

City of SAN JACINTO

City Manager's Message

Welcome to the City of San Jacinto 2007 Newsletter. It has been an exciting year in San Jacinto with so many more shopping opportunities becoming available, more police officers and paramedics added, more new parks, and more new sidewalks. The city team has been working hard to keep these improvements on course, and I am pleased to report our success.

So much is happening, but let us begin with the commercial development. The Wal-Mart Super Center opened on May 9, and the Stater Bros. at Ramona Expressway and State Street followed two weeks later. A shopping center opened this summer at the northeast corner of Esplanade and Sanderson, with a restaurant, drive-through coffee shop, and other eating and shopping conveniences. Currently, a 15,000 square foot Fresh & Easy is under construction as well. Valley Medical Center, next to the movie theater, is opening in November.

With the budget year that began in July, the city added five sworn police officers, which keeps our sworn law enforcement levels in stride with our growth. These additional officers keep our ratio of police to population at slightly more than one per 1000, which is a benchmark many cities strive to attain. Also, the addition of paramedic/firefighters to each shift at both fire stations was approved. This will now provide residents with "first responder" Advance Life Support on every city fire engine. Previously, we have had Emergency Medical Technicians on each engine, and Paramedics were only available in the responding ambulance, which typically arrives a few minutes after a fire engine is already on scene.

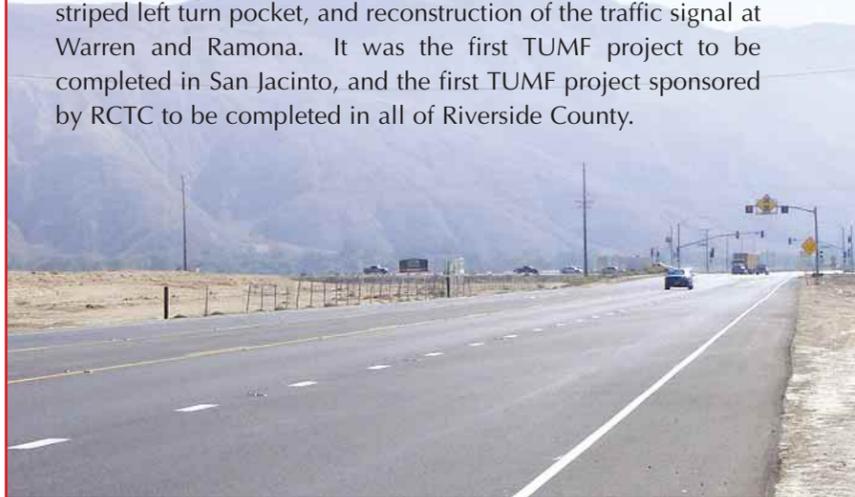
The city has completed many much needed street improvement programs such as the widening of the Ramona Expressway to four lanes from Sanderson to Warren. The downtown area just had a half-million dollars worth of sidewalk installed in older neighborhoods, and many more streets will be resurfaced this year. In the next year, many improvements will take place on San Jacinto Avenue, Ramona Blvd., and Ramona Expressway with the funds provided by CalTrans for the city accepting Highway 79 into our local street system.

Regards,

Barry McClellan

Ramona Expressway Widening

The widening of Ramona Expressway from Warren Road to Sanderson Avenue started construction in February. The \$4 million project was completed in August, on time and on budget. Work included two new lanes for traffic, a continuous striped left turn pocket, and reconstruction of the traffic signal at Warren and Ramona. It was the first TUMF project to be completed in San Jacinto, and the first TUMF project sponsored by RCTC to be completed in all of Riverside County.



Valley Medical Center Opens

Valley Medical Center is located at La Entrada and San Jacinto Avenue, next to the Regal San Jacinto Metro 12 Cinemas and the Family Sport & Fitness center. Valley Medical Center held its grand opening on November 14, 2007 and provides 28,000 square feet of medical office space under one roof. The center is anchored by Urgi-Care Family Practice and a new 3,000 square foot imaging center. In addition to Urgi-Care and San Jacinto Imaging, the center will also offer physical therapy, orthopedic, neurology, oncology, a blood lab and many other medical practices.



