

**MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY**

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

Meeting of Thursday, April 11, 2019

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**RECEPTION**

**7:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Hotel Petaluma

205 Kentucky Street

Petaluma, CA

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order –**

2. **Roll Call**

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. **Introductions**

- Ann Hammond, Sonoma County Library Director

4. **Approval of Minutes:** January 31, 2019

5. **Public Comment:**

6. **Correspondence:**

7. **Program:**

- a. Presentation by Supervisor David Rabbitt regarding the Bay Area Housing Crisis

8. **Reports:**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting and Appointments (Chair Harrington)
- b. City Selection Committee and Appointments (Chair Harrington)
- c. City Manager's Committee – City Manager Chair (Sonoma).
- d. Committee Reports (see attached list)
- e. City Mayor's Report (Events/Items of Interest) (See Attached reports from Cities)

9. **Announcement:**

- a. Invitation from Mayor Belforte (Rohnert Park) – Golden Gate Bridge Tour

10. **Adjournment:** To next General Membership Meeting: June 11, 2019 - City of Rohnert Park CA.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 13, 2019	City of Rohnert Park
August 8, 2019	City of Santa Rosa
October 10, 2019	City of Sebastopol

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Healdsburg, CA

7:00PM

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Amy Harrington (Sonoma) at 7:40 p.m. and thanked the City of Sebastopol for their work as host city for 2018. She presented Sebastopol Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley with a token of appreciation.

2. **Roll Call – Chair Harrington called for the roll call:**

Present:	City of Cloverdale	Mayor Melanie Bagby
	City of Cotati	Mayor John Del'Osso
	City of Healdsburg	Mayor David Hagele
	City of Petaluma	Mayor Teresa Barrett
	City of Rohnert Park	Mayor Gina Belforte
	City of Santa Rosa	Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
	City of Sebastopol	Mayor Neysa Hinton
	City of Sonoma	Mayor Amy Harrington
	Town of Windsor	Vice Mayor Deborah Fudge

3. **Mayors Introductions from Each City**

Each Mayor provided introductions.

4. **Introductions of Attendees/Special Guests**

There were no special guests in attendance.

5. **Approval of Minutes:** October 11, 2018

Motion by the City of Rohnert Park, seconded by the City of Cotati, to approve the October 11, 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes as submitted.

**VOTE:**

Ayes: Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Town of Windsor

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

*Motion carried.*

6. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

7. **Correspondence:** None

## 8. Business Items

Chair Harrington introduced the following item and asked Mayor Hinton to provide further information.

(a) Discussion of Request from Mayor Hinton (Sebastopol) Discussing the Role of Appointees from the Mayors and Councilmembers Association Board of Directors to the Sonoma County Ag and Open Space Advisory Committee: (Mayor Hinton). This Item was approved at the October 11, 2018 Board Meeting to be brought forward to the General Membership at this meeting.

Mayor Hinton noted that she had been required to step down from participating and voting on all 9 applications in the 2018 Matching Grant funding cycle instead of recusing herself on just Sebastopol's application and voting on the remaining 8 applications (as was indicated in advance to Mayor Hinton would be the process). Mayor Hinton was appointed to the Ag + Open Space Matching Grant committee in April 2017 and had no prior knowledge that if Sebastopol submitted a request for a project, that she would be asked to step off voting on all project proposals, not just her City of Sebastopol project. Mayor Hinton noted that it was her feeling that she should have been allowed to recuse on Sebastopol's project and participate fully on all other applications as an appointee of Mayors and Councilmembers.

Motion by City of Petaluma, seconded by City of Rohnert Park, to submit a letter expressing the concern of the Association and requesting a change to the process.

### VOTE:

Ayes:	Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Town of Windsor
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

## 9. Program:

(a) Chris Smith – Press Democrat

## 10. Reports:

a. Association and City Selection Committee Chair.

Chair Harrington announced the results of the Committee appointments from the City Selection and Mayors and Councilmembers Board Meetings.

b. City Manager's Committee – City Manager Chair (Sonoma).

City Manager Capriola (Sonoma) provided information from the City Manager's Meeting(s).

c. Committee Reports (see attached list)

d. City Mayor's Report (Events/Items of Interest) (See Attached reports from Cities)

## 11. Announcement(s)

12. **Adjournment:** Chair Harrington adjourned the General Membership meeting to the next General Membership Meeting: April 11, 2019 in the City of Petaluma, CA.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rebekah Barr  
City of Sonoma City Clerk  
Recording Secretary – 2019 Chair City

Upcoming Meetings:

June 13, 2019

August 8, 2019

October 10, 2019

City of Rohnert Park

City of Santa Rosa

City of Sebastopol



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CITY MANAGERS  
REPORT



March 31, 2019

TO: Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

FROM: Cathy Capriola, City Manager, City of Sonoma  
2019 Chair, Sonoma Area City Managers Group

SUBJECT: City Managers' Committee Reports

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Below is a list of the discussion items from recent Sonoma County City Managers meetings.

January 10, 2019

League of California Cities regarding Governor Newsom's proposed budget

Tour of San Diego County's Emergency Preparedness and Response Office

Sonoma County Secure Families Fund requests for funding

Emergency Preparedness

Negotiations Status for Miscellaneous Employees

Homelessness/Leadership Council Status

Consolidated Oversight Board ROPS / Admin Allowance

February 2019

No Meeting

Attended the Annual City Manager's Department Meeting with League of California Cities

March 28, 2019

Introduction and Discussion with Ann Hammond, new Executive Director, Sonoma County Library

CASA Compact and Legislation

Accessory Dwelling Unit Initiative – Napa / Sonoma Community Foundations

Homelessness/Leadership Council Update

Minimum Wage

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

# MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

April 11, 2019

Agency	Appointee	Report
ABAG Executive Board	Jake Mackenzie, Rohnert Park Alternate: Julie Combs, Santa Rosa	
ABAG Hazardous Waste Mgmt Facility Allocation	Susan Harvey, Cotati	
ABAG Regional Planning Committee	Julie Combs, Santa Rosa	
Airport Land Use Commission	Gabe Kearney, Petaluma Sam Salmon, Windsor	
Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board	Teresa Barrett, Petaluma	
Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County	Julie Combs, Santa Rosa	
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District	Gina Belforte, Rohnert Park	Attached
Legislative Committee	Appointed by Member Cities	
Local Agency Formation Commission	Pam Stafford, Rohnert Park Teresa Barrett, Petaluma Alternate: Mark Landman, Cotati	
Metropolitan Transportation Commission	Jake Mackenzie, Rohnert Park	
North Bay Division, LOCC Executive Board	Susan Harvey, Cotati Vacant Alt: John Sawver, Santa Rosa	
North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA)	David Hagele, Healdsburg	Attached

Remote Access Network (RAN) Board[meets once a year)	Gina Belforte, Rohnert Park	
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space <b>District</b> (Citizens Advisory Committee)	John Dell'Osso, Cotati Leah Gold, Healdsburg Neysa Hinton, Sebastopol	There is focus on the Matching Grant Program by the subcommittee to look at process and guidelines for the upcoming cycle next calendar year.  Staff gave a presentation on the work done during and after the 2017 Wine Country Fires. Of the 87,000 acres burned, 7,000 were Ag & Open Space properties. Staff gave over 1,000 of service in restoration efforts.
Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Commission (SMART)	SCTA - Joe Naujokes, Healdsburg SCTA - Chris Rogers, Santa Rosa Non-SCTA - Debora Fudge, Windsor	Attached
Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee (County-wide)	Chris Rogers, Santa Rosa Alternate: David Cook, Sonoma	
Note: North Coast Railroad Authority Board of Directors seat rotates to Mendocino, Sonoma, Humboldt		



## Rebekah Barr

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**From:** Sedna, Jennifer <[jsedna@rpcity.org](mailto:jsedna@rpcity.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** Rebekah Barr  
**Cc:** Buergler, JoAnne  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Bridge Toll Increase for M&C Packet

Hi Rebekah,

Mayor Belforte is requesting the below information be included in the M&C Report.

I will be reaching out soon with the GG Bridge tour info.

Thank you,  
Jennifer

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "GGBHTD" <[goldengate@service.govdelivery.com](mailto:goldengate@service.govdelivery.com)>  
**Date:** March 22, 2019 at 12:48:53 PM PDT  
**To:** [gbelforte@rpcity.org](mailto:gbelforte@rpcity.org)  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Bridge Toll Increase  
**Reply-To:** [goldengate@service.govdelivery.com](mailto:goldengate@service.govdelivery.com)



### **GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE 5-YEAR TOLL INCREASE APPROVED**

March 22, 2019

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board of Directors voted 15-1 this morning to provide funding for current and expanded public transit services through toll increases at the Golden Gate Bridge.

