



City of SAN JACINTO

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In addition to the streetlight upgrades, the City of San Jacinto has also installed LED lighting fixtures at a number of community parks and plan more in the future.

LEDs provide superior lighting from every angle.

LEDs are often specified for general lighting applications based on energy and maintenance savings alone. Although these benefits are the easiest to quantify, LEDs also offer a number of other advantages compared to traditional lamp sources:

Brighter Lights, Safer Streets



Thanks to support from an Energy Department Recovery Act grant, City of San Jacinto streets are becoming brighter. These energy efficiency upgrades are saving energy and saving taxpayer dollars in the long run – but most importantly this means better lighting and safer neighborhoods for our community. These lights are also known as Light Emitting Diodes (LED) which have taken the world by a storm. In fact, they represent some of the most cutting edge technology being deployed by municipalities all over the country. To do this, the City received a Federal Grant Award from Department of Energy in the amount of \$151,800.00. The grant was formulated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act created to achieve nationwide sustainable goals by increasing jobs opportunities, and to improve or create energy efficiency projects.

Through this grant award, the City of San Jacinto has purchased and initiated the installation of 300 plus LED streetlight fixtures. The City owns and maintains 521 streetlights citywide, currently with inefficient high pressure sodium lighting fixtures.

So, what does this exactly mean to you and me? Well, frankly, a lot of things. First, let's talk about increased color spectrum. In other words, individual colors can be seen as they are rather than the "orange glow" associated with traditional streetlights. For example, a blue sedan actually looks blue when it's under LED lighting. This aspect alone helps to create a safer environment because of increased visual recognition of colors. Second, they save a lot of energy which result in real dollars and cents savings. Lastly, they help us to green up our City by shrinking our overall carbon footprint.



Improved Lighting Quality

- Highly directional: easy to focus light output, resulting in improved light efficiency and reduced unwanted light trespass
- Even light distribution: Improved uniformity of light levels—fewer hot spots and dark areas
- Instant-on: no waiting for the lamp to warm up, even when the lamp is cycled off and immediately back on
- Operate efficiently at all temperatures

Highly Durable

- Capable of withstanding physical shocks that would shatter conventional lamps
- Capable of rapid switching or dimming without shortened life

Environmentally Friendly

- Reduced waste: long life LEDs can last for decades, if properly managed
- Mercury-free
- Lead-free
- Reduced energy use
- Silent operation—no hum

Enhanced Safety

- No ultraviolet (UV) or infrared (IR) radiation
- Low-voltage power supplies (i.e., drivers) provide reduced risk of electrical shock

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Downtown Revitalization Efforts Slowed Due To Elimination of Redevelopment

On March 4, 2010, the Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") conceptually approved a multi-faceted Downtown Revitalization Program including the construction of façade improvements, the utilization of incentive programs, and the planning and construction of new development consisting of senior housing, civic, and mixed uses. The Program was designed as part of an overall strategy to improve the quality of life and stimulate economic growth in a 12-block, Downtown area of San Jacinto by improving the appearance of the physical environment, stimulating private investment, and complementing other community revitalization efforts.

However, due to revenue shortfalls, the State of California eliminated all Redevelopment effective February 1, 2012; thereby removing the funding source for the façade construction referenced above as well as the architectural design documents for the remainder of Downtown.

Nonetheless, in an effort to not lose momentum on Downtown Revitalization efforts, parking lot improvements will be constructed with other than General Fund resources. Furthermore, the City may consider constructing street or façade improvements if revenues increase due to an improved economy or other non-General Fund sources of financing are identified.



PUBLIC WORKS

CITY TACKLES INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

ENGINEERING

The City Engineer's office oversaw a number of projects 2011-12 Fiscal Year, with several capital projects under construction and even bigger projects in the works. Several new traffic signals were constructed, such as the new signal and intersection improvements and State Street & De Anza Drive. Using mitigation funding from the Soboba Tribe, two new signals were built at the intersections of Soboba Road & Lake Park Drive and Ramona Expressway & Seventh Street. Also, in cooperation with the Public Works Department, a project to rehabilitate one of the city's two large potable water tanks at the Bath well site was completed.

In the upcoming year there will be more in the works, especially on the Ramona Expressway – the largest project currently being developed is the Ramona Expressway Widening. This project, which will be built in two phases, is planned to widen the Expressway between Sanderson Avenue and Main Street. Construction of the first phase is scheduled to begin early in 2013. Also along Ramona Expressway will be new sidewalks near San Jacinto Avenue and pavement rehabilitation between Main Street and Seventh Street. Among the other projects planned for the 2012-13 fiscal year are pavement rehabilitation jobs on Warren Road and in the Downtown area.

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Making our community a more beautiful place to live, work, and play is easy. Just gather up a number of your close friends, form a group and clean up a specific area. Well, that's exactly what's been happening throughout the year. People have come out in record numbers to help improve the community in one way or another. These various organizations, church groups and individuals have selflessly donated their time to pick up trash, clean vegetation, paint curbs and improve our parks all with minimal oversight. Needless to say, these caring individuals really do make a difference in our city and we appreciate them and their efforts.

If you or your group would like to help make a difference, then please call (951) 654-4041 and let them know you would like to volunteer!



SARAH ROBLES

*2012 Olympian
and
Hometown Hero!*

San Jacinto was well represented in this year's Olympics due to the hard work and dedication of a wonderful young woman named Sarah Robles. In a relatively short time, Sarah entered the sport, trained exhaustively, endured and reached the ultimate level of competition in this worldwide event. She competed at the London Olympics with a weightlifting competition in the women's superheavyweight weightlifting (kilograms (684.2 pounds)), her personal best.

