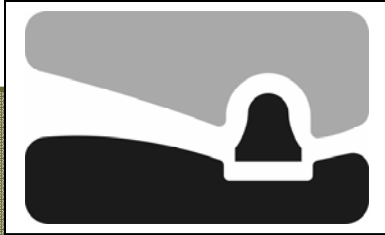


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Neighborhood Services Team Newsletter



City Calling Guide:

Problem: Call:

Parks/ Restroom Problems	
Broken Play Equipment	781-7220
Disabled Cars	781-7066
Parking in Yards	
Illegal Burning	781-7380
Overgrown Weeds	
Sewer Back-up	781-7220
Excessive Odor	
Converted Garage	781-7180
Illegal Occupancy	
Loose Animals	781-7440
Noisy Animals	
Noise Complaints:	781-7317
Recycling	781-7217
Water Conservation	
RV's used as Residences	781-7180
Debris in Yard	781-7186
Storage in Yard	
Water Meter Leak	781-7220
Main Water Leak	
Graffiti:	783-7867

Parking Services Update

Robert Horch

Old Town Parking District

Staff will begin meeting with neighborhood representatives and developing a map for the initial survey. The location of this district is on the north side of the downtown generally considered as "Old Town." The City will handle the initial survey, hold a town hall meeting, and then mail out the final survey of the area if there is enough interest.

72 Hour Parking Limit on City Streets

Did you know that the City has a 72 hour parking time limit on all city streets? It is true. You are required to move your car at least 500 feet within a 72 hour period. If you don't the City marks your vehicle and places a notice on it that if it is not moved within 72 hours, it is subject to being towed at the owner's expense. This can be very costly to the owner.

Proposed New Parking Structure

City Council considered two different parking structures proposed at the corner of Palm and Nipomo Streets. Council decided to move forward with a "self-park" parking structure rather than a robotic or mechanical structure where your car is parked for you with robotic elevators. The costs were just too much for this type of structure. Staff will be going back to Council in the next few months with requests for proposals for a complete architectural set of plans. Council has also directed staff to look for another location closer to the downtown.

Parking Enterprise Budget Approved

City Council approved the 2007-08 Parking Enterprise Fund recently. Parking Services will be replacing the vehicles used by the Meter Repairman and Parking Coordinator. Council also approved new handheld parking citation writers for our officers, new handhelds to program our parking meters, and more administrative assistance to handle public inquiries and residential parking issues. Overall the Parking Enterprise Fund is healthy and covering its obligations at this time. (MORE ABOUT PARKING ON NEXT PAGE)

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Neighborhood Services Team is comprised of representatives from various city departments who work collaboratively with residents and community based groups in an effort to promote communications, support the City of San Luis Obispo's General Plan, and foster neighborhood enhancement and well-being.

Parking (Cont.)

Parking Meter Violation Increase

On July 1, 2007, the City's parking meter violation increased from \$15 to **\$16**. This violation increase was approved by City Council last year to assist in financing the next parking structure downtown. Every July 1st, this particular violation will increase until it reaches \$20.

Meter Housing Replacement

You may have noticed new parking meter housings downtown. It was time to replace some of our older housings. They were getting worn, they were not as secure as newer models, and we need a larger vault to handle the higher volume of coins. The end result is we have more secure and better looking meter housings.

Parks & Recreation – Doug Carscaden

West Cuesta Ridge Railroad Properties

The City acquired 315 acres of new land on the West Cuesta ridge. Three different properties make up the 315 acres, making the Shooters and Morning Glory trails legal and 100% legitimate to ride. The new property will add about 3 new miles of trail to the City's trail system.

South Hills Open Space

The King family signed over the easement right to a 71 acres adjacent to our South Hills open space, making it 131 acres total. This addition of land will make a loop trail possible.

