



# The Week In Review

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**Administrative Services**

This information is provided to inform the City Council as outlined in Chapter 3, Section 3-030, Part IV of the May 19, 1988, revision of the Stockton Municipal Code. The Purchasing Division sold the following surplus property. Through Roger Ernst & Associates of Modesto, CA the City sold one (1) lot of Police Department confiscated and/or unclaimed surplus property for SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (17.00) and twenty-two (22) lots of Police Department confiscated and/or unclaimed surplus property for THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$391.00).

In accordance with Council Policy a copy of a list of refunds which were made by the City of Stockton for the months of May-August 2008 is available for viewing in the City Manager's Office.

**Community Services**

The City of Stockton Employee Health and Wellness Program is bringing back the annual City of Stockton Employees Ping Pong Tournament with a kick-off challenge between departments at 12 noon on Friday, April 3, 2009 at the North Hall of the Civic Auditorium. Succeeding games will be held every Friday at 12 noon. Each team will have nine players from each respective department. Each player will be ranked from 1-9 according to ability; players of equal ranking from competing departments will play against each other in a single elimination tournament. The team who wins the most will move above the rank until crowned champion and presented with the perpetual trophy. The Municipal Utilities Department, 2008 Ping Pong Team Champion, currently displays the perpetual trophy at MUD's Administration office on Navy Drive.

The City of Stockton Employee Health and Wellness Program is also bringing back the Spring Golf Kick-Off Event on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Swenson Park Golf Course. Each employee participant will be charged \$20 for the golf clinic and Par Three 2-person scramble, and barbecue dinner catered by Angie from Andre's.

The Youth Advisory Commission held their monthly meeting on March 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Services Office. The Youth Advisory Commission is working on the first ever TeenFest, which is planned for May 30. There will be ten commissioners volunteering to help with the St. Patrick's Day Run this Saturday, March 14. Commissioners are also working on future community service activities including working with Channel 97 to collaborate on public service announcements and volunteering at this year's Earth Day Festival in April.

The Youth Leadership Academy's monthly trip was held Friday, March 13 and this month's topic was Arts and Culture. The students visited and toured the Stockton Civic Theatre and the Haggin Museum. The students heard from Jim Coleman, Producing Director of the Stockton Civic Theatre; Tod Ruhstaller, Executive Director and Curator of the Haggin Museum; Jane Kenworthy, Executive Director/CEO of the Stockton Symphony; and Deena Health the Director of the Stockton Arts Commission. Next month's topic is Law Enforcement and Judicial Offices and will take place on April 10.

Oak Park Tennis Center	
Program	Activity
Group Lessons	March Group Lessons began this week. Seventeen adults and 10 juniors are registered this month.
High School Tennis	St. Mary's Boys Tennis had two matches at Oak Park this week.
Leagues	Oak Park Women's League has a match on Tuesday.
Tournaments	The Stockton Tennis Club Membership Tournament began last weekend. There were 43 singles matches last weekend. Doubles matches will be held this weekend.

<b>Oak Park Senior Center</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Instructional Classes	Round Dance, Ballet Folklorico, Yoga, Belly Dance, Baton Twirling, Tap Dance, Pre-School Dance and Beginning Ballet classes continued this week at the Oak Park Senior Center and Oak Park Ice Arena. New classes coming later this spring include Retirement Planning, Pilates, Yoga for Kids and Indian Cooking.
Trips	The Sly Foxes Senior Travel trip to Red Hawk Casino March 25 is nearly full. The tour desk at Oak Park Senior Center is offering a trip to Black Hawk in April, a mystery trip in May and a trip to the Pacheco Playhouse in Novato for a vaudeville, Broadway and Hollywood revue in June.
Rentals	MEDCORE rented the center for their monthly lunch and information session Tuesday on how to recognize a heart attack or stroke. The Silver Lake Campers Association will hold their annual dinner Saturday night in the Social Hall.
Daily Activities	The Ladies in the Arts & Crafts and the Senior Center getting ready for the Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale at the Oak Park Senior Center Saturday, March 21. They will sell their wares along with several other vendors from Chico, Stockton, Sacramento and the Bay Area.
Membership	Four new members joined the center this week. St. Joseph's and Medcore and others encourage their senior patients to join the center to use the fitness room and become more active.
Events	Dr. Huber, DC, presented a talk on "Healthy Living to 100" Thursday for approximately two dozen seniors. Bingo was played Friday with a pizza lunch from the kitchen. AARP is still very busy preparing tax returns with seniors every Wednesday. An inspector from the IRS arrived Wednesday to spot check some of the prepared returns