City Street Improvements

Several projects improved city streets, including:

- Repaving of Esplanade Avenue between Kirby and Palm Street (joint project with City of Hemet).
- Repaving of Santa Fe Street between Midway and Esplanade Avenue.
- Road widening and construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter on Buena Vista Street north of Esplanade Avenue.



Improvements at Esplanade Avenue between Lyon Avenue and Sanderson Avenue.



Sidewalk construction along Santa Fe Street.

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Industrial, Commercial & Medical

- **Edelbrock Manufacturing** expansion
- **Skyline Homes Inc.** expansion
- **Wal-Mart Super Center** open
- **State Bros Center** open
- **San Jacinto Esplanade Center** open
- **Valley Medical Center** open
- **Parkside Medical** breaking ground

Proposed Development:

- **The San Jacinto Gateway**



The San Jacinto Gateway (pictured right) at Sanderson and Ramona Expressway looks forward to several major new developments; The 512 acre San Jacinto Ranch, the 812,000 square foot Festival Shopping Center that is anchored by a Target Super Center, and the 35 acre Gateway Plaza.

All of the new and proposed developments represent a growing interest from the various business sectors to invest in San Jacinto bringing goods, services, and employment opportunities for our residents. It is a trend, that with the City's full support, we expect to continue.

New Development on the Rise

New industrial, commercial and medical developments are on the rise as the local economy in San Jacinto continues to grow.

Major employers such as Edelbrock and Skyline Homes Inc. expanded their facilities. Edelbrock, with the assistance of an industrial development bond sponsored by the City of San Jacinto, opened a new 70,000 square foot plant. Skyline Homes Inc. added a new wing to their production line.

Three new shopping centers have opened this year. The Super Wal-Mart Center on San Jacinto Avenue, Stater Bros Center on State Street and San Jacinto Esplanade (at Sanderson) where Walgreens, Bull Pen Restaurant and Starbucks opened. These new centers have provided shopping closer to home and employ over a thousand people. In addition, they generate valuable sales taxes for community services in San Jacinto – taxes that previously were being collected and spent in other communities. The City's sales tax rate rose 11% in the first quarter of 2007 and 29% in the second quarter. Both increases are comparisons to the same time period in 2006.

The state-of-the-art Valley Medical Center opened, which brings quality care to our residents. These offices are located next door to the Regal Theatres' south side. Also, Parkside Medical Center broke ground on Esplanade Avenue next to Valley Wide Park and Recreation. Offices are expected to open in late 2008.



Edelbrock's new 70,000 square foot auto parts manufacturing expansion.



Edelbrock's latest technology and equipment.



Skyline Homes increased production.



Wal-Mart Super Center at San Jacinto Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue.

Stater Bros in the Village San Jacinto shopping plaza at Ramona Expressway and State Street celebrated their grand opening.

