

**Council  
Follow-Up**

At the Council meeting of August 18, Deborah Gurley reported that branches from a tree located near the intersection of 10th/Tiffany were obscuring the stop sign at the intersection. An inspection on August 19 confirmed the extent of the problem, and staff from the Tree Division removed the branches on August 20.

Public Works staff met with Mr. Roy Hoggard, who requested a Quiet Zone be established at Alpine and West Lane. Staff described the lengthy process, the improvements which will need to be made to the railroad crossings, and the fact that this area falls under both City and County jurisdictions. In order to accomplish Mr. Hoggard's request for a "no horn zone" all three crossings will need to be improved: one crossing is in the County, the other two border both City and County. Staff will be approaching San Joaquin County Public Works to determine their interest in pursuing a "Quiet Zone." Discussions will continue.

**Municipal  
Utilities**

**MUD REPORT FROM CAPE CANAVERAL - August 28, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Note: This message is directly from Gil Hernandez, Plant Maintenance Mechanic at the Municipal Utilities Department. Gil is Astronaut JOSE HERNANDEZ's brother.

Greetings from Cape Canaveral! I am very fortunate to be here with my family, friends, and Regent Board Members from the University of the Pacific preparing for tonight's hopeful launch of Discovery Flight STS-128 to the International Space Station. As for clearance, Captain Kirk has cleared the airspace and the USS Enterprise will be shadowing my brother, Jose's, shuttle launch. Beam me up Scotty!

So far we have been anxiously awaiting a go since August 6th but we have vowed to standby and gut it out until the stars align, the skies cooperate and we have lift-off. This has been a very rewarding and educational experience. If you ever get the opportunity to view a space shuttle launch I highly recommend you take advantage of it. So far I have toured Kennedy Space Center, gone to the beach, swam in the ocean and the pool, shopped, and visited Epcot Center (Disney World). The humidity keeps everyone far too hot but the sudden, intense rain showers do help.

Man, this waiting thing is pure torture!

Saludos to all my associates, members of management, Lehua Macias, and Mark Madison. Thank you very much for all of your thoughts and support!

Go Discovery!!

Godspeed,  
Gil Hernandez

**Community  
Services**

The Stockton Sports Commission Junior Classic took place at The Reserve Golf Course Monday through Thursday, August 24-27. There were 99 boys and girls golfing from all over the country in addition to players from Mexico and Japan, ages 12-18, competing in the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) event. It was the second time the event was held in Stockton. On Sunday, August 23, the AJGA players put on a golf clinic for members in the First Tee of San Joaquin. It was a huge success and gave the local members a chance to learn from their peers. On Tuesday, the players and families were treated to a night out at John's Incredible Pizza for food and games. Over 100 hotel rooms were filled per day as families and friends also made the trip to Stockton. There were also a number of college golf coaches that attended as they scouted the top talent. The Sports Commission will host the event again next year.

On Saturday, August 15, 2009 the Tracy Branch Library held a writing workshop presented by *Plague Year* author Jeff Carlson. The fifteen adults in attendance had an enjoyable afternoon with the author who shared tips about writing, information about how to work with editors and publishers and stories about what he went through to get his own works published.

Over 80 preschoolers and their caregivers attended storytime at the Chavez Library on August 20. Storytimes are a way for young children to be exposed to great picture books that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytimes continue at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday morning at the Chavez Library.

On Monday, August 25, parents, students and staff of Rosa Parks Academy gathered in the Community Room of the Maya Angelou Branch to host their first School Night of the 2009-10 school year. Over 100 people attended the event to share information, view presentations and explore the library. Principal Mary Welch was presented with a list of the 99 students who participated in the Library's Summer Reading Club, and she recognized those students with a "free dress day" reward. Several classes rehearsed and performed for the audience at the Rosa Parks School Night the song "Do the Rosa Parks." The song, from the new library book *Hip Hop Speaks to Children* (includes a compact disc), had been introduced to summer students in July. Following the information sessions, families used the branch to find information, check out materials and use Internet computers.

This week the library received new preliminary FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps along with the recently revised Flood Insurance Study for San Joaquin County. The public can use these maps to find if their property is at risk for flooding. The maps and study are available at the Chavez Central Library.

<b>Oak Park Senior Center</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Events	Oak Park Senior Center staff and volunteers have started to organize a holiday arts and craft fair that will be held in November. The Wednesday morning craft group raises a significant amount of money for the center throughout the year, but the holidays are a great time to sell gifts and warm accessories for the winter season.
Tea Dances	Weekly tea dances continue to feature live music every Thursday at Oak Park Senior Center. The dances have moved from afternoons to an earlier 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. schedule due to the center's reduced hours.

