

Council Follow-Up

Mr. James Young contacted the City Clerk's office regarding repairs to the sidewalk on Buckingham Way, from Pershing Avenue to Stratford Circle. Staff met with Mr. Young to inspect the site and confirmed that there are several sections of City tree damaged sidewalks and curbs/gutters. The damaged sidewalk sections were marked for temporary ramping with asphalt. The locations have also been placed on the backlog list for permanent removal and replacement as funds permit.

Administrative Services

City's Credit Rating Recently Affirmed by both Moody's and S&P: approximately \$272.1 Million of Debt Affected.

During the past month, both Moody's Investor Service and Standard & Poor's affirmed the City's "issuer credit rating" on its General Fund. Their most recent reviews were in reaction to recent discussions in the local press related to the City's solvency concerns. Below are the credit ratings of the City's General Fund-back debt:

Moody's Investor Service credit ratings - "A2" on the General Fund issuer rating; "A3" on the Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds, 2007 Series A&B; and "Baa1" on the Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (SEB), 2006 Series A.

Standard & Poor's credit ratings - "A+ with negative outlook" on the General Fund issuer rating; "A with negative outlook" on the proposed 2009 Lease Revenue Bonds for capital improvement in the Public Facility Fee Funds; "A with negative outlook" on the Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds, 2007 Series A&B; and "A with negative outlook" on the Stockton Redevelopment Housing Project Certificates of Participation, 2003 Series B.

The current credit ratings incorporate the severe weakness in the City's real estate market and local economy. The rating also includes the City's narrow financial position and limited financial flexibility. The affirmation recognizes the continued weakening of the local tax base. The affirmation also incorporates the City's recent tangible actions to bring its fiscal 2009 budget into balance. The rating agencies have recognized that significant challenges remain for the City in the current and next fiscal year. Both firms have indicated that the potential for downward movement in the credit rating remains in the event that the City is unable to achieve financial stability over that period.

Community Services

Community Services and Public Works staff met with representatives of the Stockton Cricket Club and Lodi Cricket Club. The clubs are looking for a park where they can install a cricket pitch. The meeting was very positive, resulting in a follow up meeting in late March to discuss options discussed during the meeting.

Community Services Superintendent Dino Leonardi and Recreation Superintendent Adolfo Cruz met with the Silver Lake Campers Association president to discuss the Department's recommendation for closure of Silver Lake in 2009 and 2010. The association is not pleased with this recommendation. The association now has a better understanding of the camps operation and expenses. A follow-up meeting will be held if the association calls for a meeting.

Recreation Superintendent Adolfo Cruz met with 22 residents of the Lincoln Village Home Owners Association to discuss their displeasure of sports usage of Grupe Park. City staff will address several issues concerning scheduling and parks issues. Staff will attend the next association's meeting to continue resolving issues. Residents were very pleased with City's attention to their concerns.

Oak Park Tennis Center	
Program	Activity
Group Lessons	March group lessons began this week. Two adult level classes and two junior level classes will be offered.
High School Tennis	St. Mary's Boys Tennis practices after school each day.
Leagues	Oak Park Women's League canceled this week due to rain.
Tournaments	Stockton Tennis Club Membership Tournament will begin this weekend.

Oak Park Senior Center	
Program	Activity
Rentals	A "Buddhist World Peace" prayer group held a meeting and worship in the Social Hall Sunday.
Daily Activities	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) crowned their Queen and Princess (the members who lost most of the weight within a certain timeframe) and celebrated with low fat and low in calories cookies and cake.
Membership	Three members renewed and 21 new members joined in February.
Events	AARP is still preparing taxes on Wednesdays and all appointments are booked through April 15.