<b>Van Buskirk Community Center</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Seniors	Participants are continuing their physical fitness and encouraging friends to come.
Sports	The Region 1 (South) Basketball League continued 7th-8th grade boys' games Friday night and all other age divisions Saturday. The league has grown to 30 teams and 290 kids. Registrations are being taken for the Outdoor Soccer League which will be held at Paul Weston Park. Registrations are also being taken for the Citywide baseball program which will take place at the Jr. Giants Fields at Van Buskirk Park.
Teens	Van Buskirk teens continue to use the weight room and play dominoes, ping pong and basketball. Several of the teens have signed up for the second Van Buskirk Ping Pong Tournament.
After School Express	After School Express participants are building up daily attendance. Activities this week included talking about their favorite holidays and how they celebrate them. They also did some outdoor play since the weather has been so nice.
Partnerships	San Joaquin County Basketball league continues its' end of the season games in the Van Buskirk gym.
Rentals	Ross Hall continues to be rented for a church bible study on Tuesday evenings and Sunday morning services. Ross Hall was also rented for a 60th birthday party Saturday night.

<b>Arnold Rue Community Center</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Youth Sports	The Region 3 (North) youth basketball league has 51 teams playing at the McNair and Arnold Rue Community Centers. All of the teams are being coached by volunteers in the community. The teams playing at Arnold Rue will have their team pictures taken this Saturday, March 14 and the teams playing at McNair will have their team pictures taken on Saturday, March 21. Registrations for Outdoor Spring Soccer and Spring Baseball will be accepted until the end of March.
Senior Program	About 30 seniors participated in a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Thursday. The knitting group that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays has also started quilting. AARP has two volunteers that have started assisting seniors in the community with tax preparation. They have appointments on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Arnold Rue Community Center.
Facility Rentals	The Arnold Rue Community Center and Seifert Community Center had a total of five rentals this past week.
Arnold Rue Community Center	Open Gym time has been moved to Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. during the youth basketball league in order to accommodate practice times.

<b>After School Programs</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b>Site Activities</b>
Region 3 (North)	<p>The John Muir Before School Program takes place from 7 to 8:15 a.m. It currently has fourteen participants enrolled in the program. John Muir is also our one paid after school program in the North. We are currently at capacity with sixty participants enrolled and have a waiting list. Participants can join the waiting list by contacting Arnold Rue Community Center.</p> <p>Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) STEP Up sites at Hong Kingston, Pulliam and Valenzuela work on homework, tutoring, language arts, arts and crafts, intramural sports, games and physical activities. Hong Kingston's after school program has a couple of teams that they will be submitting to our Youth Outdoor Soccer League at Arnold Rue Community Center.</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. Just 4 Kicks Soccer Instruction began this Friday at San Joaquin from 4 to 5 p.m.</p>

**Fire Department**

Fire Prevention Staff reviewed 15 building plans and fire suppression systems.

<b>Calls for Service Mar. 06 – Mar. 12, 2009</b>	
10	Structure Fires
2	Vehicle fires
46	Fire Alarms
35	Vehicle Accidents
10	Hazmat Calls
50	Miscellaneous Calls
501	Medical Calls
<b>654</b>	<b>Total calls</b>

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

<b>Fire / Arson Investigations</b>	
2	Buildings fire
5	Cooking fire, confined to container
5	Passenger vehicle fire
3	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
1	Fire other
1	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
2	Outside rubbish fire, other
<b>19</b>	<b>Total Fire</b>
<b>\$94,230.00</b>	<b>Total Estimated Dollar Loss</b>
<b>\$6,941,700.00</b>	<b>Total Estimated Pre-Incident Value</b>

**Human Resources**

home.

