

October 2015

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Hello, this is Joanne Cousino with the City Clerk's Office. As You may know, I am the historian and official record keeper for the City of Barstow. The City Clerk's Office serves the City Council, City Departments, citizens of Barstow, and the public-at-large.

The City Clerk's office houses the official archive for all municipal records pursuant to Federal, State, and local statutes. Additionally, the City Clerk's Office provides administrative, legislative, and secretarial support. I wanted to take a moment to share with you some information regarding our activities over this past quarter.



RECORDS/CITY CLERK: Year End Projects

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- Updated contract files for new fiscal year and agenda templates for signatures.
- Partnership with Planning Department resulted in 113 folders of maps and specs that were organized, formatted, digitized, archived and filed- looking to continue this project to get all maps archived and filed.
- Building documents were transferred to a Web-based document center for easy access. Currently in the process of archiving these documents into Questy's Document Management System is targeted to be complete by the end of the year. (One Doc Stop).
- The Barstow Passport Acceptance Agency processed 103 passports in this quarter.
- The Clerk's Department recruited Abby Wilhelm from Park and Recreation for our part-time front Office Clerk.
- Processed 2015-2nd quarter (TOT) Transient Occupancy Tax.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

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- Permanent minute archival project is continuing.
- City Clerk is working with San Bernardino County Registrar for poll worker training.
- Coordinating with the High School to be able to talk to the students about local government, elections and registration.

BARSTOW YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

- The "Let's Move" Program of 1st Lady Michelle Obama is being continued so the BYAC can demonstrate and introduce the dance exercise to many events and schools of our community throughout the school year.
- Events:

- o Coordinated the Youth Cultural Fair held on July 18th. There were 38 vendors. Due to rain the Movie in the Park was cancelled. However, the event was well attended with on and off showers throughout the day and vendors stayed til it ended at 4:00 pm. The “Upcycle” Contest went very well.**
- o “Reach the Sky” Skate and BMX Competition was held on July 25th . The event was twice as big as last year in attendance. We had 75 participants, some coming from the Victor Valley. Their was**
- o Presented Blue Ribbon Ceremony to the Parenting class at Desert Sanctuary.**
- o Provided Food Service for the 2015 Barstow College Foundation BBQ Fundraiser. (September 12, 2015.). Also did a meet and greet**
- o Helping out at the Rodeo this year and the Kick-off. (September 23, 25 and 26.**
- o Coordinating the “B Factor Talent Show” that is tentatively scheduled for November 14.**

Hello, this is Gaither Loewenstein, Economic Development and Planning Manager for the City of Barstow. I would like to take a moment to share with you several important projects that have come to fruition in the Community Development division over this past quarter.



Community Development

- *At long last, economic development appears to be picking up in Barstow. Construction of the long-awaited Montara Place shopping center, anchored by Super WalMart, is expected to commence prior to year's end. Negotiations with the State Lands Commission toward the acquisition of roughly half of the acreage comprising the Spanish Trail Specific Plan area are well underway, and the first phase of the Spanish Trail project, a travel center and small grocery store, is scheduled to open in October, at which time a 107-foot monument sign topped by the Old Spanish Trail logo will be erected.*
- *Restaurant sales and hotel occupancies in the Lenwood Road/ I-15 area remain strong and additional properties will be coming on line over the next several months. A four-restaurant Asian Food Court adjacent to Panera Bread will break ground in October and Oggi's Pizza has signed a lease for the former Baja Fresh building on Serrano Drive. Two new hotels – a 60-room Best Western Plus and a 107-room Home 2 Suites by Hilton – have submitted plans and should be opening their doors by the end of 2016.*
- *On West Main Street, Choice Medical Group has begun construction of its 17,000 square foot medical office facility and a 68-acre business/industrial park is currently being graded at the juncture of State Route 58 and West Main. Also on the industrial front, the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Mojave Aluminum Company aluminum cast house facility will be released for public review in late November. This 300,000+ foot industrial project, if approved, will generate roughly 400 new jobs, which should help to trigger a revival of residential construction in Barstow.*
- *Also getting underway this fall will be the formulation of a Specific Plan for the Route 66 Business Corridor and Downtown Business and Cultural District. This plan, which will feature extensive public participation, is intended to promote revitalization of the long-dormant downtown area.*
- *These are busy, but exciting times for Barstow's Economic Development and Planning team. We encourage Barstow residents to attend meetings of the Planning Commission, held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, to have your say on issues affecting Barstow's economic future.*

