

Community Services

The City-wide winter youth basketball season began games Saturday, February 21. The league boasts 81 teams (730 kids), an increase from 2008. Each team is being coached by a volunteer coach. In the past, this has been a great challenge and the department has only had approximately 50 percent of the teams coached by volunteers and the remaining teams coached by paid staff. This year's success at retaining volunteer coaches translates to a large savings for the department.

Van Buskirk Community Center	
Program	Activity
Seniors	The seniors have added three more under the noon basketball membership program. Our regular participants continue to keep up their individual fitness programs.
After School Express	Activities for the past week included a floating experiment, transforming glass jars into beautiful vases with tissue paper glue and glitter and a simulated camping experience.
Sports	An adult men's membership basketball league has started weekdays at noon. They are 12 members strong with those three seniors included.
Youth Sports	The Winter Basketball League started on Saturday with ten games. Crowds were enthusiastic and supportive. Practices are improving and even out based to Egusa gym.
Rentals	Ross Hall -The Healthy Children's Collaborative held their monthly meeting last Friday in Ross Hall. A San Joaquin County youth basketball league continues to hold games in the gym Wednesdays and Fridays.
Other programming	Van Buskirk Community Center looks forward to the addition of Peacekeepers staff involvement with the community at large when staff is housed at the center.

Oak Park Senior Center	
Program	Activity
Trips	The Sly Foxes travel group hosted a four-hour turnaround trip to the Jackson Rancheria for over 44 seniors and their guests Wednesday. Delta Charters brought a new bus for the trip.
Rentals	The Social Hall was rented for a birthday party Saturday, February 28.
Presentations	William Woodbury, an agent from Secure Horizons Medicare supplement plan gave a presentation Friday to interested seniors about healthcare benefits.
Membership	So far in February, one member renewed her City-wide senior membership at Oak Park and 17 new members joined the program.
Activities/Events	Three AARP volunteers continue to prepare taxes for appreciative seniors on Wednesdays. Appointments are booked through April 15. Bingo attracts over 80 seniors (members and non-members) on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.
Membership	Three members renewed and 18 new members joined the City-wide senior program through the Oak Park Senior Center during February.

Arnold Rue Community Center	
Program	Activity
Youth Sports	The Region 3 (north) youth basketball league has 51 teams playing at McNair and Arnold Rue community centers. All of the teams are being coached by volunteers in the community. League games began last Saturday at both sites. Open Gym time has been moved to Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. during the youth basketball league to accommodate practice times. Registrations are being accepted for Spring Soccer, Baseball and Dodgeball until the end of March.
Senior Program	The Brown Bag Program served over 180 bags of groceries to seniors 60 years and over in the community. The Brown Bags are 50 cents each and the program takes place the first and third Thursday of each month. AARP has two volunteers that have started assisting seniors at Rue with tax preparation. Appointments are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
Facility Rentals	Arnold Rue Community Center and Seifert Community Center had a total of 8 rentals during the last two weeks.

After School Programs	
Region	Site Activities
Region 3 (North)	<p>The John Muir Before School Program has fourteen participants enrolled. John Muir is also the City's one paid after school program in the North. The after school program is at capacity with 60 participants enrolled and has a waiting list. Participants can join the waiting list by contacting Arnold Rue Community Center.</p> <p>SUSD Step Up sites at Hong Kingston, Pulliam and Valenzuela. The school sites work on homework, tutoring, language arts, arts and crafts, intramural sports, games and physical activities.</p> <p>Youth Enrichment Services (YES) sites at John Adams, Rio Calaveras and San Joaquin work on homework, tutoring, language arts, arts and crafts, sports, games and physical activities. Stormwater Education and Outreach did presentations at San Joaquin Tuesday and Thursday for grades K-3 and 4-6.</p> <p>All ten Lodi Unified School District after school program sites had a minimum day last Wednesday. School dismissal was at 12 noon. Ansel Adams held a President's Day party that included quizzes on past Presidents. Westwood's after school program also celebrated President's Day with a talent contest that was open to school staff as well as parents of the program participants.</p>

**Fire
Department**

Calls for Service Feb. 20 – Feb. 26, 2009	
12	Structure Fires
1	Advised Call
3	Vehicle fires
44	Fire Alarms
43	Vehicle Accidents
11	Hazmat Calls
51	Miscellaneous Calls
2	Grass fires
607	Medical Calls
774	Total calls

Fire Prevention- Plan Checks, Inspections, Hood & Duct Systems and Fire Systems Tests	
2	Final Fire Inspections
19	Visual/Hydro Inspections
6	Fire Alarm Inspections
12	Hood & Duct Inspections
4	CCL Inspections
7	Underground Fire Sprinkler Inspections
3	Fire Pump Inspections
1	Pyrotechnic Inspection

Fire / Arson Investigations	
7	Buildings fires
2	Cooking fires, confined to container
1	Mobile property (vehicle) fire
1	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue
1	Passenger vehicle fire
1	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
1	Fire, other
1	Natural vegetation fire, other
2	Outside rubbish fires, other
17	Total Fires
\$119,002.00	Total Estimated Dollar Loss
\$5,029,002.00	Total Estimated Pre-Incident Value

Fire Prevention Staff reviewed 30 building plans and fire suppression systems.

Library

The Margaret Troke Branch Library hosted two programs on Thursday Feb 19, 2009. "Transitions of Life," hosted by Angela Davis, CEO of Davis and Davis, drew about 20 interested listeners. This was the third offering of this program which was held at other library locations. The Troke branch also presented "Dana Smith and Performing Dog Lacey," a fun family program exploring the enjoyment of reading to children of all ages. Forty attendees, ranging from a few months old to seniors, were entertained during this evening program.

On Wednesday, February 25, the Fair Oaks Branch Library was bustling with activity. Three Volunteers in Tax Assistance (VITA) workers were helping people file their taxes, a gentleman was tutoring elementary age children, teens were taking advantage of the free wifi and Kirk Waller entertained and educated children and adults with stories and songs for Black History month. In addition to these activities,

customers were also using the computers, reading at tables, congregating in the children's area and browsing in the stacks.

On Thursday, February 26, Library staff attended the 11th Annual State of the City address and luncheon. Staff hosted a booth with other Community Services staff to hand out materials about the Library and its programs.

Peacekeepers

Peacekeeper Manager and Youth Outreach Workers took 11 youths to Mule Creek State Prison to participate in a Juvenile Diversion Program. The youths were given a tour of the facility and had the opportunity to listen to personal life stories from eighteen inmates that have been in Prison for most of their lives without hope of ever being released. Some of the kid's parents have contacted the Program coordinator to thank Peacekeepers because their children's attitude and behavior changed since the field trip. Youth Outreach Workers will continue to mentor the youths.

A Youth Outreach Worker followed up on a gang related conflict after one of his clients was stabbed several times. Peacekeepers will monitor the situation to try to prevent further retaliation.

A Youth Outreach Worker enrolled 9 youths into Point Break Adolescent Program to receive gang awareness and anger management counseling.

An Asian gang member contacted Peacekeepers upon his release (from serving six months) in Juvenile Detention to ask for assistance getting enrolled in school and finding a job. The Youth Outreach Worker enrolled him in school the same day.

While talking to a student at Edison High school during lunch a Youth Outreach Worker (YOW) witnessed about 35 Hispanic and African American students getting ready to fight. The YOW immediately intervened until campus security arrived.

Upon arriving at Unity Park after school, Youth Outreach Workers found a student from Cesar Chavez High school bleeding from his face. He was assaulted by other students and robbed of his iPod. The school resource officer responded immediately and took a report.

Peacekeepers provided a gang awareness presentation to 36 wards of the court at the Juvenile Detention Facility and offered them further assistance upon their release.

Peacekeepers held their monthly Advisory meeting to get an update from collaborating partners. The District Attorney's office reported one homicide to-date compared to six homicides by this time last year. Peacekeepers also recognized two former (rival) gang members for their accomplishments in abstaining from criminal activity, obtaining a GED Diploma and attending Heald College.

Peacekeeper Manager and Youth Outreach Workers met with supervisors and staff from Van Buskirk and Arnold Rue Community Centers to discuss future collaboration and role of Peacekeepers in the Centers.

**Police
Department**

Stockton Police Department handled 6,807 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of February 19, - 25, 2009.

Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (Feb. 16 – 22, 2009)	
Action	Number
Field Interviews Conducted	82
Arrests	11 felony; 2 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	4 felony; 5 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	68
Citations Issued	17
Cars Towed	8
Searches	13 probation; 9 parole
Confiscations	22.0 gr. marijuana; .86 gr. meth; 0 heroin; 6.14 gr. rock/cocaine
Guns	2 GSET has confiscated 1,049 firearms since its inception.