On Friday, Forrest Story of Public Sector Excellence conducted "Managing Your Time, Life and Priorities" to approximately 16 City employees. Participants learned systematic methods for improving productivity and managing life at work and at

**Library**

The presentation included information about the Library's branches and services. The exchange was to help each Division understand how the other functions, a first step at melding the two divisions.

On Wednesday, March 11, at a monthly staff meeting, Library staff enjoyed a presentation by Recreation about their Division in Community Services. In return, Library staff presented a short PowerPoint to the Recreation's Management Team.

**Peacekeepers**

youths, parents and school administration.

A school counselor at King school referred seven gang-related eighth-grade students to Peacekeepers. She felt threatened by them during a group session when they wanted to turn off the lights and told her they were going to have a "hit" on her. An Outreach Worker knows some of the youths and will follow up with the

Two female students that were involved in a fight at Edison High showed up at Van Buskirk Park after school with about 30 more friends and family members to continue fighting. An Outreach Worker and other adults who were at the community center intervened and called law enforcement for assistance.

An Outreach Worker is attempting to prevent further retaliation between two gangs by providing gang counseling and conflict mediation to a student from McNair High who was shot by a rival gang member.

Peacekeepers are in the process of mediating a feud between some Hispanic and African American gang members after one of the Hispanic teens was shot during a confrontation.

An Outreach Worker witnessed two African American students fighting at Cesar Chavez High and immediately broke up the fight. Further intervention and mediation will be provided.

Two Outreach Workers were at the Teen Center on Friday evening to assist in monitoring hundreds of youths that showed up to show-case their talent. It was a very successful event that will continue every Friday in order to draw the teens from outside the Cineplex into the Teen Center.

Outreach Workers attended a bi-weekly group leadership meeting with students from Oakwood Elementary school to provide continual mentoring.

An Outreach Worker assisted a mother of 12 children with her 13-year-old son who is a gang member and he needed transportation to mental health services due to his suicidal tendencies.

A 9<sup>th</sup> grade female student and her sister were referred to Point Break adolescent program to receive anger management classes. The student's mother was referred to the Women's Center to receive domestic violence counseling after she requested assistance from the Outreach Worker.

A school counselor from Lathrop High School requested Peacekeepers attendance at a parent meeting to educate parents about gang issues. An Outreach Worker provided a gang awareness presentation to 50 parents and 10 students.

Peacekeepers provided gang awareness presentations to 70 eighth-grade students at Van Buren Elementary school.

Peacekeepers enrolled 5 youths into Point Break to receive anger management classes and 2 youths for substance abuse counseling.

Five gang members were enrolled at Charter House for the tattoo removal program, two youths were enrolled at Delta College GED program and two youths were enrolled at the Stockton Police Youth Activities Boxing program.

**Police  
Department**

Stockton Police Department handled 6,604 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of March 5 – March 11, 2009.

<b>Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (Mar. 2 – 8, 2009)</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Number</b>
Field Interviews Conducted	60
Arrests	6 felony; 0 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	3 felony; 3 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	44
Citations Issued	11
Cars Towed	3
Searches	13 probation; 5 parole
Confiscations	20.86 gr. marijuana; .00 gr. meth; 1.25 gr. heroin; 1.85 gr. rock/cocaine
Guns	<b>1 GSET has confiscated 1,051 firearms since its inception.</b>

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,025 vacant properties within the City.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 31,348 square feet of graffiti. Over 383 pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 23 rental properties resulted in 12 failing and 1 passing. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the respective property owners of failed properties. Eight properties were not available for inspection; a notice was posted on each of the dwellings informing the residents of the re-scheduled inspection date. Two units were found to be vacant and foreclosed. Notices to Inspect were posted to 33 properties with inspections scheduled to begin March 25, 2009.

Officers responded to a report of a subject being chased by an armed suspect in the 3400 block of S. Manthey. Officers detained six subjects. A handgun was located in plain view in a nearby vehicle. One suspect had over \$1,600 in cash. The subject being chased was located inside a nearby business; he was in possession of 167.27 grams of rock cocaine.

