



# City of Angels

## City Council Monthly Update

October 2024



Mayor Jennifer Herndon  
Vice Mayor Isabel Moncada

Councilmember Alvin Broglio, Councilmember Caroline Schirato, Councilmember Michael Chimento

## **Significant Ongoing Projects**

### **Major Projects:**

Utica Park – Estimated Completion April 2025

Project Manager: Amy Augustine – Augustine Planning Associates

Eureka Oaks (Habitat) – Estimated Completion ~2027

Project Manager: Dave Richard (Unico) - Dewberry

### **Current CIP Project:**

Mark Twain Road Looping Pipes – Engineering Plans Due October 1, 2024

Project Manager: Dave Richards - Dewberry

### **Next CIP Project:**

Vallecito Sewer Line Upgrade – Engineering Plans Due November 1, 2024

Project Manager: Dave Richards - Dewberry

## **FY24/25 Noteworthy Accomplishments:**

September - Booster Way Sewer Upgrade Complete

September - Utica Park Playground Equipment Installed and Inspected

September - Eureka Oaks (Habitat) Groundbreaking

September - Angel Creek Trail Environmental Review Completed

August - Received Boom Mower

August - Stop Signs and Crosswalks at Mark Twain Elementary School

July - Citywide Street Sign Replacement Complete

# Administration

Interim City Administrator Steve Williams, City Clerk/HR Rose Beristianos

### Current Vacancies/Recruitments:

- City Administrator (Admin)
- Fire and Building Official/Code Enforcement
- Plant Operator in Training

### New Hires in September:

- Distribution Collections Officer in Training
  - Landin Roberts
- Police Officer Recruit (in Academy)
  - Krystina Storey

### Projects:

- City Administrator Recruitment
- Human Resources Consultant
- MSR Update
- H4U Water System Collaboration
- Fire Department Reorganization
- Employee ID Cards
- Live Scan
- Walk-toberfest (See flyer on page 6)

## Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Enterprise Fund

Plans Due By	Person Responsible	CIP Category	Project	Detail	Cost Estimate
10-01-24	Dave Richards	Water	Mark Twain Rd	Looping Pipes	\$ 680,000
11-01-24	Dave Richards	Wastewater	Vallecito Road	Pipe Busrting	\$ 990,000
04-01-25	Dave Richards	Wastewater	East Angels Trunk	Cure in Place	\$1,910,000

Start Date	Person Responsible	CIP Category	Project	Detail	Cost Estimate
10-01-24	Chris Oflinn	Water	Pressure Relief Valves	Replace all PVR	\$ 780,000
11-01-24	Chris Oflinn	Water	Automated Meter Readers	Install AMR's	\$ 400,000
01-01-25	Chris Oflinn	Wastewater	Scope Lines with CCTV	Data to Dewberry	\$ 75,000

# Finance Department

Finance Director Michelle Gonzalez,

During September, the Finance Department continued to work on several key projects. The water and wastewater rate study remains a priority, with staff conducting an in-depth analysis of sewer rates and the various types of businesses in the city. We have also reviewed how proposed rate structures will impact current customers to ensure a fair and balanced approach.

In preparation for the annual audit, we have finalized the audit schedule, with auditors set to begin their work on October 21st. This is an important step in maintaining transparency and accuracy in the city's financial reporting.

We closed out three major projects: the Local Action Early Planning (LEAP) grant with the state for wastewater, the Sign project with the Department of Transportation, and the All Hazards grant.

Additionally, more analysis and scenarios were run in preparation for employee negotiations. This month, the focus was on assessing the impacts of various benefit options, helping to guide the City in making informed decisions during upcoming negotiations.

