

City Manager's



Weekly Update Friday, February 15, 2008

Notes of interest:

Wastewater upgrades: Slip-lining of the deteriorating wastewater transmission line begins on Tuesday. Also next week, a steel lid will go on top of the new digester at White Slough, a significant step in the more than \$20 million of plant upgrades. The overall project will not be finished until March 2009.

Electronic device usage during Council Meetings: Signs will be placed at the Carnegie Forum asking visitors to turn off cell phones and refrain from sending/receiving electronic messages while inside the Council Chambers. That will reduce the possibility of cell phones ringing or people engaging in electronic communications during City Council meetings.

Hutchins Street Square Auto shop: The old auto shop at Hutchins Street Square is getting an early spring cleaning to see if it is usable for rental space.

Employee of the Year: Will be announced on March 1 at the Lodi City Employees Association annual dinner. The winner will be selected from the quarterly winners: Billy Gonzalez, Scott Howsden, Dianne Barney and Mike Lair.

Power outage: High winds earlier this week led to a tree branch falling onto power lines on Edgewood Drive. More than 1,000 customers lost power briefly, with 187 affected until repairs could be made. The Electric Utility plans to step up its tree-trimming efforts in the Edgewood neighborhood in an effort to prevent similar outages in the future.

Vendor violation: Code enforcement displaced a mobile vendor who had been selling Valentine's Day merchandise at Hutchins Street and Kettleman Lane on Wednesday. The vendor complained and then tried (and failed) to comply with the city's mobile vendor ordinance and eventually was cited.

New firefighters: The Lodi Fire Department has hired eight new firefighters who will soon begin training at Stockton Fire's academy.

Arch damage: A traffic collision damaged the Gateway at School Street and Lodi Avenue. It will be a while before repairs can be made because the columns were custom-made fiberglass-reinforced cement.

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