Van Buskirk Community Center	
Program	Activity
Sports	Games for the 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball games started on Friday night. Everyone had fun and there was even a buzzer beating half court shot. On Saturday the remaining age divisions continued play with ten games and the all important picture day. Basketball practices are using the time wisely to develop the skills of the kids and it shows.
Seniors	The daily count of at least five or more use the fitness room and the gym for walking.
After School Express	Participant enrollment increased by two in the last week. Outdoor games and expressions through art were activities. Students examined March to decide if it came in as a lion or a lamb and agreed it was a lion!
Rentals	Ross Hall continues to host a bible study on Tuesday. Sunday services will be moving to the morning rather than late afternoon.
Gym	The San Joaquin County basketball league held some nail-biting games Wednesday and Friday. The playoffs in both divisions are scheduled to start soon.
Teens	Practices are getting intense for the upcoming Ping Pong tournament. The community enjoys the San Joaquin County employee games. Many of their friends are playing on the teams.
Fitness Room	A regular group uses the facility at least four times a week. Flyers have been posted to inform them of the membership card option.

Stribley Community Center	
Program	Activity
After School Express Program (ASE)	Stribley Center's After School Express program is growing every day. Current participants are letting other neighborhood kids know about the program and parents are coming in to sign up their children. The kids enjoy a snack, homework assistance and tutoring in subjects that they are having a hard time in school with. Staff and high school volunteers are assisting participants. The kids also enjoy physical activities in the gymnasium such as basketball, dodgeball, football toss, freeze tag, corners and parachute games. Staff also give the after school express a chance to earn Stribley Bucks. The children are able to earn these bucks by following center rules, helping keep the center clean, participating in all activities, following directions from their program leaders and center staff, showing respect for other participants in and out of their program and many other things. The children are able to use these Stribley bucks to go into the game room and play the Wii or Playstation 3 game systems, play basketball in the gymnasium or purchase pencils or other goodies from the After School Express store. This week the children had a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party.
Senior Program	The Stribley in the Mix Senior program gained five new seniors last week. The seniors have daily morning exercise and an afternoon lunch. Two new senior volunteers are also helping prepare and serve the daily lunches. The seniors are now playing bingo every Thursday. Stribley in the Mix members had the pleasure of listening to two guest speakers last week. One guest speaker came out and talked to the staff about taking trips to the casino and the other was from Life Care Access healthcare equipment and medical supply distributor that talked to them about qualifying for free equipment from their company.
Activity Room	The activity room is currently being used in the evening by a group of gentlemen from the community. Last week they had a pinochle competition and a Connect Four competition. The gentleman have showed interest in coming in to volunteer in the morning senior program on the days the seniors play pinochle in order to see how the game is really played. The activity room is also being used in the afternoon by the Stribley Young Life Teen Club.
COS Gymnastics	Gymnastics is having a problem with the floor. Rain and moisture are causing it to bubble. The gymnastics classes are continuing.
Ladies Fit Club	Ladies Fit Club is assisting ladies reach their weight and nutrition goals. The ladies meet every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:30. The ladies are enjoying themselves and grateful for the opportunity to workout, meet new friends and reach their goals all at the same time. Tuesday March 3rd was the first class for video Tae Bo. The ladies moved from the fitness room to the carpet room to amp up their metabolism and have great time.
OYC	The Outdoor Youth Connection (OYC) program is looking for teens to represent each community center in outdoor teen programs. Applications or questions can be forwarded to Stribley Community Center.
Teens	The Stribley Young Life Teen Club held their first meeting Wednesday, February 25. Eleven teens from attended. The teens talked about what they would like to improve or help with within their community, club fundraisers, special events and even nominated club officers. The teens planned a root beer float sale at the center Thursday, March 5 to help raise money for their club. This first meeting also gave the teens a chance to meet other teens from their area. The staff leader of this program also had the club members participate in an ice breaker. The participants were also given the rules and expectations of the teen club.