The new tolls will go into effect beginning July 1, 2019 at the following rates:

5	FasTrak	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.70	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.40	\$ 8.75	Raises approximately \$100 million over 5 years.
	Pay As You Go	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.40	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.80	\$ 9.00	
	Invoice	\$ 8.35	\$ 8.70	\$ 9.05	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.75	

The toll rate will remain the lowest for FasTrak customers, who comprise 85% of Golden Gate Bridge drivers. Pay-As-You-Go customers pay either in advance of their trip or shortly after, and can use either a cash payment network or pay their toll online. Invoice customers are those who choose to pay the bill they receive in the mail after a crossing.

The revenue generated through the toll increase will allow the District to address a projected \$75 million need. It will provide for ongoing maintenance of the Golden Gate Bridge and continuing Golden Gate Ferry and Golden Gate Transit service.

The revenue will also provide approximately \$25 million towards improving public transit, such as growing the number of Golden Gate Ferry trips between Larkspur and San Francisco. Larkspur Ferry service has grown by 26% over the past decade, pushing demand over capacity on several weekday rush hour trips. Cumulatively, the number of passengers on Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry reduces traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge by 20% during the morning commute.

The toll increase proposal is detailed in the staff report, which can be found [here](http://goldengate.org/board/2019/agendas/documents/2019-0321-FinanceComm-No6-ApprTollIncreaseGGB.pdf), on the District's website. (<http://goldengate.org/board/2019/agendas/documents/2019-0321-FinanceComm-No6-ApprTollIncreaseGGB.pdf>)

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**Committee Report:** North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA)

**Prepared By:** David Hagele,  
Mayor, City of Healdsburg  
NCRA Board Member – Sonoma County

**Date:** March 26, 2019

Here's a brief report on what's going on at NCRA, since the last Mayors & Councilmembers meeting:

SB 356, which is Sen. McGuire's follow-up to last year's SB 1029 bill is a vehicle to implement any/all of the eventual findings that come from the studies and conclusions of the SB 1029 process. The Senator's intention is to work with the administration and committees to move the bill forward in anticipation of the audit info to follow and make sure everyone is prepared to move forward to transfer the assets of NCRA and/or close down NCRA as soon as everyone is prepared to do so.

The bill's language is taken from an early draft of last year's bill, where NCRA transfers the right of way south of Willits to SMART once all debts are cleared. It also adds one member from the Mendocino Board of Supervisors to the SMART Board. It will likely be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee in late March or early April.

The language is not final and we don't anticipate any final action on it until the SB 1029 process is concluded and all debts are cleared.

### **Next NCRA Meeting**

The next NCRA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Novato Sanitary District offices at 500 Davidson St., in Novato.



- Just weeks after reaching our 1 million-passenger mark, SMART celebrated another milestone: **surpassing the 100,000-cyclist mark**. Our onboard crew handed out 1,500 passes for free rides to passengers who brought their bikes on board. The passes are our way of saying “thank you” to our passengers, and it is also a way for them to share their SMART train experience with friends and family.
- SMART received a **\$12.6 million grant for the bicycle and pedestrian pathway** in Petaluma, Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa. The MTC grant, which is funded by SB1 gas and vehicle weight tax, will be used to build an additional 4.7 miles of pathway from McDowell Boulevard in Petaluma to Main Street in Penngrove, and from Golf Course Drive in Rohnert Park to Bellevue Avenue in Santa Rosa, connecting existing pathway segments as far south as Sonoma Mountain Village in Rohnert Park and as far north as Guerneville Road at the Santa Rosa North SMART station.
- Safety is SMART’s top priority, and **SMART has been leading the way in the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC)**. Our systems team hosted railroad representatives, suppliers and members of the Federal Railroad Administration this month for a discussion on best practices, as the industry works to bring railroads nationwide into compliance with federally mandated PTC regulations.
- SMART’s **Larkspur extension is on track** to be completed by the end of 2019. The connection will provide a direct link to the ferry system for passengers going to and from San Francisco. The new extension will also provide greater economic opportunities for Sonoma and Marin counties, opening up connections to tourism and other business markets.
- Safety testing of our **four new train cars** is going well. With the addition of these cars, SMART will have the opportunity to expand its fleet later this spring. That will allow us to add a third car on some of our busiest runs, providing a more comfortable commute for passengers, including cyclists.
- Our community outreach programs now reach thousands of people each year. With a focus on safety, our outreach team participates in **more than 100 events and presentations a year**. Our safety outreach with our local schools continues to grow, including introducing some of our schools in the Larkspur area to railroad safety. SMART has reached **more than 37,500** students at schools in Sonoma and Marin counties.



- SMART's **social media and digital programs continue to reach tens of thousands** of people on a regular basis. SMART's social media followers have passed the 30,000 mark, with high engagement levels. SMART's most popular Facebook post reached more than 100,000—greater reach than the local daily newspaper. SMART's website has had more than half a million unique visitors, and more than 1.1 million sessions. Through our strong social media presence, SMART provides important safety information, and increases awareness and ridership.
- SMART's Rail Operations Center is being revamped to accommodate our **new wheel truing machine**, which should arrive in April. Investing in our own wheel truing machine will save us precious time, and save tens of thousands of dollars in the first year alone. It could also provide a new revenue stream by providing the opportunity to do wheel truing for other transit systems.

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CITY MAYOR'S  
REPORTS

March 26, 2019

To: Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association –

From: Melanie Bagby

## **City of Cloverdale Mayor's Report – City of Cloverdale Items of Interest and Upcoming Events**

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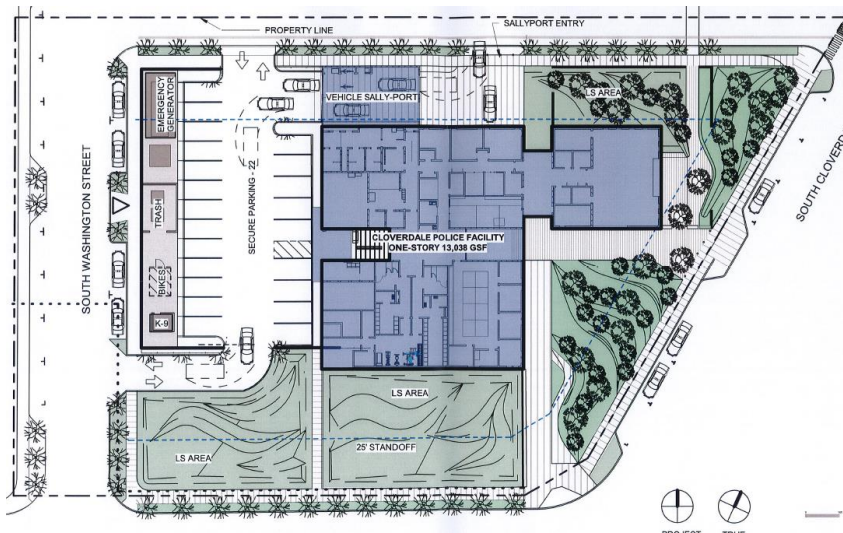
### **CITY OF CLOVERDALE PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Annexations:** The City has seen an increase in the number of annexation applications, particularly on the South end of Town. One notable residential project aims to provide over 300 homes including, single and multi-family as well as townhomes. Other annexation projects include a senior housing development, a new school site, and an industrial warehouse project. Cloverdale is growing!

**Right-to-Industry and Tree Preservation Ordinances in the works:** The City has begun the process of creating a right-to-industry ordinance. The goal of which is to help protect the City's current and future industrial operations. If adopted, the ordinance will require disclosure of noise, dust, and hours of operation to residences near industrial uses. It is hoped that this disclosure will mitigate conflicts between residential and industrial uses. Cloverdale's Tree Preservation Ordinance will establish a list of protected native trees, and provide permitting regime for their removal. Also, the ordinance will establish mitigation measures for the removal of protected trees.

