



The Week In Review

A Report from the City Manager ~ Vol. 9 / No. 32 ~ August 14, 2009

Council Follow-Up

Update on Councilmember Susan Eggman's request for placement of additional trash and recycling containers in City parks.

Solid Waste & Recycling Division staff conducted a meeting with Parks staff to review the timeline for this project, determine the park site/sites for Phase I, and to review operational concerns related to the type of container to be chosen.

Victory Park will be the pilot site for the first phase of this program, due to its high usage and visibility. The type of container chosen will be above-ground and will require rust-resistant metal and scavenger-resistant construction. A site-plan is currently being developed, and quotes are being obtained for a variety of containers meeting these minimum requirements. Once this information is compiled, a meeting will be held with members of the "Friends of Victory Park" to obtain input for a final selection of containers and locations.

Community Services

The Manteca Mural Society created a wonderful swirling kaleidoscope display at the Manteca Library as a result of this year's **Children's Art in the Park** project. Over 200 butterflies now proudly inhabit both wall and ceiling in a whimsical splash of color. Stop by and let your imagination run wild while experiencing the mystery and wonder of nature unleashed.

Stockton's landmarks were celebrated in a collection of paintings by artist John Carruthers and through a pictorial presentation by Joy Neas on Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Cesar Chavez Central Library, Stockton. More than 40 people viewed "Stockton at Fifty," which presented the 50 current City landmarks plus the recently added old Emergency Hospital at 220 N. San Joaquin St. Neas is the founder of Save Old Stockton. Preserved churches, homes, apartment buildings and hotels were pictured and discussed.

Oak Park Senior Center	
Program	Activity
RSVP	Twenty-two of Oak Park Senior Center's daily volunteers logged over 530 hours of volunteer service through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in July. This is just a fraction of the volunteers at the center who perform light cleaning and maintenance, lead recreation programs and classes, staff the travel desk and more. The center depends on these and other volunteers to stay attractive and provide a pleasant environment for its patrons.
Activities	MEDCORE provided snacks and a presentation on the benefits of massage therapy during a rental in the Social Hall Tuesday. A talk was given by Karen McDougall, CTMP, of BodyBliss Holistic Wellness Center.

Arnold Rue Community Center	
Program	Activity
Summer Camp	This was the final week of Summer Camp at the Arnold Rue Community Center. The eleventh week of camp had 16 campers. Although this camp was small, full time staff worked the camp in order to keep staffing costs to a minimum. Parents from Lincoln Unified and private schools have been very appreciative of the additional weeks this year and hope to have them again next summer.

Arnold Rue Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Teen Program	This week is movie night for the Arnold Rue Teen Program. There are 17 teens signed up for the program and attending the weekly activities on Thursday nights. Starting in September, the teen program will be moved to Tuesday evenings in order to help cover youth sports programs with full-time staff.
Stockton Reads Program	The Arnold Rue Community Center and its programs reported the following numbers throughout the Stockton Reads Program: Ansel Adams After School Program: 4387 items read Arnold Rue Community Center: 772 items read Arnold Rue Senior Program: 3592 items read Clairmont After School Program: 5270 items read Crescent After School Program: 4725 items read Davis After School Program: 5300 items read John Adams After School Program: 856 items read John Muir After School Program: 941 items read Mosher After School Program: 3740 items read Oakwood After School Program: 4455 items read Parklane After School Program: 4500 items read Rio Calaveras After School Program: 2646 items read San Joaquin After School Program: 1954 items read Wagner Holt After School Program: 6273 items read Westwood After School Program: 3688 items read
Sports	Summer basketball league games continued this week for all age brackets at the Arnold Rue Community Center. By developing relationships with the volunteer coaches, Rue staff has been able to supplement the need for officials and scorekeepers in order to minimize costs. The Junior Giants have 223 registrants with all age brackets at capacity. The final round of games will be next week at Panella Park for all 16 teams. Work-Net staff have been officiating all games with help for the volunteer coaches. Participants received a certificate from the Giants and the City of Stockton for their participation in the league.
After School Program	The Before School Program at John Muir has 17 children signed up for the month of August. The After School program at John Muir is at capacity and has 22 children on the waiting list as of this week with more coming in daily. Lodi Unified After School programs have their first early release day next week and staff are working to get coverage at all sites.
Rentals	The Arnold Rue and Seifert Community Centers have a total of eight rentals so far in the month of August. In order to increase revenue from prior customers, appreciation letters were sent out encouraging them to come and rent the facility again in the future.
Senior Program	The Arnold Rue Community Center has 73 seniors signed up at this time for the Senior Program that is held Tuesday through Friday with more signing up each day. One hundred and eleven seniors are signed up to participate in the hot lunch program and 200 participate in the brown bag program. Staff has worked to develop relationships with several of the seniors in order to have them run the day-to-day operations of the senior program. There are also 25-30 additional volunteers that volunteer twice a month for the brown bag program. With the new hours of operation for the Oak Park Senior Center, seniors have been encouraged to come to the Arnold Rue Community Center to utilize the fitness room during evenings and weekends. Approximately 40 seniors a week are taking advantage of the additional time with more coming weekly once they learn that they can come outside the allocated senior program hours.

