

## City Manager's



### Weekly Update Friday, April 11, 2008

**Water meter project:** 545 water meters were installed in the area south of Century Boulevard, between Mills Avenue to the Woodbridge Irrigation District canal. Public Works' initial estimate is that the work was done within the \$140,000 budget and ahead of schedule. Public Works received no more than five complaints from residents regarding the work. State law requires that beginning no later than 2010, homeowners with meters must be charged according to their water use. The City Council last year adopted a policy that requires meters in all homes by 2012.

**Big antenna:** A private company representing wireless Internet provider Clearwire will be installing a 70-foot monopole antenna on the Lodi High campus. The company first wanted to place the antenna on the First Baptist Church site on Mills Avenue, but the installation would have conflicted with the zoning ordinance. The City has no jurisdiction over facilities installed on Lodi Unified School District properties.

**Park dedication:** The Century Meadows Park dedication Wednesday turned into a nice community celebration. Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire and Tree Lodi provided information, displays and demonstrations, and Lodi's own Miller Packing donated 100 hot dogs and FCB Homes provided a popcorn machine. The dedication attracted nearly 100 residents to the community park.

**Foam-B-Gone:** The season foaming problem at the White Slough treatment plant has been defeated about two months earlier than last year. The foam was tamed by a change in spray nozzles and water pumps. The new pumps were part of the recent plant upgrades. Getting the foam under control also is a relief to the crews working on the upgrades, not that they don't have to deal with it spilling into other work areas. The foam was caused by a bacterial imbalance and, while messy, did not leave the wastewater treatment areas.

**GrapeSox meeting:** Management of the Lodi GrapeSox met with various departments this week to go over any potential permitting issues before their season opens at Tony Zupo Field on June 6. The team, which will comprise top-notch college players, has a 36-game home schedule lasting through Aug. 3. Three fireworks shows are planned, and the Sierra Baseball League will play its all-star game July 12 in Lodi.

**Mobile food vendors:** The City received 14 permit applications from mobile food vendors. Two have been granted, one denied and 11 are under review.

**Geese strategy:** Phase 6 of the Lodi Lake Park geese management plan is underway. It will include transplanting iris tubers from one location in the park to the water's edge at Parsons Point. The hope is the vegetation will discourage geese from entering the rental area. The goose poop has gotten so bad that it is discouraging people from renting the facilities. A student crew was scheduled to help work on this project Friday.

**Flower planting:** The Downtown Lodi Business Partnership will lead a downtown cleanup day on Sunday, with merchants planting donated flowers in the downtown planters. City crews prepared the planters for the flowers.

**Traffic supervisors in Lodi:** Fifty-five members of the Traffic Control Supervisors Association's local chapter attended a conference in Lodi on Thursday. The chapter covers all of California north of Merced and Monterey counties, with Lodi Street Supervisor Mike Watson its vice president. The topic: New sign reflectivity standards. For in-depth information on the subject, contact Public Works.

**All 50 states:** According to a new tool that provides a snapshot of visitors to the City's web page, web surfers from all 50 states visited [www.lodi.gov](http://www.lodi.gov) between March 18 and April 4. Canada is the country with the most international visitors, followed by Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom.