

City Manager's



Weekly Update Friday, June 6, 2008

Communications cable: Work at White Slough had a downside this week. The contractor cut through a communications line during some construction activity, forcing plant personnel to contact other city offices via cell phone.

General Plan feedback: The public can now comment on the General Plan alternatives by accessing an online form. Comments are sent via e-mail directly to the General Plan update team with a copy provided to the City Manager's office. Maps of the three alternatives and the complete report that accompanied the alternatives are available through the Community Development Department's web site.

World Record Day: Steve Speegle, who used to own a yo-yo museum in downtown Lodi, is organizing Lodi's World Record Day and Yo-Yo Mania at Hutchins Street Square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 13. The plan is to have as many as 2,200 people yo-yoing at a single time for a world record. Other world record-holders are being invited to attend. Events will include yo-yo demonstrations and classes. Part of Mr. Speegle's extensive yo-yo collection is now on display at Hutchins Street Square. Part of the proceeds will benefit Lodi Performing Arts Foundation.

Risk Management Continuing Education – Lodi's Risk Management Pool, California Joint Powers Risk Management Authority (CJPRMA), conducted a Training Session for its members in Lodi today at Hutchins Street Square. The topic of the program was Contractual Risk and Risk Transfer. The instructor gave practical examples of large awards being paid by various cities for claims for which the city had marginal exposure. One example that struck close to home was the accident at the Santa Monica Farmers Market. An elderly motorist drove into the farmers market killing 10 people. The farmers market was operated by a third party, just like in Lodi. But because the accident occurred on a blocked street a judgment of \$21 million has been assigned to the City of Santa Monica.

Lodi Financial Records Recognized Again – We have received notice that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded our comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for June 30, 2007 a Certificate of Excellence. This is the highest recognition that GFOA awards. It is a way of keeping score. In many things we do in the city there is not a professionally recognized standard of performance. Fortunately, in accounting, GFOA provides the standard and it is a significant accomplishment to achieve GFOA recognition.