**Draft Homelessness Strategic Plan Framework:** The City of Cloverdale, like many other jurisdictions in California and the Country, has experienced a rapid rise in issues related to homelessness. To help with the issues, the Cloverdale has embarked on a homelessness Strategic Plan Framework. The key recommendation of the Homelessness Strategic Plan Framework is to establish a Community Advisory Group ("CAG") consisting of community members comprised of homelessness service providers, affordable housing advocates, business interests, not-for-profits and faith-based organizations who can help address the challenge of homelessness. The Goal of establishing a CAG is to hold a series of meetings, wherein advisory group members will share their ideas and views based on their experience working with and interacting with the homeless, and to help input from the core content of a Homelessness Strategic Plan.

**Design of a New Police Station Continues:** The City with help from the Architectural Design Firm [Ross Drulis Cusenbery](#) (RDC) has made significant progress in the schematic design for the City's new police station. The new station is proposed to be constructed on the 5.3-acre city-owned Thyme Square property and front on South Cloverdale Blvd. RDC has completed preliminary programming and drafted a preliminary site plan for a 13,000 Square feet police station that includes a community room that could function as a City Council meeting chambers. RDC has also identified a future expansion area that could support a new multi-story City Hall. The new Police Station is intended to replace the existing station located next to City Hall.



**Sonoma County Vintners Co-Op is coming to Cloverdale:** The City Council partially approved the Vintners Co-Op's request for annexation and design review. Although a few details need to be worked out, the project is expected to move forward, with construction beginning this year. The Co-Op currently operates in Windsor, with the Cloverdale facility providing support. The nearly 100,000 sq.ft. facility will provide jobs and begin development Cloverdale's south industrial area.



**Cherry Creek Affordable Housing Project** The City is pleased to announce the advancement of a transitional housing project on a City-owned site near the center of Town. The 1.8-acre former Motel site was purchased by the City in 2009 using Housing Redevelopment Funds. For the past several years the City has leased to the site to a local non-profit who has run a supportive housing program. The City has begun discussions with Kingdom Development and Cloverdale Community Outreach Committee for the development of a new supportive housing development. The project will feature family housing with a focus on wrap-around services for all residents.



Conceptual Design for Cherry Creek

**Skateboard Design Committee Formed:** The newly formed Skateboard Design Committee conducted its kickoff meeting in late February. The skate park is proposed for a City-owned site near the center of Town. Vince Onel from Spohn Ranch Design Firm led the first design workshop. Participants were given shown various park designs and features. Committee members were asked about their preferences regarding design, features, landscaping, and lighting. Vince from Spohn Ranch documented the input and will use it to complete a preliminary design for review to be conducted at a future meeting. We're expecting a draft plan soon.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Cloverdale Tuesday Farmers Market:** [Cloverdale's Tuesday Farmers' Market](#) Opens for the season on April 2. The market will be held every Tuesday from 3-6:30 pm until December. The Farmers' Market is held in Downtown Cloverdale, on the vacant lot next to Plank Coffee.



**Friday Night Live 2019:** Cloverdale's Free summer concert series continues to deliver high caliber musical talent, beginning June 1 and running through August 31.



Friday Night Live at the Plaza, Cloverdale's free summer concert series, will announce the lineup of bands scheduled to appear Friday nights from June 1 through August 31, 2019 sometime in the later part of April. Friday Night Live & Street Fair, produced by the Cloverdale Arts Alliance, offers a variety

of family-friendly activities every Friday evening throughout the summer.

Downtown Cloverdale comes alive with Friday Night Live at the Plaza & Street Fair. In addition to high-caliber, smokin' hot music delivered by a variety of bands hailing from across the United States, FNL visitors will find many other attractions. Dinner is available from a variety of food vendors and nearby restaurants; premium Sonoma County wines and craft beers can be purchased by the glass. Hand-crafted arts, crafts and other unique, locally made items are available at the Street Fair, along with a variety of kids' activities, such as jumpy castles and rock climbing walls, to ensure there is something for everyone at Friday Night Live in Cloverdale. The Street Fair opens at 6:00 PM and music begins at 6:30 PM.

Audiences are sure to experience the best of small-town America and free family-friendly, dance and party concerts at Friday Night Live & Street Fair in downtown Cloverdale all summer long your calendar, bring your friends, and plan to attend the

The 2019 Friday Night Live lineup to be announced at the end of April

# The News from Cotati

April 2019

## **General News Around Town**

### **Proposed Hotel**

After a joint public meeting in 2018, this project will be going through formal public review early in 2019. It is expected that entitlement will be completed and construction will start in 2019.



### **Commercial Cannabis in Cotati**

The City is currently reviewing the second round of commercial cannabis proposals. The initial round of permits was issued in 2018. At this time, the City has a microbusiness, as well as a retail and indoor cultivation site in development.

# The News from Cotati

April 2019

## Park Master Plan

The City held a series of three public workshops to discuss parks and park amenities desired by the community. There were some great new ideas, which will feed into a park master plan and ultimately into the City's Capital Improvement Program in 2019 to be prioritized and built.

## Veronda-Falletti Demonstration Ranch

The City and Farmster, in partnership, are establishing a long term operation as a demonstration ranch for the public. In addition to recreation camps in 2018 and the Farm Fridays, the City and Farmster are continuing to develop new programming for community activities and engagement. To find out more, you can go to the City's website and follow the City or Farmster Facebook pages.



## Wayfinding Program

The City approved new wayfinding signage, to provide a uniform, interconnected system of directional signage for residents and visitors. The City expects to install the signs around town in 2019.



# The News from Cotati

April 2019

## **New Homes!**

### **Cotati Station**

Next to our new train station on Santero Way, a mixed use development consisting of 74 apartment units, commercial space, a new public park, and additional parking for resident or commuters is expected to break ground in 2019. This project currently includes 14 affordable units.



# The News from Cotati

April 2019

## Kessing Ranch Subdivision

A new single family home development at the prominent corner of Old Redwood Highway and Valparaiso Avenue has been approved by the City Council. The new development will include 40 new market rate homes, as well as 7 for-sale affordable homes. Thirty-five percent of the units will be sold with photovoltaic panels installed and all will be prewired for solar. Storm water treatment and protected wetland areas will include interpretive signage to educate the public on low impact development techniques and the importance of naturally functioning systems and a new public park will be created around a historically significant stone structure. This project is expected to break ground in the spring of 2019.



2A Front Elevation  
Craftsman



2B Front Elevation  
Cottage



2C Front Elevation  
Farmhouse

And More to Come! The City also has several other housing projects in the pipeline which are projected to go into construction in the near future. Stay tuned!



# The News from Cotati

April 2019

## **Construction!**

### **City Wide Lighting Project**

The City has completed new park lighting in La Plaza Park, as well as new lighting in key community connectors, such as East School Street tunnel, and the McGinnis and Marsh pathways. This project is now complete!



### **Laguna Sewer Trunk Main**

The City has just completed construction of this major new sewer main project in Highway 116 at the US 101 interchange. The new sewer main will address existing sewer needs, as well as provide additional reliability and capacity for projected General Plan growth.



# The News from Cotati

April 2019



## Park and Ride Replacement Project

The City is at 65% design for a new park and ride at the top of the HOV system on Airport Boulevard, and expanding the existing park and ride at Petaluma Boulevard South. Both projects are located to best serve the US 101 and reduce single occupancy vehicles, while freeing up space in Cotati's downtown gateway for commercial development.

# The News from Cotati

April 2019

## **Events!**

Cotati is known for the variety of events in our downtown throughout the year. Mark these upcoming events in your calendar for 2019!

**Cotati Historical Society Chicken BBQ** (April 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Brunch with a Bunny** (April 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Bike to Work Day** (May 9th)

**Farmer's Market** (Thursday's June-August)

**Movies in the Park** (June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>)

**Music Fest** (June 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Kids Day** (July 13<sup>th</sup>)

**National Night Out** (August 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Accordion Festival** (August 17th and 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Peace and Justice Concert in the Hub** (September 14<sup>th</sup>)

**National Coffee with a Cop** (October 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Oktoberfest** (October 12<sup>th</sup>)

**City Hall-oween** (October 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Holiday Cheer** (December 5<sup>th</sup>)

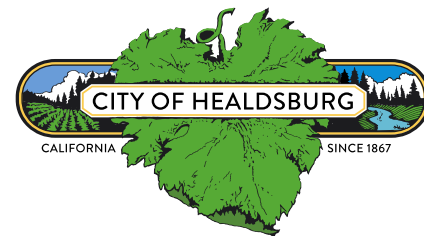
**Holiday Tree Lighting** (December 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Holiday Shop and Stroll** (December 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Breakfast with Santa** (December 14<sup>th</sup>)

# CITY OF HEALDSBURG

## MAYOR'S UPDATE



**April 11, 2019**

**Healdsburg Glen Ribbon-Cutting** – Community members celebrated with the City at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Healdsburg Glen, the City's newest affordable-housing development. Mayor David Hagele and City Manager David Mickaelian spoke, as did Caleb Roope, CEO of the Pacific Companies, which built the 25-unit apartment complex. Vice Mayor Leah Gold and Council Member Evelyn Mitchell attended, as did residents of Healdsburg Glen.