Hello, this is Mike Brown, Administrator of the Public Services Division. The Department is made up of three different divisions, Field Services, Facility Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, and is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the infrastructure of the City of Barstow.

We also provide support for other City departments in the form of traffic control, setup and teardown for special events and a variety of other ways. We are also responsible for emergency response to flooding or other disasters that may occur.

The Field Services Division is comprised of two teams. Each team has several main responsibilities that are unique to that team and many other responsibilities that are considered to be common to both teams. It is not uncommon, however, for both teams to work together to accomplish tasks that are larger than one team can handle on their own and as we move forward, these teams will be working closer together in a more concentrated effort.

I would like to take a moment to share with you several important projects that the Public Services Division has worked on over this past quarter.



The City of Barstow Community Services Department has been working hard to keep our City looking good. Here are a few of the things that we accomplished over the past few months.

- *Over the past quarter, the Field Services, Building Maintenance, and Fleet Maintenance teams have been busy. Here are just a few of the things we have been working on.*
- *Field Services has been working on doing weed abatement in various areas around the City. We have been removing weeds as well as spraying to prevent new weeds.*
- *We had a few rain storms come through that brought some dirt and debris onto the roadways. We are continuing to work on those clean-up efforts.*
- *We are working on cleaning storm drains and catch basins to be ready for more storms as they come.*
- *We assisted with the set up and tear down for several events in Barstow including the Multi-Cultural fair and the Skate competition.*
- *We installed a new Bus shelter and bench at the Senior Center.*
- *We have continued routine work on signs, filled potholes, continued the never ending task of covering Graffiti, repaired damaged guardrail on the north end of Yucca Ave.*
- *We are preparing for striping.*
- *Building Maintenance has recently completed giving the restrooms at Stringham Park. They also worked with our HVAC contractor to get all the ac units at the Harvey House up and running. They also finished painting the trim at the Barstow Senior Center. This included Stripping all the old paint from the Pergola at the entrance down to bare wood. The wood looked so good after stripping that it was decided to just put a water-proofer on it and leave it bare.*
- *They also continued their routine work of cleaning and maintaining all City owned buildings*

as well as handling unexpected issues.

• Fleet Maintenance Has continued to keep all the vehicles and equipment used by all departments in good working order. Their work is pretty routine, but they are always there to service and repair our equipment and they are an integral part all City departments. The job they do gets Fire Trucks, Police cars and Public Works vehicles back in the field so we can continue to serve our citizens.

Hello, this is Belinda Barbour, Environmental Services Administrator for the Solid Waste Department. As you may be aware the ESA Division is responsible for implementing the City's Source Reduction and Recycling Element, and the Household Hazardous Waste Element mandated by the State of California.

We pride ourselves on the innovative, rational and reasonable management of solid and hazardous materials throughout the City while promoting effective waste management practices.

I would like to take a moment to share with you some recent activities over this past quarter.

Everything You Do Can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



Outreach/Education

- Last Quarter - June – Held “Upcycle Contest” sponsored by Burrtec Waste Inc.

Upcoming :

- Oct 10/9-Noon – ShredFest
- Oct 24/8-Noon – Free Dump Day
- Oct 24/Free Garage Sale Ad (15th Annual City Wide Garage Sale Map)
- Oct 24/ National Make A Difference Day - Volunteer

Planning Documents and Facilities – Preparing our Non disposal Facility Element to update the Cities, County and State Integrated Waste Plans with Burrtec’s proposal to build a Transfer Station. Burrtec has applied for their conditional use permit which required a negative declaration through CEQA. That document was published through the State, and comments have been incorporated into the conditions of approval.

