

City Manager's



Weekly Update Thursday, May 28, 2009

Prop 218 notice: Notices advising residents and property owners of their right to protest the proposed wastewater rate increase are being mailed Friday. We have scheduled a public forum at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at Hutchins Street Square to provide more information about the wastewater plant and the need for the rate increases. The public hearing is scheduled July 15.

Engine dedication: Officials from the California Emergency Management Agency joined Fire Chief Mike Pretz and the City Manager in the dedication of OES Engine 338 into service at Station 3. Video of the dedication can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/1572279>.

ECA credit: Beneficial power contracts are helping the Electric Utility provide residents with a 0.5-cent-per-kilowatt-hour credit on their June bills.

Unemployment rate: Finally, some relief on the job front. The unemployment rate in Lodi dropped in April to 11.9 percent, compared to 12.5 percent in March. The rate in April 2008 was 7.1 percent.

FACT Act: The federal law that places new requirements on government agencies in order to reduce identify theft has, again, been delayed to August. The City of Lodi was one of the first cities in the state to meet the Nov. 1, 2008 deadline, but most cities failed to do so and had the deadline extended.

Grape Bowl: The Grape Bowl ADA improvements are out to bid. Bid opening is June 11, and contract award scheduled for June 17.

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