<b>Aquatics</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Oak Park Pool Open Swim	Open swim sessions during on weekdays Tuesday-Friday have been canceled due to lack of attendance. Last weekend the pool served 140 patrons over the weekend, which was a good turnout considering the weather. Oak Park Pool will remain open from 12 to 5 p.m. for the next two weekends with the final day of open swim on Labor Day Monday, September 7. A Labor Day special admission of \$1 per person is being promoted and the aquatics staff invites everyone to come have one more dip in the pool for 2009.
Strut Your Mutt and Dog Day Afternoon	Stockton Animal Shelter Friends and Community Services held the annual "Strut Your Mutt" and "Dog Day Afternoon" at Victory Park Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dogs walked around the park and participated in various contests such as the biggest dog, smallest dog, best dressed, etc. After that, the dogs cooled down by swimming in Victory Park pool. There were six sessions with 18 dogs per session. There were also six swimming races with ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; winning canines also received a treat. It was a great day and another successful event for this community and their pets.

<b>Adult Sports Programs, Facilities and Rentals</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Adult Basketball	Season 3 games concluded this week. The championship game will be held at Stribley Community Center gym for the D2 division.
Adult Softball	City League Softball concludes this week at Louis and Oak Park. All Friday night divisions had playoffs this week. Due to several overhead lights that have not yet been replaced at the Oak Park Softball diamonds, the games were switched to optic softballs, which are easier to see in the dark due to their bright yellow color. Season 3 Softball begins next week, and 45 team managers attended the pre-season meeting Monday night at Valley Brew.
Adult Sports Registration	Softball Season 3 registration ended last week. There are 140 teams registered. Basketball Season 4 registration ends this week.
Field Rentals/Events	Hebert and Louis Park are both rented for tournaments this weekend. McNair soccer fields are rented this weekend by various organizations.

<b>Arnold Rue Community Center</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Teen Program	This week featured open discussion night for the Arnold Rue Teen Program. There were 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 to use staff more efficiently.
Sports	The summer basketball league has 286 people registered for 31 teams. Games finished this week for all age brackets at the Arnold Rue Community Center. By developing relationships with the volunteer coaches, Rue staff has supplemented official and scorekeeper positions in order to minimize costs. Flyers are going out to basketball participants and all 14 after school sites to encourage enrollment in the upcoming flag football and volleyball season.
After School Program	The Before School program at John Muir School has 17 children signed up for the month of August. The After School program at John Muir is at capacity and has 20 children on the waiting list as of this week with more coming in daily. Interviews are being held this week for vacancies in Stockton Unified After School Programs.
Rentals	Arnold Rue and Seifert Community Centers have a total of nine rentals in the month of August. Wal-Mart will be renting the facility this Saturday for their annual member picnic, using the multi-purpose room, gymnasium, and Mallard Picnic Site. Their staff will enjoy the gym for a basketball game and the party will feature a bounce house for the kids.
Senior Program	The Arnold Rue Community Center has 83 members signed up for the Senior Program that is held Tuesday through Friday. Also, 112 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 approximately 25-30 additional volunteers that volunteer twice a month for the brown bag program. With the reduced 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. Staff have partnered with Walgreen's to offer a flu clinic for seniors on October 15.
Instructional Classes	Due to the facility hour reduction at the Oak Park Senior Center several classes have switched over to the Arnold Rue Community Center. The Round Dance Class, Ikebana, Beginning Ballet, Pre School Dance, and Baton class have transitioned over successfully.

**Fire  
Department**

<b>Calls for Service August 21–August 27, 2009</b>	
8	Structure Fires
13	Vehicle fires
35	Fire Alarms
36	Vehicle Accidents
6	Hazmat Calls
70	Miscellaneous Calls
5	Grass fires
637	Medical Calls
<b>810</b>	<b>Total calls</b>

<b>Fire Prevention- Plan Checks, Inspections, Hood &amp; Duct Systems and Fire Systems Tests</b>	
4	Final Fire Inspections
3	Visual/Hydro Inspections
2	Fire Alarm Inspections
4	Hood & Duct Inspection
3	CCL Inspections
0	Underground Fire Sprinkler Inspections
4	Special System Inspections

<b>Fire / Arson Investigations</b>	
2	Buildings fire
9	Fire, other
0	Mobile property (vehicle) fire
1	Fires in structures other than in a building
10	Passenger vehicle fire
3	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
0	Trash or rubbish fire, contained
0	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
0	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
3	Grass fire
1	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
<b>29</b>	<b>Total Fires</b>
<b>\$76,000.00</b>	<b>Total Estimated Dollar Loss</b>
<b>\$2,590,850.00</b>	<b>Total Estimated Pre-Incident Value</b>

Fire Prevention staff reviewed 14 building plans and fire suppression systems.