**Healdsburg is the First Age-Friendly City in Sonoma County** – On February 11th, Senior Center Staff received news from AARP and the World Health Organization that the City of Healdsburg has officially been designated the first "age-friendly" city in Sonoma County. This designation reflects the community's commitment to creating a livable community for everyone - from age 8 to 80 and beyond. A special thank-you goes out to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and the City Council for their ongoing support throughout the application process. To learn more about AARP's livable communities and what the "age-friendly" designation means for Healdsburg, please visit: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/>.

**Emergency Preparedness Brochure** – City Staff are finalizing a multi-page emergency preparedness brochure that will help residents plan and prepare for disasters such as fires and floods. The brochure includes information about when and how you should evacuate, what to pack in your family's emergency kit, as well as a list of public-safety resources and other helpful information. The City estimates that the brochure will be available to the public in the next few months.

**City Issues Emergency Declaration; Departments Prepared, Monitored and Are Now Cleaning Up After Winter Storm** – The Fire, Police, Public Works and Utilities departments staffed up in preparation of flooding from heavy rainfall and high winds. The City also opened its emergency-operation center to coordinate the City's response to the flooding. Staff members monitored water levels overnight on and set up set road barriers as needed in the downtown area as well as low-lying areas such as Almond Way and Presidential Circle. Staff is now cleaning up debris in areas that flooded, including the wastewater treatment plant, which sustained several feet of water, as well as Badger Park, Railroad Park, and the Fitch Mountain Park & Open Space Preserve. It's important to note that Staff cleared storm inlets and pipes well before this latest bad-weather event to help lower the risk of flooding.



**Floating-Solar Site Visit** – City Staff visited Kelseyville to tour a recently completed floating solar installation. The installation was completed in late fall 2018 and has a total capacity of roughly 250 kilowatts. Kelseyville's floating solar array is very similar to concept designs for the City's recycled water ponds, so visiting the site helped Staff confirm certain design elements and requirements ahead of construction of the City's floating-solar project.



**Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Program** – Through a collaborative effort between Northern California Power Agency and Healdsburg Staff, the City is participating in the State's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Program, which rewards fuel switching away from fossil fuels. The City generates credits from the electric-vehicle chargers it operates, as well as electric vehicles in the jurisdiction since both offset carbon-intensive fuels such as gas and diesel. In the third quarter of 2018, Healdsburg was approved for 165 LCFS credits. When the credits are cashed out or sold, the revenues will be reinvested within the City to further support transportation electrification and other greenhouse-gas reduction measures.

**2019 Coffee with the City Series** – The Coffee with the City series is back: The 2019 quarterly events will be held at the Senior Center (133 Matheson St.) from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. on February 27th, May 22nd, September 25th, and December 11th. All the dates fall on a Wednesday. This event series is an opportunity for residents to speak in-person with the City Manager and Department Directors about City-related projects, programs, events and news. Complimentary coffee and light refreshments will be provided. We welcome all community members to attend.





City of Petaluma  
*Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association*  
Mayor's Report – April 11, 2019

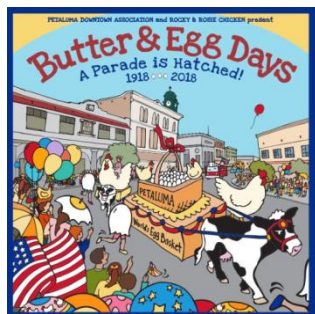
**Council Updates of Note:**

- *Safeway Fuel Center Appeal Updates:* At the February 4, 2019 City Council hearing, the Council initiated a motion for reconsideration of the previous Council decision from December 3, 2018. At the February 25, 2019 City Council hearing, the Council voted to place the item for reconsideration on the March 4, 2019 hearing. The project will return to the Council on April 1st.
- *Petaluma Tourism Improvement District* – At their December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the City Council authorized for formation of the Tourism Improvement District, and the Petaluma Lodging Association is completing work on their required agreement with the City.
- *'A Fine Balance' Public Art Commission:* At the February 28, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting, the Committee voted to approve the final site-specific concept of the Water Street public art project, 'A Fine Balance.' At least one appeal has been filed, which will return the project to the City Council.

**Major Development Projects**

- *Silk Mill:* The historic Sunset Line and Twine building has been converted into a 76-room hotel, and has opened as a Hampton Inn this past Summer. The hotel is currently operating with a temporary occupancy permits, as it completes on and off-site improvements.
- *Baywood Apartments:* Proposal received for 299 apartments on 20 acres located at 2592 Casa Grande Road.
- *Courtyard Marriott at Riverfront:* The Planning Commission approved reactivation of the Site Plan and Architectural Review for the Courtyard Marriott in the approved Riverfront project.
- *140 guest Hilton Hotel and associated amenities* located within the Redwood Technology Center received site plan and architectural review approval.
- *Corona Station Residential* – Tentative Subdivision Map, Zoning Text Amendment, and Site Plan and Architectural Review for 112 new single-family units (attached and detached) on the approximately 7.75 acre site at the NE corner of North McDowell and Corona. The proposed subdivision includes an approximately 1.5 acre remainder parcel in the northern portion of the site for construction of a future surface parking lot to support the planned SMART station.

**Sampling of Upcoming Events**



**Butter & Egg Days Parade is  
Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!**

**Spring Antique Faire is  
Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!**

For more info, visit:  
[www.PetalumaDowntown.com](http://www.PetalumaDowntown.com) or  
call (707) 762-9348



**Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti.** May 16 – 18 in downtown Petaluma. Come and join us as we celebrate that 46 years ago American Graffiti was filmed on the same streets that Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti is on. Starting on May 16th and ending on May 18th with a big car show. How about cruising those streets? Well starting at 4pm, we open those streets up to cruising, that's right, you can cruise the same streets that Milner and Falfa did in the movie. Registration forms can be down- loaded at [www.americangraffiti.net](http://www.americangraffiti.net) on February 4, 2019. Don't wait as registration fills up quickly. Don't be square, be there!



**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Petaluma Chili Cook-off, Salsa & Beer Tasting.** May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 PM in Herzog Hall at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds. For info: 763-8920 or [info@greatchilicookoff.com](mailto:info@greatchilicookoff.com).

**Sonoma-Marin Fair.** June 19-23 at Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds, 175 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma. Mark your calendars for a summer to remember during “**Eight Decades of Fun**” at the **Sonoma-Marin Fair, June 19-23, 2019**. With new competitions and contests, FREE concerts, unlimited carnival rides, and delicious fair food you will want to come to all 5 fun-filled days. Enjoy heart-warming entertainment during the World’s Ugliest Dog® Contest, the thrill of Sprint Car Racing, and the joy of connecting with our local agricultural community. For details, visit [sonoma-marinfair.org](http://sonoma-marinfair.org) or call (707) 283-3247.

### Summer Concert at the Fair!



WEDNESDAY- JUNE 19

With their trademark red leather pants, big rock sound and high-energy, **Loverboy** is ready to rock the stage opening night!



THURSDAY- JUNE 20

For the first time ever the Sonoma-Marin Fair welcomes **Roots & Boots!** This trio of country music artists are some of the greatest voices of our



FRIDAY- JUNE 21

**Lifehouse** returns to Petaluma with their infectious, upbeat hit songs and over 15 million records worldwide!



SATURDAY- JUNE 22

Singer, songwriter **David Lee Murphy** brings both old and new to the Sonoma-Marin Fair. David is launching a new album titled *No Zip Code*, don't miss it!



**Sunday, June 23** the Fiesta Latina is back from **3 - 7 p.m.**, with non-stop music, dancing, great food, shopping and more! Come join us celebrating Latin culture!