Utilities Department – Ron Munds & Doug Dowden

Each year the City and San Luis Garbage Company provide an opportunity to discard unwanted items or accumulated debris at the curb at little or no cost. "Cleanup Week" is scheduled to coincide with the anticipated departure of the college students living in our community. Over the last few years we have seen a dramatic increase in the volume of materials being collected during this period. In fact, San Luis Garbage Company collected 300+ used appliances during this time period.

In an effort to spread out the workload created by the increased participation, two additional Cleanup Weeks are being proposed; The first in late September and

the second in late March or early April. The intent is to collect as many bulky items as possible in advance of the major move out period in June. Look for more information in coming months.

What goes hand and hand with the Cleanup Week is illegal dumping. While the City has implemented measures to combat illegal dumping, not everyone takes advantage of the program; this creates a nuisance for the rest of the community. Typical items that are dumped along the streets and in vacant lots include: furniture, refrigerators, washing machines, etc. If you notice items that have been placed or dumped illegally, call the Utilities Conservation Office at 781-7213. It is important

to all of us that we maintain a clean, safe environment within the community.

On another note, with summer upon us, it is important to watch your water use. Especially this year--one of the driest winters on record. The Utilities Conservation Office offer many free services to help you save water and money. The services include:

- Irrigation system evaluation, including scheduling
- Leak detection
- Informational brochures to increase indoor and outdoor water efficiency

If you would like to take advantage of the services, please call 781-7217.

In conjunction with the additional land will be a fencing project to keep hikers on the trail and protect a few sensitive areas.

Ranger Lead Hikes

July 15th Reservoir Cyn, August 12th Bowden Ranch, September 16th Irish Hills @ Madonna Rd, October 14th Islay Hill, November 11th Cerro San Luis, December 9th South Hills @ Exposition. All hikes start at 1:00 pm. Sturdy shoes and water are suggested. Duration of the hike depends on the group.

Trail Workdays

August 4th Bishop Peak @ Patricia, September 8th Cerro San Luis, October 6th Stenner Springs, October 20th Cerro San Luis, November 3rd Irish Hills @ Prefumo Cyn, November 17th Cerro San Luis, December 1st Reservoir Cyn, December 15th Cerro San Luis. We recommend long pants and close-toed shoes. Workdays start at 9:00 am.

For more information about the SLO Parks & Recreation offerings check our webpage:

<http://www.slocity.org/parksanddecreation/parkrangers.asp>

Jr. Ranger Activity Camp
The SLO Ranger Service held its first week-long Summer Jr. Ranger Activity Camp and it was a great success. The camp was held at the SLO swim center and in Sinsheimer Park. Campers learned lessons on water, wind, air, and earth, while taking home some fun camp-made board games and shirts with lessons about the environment. Next camp is scheduled for the week of August 13th – 18th.

Fire Department – Multi Dwelling Property Safety – Tracy Ferguson

Because fire can kill, destroy property, and completely disrupt lives, the State of California requires the annual inspection of all residential properties with three or more units. The City recently adopted a program to improve our annual fire and life safety inspections at apartments (with three or more units), hotels, motels, bed and breakfast facilities, senior living facilities and sorority and fraternity houses.

The program typically includes inspection of fire alarm systems, smoke detectors, fire sprinkler

systems, common areas for fire hazards, exit signs, exit access doors, exiting systems, fire lanes and fire department access, access and condition of fire hydrants, fire extinguishers and the improper storage of combustible material or hazardous waste.

Fire and life safety inspections are done to protect property owners and residents from the devastating effects of fire. By ensuring a safe living environment in these types of facilities, the chance for fire decreases.

The Fire Department also provides quality education programs to increase fire safety awareness to our citizens.

The Fire Department offers printed fire safety material as well as live presentations. You can find our practical fire and life safety guide for apartment living on the City's web site at www.slocity.org/fire/outreach.asp Go to "Is Your Apartment Safe?"

Other information about the City's fire prevention programs can be found at www.slocity.org/fire/prevention.asp.