**Peacekeepers**

A Youth Outreach Worker (YOW) helped register three youths for school. The youths (8<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) are nephews of a current client who wants his nephews to do well and requested help.

Youth outreach workers assisted two youths in obtaining employment, and three female youths were referred to a cosmetology program.

An outreach worker helped prevent a fight from spreading to the total of 25-30 youths who were at the scene of a fight at Chavez High.

At the request of school staff, a YOW conducted a meeting with 8 youths at McNair High who caused some problems at the school. The meeting seemed to have a positive outcome. The situation will be monitored.

One youth was referred to Gang Awareness Class.

A YOW received a referral from staff at Jane Fredrick High.

A mother of one of the youths recently killed in a shooting was assisted and referred to the group Victims of Violent Crime.

Youth Outreach Workers attended the funerals of two youths killed recently to comfort the families and to try and diminish the possibilities of retaliation.

A female YOW and the group of female clients met with District Attorney's Office representatives to discuss the upcoming girls' conference. Several of the clients will sit on a panel for gang awareness as part of the conference. D.A. representatives commented on being impressed by the enthusiasm and focus of the at-risk females who are part of the group.

A vice-principal at Stagg High requested assistance regarding several youths on campus who were indicating potential for gang activity. A YOW subsequently placed 6 of these youths on his caseload at level one (evaluation).

The Peacekeepers team conducted an awareness class regarding consequences and alternatives to a group of 25 youths 16-17 years old at Juvenile Hall at the request of facility staff.

The YOW who is assigned to Youth Build is assisting staff overview and manage the first month of challenges called "Mental Toughness". Youth during this time are challenged with exercise, formations and no-excuses homework. To continue in the program they must successfully complete this phase. Youths are also drug-tested to continue to emphasize that, in addition to learning a trade, part of the program is to prepare them for the future workplace. At this point all youths referred to the program by youth outreach workers are still with the program and doing their part.

The Peacekeeper manager and a YOW attended Vice Mayor Miller's town hall meeting at Hampton Square (819 E. Hammer) to provide an overview of the program and to answer questions.



Stockton Police Department handled 6,864 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of August 20 - 26, 2009.

<b>Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (August 17 - 23, 2009)</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Number</b>
Field Interviews Conducted	91
Arrests	11 felony; 2 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	0 felony; 1 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	73
Citations Issued	16
Cars Towed	5
Searches	8 probation; 11 parole
Confiscations	24.31gr. marijuana; 6.75 gr. meth; 0.00 gr. heroin; 2.29 rock/cocaine; 20.00 gr. morphine
Guns	4 (GSET has confiscated 1,096 firearms since inception).

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,098 vacant properties within the City.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 36,940 square feet of graffiti. Over 197 pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 39 rental properties resulted in 30 failures. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the failed property owners. Six properties were not available for inspection. A notice was posted to each dwelling informing the residents of the re-scheduled inspection date. Three properties were found to be vacant and foreclosed. Notices to Inspect were posted to 120 properties with inspections scheduled to begin September 9, 2009.

The City of Stockton will be reimbursed \$71,848.03 by the State of California Abandoned Vehicle Program for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

The victim was sitting in his vehicle in the Rite-Aid parking lot, at El Dorado/Hammer. The suspect walked up to the victim and said something to him but the victim only spoke Cambodian. The suspect opened the driver's door and drug the victim out of the vehicle. The suspect drove northbound on El Dorado until he saw a responding unit coming southbound. The suspect abandoned the vehicle near Glencannon and ran. The suspect was captured in the 8400 block of Melrose after two block searches and booked into County Jail. He was charged with carjacking, resisting arrest, possession of a stolen vehicle and parole violation.

Traffic Officers conducted a DUI checkpoint, pursuant to an Office of Traffic Safety Grant, in the eastbound lanes of March at Hillsboro. A total of 819 cars passed through the checkpoint. Officers arrested four drivers for driving under the influence, 12 other subjects were evaluated for DUI and found to be under the .08 legal limit, 27 citations were issued and 23 vehicles impounded.