## City of Rohnert Park – Mayor’s Report on Current Events & Updates

Mayors’ & Councilmembers’ Association Meeting – April 11, 2019

### Save the Date

- **Spreckels Performing Arts**
  - **Barbeque Apocalypse** – Performances run through April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - **Cinderella** – Performances run May 10<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>
  - Tickets for all events are available through our box office at 588-3400 or online at [www.spreckelsonline.com](http://www.spreckelsonline.com).
- **Community Events**
  - **Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9 am**, Foxtail Golf Course



### Updates around Rohnert Park



**Public Safety Updates.** In January, we received our new Rosenbauer Type 1 Engine. The new engine has many similarities to the new Rosenbauer truck that we received last year, including an American flag featured in the grill.

Our new Rosenbauer engine that arrived in January.

### Cambria Hotel and Five Creek Apartments.

On Labath Avenue, the Cambria Hotel is finishing the exterior framing of the building, and the Five Creek Apartments have completed site paving and are currently framing the buildings. The hotel is expected to open later this year.



Five Creek Apartments (left) and Cambria Hotel (right) in February.





**Economic Development.** Strauss Family Creamery announced plans to move their production facility from Marin County to Rohnert Park. They plan to build a new facility behind the Press Democrat building. In May, we also have a new brewery, called Parliament Brewing Company, scheduled to open at 5865 Labath Avenue.

**Downtown Update.** Early this year, demolition started on the former State Farm property, our future Downtown Station Avenue location. The final phase of demolition concluded in March and preparation for a foundation is in progress. Milled wood from the trees that were removed was delivered to Rancho Cotate High School woodshop students, and most of the trees will also be replaced on the property.



**Final phase of demolition of the former State Farm property.**

**COTS Partnership.** Our partnership with Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) to work with individuals experiencing homeless in Rohnert Park is making a difference. We received the following message sent from a physician:

*"I am a family doctor at Santa Rosa Community Health, and wanted to send you a quick note to thank you for your agency's service. I was pleasantly surprised when a chronically homeless and medically frail patient of mine came to his visit accompanied by COTS outreach worker Cecily Kagy...I trust that with this new outreach service, COTS can catalyze systemic housing solutions to prevent further illness and disability in our community."*

**Wellness for Our Communities.** We launched a new wellness training program this winter in our Public Safety Department. The City is also offering a year-long Wellness Seminar Series at our Senior Center.

**Leadership Program.** We held a kick-off meeting with Coro Northern California to plan for a Leadership Rohnert Park program for the community. We are planning a robust training curriculum on leadership skills and on issues in and around Rohnert Park. We anticipate launching the first class in September.

## Rebekah Barr

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**From:** Schwedhelm, Tom <tschwedhelm@srcity.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:15 PM  
**To:** Rebekah Barr  
**Subject:** FW: FINAL DRAFT: Welcome to the NEW City Connections Newsletter - Read about Recovery, Council Goals, Master Planning, Earth Day OnStage, and More!: TEST

Hi Rebecca,

Here's my Santa Rosa Mayor's report. Thanks!

Tom

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## April 2019

Welcome to the City of Santa Rosa's first edition of City Connections! This new monthly newsletter delivers the latest happenings around the City by highlighting local news, events, community meetings, volunteer opportunities, job openings, and more. If you enjoy receiving this newsletter (we really hope you do), help us share by forwarding to a friend. If this email was forwarded to you, **click here** to sign-up to receive this newsletter. If you wish to no longer receive updates about our City, [unsubscribe here](#). Wishing you a happy spring from the City of Santa Rosa team.

## City News

### Council Goal Setting



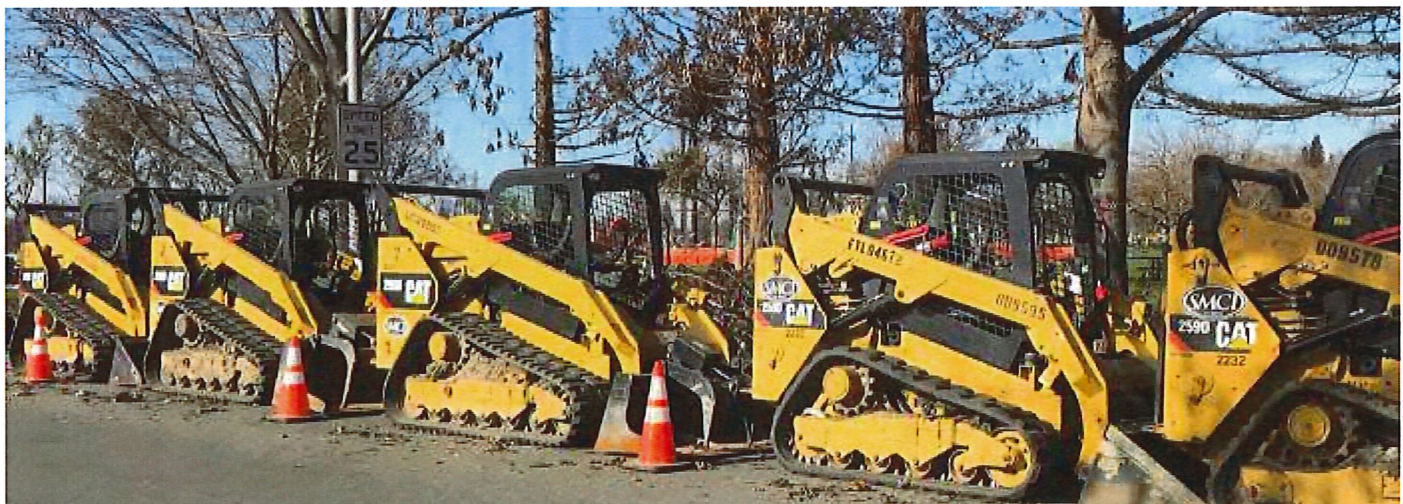


City Council held a special session to set the City's top priorities for fiscal year 2019-20 on February 21. At the conclusion of robust discussion and public input, Financial Stability, Recovery and Resilience, a Comprehensive Housing Strategy, addressing Homelessness, and Implementation of the Climate Action Plan were identified as the highest priority focus areas for the City for the next 12 months. Council will next be working with staff to develop metrics for each of these priority areas. [READ MORE](#)

## Homelessness Solutions

Homelessness is a significant concern throughout Santa Rosa and remains one of the City Council's top priorities. Many City resources are committed to finding and implementing solutions. The City's response, including the Mayor's new Open Letter on Homelessness, is thoroughly outlined on the City's Homelessness Solutions website. Please take a moment to learn about how your City is approaching this critical social issue. [READ MORE](#)

## Wildfire Recovery Updates



### Repairing Fire-Damaged Infrastructure

Under the presidential disaster declaration approved for the 2017 wildfires, Santa Rosa can seek federal aid to help with the repair and rebuilding of our fire-damaged public infrastructure through the FEMA Public Assistance Program. It's a complex process to seek the aid necessary to restore our infrastructure and staff continue to work



intently through the process. The City has created a new webpage to keep residents informed of this process, the status of infrastructure recovery projects and funds received from FEMA. [READ MORE](#)

## **Disaster Loan Assistance Program for Coffey Park Homeowners**

Eligible Coffey Park area homeowners whose homes were damaged or destroyed in the October 2017 wildfires, and who have not yet begun to rebuild, are able to apply for gap funding of up to \$100,000 through the City of Santa Rosa's CalHome Disaster Assistance Loan Program. [READ MORE](#)

## **Coffey Neighborhood Park Master Plan**

A walking path, fitness stations, two playgrounds, picnic tables, a dog park, portable restroom and a native garden are just some of the features proposed for the new Coffey Neighborhood Park. The City Council will consider the draft Master Plan for rebuilding the park tomorrow, Tuesday, April 2 and there will be an opportunity for public comment. [READ MORE](#)

## **Fundraising for Fire-Impacted Parks**

There is at least a \$6-million gap in funding to restore Santa Rosa's fire impacted parks. The Santa Rosa Parks Foundation is the contact for contributions to help fill the gap and is also looking for experienced fundraisers to serve on their board of directors. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Plan Downtown**

Help shape Downtown Santa Rosa's future by participating in the update to the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan. The plan explores ways to intensify housing development downtown to address housing needs and it considers related issues of land use, transportation, economic development and historic preservation. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Zero Waste Draft Master Plan**



The City is working with the community to develop a Zero Waste Plan that is quantifiable, reasonable and impactful locally. The plan focuses on a process and a philosophy around the redesign of products and consumption, so that all material goods can be reused or recycled – or not needed at all. We want to your input on the draft Zero Waste Plan which is available online for public comment through April 26, 2019. [READ MORE](#)