For further information regarding the Multi-Dwelling Property Fire and Life Safety Inspection Program, please contact Fire Inspector Molly Brown at (805) 781-7560.

C.E.R.T. – Community Emergency Response Team

The motto of the CERT Program is "To do the most good for the most people." The goal is to help the community to be self-sufficient in a disaster by developing multi-functional teams that are cross-trained in basic skills.

The CERT program offers training in preparedness and team response. You will learn basic skills most commonly used in disasters. These skills can be used in your neighborhood, on campus, or in your business community. The program runs approximately 20 hours consisting of 5 classes and will help you to:

- Prepare your family and home to survive all types of disasters
 - Protect yourself first so that you will be able to help others
 - Assist family and neighbors during the time of a disaster
- Work as part of an emergency response team.

The CERT Program has been available since 1996.

For more information or to sign up for the next available CERT Class, contact Cindy Sutliff of the San Luis Obispo City Fire Department at (805) 781-7399.



Office of Neighborhood Services – Police Department – Ardith Tregenza

Are You Ready? The Office of Neighborhood Services in collaboration with the Fire Department has been offering public presentations on Disaster Preparedness. The goal is to educate residents to be prepared in the event of a major disaster. We focus on what public safety resources would, and would not, be available immediately after a major disaster and how residents can best prepare themselves for the first 72 hours following a major disaster. The presentation materials and supply check lists are attached to this newsletter and also available on the web at <http://www.slocity.org/fire/supply.asp>

The Police Dept. has awarded a new Crime Prevention Marketing contract to Verdin Marketing Ink and we are preparing new advertising materials to address issues of public safety, neighborhood blight, and noise and alcohol related crimes.

SLO Solutions has been involved in developing new advertising materials for the free mediation services offered to all city residents through a partnership including the City, Cal Poly and Cuesta. The website for SLO Solutions (offered under the auspices of Creative Mediation) is <http://www.creativemediation.net/> To contact SLO Solutions please call them at 549-0442.

I have been conducting lots of outreach efforts aimed at making students aware of our City Noise and Neighborhood Enhancement Ordinances. The information provided encourages students to consider the negative consequences of over-indulging in alcohol. The Office of Neighborhood Services has had informational booths at the Cal Poly Off Campus Housing Fairs, Cal Poly Student Orientation & Registration Resource Fair, and Cuesta College Safe Spring Break Resource Fair.



SLO Night With Your Neighbors

Cal Poly and the City of San Luis Obispo are partnering to sponsor a collaborative city-wide celebration that seeks to build community through neighborhood engagement. Historically, the City has been impacted by tension in neighborhoods between long term and short term residents. That tension has led to ill-will and a climate of mistrust and stereotyping between neighbors.

The purpose of the SLO Night With Your Neighbors event is to encourage long term and student residents to meet and interact in a positive social environment.

The goals of the program include:

- Neighbors meet each other
- Build and establish positive communication between neighbors at the beginning of the new academic year
- Break down stereotypes
- Strengthen the City and Campus connection
- Set a positive tone for the community

We are looking for city residents to host a neighborhood party at their home on Friday September 28th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The type of event can be of the host's choosing (potluck – barbeque, dessert, hors d'oeuvres, pizza party, ice cream social, community service, etc). The SLO Night With Your Neighbors (SLOWYN) committee will provide you with a party pack including: SLOWYN invitations, a SLOWYN yard sign, party tips, and SLOWYN gift bags for all of your neighbors who attend. City Fire trucks, the Cal Poly Band, mascots, city and university dignitaries will also be making the rounds to visit registered parties

