



Selma Today

What's Happening in the City of Selma
"Raisin Capital of the World"

Monday, 14 December 2009

PLANNING COMMISSION – The Selma Planning Commission will be meeting tonight to review the Rockwell Pond Environmental Impact Review (E.I.R.) document. The Rockwell Pond project is a commercial development west of the present Walmart.

JOHN OTOMO TO BE HONORED - Longtime Selma resident John Otomo will receive an honorary degree from Fresno State University on December 24th. Dr. John Welty, President of California State University Fresno will confer the degree in a 2:00 p.m. ceremony in the Selma City Council Chambers. Otomo was a student at Fresno State before the Japanese relocation in 1942.

PREVIOUS NEWS ITEMS

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING – In November, members of the Selma Fire Department participated in 397 hours of training.

SELMA BANDITS JUNIORS – At the December 7th City Council meeting the coaches and players of the Selma Bandits Juniors team were recognized for winning the league championship in their age group.

WATER ISSUES – For your information, the Public Policy Institute of California has produced a special report entitled California Water Myths. If you are interested, it can be found at www.ppic.org.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – For the month of November, the Fire Department responded to 400 calls. This is an average of 13.3 calls per day. One of these days had 26 calls.

COUNCIL CHANGES PARKING – At their December 7th meeting, the Selma City Council approved diagonal parking on First Street from High Street to the alley. This will allow for additional parking in the downtown business district. Parking from the alley to Grant Street will remain parallel.

CITY HALL TO BE CLOSED – For planning purposes, Selma City Hall and Annex will be closed starting at noon on Wednesday, December 24th through Sunday, January 3 and will reopen on Monday, January 4th.

A REMINDER – Due to work furloughs, City Hall is closed every Friday. Yard Sale permits must be obtained prior to the closing of City Hall on Thursday by 5:00 p.m.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CROSSWALKS – Children walking to and from school will have a safer time with the addition of four new, lighted crosswalks. The crosswalks, funded through a Safe Routes to School grant, have lights in the pavement that are turned on by a pedestrian touching a button, much like a "walk/don't walk" light when crossing the street. The crosswalks are at Jackson and Roosevelt Schools. The City is pursuing additional grants for other school crossings.