Stribley Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Youth Sports	Stribley has just started sign-ups for a center basketball league. This league will give children the opportunity to play in their own community without having to travel too far to play at a center outside of their area. The teams will be coached by volunteers. Volunteers are needed for all sports; staff is asking older participants to help with younger participant's sports programs. The Stribley Stuntastic Cheer and Dance team is promoting its program throughout the community. This program will kick off in mid-March. High school volunteers have been lined up to help with this program.
R.A.P.	Daily activities include basketball, dance and drama, fitness, aerobics, The Advocates, socializing, community walks and lunch.
Monthly Memberships	Stribley is up to 14 monthly memberships for its fitness room. People are very pleased with the new equipment and the look of the new facility and staff.
Annual Memberships	Four annual memberships have been sold for the fitness room.
Open Gym/Fitness	The gym and fitness room have been utilized on the daily basis by teens and adults – some are members and other pay their daily user fees. Open gym from 1 to 4 p.m. has been a success. Players are signing up and playing full court 5-on-5 games.
Daily Attendance	Daily attendance at the center is growing. Participants have had to register and show either school ID or picture ID and they check in at the front desk. This helps the staff know who is in center at all times and also gives the staff a chance to get to know all participants in the center by name. In a two-day center registration drive, 160 participants registered at the center.
Rentals	Recreation for All People (RAP) and Special Olympics both use Stribley. A Special Olympics basketball tournament was held last Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and had a great turnout. A DJ and concession stand was available for participants as well as the spectators.

Arnold Rue Community Center	
Program	Activity
Youth Sports	The North youth basketball league now has 51 teams playing at the McNair and Arnold Rue Community Centers. All of the teams are being coached by volunteers in the community. Teams will hit the halfway point of the season this weekend at both facilities. Staff is taking registrations for Outdoor Spring Soccer, Spring Baseball and Dodgeball until the end of March.
Senior Program	The Brown Bag Program served over 180 bag of groceries to seniors 60 years and over in the community. The Brown Bags are 50 cents and the program takes place the first and third Thursday of each month. The AARP have two volunteers that have started assisting seniors in the community with tax preparation. They are taking appointments on Tuesday and Thursday s from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Arnold Rue Community Center. As of this week there are 116 members in the senior program at the Arnold Rue Community Center.
Facility Rentals	This week the Arnold Rue Community Center and Seifert Community Center had a total of six rentals. Each week we are taking deposits and paperwork for new rentals at the facility.

Arnold Rue Community Center - continued	
Program	Activity
Arnold Rue Community Center	We have temporarily moved our Open Gym time to Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. during the youth basketball league in order to accommodate practice times.
Instructional Classes	Several new instructors have to come on with the North district for classes starting this month. New classes include Boot Camp classes for teen boys and adults, Ninjutsu: The Art of Self Defense and Spanish classes for youth

After School Programs	
Region	Site Activities
	<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.</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 sites this week for grades K-3 and 4-6 on Tuesday and Thursday.</p>
Region 1 (South)	A substitute staff has been filling in and is a good fit!
Region 2 (Central)	The Central Regions After School programs have a shortage of ASES certified staff able to work, with two sites being down one person. The Central region's Recreation Leader V. has been going to sites to help when needed. Each program site has a significant number of kids attending every day.

Fire Department

Fire Prevention Staff reviewed 10 building plans and fire suppression systems.

The Emergency Communication Division (ECD) met with representatives from the National Academies of Emergency Medical Dispatch (NAED) at Emergency Communication Dispatch (ECD) this afternoon to take pictures and film the ECD and conduct an interview with retired Fire Captain Robert Mills. This is for the 30th anniversary of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). Captain Mills worked with Dr. Jeff Clawson in pioneering of the Emergency Medical Dispatch. The Stockton Fire Department was one of the first city Fire agencies to use an Emergency Medical Dispatch System since the early 1980's. A segment of the interview and photos will be printed in an upcoming National Academies of Emergency Dispatch (NAED) Journal and a special presentation will be made at the Navigator Conference in Las Vegas April 2009.

