

Community Services

Oak Park Tennis Center	
Program	Activity
Group Lessons	February group lessons continue this week. Two adult level classes have 19 students registered and two junior level classes have 15 students registered.
Leagues	Oak Park Women's League played on Wednesday this week.

Oak Park Senior Center	
Program	Activity
Trips	The Sly Foxes travel group has three trips going to regional casinos within the next three months. Volunteers are working with local travel companies to organize say trips to other locations, including plays, museums and mystery trips. All tours are open to the public, over age 21.
Rentals	CPS Human Resources rented the Social Hall Saturday morning to host a test for over 50 candidates.
Daily Activities	DJ Zeke Ramirez played for Tuesday's Tea Dance. We Three performed live for the dance following Thursday's Sweetheart Luncheon. The billiard players went to Manteca for their monthly tournament Wednesday.
Membership	So far in February, one member renewed her city-wide senior membership at Oak Park and 17 new members joined the program.
Events	AARP volunteers are booked solid on Wednesdays at Oak Park and are very busy doing taxes for appreciative seniors.

Van Buskirk Community Center	
Program	Activity
Seniors	The Seniors enjoyed Sweets for the Sweets an early celebration for Valentine's Day. An additional member joined making three new participants in this month.
Sports	The South Region Basketball League began practice last week. There are 30 teams and 25 volunteer coaches. The league has 278 kids. Kids are very excited about their first games on February 21 and picture day on February 28.
Game Room	The pool table is finished and the room is being repainted for its grand reopening!
Teens	Teens watched a movie for Valentines Day, "Love and Basketball," and continue to enjoy the fitness room, ping pong, and dominoes.
Center News	The Ping Pong Tournament was won by our new Senior program member.
After School Express	For Valentine's Day, participants enjoyed rice crispy treats with festive sprinkles and chocolate chips-homemade!
Rentals	The Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon church continue to meet. San Joaquin County basketball league as a collaborative holds games on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Fire
Department**

Calls for Service Feb. 13 – Feb. 19, 2009	
10	Structure Fires
2	Vehicle fires
46	Fire Alarms
35	Vehicle Accidents
10	Hazmat Calls
50	Miscellaneous Calls
501	Medical calls
654	Total calls

Fire / Arson Investigations	
3	Building fires
1	Passenger vehicle fire
1	Road freight or transport vehicle fire
1	Outside storage fire
6	Total Fires
\$154,700.00	Total Estimated Dollar Loss
\$294,500.00	Total Estimated Pre-Incident Value

Library

The Maya Angelou Branch Library hosted its monthly session of the Soul Circle Book Club on Friday, February 13. Members gathered together to tackle the book, *Girl, Get Your Money Straight*, by Glinda Bridgforth. Nikki Beasley, of B. Wise Consultants, provided a signed copy of Bridgforth's book to each person who attended the Soul Circle session. As the group explored emotional and cultural issues associated with perceptions of money and spending, they found the topic so relevant that a complementary financial program will be hosted by Ms. Beasley. The Soul Circle Book Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 13, at the Maya Angelou Library, to discuss the biographical title, *Grace After Midnight*, by Felicia Pearson.

Marquis Who's Who in America has included Ken Yamashita's biography in their 2009 edition. Ken's entry is a result of his receiving the American Library Association's (ALA) Equality Award in 2007 after serving as co-chair of the first-ever Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) held in Dallas in 2006. In addition, he was recognized for his commitment to equality and diversity as a member of ALA over the years.

On Wednesday, February 18, the Maya Angelou Branch Library was one site for a community-based survey sponsored by San Joaquin County Public Health Services. Community residents were invited to "get involved in making positive changes in your neighborhood" by participating in a 30-minute survey. In exchange for residents' input, project coordinators gave participants a \$20 grocery gift card. Spanish, Hmong and Cambodian translation was available; childcare and light refreshments were provided. Over 75 residents responded to the survey invitation at the Maya Angelou site. Research requirements stipulated that a maximum of 30 adults could participate. The Library was honored to host an important community event.

On Wednesday, February 18, Library staff met with Yolanda Cuesta of Cuesta Multicultural Consulting. Yolanda summarized the Library's Strategic Planning Process, including the timeline, for the Management Team.



