

City Manager's Office

On January 16, the State Senate Committee on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs spent a full day in Stockton. The committee has been visiting communities that have large Asian Pacific Islander populations. The objective of this tour was to get a better picture of the different Asian Pacific Islander communities in Stockton. The committee visited many local organizations including Chinese Cultural Society, Japanese American Citizens League, Lao Family, Little Manila Foundation and United Cambodian for Families. Site visits included the Sikh Temple, the Cambodian Temple and Buddhist Temple. The tour culminated in a town hall meeting presided over by Senators Lois Wolk and Leland Yee.

Community Services

The Children's Museum Board of Directors held an evening reception Friday, January 16, honoring children and community members in memory of the shooting at Cleveland Elementary School. The Children's Museum of Stockton was founded in the aftermath of the tragedy, the idea of injured Cleveland teacher Janet Geng. A brass plaque honoring Janet Geng was unveiled at the ceremony. A memorial plaque remembering the five children that were killed during the tragedy was presented to the Children's Museum from Cleveland School. Both of these plaques will be displayed at the Children's Museum. Over 80 people were in attendance, including Janet Geng's son Kevin and his wife who were visiting from Arkansas.

January's Youth Leadership Academy trip was focused on agriculture business and environmental awareness. The students started their day visiting the Seifert Dairy in Acampo where Joy Seifert took the group around the dairy to illustrate day to day management. The group's second stop was Phillip's Farm in Lodi, where the students received a tour of the farm and heard about the farm's history. The student's final stop was at the Regional Wastewater Control Facility, where they received a tour of the facility and heard a presentation from the Municipal Utilities Department. Next month's topic will be Health Care on February 13.

The Youth Advisory Commission held their monthly meeting Thursday, January 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Services Office. Commissioners discussed future community service activities including working with Channel 97 on public service announcements and volunteering at the Earth Day Festival in April. The Commissioners also did breakout sessions to discuss planning the Mayor's Teen Conference. Another planning meeting was held Thursday, January 15 at Arnold Rue Community Center. Eleven commissioners met Saturday, January 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. to do a trash clean-up on the walking path of the Calaveras River near the UOP footbridge.

The Outdoor Youth Connection (OYC) program is looking for two teens to represent each of the City's community centers. The teens will attend an outdoor camping training in April. This experience will help them communicate, team build and become a leader for their peers. They will also have the opportunity to receive a grant to fund future trips that they set up themselves.

Oak Park Tennis Center	
Program	Activity
Group Lessons	January group lessons continue this week with 21 adults and 15 children registered.
Leagues	Oak Park Women's League played Wednesday.
Tournaments	A Challenge Cup tournament begins Saturday.

Oak Park Senior Center	
Program	Activity
Activities	A special Tea Dance was held Tuesday afternoon.
Membership	One member renewed their membership and four new members joined the city-wide senior program through the Oak Park Senior Center this month.
Events	A billiard's tournament was held Wednesday between Oak Park's pool players and a group from the Manteca Senior Center. Stockton won the traveling trophy for the first time in three months. Oak Park Senior Center began making appointments on a first come, first served basis for AARP Tax Aide assistance for seniors 60 and over. Three volunteers will assist seniors with tax preparation Wednesdays from February 4 through April 15.
Travel	The Sly Foxes travel desk has been busy selling tour seats on the Snow Trip to Reno February 12-13. Another upcoming trip to Jackson Rancheria is filling up fast. A trip to Branson, Missouri was booked by a center member through the travel desk this week.

After School Programs	
Site	Activity
John Muir	The John Muir Before School Program will now be continuing till the end of the school year. The program takes place from 7:00 a.m. till 8:15 a.m. 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.
SUSD Step Up Sites	Our SUSD Step Up sites consist of Hong Kingston, Pulliam and Valenzuela. The school sites work on homework, tutoring, language arts, arts and crafts, intramural sports, games and physical activities.
SUSD YES Sites	Our YES sites consist of John Adams, Rio Calaveras and San Joaquin. The school sites work on homework, tutoring, language arts, arts and crafts, sports, games, movies and physical activities.
LUSD ASP Sites	All LUSD schools had a minimum release day on Wednesday January 21st.
Manteca Unified sites	The three Western Ranch sites are pressing forward to form school basketball teams for the upcoming league.
Region 2 (Central)	After School programs in Region 2 (Central) are staffed and running well. Staff is working to get children signed up for the city's youth sports teams. SUSD staff is waiting for a math workshop that has been cancelled due to SUSD budget issues.

Arnold Rue/Seifert Community Center	
Program	Activity
Youth Sports	The fourth round of games was Saturday for the north Indoor Soccer League at Arnold Rue Community Center. There are 17 teams participating in the league and the season will continue through the end of January. Teams are practicing once a week as well as right before their game on Saturday. Registrations for the Winter Basketball league have been extended through January 24 for individuals and January 30 for teams.