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,085 vacant properties within the City.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 39,359 square feet of graffiti. Over 391 pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 28 rental properties resulted in 18 failing and 1 passing. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the respective property owners of failed properties. The remaining nine properties were not available for inspection; a notice was posted to each of the dwellings informing residents of the re-scheduled inspection date. Notices to Inspect were posted to 22 properties with inspections scheduled to commence on March 12, 2009.

Officers responded to a residence, in the 1900 block of W. Willow, after a neighbor reported seeing two unknown subjects drive up and park in the driveway. The neighbor observed Suspect #1 get out of the vehicle, walk up to the front door and force it open. Suspect #1 then walked into the residence and Suspect #2 drove away, prior to Officer's arrival. Officers arrested Suspect #1 as he walked out of the residence. Suspect #1 was found to be in possession of items taken from the residence. Suspect #2 was located and arrested at Lucerne/Wilshire. Detectives interviewed the suspects and charged Suspect #1 with two additional burglaries.

Officers responded to the 3000 block of Hebron regarding a residential burglary that had just occurred. Officers were given a description of the suspects and suspect vehicle over the radio. Officers located the suspect vehicle parked in the 2000 block of Alabama. Officers performed a records check on the address and learned that a parolee resided there. When Officers knocked on the door, the parolee attempted to flee out the back door but was quickly apprehended. A parole search of the residence revealed several stolen items that had been taken in the burglary on Hebron. Officers found and arrested another suspect inside the residence who admitted to being involved in the burglary.

The victim was outside a residence in the 600 block of Grattan. The suspect exited his vehicle with a large, hunting-style knife, pointed the knife at the victim and demanded money. The victim gave the suspect \$60.00 cash and the suspect fled in his vehicle. A short time later, Officers stopped the suspect for amplified music as he was driving west on Elm from Commerce. Officers noticed a large knife on the passenger floorboard of the vehicle and detained the suspect. Dispatch advised the Officers that the vehicle was the suspect vehicle in a robbery that had recently occurred. The victim identified the suspect in an infield-show-up; the suspect was arrested and booked in County Jail.

The victim reported he was walking near the 100 block of S. El Dorado, when the suspect passed him on a mountain bike. Less than a minute later, the suspect grabbed the victim by his jacket collar and threw him to the ground. The suspect took the victim's wallet from his back pocket which contained no money. The suspect got upset that there was no money in the wallet and demanded money or he was going to hit the victim with a hammer. The suspect then fled towards the 300 block of S. El Dorado. Officers located the suspect at Sutter/Lafayette. The suspect was identified by the victim and arrested for robbery and two misdemeanor warrants.

An Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at Airport/Clay and found the driver to be on probation. The Officer conducted a probation search of the vehicle and found a loaded, semi-automatic handgun under the front passenger seat. Both occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

Officers observed the suspect, who was wearing a black ski mask and a hooded jacket, standing in front of a business in the 1300 block of E. Harding. The suspect's ski mask was pulled down over his face, revealing only his eyes and his jacket hood was on his head. Officers contacted the suspect and found him in possession of .38 grams of rock cocaine and arrested him.

A 30-year-old victim contacted S-2 on Craig's List Casual Encounters and arranged to meet her at the Comfort Inn on March Lane. While the victim and S-2 were inside the room, there was a knock at the door. S-2 opened the door and S-1 walked in ordering the victim to the ground at gunpoint. S-1 took the victim's wallet and cell phone before fleeing out of the room with S-2. Responding Officers located S-2 at March/DaVinci and arrested her. Minutes later, a call came in regarding a possible prowler in the backyard of a home in the 6300 block of Pine Meadow. Officers responded and arrested S-1. Officers subsequently located the suspect's vehicle at the Comfort Inn, searched it and found the victim's wallet. Both suspects were arrested for robbery and for conspiracy to commit a crime.

Officers responded to Denny's Restaurant at 4747 Pacific on a report of several subjects fighting inside. A 28-year-old male subject attempted to stop the fight when several subjects turned on him, forced him out into the parking lot, where he was beaten and robbed. Officers stopped a vehicle leaving the scene and detained the driver, who was identified as one of the suspects involved. He was later arrested for robbery, battery on a person and parole violation.

DD's Discount Store, 1120 E. Hammer, reported a male subject walked into the store, grabbed a rack of clothes and fled out of the store into a waiting car. Shortly thereafter, dispatch received a call from Burlington Coat Factory, 3702 E. Hammer, where a similar crime just occurred. Officers responding to the area spotted a vehicle that matched the description of the get-away car and initiated a traffic stop. Once stopped, the passenger darted out of the car and ran from police. Officers later located him hiding in a garbage can in a residential area. Both suspects were arrested and charged with two counts of burglary, possession of stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime.