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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

City Council has unanimously adopted Santa Rosa's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018. The Plan is a guidance tool informing the City of how best to build a citywide transportation system that is bicycle and pedestrian friendly. A key goal of the Plan Update is to encourage more residents to bike and walk in Santa Rosa. [READ MORE](#)

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## Now Accepting Applications for Policia y La Comunidad



Do you want to learn more about the day-to-day activities of your Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD)? SRPD is now offering its popular Community Police Academy exclusively in Spanish. Hear from police officers and staff about the SWAT Team, Narcotics, Drones, K9 Team, and more. [READ MORE](#)

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## New Community Portal for Requesting Public Records

The City has introduced a new public records portal called NextRequest. You now have the ability to look up any public records request previously submitted by a member of the public or submit your own new record request online. [READ MORE](#)

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## New Commuter Discounted Parking Permit





Commuting using public transportation just got a whole lot easier, with the City's new Commuter Discounted Parking Permit. The new discounted parking permit is intended for commuters who regularly use public transportation and allows them to park in Garage 12 for a reduced monthly cost of \$31—a 50% discount on the regular monthly rate. [READ MORE](#)

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## Join a Council Board, Commission, or Committee

City Council is seeking volunteers interested in serving on a vacant Board, Commission, or Committee seat. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Events and Community Meetings

### Free Composting Workshop

**Tuesday, April 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Utilities Field Office, 35 Stony Point Rd**

Learn how to turn yard waste and kitchen scraps into wonderfully rich compost to use as a soil amendment or mulch in your garden. [REGISTER](#)

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### Earth Day OnStage





**Saturday, April 27 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Downtown Santa Rosa, Courthouse Square**

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy great food, live performances OnStage, local and earth-friendly products, and eco-friendly crafts and activities for kids. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Parent Engagement Month

It's Parent Engagement Month! The City is offering free training, resources, and support to help parents create a healthy foundation for their children. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Senior Expo



**Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Person Senior Wing, 2060 West College Ave.**

Explore the best of senior living in Santa Rosa with 80+ interesting and informational exhibits. Not just for seniors, bring the whole family to this free event! [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Eco-Friendly Garden Tour

**Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout Sonoma and Marin counties**

This self-guided Eco-Friendly Garden Tour promotes sustainable landscaping practices by showcasing inspiring gardens throughout Sonoma and Marin counties. Registration is required for this free event. [REGISTER](#)

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## City Council and Board Meetings





The City Council meets almost every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, located at 100 Santa Rosa Ave. This month Council will meet April 2, April 9 (Budget Study Session), and April 23.

[VIEW CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS](#)

**City Boards, Commissions, and Committees** meet regularly and support Council and Departments.

[VIEW CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### First Saturday Clean-up on Prince Memorial Greenway



**Saturday, April 6 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Olive Park near 1698 Hazel Street**

On the first Saturday of every month you can help take care of Santa Rosa Creek. Located in the heart of downtown, the Greenway provides a home for river otter, kingfishers, steelhead trout. It also provides our community opportunities for recreation, public art and environmental education. [SIGN UP](#)

### Neighborfest Event Planning

The City is working with neighborhoods in Santa Rosa to plan Neighborfest events. Neighborfest is a block party-style event that offers neighborhoods the chance to come together, have fun, engage, and build a stronger, more



connected community. We need volunteers to help with planning, set-up and clean-up; assisting with event activities, serving food, capturing photos and videos, and event promotion and outreach. [SIGN UP](#)

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## Park-A-Month



**Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Youth Community Park, 1701 Fulton Road**  
Bring your friends and work together or come and meet new people while helping to keep our parks in great shape! [SIGN UP](#)

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## Earth Day on the Greenway Creek Clean-up

**Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Olive Park near 105 Olive Street**  
Celebrate Earth Day's 49th birthday on the Prince Memorial Greenway. Help clean-up Santa Rosa Creek. This includes native plant care and trail maintenance. Tools and refreshments provided. [SIGN UP](#)

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## Earth Day OnStage Volunteers Needed



**Saturday, April 27 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Downtown Santa Rosa, Courthouse Square**  
Volunteers make Santa Rosa's Earth Day OnStage possible. Two and four hour shifts available. Volunteers receive an event t-shirt and a reusable stainless steel Take it From the TAP! water bottle. [SIGN UP](#)



## Join Our Team

The City offers great career opportunities with excellent salary, a generous benefits package, including retirement through CalPERS, a competitive leave package, a choice of three health plans, flexible spending program, and top of the line, employer paid vision and dental coverage.

### Current Job Openings

#### **Buyer | Full-Time | \$62,403.00 to \$75,869.00 Annually | Finance Department**

Buyers purchase and arrange a variety of supplies, equipment, and services used by the City of Santa Rosa. Recruitment Closes: April 7, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

#### **Senior Administrative Assistant | Full-Time | \$4,052.33 to \$4,925.67 Monthly | Various Departments**

Senior Administrative Assistants provide critical administrative support for a variety of operations across the City. Recruitment Closes: April 2, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

#### **Utility System Superintendent | Full-Time | \$7,782.17 to \$10,101.42 Monthly | Santa Rosa Water**

Utility System Superintendents manage the construction, repair, maintenance and operation of the City's water distribution, urban recycled water, and wastewater systems. Recruitment Closes: April 4, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

[VIEW ALL JOB POSTINGS](#)

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### Seasonal Employment Opportunities



Work at our parks, lakes, pools and community centers! The Recreation & Parks Department is hiring for over 300 part-time seasonal employees for aquatics, sports, neighborhood services, customer service, park maintenance, concessions, recreation classes and camps. [APPLY NOW](#)



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**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS REPORT, APRIL-MAY 2019**



**It's Apple Blossom Time!** The highly anticipated annual Apple Blossom Parade & Festival celebrates the diversity within our community, with "It Takes a Village to Blossom." Filled with great food and entertainment for the whole family, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Saturday April 13, 2019 is the Festival & Parade (Parade starts at 10 am on Main St.) and the Festival & Blues Music Explosion will continue in Ives Park through Sunday April 14, 2019.

Sponsored by the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, presale festival tickets are available at the Chamber office and are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62+) & students (11-17), and children under 10 enter FREE. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. For more information visit [appleblossomfest.com](http://appleblossomfest.com).



**Sebastopol Says No to Polystyrene:** The Sebastopol City Council has adopted a Polystyrene Ordinance which will prohibit the use and sale of disposable food service ware and other products containing polystyrene foam. The ordinance will go into effect September 19, 2019 in order to give merchants time to deplete existing stock of these products.

The ordinance also requires food establishments and food providers to provide single use straws and utensils upon request only. This is a "model ordinance" developed by the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency and is planned for similar adoptive actions by the other eight cities and the county fairly soon.



**Zero-Waste Subcommittee:** The City of Sebastopol has created a Zero-Waste Subcommittee, which is set to be implemented throughout the City by 2030. The committee will work towards encouraging the pursuit of Zero Waste as a long-term goal in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage, and recycling of materials. By adopting this concept, the City

will partake in reducing waste and pollution through educating and encouraging the public to participate in composting and recycling programs and demonstrating the benefits of reducing wasteful consumption.





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**We Are Better Together** Sebastopol is partnering with the Russian River Chamber of Commerce and Sonoma County Tourism to help spread the word that our little corners of the world are open for business. We're asking visitors and locals to post beautiful images of the area with hashtag #bettertogether and show their post at a participating business for access to a small discount, premium or other thank you. Participating businesses will feature a #bettertogether poster at their business.

**City Departments Rise to the Occasion** While Police and Fire crews worked to keep the streets safe, handled evacuations from Park Village, and rescued the few people who became trapped in flooded cars, other City departments have been working diligently behind the scenes to keep the city running and get damaged homes and business back on track.

Public Works crews put in 16 on/8off shifts for the week of the flood, cleaning up and handling damage removal at the Community Center, Laguna Park, including concessions and restrooms, and the Laguna Skate Garden.

The Building Department worked nonstop for over a week following the flood accompanying FMA, CalOES and SBA teams on damage inspections and issuing repair permits buildings in The Barlow. At press time the team hoped to have several major businesses re-opened at The Barlow and have been working on getting a temporary occupancy permit for the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center.

