

## 2019 Mayors and Council Members Liaison Reports

JUNE

BAAQMD

FY 19-20 Budget and Regulation 3 Fee Schedules were adopted.

LAFCO

Adopted the FY 19-20 Budget.

Unanimously approved the Geyserville Fire Protection District Reorganization.

MAY

BAAQMD

First public hearing on proposed increases to Fee Schedules.

Extensive report on progress on reducing PM from Freight Carriers to Protect Communities' health.

Highlights included:

85% reduction goal in freight diesel PM set for attainment in 2020 has already been achieved. Further efforts include implementation of heavy duty zero emission (ZE) trucks will begin in 2020 and greater programs to test existing vehicles has already started.

Setting up facility infrastructure for ZE trucks, especially refrigeration/cold storage vehicles.

ZE Ferries and Tour boats by 2020

Working on retrofitting existing boat/ship engines with higher pollution control units for existing spaces.

UCBerkeley is tracking bay tug activity in order to estimate battery needs for bay work.

LAFCO

MAY

LAFCO voted to support Bodega Bay residents within the Bodega Bay Fire District who requested detachment from the Palm Drive Health Care District. Public protest period will close on July 3<sup>rd</sup> when this issue comes back to LAFCO for final determination.



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

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

**Date:** May 29, 2019

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

On May 23, 2019, the State Senate approved SB 356 (McGuire), which would transfer to SMART the railroad right of way currently owned by NCRA, from Willits south to Healdsburg. The bill still needs to be approved by the State Assembly and signed by the governor. This transfer would occur within 90 days of the time the state resolves all of NCRA's debts, liabilities and other contractual obligations .

This is the follow-up to legislation that took effect January 1, 2019 (SB 1029) that directs the California State Transportation Agency to complete its assessment of all of NCRA's assets and liabilities by July 1, 2020. In addition, Sen McGuire has sponsored an amendment to the 2019-20 state budget that would retire NCRA debt, appropriate funds to SMART to oversee freight service, and to provide agency funding to NCRA to cover its agency costs during this transition.

#### **Next NCRA Meeting**

The next NCRA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Healdsburg City Hall.

**SONOMA COUNTY AG & OPEN SPACE**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT TO MAYORS & COUNCILMEMBERS ASSOCIATION**

Mayor John A. Dell'Osso  
City of Cotati

- Ag + Open Space is currently recruiting two youth members to join the Advisory Committee – a citizens' advisory committee that provides reviews and advises on real property transactions, provides broad-based citizen input on District operations, and acts as ambassadors for the agency within the community. Due by June 14, 2019. Follow this link: <https://www.sonomaopenspace.org/who-we-are/employment-internships/>. Contact Amy Ricard for more information.
- We closed on two easements near Fitch Mountain at a little over 1,200 acres.
- Chair Dell'Osso worked with Ag + Open staff and County Counsel on the letter in this packet addressing the concerns from the Mayors and Councilmembers Association letter from January.



# SMART

Your train has arrived.

## Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

### General Manager's Report – May 2019

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Community Outreach | Presentations and Community Events

The Communications and Marketing Department has been focused on preparing for the busy summer season ahead. With students out of school and warm summer weather, many families and leisure riders are trying out the train for the first time. In the month of May, Communication and Marketing staff attended several large-scale community events to reach a broad audience and provide information about train service and railroad safety. The summer season kicked off in high gear over Memorial Day weekend with the launch of two pilot fare programs.

This summer, kids 18 and under can ride the train for free on weekends and holidays when accompanied by a paying adult. The pilot program will run through Labor Day. Parking at SMART-owned lots is also free on weekends and holidays throughout the summer. The outreach team set up a pop-up booth at the Petaluma Downtown station to welcome families and promote the inaugural weekend of the summer campaign. The team also rode trains to announce the summer fare program and give out orange kids t-shirts. Riders were encouraged to use the hashtag #SMARTSummerRide to share pictures of their summer adventure on the SMART train. Looks like we've got a new generation of SMART riders!





