



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

March 22, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Alan Tandy, City Manager *AT/ch*
SUBJECT: General Information

Miscellaneous News

- We received some positive news this week. Sales tax revenue showed a slightly positive increase of 5.29 percent in the past quarter, as compared to the same quarter in the previous calendar year. For the past four quarters the City has experienced an increase of 4.09 percent compared to the previous four quarters. Two memos from Finance Director Nelson Smith are enclosed which provide additional information on sales tax revenue trends by quarter and industry.
- Enclosed is the official news release from AEG regarding the Council's approval of the new facilities management agreement.
- Central Valley Magazine, a special publication of the Fresno Bee, published the enclosed positive article on Bakersfield in a recent edition. The article features information on many points of interest, local restaurants and hotels.
- March continues to be a busy month for visitors in Bakersfield. This past weekend, music played a key role in two large groups meeting in our city. The Sweet Adelines International Regional Competition was held at Rabobank Theatre from Thursday to Sunday. At the Kern County Fairgrounds, the 48th Bakersfield Fiesta brought square dancers from throughout the nation and Canada for competitions Thursday to Saturday. Both events helped to fill local hotel rooms and restaurants, and followed up on CIF Boys Wrestling and the March Meet, which brought visitors to Bakersfield the previous two weekends.

Upcoming Events

Sports:

Condors Hockey
March 24th vs. San Francisco
5:00 p.m. – Rabobank Arena
Tickets: \$8 - \$25

Miscellaneous Activities/Entertainment:

Eggstravaganza Underwater

Egg Hunt

March 23rd – 11:00 a.m.

McMurtrey Aquatic Center

Tickets: \$5 onsite

All ages welcome; children

under 5 must be

accompanied by an adult

Jeff Dunham

March 23rd – 5:00 p.m.

Rabobank Arena

[Tickets: \\$42.50](#)

Annual Egg Hunt

March 30th – 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

FREE

Council Referrals

- ☞ Councilmember Sullivan:
 - Policy Regarding Post-Event Cleanup

- ☞ Councilmember Johnson:
 - Citizen Reporting Procedure
 - Red Curbs at Bus Stops

- ☞ Councilmember Maxwell:
 - Possible Internet Café On Oak Street

Reports

For your information, we enclose the following:

- ❖ Streets Division work schedule for the week of March 25th.

AT:rs:ch

cc: *Department Heads*
Roberta Gafford, City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alan Tandy, City Manager

FROM: Nelson K. Smith, Finance Director *NS*

DATE: March 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Quarterly Sales Tax Update

We received the most recent quarterly sales tax data, which reflects the activity and sales during the months of October, November and December 2012. The quarterly and annual trend information is as follows:

Comparing the most recent quarter with the same quarter last year –
positive (+) 5.29 %.

Comparing the most recent four quarters with the prior four quarters –
positive (+) 4.09 %.

These results are generally in line with our budget projections for the current fiscal year, which estimated sales tax growth at an annualized rate of 3.0 %.

We do not have the detail results available by industry type at this time; this information will be available in a few weeks.

Attachment

cc: Rhonda Smiley
Steven Teglia

Comparison of most recent four quarters
to the prior four quarters by vendor reporting period

Vendor Reporting Date	prior four quarters	Vendor Reporting Date	most recent four quarters	% change
current quarter report				
Jan., Feb., Mar. 2011	\$ 15,659,680	Jan., Feb., Mar. 2012	\$ 15,395,385	-1.69%
April, May, June 2011	\$ 15,473,225	April, May, June 2012	\$ 17,066,629	10.30%
July, Aug., Sept. 2011	\$ 15,895,465	July, Aug., Sept. 2012	\$ 16,295,273	2.52%
Oct., Nov., Dec. 2011	\$ 16,095,952	Oct., Nov., Dec. 2012	\$ 16,946,783	5.29%
Total	\$ 63,124,322	Total	\$ 65,704,070	4.09%
Prior quarter report				
Oct., Nov., Dec. 2010	\$ 15,769,996	Oct., Nov., Dec. 2011	\$ 16,095,952	2.07%
Jan., Feb., Mar. 2011	\$ 15,659,680	Jan., Feb., Mar. 2012	\$ 15,395,385	-1.69%
April, May, June 2011	\$ 15,473,225	April, May, June 2012	\$ 17,066,629	10.30%
July, Aug., Sept. 2011	\$ 15,895,465	July, Aug., Sept. 2012	\$ 16,295,273	2.52%
Total	\$ 62,798,366	Total	\$ 64,853,239	3.27%



MEMORANDUM

RECEIVED

MAR 20 2013

City Manager's Office

TO: Alan Tandy, City Manager

FROM: Nelson K. Smith, Finance Director *NS*

DATE: March 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Sales Tax Quarterly Report by Industry

Attached is a copy of the Sales Tax Quarterly Report by Industry, comparing the top ten industry categories second and third quarter results of 2011 to their respective quarterly results of 2012.

