

## Wal-Mart Application Received

The Town of Paradise has received a project application from Wal-Mart, and is presently determining if the application is complete. If the Town deems the application as complete, then the very involved process of studying the merits of the proposed project begins.

Wal-Mart has already deposited funds with the Town to pay for the various studies and analyses, as well as expert consultants that are either required in order to review the project and its impacts. A few examples of these studies include the environmental impact analysis, traffic analysis, and independent fiscal and economic impact study. While Wal-Mart provides the funding for these studies and impact analyses, the Town actually has hired the expert consultants, and the consultants work on a contract basis for the Town.

Several years ago, Wal-Mart purchased the property just outside of Town that was the site of the former FHK proposed Paradise Shopping Plaza development. Just as the former FHK development, Wal-Mart plans to annex the property to the Town.

Wal-Mart's proposed plans are to develop a 160,000 sq. ft. store with a grocery store component as the anchor store for the shopping center. This proposed shopping center is located on the same site as the former Skyway Plaza Shopping Center. This proposed Wal-Mart will have a grocery store component as part of its store.

## Lt. Chris Buzzard Appointed Acting Police Chief

The Town Council, this last December, approved Town Manager Chuck Rough's recommendation to appoint Lt. Chris Buzzard as Acting Police Chief for a six-month probationary period. If he makes probation, Rough will recommend his permanent appointment to police chief.

Rough's recommendation to appoint Lt. Buzzard as police chief to succeed former police chief Gerald Carrigan, who retired, was based primarily on Buzzard's extensive long-term experience working for the department, the high regard in which he is held by the sworn and non-sworn personnel in the police department and town government organization, and his very positive ideas to further improve the performance and productivity of the department.

Buzzard is a thirty-year veteran of our police department, having served as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant and lieutenant during his tenure with the department. Prior to Paradise, he worked for two years as a patrol officer for the City of Cotati.

Acting Police Chief Buzzard also serves on the Paradise Community Foundation and the North Valley Boys and Girls Club Boards of Directors.

## Gabriela "Gabby" Tazzari Appointed Police Lieutenant

Gabriela "Gabby" Tazzari's has been appointed to fill the lieutenant's position vacated by Chris Buzzard, who was recently appointed police chief. Her appointment becomes effective April 5, 2010. She will assume the role of Operations Commander. Lt. Al Billington, who was serving as Operations Commander, will take over as Services Commander.

Gabby is a highly experienced police officer having served in both large and small police departments. During her eleven years with the Long Beach Police Department, she served as a patrol officer, field training officer, patrol sergeant, and a detective sergeant.

During the last four years, she has served as the lieutenant, and at times acting police chief in the Mt. Shasta Police Department. As a lieutenant she oversaw patrol, scheduling, training, investigations, special operations, VIPS, background investigations, and policy development.

Besides her considerable law enforcement experience, she is bilingual (English/Spanish) and will be completing her Bachelor's degree this semester. In addition, while she worked in Long Beach and Mt. Shasta, she was very active and involved in those communities.

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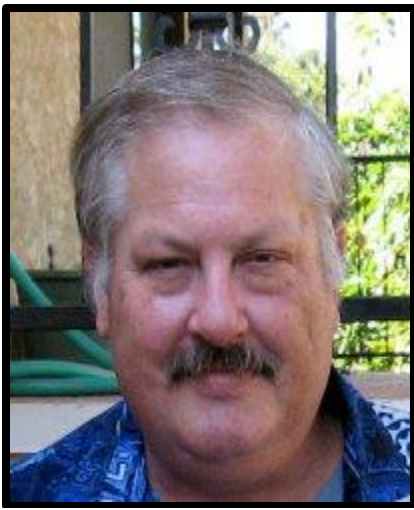
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## Town Considering Possible Public Safety Protection Parcel Tax

The Paradise Town Council is considering whether to submit to the voters in November a public safety protection parcel tax. (Please, refer to the link on our website home page that identifies the staff report that was submitted to the Council at their regular meeting on March 9, 2010).

The Town Council has set a specially noticed public meeting for April 21, 2010, at 6:00 pm, in the Town Council Chambers, to consider whether to introduce an ordinance for the parcel tax that would be placed before the voters in November.

The public hearing will allow citizens to voice their opinion on the possible parcel tax, and to offer their ideas and suggestions. A two-thirds vote is required for passage of this possible parcel tax.