Arnold Rue Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Instructional Classes	Due to the facility hours being reduced at the Oak Park Senior Center several classes have switched over to the Arnold Rue Community Center. This week the Round Dance Class and Ikebana class transitioned over with success. Throughout the next couple of weeks the following classes will transition as well: Beginning Ballet, Pre School Dance, Baton, Manners classes and Middle Eastern Belly Dance.

Stribley Community Center	
Program	Activity
After School Express Program (ASE)	After School Express will resume at the community center on Tuesday August 18th. Staff is currently passing out information on the program to participants in the center as well as around the neighborhood. There are currently 13 kids that have signed up. A lot of new things have been added to the program, including cooking and a kid's fitness club.
Senior Program	Seniors take advantage of their time in the center by working out in the weight room and doing aerobics in the gymnasium to workout DVD's. The seniors also eat a hot lunch at the center every day between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
COS Gymnastics	More students are being recruited to join this awesome program. A few of the classes are being held outside, with gymnasts and staff going out into the park with their mats and doing demos and handing out flyers. Staff hopes this will boost registration once people see what the program is really about.
Nancy Gymnastics	The morning tot gymnastics program has resumed after their summer break. Ms. Nancy has a group of children that love her program. Parents also enjoy being able to spend time with their children in this program.
Ladies Fit Club	Ladies Holiday Workout will start Tuesday, September 1. This is a spin-off from the Ladies Fitness Club. Besides working out and reaching their weight loss goals, the program will feature contests with great donated prizes. The ladies will meet twice a week with Pilates and The Firm fitness being their choice of workout. The cost for this will be \$30 for five weeks. A lot of women have just been out walking the park while their children participate in the Yellowjacket tackle football and cheerleading program that utilizes Stribley Park for their practices. The ladies will have an opportunity to sign up for this program and see their weight loss and fitness goals go through the roof.
Teens	The Young Life Teen Club will start selling concessions at sports games and other center activities in September. The first Young Life Teen Club meeting will be September 2. The teens will be electing officers and making plans for what they would like to do for their club as well as the center for this upcoming year. The first thing on the agenda will be a Teen Rummage sale that the kids plan to hold in the center parking lot. The teens will rent stalls in the parking lot for \$20 dollars. This gives people in the neighborhood the opportunity to clear out things they no longer needed. This will be scheduled before the weather gets bad. The Young Life Teen Club will meet two times a week.
Jr. Giants Practices and Games	Next week is the last week for the Jr. Giant's games and practices. The season went very well. A lot of the participants and coaches were able to attend a few of the San Francisco Giants game with their families and friends. Free tickets, hot dog and soda coupons were given to the kids by the San Francisco Giants Association.

Stribley Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Youth Sports	Registrations are currently being taken for the following youth programs for ages pre-K-8th grade: Volleyball, Flag Football and Indoor Soccer.
R.A.P.	The Recreation for All People (RAP) continues to host programs for people with disabilities, including basketball, volleyball, drama, singing and dancing and their daily lunch. The participants are even getting time to workout in our weight room with the supervision of their counselors. Person Center Services (PCS) will be holding their end of the summer dance for all of their partners Tuesday, August 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Open Gym/Fitness	The fitness room is used in the daily basis by our six fitness members plus high school age teenagers.
Instructional Classes	Basketball Success Association (BSA) will be running a basketball clinic for the next six weeks. This clinic is held on Saturdays. The group hosted its last No Limit Basketball Clinic for children ages 5-18 for this session Saturday. The next session will run September 5-October 3. The five class session is \$30 for elementary and junior high students and \$50 for high school participants. This is the third clinic at and has had a good outcome of participants come out and learn skills and sportsmanship for the game.