During a traffic stop at Arch Airport/Qantas, Officers determined that the vehicle was stolen out of Chico. Both occupants were arrested and questioned regarding their possible involvement in a recent burglary series in the Togninali area. Burglary charges are pending follow-up by the Detective.

Neighbors called in two suspicious persons in the 1200 block of Bristol. Officers responded and discovered two subjects inside the residence. The subjects attempted to barricade themselves inside a room; however, once an additional Officer and her K-9 responded, both suspects gave up and were arrested. One suspect was in possession of stolen property from Manteca. Manteca Detectives responded to talk with both suspects; both suspects were booked at the County Jail.

A 55-year-old victim called police dispatch to report she and her boyfriend were arguing because he had been drinking all night. The victim attempted to leave the residence several times during the night, but the suspect refused to let her go while he continued battering her. The victim's friend, V-2, arrived a short time after V-1 called her. At some point, the suspect slashed his wrists and poured gasoline on V-1. The suspect attempted to pour gasoline on V-2 and ignite the gasoline using a lighter. The victims struggled with the suspect and he dropped the lighter. V-1 was able to escape and called the police from a neighbor's residence. Police responded and arrested the suspect without incident. V-1 suffered minor abrasions and contusions as a result of the battery. The suspect was taken to County Hospital and treated for lacerations to his wrists and then booked at County Jail. The suspect was charged with

terrorist threats, corporal injury to a spouse, unlawful detention, two counts of attempted arson and attempted murder.

Officers responded to the 2300 block of Chamberlain on a report of a family disturbance. The suspects, who are brother and sister, got into an argument over one of them disrespecting their mother. S-2 picked up four knives from the kitchen and stabbed S-1. S-1 picked up a chair and threw it at S-2, causing a laceration to the leg. Both were arrested without incident. They were taken to County Hospital for their injuries and then booked into County Jail. Both were charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Traffic Officers conducted a DUI checkpoint pursuant to an Office of Traffic Safety Grant in the northbound lanes of West Lane, just north of Bianchi. Seven hundred eighty six (786) cars passed through the checkpoint. Officers arrested three (3) drivers for driving under the influence. Nine (9) other subjects were evaluated for DUI and found to be under the .08 legal limit. Twenty four (24) citations were issued and fifteen (15) vehicles were impounded.

Officers were dispatched to a shooting in the 400 block of Morada and located a victim, who suffered a gunshot wound to the chest and left hand. The weapon used was a .40-caliber. A Sergeant spotted the suspect vehicle parked in the 700 block of Junipero Serra, which lead to the detention of two suspects. The suspects were identified by the victim and a witness. Officers conducted a permissive search of one suspect's home and located the probable weapon used in the shooting. In addition, two rooms used for cultivating marijuana were discovered. Both suspects were arrested for attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder and one had an added charge for cultivation of marijuana.

The suspect entered Hollywood Video, in the 7700 block of Lower Sacramento, through the air conditioning unit on the roof and took several items. The alarm was activated and responding Officers located the suspect on the roof. Property taken from the business was also found on the roof. The suspect was arrested for burglary, possession of stolen property, and possession of burglary tools.



Facilities Maintenance Crew	
Location	Work Performed
-----	25 work requests completed
Animal Shelter	Serviced/repaired HVAC units
Art Commission	Installed nine plaques at various locations
Atherton Park	Repaired toilets
Central Parking Garage	Repaired/replaced lights
Cesar Chavez Library	Repaired/replaced lights
City Hall	Serviced/repaired HVAC units; repaired/replaced locks; modified systems furniture in basement for moves; repaired/replaced lights; boilers tuned, and #1 boiler returned to service
Corp Yard	Completed electrical connections for the new paint shop air compressor
Facilities Maintenance	Storage building – completed installation of walls, and started installation of the roof sections
Fire Station #3	Cleared drain
Fire Station #4	Serviced/repaired HVAC units; repaired/replaced lights
Fire Station #5	Progressed power installation
Holiday Park	Cleared drain