This provides a more specific look at what types of industries are doing better or worse than citywide results for a given period. The overall growth for the 2nd quarter of 2012 was 10.3% and the overall growth for the 3rd quarter of 2012 was 2.5%.

Building Materials, New Car Dealers and Department Stores all show above average positive movement compared to the same quarters last year, while Service Stations and Oil & Gas Services & Equipment show below average results compared to the same quarters of the previous year.

Attachment

cc: Steven Teglia
Rhonda Smiley

City of Bakersfield - Review of Sales Tax Data by Industry - Top Ten Categories

	Second Quarter Comparison			Third Quarter Comparison		
	<u>2nd Qtr 2011</u>	<u>2nd Qtr 2012</u>	<u>% + / -</u>	<u>3rd Qtr 2011</u>	<u>3rd Qtr 2012</u>	<u>% + / -</u>
1 Department Stores	\$ 1,970,714	\$ 2,064,806	4.77%	\$ 1,911,998	\$ 2,232,890	16.78%
2 New Car Dealers	\$ 1,617,326	\$ 2,096,820	29.65%	\$ 1,815,064	\$ 2,155,373	18.75%
3 Service Stations	\$ 1,582,548	\$ 1,420,593	-10.23%	\$ 1,583,122	\$ 1,269,570	-19.81%
4 Heavy Industrial/Equip./Machinery	\$ 791,138	\$ 910,047	15.03%	\$ 747,289	\$ 794,590	6.33%
5 Building Materials	\$ 586,947	\$ 832,036	41.76%	\$ 555,868	\$ 753,828	35.61%
6 Eating / Drinking Places w/o alcohol	\$ 668,674	\$ 734,571	9.85%	\$ 695,137	\$ 749,813	7.87%
7 Eating / Drinking Places with alcohol	\$ 613,893	\$ 698,938	13.85%	\$ 614,635	\$ 653,400	6.31%
8 Oil & Gas Services & Equipment	\$ 763,219	\$ 768,260	0.66%	\$ 764,370	\$ 574,244	-24.87%
9 Grocery Stores with alcohol	\$ 449,745	\$ 470,594	4.64%	\$ 474,266	\$ 508,729	7.27%
10 Business Service Concerns	\$ 299,134	\$ 419,812	40.34%	\$ 323,988	\$ 413,764	27.71%



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AEG FACILITIES AWARDED LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR BAKERSFIELD'S RABOBANK ARENA AND OTHER VALLEY VENUES

LOS ANGELES, CA (March 21, 2013) – The Bakersfield City Council last night unanimously approved a 10-year agreement for AEG Facilities to manage **Bakersfield's Rabobank Arena, Theater & Convention Center** complex, the **San Joaquin Community Hospital Ice Center** and **Bright House Networks Amphitheatre**.

Under the agreement, AEG Facilities will provide full venue services including management, event booking, exclusive sponsorship and naming rights sales, premium seating programs, venue operation and access to AEG's purchasing network and AEG's 1EARTH sustainability campaign.

"After a closely scrutinizing both proposals on a variety of levels, AEG's was clearly the better plan for our arena, our other venues and our City," said City Manager Alan Tandy. "Their experience, their understanding of our venues and our market and their willingness to take risk to guarantee the fiscal impact to our City set them apart. Finally, with AEG being the only company with a division (the second largest in the world) that books and promotes concerts and other live entertainment, this choice will also mean more and bigger events at Bakersfield facilities."

"AEG Facilities is excited to be part of the Bakersfield community and as one of the largest cities in California, Bakersfield has a proven track record in supporting a variety of sports and entertainment events," said Bob Newman, President, AEG Facilities. "We look forward to continuing the growth of these venues and bringing high-profile events to the Bakersfield community."