Human Resources

The 10th and final round of the City of Stockton Annual Ping pong tournament was held on Wednesday SEB/Public Works vs. HR/Admin the score was MUD 8 SEB 0. The next scheduled match is a playoff game between MUD and CDD at the Civic Auditorium Wednesday at noon.

Workforce planning conducted bilingual examinations during the week of Aug 13, 2009.

Human Resources conducted oral examinations for the position of Stormwater Outreach Coordinator on Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

On Tuesday, Forrest Story from Public Sector Excellence facilitated "How to Conduct Effective Performance Evaluations" to many City employees and a guest from the Port of Stockton.

Three Port of Stockton employees and three City employees attended "Personal Effectiveness in the Workplace" facilitated by Cynthia Chapa from Workplace Wellness.

Peacekeepers

Peacekeepers assisted a school resource officer at Edison High School mediate a conflict between several students and prevented racial hostility. The Outreach Workers were also involved in two separate conflict mediations between rival gang members at Edison.

A teacher at Edison High School requested that an Outreach Worker speak to 45 of her students about the consequences of gangs and provide positive alternatives.

An Outreach Worker, Program Coordinator and several Asian community leaders met with Congressman Dennis Cardoza to discuss important issues concerning the Asian community.

A school administrator requested a follow-up visit from an Outreach Worker to talk to a student whose brother was shot to provide support and prevent retaliation.

An administrator from Bear Creek High School referred a new student gang member from the Bay Area to Peacekeepers. An Outreach Worker met with the student to offer assistance and mentor services.

Peacekeepers enrolled clients in the following programs/agencies: Youth Build of San Joaquin (9); Point Break Adolescent Program (5); Probation Crossroads (3); Charter House Tattoo Removal (1); SPYA Boxing Program (1); and County Alternative School (1).

The Peacekeeper manager met with representatives of Bear Creek and McNair High schools along with other agencies to discuss involvement in after school activities. The Peacekeeper manager suggested that youth outreach workers, who are currently working with 4th-8th graders at the “feeder” schools, have the other half of their work day funded by Lodi School District in order to allow them to be an integral part of the high school after school programs that are being developed. Doing so would provide continuity between efforts for at-risk youths in both the high school and those who will go to that same high school in the future. Additional meetings will be held. If this works as suggested, it is anticipated there will be a possible January 2010 roll out.

The Peacekeeper manager had 2 different grandmothers call, desperate for help with grandchildren they are trying to raise. In both cases the youths are males (14 and 15) where the father of the youth is in prison and the mothers are not responsible parties. These cases were referred to outreach workers in order to evaluate the situation and provide whatever help and/or further referral that is available.

Police Department

Stockton Police Department handled 6,892 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of August 6 - 12, 2009.

Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (August 3 - 9, 2009)	
Action	Number
Field Interviews Conducted	69
Arrests	11 felony; 0 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	1 felony; 9 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	60
Citations Issued	14
Cars Towed	6
Searches	13 probation; 12 parole
Confiscations	2.00gr. marijuana; 0.39 gr. meth; 2.39 gr. heroin; 0.00 rock/cocaine
Guns	3 (GSET has confiscated 1,092 firearms since inception).

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,135 vacant properties within the City.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 35,367 square feet of graffiti. Over 166 pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 45 rental properties resulted in 31 failures. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the property owners of failed properties. Fourteen properties were not available for inspection; a notice was posted to each dwelling informing the residents of the re-scheduled inspection date. Notices to Inspect were posted to 96 properties with inspections scheduled to begin August 26, 2009.

The victim reported he was inside a residence with the suspect, in the 400 block of W. Anderson, when they became involved in an argument. The suspect struck the victim several times with an iron weight. He was arrested at the scene and booked into County Jail.

The victim reported that the suspect approached her, punched her several times, and took \$400; they were in the 400 block of W. Worth. Officers located and arrested the suspect in a nearby park; he was booked into County Jail.