Arnold Rue/Seifert Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Senior Program	Eighty-six members have signed up for the city-wide senior program activities at Arnold Rue Community Center. The senior program is growing weekly as seniors who were utilizing Panella Park to exercise come in to check out the facility and join. The Brown Bag Program had over 110 people come in Thursday afternoon to get a bag of groceries. The senior hot lunch program is being offered again through the Head Start program and will be available to members of the community ages 55 and over. As of this week about 15 seniors are eating each day. A Clinical Dietician from the San Joaquin County Hospital did a healthy food presentation for 25 seniors. The seniors are expanding programs to include cooking and basketball. The exercise room is being utilized throughout the program by many different seniors trying to increase their fitness level.
Facility Rentals	The Arnold Rue Community Center has been keeping very busy with rentals to the community. So far this month there have been seven rentals at the facility for meetings and birthday parties. The bounce house and climbing wall have definitely caused interest and are being utilized during rentals for an extra fee. The Seifert Center is still doing its fair share of rentals, even though it is now a satellite location. The YMCA is renting the facility four times a week for their indoor soccer league and basketball practices.

Van Buskirk Community Center	
Program	Activity
Seniors	Seniors continue their daily workouts.
Youth sports	Indoor Soccer held three games Saturday with practices Tuesdays and Fridays. Audience participation is increasing due to the presence of extended family members including grandparents, cousins and friends. Basketball league sign-ups continue.
After School Express	Participants are practicing journal writing and doing homework daily. Extra activities this week included creating stain glass windows using construction paper, wax paper and crayon shavings and making mosaic hot plates from ceramic tiles and grout.
Teens	Teens play ping pong on Tuesdays and are planning other upcoming activities.
Center Rentals	National Junior Basketball has gym rentals at Van Buskirk at least three times a week. The Stockton Monarch's indoor soccer team used the gym for two practice rentals. Ross Hall continues to be the meeting place for a weekly bible study and the afternoon service for one church congregation.

Stribley Community Center	
Program	Activity
After School Express Program (ASE)	Stribley's After School Express is up and running in full force. The children are enjoying each and every day at the center. This week the children did art projects such as making a mobile to hang from the ceiling for Martin Luther King's birthday. The children also did a writing assignment pertaining to the Presidential Inauguration. Participants also earn points so that they are able to play in the center's video game room
Senior Program	There are currently seven new senior members that come to the center every day. Their daily activities include workouts in the weight room, gym walks, dominos, and this week they started bingo. During their senior meeting this week they talked about scheduling a coffee hour to be held once a week.

Stribley Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Activity Room	The activity room has been turned into the game room. In the game room the children are allowed to play the center's Wii and Playstations 2 and 3. The participants enjoy the room.
Gymnastics	The Stockton Gymnastics program received a new large piece of equipment to help the children excel in their strength/form. The program has 75 students in January. The morning class has 16 children registered.
RAP	Recreation for All People (RAP) participants are back at Stribley, participating in basketball, music, drama, dance and socializing.
Memberships	Stribley now has nine monthly members and four yearly members, along with seven senior members.
Open Gym/Fitness	The gym and fitness room have been utilized on the daily basis by teens and adults; some are members and others pay daily user's fees.
East Side Advisory	Police East Advisory board are back to meeting at the center. Their Wednesday meeting had a great turnout.
Women's Workout	Woman's Workout has eight participants.
Rentals	The Recreation for All People group is paying rental fees for three months. Rentals also include Special Olympics from January 24 through March 21.

**Fire
Department**

Calls for Service Jan. 16 – Jan. 22, 2009	
7	Structure Fires
1	Advised Call
5	Vehicle fires
43	Fire Alarms
28	Vehicle Accidents
10	Hazmat Calls
60	Miscellaneous Calls
1	Chimney fire
519	Medical Calls
674	Total calls

Fire Prevention- Plan Checks, Inspections, Hood & Duct Systems and Fire Systems Tests	
6	Final Fire Inspections
1	Visual/Hydro Inspections
2	Fire Alarm Inspections
2	Hood & Duct Inspection
1	Underground Tank Inspection
1	CCL Inspections

Fire / Arson Investigations	
6	Buildings fire
2	Cooking fire, confined to container
1	Mobile property (vehicle) fire
1	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
5	Passenger vehicle fire
3	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire

Fire / Arson Investigations - continued	
1	Natural vegetation fire, other
1	Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other
1	Cultivated trees or nursery stock fire
3	Outside rubbish fire, other
1	Special outside fire, other
25	Total Fire
\$217,900.00	Total Estimated Dollar Loss
\$1,321,600.00	Total Estimated Pre-Incident Value

Fire Prevention Staff reviewed 20 building plans and fire suppression systems.