SMART partnered with Sonoma and Marin counties to provide veterans, and active duty military personnel and their families with free train service and free entry to regional parks during the Memorial Day weekend. Many took the opportunity to ride the train for the first time and brought their families to enjoy the experience with them. Communications and Marketing staff boarded trains throughout the holiday weekend to connect with riders and hand out special giveaways to service members to thank them for their contributions.





Many of the veterans riding with us on Memorial Day took the time to get to know one another, and became fast friends.

They posed for a group picture (left) together, with the U.S. Navy, Army, and Air Force represented.

Our passengers onboard gave them a round of applause, in recognition of their service to our country.

In addition to those events, Bike to Work Day was celebrated on May 9 in the Bay Area, as part of National Bike Month. SMART hosted an energizer station at the Petaluma Downtown station to offer snacks and encouragement to cyclists commuting to work. Coffee was provided by our partners at Taylor Lane Organic Coffee. Riders also received a tote bag from the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition. Bicycle commuters were excited to share with us how using the train and bike to commute has notably improved their quality of life.





Since the last SMART Board meeting, outreach staff has participated in the following community events and presentations:

- May 30 | Group Trip: Disability Services and Legal Center (Santa Rosa)
- May 18 | Santa Rosa Rose Parade and Festival (Santa Rosa)
- May 17 | School Safety Presentation: The Cove School (Corte Madera)
- May 17 | Group Trip: Grant Elementary School (Petaluma)
- May 11 | May Madness Classic Car Show (San Rafael)
- May 10 | Mill Valley Age Friendly Fair (Mill Valley)
- May 10 | School Safety Presentation: Redwood Adventist Academy (Santa Rosa)
- May 9 | Bike to Work Day (Petaluma)
- May 8 | Hamilton Forum Presentation (Novato)
- May 7 | Group Trip: Cross and Crown School (Rohnert Park)
- May 6 | School Safety Presentation: Richard Crane Elementary School (Rohnert Park)
- May 5 | Roseland Cinco de Mayo (Santa Rosa)
- May 4 | Community Heritage and History Day (Larkspur)
- May 2 | School Safety Presentation: Cross and Crown School (Rohnert Park)
- May 2 | Group Trip: Loma Vista Immersion Academy (Petaluma)

# MARKETING

## Digital Programs | Social Media

Social media is a key factor in the success of new programs aimed at increasing ridership. Leading up to the launch of the new fare programs, the Communications and Marketing department created promotional collateral to share across all digital platforms in order to create awareness and excitement. SMART’s website provided information on the homepage for both pilot fare programs.

The most popular post during the month of May was the announcement of the new summer youth fare program. Followers were enthusiastic about the opportunity to ride the train with their kids and explore new places in the North Bay.

SMART consistently shares safety material, service advisories, and rider information to an audience of over 20,000 across all platforms, including social media and the e-newsletter. All of SMART’s social media platforms continue to increase their organic reach and levels of engagement.