In the 2200 block of S. Manthey, Officers arrested a subject for trespassing after he was found staying in a room at a nearby motel without paying. He also was found to have one felony warrant for stolen property, two local misdemeanor warrants and was wanted for two residential burglaries. The suspect was booked into County Jail.

During a checkout of an intoxicated person in the 400 block of E. Fremont, Officers located a loaded handgun in his right front pocket. The suspect was arrested for a carrying a concealed weapon, three warrants and several miscellaneous misdemeanor charges; he was booked into County Jail.

The victim was visiting in the 800 block of W. Weber, when he was called outside by the suspect. The suspect questioned the victim about the victim touching the suspect's girlfriend earlier in the night. The victim denied touching the suspect's girlfriend; the suspect started hitting him with a piece of solid, one-inch, glass rod. The victim retreated into the residence and tried to shut the front door. The suspect forced the door open and continued to strike the victim with the glass rod and closed fists. The victim sustained a laceration to his head and one to his left wrist. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail on multiple charges.

Officers responded to the 900 block of Burkett, on a report of person standing outside the location with a gun and threatening to kill the victim inside. On arrival, Officers detained the subject. A permissive search of the suspect's vehicle revealed a loaded .45 caliber handgun and 500 rounds of ammunition. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail.

Three suspects entered the victim's house in the 1000 block of W. Magnolia through a bedroom window, and put the victim's property into pillow cases. The suspects walked to another house on the block and knocked on the door to see if anyone was home. Once they found the house to be occupied, they returned to the victim's house to pick up the stolen property. Upon arrival, Officers located the suspects. All three suspects were arrested and booked into County Jail. The stolen property was recovered and released to the victim.

Officers received a LOJACK hit on a reported stolen vehicle which had been stolen in Auburn, CA. They located the vehicle near March/Interstate 5 and arrested the three occupants without incident. A handgun was located in the center console of the vehicle. The suspects were booked into County Jail.

The suspect stole two bottles of liquor at the SMART Foods on Pacific and was chased on foot by store security. Officers in the area viewed the chase; they pursued the suspect, who jumped a barbed wire fence into the U.S. Post Office secured lot, climbed the building, and then jumped off the 30-foot roof. The suspect continued running and was tased by Officers and then taken into custody.

The victim called to report her car had just been stolen by the suspect (boyfriend) and advised he was in the 700 block of Ponce De Leon. Officers responded and took the suspect into custody without incident. He was transported and booked into County Jail.

An Officer attempted to stop a motorcyclist for a traffic violation. He failed to yield and tried to get away by riding into a nearby field. The suspect dumped his motorcycle and was apprehended. The pursuit lasted less than a minute and covered less than a quarter of a mile. The suspect was arrested for driving under the influence, unlicensed driver, evading police, resisting arrest and parole violation.

Public Works

Facilities Maintenance Crew	
Location	Work Performed
-----	27 Work Requests completed
Billy Hebert Field	Completed final repairs to the maintenance yard gate, repaired faucets at concourse restrooms.
Cesar Chavez Library	Repaired/replaced lights.
City Hall	Repaired/replaced lights, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Civic Auditorium	Corrected boiler makeup issue.
Dorothy L. Jones Center	Replaced cores, replaced improperly installed door buzzer/release switch, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Fire Station #2	Replaced rotted vent pipe, repaired/replaced lights.
Fire Station #5	Repaired kitchen sink drain.
Louis Park	Removed boat ramp for repairs.
MUD	Northwest Pumping Station - repaired door from break in and reinforced other doors. Repaired/replaced lights, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Pixie Woods	Started repair work on the Neptune Castle.
Police Department (Main)	Painted the holding cell area, and fingerprint area, repaired/replaced lights, repaired/replaced emergency lights, and repaired failed main supply fan electrical overload issue.
Police Department (North)	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
SEB	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Troke Library	Assembled children's furniture, repaired toilet.
Van Buskirk Center	Repaired smoke detectors, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Victory Park	Completed repairs to line break at Victory Park, and concrete was poured.

Tree Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
2	Trees trimmed
1	Tree removed
12	Tree inspections
15	Tree limbs down

Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew	
Quantity	Work Orders Completed
52	Street Light Corrective Maintenance
4	Street Light Damage Recovery
7	Street Light Field Orders
5	Street Light Service Requests
3	Traffic Signal Field Orders
165	Underground Service Alert Request Calls Cleared
1	Underground Service Alert Request: Traffic Signal Runs
17	Underground Service Alert Requests: Street Light Runs
----	Crews responded to an emergency call out for traffic signals malfunctioning at Harding/California.

