

## City Manager's



### Weekly Update Friday, August 8, 2008

**We have the equipment, they have the rent check:** The GrapeSox baseball team owes the city \$5,500 in rent for Zupo Field. One rental check bounced last week and the team owner did not appear as promised Thursday to pay the remaining rent. Parks and Recreation has secured the field and will change padlocks on storage facilities to keep anyone from retrieving equipment that may belong to the team, such as a sound system.

**Auditors here:** Auditors from Macias Gini are conducting a "field survey" of Finance Department practices, looking at files and cash-management systems to evaluate the City's checks-and-balances systems.

**Web hits up:** Monday through Thursday had the most hits to [www.lodi.gov](http://www.lodi.gov) over the four-day period since the City began tracking numbers of Web visitors. The increase may have been due to the rollout of the online payment system.

**Leadership Lodi:** The Class of 2008 has Government Day on Tuesday following the Shirtsleeve Session. The 10-member class, which is sponsored by the Lodi Chamber of commerce, will hear from Mayor Mounce, Council Member Johnson, the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Planning Manager, Transportation Manager, and representatives from Public Works and Electric Utility. Additionally, the members will play Municipal Monopoly to help them learn the budgeting process and the choices elected officials must make. The City is very supportive of the program. Participants in Government Day get a behind-the-scenes look at their municipal government, providing them with a better understanding of what goes into providing community and utility services.

**Meet with the builders:** The first of planned monthly meetings by the Building Division with local contractors, building industry representatives and the public to inform them of changing regulations, permit requirements and other industry trends is scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Carnegie Forum. Representatives of Building, Planning, Public Works, Fire Prevention and Electric Utility will talk about the permit and plan review process, changes in the 2007 California Mechanical Code, mechanical equipment setbacks and upcoming Title 24 training.

**Possible help from AB 642:** The bill, which if passed would allow cities to use the design/build process for public facilities, is scheduled for a third reading in the Senate on Monday. This bill could be helpful in constructing a water treatment facility.

**Server migration:** The Library's migration to the City network was substantially completed last weekend. Being on the City server should eliminate or greatly reduce spam e-mail and the speed of access to network resources is greatly improved. Server maintenance by the Library is no longer necessary.

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