Rabobank Arena, the main showcase of Bakersfield's downtown public sports and entertainment facilities has been the home of the Bakersfield Condors hockey team (ECHL) since the 10,000-seat arena opened in 1998. The modern, multi-purpose and fully equipped facility is also the home of concerts, family shows, special events, basketball and other sporting competitions as well as convention related activities affiliated with events taking place at the **Rabobank Theater and Convention Center** located adjacent to the arena which contains a 26,000-square foot exhibit hall along with 14 meeting rooms and a 3,000-seat theater that is the seasonal home for the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra, Community Concerts and an annual Broadway tour. Also included in the portfolio of City-owned venues AEG Facilities will now oversee is the 41,000 square foot **San Joaquin Community Hospital Ice Center**, a full-service, public ice skating facility and the 4,000-seat outdoor **Bright House Networks Amphitheater** which has hosted concerts starring well known artists such as The Doobie Brothers, Peter Frampton, Earth, Wind & Fire, Poco, Firefall, The English Beat and Willie Nelson among others since the venue located in the picturesque *Park at Riverwalk* opened in 2006.

About AEG Facilities

AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Company, is the leading sports, entertainment and venue operator in the world. AEG Facilities, a stand-alone affiliate of AEG, owns, operates or consults with 100 of the industry's preeminent venues worldwide, across five continents, providing total venue management, plus other services, including operations, guest services, ticketing, booking, sales and marketing. AEG Facilities also provides resources and access to other AEG-affiliated entities, including live event producer, AEG Live, AEG Global Partnerships, AEG Development, AEG 1Earth, AEG Encore and AEG Creative to support the success of AEG venues across the globe. The Los Angeles-based organization owns, operates or provides services to the world's most elite venues, including STAPLES Center (Los Angeles, Calif.), StubHub Center (Carson, Calif.), Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE (Los Angeles, Calif.), Sprint Center (Kansas City, Mo.), KFC YUM! Center (Louisville, Ky.), AmericanAirlines Arena (Miami, Fla.), Prudential Center (Newark, N.J.), Target Center (Minneapolis, Minn.), BBVA Compass Stadium (Houston, Texas), O.co Coliseum and Oracle Arena (Oakland, Calif.), CONSOL Energy Center (Pittsburgh, Penn.), Mercedes-Benz Arena (Shanghai, China), MasterCard Center (Beijing, China), The O2 Arena (London, England), O2 World (Berlin, Germany), O2 World Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany), Ahoy Arena (Rotterdam, Netherlands), Pernambuco Stadium (Recife, Brazil), Allphones Arena (Sydney, Australia), ULKER Sports Arena (Istanbul, Turkey), Ericsson Globe Arena (Stockholm, Sweden), Hydro Arena (Glasgow, Scotland) and the Qatar National Convention Centre (Doha, Qatar). For more information, please visit www.aegworldwide.com.

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What's so great about Bakersfield

BY: **Gail Marshall** | PHOTOGRAPHY: **Tomas Ovalle, Padre Hotel, Bakersfield CVB**

Bakersfield: You surprise me. You are the last place I expected to get an impromptu ukulele serenade of "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" by a Hispanic server in a strip mall beach hut.

Not the place I expected to find a hip and sexy hotel — with a dark secret.

And certainly not the spot I'd expect people to get all dolled up for dinner at the top of a 12-story building overlooking oilfields called The Petroleum Club.

You are the place one of my dearest friends refers to as Bakersbutt — and I never once challenged her.

You are the city I had seen only in the way so many people in Fresno and Clovis do — coming and going. I've spent hours and days touring Bath, Berlin, Bratislava, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize and Baja. But never Bakersfield.

My loss!

A few things have happened recently to change my perceptions. Tracie Cone of the Associated Press recently wrote a story that caught my eye, saying, "Bakersfield and surrounding Kern County find themselves in

lofty positions on key national lists measuring economic vitality: No. 1 metro area for longterm private sector job growth; No.1 county for construction gains; and No. 1 large metro area for annual economic growth."

Whoa. Like most people, I am sick of the sick economy in Fresno. So Bakersfield now has my undivided attention. The newswoman in me has always paid attention to the energy industry, the ag industry, the politics of Bakersfield. I have friends who have worked at the Bakersfield Californian. There is some serious action going on down there.

But I never was interested in going to Bakersfield for fun. Too much like home.