If you are interested in participating in SLO Night With Your Neighbor, go to the website www.sloneighbors.com

or contact Ardith Tregenza, Neighborhood Services Manager, at 805.781.7186



Disaster Preparedness: 72-Hour Supply Kit Checklist

Personal Supplies

- Water - 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days (change out every six months)
- Food - enough to last 3 days
- Bleach - 1 gallon
- Sanitation Supplies, Hygiene Supplies; i.e. soap
- Flashlights, Portable Radio and Extra Batteries
- Fire Extinguisher
- Heavy Clothes, Boots or Shoes
- Small Hand Tools and Shutoff Wrench
- Shovel
- Rope
- Camp Stove and Extra Fuel
- Tent, Sleeping Bag, Lantern
- Cooking and Eating Utensils, Can Opener
- Paper Plates and Cups
- Box of Heavy Duty Garbage Bags
- Aluminum Foil, Plastic Wrap, Zip-Lock Bags
- Waterproof Matches
- Pet Provisions
- Money
- Important Papers, for example, Will, Insurance Information, Identification, etc. in a Ziploc bag



Note: Perishable supplies should be replaced at least once a year.

First Aid Kit

The following is a suggested list of supplies to be kept in a 72-hour home supply kit.

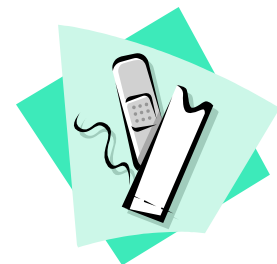
- 4 x 4-inch Gauze Pads - 10 to 20 pads
- Sanitary Napkins for Excessive Bleeding - 2 to 4 pads
- 1 and 2 inch adhesive tape (changed every 6 months) - 1 of each
- Medications for at least seven days
- List of Doctors
- Extra Pair of Eyeglasses
- Kerlex, Kling, or any other brand of roller bandages - 4 rolls



Medical Supplies

The following items should be part of your safety equipment.

- Scissors - a good pair of medical scissors
- 4 x 4-inch gauze pads - 5 or 6 to be used as for large bandages cuts
- Adhesive tape - one roll of 1-inch tape
- Band-Aids - 4 or 5 strips for small cuts
- Antiseptic solution - used to cleanse wounds - 1 bottle
- Latex gloves



Disaster Preparedness Tips Before an Earthquake:

- ✓ Eliminate hazards. Make it as easy as possible to quickly get under a sturdy table or desk for protection.
- ✓ Anchor special equipment such as telephones and life support systems. Fasten tanks of gas, such as oxygen, to the wall.
- ✓ Keep list of medications, allergies, special equipment, names of doctors, pharmacists and family members. Make sure you have this list with you at all times.
- ✓ Keep walking aids near you at all times. Have extra walking aids in different rooms of the house.
- ✓ Put a security light in each room. These lights plug into any outlet and light up automatically if there is a loss of electricity. They operate automatically for four to six hours, and they can be turned by hand in an emergency.
- ✓ Keep extra emergency supplies at your bedside.
- ✓ Find two people you can trust who will check on you after an earthquake. Tell them your special needs. Show them how to operate any equipment you use. Show them where your emergency supplies are kept. Give them a spare key.

Disaster Preparedness Tips After an Earthquake:

- ✓ If you are in bed or sitting down, do not get up.
- ✓ If you are standing, duck, cover or sit down. You could be thrown to the floor if you are standing.
- ✓ Prepare to be self-sufficient for at least three days.
- ✓ Turn on your portable radio for instructions and news reports. For your own safety, cooperate fully with public safety officials and instructions.
- ✓ Prepare for aftershocks.
- ✓ If you evacuate, leave a message at your home telling family members and others where you can be found.



Code Enforcement Office Update - Gene Gailey

The "News" in Code Enforcement is that since the last newsletter, Tim Girvin has been promoted from Code Enforcement Officer to Chief Building Official and we have a new Code Enforcement Officer – yours truly. As a new employee with the City, I am looking forward to the challenges, and recognize that I have big shoes to fill by following in Tim's footsteps! However, it looks like I will be having some help within a few months; thanks to the City Council's approval of an additional Code Enforcement Officer in response to our citizens' request for additional code enforcement. The need is easily recognized as we realize that in the first six months of this year we've handled 195 cases, while in the entire year of 2006 we worked a total of 177 cases.

