

**City Manager's Weekly Update
August 21, 2020**



Fire on Fire: Your Lodi Firefighters are hard at work on the front lines assigned to the Loyalton Fire in the Tahoe National Forest NW of Reno off of Highway 395. The area experienced extreme weather and you'll notice a tornado sighting in the same area. The City of Lodi dedicated one OES Type 1 Engine (Captain Roger Varwig, Engineer David Rabara, Firefighters Nickolas Webb and Luke Jump) and two EMT personnel (Christopher Allen and David Bolognini) to staff Overhead positions supporting the master mutual aid system as fire crews from across the region scrambled to contain dozens of wildfires sparked by lightning strikes. We are tremendously proud of our Lodi Professional Firefighters working on the front lines with other agencies in dangerous conditions.



Outstanding Acknowledgment for Public Works: A letter was recently received by a Citizen acknowledging the work of W/WW Supervisor Roland Alcoriza; W/WW Maintenance Worker III Anthony Rowe; W/WW Maintenance Worker II Agustin Garcia III; and W/WW Maintenance Work III Jose Flores. The following description of these employees is truly a reflection of the great work from the Public Works Department and we are very proud of your dedication and efforts you provide daily.

“I am writing this letter to acknowledge the work ethics and knowledge of several of your employee. I am speaking of the members of the city of Lodi water district. First, is Supervisor Mr. Roland Alcoriza. His knowledge, performance, and ability is above and beyond any that I have encountered within the state of California, (and I have lived in numerous cities). Roland's main concern is customer service. Do whatever it takes to complete the job in a timely and correct manner. His work staff have shown their respect for him, and work to the best of their ability. Mr. Alcoriza, is not afraid to work side-by-side with anyone and teach them as necessary. Some of his team, Augie, Tony, and several others whom I regret not remembering their names, have found and corrected the problems I had, and they work well together. Mr. Jose Flores, of the municipal utility services, is another fine example of a personj with knowledge and experience, and is respected by the crew. His assistance is greatly appreciated. I can't say enough about these people. I recommend that they receive a commendation for their service. It's people like this that I would hire and trust without any skepticism to handle any clients. I respectfully submit this to you and request their advancement. Thank you, Sincerely, Fred Fena”

Lodi's Cooling Center: Last Monday and Tuesday we opened our first cooling center since COVID-19. The extreme temperatures easily hit our parameters to open up a cooling station for the public. A lot of adjustments had to be made from our previous cooling center guidelines to ensure a safe environment for our citizens and our employees. We followed the CDPH guidelines for cooling centers, and with the help from Building Services Supervisor Bob Gerhauser and the staff at Hutchins Street Square, the opening went flawlessly. Over the two days of being opened we only had 10 people utilize the service, but that number is actually on par with other cities. Hopefully, we do not reach these temperatures again, but if we do, we are ready to offer this again. During Non-COVID 19 situations we utilize the Library, and when they are closed on Friday, the LOEL Center steps up and opens their facility.



COVID-19 Update: San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Park reported a positive update on hospitalizations. ICUs remain overburdened but intake and overall hospitalizations are going down. Daily cases are dropping and she hopes within the next few weeks to see substantial daily decreases in caseloads.

Homelessness Grant: In response to the COVID pandemic and its potential impact on the homeless population, the City of Lodi received a \$63,000 Grant from San Joaquin County to install temporary sanitation facilities at Chapman Field located near the intersection of Stockton Street and Lawrence Avenue. The temporary plan calls for two portable toilets and hand washing stations along with 24-hour security. The Grant funds will allow the sanitation facilities and security services to remain in place for about two-months starting August 26, 2020.

Creep off the Streets: Lodi Police Patrol responded to a call of a child molestation on South Church Street. There was a large amount of corroborating evidence to substantiate the investigation. A 38-year old male from Riverbank was identified as the suspect. LPD Investigations located the suspect at his residence in Riverbank. He was arrested without incident and transported to the Lodi City Jail. The suspect was booked for many violations and was later transported to San Joaquin County Jail. Excellent work by Officers Bubak, Gonzalez and Costamagna, Detectives Jimenez and Lado, and Lieutenant Canestrino.

Weapons and Narcotics Arrests: Lodi Police Detectives conducted a probation compliance check at a residence in the 2400 block of Yosemite Drive. A loaded, stolen handgun, methamphetamine, heroin, and indicia of narcotics sales were located during the search. A 26-year old male from Lodi was determined to be a convicted felon and was arrested. Also arrested was a 33-year old male from Lodi and a 33-year old male from Lockeford. Great work of our Detectives, Cascio and LeStrange.



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