On Wednesday, February 18, the 2nd Annual Stockton Reads! Program held its Community Meeting at the Library to brainstorm on "how to work together to send a strong message that reading is important to our community." Stockton Reads! Encourages residents of City Council Districts to see which council district can do the most reading. The goal is to engage children, teens and adults in reading from March 13 to July 31, 2009. Learn more by visiting www.stocktogo.com/read. Will you take the challenge?

On Thursday, February 19, Library staff met with representatives from Unique Management Services, Inc., (UMS) to discuss expanding the recovery service's relationship with the Library in an effort to recover additional materials and monies. The threshold for UMS to begin recovery will be lowered to \$25 and will include both materials and monies owed. This effort is in response to the recent audit report.

Peacekeepers

Peacekeepers received two referrals from Youth Family Services of San Joaquin. Both male youths were neglected by their parents and live in a safe house. A Youth Outreach Worker (YOW) noticed the kids had torn shoes and bought them new clothes so they would not feel embarrassed to go to school. The YOW will continue to mentor them.

Youth Outreach Workers were requested by administrators at Hamilton School to follow up on several students that were physically assaulted in front of the school by non-student gang members. One of the students was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Administrators from Delta Sierra Middle school requested Peacekeepers assistance with a group of about ten students who appear to show gang posturing and recruiting. Peacekeepers learned that one of the main kids was recently found in the neighborhood wearing a bullet proof jacket while his friend was arrested carrying a loaded .357 handgun.

A Youth Outreach Worker assisted a Stockton Police Officer in finding resources for two foster home kids after they were cited for shoplifting at Wal-Mart.

Peacekeepers assisted SUSD reaching out to gang related youths during a truancy sweep conducted by Law Enforcement and Probation.

Peacekeepers provided a gang awareness PowerPoint presentation to all the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at Taft Elementary and Martin Luther King Jr. schools.

Peacekeepers held their bi-weekly Core meeting with Law Enforcement and Probation to share information regarding current gang activity to effectively create a plan of action to deter potential violence.

Peacekeepers provided an overview of the program and a gang awareness presentation to the faculty at Christa McAuliffe Middle school.

The Peacekeeper manager made contact with a U.O.P. staff member who has a history involving various intervention programs. The staff member was enthusiastic about forming a partnership with Peacekeepers to find innovative ways to provide alternatives for at-risk youth. A meeting to brainstorm ideas will be set up for early March.

Police Department

Stockton Police Department handled 6,066 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of February 12, - 18, 2009.

Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (Feb. 9 – 15, 2009)	
Action	Number
Field Interviews Conducted	49
Arrests	12 felony; 4 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	1 felony; 7 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	46
Citations Issued	7
Cars Towed	7
Searches	9 probation; 5 parole
Confiscations	0 marijuana; 17.77 gr. meth; 0 heroin; 0 rock/cocaine
Guns	6 GSET has confiscated 1,047 firearms since its inception.

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,050 vacant properties within the City.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 31,917 square feet of graffiti. Over 316 additional pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 12 rental properties resulted in 8 failing. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the respective property owners informing them of the existing violations. The remaining four properties were not available for inspection; a notice was posted to each of the dwellings informing the residents of the re-scheduled inspection date. Notices to Inspect were posted to 33 properties with inspections scheduled to commence on March 4, 2009.

The City of Stockton will be reimbursed \$56,558.58 by the State of California Abandoned Vehicle Program for the second quarter of the fiscal year.

During the month of January 2009, the Downtown Alliance, after being trained by Neighborhood Services staff, completed over 70 graffiti removal abatements. Prior to the training, only 13 abatements were completed for the year 2008.

North Community Policing Officers stopped a subject for traffic violations at Lucille/Don and discovered that he was on active parole. Officers conducted a parole search and found him to be in possession of two stun guns; the subject was booked for parole violation and one felony warrant.

A 31-year-old male victim reported to Police that three subjects attempted to rob him as he was walking southbound on Lorraine by Panella Park. The suspects walked towards him, then surrounded the victim and demanded his money. The victim told the suspects he had no money and ran into the street attempting to flag down a passing motorist. The suspects fled northbound on Lorraine; Officers located the suspects nearby and detained them. The victim identified the suspects as the ones who attempted to rob him. Officers took the suspects into custody and then contacted the victims from two separate robberies that occurred the previous day, in the same area. After further investigation, all three suspects were charged with one count of robbery and two counts of attempted robbery.

