**RECOGNITION**

City, Port District get Governor’s Historic Preservation Award

‘Quieter Home Program’ to hush plane noise, retain neighborhood history

The “Quieter Home Program” developed by the San Diego Unified Port District and the City of San Diego’s Historical Resources Board has received Governor’s Historic Preservation Award for 2001.

The program, designed to soundproof homes affected by noise from the San Diego International Airport, received the award for architectural preservation while providing sound insulation for noise-impacted homes.

This prestigious award is the official preservation award presented by the State of California in recognition of outstanding achievements in historic preservation.

“The San Diego Historical Resources Board is honored to be selected for this award,” said Dr. Lynne Christenson, Historic Resources Board Vice-Chair.

“The Board appreciates the community’s and affected residents’ participation,” Christenson said. The Board appreciates the community’s and affected residents’ participation.

**Holidays**

City of San Diego Offices Will Be Closed

**Wednesday, July 4**

Independence Day Legal Holiday

**Monday, Sept. 3**

Labor Day Legal Holiday

**Reminder**

Inspections are available after 3:30 p.m. weekdays and on weekends. Call (858) 492-5070 to schedule.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Residential vacancy rate below 5 percent for fourth straight year

Companion units allowed in some areas outside coastal zone

The City Council and Planning Commission gave the official certification in March, continuing changes in some requirements that began in 1998 as a result of 1997’s vacancy rate dropping below 5 percent, according to commercial sources.

The rate means companion units may be allowed in single-family residential zones outside the coastal zone.

**BUDGET**

City Council approves expansion of fire code plan check, inspection staff in new fiscal year

Other staffing is ‘status quo’ as new development growth levels off

The City Council has approved an addition of 7.5 staff positions to the fire plan check and inspection program as part of the 2002 fiscal year budget, which began July 1.

The new positions, which are paid for through the city’s General Fund, will bring the total fire plan check and inspection staff to 17.

“Positions have not been added to this division’s budget since 1994, when we had a valuation of $800 million in permits issued,” said Tina Christiansen, Development Services Department director. “That compares to $1.8 million in valuation during the current year.

“The mayor and City Council have approved a budget that will allow us to staff adequately and reduce overtime.”

The rest of the Development Services Department’s budget is funded through fees charged for plan review and inspection. “This will allow us to provide the service levels our customers need in the fire plan review and inspection process,” she said.

New tracking system rollout begins; will run from concept to completion

Eliminates multiple systems, documents history

A new project-tracking computer system promising smoother, simpler processing for customers is being phased in over the next few months by the Development Services Department.

The new system will be used to track all phases of a project, from concept to completion, and will result in the elimination several other computer systems, which were used just to track one portion of a project’s life.

The first phase of the system is being rolled out this summer. Customers submitting plans through Project Management being will be the first affected.

Later this summer, the system will be expanded to handle all appointment scheduling for Development Services.

The new system, which began its rollout June 18, captures information — including name, address and telephone number — when a customer first checks in or makes an appointment.

Customers are also asked for their preferred mode of communication for items such as notices that plans are ready for pickup. The new tracking system can send notices by e-mail, fax or U.S. mail.
Award
Continued from Page 1.
property owners early concerns with the protection of historical resources.”

Christianson also praised the Port of San Diego staff and its consultants.

“They developed historical studies and solutions that will work to preserve the city’s cultural heritage while providing much needed ‘peace and quiet’ to residents impacted by airport operations,” he said.

Board members have been working with the Port District, operators of Lindbergh Field, for more than two years on a way to soundproof homes without having impacts on historical resources.

The historical fabric of the Lindbergh Field neighborhoods is being maintained with the program.

The Uptown and Loma Portal neighborhoods have important historic resources, including early 20th century Victorian, Craftsman, Spanish Colonial and Art Deco homes.

The program’s development involved board members, community representatives and city staff. They assisted the Port and its consultants with the development of the program, guidelines for construction, manufacturer’s resources and early reviews that streamlined the process.

Lead agency Port of San Diego also worked with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Federal Aviation Administration to devise effective noise insulation treatments which would not alter the historical architectural significance of the homes.

Soundproofing measures include window treatments that would effectively reduce noise while preserving the historic fabric of the community.

Representatives of the agencies receiving the award will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sacramento with Governor Gray

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Traffic Control Training Class
Cost: $42 per person.
For information, call (619) 446-5284

Location:
City of San Diego
Development Services/Environmental Services
9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Suite 220

Please select a seminar
☐ August 15
☐ September 19

Please complete the following information

Name
Company
Address
City, State, ZIP Code
Daytime telephone number

Amount enclosed
Please make check payable to:
City Treasurer
and mail to:
Traffic Control Class
City of San Diego Development Services Department
Land Development Review
Traffic Control Section
1222 First Ave., MS-502
San Diego, CA 92101-4154

PUBLICATION ORDER

For information, call (619) 446-5100.

Name
Title
Company
Address
City, State, ZIP Code
Telephone number

Item Each Qty.
“Remodeling, Do It Right” video $10.00
Land Development Code video $10.75
Land Development Code $90.00
1997 UBC Amendments $7.00
1997 UBC Building Newsletters $25.00

Total

To order, enclose a check made payable to City Treasurer with the amount of your order and mail to:

City of San Diego Development Services Department
1222 First Avenue, MS-401
San Diego, CA 92101-4153
‘Crime Prevention Through Design’ class continues

Learn how to make your next development a crime-reducer, improve quality of life

Free classes on how to design projects to be more crime-free are available at the Regional Community Policing Institute-San Diego.

The four-hour Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design class reviews the physical structure of buildings, examining environmental and structural barriers for safety and reduction of crime.

Property owners and managers, community group members, law enforcement officials and business owners are invited to attend.

Four design and usage concepts are explained that can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime. Quality of life also improves for residents and users of the property.

Videos, slides and lectures are followed by a hands-on group exercise, allowing participants to apply the principles they’ve learned.

The next class is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, at the former Naval Training Center, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite A, Building 201.

Future classes are scheduled in October, and February and April 2002.

For more information, or to register, call (619) 531-2554, or visit the web site at http://www.sandiego.gov/police/crime-prevention/rcpi/announce.shtml.

Art Buxbaum, city’s combination inspection chief, dies

Art Buxbaum, the Development Services Department’s Chief of Combination Inspection since 1989, passed away July 15, 2001 following a 10-year bout with cancer.

Buxbaum helped train and organize the Combination Inspection Division in the department, which inspects all trades in single-family and duplex residential projects. It is considered a model inspection program and has been studied and copied by building departments around the world.

A leader in the construction-inspection field, Buxbaum served on several statewide code committees and had been an active voice in the International Conference of Building Officials and International Association of Electrical Inspectors. At the time of his death, he was International Vice President of IAEI and would have been International President in 2004.

Buxbaum joined the City of San Diego following 27 years with the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. With Los Angeles, Buxbaum was considered the city’s “high rise expert,” and was active in investigating effects of the 1971 Sylmar earthquake on structures throughout the city, as well as serving as an electrical inspector, fire and life safety inspector and Senior Electrical Inspector.

Born in New York City, Buxbaum was on his own at age 14 and had such varied jobs as farm hand, resort lifeguard, subway maintenance electrician and electrical contractor. During World War II, he served in the Navy.

He is survived by two sons and three grandchildren. Services were held July 21.
Plan cover sheet templates now available

- Saves Time
- Includes Required Statements
- Available in AutoCAD or PDF formats
- Download Today

See them online at http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/standtemp.shtml