



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
NO. 2  
Week Ending May 10, 2013**

From the office of the City Manager:  
**Susan A. Stanton**

**Some of the  
Highlights**

[Water Tank Repairs](#)



**Hello Greenfield!**



**Say It to  
Susan!!!**

I would like to invite you to my next "Say it to Susan!" meet and greet...which will be:

**When: May 24, 2013  
Where: NV Burgers  
Time: 5p.m.-6pm**

On Monday I submitted to the City Council my proposed Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of

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Greenfield for the Fiscal Year 2013-14. Expenditures in the Proposed FY 2014 Annual Operating and Capital Budget for all funds are \$20,335,700. Excluding capital projects, the City's total operating budget, for all services and programs, is \$10,517,100. The proposed FY 2014 budget increased by \$835,600 compared to FY 2013 which represents a 8.6% increase in total expenditures. Excluding non-departmental expenses the total General Fund increased by \$235,800 compared to FY 2013 which represents a 5.39% increase in total expenditures. Preparation of this spending plan was challenging because of my short tenure as City Manager and time spent trying to understand the current state of the City's Finances.

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In order to improve the City of Greenfield's financial reporting and strengthen internal management control, the FY 2013-14 Annual Operating and Capital Budget includes many extensive changes which will make this document more useful in setting future City policy, determining service delivery levels, administering capital improvement projects and producing useable financial reports. (See the proposed budget on our City Webpage). The City Council begins its review May 21, 2013 and I encourage residents to come and share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions.



## **Keeping our Children Safe at Oak Elementary School**

On Monday the 13th, the City will be stationing School Crossing Guards at Oak Elementary to help students safely cross Oak Avenue each morning and afternoon.

School Superintendent Trevor McDonald , Police Chief Eric Sills, and the City have been working together on this project with the goal of protecting our children and improving traffic in front of the school. Oak Elementary School Principal Swati Dagar has been working very closely with her PTA, and school staff to improve student safety when being dropped off or picked up at school.

This Saturday the City will be painting the curbs in front of the school red and designating the area as a No Parking Zone. Instead of parents dropping their kids off while stopped in traffic on Oak Ave or parking their cars in the current No Parking area in front the school, they will be directed to drive up the circular driveway at the school and dropping off (or picking up) their children directly in front of the doors at the school. This new process will be safer for parents and students coming by car and for pedestrians crossing Oak Avenue with the assistance of the school crossing guard.

School Principal Swati Dagar has been meeting with parents to explain the new drop-off and pick-up process. I am sure there will be a period of adjustment as parents and students adjust to this new process in the next several weeks. The most important consideration in making these changes is the safety and welfare of our children.



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

On Saturday May 4th, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints volunteered their time talents and energy to help clean up a house in disrepair. During the afternoon 15 people including parents and children pulled weeds, picked

up garbage and other debris and cleaned up the lot...see their pictures below.

In the coming months, the City will be establishing a program that will pool community volunteers and resources to help our fellow neighbors clean up their property. Neighbors helping Neighbors will be an important step in helping to clean up our Greenfield community!





If any resident sees a code matter they feel needs to be addressed by the City, please email: [Ilove Greenfield](mailto:IloveGreenfield)

## Finance Advisory Board Begins Budget Review

The City's newly constituted Finance Advisory Board met and have begun their review of the Proposed Budget FY 2013-14. Their final review of the Police Department will be on Monday at the Civic Center at 6:00p.m. Unfortunately, we have had no participation from the public. However, it's not too late! Come and share your ideas and suggestions with this new board.



### **Emergency Repairs Underway**

This week a large water pump that supplies water to one of the City's storage tanks stopped working and needs to be replaced. While the new pump is being ordered, residents may experience reduced water pressure. The new pump will cost \$75,000 and should be installed in the next four weeks. During this time, all residents are asked to be a little more conscious of their water consumption.

### **Recruitment of an Accounting Operations Manager**

One of the most important functions in the City is controlling government spending and projecting and collecting city revenue. In the past, this function has been contracted out to three different sources each responsible for one element of accounting, financial reporting and payroll administration. In order to make the process much more cost effective and to enhance the City's fiscal control, Greenfield has created the position of Accounting Operations Manager. ([See complete](#)

[profile](#)) We are recruiting for this position in local, state and national publications but have not had much success attracting a large pool of candidates. If you know anyone who is interested in this position please have them contact: [Nina Aguayo](#) at 831.674.5591. This is a great opportunity for the right person to join a great City staff.

### **Interested in Serving on a Board?**

If you are interested in serving on a particular board and would like to apply... [click here](#) to download an application and turn it in to City Hall.

### **Spread the Word!!! We would love to have more readers!**

If you know of anyone that would be interested in receiving our Report, please have them contact: [Nina Aguayo](#) or call City Hall @ 831.674.5591. Thank you for your support!



**More to come...**

I look forward to our next issue...

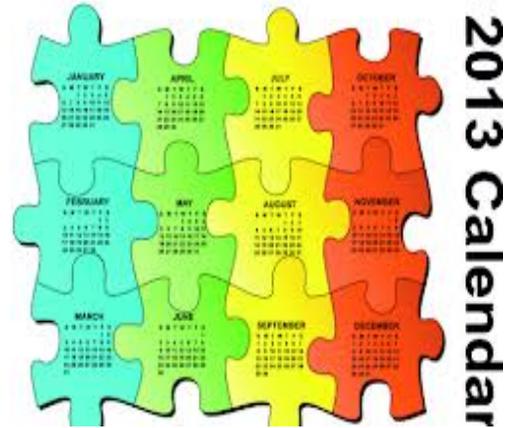
Sincerely,

*Susan*

**Upcoming Events...**

## Open Mic Night!

When: Friday June 28, 2013  
Where: NV Burgers  
Time: 7:00p.m. to 11:00p.m.  
Register at NV Burgers anytime before  
6:00p.m. June 28 to participate!



## Child Safety Seat Check Event...

The California Highway Patrol along with Assemblymember Luis Alejo, Greenfield High School and the City of Greenfield are partnering to hold a Child Safety Seat Check on June 22nd. Please stay tuned for more details!