My goals are to effectively and consistently enforce the City's building and zoning ordinances by utilizing teamwork and clear communication, and continuing to provide quality customer service. I've been busy the last few months becoming familiar with numerous City departments, including our Building, Planning,

Police, Fire, Public Works, Finance, Parks, Utilities, City Council, City Attorney, and Administration. I have enjoyed meeting many new people within these departments and look forward to working with them. Almost every department has specific laws and ordinances they are responsible for administering and enforcing, therefore, when a citizen calls on the phone or shows up at the counter to lodge a complaint with Code Enforcement, it may need to be handled by multiple departments, working together, to resolve the issue. Our success will come from clear communication and teamwork. Most of the cases that I have resolved so far involve zoning and building issues such as signage, illegal garage conversions, building without a permit, unsafe structures, and substandard dwellings.

The broad spectrum of our department's responsibilities also necessitate that we work closely with multiple outside resources including our community's citizens, who deeply care about the quality of our neighborhoods within our beautiful city and surrounding areas. I

have already had a chance to see first-hand the dedication and effectiveness of our City's staff and citizens working together by becoming a part of the Neighborhood Services Team (NST) and the Student Community Liaison Committee (SCLC) and by working with members of the Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN).

- The NST is comprised of representatives from various City departments who work diligently with residents and community-based groups to promote communications, support the City's General Plan, and to foster neighborhood enhancement and well-being.
- The SCLC, formed in 1987 by a small group of Cal Poly students, works hard to enhance communication and increase respect among students, public officials and community members. Voting members include representatives from Cal Poly and Cuesta College (students and administration), San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, the City

Mayor's Office and City Council, Police Department, and City Administrator's Office.

- The RQN consists of neighborhood associations uniting their efforts to continue to improve their neighborhoods and our city.

As Code Enforcement Officer, I find it a pleasure to be a part of these groups and look forward to the opportunity to work together as a team, striving to resolve issues and achieve a positive difference within our community. I will be utilizing my diverse background in utility customer service, construction, and law enforcement to effectively and consistently coordinate city departments and citizens to amicably resolve violations. As the city departments and citizens work together; it will be win-win for all involved, resulting in a beautiful community and city!



Transportation Division – Chris Overby & Dario Senior

Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) 17 neighborhoods pursued the preparation of NTM Plans. Because so many neighborhoods are requesting NTM projects and implementation funds are limited, staff developed a method for prioritizing the projects. The criteria includes traffic speeds, volumes, presence or absence of continuous sidewalks, bicycle facilities, collisions, and presence of schools or other activity centers.



Radar Trailer A new portable radar-activated speed trailer is being purchased to use for NTM neighborhoods and other streets with traffic concerns. Radar speed trailers have proven to be a useful supplement to enforcement activities and can easily be moved from one location to the next. They also have the distinct advantage of possibly impacting the offending drivers, while not posing problems for compliant drivers. Statistical data will be collected from the trailer for traffic surveys by the City's Traffic Engineering Division and the Police Department.

The Bill Roalman Bicycle Boulevard Phase 2 of The Bill Roalman Bicycle Boulevard on Morro Street is now complete with the addition a new bicycle traffic signal at the Santa Barbara/Upham/Railroad Transportation Center intersection, and has been signed and stenciled as a "bicycle boulevard" with stop controls on Morro Street switched to the side streets at several intersections. The bicycle signal is intended to facilitate the movement of bicycles and vehicles independently. The signal has a separately actuated phase that allows cyclists to cross the intersection under a protected phase. There are separate signal heads each having a bicycle symbol on the lens, clearly indicating who the signal is intended to serve. Cyclists position themselves on a detector loop in the bike lane in order for the signal to actuate. This traffic signal is one of only a few of its kind in the nation, and the City received an award from the American Public Works Association.