We recognize her hard work, commitment and success. Great job Sarah, we are very proud of you!



A primary goal of our City Council was to establish and foster lasting partnerships with our fellow agencies throughout the valley. As a result, the "Valley Congress" was established well over a year ago and continues to bring a number of entities together to solve problems. For example, when the community asked for a "valley response" to concerns voiced over social media, the Valley Congress was convened. In this format, the two cities of Hemet and San Jacinto along with the third District County Supervisor responded to questions and concerns brought up by the audience. These opportunities to build community will continue as we team up with our agency partners to address issues and solve problems.



Below: Hazardous Waste Team, Robot



Public Safety Day

The San Jacinto Police and Fire Departments teamed up to hold their first annual Safety Day in June of this year. Both safety groups pulled out all the stops and brought in a ton of resources (literally). For example, the Police department brought in their Special Enforcement Bureau, Hazardous Waste Team, K9 Law Enforcement Team, Pal Program and even provided popcorn for the kids (which was proudly served by the Police Chief). Additionally, the Police Volunteers were out in force as they set up a recruitment tent to get more people signed up to help make a difference in our community. Well, the Fire Department wasn't about to be outstaged, so they brought out their big guns via the Haz Matt Team, ladder truck, Rescue Rig (complete with a jaws of life demo on an unsuspecting BMW) and much much more. They interacted with the kids, had a recruit demonstration and even a water balling competition. All in all, it was a great deal of family fun and provided a convenient opportunity for the public to see these highly trained professionals utilizing the resources they've been given to get the job done.



Above: Jaws of life demonstration

New PD Vehicles

FOR VOLUNTEERS

The City of San Jacinto is proudly served under contract by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, who has been providing law enforcement services to the City of San Jacinto since 2004. The men and women assigned to the San Jacinto Police Department are dedicated to providing the citizens, business owners, and visitors to San Jacinto a safe and pleasant environment in which to live, work, and enjoy the amenities of this fine City. We are as our slogan reads, "professionals Who Care."

One of the police department's major accomplishments in 2012, was the purchase of two new vehicles for the police department's Volunteer Program. The Volunteer Program has expanded over the last few years and on many occasions in the past, Volunteers were unable to conduct daily functions within the City due to various mechanical issues with the prior fleet of Volunteer vehicles. Recognizing these issues, the City of San Jacinto authorized the purchase of two new vehicles with City funds. The Volunteers are proudly patrolling the City of San Jacinto in their new Dodge Ram pick-up and Dodge Magnum.



FD Installs Life Saving Defibrillators

In the past year, the City Fire Department was successful in purchasing, installing and training City staff in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) from a grant awarded to the City. The AED's are a valuable tool when early defibrillation can be achieved when a person suddenly goes into cardiac arrest (heart stops beating). The AED's have been installed at the Community Center, Community Emergency Response Team trailer (CERT), Public Works building and two at City Hall.

Many thanks to Cal Fire for all their efforts in procuring, installing and training staff should the need ever arise to save a life. We appreciate our excellent relationship with Cal Fire and this is just another example of the great service we receive from them.

Community Celebrations

BIGGER & BETTER EVERY YEAR!

Mark Your Calendar **X**

Our fourth of July Parade and our 2nd Annual Agricultural Festival just get better with each passing year. Last year's enthusiasm for the Fourth of July parade and the Agricultural Festival was great, which undoubtedly made them both successful. So it might seem natural to predict that this year's events would be even better. However, nothing prepared us for the huge turnout from the community for both our Fourth of July Parade and our 2nd Annual Agricultural Festival. The theme for the parade this year was "Salute to the Military" and because there is so much civic pride in our valley, we had even more entrants than any parade in the past. The streets were filled with observers who waved and cheered for Uncle Sam, Betsy Ross and even Captain American as they marched on by with a multitude of patriotic floats. We also had a record equestrian turnout with magnificent horses and riders coming from all over southern California.



4th of July Parade



City Meetings:

City Council
1st and 3rd Tuesday
625 S. Pico Avenue
7:00 PM

Planning Commission
2nd Thursday
625 S. Pico Avenue
7:00 PM

City Officials:

Andrew Kotyuk, Mayor
Scott Miller, Vice Mayor
Steve DiMemmo, Councilman
Mark Bartel, Councilman
Alonso Ledezma, Councilman
Bernie Simon, Treasurer
Tim Hults, City Manager
Mike Emberton, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Ballinger, City Attorney
Susan Trevino, Police Chief
David Fulcher, Fire Chief
Tom Prill, Acting Finance Director
Habib Motlagh, City Engineer
Asher Hartel, Planning Director
Rick Miller, City Clerk

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2nd Annual Agricultural Festival

Not to be upstaged was our 2nd Annual Agricultural Festival. It too saw record crowds, vendors and even an old fashion midway complete with carnival rides. Nightly entertainment kept the warm summer evenings alive with music, song and dancing. With all the success of these two events done for the year, we expect next year's events to continue to grow and get even bigger and better.



We did it all...

BLACKSMITHING HAY SQUEEZING TURKEY HERDING

MUTTIN BUSTIN



DANCING GOAT ROPING CARNIVAL RIDING HAY STEALING and lotsa FOOD FEASTIN'