The next thing to change my perception came when I heard that some family friends, Courtney and Vic Fomine, recently got transferred from Bakersfield to the Huntington Beach area. They're looking for housing now in Orange County, and it has been a case of sticker shock.

I asked her what she would miss most about Bakersfield when they left. Again, I was surprised. She didn't talk about the restaurants,

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the country music, the outdoor recreation, the shopping.

"This will sound weird," Courtney says, "but we're a busy family. It's basically church, sports, school, Albertson's and Target.

"We will miss the people, she says."

Bakersfield's people had her from the start. On their first day in their new home, they were in line at Costco buying a new

kitchen table. They had no friends, no family and no truck to carry the table home. They talked in line about how they would arrange delivery. Maybe Courtney's dad could drive down from Madera and pick it up in his truck.

"A man right behind us said, 'Where do you kids live?'" Courtney recalls.

"When we told him, he said, 'I will take it for you. I've got a truck in the parking lot. Come on, let's take it.'"

That began their relationship with their new hometown some 15 years ago, the home where their grandparents settled when they came out from Texas.

"It's warm and cozy with a down-home friendliness," she explains.

This became the place where their three children would be born, where Vic became established in his career in pharmaceutical sales. It's the place where Courtney would lead Bible studies, where they would buy a new home and pay off the mortgage while their kids were still in elementary school.

Not sure how many people in Huntington Beach can do that with their real estate. Already, they are noticing a difference. Vic is already working in Orange County, and he sees it every day on his morning commute. He told Courtney that "Down south the drivers are so rude. There is an Orange County attitude. 'I am first. I am first.' The people in Bakersfield are so much more friendly."

Still, I wanted to come and spend some time enjoying Bakersfield, so I pressed her and other



friends for their tips. Of course, I initially got the usual wisecrackers on my Facebook page and Twitter. Just keep driving and don't stop until you get to Magic Mountain; make a left and take the highway to Las Vegas. Yuk, yuk. Funny, guys.

But I was determined, emailing and chatting up buddies who lived and worked in Bakersfield and a few friends who live there now. They gave me a bucket of suggestions, enough for a week of fun there.

Despite Courtney's insistence that she only goes to four or five places, she had some delightful Bakersfield stories.

Start with its unique claim to fame: the Buck Owens Crystal Palace Steakhouse. This is a multiplatform entertainment center, part country music museum, part restaurant, bar, nightclub, concert venue. The back bar on the mezzanine has to be the best ever. Nailed up on the wall — swear — is Elvis' custom-made Cadillac, which Owens won in a bet. There are enough stories there to fill a library. Imagine a country version of Hard Rock Café times 100.

But I like Courtney's travelogue best. Her grandparents were huge fans of Buck Owens, and Courtney arranged a surprise for them. While they had dinner, Owens performed on stage and dedicated their favorite song to them. They got up on the dance floor and a memory was born.

"It gives me chills," Courtney says, "how excited they were, how honored they were that he said their names."

At the other end of the spectrum, the Fomine children have many happy memories at some classic Bakersfield recreational spots. There have been birthday parties, for example, at the storied Dewar's Candies and Ice Cream Parlor. This sweet shop specializes in chews and makes fresh chocolates in-house every day using recipes that go back four generations. At one of their three locations, there are birthday party rooms. Tours of the candy factory can be arranged.

When Courtney's mother, Nyla, comes to town from Visalia, the choice for the family dinner out is J's Place. It's so popular, it had to expand to accommodate customer demand for its southern cuisine. It's a popular local spot serving catfish, chicken and dumplings, chicken and waffles, neck bones, yams, okra and greens. The desserts include mom Nyla's favorite peach cobbler, Courtney's favorite caramel cake, sweet potato pie, and banana pudding, among many choices.

Another popular spot for kids is Coconut Joe's, a surfer-themed restaurant that plays beach music and serves up beach food, fish tacos and fish 'n' chips. The Fomine children have been treated to honor-roll meals catered in its banquet room. This is a fun little spot for locals and travelers. Service is fast. I caught a lunch here and was delighted to see servers play the ukulele and singing songs tableside.

For grown-up special events, Courtney says she and Vic got away for dinner the other night at a new spot called the Mark. It's a dress-up spot and a treat for a rare night out for busy parents.

Her other big occasion spot is the exclusive Petroleum Club, a private club at the top of Bakersfield's tallest building. They have been invited a few times for very memorable evenings.