The Bicycle Boulevard still allows vehicular access to the adjacent homes, however, the controls on the side streets give preference to bicycle traffic. The pavement stenciling indicates that bicyclists should ride in the middle of the lane, avoiding the "door zone" and indicating to motorists to expect bicycle traffic.

Johnson Avenue Radar-activated speed display signs will be installed later this year on Johnson Avenue between Bishop Street and Laurel Lane. This section of Johnson has an 85th percentile speed of 48 mph. The purpose of installing the speed display signs is to display driver speed in contrast to the posted speed limit (35 mph). The signs will also serve to educate the average daily volume of 16,000 drivers and hopefully reduce speeds on Johnson Avenue.

Similar to the radar trailer, statistical data will be collected from the devices for traffic surveys by the City's Traffic Engineering Division and the Police Department. The signs, costing over \$4,000 each, were partially funded through a grant obtained by the Police Department from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Highland Drive Median In the City's Annual Traffic Safety Report, staff evaluates the collisions that have occurred at each intersection in the previous calendar year and then ranks the locations for safety mitigation. In 2002, the intersection of Highland at Ferrini was ranked number two. A median which prevents left turns from Highland onto Ferrini was built to restrict the movement which led to the high collision pattern. To determine the affect the median would have on the traffic circulation in the neighborhood, traffic volumes were measured before and after the construction at 20 locations within the neighborhood bordered by Highland, Foothill and Patricia. The results indicate that the Highland Median successfully removed over 4,000 vehicles from the Highland neighborhood, and eliminated the broadside collision pattern that was present at the intersection of Highland and N. Chorro. Although volumes increased on some of the neighborhood streets, the distribution pattern is as expected, and normal for a modification of this type.

← *Before these improvements were made, existing volumes and speeds were measured to see what affect the modifications would have on traffic circulation. The results of the traffic counts indicate that speeds have decreased by an average of 4.3 mph and that volumes have increased an average of 13.2 %.*



South Street "Road Diet"

The South Street "Road Diet" will be implemented as part of the State Route 227 Rehabilitation project. The project design is at the 95% completion point, and is scheduled to begin construction in May of 2008, and continue until November 2008.

2007 BicycleTransportation Plan

Update. On May 15, 2007, the City Council adopted an update of the Bicycle Transportation Plan as recommended by the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Planning Commission. The update involved a comprehensive review of all of the plan's policies, programs, and projects and redrafts the document to improve its presentation and content. Many of the changes are meant to improve connections making it easier to bicycle from home to school (specifically the middle school and high school, as they serve the entire City), commercial centers (such as Madonna Plaza), and downtown. The Bicycle Transportation Plan can be viewed on the City's web site and hard copies can be purchased at the City Public Works Department at 919 Palm Street.

Grand Avenue Traffic Signal Grant Approval

The City was recently awarded a grant for \$368,000 from the State of California's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to signalize the Northbound 101 off-ramp at the intersection with Grand Avenue. This intersection rated #4 among collisions in the City's 2005 Annual Traffic Safety Report. The new traffic signal will assign right-of-way to vehicles in the intersection, and should correct the high speed, broad side, collisions that have been the pattern there for over 16 years. The intersection is shared by the City of San Luis Obispo and the State of California (Caltrans) and will provide a joint improvement for both agencies. The signal installation will allow vehicles exiting State Route 101 on the Grand Avenue off-ramp to clear the ramp, and alleviate queuing on to the freeway, which is the case currently. The project will also provide a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists and include ADA approved curb ramps. Construction is scheduled for summer 2008.

Safe Routes to School Grant Approval

The City recently applied for and was awarded a \$798,600 grant to fund a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Prefumo Creek that will link the Oceanaire and Laguna Lane neighborhoods. The bridge will serve both bicyclists and pedestrians by providing a preferable route to traveling on Los Osos Valley Road to access area schools and neighborhoods. The grant is from the State Safe Routes to School Program.

