

Community Services

The Stockton Sports Commission was mentioned in a Wall Street Journal article about beep baseball and its world championship held in Stockton recently. Beep baseball is a game especially designed for blind people to play with sighted coaches and other assistants. A video from the tournament was also posted at <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125054739963438235.html>. The article quoted the organizer of Stockton's own Stingrays, one of under 20 beep ball teams in the country.

At the Fair Oaks Branch Library on Thursday, August 13, Library staff provided a Spanish language orientation to English as a Second Language (ESL) students enrolled in the Migrant Education Program of San Joaquin County Office of Education. Fifteen ESL students participated in an interactive session focusing on library services, programs and language literacy. Students also had access to the Library's computers in order to practice Internet skills and search for information. The orientation concluded with the students obtaining new library cards as well as informational bookmarks in English and Spanish. Staff at the Fair Oaks Branch established a formal partnership with the County Office of Education in 2008 to support its Migrant Education Program by providing a facility for ESL and GED preparation classes as well as informational resources to assist student education.

Escalon Librarian Bill Walker assured about 200 teachers and staff at the Escalon Unified School District kickoff on Thurs. Aug. 13, that the library is alive and well! He spoke about new hours at the library as well as the many programs and services that are still available.

Oak Park Senior Center	
Program	Activity
Billiards	Over a dozen seniors participated in a pool tournament that pitted the Oak Park Senior Center group against pool players from the Manteca Senior Center. The close match went to Manteca by one point. The players will travel to Manteca next month for the next tournament.
Memberships	The 2009-/10 membership drive slowed some with the schedule cuts at Oak Park Senior Center, but new and renewing members continue to sign up daily. Over 400 members are current and staff is working to get all regularly attending patrons renewed.
Adult Basketball	Season 3 games continue this week. Two of the three divisions have playoff games and Championships this week.
Adult Softball	City League Softball continues this week at Louis and Oak Park. Several teams have playoffs this week to conclude Season 2. Due to several overhead lights that have not yet been replaced at Oak Park Softball diamonds, we switched to optic softballs, which are easier to see in the dark due to their bright yellow color.
Adult Sports Registration	Softball Season 3 registration ended last week. We currently have 136 teams registered. Basketball Season 4 registration is open and continuing.
Field Rentals/Events	Louis Park is rented for a tournament this weekend. McNair soccer fields are rented this weekend by various organizations.

**Fire
Department**

Calls for Service August 14–August 20, 2009	
6	Structure Fires
7	Vehicle fires
28	Fire Alarms
44	Vehicle Accidents
9	Hazmat Calls
67	Miscellaneous Calls
18	Grass fires
593	Medical Calls
772	Total calls

Fire Prevention- Plan Checks, Inspections, Hood & Duct Systems and Fire Systems Tests	
10	Final Fire Inspections
4	Visual/Hydro Inspections
5	Fire Alarm Inspections
1	Hood & Duct Inspection
3	CCL Inspections
0	Underground Fire Sprinkler Inspections
0	Special System Inspections

FIRE / ARSON INVESTIGATIONS	
4	Buildings fire
5	Fire, other
2	Mobile property (vehicle) fire
0	Fires in structures other than in a building
2	Passenger vehicle fire
7	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
0	Trash or rubbish fire, contained
0	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
1	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire
7	Grass fire
3	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
31	Total Fires
\$16,456.00	Total Estimated Dollar Loss
\$352,306.00	Total Estimated Pre-Incident Value

Fire Prevention staff reviewed 12 building plans and fire suppression systems. Conducting ongoing weed abatement efforts for City and County properties within SFD jurisdiction.

Peacekeepers

The Peacekeeper manager was contacted by a Women's Shelter of San Joaquin to request assistance with a gang awareness class for their staff.

In the wake of recent shootings, the Outreach Workers have been working with youths in the community and schools to prevent further retaliations as well as assisting the families who have lost youths to the violence.

An Outreach Worker and a group of females she is currently mentoring attended a meeting with a Judge, a District Attorney and a Parole Agent to learn about the system and educational opportunities.

While at Fremont School, an Outreach Worker was informed by a client that he saw another student showing off a knife and boasting that he was going to stab somebody. The administration responded immediately and police confiscated the knife, most likely preventing a serious injury to another student.

During a bomb threat at Chavez High School, Outreach Workers provided assistance by calming down frustrated parents who showed up to pick up their children.