Sign Shop and Sign Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
2	'No Trespassing' signs manufactured
10	Decals for MUD manufactured
10	'No Truck' signs manufactured
16	Street name signs manufactured
6	Street name signs replaced
2	Dock signs for CBM manufactured
6	Median barrier signs manufactured and replaced
2	Arrow turn warning signs manufactured
36	Truck terminal signs installed
12	Knockdowns repaired
1	'Right Lane Turns Right' sign replaced

Paint Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
800	Feet of red curb re-painted
2	Streets striped
10	Parking blocks installed
1	Median island re-painted in thermoplastic
25	Delineators installed
32	Low Profile block lane delineators installed

Parking Meters	
Quantity	Work Performed
15	Parking meters removed for Marina project
75	Parking meters repaired/maintained

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	
Council District	Status
Council District 6	Corona Park Area: Application received and added to the waiting list (# 21) for the southwest quadrant of the City.

On Friday, August 14, 2009, the American Public Works Association (APWA) Sacramento Chapter awarded the Airport Way Streetscape Beautification Phase 1 Project with the 2009 Project of the Year Award, for the Parks and Trails \$3-5 million project size category, at an award ceremony in Sacramento. The award is one of 22 'Project of the Year' awards given by APWA Sacramento Chapter. The APWA Sacramento Chapter will submit this project for the national competition for the same category.

The criteria used in the selection included construction management, on-time completion, safety, environmental considerations, community relations and unusual and unique project accomplishments.

The Airport Way Streetscape Beautification Phase 1 Project reconstructed the medians and frontages, and installed landscaping between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Tenth Street. Construction was completed in May 2009. The project was funded with a \$2 million federal Transportation Enhancement Act Grant, and \$5 million in Strong Neighborhood Initiative funds.

The March Lane/Pershing Avenue project has removed 500 feet of existing median island and four trees on March Lane west of Pershing Avenue. The cleared median area was excavated to a depth of two feet and back-filled with compacted aggregate base and asphalt concrete, creating an additional eastbound turn-lane. Work also started on construction of the new median. It is anticipated that the western median island work will be completed by the middle of next week.

Construction for the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September, 2009. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operations at the March Lane and Pershing Avenue intersection. The project is funded with a Federal Hazard Elimination Safety grant and San Joaquin County Measure K Transportation sales tax funds. The contractor is Knife River Construction.

Construction continues for the California Street Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Improvements Project, between Arcade Street and Alpine Avenue. The new lighted crosswalk and wheelchair ramps have been installed along California Street at the Arcade Street intersection. Storm drain work (installation of maintenance holes, inlets and laterals) is complete; and demolition is currently taking place for proposed new curb, gutter, sidewalk and wheelchair ramps. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of September 2009.

In general, the project will install a lighted crosswalk at the Arcade intersection, new storm drain improvements, new curb, gutter, sidewalk and wheelchair ramps where none exist; and repair existing curb, gutter and sidewalk along California Street between Arcade Street and Alpine Avenue.

Public Work's Solid Waste & Recycling division met with the City's franchised haulers, Allied Waste & Waste Management, on August 11 to discuss materials for a tenants recycling kit for multi-family units. The kits will be made available to residents of four multi-family housing units that are participating in a pilot for a new recycling program. AB 939 fees, as well as hauler contributions, provide funds for this multi-family unit recycling program.

**City Manager's
Message**

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Teri Bentz and Laurie Montes; Dave Harzoff; and Joe Maestretti and Carol Marshall. I attended Police Chief Blair Ulring's Badge Pinning Ceremony.

Mayor Johnston and I met with Rick Henrikson, Regional Vice President of Operations, GF Management, regarding the Lexington Hotel. Deputy Fire Chief Lance Calkins and I held our regular meeting regarding OES issues. Jim Giottonini and I discussed SJAFCA issues. Mayor Johnston, Deputy Police Chief Mark Helms, Florence Low and I met regarding a city-wide cleanup project.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND

**J. GORDON PALMER, JR.
CITY MANAGER**