Courtney is already thinking about her last hurrah

in Bakersfield, an overnighter with her girlfriends at the Padre Hotel, a historic hotel in downtown recently refurbished into a very hip and sleek hotel with nightclubs, bar, café and fine dining room. It has a sense of humor, with oil derricks worked into the wallpaper design.

The dark and fascinating secret of the hotel is that it is haunted by a little girl who died in a fire decades ago. In a recent article in the Bakersfield Californian, manager Nick Soberano admits there is a mysterious clue: "There is a child's handprint in Farmacy (the hotel coffee area), and we don't know where it came from and can't get rid of it," he told the Californian. "It's one of our little good luck charms. Everybody loves this kind of stuff. It gives that extra thrill that you might see a ghost."

For Courtney and her friends, it will be a one-stop shop. She's been dying to have dinner in the sophisticated Belvedere dining room. They can follow that up with drinks in the open-air bar and dancing in the nightclub. Maybe the little girl ghost will give them the best of memories — a surprise.

I wish the Fomines well in their new home. I'm sure the beach and Disneyland

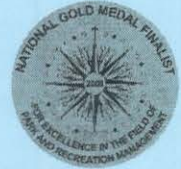
will keep them well entertained. But there is one thing they won't get there. And they already know what that is.

"I'm going to miss the heart of the people," Courtney says. ♡



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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

DIANNE HOOVER, DIRECTOR

Department of Recreation and Parks

Date: March 12, 2013
To: Alan Tandy, City Manager
From: *Dianne* Hoover, Director of Recreation & Parks
Subject: Policy Regarding Post-Event Cleanup
Council Referral No. 375 (City Wide)

Councilmember Sullivan requested that staff provide information on who is responsible for the cleanup of the area around the Liberty Bell. She further asked that staff provide information about the policy cleanup after an event.

The Liberty Bell and surrounding plaza is County owned property and therefore, the County is responsible for details of the reservation and subsequent cleanup.

If an event is held in a city park area, the group pays a deposit of at least \$500 to \$1,000, depending on the event location and type of event, along with proof of insurance.

For event permits issued outside of city parks but within the City's jurisdiction, the Code requires a cleanup deposit of at least \$200 and insurance. In both cases, if the area is cleaned up after the event and no other damage has occurred, the deposit is refunded.



BAKERSFIELD POLICE MEMORANDUM



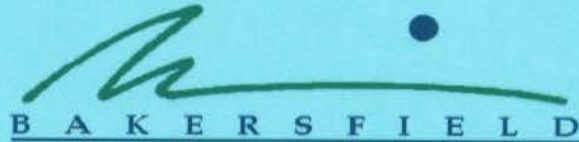
TO: ALAN TANDY, CITY MANAGER
FROM: GREG WILLIAMSON, CHIEF OF POLICE
DATE: MARCH 21, 2013
SUBJECT: CITIZEN REPORTING PROCEDURE
Council Referral No. 356

Council Member Johnson requested that staff revise the procedure for citizens to provide reports to the Police Department. Specifically, he asked that staff assist citizens by taking the reports over the phone, and then encourage them to use the online form themselves for subsequent reports.

Last year the Bakersfield Police Department processed 5,646 telephonic reports and 6,467 on-line reports submitted by crime victims. Individuals who are unable to complete on-line reports are forwarded to the telephonic report process. The telephonic reports are received by the Communications Center, and forwarded to a queue where they are handled in the order they are received by the desk officer, and Police Service Technicians who are assigned to commit the first hour of their shift to telephonic reports. The department strives to handle these calls within 72 hours of receipt.

The department also uses officers and employees in modified duty positions to assist with the handling of telephonic reports, and is currently in the process of developing a volunteer program which also may be of assistance in the future.

Current staffing levels do not allow for immediate response to telephonic reports. The department will be working on an analysis of staffing needs that would be required for that action. Consideration will be given to it in the budget process, along with the fundamental shortage of sworn staff and related considerations.



**CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Alan Tandy, City Manager
FROM: Raul Rojas, Public Works Director
DATE: March 22, 2013
SUBJECT: Red Curbs at Bus Stops
Referral No. 367

Councilmember Johnson requested that staff provide an update in follow up to efforts being made to paint curbs at bus stops red to indicate a no-parking zone.

California Vehicle Code does not prohibit parking in front of a bus stop. The City, by ordinance, is allowed to establish no parking zones in front of bus stops by painting the curb red or installing no parking signs. Per CVC, buses may stop in a no parking zone marked for buses.