Calls for Service Feb. 27 – Mar. 05, 2009	
15	Structure Fires
4	Vehicle fires
27	Fire Alarms
42	Vehicle Accidents
9	Hazmat Calls
56	Miscellaneous Calls
1	Grass fire
520	Medical Calls
674	Total calls

Fire Prevention- Plan Checks, Inspections, Hood & Duct Systems and Fire Systems Tests	
4	Final Fire Inspections
2	Visual/Hydro Inspections
4	Fire Alarm Inspections
4	Hood & Duct Inspections
1	CCL Inspection
1	Underground Fire Sprinkler Inspection
1	Fire Pump Inspections
1	Underground Tank Removal Inspection
2	Fire Protection Special System Inspections

Human Resources

On Wednesday, March 4, the Citywide Training program held "Harassment Awareness and Prevention" the supervisors' module. Associate Professor Tom Brierton, from the University of the Pacific, provided 29 City employee's guidance on how to handle workplace harassment along with state and federal laws.

Library

The Margaret Troke Branch Library partnered with Lincoln Elementary School in their library card challenge. On February 17 and 24, the Library hosted school nights for families to come in and learn about the library. Parents and children participated in a library tour and enjoyed stories and crafts. The school has purchased incentives for each child that is able to show them a public library card and will have an assembly titled "Love the Library" at which a PowerPoint demonstration will feature the libraries programs and resources.

February 19–26, storyteller Kirk Waller helped audiences at the Ripon, Weston Ranch, Cesar Chavez, Escalon, Fair Oaks, Angelou and Troke Libraries celebrate Black History Month with his soulful and inspiring "Oh My Hammer: An African-American Experience Through Storytelling" program. Audiences of all ages were entertained by the stories Mr. Waller shared, including stories about John Henry and Ruby Bridges. Mr. Waller will return to several library branches during the Summer Reading program with a storytelling program featuring animal stories.

The new "Library ART Cards" have arrived and are for sale at any branch of the Stockton San Joaquin County Public Library Public Library. The new wallet/keychain combination cards feature artwork from local teens that participated in the local competition as part of the National Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*. Treat yourself to a new library card and choose from any one of the new four (4) designs. A fee applies to purchase a new card or to replace an existing/lost/or stolen card.

A new partnership between the Cesar Chavez Central Library and the Social Security Administration's Stockton office brought in a "full house" to the Library's Computer Center on Wednesday, Feb. 18. All 14 computers were taken for the second in a series of "Social Security Online Workshops @ Your Library." Four individuals filed online retirement applications and two others each initiated a disability application. The next session is March 18, at 5:30 p.m., at Chavez. All sessions are free and will continue monthly on the third Wednesdays. Al Ballon of the Stockton office reports that the collaboration has inspired other SSA offices to reach agreements with local libraries.

The Library had a vibrant, informative and popular booth at the 2009 State of the City event on February 26, displaying information about resources, upcoming programs and a highlighted poster board showcasing the newly released Library ART Cards. Among many things the Library was pleased to promote four major upcoming events: Stockton Reads!, The Big Read, Día De Los Niños and the Library's annual Summer Reading Program. In addition, staff encouraged people to get their tickets for the upcoming Library and Literacy Foundation's 18th annual Trivia Bee, which will take place on Friday, March 13th at the Civic Auditorium.

On Sunday, March 1, in its 4th annual celebration of Black History and Culture, the Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, in partnership with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Friends of the Stockton Public Library, had the honor of presenting guest speaker Tommie Smith, 1968 Olympics Gold Medal winner. During the 1968 Olympic Games, U.S. athlete Tommie Smith won the 200-meter sprint in a then-world-record time of 19.83 seconds. On the awards podium, shoeless in black socks and sharing one pair of black gloves, Tommie Smith and teammate John Carlos bowed their heads when "The Star-Spangled Banner" played, raised their fists and delivered the Black Power salute in a statement of civil rights protest. The image from that day became front page news around the world. In 2008, they celebrated the 40th anniversary of their Olympic event and were honored with the ESPN Arthur Ashe Courage Award. In addition to our distinguished Olympic guest, who was available for book signing after his speaking engagement, the Library showcased the art collection of Johnny and Karol Ford and Friends as well as the works of local African American artists and other artifacts. About 200 people were in attendance at the program.