# Code Enforcement and Building

## Building – Completed in September

- **Number of Permits Issued** **33**
  - Solar 12
  - Re-Roofs 8
  - Planning 5
  - Electrical 4
  - Generator 1
  - HVAC 1
  - Retaining Wall 1
  - Fire 1
  
- **Number of Inspections** **47**

## Code Enforcement – Completed in September

**Open cases on September 1** **29**

	New	Open
Violation Type		
Public Nuisance	4	15
Housing	1	3
Construction	1	1
Dangerous Building	0	1
Zoning	0	1
Other	1	1

New Cases in September 7

Cases Closed in September 4

**Open cases on September 26** **25**

# Water / Wastewater / Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Chris Oflinn

## Water Treatment Plant – Completed in September

- Quarterly Sedimentation Basin Cleaning
- Repaired Turbidimeter for Filter #1
- Updated Hazardous Material Plan for County

## Public Works – Completed in August

- Placed New Trash Cans in the Downtown Area
- Completed (6) Leak Repairs
- Removed (5) Dams from the Creek
- Quarterly PRV Inspections Complete
- State Mandated Lead and Copper Inventory
- Pump Failure at Greenhorn 1 Sewer Lift Station
- Cleaned Inverted Syphon on Finnigan Lane

## Wastewater Treatment Plant – Completed in September

- Completed Bio Solids Reporting and Prep for Disposal
- Received Replacement Transmittance for UV Monitor
- Updated Hazardous Material Plan for the County

## Looking Ahead

- Bids for Automated Meter Reader Project
- Bids for Speed Tables and Chip Sealing
- Start the Pressure Relief Valve Project
- Engage Contractor for Frog Plaque Installation
- Engage Contractor for installation of curb on Stanislaus at Mark Twain Elementary

# Planning Department

Amy Augustine – Contract City Planner

## Planning – Completed in September

- **Utica Park Project Oversight** - Playground is completed. Pad over Old Lightner Mine is completed. Phase 2 construction began on the stage and pavilion.
- **Angels Creek Trail**
  - Grant - The state officially rejected the application as incomplete due to landowner's inability to obtain a 6th signature. Grant will be re-submitted in the next grant cycle after seller secures title from all co-owners.
  - Environmental: Cultural studies were approved by the State Office of Historic Preservation.
- **PRICE Grant** Submitted minor amendments for \$11,672,000 grant to improve infrastructure in, upgrade, and replace mobile homes in the city's four mobile/modular home communities. Application has been accepted as complete.
- **Safe Streets for All Grant** – Agreement drafted for joint City/Mark Twain Elementary School project.
- **Bruhn Grant** – This \$750,000 historic preservation grant for historic district revitalization funds was not granted because the city is not a Certified Local Government (CLG). General Plan 2020 calls for pursuing city designation as a CLG. Staff recommends the City Council consider pursuing certification.
- **Local Early Action Planning Grant (LEAP)** – Final deliverables were completed for this grant, including a master list of conditions of project approval. Grant invoicing ends 9/30/24.
- **Hot Dog Cart** - The hot dog cart withdrew its application in favor of use during special events only.

## Planning – Scheduled in October

- **Utica Park** - Pavilion re-roofing, painting, and decorative support treatments will be completed in October.
- **Relocate House 79 South Main** - Relocation is dependent on a second AT&T site visit and contractor's schedule for site preparation and asbestos remediation.
- **Community Development Block Grant Micro-Enterprise/Economic Development (CDBG-ED) grant** - Staff will draft and submit a CDBG-ED due October 29, 2024.
- **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program** – A draft 5-year plan for Council review is anticipated in October in pursuit of the State's Formula Allocation (\$298,855) for affordable housing programs.
- **Foundry Lane** – Caltrans appraisal pending. After completion and Caltrans' update of environmental documents; a California Transportation Commission Meeting will be held to allow access off SR 4.
- **All Hazards (Zoning Code Updates)** - September meeting was cancelled to allow for additional review. The October meeting is expected to finalize the last draft deliverables.
- **MACT Cultural Park** - A master sign plan for the MACT complex is anticipated in October.
- **California Burrito** - soon to open at 301 South Main.