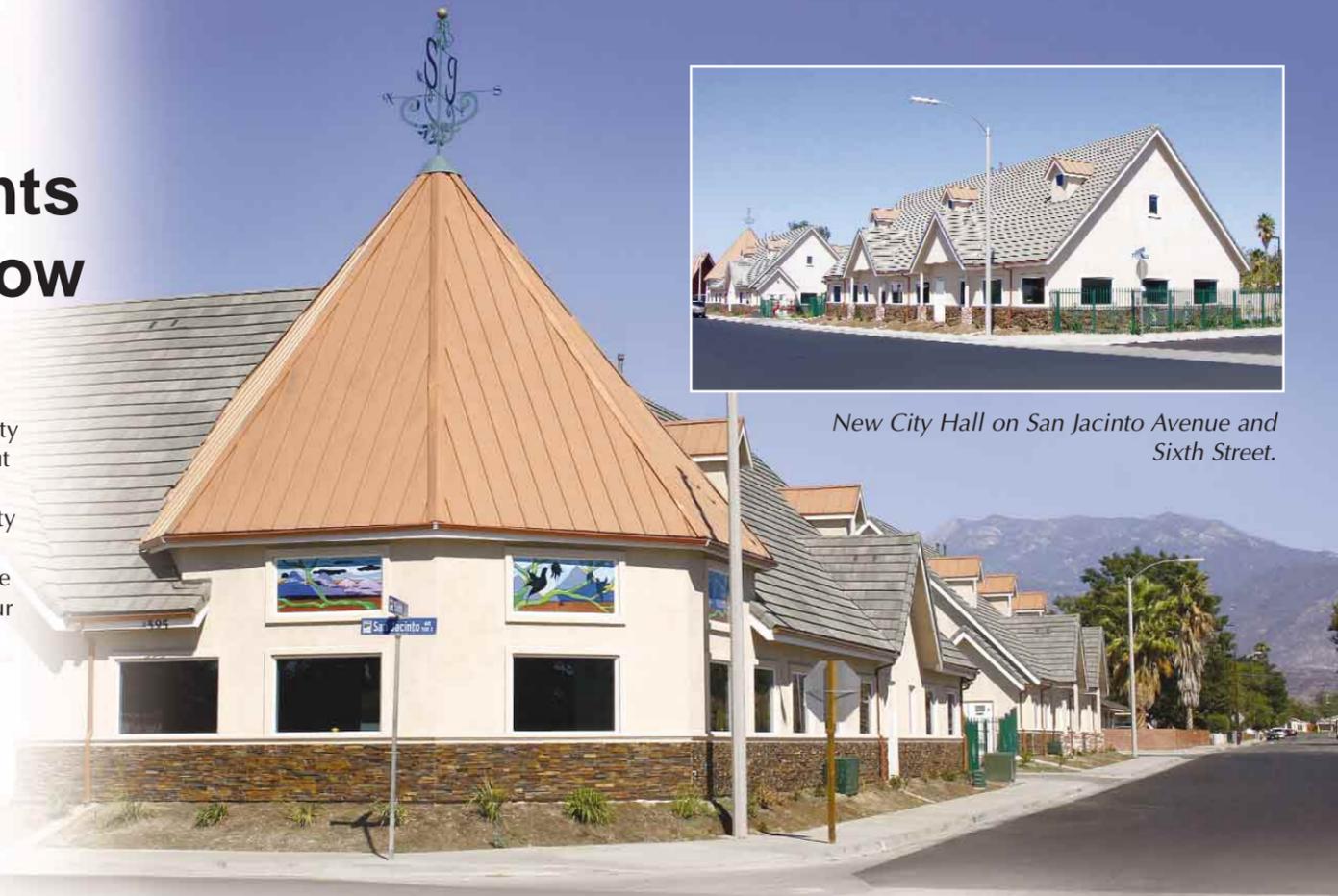
Main Street lamp post banners add a festive touch to down town.



City Departments Continue to Grow

The new City Hall located at 595 S. San Jacinto Avenue, at the northeast corner of San Jacinto Avenue and Sixth Street, is slated to open in February 2008. The facility includes two buildings and encompasses about 10,600 square feet of office space. Presently, the City's administrative staff, including the City Manager's office, the City Clerk's office, the Community Development Department, and the Finance Department are spread out among four separate buildings in downtown San Jacinto. The new City Hall will consolidate these administrative services in one downtown location to better serve the citizens of San Jacinto.

As noted in the City Manager's message, five new police officers have been added to the Police Department's compliment of staff. With these added officers, San Jacinto now has a police force of 41 sworn officers and 8.5 non-sworn personnel. Additional public safety enhancements include staffing each shift at both fire stations with paramedic/firefighters. Our residents will now be provided with "first responder" Advance Life Support on every city fire engine.



New City Hall on San Jacinto Avenue and Sixth Street.



*Above:
New Police Substation
at the West San Jacinto
Fire Station.*

*Left:
San Jacinto
firefighters.*

October '07 Windstorm

October 21, 2007, as the Southern California fires swept through several communities, San Jacinto was struck with a severe windstorm. Gusts as high as 110 miles per hour were reported in the northern area of the City. Over \$5 million in property damage occurred as several businesses and more than 500 homes sustained damage. The windstorm forced the closure of local schools for days and Mount San Jacinto College for a week. Sand drifts as high as 6 feet piled up at several homes blocking access to front doors and garages. Widespread power outages occurred as power poles snapped and power lines were severed by falling trees. As many as 2,500 homes lost power during the storm, some for several days. Utilities such as Southern California Edison and Verizon worked around the clock to restore power and other related services to city residents. City crews are still hard at work removing debris from as many as 1000 trees that were lost, cleaning the roadways of the sand drifts and repairing broken signs and traffic control devices.



