

City Manager's



Weekly Update Friday, December 5, 2008

Fire Academy: The three recruits who made it through more than three months of training in the Lodi Fire Department Academy will receive their badges in ceremonies at 4 p.m. Friday, in the Police Department Community Room. The new firefighters are Kris Graves, Nicholas Kilday and John Rowlands.

Fire promotion: Aimee Murry, who was Lodi's first female firefighter, is now one of two division chiefs who serve directly under Fire Chief Mike Pretz. Aimee, who makes the leap from captain, impressed the interview panel with her dedication to advancing in her profession through off-duty continuing education. Aimee's promotion takes effect in January.

Light tours: The transit department begins offering 45-minute tours of holiday light displays on Friday through Dec. 23. Two tours are scheduled each night on 40-passenger buses for a \$1 fare.

Employee of quarter: Steve Virrey, the City's park project coordinator, was selected as employee of the quarter. Steve was nominated for his ability to communicate with staff, contractors and other members of the public and for his job skills that save the City time and money with park projects.

Handrail installed: A metal rail that complements the décor has been installed along the ramp to Kirst Hall to lessen the likelihood of visitors tripping over the low bench. The new rail makes the obstacle more obvious.

Code enforcement: Officers were able to clear 165 old cases last month with the help of the Police Partners.

Life saver: Police Lt. Steve Carillo, attending the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Va., helped resuscitate a classmate who suffered a heart attack on the track during physical training. Steve will be featured in an upcoming FBI magazine, Chief Main reports.

College Night: Police report that College Night at downtown bars (the night before Thanksgiving) went without any major incidents. Four people were arrested for public intoxication.