# Engineering Department

Aaron Brustatori – Contract City Engineer

## Engineering – Completed in September

- **Mark Twain Elementary** – Designed Modifications to Curb to Force Right Only Turn from School Parking Lot.
- **Murphys Grade Drainage** – Discussed Project for Plan Corrections to Reduce Cost, Reduce Quantities, and Simplify Project.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – Follow up correspondence with Dewberry regarding status of design change to translate the sewer pump station beyond future ROW.
- **Utica Park** – Review and comment upon site layout. Correspondence regarding refuse collection bin location. Call with Cal Waste. Review of daily reports and compaction testing from Geocon. Review various submittals and provide direction for procurement of engineer to perform special inspections.
- **Angels Creek Trail** - Review of revised APE Map. Correspondence with the City to procure endorsement of the Map.
- **Foundry Lane Extension** - Review Map and request labeling of Angels Oaks Alignment and Foundry Lane Alignment.
- **Pickled Porch Public Parking** – Develop parking plan based on as-graded conditions.

## Planning – Scheduled in October

- **Pickle Porch Public Parking** – Prepare alternative parking plan. Prepare striping plan to organize parking.
- **Murphys Grade Drainage** – Final review of plans. Preparation for bid for June 2025 construction.

# Fire Department

Chief John Rohrbaugh

## Responses in September 2024

<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>
Emergency Medical	53
Public Service	11
Cancelled prior to arrival	8
Vegetation Fire	2
Vehicle Accident	2
Other, Investigative	2
Vehicle Fire	1
False Call	1

## Notable Calls in September 2024:

- Veh Acc / Overturned Veh / Extrication on Murphys Grade
- Veh Fire after head on collision on Hwy 4 (Copper)
- Sprinkler Malfunction Water Leak Green Horn Creek Golf

## Additional Info in September 2024:

- 16 Solar Plan Reviews / 2 Plan Reviews
- Complete Defensible Space Inspection Smith Flat Rd
- Foothill Village Reinspection
- Meet with Utica Park Engineers
- Meet with County OES about Salamander Tracking System
- Assist Bret Hart High Fire Tech Program with Demo
- Attended multiple City, County, State, and Local Meetings

## Scheduled in October 2024:

Prepare for Recruitment of Firefighters and Fire Engineer

Prepare for Operational Model Change

# Police Department

Chief Scott Ellis

## Activity in September 2024

Total Incidents	558
Total Reports	66
Total Traffic Stops	92
Total Arrests	13

### Types of Calls:

• Disturbance	25
• Traffic Collisions	16
• Theft	11
• Auto Theft	4
• Domestic Disputes	3
• Assault and Battery	2
• DUI	2
• Aggravate Assault	1

## Additional Info in September 2024

- Onboarded Police Recruit Krystina Storey
  - Graduates Police Academy in December 2024
- Repaired Card Reader System
- Completed Firearm Purge from Property/Evidence Room
- Resubmitted CIBERS Certification Package to DOJ
- Property/Evidence Room Air Conditioning is not Working
- Ongoing Meetings the Bret Harte Superintendent
- Faith and Blue - Worked with Libertas Academy for Event in Oct
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- Two (2) Police Volunteers Donated 16.25 Hours of Work
- Calaveras Parking Enforcement Citation Processing – 22 Notices
- Purged 213 Items from Property/Evidence Room

## Scheduled in October 2024

- Continue working with Flock Safety on ALPR project
- Covanta trip to dispose of over 700 lbs of firearms
- Bret Harte Homecoming Parade October 4<sup>th</sup>



# Walk-toberfest

**Join the Fun!**

**October 1st - October 31st**

**Challenges:**

1. Departments will compete against each other to log the most steps
2. Teammates will compete against each other in their department to increase their average step count

**Goal:**

**Promote health, teamwork, and friendly competition**