Library

Cesar Chavez Central Library changed the day of toddler and preschool story time and families are still flocking to the library for this fun and educational program for young children. On Thursday, January 15, over 45 children and parents attended a very lively story time which included fun books, songs, puppets and activities. Story times for babies, toddlers and preschoolers at the Cesar Chavez Central Library continue each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.

On Thursday, January 15, the Escalon Branch Librarian attended a breakfast meeting of the Escalon Sunrise Rotary and, later, a dinner meeting of the Escalon Lions Club, sharing information about the Library, its resources and its strategic plans. Approximately 30 club members were present at each event.

On Wednesday, January 21, the Tracy Press ran a spotlight on Tracy Children's Librarian Stefanie Gyles. The article highlighted Stefanie's love for her job and the joy it brings as she teaches children and watches them progress from picture books to books with chapters. The article can be viewed at <http://ourtown.tracypress.com/content/view/4888/131/>.

Peacekeepers

Peacekeepers held their monthly advisory meeting to provide an overview of accomplishments in 2008. The SUSD Superintendent Tom Amato also provided an update of several new programs the school district is implementing to deal with truancy, gangs and the 54 percent drop-out rate.

An Outreach Worker visited two of his Asian clients at the hospital to check on their status after they were shot in a drive-by-shooting.

Peacekeepers worked Friday evening at the downtown Cineplex to monitor gang activity and prevent conflict between out of control youths.

A Youth Outreach Worker provided a workshop about "maturity and responsibility" to students from the County Alternative schools during the second annual anti-violence symposium.

A Youth Outreach Worker (YOW) assisted the staff from El Dorado Elementary school in mediating a conflict between two students during school. After school the YOW witnessed a mother and one of the students physically assault another student near the school. The YOW intervened when other adults got involved in the fight and reported the incident to school administrators.

A Youth Outreach Worker attended a town hall meeting to provide an overview of Peacekeepers and an update on Asian gangs during a visit to Stockton by Senator Leland Y. Yee; Chair, Senate Select Committee on Asian Pacific Islanders Affairs.

A counselor from Cesar Chavez High School referred a gang member who needs mentoring to Peacekeepers. The youth is on track to graduate from high school.

Peacekeepers received a referral from a district attorney regarding a homicide witness who needs help in getting out of the gang and getting their tattoo removed.

Two youths who were referred from Juvenile Probation were enrolled at Point Break to receive gang awareness counseling. One female was enrolled at Lincoln Technology in Lodi and two other youths were referred to Charter House for tattoo removal.

Youth Outreach Workers witnessed youths fighting near Franklin High school on two separate occasions and were able to disperse the crowds.



Stockton Police Department handled 6,861 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of January 15 - 21, 2009.

Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (Jan 12 - 18, 2009)	
Action	Number
Field Interviews Conducted	52
Arrests	8 felony; 1 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	3 felony; 1 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	59
Citations Issued	11
Cars Towed	6
Searches	16 probation; 7 parole
Confiscations	12.5 gr. marijuana; 5.50 gr. meth; 1.0 gr. Heroin; 12.72 grams rock/cocaine
Guns	5 GSET has confiscated 1,034 firearms since its inception.

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,142 vacant properties within the city.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 53,024 square feet of graffiti. Over 361 additional pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs. Ten maintenance workers from the downtown alliance were trained by Neighborhood Services graffiti staff to remove graffiti. Chemicals and supplies were provided to the Downtown Alliance to assist with removal of graffiti in the downtown area.

Required audit inspections of Self-Certified rental properties continues. Within the last week, five properties were scheduled for inspection; all properties failed the inspections. On January 15, 2009, over 1,500 initial program packets were mailed out to property owners with inspections scheduled to begin on March 9, 2009.

Officers observed an occupied black Honda Civic stalled at the intersection of Salters/Kelly Drive. The Officers ran the license plate and discovered the vehicle was stolen. Officers subsequently arrested the three occupants for auto theft without incident.

A citizen reported that he and his female passenger were driving in the area of Kentfield/March Lane, when two suspects pulled up behind them at a stop light. The suspects got out of their vehicle and brandished a 9 mm handgun; the victims then fled in their vehicle. The suspects got back into their vehicle and chased the victims into Walgreen's parking lot at March/El Dorado; then they attempted to ram the victim's vehicle. The suspects continued the chase but the victims were able to get away from them and made it safely home; they called the police. Officers checking the area were able to locate one

of the suspects. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and was charged with brandishing a weapon, assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy.