Traffic Engineering had countdown pedestrian signal heads installed at eleven (11) traffic signals in January 2009. The locations are adjacent to or near elementary schools and high schools within the City. The countdown pedestrian signal heads were installed by City traffic signal electricians. With these installations, there are now 75 traffic signals in the City equipped with the countdown pedestrian signal heads. There are a total of 283 traffic signals being maintained and operated by the Public Works Department.

The new pedestrian signal heads provide a visual countdown of the seconds remaining for pedestrians to safely cross the street. The countdown timers help pedestrians make better decisions when deciding whether to wait or start to cross.

Based on the positive experiences with countdown pedestrian signal heads, the City is installing the countdown pedestrian signal heads on all new traffic signal projects and all traffic signal modification projects. Staff is also working toward having them installed at all existing traffic signals.

Facilities Maintenance Crew	
Location	Work Performed
-----	28 work requests completed
Bob Hope Theatre	Checked heater at dress shop
Cesar Chavez Library	Replaced ceiling tiles, repaired/replaced lighting
City Hall	Repaired/changed locks, repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
City Hall Annex	Made repairs to roof and the roof drain
Civic Auditorium	Repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
Corp Yard	Repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
Facilities Maintenance	Progressed storage building installation
Fire Station #2	Cleared/checked roof drain line, repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
Fire Station #4	Repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
Fire Station #5	Electrical repairs
Fire Station #11	Checked ducting and AC
Hunter Square Fountain	Electrical repairs
Hydrant Shop	Repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
Louis Park	Electrical repairs on softball field scoreboard
MUD	Repaired/changed locks, repaired/replaced lighting
Police Station (Main)	Repaired/replaced lighting
SEB	Repaired/changed locks, repaired/maintenance of HVAC system
Stribley Community Center	Installed new t.v. mounts
Swenson Golf Course	Provided estimate to repair fire damages to the restroom building.
Valverde Park	Repaired drinking fountain, cleared drain line

Tree Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
11	Tree removals
28	Tree trims
5	Stump removals
2	Limbs down
15	Inspections

Sign Shop and Sign Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
24	'No Parking Tow Away Zone' signs manufactured
48	'No Parking' signs replaced for maintenance
14	'No Outlet' warning signs manufactured
20	'No Outlet' signs replaced for maintenance
10	'Dead End' warning signs manufactured
12	'Dead End' warning signs replaced for maintenance
15	Community Service decals manufactured
4	Truck terminal signs manufactured
4	MUD door decals for Fleet
180	Streetlight decals for Signal Shop manufactured
15	Railroad warning signs manufactured
9	Knockdowns fixed
6	'Lane Merge' warning signs replaced for maintenance
12	Signs cleaned for graffiti
9	'Speed Limit' signs replaced for maintenance

Paint Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
12	Bollards replaced due to knockdowns
100	Feet of red curb painted

Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
21	Streetlight Corrective Work Order requests completed
20	Streetlight Field Order requests completed
9	Traffic Signal Field Order requests completed
1	Traffic Signal Engineering Work Order requests completed
-----	The crew also responded to emergency callouts at Airport/Zephyr, and at Brookside/Manchester

**City Manager's
Message**

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Joe Maestretti; Dave Harzoff; Johnny Ford, Laurie Montes and Teri Bentz; Christine Tien; and Dianna Garcia.

I attended the Council Budget/Finance/Economic Development Committee Meeting and the tour of the 400 E. Main Building. Richard Aschieris, Director, Port of Stockton, and I held our regular meeting. Staff provided Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Miller, Councilmember Fritchman and me with a briefing regarding the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) Board Meeting.

Ren Nosky, Laurie Montes, Dianna Garcia, Assistant Police Chief Blair Ulring and I met with the SPOA representatives. Mayor Johnston, Councilmember Holman, Assistant Police Chief Ulring and I attended the Joint City/County Criminal Justice Task Force meeting. Dave Harzoff and I met with Anthony and Edward Barkett regarding redevelopment projects. I attended the annual State of the City event.

Assistant Police Chief Ulring, Deputy Chiefs Mark Helms, Eric Jones and Tammie Murrell, and SPOA representatives Stephen Leonesio and Mark Anderson and I held our regular meeting. Johnny Ford, Bob Murdoch, Gary Dickson and I met with Andy Chesley and Dana Cowell, SJCOG, regarding funding for improvements to the I-5 corridor in Stockton.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND

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