## Media | News Coverage

- May 25, *SMART officials discuss bid to seek sales tax renewal as soon as March 2020* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- May 24, *SMART to offer free rides...* (The Community Voice)
- May 23, *SMART officials discuss bid to seek sales tax renewal as soon as March 2020* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- May 19, *San Rafael braces for SMART construction traffic mire* (Marin Independent Journal)
- May 17, *SMART to seek up to \$364 million to get to Healdsburg and Cloverdale* (North Bay Business Journal)
- May 16, *Major housing bill stalls, slowing development push along SMART line* (Petaluma Argus Courier)
- May 16, *SMART to seek up to \$364 million to get to Healdsburg and Cloverdale* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- May 16, *SMART Summer Rides Start Memorial Day Kids Ride FREE on Weekends* (Sonoma County Gazette)
- May 16, *In Your Town for May 16, 2019: Train plans free rides for young passengers* (Marin Independent Journal)
- May 14, *CA: Marin grand jury calls for bolstering SMART transit options* (Mass Transit Magazine)
- May 14, *Editorial: SMART needs to fulfill its promises before considering expansion* (Marin Independent Journal)
- May 13, *Marin grand jury calls for bolstering SMART transit options* (Marin Independent Journal)
- May 7, *SMART report outlines passenger-rail feasibility in northern California* (Progressive Railroading)
- May 7, *North Bay employers offer SMART train incentives to ease commutes* (North Bay Business Journal)
- May 6, *SMART commuter train exploring extension for Hwy 37 traffic relief, Amtrak link* (KPIX Channel 5)
- May 5, *Marin-to-Solano SMART extension estimated at \$1B* (Marin Independent Journal)
- May 4, *SMART finds rail service expansion to Napa and Solano counties would cost about \$1 billion* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- April 30, *SMART Surpasses the 100,000-Cyclist Mark* (California Transit Association)
- April 25, *Sonoma County officials consider 2020 renewal of sales tax for road upgrades* (Santa Rosa Press Democrat)
- April 25, *Lawmakers' deal pushes housing near Santa Rosa, Petaluma SMART stations* (Petaluma Argus Courier)
- April 25, *Compromise legislation will help spur apartment building near North Bay train stations* (North Bay Business Journal)



## LARKSPUR EXTENSION PROJECT

- Francisco Boulevard West roadway construction is complete and the road was opened on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Track construction is underway between Andersen Drive and 2<sup>nd</sup> street.
- Work at the station consists of constructing of curbs, gutter, station amenities and the platform ramp.
- Track is being constructed in the Bettini Transit Center.
- Construction of the City of San Rafael Multi Use Pathway from Rice Drive to Andersen Drive is nearly complete.
- Train control and communications systems installation work is ongoing with the installation of pedestrian gates, signal houses and signals.



Larkspur Station- Curb and Gutter Construction at the Parking lot



Track construction in the Bettini Transit Center



Bettini Transit Center – Track and concrete wall construction



Conduit installation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street



Larkspur Station- Ramp Construction



Installation of vehicle gate at Andersen Drive



Signal conduit installation at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street



## WINDSOR EXTENSION PROJECT

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- Preliminary engineering is nearly complete.
- Environmental permit applications are anticipated to be submitted at the end of May.



Windsor Extension- Looking north at Windsor River Road Crossing

## PATHWAY

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### Payran to Southpoint Multi-Use Pathway

- The construction contractor was awarded to Granite Construction, Inc on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Construction activities are anticipated to begin in June.



Looking North along the Pathway route at Payran Avenue.

## VEHICLE ENGINEERING

Alstom continues work on DMU 110 repairs, including custom orders for parts from the cars Manufacture Nippon Sharyo.

SMART continues its final review of the testing documentation for the 4 new cars. Once the review is complete the cars will begin a “burn in” period where the cars will be running regularly in order to work out any issues prior to introducing the cars to revenue service.

Cummins and Sumitomo have completed 9 of the 18 engine modifications.



SMART’s wheel truing machine is undergoing final testing at the Manufacturer in Michigan. The week of May 27<sup>th</sup> SMART staff was onsite in Michigan to inspect prior to the machine’s delivery to SMART.

## OPERATIONS

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### MAINTENANCE OF WAY:

- Staff hosted inspections by Federal Railroad Administration and California Public Utility Commission inspectors looking at both Track and Signal records and infrastructure.
- Staff addressed vegetation issues at two of our larger non-revenue properties at Corte Madera and Healdsburg.
- Staff repainted marine information signs on Haystack bridge. They also installed a new navigation light with an external solar panel.
- We began providing Employee In-Charge protection this month for the contractor installing underground conduit for the new Novato station.
- We continue to work on vegetation abatement on a weekly basis.

