



# council notes

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TO: City Council  
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**SLO Hosts California Urban Forest Council Meeting:** On June 24th the City's Urban Forest Supervisor, Keith Pellemeier, hosted a regional California Urban Forest Council meeting. The Council is dedicated to the expansion and perpetuation of sustainable urban and community forest to enhance the quality of life. They participate in planting and managing urban forests, advocating for public policy and government action that supports holistic ecosystems, and creating educational materials to encourage California residents to actively participate in urban forestation. For more information, their web site is

<http://www.caufc.org/>

Our recent Arbor Day celebration received an award! See below:

The screenshot shows the website for the California Urban Forests Council. The header includes the logo and the text "Leading Urban Forestry Since 1968". There is a sign-up form for an e-newsletter with fields for Name, Phone, and Email, and an "OK" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, RESOURCE CENTER, PROGRAMS, CALENDAR, SUPPORT US, ABOUT US, and NEWS. The main content area features a news update titled "Central Coast Regional Urban Forest Council (CCRUF) Update". The update text reads: "Activities and organizational development in the Central Coast Region are picking up steam and gaining momentum. The Region stretches from Santa Cruz County south to Ventura County and includes San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties – a more than five hour drive from one end to the other. That type of geography presents challenges in organizing regular face to face meetings. As a result, we are working to identify key leaders to represent the Region at local or sub-regional levels. Several sub-regional representatives have been identified, but more are required. If you are interested, please contact Ken Knight or Jack McCabe." Below this is a "Save the Date" section: "the CCRUF will be meeting in San Luis Obispo on June 24 from 10 am to 1 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to identify and prioritize goals and activities for the Region for the coming year. Anyone interested in promoting the growth of our urban forests should attend. We will collect money and lunch will be provided. To RSVP and receive directions – send an e-mail to jack.mccabe@davey.com." A "Special Note" follows: "Congratulations to the City of San Luis Obispo for receiving a Gold Leaf Award from the Western Chapter ISA for their outstanding Arbor Day Celebration." The final section is "Central Coast Urban Forest Council Representative", listing contact information for Jack McCabe (Davey Resource Group, jack.mccabe@davey.com, Day (800) 966-2021 or (805) 461-7502) and Ken Knight (Goleta Valley Beautiful Office, (805) 685-7910 Cell (805) 252-1952, KennethKnight@cox.net).

**Historic Railroad District Banners on Display:** The City of San Luis Obispo Economic Development Program recently installed pole banners in the Railroad Business District. The banners begin at the round-a-bout near the Amtrak station and travel along the parking lot to the Railroad Museum. The banners are intended to raise awareness, for both residents and tourists, to a budding and vibrant area of the City. The Railroad Business District encompasses Santa Barbara Street from Fire Station #1 to the intersection at Leff Street. For more information about the banners or the District, please contact Economic Development Manager Claire Clark at 781-7164 or [cclark@slocity.org](mailto:cclark@slocity.org)



**Homeland Security Grant Process:** Fire Chief John Callahan recently worked with other Fire Chiefs in the county to guide a grant request through the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Process. This grant provides for heavy rescue equipment as well as a trailer to help carry them. Captain Jeff Gater provided Chief Callahan with a list of specific items that were needed to enhance the Fire Department's capabilities to perform heavy rescue operations at major disasters. These items will assist us with small events like trench or confined space rescues in town. It will also be a huge aid to enable us to start making rescues in the event of a large disastrous earthquake in the future. The San Luis Obispo City Fire Department will be able to operate effectively during the first 8-12 hours until the mutual aid resources from Los Angeles and the Bay area start to arrive and deploy.

Preliminary approval has been obtained for us to receive:

\$11,500 for the heavy rescue equipment to raise the City Fire Department to the Type 2 (enhanced) level. Type-1 is the highest capability and that comes from LA.

\$15,000 for an 8.5' x 22' 10,000 GVW covered trailer. The trailer will be pulled by and share the equipment load with an existing flat-bed truck.

**SLO Swim Center Celebrates 30 Years:** The Parks and Recreation Department celebrated the SLO Swim Center's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Birthday Bash on June 26, 2009. Community members and staff enjoyed an evening of celebration including music and hors d'oeuvres.

Thirty years after opening, the pool continues to present lap swimming, recreational swimming, swim lessons and aqua aerobics. Additionally, due to community interest, the facility offers Baby and Me classes, Springboard Diving, Lifeguard Training and WSI courses, Water Polo camps, and Guard Start programs. In recent years, the Therapy/Tot Pool has become a shining



feature of the Swim Center with its ability to increase program opportunities. Today, over 105,000 uses of the SLO Swim Center are recorded annually.

To all those that have used the SLO Swim Center the Parks and Recreation Department thanks you for your patronage. A special thank you also goes to Robin Perrin, Aquatics Supervisor. Robin has been supervisor for the SLO Swim Center since its first opening. Robin remains as enthused about her job today as she was then and cannot imagine life without the joys the patrons and staff members bring her. For more information on the SLO Swim Center, call Robin at x7288.



### **Used Bus Benches Find New Homes in**

**Community Gardens:** The Community Gardens Program has benefitted from the recent replacement of several old benches at various City bus stops. The concrete and wood benches are being replaced by shiny blue benches, which are more fitting for City streets. However, the concrete and wood benches are an ideal fit for the gardens. Three of the old benches have found homes in the gardens; one bench sits in the Laurel Lane Garden and two reside within the Broad Street Garden. Thank you to Transportation

for donating the benches to the Community Gardens Program!

**Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration:** The Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo and the Parks and Recreation Department co-sponsored the Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration at Mitchell Park on Saturday, July 4. Over 1,000 people attended the festivities that included live music by the SLO County Band, SLO Little Theatre, and Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band. Free carnival games, face paintings, adoptable pets from Woods Humane Society, exotic animal viewing with Pacific Wildlife Care, Rotary fundraiser BBQ and sweet treats accented the wonderful community event.



## **next slo city council meeting**

**Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Closed Session, 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber

**Other Important Dates to Note**

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Good Morning SLO

Grace Church

7:30 a.m.

Pam King Retirement Celebration

919 Palm Street

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.