An employee for Diaz Recycling, 8626 Lower Sacramento Road, saw a subject going through the cashbox. He attempted to stop the subject but was punched twice in the mouth by him. Two other subjects standing nearby watched as this was occurring, one had a shiny silver object that resembled a knife in his hand. After striking the employee, all three subjects took off running. Responding Officers saw the suspects near the levee; Officers later saw them go to the 1300 block of Aberdeen. Officers were able to get one subject to come out of a house. When the others would not come out, SWAT was called out; before they made entry, the remaining two subjects gave up. All three subjects were identified as responsible and were arrested for strong armed robbery.

Public Works

Sign Shop and Sign Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
6	Decals for MUD manufactured
4	Special signs for MUD manufactured
12	Street name signs manufactured and replaced
20	Door decals for Fleet manufactured
50	Number decals for Fleet manufactured
80	'Stop' signs replaced for maintenance
12	Knockdowns fixed
15	'No Left Turn' signs replaced for maintenance
14	'No Right Turn' signs replaced for maintenance

Paint Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
16	Delineators installed
80	Feet of red curb re-painted
60	Feet of yellow curb re-painted
100	Speed hump blocks installed

Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
40	Street Light Corrective Maintenance Work Orders completed
22	Street Light Field Orders completed
8	Traffic Signal Field Orders completed
-----	The crew also installed new wiring and hardware for the traffic signal modification at Wilson Way/Main Street

In an effort to increase recycling activities at multi-family units, Council Member Susan Eggman is partnering with the Solid Waste & Recycling Division to work closely with the City's franchise waste haulers (Allied Waste and Waste Management), as well as managers/owners of multi-family units to increase recycling efforts. On January 13th, this project was initiated in a kick-off meeting to establish initial goals and objectives; and the previously mentioned members will continue to work together to develop a strategic plan to meet future recycling goals.

Making better "green" choices was the focus of last Friday's "A Sustainable Future... Environmentally Preferred Purchasing" seminar hosted by the City of Stockton and sponsored by Office Depot. Nearly 70 attendees from throughout the County listened to speakers from local agencies share their success at initiating and maintaining recycling programs.

Solid Waste & Recycling Division staff explained how the 1989 legislation (AB 939) mandates that all municipalities divert 50 percent of their waste from landfills. Citing the 2004 implementation of the franchise and contractual agreements with Allied Waste, Waste Management and California Waste Recovery Systems has allowed Stockton to increase its recycling efforts in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors for a current diversion rate of 67 percent (based on the 2006 Annual Report).

The Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) told the group that their agency recycles throughout the district, re-uses existing furniture and supplies where possible instead of buying new and purchases green products whenever possible. When the district does purchase new furniture, it has begun buying GREENGUARD products which have been air quality certified for low emitting interior products. LUSD's mantra has become "use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without" to save money and protect resources.

University of the Pacific's newly appointed Sustainability Coordinator shared how the campus community has begun to go "paper light" by printing less paper and making better use of electronic copies, eliminating weekly paper newsletters throughout the college by using e-news and encouraging campus staff to turn-off lights and computers at the end of the day.

Office Depot provided an overview of what it means to go green, the different 'shades of green' and how "going green finally works because it now means saving money." They explained that buying environmentally safer products is not just about saving nature but has social, economic, environmental and sustainable implications for the world. Some suggestions to help agencies become more sustainable and save money are:

- purchase re-manufactured toner cartridges in copiers;
- replace existing lighting fixtures with CFLs (compact fluorescent lights);
- use re-chargeable batteries, refillable pens and pencils, and other durable products;
- use post-consumer high recycled content paper;
- print on both sides of every paper for every document;
- buy green;
- buy and use only energy efficient technology;
- buy reusable bottles and coffee cups, eliminate the use of Styrofoam;
- turn-off lights when leaving a room, and at the end of the day;
- turn-off computers at the end of the day.

The day's event ended with a raffle drawing for a recycling container filled with recycled products - the prize was provided by the Solid Waste & Recycling Division.

**City Manager's
Meetings
&
Presentations**

The City observed the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday.

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Teri Bentz, Johnny Ford, Christine Tien and Mark Moses; Ren Nosky; Joe Maestretti, Carol Marshall and Kim Trammel; and Dave

Harzoff.

Gary Dickson provided me with a briefing for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) Management and Finance Committee Meeting, which I attended on Wednesday. My Executive Team and I discussed the Budget Plan Time Line. Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Miller, Councilmember Fritchen and I received a briefing from staff regarding the SJCOG Board Meeting. I attended the Council Budget/Finance/Economic Development Committee Meeting.

Dave Harzoff, Gordon MacKay and I met with Anthony Barkett. Mayor Johnston, Teri Bentz and I discussed the upcoming State of the City event with Doug Wilhoit and Heidi Altamirano, Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Eggman and I met with Jose Rodriguez, El Concilio. Mike Taylor and I held our monthly meeting.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND

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