Officers initiated a traffic stop at Hammer/Lan Ark on a vehicle that had expired registration tags. The driver was found to be unlicensed and on probation. Officers asked to do a search of the vehicle, the driver consented. The rear passenger was found to be in possession of a loaded .40 caliber semi auto pistol; he claimed he carried the gun for self-defense. Officers arrested the passenger for carrying a loaded and concealed weapon.

An off-duty Officer was walking in the 10000 block of Noyo and came upon a burglary in progress. He identified himself as a police officer and attempted to detain the suspects who fought with him. They were able to escape in a 1990 Honda Civic and struck the off-duty Officer with their car as they drove away. The Officer suffered a skinned knee, elbows and a bump to his head. The owner of the Honda later called Police dispatch to report that he had been carjacked an hour earlier. Responding Officers recognized that he fit the description of the burglary suspect. The off-duty Officer positively identified the subject as the burglar and driver of the vehicle that hit him. Officers booked the suspect into County Jail and charged him with burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy to commit a crime. The second suspect remains outstanding.

Officers were dispatched to a prowler call in the 4400 block of Dorset. The Officers located a subject matching the description of the suspect and detained him. The suspect broke away and ran. A search was conducted and the suspect was located behind 4437 Denby; he resisted arrest and OC spray was deployed. Upon further investigation, the homeowner reported the suspect had pulled the rear window screen off; she slammed the window closed to keep him out. Prior, he had tried to open the back door of the residence. Officers arrested the suspect for attempted burglary, resisting arrest and parole violation.

The victim reported he argued with his girlfriend, the suspect, in the 400 block of S. Central. The suspect obtained a kitchen knife and stabbed the victim numerous times in the back, head and hands. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail.

Officers were advised of a subject with a handgun, in the 400 block of E. Martin Luther King. When Officers entered the rear of the location, the suspect went outside and placed the gun near a tree. Camera One observed the incident and advised responding Officers, who retrieved the .38 revolver and arrested the suspect.

Traffic Officers from Stockton, Lodi, Ripon and Lathrop Police Departments conducted a DUI Saturation Mission pursuant to the countywide "AVOID THE 10" Office of Traffic Safety Grant. Officers arrested six drivers for driving under the influence, 1 subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant and found to be in possession of 4 gr. of crystal methamphetamine. Officers issued 30 citations and impounded 9 vehicles.

California Highway Patrol and Stockton Police Officers continued a collaborative effort to provide increased proactive traffic enforcement and law enforcement services directed at areas plagued by violent crime, street robberies, gang activity and street-level narcotics. During the mission, Officers conducted a total of 84 stops/contacts, issued 36 citations, towed 7 vehicles, impounded 8 vehicles, arrested one subject for a weapons charge, conducted 19 probation/parole searches and conducted 75 field interviews.

An Officer attempted to make a traffic stop at Bristol/Plymouth. The vehicle failed to yield and a short pursuit ensued, reaching a speed of 35 MPH. The suspect lost control of the vehicle as he attempted to drive the wrong way on Plymouth. The suspect abandoned the vehicle and was caught after a short foot pursuit; the vehicle was found to be stolen out of Tracy. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail.

Officers contacted the suspect in the 2700 block of Horizon, after they saw him walk behind a parked vehicle and drop something behind the rear tire. Officers checked the area and located a .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun. The suspect was arrested without incident.

**Public Works**

<b>Facilities Maintenance Crew</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
-----	25 Work Requests completed
Animal Shelter	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Arnold Rue Community Center	Installed a t.v. wall support bracket, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Cesar Chavez Library	Repaired/replaced lights.
City Attorney's Office	Completed office system furniture rearrangement.
City Hall	Assisted Sahargun Plumbing in replacing the main water supply line, replaced water filter, rebuilt flushing valves, repaired/replaced lights, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment, repaired cooling tower.
Civic Auditorium	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Fire Station #2	Repaired door, repaired/replaced lights.
Impact Teen Center	Repaired the front door, repaired/replaced lights.
Maya Angelou Library	Repaired bell.
MUD	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Oak Park Senior Center	Restored power.
Permit Center	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Police Department (Main)	Repaired faucets and cleared drains, installed keyboard tray, repaired/replaced lights, repaired emergency lights.
Police Department (North)	Removed floor tile and some surface coat concrete to assist the IT Dept. in locating the 4" data conduit line, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Risk Management Department	Completed office remodel.
SEB	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Troke Library	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Van Buskirk Community Center	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment.
Victory Park	Replaced bathroom partition.

