walnut Avenue Redevelopment plan is currently being reviewed by staff and will be available soon to the City Council.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Help eliminate prescription drug abuse by turning in expired or unused prescription drugs with no questions asked! Drop off your prescription drugs at:

**Gonzales Police Department
109 Fourth St
When: April 27, 2013
Time: 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

Preparation of the FY 2014 Budget Underway

One of the most important roles of any City Manager, is proposing and administering the City's annual operating and capital budget. Like many small cities, Greenfield has expressed a lot of fiscal stress and has been struggling with balancing its budget and control costs. Since my appointment as City Manager, I have devoted many late night evenings engineering the City's budgetary process, replacing the City's outdated financial reporting software and training staff on best practices in budget preparation. There are many opportunities for improving financial management in the City which will begin with the consideration of the FY 2014 Budget. It is my intent to submit the proposed budget to the Budget and Finance Advisory Board on May 3, 2013. For those residents interested in participating in the review process, please review the attached calendar. ([See it here](#)).

Recruitment of an Accounting Operations Manager

One of the most important functions in the City is controlling government spending and projecting and collecting city revenue. In the past, this function has been contracted out to three different sources each responsible for one element of accounting, financial reporting and payroll administration. In order to make the process much more cost effective and to enhance the City's fiscal control, Greenfield has created the position of Accounting Operations Manager. ([See complete profile](#)) We are recruiting for this position in local, state and national publications but have not had much success attracting a large pool of candidates. If you know anyone who is interested in this position please have them contact: [Nina Aguayo](#) at 831.674.5591. This is a great opportunity for the right person to join a great City staff.



PG & E Working to Keep Greenfield Safe!

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is working in our neighborhood performing a hydrostatic pressure test on our natural gas pipeline. This is part of their system-wide program to ensure the safety of the transmission pipelines that deliver gas across the region. PG&E will be testing from Central Avenue and Homen Road in King City (near Jolon Road) to 13th Street and Oak Avenue in Greenfield. As you are already aware, work has already begun.

This test involves emptying the pipeline of its gas, filling the pipeline with water, and increasing the pressure to a level that is much higher than the pipeline's normal operating pressure with natural gas. The test will confirm the pipeline's safe operating pressure and reveal potential weaknesses. If the pipe does not meet acceptable standards, it will be repaired or replaced with new pipe. Gas service, however, will continue without interruption in most cases.

On Tuesday, April 30th at approximately 7 am (for a duration of approximately two hours), PG&E's crews will be releasing the gas from the pipeline at the Homen Road and Central Avenue location near Jolon Road in the King City area. The air mover location will be set up at the work site on the corner of Oak Avenue and 13th Street in Greenfield. At times during the venting process, there may be the smell of gas in the air accompanied by a loud sound and steady noise. It is not anticipated that you will smell anything or hear anything in Greenfield, although it is possible. PG&E encourages anyone who has concerns about the smell of gas to call PG&E 24 hours a day at 1-800-743-5000. Also, please know, that an automated call-out will be conducted to customers in the venting location and the air mover location on Monday, April 29th. The venting location is a remote location.

Traffic Impacts:

PG&E will clearly mark all work areas, and traffic flaggers will help direct traffic. Please use caution and plan for minor delays when driving through this area.



Blood Drive!!!

Greenfield Community - Sponsored by:

Greenfield High School & Greenfield Rotary

To schedule your appointment, please log on to redcrossblood.org enter the Sponsor Code: **greenfield** or call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**

When: Thursday, May 9, 2013

Time: 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

Identification is required to donate

Interested in Serving on a Board?

If you are interested in serving on a particular board and would like to apply... [click here](#) to download an application and turn it in to City Hall.

Making the Greenfield Community Park a Reality

Last year, the City of Greenfield was awarded a grant for the development of a new Park at the corner of Walnut Ave and Third Street. Assistant City Manager Paul Muga has been busy trying to finalize the purchase of the property and begin the process of development. The total budget for the new park is \$2.9 million dollars: which includes \$400,000 for Construction of walking trails, \$150,000 for a Gazebo and Wind Guard, \$250,000 for Playground equipment, \$300,000 for water play area, \$55,000 basketball courts, \$75,000 for tennis courts, and \$100,000 for a drainage garden and open space.

[\(See the color concept plan here\)](#) This is a really exciting project. In the next six months, the City will be scheduling additional

opportunities to refine the plan and begin the preparation of construction documents.

Spread the Word!!! We would love to have more readers!

If you know of anyone that would be interested in receiving our Report, please have them contact: [Nina Aguayo](#) or call City Hall @ 831.674.5591. Thank you for your support!



More to come...

I look forward to our next issue...

Sincerely,

Susan

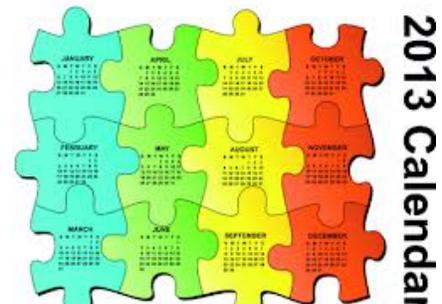
Upcoming Events...

Springtime Craft Faire

When: Saturday April 28, 2013

Where: At the Clock Tower in Greenfield Village

Time: 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.



Child Safety Seat Check Event...

More information coming soon!