Buena Vista Garfield Intersection Changes

Construction plans are currently being drawn up and the project is scheduled for construction in late 2007, or early 2008 (depending on weather). The permanent realignment will be constructed later this year and will consist of installing curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the Garfield realignment of Buena Vista, on Monterey, and at the northeast corner of the intersection, along with construction of a pedestrian refuge island.

Another Railroad Safety Trail Grant Approval.

After receiving a \$540,000 grant last year to help fund the northern segment of the Railroad Safety Trail, the City has recently applied for and received another grant.

The new grant for \$495,000 will help fund a bridge for the trail to cross Hwy 101 near California Boulevard and will connect with the segment funded last year extending from Hathway Street to Foothill Boulevard. The grant supports City goals to reduce traffic congestion and complete a bicycle and pedestrian path along 4.5 miles of the Union Pacific Railroad that extends through the City. Both grants are from the State Bicycle Transportation Account, which provides funding to improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters.

City Budget Includes

Bike Projects. The following bicycle projects have been funded as part of the City's two-year budget:

- Bob Jones City to Sea Trail bridge connections, Prado Road to Los Osos Valley Road.
- Bicycle education
- Existing bicycle facility improvements

For details about these bicycle projects, see the budget documents on the City's web site or contact Peggy Mandeville, City Public Works Department, at 781-7590.

Bike Valet is Growing

The free bicycle parking valet service continues to succeed. To date, over 2,100 bicycles have been parked at the downtown valet, providing a convenient alternative to automobile parking downtown. The bike valet continues at the weekly Farmer's Market on Higuera at Morro Street but has now been expanded to other events including Concerts in the Plaza. For information, visit www.slobikevalet.org.

Safe Routes to School Program Launches at Hawthorne Elementary School

Every Friday in May, a majority of Hawthorne Elementary School students walked, biked, skateboarded and carpooled to school. Organized by school staff and parents with assistance from City staff and other County organizations, the Safe Routes to School program aimed to reduce traffic congestion, get students

more physically active, and promote clean air. The end of the school year program was a success and City hopes it will spread next year to other schools in the City.



For information about starting a Safe Routes to School program at your school, contact Peggy Mandeville, City Public Works Department at 781-7590.

San Luis Obispo Designated a Bicycle Friendly Community

In May, the City was designated a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists. Based on five key areas—engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation/planning—the City was awarded the silver level. The League noted the Bill Roalman Bicycle Boulevard, weekly Bike Valet service, and bicycle education as among the community's great accomplishments.

Other New Traffic Signals

Over the past few months three brand new, and three modified traffic signals have been turned on. The two signal modifications were at Broad & Pismo and Broad & Buchon. Both signals were upgraded with state of the art audible and tactile pedestrian push buttons along with countdown pedestrian, walk/don't walk indications. These modifications enhance not only pedestrian safety and accessibility but also reduce vehicular congestion along Broad Street.

The first of the brand new traffic signals is at Calle Joaquin & Los Osos Valley Road, which is the most technically complicated traffic signal in the City. This traffic signal requires a data communications connection with the two adjacent CalTrans traffic signals to facilitate a highly detailed and sensitive coordination plan. The two other new traffic signals are at the intersections of Broad & Pacific and Higuera & Granada. The signal at Broad & Pacific is coordinated with four

other traffic signals along the Broad Street corridor to minimize vehicular stops and congestion. The signal at Higuera & Granada provides improved access to and from Granada Street while still maintaining a high level of service on Higuera Street.

Two more upcoming traffic signal projects are the new installation at Johnson & Ella, which bidding has just closed for construction, and a modification at Marsh & Santa Rosa which the design is currently being reworked and should be put out to bid for construction shortly.