Officers responded to the 6200 block of Gettysburg on a report of a suspicious person call. They contacted the subject who matched the description in the call. Officers conducted a search and located 6.62 grams of methamphetamine, packaging materials and a digital scale. They also located numerous stolen articles related to a separate auto burglary and two counterfeit \$100 bills. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and charged with possession of narcotics for sale, possession of stolen property and possession of counterfeit money.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at Pinchot/Airport. The passenger was on active parole, and the vehicle was searched. Officers located 13.39 gr. methamphetamine, two scales, two pipes and \$2,929 in cash. Both suspects were booked into the County Jail.

An Officer attempted to detain a juvenile suspect in the 200 block of N. El Dorado for being intoxicated in public. The suspect tried pulling away and resisted arrest. Additional Officers responded to assist. The suspect was taken into custody and found to be in possession of a switchblade knife; the suspect was booked into Juvenile Hall.

Officers responded to a burglary alarm in the 1400 block of N. El Dorado and found a shattered window. Officers searched the business and located the suspect hiding inside. The suspect was arrested, and prior to being booked into Jail, he was taken to County Hospital for a laceration he received while breaking the business window.

The suspects burglarized a vacant home in the 700 block of W. Oak. The victims arrived home while the suspects were still inside the residence. Suspect #1 punched the male victim in the face. The male victim and Suspect #1 struggled; the victim was able to pin the suspect down and hold him until Police arrived. Suspect #2 fled prior to the Officers' arrival. Suspect #1 was booked into County Jail; the investigation is ongoing for the second suspect.

Officers responded to a call of subjects trespassing in a vacant house in the 300 block of W. Fourth. Upon arrival, Officers located the three suspects stripping a stolen vehicle. The suspects were taken into custody without incident.

Officers were enroute to the 700 block of Bess Place on a report of a burglary that had just occurred. Officers spotted two suspects, matching the description of the burglary suspects, traveling southbound on Manthey near Carolyn Weston. Officers initiated a traffic stop, but the suspects failed to yield. A one-minute pursuit ensued, ending at French Camp/McKinley, after the suspects lost control and flipped their vehicle. Both suspects were then taken into custody, suffering only minor scratches. They were found to be responsible for two residential burglaries.

Bike Officers saw the suspect driving the wrong way on El Dorado/Weber. The suspect pulled into the parking garage but refused to stop his vehicle. The suspect drove back onto El Dorado and got stuck at the traffic light at Weber. A Bike Officer rode up to the vehicle and ordered the suspect to turn off the vehicle. The Officer opened the driver side door and began to unbuckle the suspect's seatbelt. The suspect put the vehicle into "drive" and began to drive away. The Officer jumped away from the vehicle to avoid being struck. The suspect ran the red light at Weber and continued northbound on El Dorado. Another Officer spotted the vehicle at El Dorado/Fremont and attempted to stop it at Fremont/Hunter. The suspect abandoned the vehicle in the 500 block of N. San Joaquin and ran eastbound on Oak. A few seconds later, the suspect walked out of a nearby apartment complex and was taken into custody after a struggle with Officers.

The victim reported three suspects entered a business in the 400 block of E. Miner. While two of the suspects distracted the victim, Suspect #1 reached behind the counter and stole her purse containing a cell phone and other items. The victim followed the suspects out of the store and repeatedly asked for the return of her purse. Suspect #1 fled running north on Sutter; Suspects #2 and #3 continued walking westbound on Miner. One of the suspects then turned back toward the victim and showed her a knife; at which time, she quit following them and returned to the store to call the Police. Officers detained Suspect #2 at Sutter/Park. The victim identified the suspect. A Detective contacted AT&T and they provided Officers with the location of the victim's cell phone. Most of the victim's stolen property was located inside a tent near Weber/A Street. The investigation is ongoing for the two outstanding suspects.