## Joel Lindstadt 1957 - 2010

Memorial Services were held for Joel Lindstadt, 53, on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Paradise United Methodist Church in Paradise. Joel passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, on March 13<sup>th</sup> after a 2-year battle with cancer. He was born February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1957 in Westpoint, Nebraska to Jack and Carol Lindstadt. Joel served in the Marine Corp. and was a Police Officer for the Cotati, CA Police Dept. for 2 years. In his youth, he was in Civil Air Patrol. "Joey," as he was known to his friends, was one of the original 1980 Paradise Police Officers and retired in 2008. Joel raised a family and was known for his wit and humor. Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Paradise Police Officers' Association for scholarships in Joel's name, Paradise Police Department, 5595 Black Olive Drive, Paradise, CA 95969. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.bidwellchapel.com](http://www.bidwellchapel.com)

## Tim Cooper, 2009 Officer of the Year

The 2009 Paradise Police Department Officer of the year is Tim Cooper. Tim has been a lifelong Butte County resident, mostly in the Paradise Ridge area. In May of 2005, Tim was hired by the Paradise Police Department. Tim is currently working on his Bachelors Degree majoring in Criminal Justice and hopes to obtain his degree in 2011. 2009 was a very busy year for Tim. First and most important, he and his finance Ashley were recently engaged. Tim is a narcotic K-9 Handler for the department. Tim and his K-9 "Lucy" completed K-9 training and the two have been unstoppable ever since. Lucy has racked up over 50 drug related seizures during the year.

Tim has created and promoted the Paradise Police Department Anonymous Tip Line which has been very successful and authored and executed 5 drug related search warrants. Additionally, Tim has received the *Mothers Against Drunk Driving* award in 2008 and 2009 (and will in 2010 also), along with the coveted CHP 10851 Vehicle Recovery Award in 2008. Congratulations, Tim!

## Other Police Department Recognitions

**Karen Braun, Public Safety Dispatcher of 2009**  
**Sally Landers, VIPS (Volunteer in Police Service) Volunteer of 2009**  
**Rosemarie Clifford, Kalin Patel, Cody Reeves and Elise Saeger, PASH (Paradise Animal Shelter Helper) Volunteers of 2009**

## Captain Curtis Lawrie Firefighter of the Year

Curtis is married to wife, Tessa, and has 4 children. He has been in fire service for 21 years, 17-1/2 of those with the Town of Paradise. Curtis is also an instructor at Butte College Fire Academy and is currently serving on the Butte County Interagency Haz Mat Team and the Butte County Interagency CISM Team. He has a BS degree in Industrial Technology with an emphasis in management from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Captain Lawrie holds many other certifications and he has been the president of the Paradise Firefighter Association for the past 10 years! He continues to serve with expertise and compassion.

## Final Phase of Federal Stimulus Road Improvements

In June, construction is scheduled to start on the major road improvements for the sections of upper Pentz Road and upper Skyway, north of Wagstaff, to the Town limits.

The first phase, which was completed in 2009, was the upper Clark Road section, north of Wagstaff to the Town limits. Both phases will cost \$1.5 million and are being funded by federal stimulus monies.

## Two New Firefighters On Duty for the Town of Paradise!

A very warm welcome to **A.J. Mount**, who comes to us after having served four years in the U.S. Marines Infantry as an 0331 Machine Gunner. A.J. has 2-1/2 years of experience as a Resident Firefighter for Penryn Fire Protection District, as well as one year as a Firefighter for Newcastle. He enjoys spending time with his wife and two dogs; doing just about anything, as long as it is outdoors. Some favorite activities include working out, hunting, wakeboarding, snowboarding and shooting guns. A.J. has an AA in General Education and an AS in Fire Technology.

Another big welcome to **Chris Clow**, who has joined our Paradise Fire Department as of March 29, 2010. Prior, Chris has worked at CAL FIRE and received his paramedic license in 2009. Chris currently works as a part-time paramedic in Merced County. He is excited and enthusiastic to be given the opportunity to work for Paradise Fire and looks forward to a long and prosperous career with us! In his spare time, Chris loves to spend time with his girlfriend and being outdoors.

**A very warm welcome to both A.J. and Chris!**

## Other Recognitions by Acting Fire Chief Jensen

**Louis Flores, Volunteer  
Fire Suppression  
Officer of the Year**

**Debbie Turnbow,  
Volunteer Fire Support  
Officer of the Year**

**Congratulations!!**