**Sebastopol Community Cultural Center** Staff and a team of volunteers sprang into action to ready the Center before the flood hit, by removing flooring and all equipment and storing them out of harm's way. Staff is working hard to make repairs to the structure and plans to re-open soon. Visit <https://seb.org/floodfundraiser/> for updates, to learn more about fundraising efforts, and to see an amazing video of the team at work to prepare for the flood.

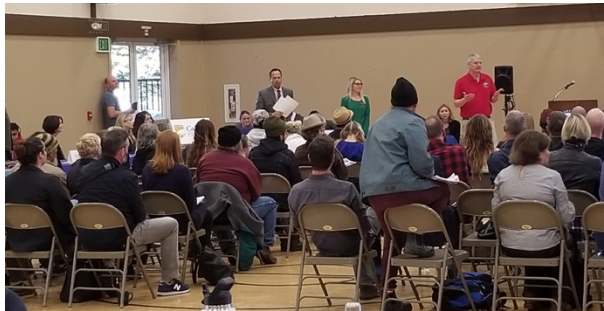


**Park Village Update** Just a week after celebrating the completion of the first phase of improvements to Park Village with an "Office Warming" party, residents found themselves threatened by rising flood waters. The affordable housing campus is the result of a partnership between the City of Sebastopol which owns the property, West County Community Services (WCCS), and affordable housing advocacy organization Group of Advocates (GoA). All residents who chose to leave were



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successfully evacuated from the property, and eight recently purchased housing units were temporarily moved to higher ground. Many of the existing 17 units suffered some degree of damage and are in the process of being repaired or replaced. Park Village supportive staff have been working with affected residents in connecting them with the adequate services to recover from the disaster.



**Post-Flood Recovery Town Hall** At the request of Mayor Neysa Hinton, the City of Sebastopol hosted a Community Flood Recovery meeting at the Community Church of Sebastopol on March 13 to connect those impacted by the recent flood with information and resources. During the meeting, City Manager Larry McLaughlin announced that the City will waive all planning permit fees for repairs

to homes or businesses damaged during the flood. Agencies present at the meeting included the County of Sonoma, City of Sebastopol, West County Community Services, The California State Office of Emergency Services among others and representatives from state and county elected officials. Some 70 members of the public attended the event. For more information on flood recovery resources, please visit <https://socoemergency.org/home/recover/2019-flood/>

**Occupy Bench Dedication:** A ceremony to dedicate the Occupy Bench in Sebastopol's Town Plaza took place on April 7. Three years in the making, the handsome circular bench was initiated to commemorate the Occupy Movement (2011-2013) and provide a place for community discussion in the plaza. Funds for materials for the bench were provided by the City of Sebastopol, Occupy Sebastopol and private donations. Craftsmen Jim Wheaton, Steve Pierce and Peter Santulli lead the all-volunteer team who dedicated hundreds of hours to create the bench, which was installed on November 29, 2018. To learn more about the process to hand-craft the bench, visit the Occupy Bench Facebook page.



**Sebastopol Fire Department Open House:** The Sebastopol Fire Department hosted over 100 families at its Open House on Saturday March 30, inviting the community to learn about disaster planning, meet volunteer firefighters, interact with local police officers and Sebastopol City Council members.





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**Downtown Just Got a Whole Lot Greener:** The City's Public Works Department has replaced street trees located in the 300 block of N. Main Street. The new variety of tree approved for replacement by the City Council, Natchez Crape Myrtle, is resistant to mistletoe and other diseases like fire blight and leaf spot. Crape Myrtle, -- which is also installed on South Main Street, - - needs very little maintenance pruning other than encouraging the desired shape and clearance for sidewalks. Photo: Lee Ann Torrans



**Ride the Bus, Meet a Buddy** Each Wednesday morning, March 20 through the month of May, riders of the free Local Shuttle #24 will have a chance to meet a local community leader, such as Mayor Neysa Hinton and Vice Mayor Patrick Slayter who rode the bus during the month of March. The idea is to help encourage residents to use the city's public transportation, which is why this program is a perfect opportunity for new riders to try out the shuttle and for seasoned riders to meet a new friendly face.

**Bike to Work Day is May 9** The City of Sebastopol is partnering with the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and other organizations to sponsor Bike to Work Day activities with two energizer stations, one on the bike path at the north end of town and the other at the Joe Rodota Bike Trail at Petaluma Avenue. There will also be an After Work Party on Morris at McKinley from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Visit <https://www.bikesonoma.org/btwd/> for more information.





## City of Sonoma

### MAYOR'S REPORT – April 11, 2019

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#### MINIMUM WAGE STUDY



The City held a study session at the February 4, 2019, City Council meeting to hear a report on a Minimum Wage Study completed by the UC Berkeley Labor Center. The study explored the economic impacts of a \$15 citywide minimum wage (by 2020) for the North Bay, including Sonoma, Marin, Napa, and Solano counties and the cities within these counties. The City Council voted to form a Minimum Wage Sub-Committee comprised of Mayor

Harrington and Vice Mayor Harvey to conduct outreach and develop policy parameters for the development of a local minimum wage ordinance. The Sub-Committee will return to Council with information and recommendations in April or May 2019. [www.sonomacity.org/minimum-wage-study](http://www.sonomacity.org/minimum-wage-study)

#### COMMERCIAL CANNABIS REGULATION

Sonoma City Council held a Cannabis Study Session to review, discuss, and provide direction on local regulation of Commercial Cannabis activities. Following a presentation by David McPherson with HdL Companies, the Council provided the following direction on five types of Commercial Cannabis activities:

- Retail Dispensaries: Two (2) Total: One (1) Storefront, And One (1) Non-Storefront
- Cultivation: None
- Manufacturer: One (1) Type N (Infusions) and/or Type P (Packaging & Labeling Only)
- Testing: One (1)
- Distribution: For Transport Only

The City Council gave direction on areas to not allow commercial cannabis by establishing “buffer zones” and by directing appropriate zoning areas. The Storefront dispensary will be able to locate in Commercial zones with a Use Permit issued by the Planning Commission. The Non-Storefront Dispensary, Manufacturer, and Testing Lab will be allowed in either the Commercial or Mixed-Use zone outside of buffer areas with a Use Permit approved by the Planning Commission. [www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-regulation/](http://www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-regulation/)

#### “CELEBRATE SONOMA” RECOGNITION PROGRAM

“Celebrate Sonoma” is a new program started in 2019 to recognize people that make up the fabric of Sonoma. Once a month, a community member will be recognized at a City Council meeting with a presentation of a city recognition certificate honoring them by dedicating a “day” in their honor. 2019 “Celebrate Sonoma” honorees include Gerald Marino (left) and Renea Magnani (right). [www.sonomacity.org/celebrate-sonoma/](http://www.sonomacity.org/celebrate-sonoma/)



## 2019 ALCALDESSA RECEPTION HONORING KAREN COLLINS



It was standing room only at the 2019 City of Sonoma Alcaldessa Reception honoring Karen Collins at Ramekin's Culinary School, Events & Inn on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. Mayor Harrington presented a plaque bearing a key to the City to Ms. Collins in front of an enthusiastic audience for her ongoing efforts and contributions to the Sonoma community. Particularly of note was Ms. Collins' work in the preservation and protection of the natural environment in and around the City of Sonoma. Collins currently serves as a Commissioner on the Sonoma County Regional Parks and Recreation Commission and was instrumental in creating Sonoma's Overlook Trail. She also serves on the Board of Jack London Park Partners, the non-profit group that operates Jack London State Historical Park, and in 2014 she was named the Sonoma Valley "Conservationist of the Year."

Each year, the Mayor selects and the City Council ratifies a citizen of the year who is called the honorary Alcalde. To learn more about the City of Sonoma Alcalde and a list of past Alcaldes and Alcaldessas, please visit our Alcalde page. Photo: 2018 Alcalde Marcelo Defreitas with 2019 Alcaldessa Karen Collins. [www.sonomacity.org/alcalde](http://www.sonomacity.org/alcalde)

## TASTING ROOM FACILITIES REGULATION

At the March 18, 2019 City Council meeting, City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance regulating wine tasting facilities. The following components are included in the proposed new regulations which will return to Council for a second reading on April 1, 2019:

- A limit of 25 total wine tasting facilities will be allowed in the Plaza Retail Overlay District (PROD) a reduction from the current number of 29.
  - No new use permits to be allowed in the PROD until tasting rooms are below the cap of 25.
  - Limit the number of wine tasting facilities that can locate on block faces (and corners) that directly face the Plaza to 2 (two) per side.
  - In the future, any new tasting room within the PROD will require a use permit.
- There is no limit to tasting rooms that can locate outside of the PROD, but a use permit will be required
- The current wine tasting rooms can continue to operate until the use is abandoned, but the current tasting rooms cannot expand or move to a new location until there is capacity based on the numerical limit.