Public Works

Facilities Maintenance Crew	
Location	Work Performed
-----	23 work requests completed
Animal Shelter	Repaired locks
Cesar Chavez	Repaired desk, replaced/repared lighting
City Hall	Repaired/replaced ceiling tiles, repaired toilets
Civic Auditorium	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Fire Station #2	Repaired exhaust fan
Fire Station #5	Repaired tile countertop, progressed power installation work
Impact Teen Center	Repaired locks
Oak Park Pool	Replaced soap dispensers
Oak Park Tennis Center	Repaired locks
Oak Park Senior Center	Repaired/replaced lighting, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Permit Center	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Philomathean	Repaired windows
SEB	Modified/moved shelving, repaired toilets
Sign Shop	Installed energy light controls (Corp Yard)

Facilities Maintenance Crew - continued	
Location	Work Performed
Valverde Park	Replaced vandalized toilet
Van Buskirk Center	Replaced/repairs lighting
Victory Park	Repaired toilets

Tree Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
3	Tree removals
47	Tree trims
12	Stump removals
5	Limbs down
30	Inspections

Sign Shop and Sign Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
200	Decals for 'No Parking' signs manufactured
28	Street name signs manufactured, and replaced
20	Timed parking signs manufactured
10	'Speed Limit' signs manufactured
10	Lane merge signs manufactured
20	Decals for Fleet Department manufactured
10	Knockdowns fixed
62	'No Parking' signs replaced for maintenance
12	Lane merge signs replaced for maintenance
10	'Signal Ahead' signs replaced for maintenance

Paint Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
16	Bollards replaced from knockdowns
1	In-street school crosswalk marker painted
600	Feet of red curb painted

Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
58	Streetlight Corrective Work Order requests completed
17	Streetlight Field Order requests completed
2	Traffic Signal Damage Recovery Work Order requests completed
20	Traffic Signal Field Order requests completed
5	Traffic Signal Engineering Work Order requests completed
-----	Emergency callouts at March/Claremont, Wilson/Main, Alexandria/Ben Holt, and March/Palm Plaza

Street Maintenance Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
398	Pot holes filled using Durapatch material
71	Pavement edges ground down in front of wheelchair ramps in order to minimize hazards (total of 2,760 linear feet of pavement)
-----	Filled and graded the lot at Philomatheon
24	Loads of grinding hauled to the Corp Yard to be used for base failure work
11	Sidewalk trip hazards ground down
15	Sidewalk trip hazards ramped

Operations and Maintenance – Projects Section	
Location	Work Performed
Fire Station #2	Leaks were discovered near an HVAC unit located above the network/electrical room at the Dispatch Center. Old caulk and flashing was removed and replaced around the HVAC unit and the patchwork was water tested.
City Hall Annex	Roof drain pipes along the west side of the building were found to be clogged with degraded roofing material and debris causing water to backup onto the roof and leak through drain pipe sleeves. Staff unclogged the drains and caulked and sealed adjacent drain pipes.
Oak Park Tennis Center	Numerous leaks were reported at the facility. Staff discovered that the majority of the water intrusion was caused by a poorly designed gutter system. A small portion of the roof was redesigned to discharge the roof water into a larger gutter. Various holes were patched and water tested.
MUD Waterfield Office	Various leaks were reported. Staff determined that the south portion of the roof needed to be replaced. Work was performed by a roofing contractor.
Victory Park – West Restroom Building	A 3'x2' hole in the roof was created as a result of recent vandalism. The roof was repaired immediately by a roofing contractor to eliminate water intrusion and secure the building.

**City Manager's
Message**

The City observed the holiday in honor of President Washington's Birthday.

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Joe Maestretti and Laurie Montes; and Dianna Garcia. Gary Dickson provided me with a briefing for the San Joaquin Council of Governments Finance and Management Committee meeting, which I attended. Christine Tien, Teri Bentz and I held a conference call with Jerry Haleva regarding State legislative issues.

Laurie Montes, Deputy Fire Chief Lance Calkins, Fire Captain Steve Stewart and I met regarding OES issues. Mike Taylor and I held our regular meeting. Dianna Garcia and Di Smith provided me with a briefing regarding the Health Plan Advisory Committee. Laurie Montes, Assistant Chief Blair Ullring and Deputy Chiefs Mark Helms, Eric Jones and Tammie Murrell and I held our regular meeting. I attended the Council Budget/Finance/Economic Development Committee Meeting.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND

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