Hello, this is Anthony Riley and Margaret Carter, Directors of the Barstow Film Office. We wanted to take a moment to share our vision for the film office and the numerous successes over this past year.

The film industry is increasing its use of desert locations for feature films and commercial/industrial projects. The City of Barstow has implemented an aggressive strategy to enhance our community to the entertainment industry and allow Barstow to compete for a greater market share of regional, domestic and international production.

- The film office spent much of the summer prospecting for new productions to come to Barstow for filming in the Fall season. We are currently in the running against other cities for 2 upcoming feature films. We hope to lock in a project very shortly which would begin filming on 10/20-12/1/2015. The City of Barstow is about to be invaded by more Werewolves and Vampires. Will keep you posted.*

Hello, this is Cindy Prothro, Finance Director for the City of Barstow. As you may be aware the Finance Department is responsible for managing the City's financial operations in accordance with established policies and plans.

The Finance Department recommends fiscal policies to City management and implements such policies.

The Department provides fiscal support to all City departments and programs and ensures that the fiscal affairs of the City are effectively managed in accordance with the City's municipal code, policies, state, and federal statutes.

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Accomplishments

July to September involves the closing out of the old fiscal year (FY 2014-15) and the beginning of the new fiscal year (FY 2015-16). The City's annual audit is under way, with auditors from the firm of Badawi & Associates onsite in September to perform the field work. Finance also updated the Capital Improvement Budget in September to update the remaining project budgets for FY 2015-16, based on work completed through June 30, 2015.

Successor Agency

The Successor Agency has entered into an agreement with Kosmont Realty to market the parcels owned by the former Barstow Redevelopment Agency and to assist the Successor Agency in obtaining California Department of Finance required approval of any and all transactions.

Transit

On July 1, 2015, Bartow Area Transit merged with Victor Valley Transit Authority. With the merger, VVTA is now responsible for the Barstow area and the Trona and Big River area operations. VVTA has also placed into service new commuter buses for the Fort Irwin route.

Hello, this is Chief Richard Ross with the Barstow Fire Protection District. As you may know the community depends on the Barstow Fire Protection District to provide much more than fire suppression services. The Barstow Fire Protection District is an all-risk agency that must ensure for the continued provision of fire, emergency medical, hazardous materials, technical rescue, community preparedness, public education, and fire prevention services to meet the demonstrated needs of the community.

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- **Recent promotion of Travis Espinoza to Captain retirement of Mark Barnes**
- **Latest CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class will conclude on 9/19**
- **CERT will be conducting a field exercise as part of the great shake out on 10/17**
- **City will be conducting a field emergency management drill on Nov. 4th**
- **The District received a \$151,000 grant for new breathing apparatus**
- **Currently removing all landscaping at Fire Station 361 and converting to drought zeroscape.**
- **Active fire season with crews currently on their 3rd deployment out of the area**

Hello, this is Terri Peralta, Superintendent for our City's Park and Recreation Department. I would like to take a moment to provide you with a calendar of upcoming events. We hope you continue to enjoy the various amenities of our parks and citywide facilities.

- Our Concert in the Parks had its finale on September 19th, with all local bands performing. It drew a large crowd and it appeared that it was enjoyed by all whom attended. The prior concerts were in June and August.
- Kiddie Indoor Soccer is getting ready to have their 1st game this Thursday September 24th. We had a great turn out for registration with 10 teams with 8 players each.
- We have also added a dance instructor, Nicki Duarte to our recreation family. She is teaching a Ballet & Tap for children as young as 3, and a Jazz for children 5 years and up, and also a Hip Hop for children ages 7 and up.
- Tot Time has also started up with Ms. Loretta, we have a total of about 55 children

Hello, this is Police Chief Albert Ramirez. As you know, the men and women of the Barstow Police Department are committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community. I believe in honesty, integrity and compassion when building a partnership with the community to actively achieve positive impacts in the prevention of crime and to safeguard the citizens and guests of our community.