Over 90 children and parents attended the "Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" program at Cesar Chavez Central Library on Monday, March 2. The program included a reading of Dr. Seuss' *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut*, a game based on first lines from Dr. Seuss' books and lots of craft activities for all ages. Immediately following the program, many of the attendees could be found in the Children's Section of the Library looking for the perfect books to check out and take home.

On Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m., nine mystery lovers converged at the Margaret K. Troke Branch Library in the first Unlock the Mystery Book Club meeting. Over coffee, tea, cookies and jazz music readers discussed the novel *Black Echo* by Michael Connelly. The meeting was a big hit among the participants, and they can't wait for next month's discussion of *T is for Trespass* by Sue Grafton.

On Wednesday, March 4th, Weston Ranch Branch Library hosted its first Teen Advisory Committee. Ten students from Weston Ranch High School gave input on what types of materials to purchase and programs that will appeal to teens. The Teen Advisory Committee will continue to meet and collaborate with Library staff as a way to continually improve the services the Library provides to the community.

Peacekeepers

The Peacekeeper Manager provided a progress update and overview of the program to the Juvenile Judges, Attorneys and Juvenile Justice Commission members during their monthly Juvenile Justice meeting.

The Peacekeeper Manager, as well as City officials and representatives from Richmond, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Fresno, Salinas, San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles, Oxnard and San Diego, attended the "13 Cities" gang prevention network conference in Santa Rosa; in a collaborate effort to create comprehensive city-wide planning that combines prevention, intervention, enforcement and the community.

A gang detective referred six students from Taylor Elementary school to Peacekeepers for intervention services. A Youth Outreach Worker met with school officials who said the nine-year old students are terrorizing the school and claiming a new gang. Follow up home visits with the parents are being conducted.

Youth Outreach Workers responded to a request for assistance by the administration at McNair High School to mediate an ongoing conflict between Hispanic gangs. Peacekeepers met with some of the gang members to monitor the situation closely.

While off duty a Youth Outreach Worker (YOW) was approached inside a retail store by a gang member who was selling drugs. The YOW encouraged him to get a job, but the youth had every excuse why no

one would hire him. In an effort to show the youth he was wrong and was being his own worst enemy, the youth was assisted in applying and being accepted by "Youth Build of San Joaquin" to study for his GED and receive construction training while earning \$500.00 per month. Two other youths were also enrolled into Youth Build by Peacekeepers.

A Youth Outreach Worker (YOW) assisted an administrator from Edison High School with an African American student that was instigating a racial conflict against the Hispanics by convincing their parents to transfer the students out of school and to Delta College GED program. The YOW will continue to monitor and mentor the youth.

Police Department

Stockton Police Department handled 6,616 calls for service, incidents and/or reports during the week of February 26 – March 4, 2009.

Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (Feb. 23 – Mar. 1, 2009)	
Action	Number
Field Interviews Conducted	56
Arrests	8 felony; 1 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	6 felony; 2 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	50
Citations Issued	5
Cars Towed	6
Searches	22 probation; 6 parole
Confiscations	7.0 gr. marijuana; .00 gr. meth; 0 heroin; 1.0 gr. rock/cocaine
Guns	GSET has confiscated 1,050 firearms since its inception.

Community Health Action Team (CHAT) is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,065 vacant properties within the City.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 40,988 square feet of graffiti. Over 388 pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 13 rental properties resulted in 8 failing. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the respective property owners of failed properties. 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. The remaining unit was found to be vacant and foreclosed. Notices to Inspect were posted on 22 properties with inspections scheduled to begin March 19, 2009.

Two vehicles collided in the intersection of Airport/Arch Airport. Five occupants from one of the involved vehicles were transported to local hospitals for treatment, one is in critical condition. The driver of the other involved vehicle was found to be intoxicated; he was arrested and booked into the County Jail.

Officers responded to Oak/San Joaquin on a report that a subject was swinging an item around and threatening to kill someone. When Officers arrived at the location, the suspect charged at them with a broken skateboard. When Officers ordered the suspect to drop the skateboard, the suspect fled on foot. Officers caught the suspect, arrested him and booked him into the County Jail.