A female gang member who attends Lincoln High School contacted Peacekeepers to ask for assistance in getting out of the gang, she said she was recently "jumped out" of the gang. During the follow up assessment the Outreach Worker teamed up with the students' Mental Health counselor.

While at Van Buren School an Outreach Worker witnessed a verbal confrontation between two groups that involved children and adults. The Outreach Worker knew who the adults were and was able to mediate the conflict before it escalated to a physical confrontation.

An Outreach Worker assisted the staff at Edison High School mediate a conflict between two rival gang members.

An Outreach Worker provided gang awareness class to eight gang members at Oak Park Village and also spoke to them about male responsibilities and positive alternatives.

A Peacekeeper client requested assistance in mentoring four of his high-risk nephews. The Youth Outreach Worker assisted the family by enrolling the youths into school and will monitor their progress.

Outreach Workers enrolled several youths into Youth Build of San Joaquin.

The Peacekeeper Manager met with the staff of Youth Build in preparation of the new school year. An Outreach Worker has been assigned to work at Youth Build for a half-day with funding from the County Office of Education.

Peacekeepers held the bi-weekly Core meeting with Probation, School Resource Officers and the gang unit to share information regarding current gang activity.

Peacekeepers held the monthly Advisory meeting to provide an updates regarding the program as well as reports from law enforcement and partner agencies on the resources they provide. County Mental Health was the highlighted organization.

Police Department

Stockton Police Department handled 7,136 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports during the week of August 13 - 19, 2009.

Gang Enforcement Team (GSET) (August 10 - 16, 2009)	
Action	Number
Field Interviews Conducted	81
Arrests	5 felony; 0 misdemeanor
Warrant Arrests	1 felony; 4 misdemeanor
Traffic Stops	54
Citations Issued	16
Cars Towed	4
Searches	13 probation; 6 parole
Confiscations	0.00gr. marijuana; 0.85 gr. meth; 0.00 gr. heroin; 0.00 rock/cocaine
Guns	0 (GSET has confiscated 1,092 firearms since inception).

CHAT is aggressively focusing its efforts on approximately 1,113 vacant properties within the city.

Within the last week, the Graffiti Team removed 29,571 square feet of graffiti. Over 188 pieces of property were abated, including signal boxes and poles, mail boxes, and public signs.

Scheduled inspections of 54 rental properties resulted in 42 failures. A Violation Warning Notice was sent to the property owners of failed properties. Seven properties were not available for inspection. A notice was posted to each dwelling informing the residents of the re-scheduled inspection date. Five properties were found to be vacant and foreclosed. Notices to Inspect were posted to 89 properties with inspections scheduled to begin September 2, 2009.

The four victims reported that while walking near Pixie/Pinetree, they were approached from behind by 10 male suspects. One of the suspects brandished a small silver revolver; another suspect brandished a small black revolver. They robbed the victims of their cash and personal property. The suspects then fled eastbound on Pixie. Officers located one suspect nearby; he was positively identified by the victims, arrested, and booked into County Jail. The investigation is ongoing for additional suspects.

Officers responded to the 2300 block of E. Washington on reports that the suspect was fighting with family members. Upon arrival, Officers attempted to take the suspect into custody; he resisted arrest. The suspect bit an Officer on one finger. Pepper spray and a Safe-Wrap were deployed to take the suspect into custody.

Officers were dispatched to a fight in the 200 block of N. Hunter. Three males had become involved in an altercation; one male struck another subject over the head with a broken bottle. Suspect #1 had minor cuts to his hand and a laceration to his side. Suspect #2 had small cuts on his hands. Suspect #3 was uninjured; all three suspects were arrested. While at the hospital, Suspect #1 became combative, kicked the Officer, and wrapped his legs around the Officer's legs. The combative suspect was placed in a Safe-Wrap.

California Highway Patrol and Stockton Police Officers continued a collaborative effort to provide increased, proactive, traffic enforcement and law enforcement services, directed at areas plagued by violent crime, street robberies, gang activity, and street-level narcotics. Officers conducted a total of 84 stops/contacts, issued 26 citations, towed 12 vehicles, impounded 11 vehicles, arrested 2 suspects for DUI, arrested 1 suspect on felony drug charges, arrested 4 suspects for warrants, conducted 26 probation/parole searches, and conducted 86 field interviews.

Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress at Park/Sutter. The victim had been pushing a cart containing auto cleaning supplies, when the suspects pulled up in a red truck. A suspect got out and began to beat the victim, knocking him to the ground. The suspects took the victim's backpack and cart. Officers responded and apprehended the suspects after a block search. The suspects were arrested and booked into County Jail.

Officers observed the suspect's vehicle collide with another vehicle at the intersection of Weber/Center. The suspect vehicle fled the scene and Officers attempted a traffic stop. The suspect failed to yield and led Officers on a pursuit at speeds up to 40 mph, for several blocks before pulling over. The driver was arrested and booked into County Jail.

A Sergeant observed the suspect vehicle collide with another vehicle in the 1000 block of W. Charter and flee the scene. The Sergeant initiated a traffic stop; the suspect failed to yield. The suspect led Officers on a short pursuit before the suspect vehicle collided with a utility pole on Mariposa/Martin Luther King. The suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot; he was arrested a short distance away.

An Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation at Fremont/Sierra Nevada. The driver failed to yield and a one-minute pursuit ensued, reaching speeds of 20 mph. The driver stopped at Fremont/Pilgrim and the passenger exited the vehicle and ran east through the block. The driver was taken into custody without incident.

Officers stopped the suspects at 9th/Pilgrim, for driving a vehicle with expired registration. Officers searched the vehicle after they learned the driver had a suspended license, and found a loaded semi-auto handgun inside the glove compartment. Officers checked the firearm's serial number and found it to be stolen from Salinas. Both suspects were taken into custody.

The victim arrived home, in the 2700 block of Plantation, to find the two suspects inside. The suspects had broken the side sliding glass door and fled the same way. Officers, responding to the call, located two subjects matching the description of the suspects in the 9400 block of Darby. Both subjects were positively identified and arrested.

An Officer was flagged down by a citizen at Pershing/Buckingham, who wanted to report a disturbance. When the Officer investigated one of the involved vehicles, the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed. The Officer pursued the vehicle for approximately one minute until it stopped at S. Burke-Bradley/Precissi. The driver was found to be intoxicated and arrested for driving under the influence.

Officers responded to a report of shots fired in the area of the 4900 block of Greensboro. As they arrived, a witness pointed out the suspect vehicle, trying to leave the area. The vehicle was detained and six occupants arrested. A 40 caliber handgun was discovered under the front passenger seat and a box of ammunition. A vehicle in the driveway and two vehicles in front of that location were all struck several times by bullets. A neighbor reported his garage door was also struck by gunfire. There were no reported injuries. Officers located 9mm, 45 caliber, and 40 caliber shell casings in the area. Witnesses reported other vehicles fled prior to the police arriving, but they gave no descriptions.

Police were dispatched to the 1000 block of Rosemarie on a family disturbance. The victim reported she and her boyfriend were drinking and got into an argument. The suspect began beating and choking the victim; he prevented her from leaving her apartment. The victim, fearing for her life, grabbed a knife and cut the suspect on his ankle. She was able to get away and ran to a neighbor's home. Officers arrived as the suspect was attempting to leave in his vehicle. Officers conducted a traffic stop and took the suspect into custody. The suspect was arrested for assault, domestic violence, brandishing a weapon, and false imprisonment.

A 22-year-old female victim, in the 1000 block of W. Swain, reported her boyfriend came home intoxicated and argued with her. During the argument the suspect pushed the victim, pulled her hair, pulled out a kitchen knife and attempted to stab her, causing a laceration to one finger. The suspect broke a phone to prevent her from calling the police. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail.

Public Works

Facilities Maintenance Crew	
Location	Work Performed
-----	29 Work Requests completed
Arnold Rue Community Center	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Central Parking District	Repaired toilet flushometer
Cesar Chavez Library	Repaired sink and flush valves, maintenance/repair of exhaust fan, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Children's Museum	Installed mailbox
City Hall	Repaired/replaced lights, started working on identifying and repairing a water leak
Dorothy L. Jones Center	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Louis Park	Cleared drains, repaired/replaced lights at the snack bar
MUD	Replaced door for southwest pumping station, repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Peterson Park	Installed microswitch
Pixie Woods	Repaired merry-go-round fence and boat dock pier, repaired ticket booth benches
Police Department (Main)	Repaired faucets, hung up a bulletin board, cleared drains, repaired/replaced lights
Police Department (North)	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Silver Lake Family Camp	Completed annual closing
Stribley Community Center	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Troke Library	Repaired/serviced HVAC equipment
Victory Park	Repaired sinks and faucets