I would like to take a moment to share with you some of our activities over this past quarter.



- Jarell Gilmore was recently promoted to Sergeant.
- Heather Banks was hired as a Public Safety Dispatcher with the Barstow Police Department.
- Kathryn Carmon was hired as a clerk with the Barstow Police Department.
- Sabrina Ellis was selected to fill the Crime Scene Investigation/Evidence Technician position.
- Officer Catherine Greig received the Local and District Optimist Club Respect for Law Award.
- Officer Andrew Reyes received the American Legion Officer of the Year award for the Barstow Police Department.
- Barstow Police Department officers participated in the “Every 15 Minutes Program” at Barstow High School. The program is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.
- Barstow Police Department officers participated in the Kiwanis Bicycle Rodeo. This is a family event that provides elementary-aged kids the opportunity to learn tips on cycling safety and to participate in interactive activities that promote health and safety.
- Barstow Police Department officers participated in the “Bring Your Kid to Work Day” at the social services building. The program is designed to show children what their parents do every day at work and to get them dreaming about their own careers.
- The Barstow Police Department participated in and hosted the Annual Public Safety Day event. This event brings the community together with public safety organizations.
- The Barstow Police Department conducted an active shooter training exercise at Central High School. The exercise was conducted during school hours and it involved students, staff, and personnel from the Barstow Fire Protection District.
- Barstow Police Department officers participated in the Tip-a-Cop event at Chili’s restaurant to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Officers raised \$2506.00.

- The Barstow Police Department in conjunction with the Barstow Unified School District conducted a Truancy Sweep in the City of Barstow. Sixty-five (65) homes were visited, twenty-six (26) education code citations and one (1) daytime curfew citation were issued, one (1) runaway juvenile was located, and six (6) adults were arrested.
- The Barstow Police Department participated in the 5k Anti-Bully Run which raised funds and awareness for the anti-bully campaign.
- The Barstow Police Department participated in and hosted the Area Law Enforcement Shooting

Competition. Barstow Police Department Officer Tom Lewis won the Top Gun award.

- The Barstow Police Department conducted a Police Explorer Academy and graduated seven (7) new Police Explorers. They are; Marie Castro, Oscar Guzman, Victor Ochoa, Lourdes Walker, Falicity Lavoni, Jared Santiago, and Marlene Moore.
- The Barstow Police Department conducted a National Night Out event at Dana Park. It was well attended and a lot of crime prevention tips were provided to the citizens of Barstow.
- The Barstow Police Department conducted a multi-agency S.M.A.S.H/Gang Sweep in the City of Barstow. Forty-eight (48) subjects were arrested for various offenses.
- The Barstow Police Department conducted a Probation Compliance Sweep in the City of Barstow. Officers checked subjects who were on probation to determine if they were in compliance with their probation terms. As a result, twenty-six (26) subjects were arrested.

Hello, this Kody Tompkins Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. As you may be aware the mission of the Barstow Wastewater Treatment Plant is to treat domestic and industrial wastewater from the City of Barstow and its surrounding communities in a manner that provides current and future customers with safe, efficient and cost effective wastewater treatment services while protecting the community, public health, plant staff and the environment from adverse impacts of wastewater and treatment by-products.

The City's efforts are guided in part by federal, state and local regulations.

It is our goal to achieve this objective in a manner that demonstrates integrity, responsibility, safety and economically-sound practices and provide this quality and protection at the lowest possible cost to the citizens of Barstow and its customers.

Our employees are critical in the delivery of superior services to the residents of the City of Barstow. The commitment our employees demonstrate to their jobs and to the advancement of the City's goals is the key to our success in mission accomplishment.

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Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Completed Phase I Project
- Interviewed and hired new employee
- Received bids for installation of replacement headworks. (First form of treatment, screen at the front of the plant to protect downstream equipment).