The current urgency ordinance is effective until May 1, 2019. The City Council is scheduled to take action on April 1<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) in order to meet the May 1, 2019 deadline.

[www.sonomacity.org/wine-tasting-room-regulation/](http://www.sonomacity.org/wine-tasting-room-regulation/)

## HOUSING OUR COMMUNITY TOWN HALL SERIES

The City of Sonoma (City) is facing challenges similar to surrounding Sonoma County communities, increasing housing prices and constrained supply. The City Council contracted with UrbanGreen to develop a housing education and discussion town hall series for members of the community to take part in a robust and informed conversation on housing in the City. The series is composed of three town halls. The first Housing Our Community Town Hall "LEARN, Housing 101" will be on April 25, 2019, followed by "DISCUSS, Housing Experts Panel," on May 16, 2019 and the third and final forum of the series, "EXPLORE, Community Workshop" will be held on June 20, 2019. [www.sonomacity.org/housing-our-community](http://www.sonomacity.org/housing-our-community)



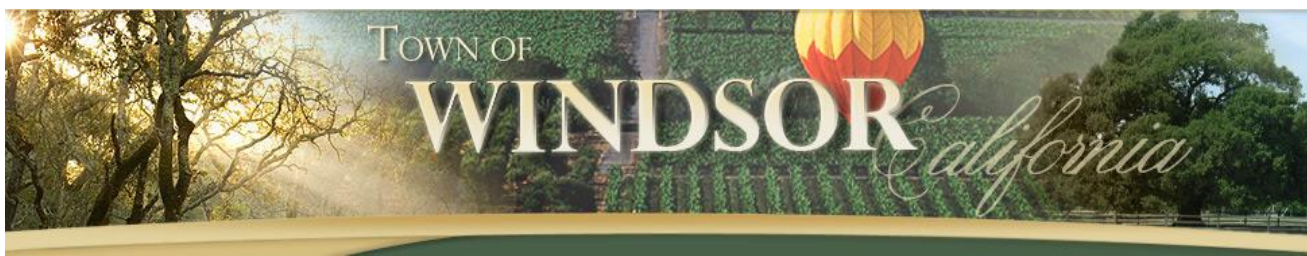
### HOUSING OUR COMMUNITY TOWN HALL SERIES

LEARN	DISCUSS	EXPLORE
Housing 101	Housing Experts Panel	Community Workshop
April 25, 2019, 6-8 PM	May 16, 2019, 6-8 PM	June 20, 2019, 6-9 PM

 Stone Hall, Vintage House  
264 First Street East, Sonoma CA 95476  
Food, Drink & Childcare Provided. Plan to attend all three!  
Sponsored by the City of Sonoma in collaboration with

[www.sonomacity.org/housing-our-community](http://www.sonomacity.org/housing-our-community)





***Town of Windsor  
Mayors' & Councilmembers' Report  
Items of Interest & Upcoming Events  
April 11, 2019***

- **Shuttle Program:** The Town Council has agreed to continue the Windsor Hopper shuttle program which promotes visitation to Windsor and area businesses and provides safe and convenient transportation to local wine tasting and craft beer destinations. The shuttle service is a free service to both visitors and Windsor riders. The Spring-Summer 2019 service will run four days per week (Thursday-Sunday) through the end of summer.

- **Summer Nights on the Green:** Over the past 18 years, Summer Nights on the Green has grown to include a series of activities that are friendly, healthy and entertaining. Please join us Tuesday nights from June 4 to July 30, for Family Movies on the Green and Thursday nights from May 30 to September 5, for the Farmers Market from 5pm to 8pm and live concerts from 6pm to 8pm. This series was named the 2018 Best of the Best Sonoma County music series.



- **Town Green Special Events:** Opening Day for the Sunday Farmers Market is Sunday, April 7, from 10am to 1pm at Market Street and will take place every Sunday, continuing through December 8. The Health & Wellness Festival is on Sunday, April 14, from 10am to 1pm and on May 4, the Windsor Day Parade from 10am to 12pm, followed by the Windsor Festival and Cinco De Mayo Celebration from 11am to 3pm.
- **District Elections:** The Town Council, at its April 3, 2019 meeting, will consider adoption of an ordinance establishing a district-based election system for four districts and an at-large elected Mayor with a two-year term.
- **The Oaks:** The Oaks project is continuing to advance through the Town's development review process. This project has 34 rental units, including three live/work units and three moderate income



units, as well as a community garden, community building, play area, and preservation of two large oak trees on site. The Oaks project is located at the northeast corner of the intersection at Old Redwood Highway and Merner Drive.

- **Windsor Veterans Village Affordable Housing Project:** The Building Division received a building permit submittal for the Windsor Veterans Village project. The project is located on six acres at the north end of Oak Pak Street. The project includes 59 units for low-income veterans and their families, one unit for the on-site manager, a community building, on-site parking, and outdoor amenities. The developer plans to begin construction later this year. In 2018, the Town Council awarded the project developer (John Bigley, UHC) \$500,000 in Inclusionary Housing Funds.



- **Duncan Village Affordable Housing Project:** The Building Division received a building permit submittal for the Duncan Village project. Located on 1.34 acres on Wall Street (with access from Duncan Drive), the project includes 16 single-family homes for low-income households. The developer plans to begin construction later this year. In 2017, the Town Council awarded the project developer (Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County) \$556,000 in Inclusionary Housing Funds.



- **Windsor River Road/Windsor Road Intersection Roundabout Project:** The intersection of Windsor River Road and Windsor Road provides access to the Town Center, commercial retail centers, and the future Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Station. The goals of the project are to prepare for the SMART connection to the Windsor depot station, improve traffic circulation, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and to connect a multi-use path along the SMART corridor. The Town is in the process of designing and constructing the intersection improvements in time for the Windsor train connection.

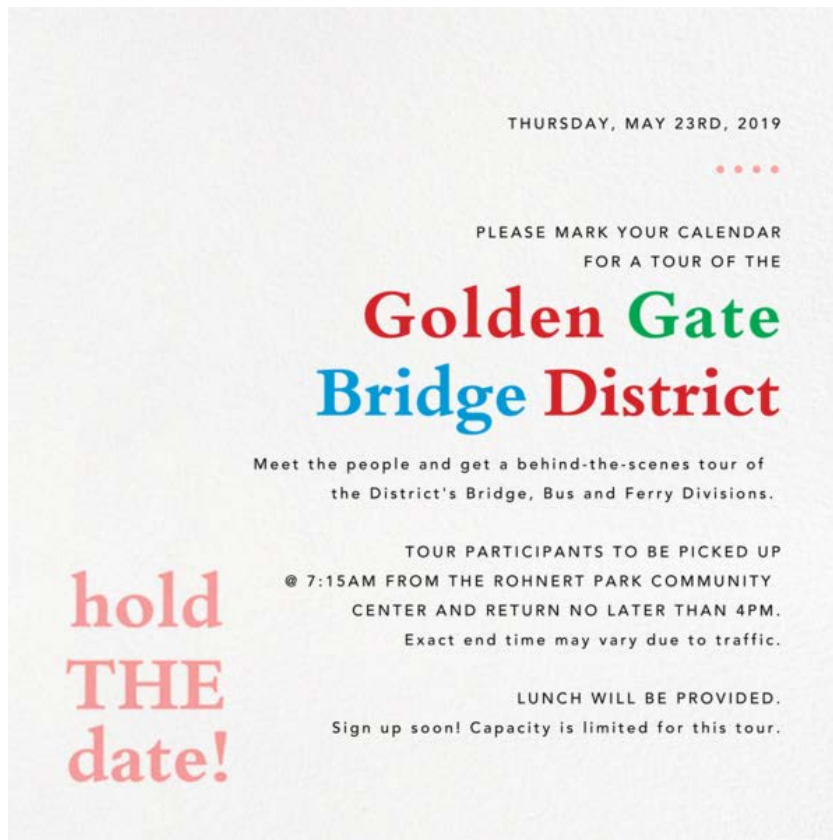


## ITEM 9

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Golden Gate Bridge District Tour



**RSVP details are forthcoming.**