Tree Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
2	Trees down
7	Tree inspections
15	Tree limbs down

Street Light Crew and Traffic Signal Crew	
Quantity	Work Orders Completed
40	Street Light Corrective Maintenance
2	Street Light Damage Recovery
4	Street Light Field Orders
6	Street Light Service Requests
1	Traffic Signal Damage Recovery
8	Traffic Signal Field Orders
1	Traffic Signal Service Request
1	Traffic Engineering Request
158	Underground Service Alert Request Calls Cleared
2	Underground Service Alert Requests: Street Light Runs
----	The crew responded to an emergency call out for a street light knocked down at Kensington/Oxford.
----	The crew responded to an emergency call out for traffic signals malfunctioning at March/Venetian.
----	The crew installed pre-emption detectors at Hammer/Holman.
----	The crew installed six new street lights around the new County Building at Weber/San Joaquin.

Sign Shop and Sign Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
2	'Handicap' with arrow signs manufactured
2	Library signs manufactured
8	Street name signs manufactured
14	'No Parking' signs manufactured
8	'No Parking' signs replaced
2	No trucks (symbol) signs manufactured
2	'Over 5 Tons' signs manufactured
1	Directional arrow sign manufactured
46	Traffic calming signs installed
22	Knockdowns repaired
2	'Handicap Parking' signs installed
4	New street name signs installed
4	'Speed Limit' signs installed
2	'Neighborhood Watch' signs installed
2	Barricades rebuilt

Paint Crew	
Quantity	Work Performed
457	Feet of red curb re-painted
2	Streets reconfigured for extra lanes
9,287	Feet of bike lane re-painted
12	Bike lane legends re-painted
2	Diamond legends installed on speed cushions
125	'STOP' legends re-painted
100	'STOP' legends inspected

Parking Meters	
Quantity	Work Performed
75	Parking meters repaired/maintained

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program	
Council District	Status
Council District 1	River Oaks/River Bluff Area: The Traffic Calming Committee met on August 17 th to finalize the plan. Committee contact with residents has been limited. The committee will re-cavass the neighborhood and meet again on August 31 st to determine if support or opposition at the possible speed hump locations is adequate.
Council District 2	Sierra Meadows Area: Application is received, and this area has been added to the waiting list (# 24) for the northeast quadrant of the City. Colonial Estates-Richland Area: Application is received, and this area has been added to the waiting list (#28) for the northwest quadrant of the City. Colonial Estates South Area: Application is received, and this area has been added to the waiting list (#29) for the northwest quadrant of the City.

The Public Works Department will receive \$89,100, from the state Safe Routes to School Program, for speed feedback display signs at three elementary schools: Ansel Adams Elementary, John R. Williams Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. This Program requires a minimum 10 percent fund match (\$9,900) which is being provided by the respective school districts.

An exciting new recycling exhibit at the Children's Museum was welcomed by young and old alike. The Solid Waste & Recycling Division, California Department of Conservation, Allied Waste, and Waste Management partnered together to bring a fun and interactive recycling exhibit to the Children's Museum. Also, on-hand at the exhibit were participants of the Museum's summer camp program who took tremendous pleasure in knowing they were the first to use the exhibit. The exhibit encourages children to recycle by having them actually place cans, bottles and other beverage containers in simulated recycling equipment. Once an item is placed in the recycling container, a simulated recycling process begins with the beverage container "crushed" and "transformed" into a recycled item. In this instance, the recycled

item is a coin which states "I recycled at the Children's Museum of Stockton". The coins can be purchased for \$.50 as a memento of their recycling experience. There are also two additional elements to the display which include a gurgling liquid disposal system to discard leftover soda, milk, etc., and a robotic garbage can to accept trash. Each segment of the exhibit was well received by the public and members of the media who were present at the grand opening.

**City Manager's
Message**

I held my respective weekly meetings with the Mayor and Councilmembers. I held my regular meetings with: Mike Niblock; Ren Nosky; Joe Maestretti; Dave Harzoff; Dianna Garcia; Laurie Montes and Teri Bentz; and Bob Murdoch.

Gary Dickson provided me with a briefing regarding the San Joaquin Council of Governments Management and Finance Committee meeting, which I attended. Laurie Montes, Bob Murdoch, Dianna Garcia, Joe Maestretti and I discussed Public Works Department issues. Mayor Johnston, Mike Niblock and I met regarding the Development Oversight Commission. Mike Taylor and I held our regular meeting.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND

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