<b>Facilities Maintenance Crew - continued</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
Impact Teen Center	Repaired two doors at the Impact Teen Center (one to correct a fire code violation); cleared drain
Louis Park	Replaced lights on scoreboard
Maya Angelou Library	Repaired/replaced lights
McKinley Community Center	Removed windows for repair
MUD	Repaired/replaced locks
Panella Park	Repaired sink problem
Permit Center	Inspected roof for damage in area of depression of roofing tiles (will have to gain access to complete inspection)
Police Station (Main)	Serviced/repared HVAC units; cleared drain; re-lit water heater
SEB	Serviced/repared HVAC units; repaired/replaced lights
Van Buskirk Community Center	Started power installation
Victory Park	Cleared drain

<b>Tree Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
7	Tree removals
40	Tree trims
2	Stump removals
2	Limbs down
50	Inspections
1	Tree planted at Oak Park for Arbor Day

<b>Sign Shop and Sign Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
3	Truck terminal signs manufactured
6	Arrow warning signs manufactured
2	Decals for MUD manufactured
3	'Right Lane Must Turn Right' signs manufactured
1	'Through Traffic Merge Left' signs manufactured
1	'Bump' warning sign manufactured
16	Street names signs manufactured and replaced
2	'Police Motorcycle Parking Only' signs manufactured
2	'25 MPH Ahead' signs manufactured
2	'25 MPH' signs manufactured

<b>Sign Shop and Sign Crew - continued</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
2	'Out Of Order' signs manufactured
32	Asparagus Festival banners installed
12	Knockdowns fixed
9	School signs replaced for maintenance
6	'Speed Limit' signs installed

<b>Paint Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
-----	Performed maintenance on paint trucks

<b>Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Work Performed</b>
29	Streetlight Corrective Work Orders completed
2	Streetlight Damage Recovery Work Orders completed
6	Streetlight Field Orders completed
8	Traffic Signal Field Orders completed
-----	The crew also responded to emergency callouts at March/Brookside, Harding/California, and El Dorado/Swain

<b>Neighborhood Traffic Management Program</b>	
<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Status</b>
Council District 3	LVW-Embarcadero Area residents participating in a ballot process to determine support for the proposed traffic calming plan which consists of two speed tables, six speed cushions and five speed humps. Ballots are due April 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Council District 4	Victory Park Terrace The Traffic Calming Committee met on March 5 <sup>th</sup> . Poor weather has kept the members from completing the canvassing of their neighborhood. An alternative speed hump program was presented; however, the Committee voted to continue efforts to install forced right-turn exits at Flora Street and Poplar Street onto Pershing Avenue. The Committee will meet again on June 4 <sup>th</sup> .
Council District 6	Little John's Creek The second Traffic Calming Committee meeting was held March 4 <sup>th</sup> . The plan is 85% complete with Committee members attempting to obtain support at final locations. Ballots will be mailed when support of residents is confirmed.

Parks Crew			
Park	Graffiti	Vandalism	Hours to Clean
Anderson	X		3.5
Atherton	X		1
Brooking	X		.5
Caldwell	X		2
Harrell	X		1.5
Holiday	X		1.5
Legion	X		4
Lock Lomond	X		1
McKinley	X		2
Seifert Center	X		1
Swenson	X		1.5

In an effort to provide better service to its Stockton residential customers, Waste Management garbage haulers successfully conducted a re-route of approximately 4,050 residential customers during the last two weeks. The re-route was done in order to re-balance the routes, to allow drivers to be more efficient and to provide for a more balanced growth of routes in the future. Several weeks prior to the re-route, Waste Management notified customers with cart tags, letters mailed to homes and automated phone message reminders to each household. A couple customer complaints were received by the Solid Waste & Recycling staff during the first two weeks of the altered routes as a result of the prior notification to customers.

**City Manager's  
Message**

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Laurie Montes and Joe Maestretti; and Dianna Garcia. I attended the Council Budget/Finance/Economic Development Committee Meeting. Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Miller and I met with our legislative representatives in Washington, D.C. Councilmember Eggman and I are scheduled to give a presentation at the Local Government Commission's "Building Livable Communities" conference in Yosemite National Park on Saturday.

**HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND**

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