The victim was walking home from school; at Eighth/Stockton, Suspect #1 approached him from behind and put a knife to his throat. Suspect #2 removed two dollars and a cell phone from the victim's pockets. Also taken was the victim's backpack, containing school books and school identification. Officers located the suspects in the 2000 block of S. Yosemite; they were arrested after being identified by the victim.

Officers responded to a silent burglar alarm in the 500 block of N. Wilson; they heard breaking glass and movement inside the business. Officers saw the suspect jumping out of a broken window and chased him on foot to the 1400 block of E. Oak. After a brief struggle, the suspect gave up and was arrested. Officers recovered a stolen camera from inside the suspect's jacket pocket that had been taken from the business.

Officers responded to the 700 block of E. Main on a report of a business burglary which had just occurred. The suspect gained entry by smashing a window of the business. Responding Officers located the suspect nearby. After being identified by a witness, the suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail.

Officers responded to a forgery in progress call at Washington Mutual in the 5700 block of Pacific. One Officer checked out a subject who was acting as a lookout; a Sergeant entered the business to meet with the subject inside. The suspect ran away, and a short foot pursuit ensued. The suspect was apprehended at Pacific/Robinhood. One suspect was depositing stolen checks into his account. Both suspects were arrested for burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime and parole violation.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for minor traffic violations at Lorraine/Burgundy. A consent search of the vehicle was conducted and a loaded .38 cal handgun was located inside. The suspects were taken into custody without incident. They were arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a loaded firearm.

Officers responded to Food4Less on the 700 block of W. Hammer on a report of a subject who concealed merchandise and walked out of the store without paying. Loss prevention officers confronted the suspect outside the store. The suspect swung his arm at one of the employees. The suspect struggled while he was being taken into custody by loss prevention personnel. Officers arrived and took the suspect into custody, charging him with robbery.

Officers responded to a residential burglary in-progress in the 5800 block of Cumberland; a neighbor reported the suspects had fled in a black Chevrolet Suburban. Officers spotted the suspect vehicle northbound on Kelly from Hammer. Officers stopped the suspect vehicle in the In-Shape City Parking lot on Kelly. Officers detained the suspects and transported a witness to the location. Witnesses identified both detainees as the suspects. The adult suspect was booked at County Jail and the minor was booked at Juvenile Hall. Both were charged with attempted burglary, vandalism and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Public Works

Facilities Maintenance Crew	
Location	Work Performed
-----	24 work requests completed
Animal Shelter	Repaired/serviced HVAC unit
Bob Hope Theatre	Replaced dress shop heating unit
Central Parking	Repaired/replaced lighting
Cesar Chavez Library	Repaired/replaced ceiling tiles; painted; repaired locks; repaired/replaced lighting
City Hall	Repaired/replaced ceiling tiles; repaired T-bar ceiling grid; repaired locks; repaired/replaced lighting
City Hall Annex	Replaced ceiling tiles; obtained quotes for HVAC system repairs/upgrades
Civic Auditorium	Installed electrical distribution spider box for event support
Corp Yard	Ran air lines, disconnect box, and electrical lines for new compressor in Paint Shop

Facilities Maintenance Crew - continued	
Location	Work Performed
Facilities Maintenance	Walls put up in the storage building
Fire Station #2	Repaired/cleared drains; repaired/serviced HVAC chiller
Fire Station #5	Painted shower ceilings; repaired/cleared drains; installation of power
Human Resources	Relocated office items
Impact Teen Center	Repaired sink; repaired/replaced lighting
Louis Park	Repaired/replaced lighting
MUD	Repaired showers; repaired locks; repaired/serviced HVAC chiller
Permit Center	Repaired/replaced lighting
Philomathean Club	Repaired toilets
Police Station (Main)	Repaired parking lot gate; repaired/serviced HVAC unit (at dispatch)
Port of Stockton	Electrical connection support for the State of the City speech
SEB	Repaired/serviced HVAC unit
Troke Library	Repaired/serviced HVAC unit
Victory Park	Repaired urinals