<b>Tree Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
9	Tree inspections
32	Tree limbs down

<b>Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Orders Completed</b>
37	Street Light Corrective Maintenance
1	Street Light Damage Recovery
15	Street Light Field Orders
6	Street Light Service Requests
1	Traffic Signal Damage Recovery
12	Traffic Signal Field Orders
9	Traffic Signal Service Requests
156	Underground Service Alert Request Calls Cleared
5	Underground Service Alert Requests: Traffic Signal Runs
2	Underground Service Alert Requests: Streetlight Runs
----	The crew responded to an emergency call out for a streetlight knocked down at Main and B.
----	The crew finished installing pre-emption detectors at Hammer and Holman.

<b>Sign Shop and Sign Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
54	'Speed Limit' signs manufactured
14	'No Parking' signs manufactured
30	'No Parking' signs installed
21	Knockdowns repaired
6	'No Parking' signs replaced
6	New street name signs installed
10	Project signs installed for rubberized asphalt overlay
4	'Neighborhood Watch' signs installed
2	Barricades rebuilt
6	CRMS complaints completed

<b>Paint Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
500	Feet of red curb re-painted
8,254	Feet of bike lane re-painted
7,588	Feet of edge line re-painted
3	Streets measured for lane markings on overlay project
90	'STOP' legends re-painted
75	'STOP' legends inspected

Parking Meters	
Quantity	Work Performed
75	Parking meters repaired/maintained

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	
Council District	Status
Council District 2	Villa Dorado Area: Field review has been completed in preparation for the kick-off meeting scheduled for September 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Council District 3	Sherwood Manor East Area: Teichert Construction started work in this neighborhood on August 20 <sup>th</sup> installing five speed humps and two speed cushions. Remaining work will be completed the week of August 31 <sup>st</sup> .
Council District 4	Caldwell Village Monterey Area: Teichert Construction completed installation of 19 speed humps on August 18 <sup>th</sup> .  Venetian Bridges-Angelico Area: Teichert Construction completed installation of seven speed humps and six speed cushions on August 19 <sup>th</sup> .  Calaveras Estates Area: City crews completed installing all Speed Hump and Advisory warning signs in the neighborhood. Construction will be completed the week of August 31 <sup>st</sup> .
Council District 5	City Park Gardens Area: Field review has been completed in preparation for the kick-off meeting scheduled for September 21 <sup>st</sup> .

On Saturday August 19, a youth group from the Church of Latter Day Saints undertook a volunteer park improvement project at Atherton Park. The effort was coordinated by Councilmember Fritchen. The group collected trash and completed extensive repainting of the picnic tables, benches, the ball field bleachers and backstop.

The March Lane/Pershing Avenue project has installed asphalt for the additional left-turn lane on eastbound March Lane. The median has been rebuilt and striping applied. Half of the new left-turn lane was opened to traffic on August 25. Work on Phase 3 began on August 27. The first items of work for Phase 3 are setting up traffic control, clearing and grubbing. Median work should take a couple of weeks to complete. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of September 2009.

Stantec has submitted final plans and specifications for the Thornton Road Widening project. Public Works and Stantec are working to resolve some final design issues before advertising for bids. Right-of-way acquisition is near completion. PG&E construction crews are relocating the electrical vaults from the project's proposed improvements. Construction may begin as early as spring 2010, pending the availability of funds.

**Revitalization  
Department**

Council approved the donation of Hunter Square to the State of California as the site for a new Courthouse. The project site will go before the State Public Works Board for final approval on September 14, 2009. Once approved, the Administrative Office of the Courts will begin the design process for the new 12-story, 325,000 sq ft. courthouse facility in Downtown Stockton. Construction is expected to begin in 2011 and will be completed in 2013.

**City Manager's  
Message**

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Dave Harzoff; Teri Bentz and Laurie Montes; Police Chief Blair Uring; and Mark Madison. Laurie Montes, Joe Maestretti, Carol Marshall and I discussed budget issues. I attended the Council Budget/Finance/Economic Development Committee meeting. Mark Madison, Jeff Willett, Bob Granberg, John Luebberke and I met regarding the upcoming Council Water Committee meeting.

Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Miller, Councilmember Fritchen and I attended a staff briefing regarding the San Joaquin Council of Governments Board Meeting. Laurie Montes and I held our regular meeting with Police Chief Uring and SPOA representative Mark Anderson. Teri Bentz and I held our monthly conference call with Jerry Haleva and Blair Springer regarding State legislative issues. Dave Harzoff and I met with Anthony Barkett regarding redevelopment projects.

**HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND**

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