Ideally, GET locates bus stops along collectors and arterials that are already signed no parking for a substantial length. Per GET's standard, they prefer a 130 feet of "No Parking" to move the 40' bus out of the traffic lane and then this also provides an acceleration length back into traffic. At stops located at the far side of an intersection or driveway, the no parking distance is adjusted since the bus move over can take place in the intersection/driveway area. Therefore, the no parking zone length at bus stops varies by location and need.

Staff has reviewed GET's 703 bus stops within the City of Bakersfield which GET marks with a bus sign and/or bus shelter. Of those, 334 (48%) are in "No Parking" zones. Many of the stops not in no parking zones are on collector streets and where there is also not a conflict between parked vehicles and the bus loading hours of operation. Therefore, it would be unnecessary to remove parking at every location. Also, in some areas, removal of the preferred 130' feet of parking would severely impacting residential or business parking areas. It should be noted GET changed many of their bus stop locations and routes in October 2012.

The issue of no parking at bus stops was reviewed by the City's Legislative and Litigation Committee in 2012. It was determined Public Works would continue to work with GET and remove parking on a case by case basis. Also, the committee requested staff

revise the existing bus zone ordinance to clarify signs or curb painting for the establishment of bus zones. The ordinance was revised and approved by the full City Council. Public Works prefers installing signs rather than painting the curb red due to maintenance issues with the paint.

Public Works was originally requested to review 8 locations. All the locations were zoned no parking except for one on Baker Street in front of the Center for the Blind. The Center said they were limited on parking and removing on street parking would negatively impact their facility. Recently, GET submitted no parking request at six locations which Public Works has reviewed and signed all six locations no parking. There have been no other new requests.



BAKERSFIELD POLICE MEMORANDUM



TO: ALAN TANDY, CITY MANAGER

FROM: GREG WILLIAMSON, CHIEF OF POLICE

DATE: March 20, 2013

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INTERNET CAFÉ ON OAK STREET
Council Referral No. 370

Council Member Maxwell requested the Police Department investigate and follow-up on a claim of an internet café on Oak Street, near Pizzaville, as there are reports of illegal activities in the facility.

On February 14th, 2013, members of the Bakersfield Police Department/Kern County Sheriff's Office Joint-Vice Task Force responded to the report of possible illegal activity occurring at the Hot Spot Cyber Center LLC located at 714 Oak Street.

Staff observed patrons at approximately 50 computers which were generating the sounds and appearance of Las Vegas-style gambling/electronic slot machines. A poster listing sweepstakes rules was displayed on the wall from Tel-Connect Phone Card Service, a company that supplies one of the programs used by internet café businesses.

Based on this observation, a criminal investigation was initiated for this business being in violation of Penal Code 330 (Possession of Illegal Gambling Device). This case will be submitted to the Kern County District Attorney's Office for charges.

In addition, a calls-for-service record check on the address and the business name revealed four criminal cases generated during the past year, including three vehicle thefts and one vehicle burglary, with a total of 24 calls for service.

Investigations Division staff contacted the Kern County District Attorney's Office and was advised that civil action has been pursued towards several internet café businesses using the Tel-Connect Phone Card Service and the Figure Eight Internet Sweepstakes Programs for illegal gambling in the last several months. The City of Bakersfield will immediately be notified once the California Appellate Court makes a ruling.

Staff from the City/County Joint-Vice Task Force will continue to investigate any illegal or potentially illegal activity regarding sweepstakes type gambling centers that are brought to their attention. All completed investigations will continue to be submitted to the Kern County District Attorney's Office for case filing.