Tree Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
17	Tree removals
7	Tree trims
37	Stake removals from trees
7	Limbs down
21	Inspections

Sign Shop and Sign Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
6	Railroad track warning signs manufactured
10	Yellow Type N signs manufactured
10	Red Type N signs manufactured
1	'Traffic Does Not Stop' warning sign manufactured
2	Number decals for parking meters manufactured
1	Directional golf course sign manufactured
10	Truck route signs manufactured
2	'Right Turn Only' signs manufactured
12	Knockdowns fixed

Sign Shop and Sign Crew - continued	
Quantity	Work Performed
45	'No Parking' signs replaced for maintenance
16	'Pedestrian Crossing' signs replaced for maintenance
10	Curve arrow warning signs replaced for maintenance
6	New installations for work orders

Paint Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
12	Parking stalls tracked
4	Streets mapped for overlay

Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
92	Streetlight Corrective Work Order requests completed
29	Streetlight Field Order requests completed
10	Traffic Signal Field Order requests completed
5	Traffic Signal Engineering Work Order requests completed
-----	The crew also responded to emergency callouts at Airport/Zephyr, Bunker Lane/Greenridge Drive, and Fremont/Filbert.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	
Neighborhood	Status
Council District 3	<p>LVW-Embarcadero – The second Traffic Calming Committee meeting was held, and the traffic calming plan is 95% complete. Ballots will be mailed out on March 6th for a four week voting period.</p> <p>Mayfair West – A kick off meeting held; and the attendees opted to participate in the Speed Hump Program instead of a full program. A Traffic Calming Committee was formed and the volunteers are contacting residents adjacent to possible speed hump locations to determine support.</p>
Council District 4	<p>Caldwell Village – The field review is completed. Staff is preparing for the neighborhood kick-off meeting.</p> <p>Venetian Bridges – The field review is completed. Staff is preparing for the neighborhood kick-off meeting.</p>
Council District 6	Columbus Park – The second Traffic Calming Committee meeting was held, and the traffic calming plan is 85-90% complete. Ballots will be mailed in approximately one to two weeks for a four week voting period.

Parks Crew			
Park	Graffiti	Vandalism	Hours to Clean
Anderson	X		3
Atherton	X		1
Brooking	X		.5
Cortez	X		.5
Cruz	X		3.5
Dentoni	X		.5
Gibbons	X		1
Harrell	X		2
Holiday	X		.5
Legion	X		2
Lock Lomond	X		.5
Panella	X		4
Peterson	X		.5
Pixie Woods	X		2
Stribley	X		1
Victory	X		3.5
Weber Point	X		10

The Community Enhancement Crew removed trash and weeds using 76 Alternative Work Program Participants at the following locations: E. Sonora Street (alley between 'D' and 'E' Streets), Pacific Avenue/Edan Avenue, 160 Fulton Street, 7607 Amber Way, Zephyr Street/'B' Street, Sperry Road, alleys east of Stribley Park and south of Main Street, Robinhood Drive/Nottingham walkway, Shimizu walkway over the Smith Canal, Ryde Avenue/Pixie Drive, 6428 Cumberland Place, Sherill Court and Aztec Avenue.

With its latest recycling rate of 67 percent for the year 2006 (the latest year reported on), the City of Stockton has recently been ranked #5 among large California cities by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). Stockton ranked among the State's large cities consisting of Fresno, Huntington Beach (which tied for first place at 71 percent), San Francisco and Long Beach. State Law AB 939 requires local agencies to divert a minimum of 50 percent of its waste stream from landfills. Stockton has been able to achieve the high diversion rate due to its efforts to vigorously promote recycling in its residential, commercial, industrial and construction sectors.

At last week's State of the City event, the Public Works booth featured the Traffic Calming Program, Operations and Maintenance equipment, Solid Waste & Recycling program and the Department's many Capital Improvement Programs. Those who visited the booth got the opportunity to walk on rubberized sidewalks; check out energy-saving traffic signals with LED lights; learn how commercial businesses can save money by recycling; observe how roundabouts and undulations can calm residential traffic; locate all the many capital improvement projects taking place in Stockton; and gain a better understanding of the many services provided to the community.