Come Enjoy San Jacinto's Newest Parks

San Jacinto is now a city of parks, with more than 30 parks available to serve the community's recreation needs. There are plans for even more, as two parks are under construction and another is in the design stage. The City Council has mandated that park space be added as new homes are built. The Council believes that the presence of a well-designed system of parks conveys a strong sense of place and enhances the quality of life for city residents.

New park in The Ranch neighborhood at Cawston Avenue and Cottonwood Avenue.



New park in the Durango neighborhood on Main Street.

Below: Joe Pink Memorial at Druding Park.



Mark Your Calendar **X**

Events:

November 15

State of the City Dinner at SJA
6:30 PM

December 1

Holiday Tree Lighting at Hofmann Park
6:00 PM

December 8

Druding Park Coast Guard Monument Dedication
10:00 AM

City Meetings:

City Council

1st and 3rd Thursdays
2045 S. San Jacinto Ave.
7:00 PM

Planning Commission

2nd and 4th Thursdays
2045 S. San Jacinto Ave.
7:00 PM

City Officials:

Jim Ayres, Mayor

Chris Carlson, Vice Mayor

Dale Stubblefield, Councilman

Robert Ritchie, Councilman

John Mansperger, Councilman

Jim Potts, City Treasurer

Barry McClellan, City Manager

Tim Hults, Assistant City Manager

Jeff Ballinger, City Attorney

Kevin Vest, Police Chief

Bob Michael, Fire Chief

Bernie Simon, Finance Director

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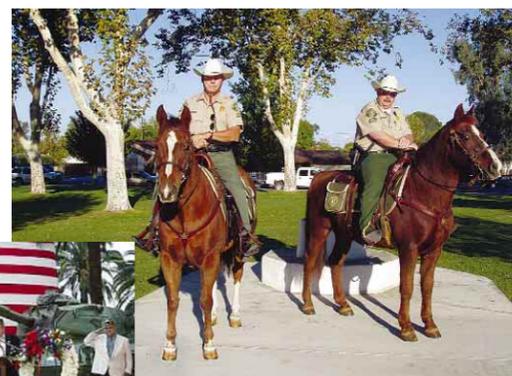
Community Celebrations

Each year, the City sponsors and/or participates in a number of community events. Included is the annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration. This great tradition draws thousands of people to the parade route to watch the ever increasing entries wind their way through town from Druding Park on Ramona Boulevard to the historic Estudillo Mansion at Main and Seventh Streets. At the Mansion, vendors and entertainers provide food and fun throughout the day.

This year, the City was compelled to hold a Patriots' Day Event to dedicate a 9/11 Memorial at Hofmann Park to ensure that we never forget those who perished on that fateful day six years ago. The dedication was well attended and every one was deeply moved by the ceremony and the candle light vigil.

Another annual tradition is the Veteran's Day Ceremony, where this past year a Memorial to Joe Pink was dedicated at Druding Park (pictured on previous page). Joe Pink was San Jacinto's only casualty from the Vietnam War. Hundreds of people, including Joe Pink's family, some of which still reside in San Jacinto, attended the ceremony.

Other events held through out the year include the Senior Health Fair, the Public Safety Fair, the State of the City, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. We hope to see you next year at one of these great events.



San Jacinto Posse saddle up for the Veteran's Day ceremony.



Trumpeter playing taps at Veteran's Day ceremony.



Above: At the 4th of July Parade San Jacinto High School students and parents rode in the restored 1929 City fire engine.



Boy Scouts and Color Guard open Patriot's Day ceremony.



Lest we Forget... The 9/11 Memorial at Hofmann Park was dedicated on Patriot's Day.



Patriot's Day candle vigil.