RELATED RECORDS FOR ADDRESS: 714 OAK ST

Type/Number	Date	Description
GO 2013-41600	Mar-01-2013	AUTO THEFT
GO 2013-18177	Jan-27-2013	AUTO THEFT
GO 2012-231346	Oct-27-2012	BURG-VEH (THEFT OF NON-PARTS)
GO 2012-115444	Jun-03-2012	AUTO THEFT
CP 2013-54619	Mar-18-2013	MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATION
CP 2013-41600	Mar-01-2013	GRAND THEFT AUTO J/O
CP 2013-34605	Feb-19-2013	SUBJECT STOP
CP 2013-18177	Jan-27-2013	GRAND THEFT AUTO J/O
CP 2013-16552	Jan-25-2013	BURGLARY ALARM - AUDIBLE
CP 2013-10983	Jan-17-2013	ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
CP 2012-267367	Dec-14-2012	CHECK THE WELFARE
CP 2012-277137	Dec-27-2012	BATTERY J/O
CP 2013-2334	Jan-03-2013	TRESPASSING I/P
CP 2012-262838	Dec-08-2012	CHECK THE WELFARE
CP 2012-256020	Nov-29-2012	SUBJECT STOP
CP 2012-248063	Nov-18-2012	PEACE DISTURBANCE - LOITERING-
CP 2012-231346	Oct-27-2012	BURGLARY REPORT - VEHICLE
CP 2012-231668	Oct-28-2012	RECKLESS DRIVER
CP 2012-227918	Oct-23-2012	SUBJECT STOP
CP 2012-213720	Oct-05-2012	SUSPICIOUS PERSON
CP 2012-168722	Aug-11-2012	PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
CP 2012-137231	Jun-30-2012	BURGLARY REPORT - VEHICLE
CP 2012-134936	Jun-27-2012	SUSPICIOUS PERSON
CP 2012-115444	Jun-03-2012	GRAND THEFT AUTO J/O

** END OF RELATED RECORDS FOR ADDRESS REPORT **

STREETS DIVISION – WORK SCHEDULE

Week of March 25, 2013 – March 29, 2013

Resurfacing/Reconstructing streets in the following areas:

Reconstructing streets in the area east of Buck Owens Blvd. and north of Select Ave

Resurfacing streets in the area south & north of Panorama and west of Morning Dr

Preparing streets in the area north of Brimhall Rd and east of Allen Rd for resurfacing

Preparing Panorama Dr. for resurfacing between Fairfax Rd to Columbus Ave

Preparing streets in the area south of Panama Ln and east of Akers Rd for resurfacing

Miscellaneous Streets Division projects:

Construction of spray pad at Siemon Park

Video inspection of City owned Sewer & Storm lines to evaluate condition of pipes

Miscellaneous concrete repairs throughout the city

Installing handicap ramps on MLK Blvd between E California & E Brundage, Beale Ave between Monterey and Bernard St and Panama Ln between So. "H" St & Monitor prior to CIP project

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STREETS SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25, 2013

Between Coffee Rd. & Verdugo Ln. – Brimhall Rd., south to the Kern River boundary.

Cul-De-Sacs, west of Windsong St., between Brimhall Rd. & Thistlewood Ct.

City areas between Rosedale Hwy. & Stockdale Hwy. – Verdugo Ln. to the west City Limit.

Between Jenkins Rd. & Allen Rd. – Stockdale Hwy. & Birkenfeld Ave.

Between Hosking Rd. & Astro Ave. – So. “H” St. & Union Ave.

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

City areas between Olive Dr. & Downing Ave. – Coffee Rd. & Knudsen Dr./Mohawk St., including Patton Wy. From Weldon Ave. to Meany Ave.

Between W. Columbus St. & 34th St. – Chester Ave. & San Dimas St.

Between Union Ave. & Madison St. – Casa Loma Dr. & White Ln.

Between Westwold Dr. & So. Laurelglen Blvd. – Gosford Rd. & Woodglen Dr.

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

City areas between Snow Rd. & Rosedale Hwy. – Jewetta Ave., west to the City limit.

Between Ming Ave. & So. Laurelglen Blvd. – Coffee Rd. & El Portal / Laurelglen Blvd.

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Between Snow Rd. & Olive Dr. – Jewetta Ave., east to the canal boundary.

Between Olive Dr. & Hageman Rd. – Jewetta Ave. & Calloway Dr.

Between Niles St. & Sumner St. – Union Avenue & Beale Ave.

Between Sumner St. & E. Truxtun Ave. – Beale Ave. & Brown St.

Between Brundage Ln. & E. Belle Terrace St. – Union Ave. & Kincaid St.

Between Camino Media & Kroll Wy. – Coffee Rd., west to the PG&E easement.

Friday, March 29, 2013

All sweepers are assigned to sweeping streets that are not on a set sweeping schedule.

NOTE: If raining, there will be no street sweeping service and all street cleaning personnel will be assigned to cleaning plugged drains and part circle culverts. This also applies when a large number of street sweeper are in Fleet for repairs. Areas that have been missed during this time will be swept at the end of the month.