Public Works Projects At-A-Glance				
PROJECTS	COST	PROJECT PHASE		
		PLANNING	DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION
911 Dispatch Relocation - Police Department	\$9M			
Airport Way Beautification	\$8M			
Airport Way Beautification Phase 2	\$1.7M			
Arch-Sperry Rd – Performance Dr to I-5	\$60M			
California Street SNI Improvements	\$0.6M			
Davis Rd Bridge @ Pixley Slough	\$5.4M			
Duck Creek Bike Path	\$0.2M			
El Dorado St Widening – Phase II	\$11M			
Fillmore Elementary School - Safe Routes to School	\$0.2M			
French Camp/I-5 Interchange Reconstruction	\$60M			
Hammer Lane Widening – Phase III B	\$11.5M			
March Ln & Pershing Traffic Signal Modification	\$1M			
Modify Traffic Signal - Farmington / Mariposa	\$0.3M			
Morada Lane UPRR At-Grade Quiet Zone Improvements	\$1M			
Morada/SR99 and 8Mile/SR99 interchanges	\$130M			
New Traffic Signal - Lincoln Street / Turnpike Road	\$0.4M			
New Traffic Signal - Filbert Street / Myrtle Street	\$0.4M			
North I-5 Interchanges & Widening	\$330M	(PA&ED/EIR for entire project) (Design for I5 widening)		
N Stockton RR Grade Separation & Bridge Replace	\$194M			
Thornton Rd Widening – Pershing Ave to Bear Creek	\$16M			
Thornton Rd-Eight Mile Rd Intersection Rehab (Hump)	\$0.35M			
Weber Avenue Streetscape Beautification Phase 2	\$0.5M			
Weston Ranch Fiber Optic Network Expansion	\$0.9M			
Total	\$843M			

**Revitalization
Department**

On Saturday, February 28, the City of Stockton, along with the State of California Department of Real Estate and JP Morgan Chase Bank, sponsored Project Homeowner: Protecting Californians' Dreams of Homeownership at the Civic Auditorium. The event provided information on foreclosure prevention and fraud protection. Lenders were also on hand to assist with loan modifications to those that qualified. In addition, counseling services were provided to local residents looking to purchase their first home. Staff from the City's Revitalization Department were available to answer questions about housing programs and City services, as well as to assist with translation for Spanish-speaking residents. Over 800 people attended this free event.

**City Manager's
Message**

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Ren Nosky; Joe Maestretti; Dave Harzoff; Johnny Ford, Laurie Montes and Teri Bentz; and Dianna Garcia. Mayor Johnston and I met with Jerry Haleva regarding State legislative issues. Dave Macedo, President, Stockton Firefighters' Local 456, and I held our monthly meeting. Mayor Johnston and I met with Don Geiger and Jeff Shields, South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

Johnny Ford, Bob Murdoch, Gary Dickson and I participated in a meeting with representatives from San Joaquin Council of Governments and the development community regarding funding for improvements to the I-5 corridor in Stockton. Johnny Ford, Mark Madison, Bob Granberg, Melissa Price, John Luebberke and I held our monthly Executive Team Meeting for the upcoming Council Water Committee Meeting. Dianna Garcia and Di Smith provided me with a briefing on the Health Plan Advisory Committee.

Ren Nosky, Johnny Ford and I met with Michael Reinsdorf, IFG. Interim Police Chief Blair Ullring and I held our regular meeting. Mayor Johnston, Councilmember Lowery, John Luebberke, Mark Madison, Bob Granberg and I met with San Joaquin County representatives regarding water issues. Mayor Johnston and I participated in a meeting on the Stimulus Plan at the San Joaquin Partnership. Joe Maestretti, Mahin Shah and I discussed capital improvement plans for next year.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND

**J. GORDON PALMER, JR.
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