### TRANSPORTATION:

- Interviews continued to fill one open position as a Controller Supervisor.
- 1 Conductor is currently in training to become an Engineer-Conductor
- Performed Emergency Preparedness Training

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

- Performed annual maintenance on 2 Diesel Multiple Units
- Performed mid-year maintenance on 1 Diesel Multiple Unit
- Performed 500-hour oil change on 6 Diesel Multiple Units
- Installed emergency use only stickers to the fleet. The stickers were applied to the emergency brake valve area near the door
- Performed wheel change out on Diesel Multiple Units 101 and 106 due to ride quality
- Automatic Train Control maintenance performed on 8 Diesel Multiple Units
- Performed under car inspection on 4 Diesel Multiple Units.
- Performed engine swap, reverse gear replacement and transmission replacement on Diesel Multiple Unit 101
- Replaced the center windshield to Diesel Multiple Unit 108 after striking a wild turkey. The windshield was shattered

# HUMAN RESOURCES

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## CURRENT OPEN RECRUITMENTS:

- Engineer-Conductor
- Controller Supervisor
- Railroad Information System Specialist

## INTERVIEWS:

- Controller Supervisor
- Railroad Information System Specialist

## NEW HIRES:

Operations hired one Laborer on April 8, 2019.

## LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

- Labor Negotiations with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers began on May 17, 2019. The current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2019.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

The Human Resources Manager participated in initial interviews for the Sonoma Corps Pilot Program that will be launching in the fall of 2019. On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, teams of industry and educational staff met with students from Piner High School who have applied to participate in the Sonoma Corps Program.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safety staff attended the Marin Fire Prevention Officers meeting and the Marin Fire Chiefs meeting. In Sonoma County, staff met with Petaluma Fire Marshall and the Healdsburg fire staff to discuss access to the right of way and other fire related issues.

In an effort to be a part of the planning phase of projects in close proximity to the SMART right of way, safety staff met with code officials in Marin, Sonoma and Mendocino counties. The consensus was to try and include SMART in the planning phases early on for projects near the right of way.

Ongoing trespassing issues continue, particularly in Sonoma County. On a daily basis, Code Compliance contacts trespassers along the SMART right of way and the pathway. The pathway trespassers tend to block the path preventing others from using it freely. Below is the pathway in Santa Rosa.



In the early morning hours, the below subject was contacted in Santa Rosa blocking the pathway entrance to the Santa Rosa north station.



The below female was contacted near College Ave in Santa Rosa, she was getting her tent set up when she was contacted by code compliance.



The area between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets in Santa Rosa continue to be an issue for transients loitering. The group photographed below are “regulars” that loiter on the pathway.



This extremely large camp appeared in Santa Rosa near 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. With the assistance of CHP, the camp was removed and trespassers moved along.



The below trespassers set up a camp behind one of our signal houses in Petaluma. After being confrontational with code compliance, Petaluma Police Department arrived for assistance. The male was arrested for possession of a knife.





A female trespasser was reporting by a passing train in the area of Santa Rosa north station. After being evasive with code compliance, Santa Rosa Police responded and the female was arrested for warrants.



## GRANTS, LEGISLATION, PLANNING AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

### LEGISLATION

*AB 147 (Burke & McGuire):* This legislation updates existing law regarding retailers engaged in business in California to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Wayfair v. South Dakota*. The SMART Board unanimously supported this bill and the bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 25

*SB 742 (Allen):* This legislation makes several changes to existing law related to operation of intercity rail feeder bus service. This SB 742 legislation would remove an existing restriction limiting intercity rail feeder bus service to passengers solely connecting to and from an Amtrak Intercity Rail service in California. In other words, currently people are only allowed to purchase a ticket on an Amtrak Thruway Intercity Rail feeder bus if they are also purchasing an Amtrak Intercity Rail ticket for the same journey. In the SMART corridor, the Amtrak Route 7 feeder bus travels between McKinleyville and Petaluma onward through Napa and Vallejo to Martinez at the Amtrak rail station. The SMART Board unanimously supported this bill and that support was communicated in a letter to the bill author on May 16, 2019. The bill passed from the Senate 37-0 and is currently in the Assembly, where it has been read one time on May 20, 2019.

### REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES

*Regional Transportation Plan Update:* The Metropolitan Transportation Commission has begun the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan, currently named *Plan Bay Area 2040*. The updated financially constrained plan will be called *Plan Bay Area 2050*. MTC is also developing an unconstrained transportation vision plan called *Horizon* and has requested submittals of transit and roadway projects by June 30, 2019.

In conjunction with this regional plan update, each of the Congestion Management Agencies in the region are simultaneously updating their county-wide long-range plans. The Transportation Authority of Marin began reviewing a draft list of projects for submittal from Marin. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority has requested project sponsors submit projects to update their Countywide Plan and the regional plan at the same time, with submittals due to their staff by mid-June. That list of projects will subsequently be presented to their Board. As a multi-county transit district, SMART is asked to submit projects directly to MTC for the regional plan update after SMART Board review.

The SMART Board-approved list of Plan Bay Area 2050 projects has been transmitted to MTC and County Transportation Agency staff as of May 24.

*State Route 37 Project:* The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA) and Solano Transportation Authority (STA) have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to continue to jointly study needed improvements to State Route (SR) 37. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 6th, 2019 and agenda topics will tentatively include San Pablo Bay Active Transportation Access Study, restoration projects in San Pablo Bay, Solano Transportation Authority's Ferry feasibility study,

SMART update on the Novato to Suisun City engineering feasibility study, and an ultimate environmental phase discussion

*Local Planning Department Notification and Coordination Tracking:* SMART Planning staff tracks and reviews all notices sent by local jurisdictions for projects occurring adjacent to or nearby the railroad tracks. To date in 2019 staff has received and reviewed 71 different notices.

*Santa Rosa Downtown Station Area Specific Plan Update Technical Advisory Committee Meeting:* SMART staff attended the first of three meetings of the technical advisory committee (TAC) for the Santa Rosa Downtown Station Area Specific Plan Update project in Santa Rosa on Thursday May 30th. Following initial community workshops, and other outreach efforts designed to garner community input on issues and opportunities, a set of three alternatives for the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan will be prepared that represent different approaches that could be taken to addressing the issues and opportunities identified. The alternatives will focus on options for land use mix, circulation/connectivity, and design and will be the focus for a second round of community outreach, including an interactive online survey, community workshop and pop up outreach events. The TAC discussed alternatives are being developed in order to vet the alternatives before they are presented to the community. Two more meetings will be held on future dates to further discuss the Specific Plan and its alternatives.

#### SYSTEM ACCESS PLANNING ACTIVITIES

##### *Transit Coordination Meetings:*

- May 1, 2019 - Staff attended the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) monthly Transit Finance Working group meeting.
- May 15, 2019 – Staff attended Sonoma County Transportation Authority’s monthly Transit Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

##### *Transit Support Programs:*

*Means Based Fare Discount Working Group* – In 2015 MTC launched a study to determine if a transit fare program based on household income would be feasible and effective. SMART has been participating in the MTC-hosted Means Based Fare Discount Working Group, with monthly meetings and a recent launch of a Clipper-based means-based fare pilot program on selected regional transit operators. SMART staff attended the most recent working group meeting, held on May 14, 2019. Program participants are working to come to consensus on details regarding implementation, in particular on the third-party income verification process and any Federal Title VI program requirements.

*511 Transit Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)* – SMART staff attended the most recently-held meeting of the 511 Transit TAC in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) offices on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Topics discussed included enhancements being made to MTC’s Transit Data Manager website, efforts to create a regionally-merged General Transit Specification Feed (GTFS) for ease of use and enhanced data quality of all transit agency’s shared data, upcoming 511 transit system changes and other 511 updates such as website alterations and coordination with Google.

### BICYCLE ACCESS AND PARKING

*Bike Share:* The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) submitted a joint application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to receive a grant to create a bike share system in close proximity to the SMART stations. SCTA & TAM recently released Request for Proposals from qualified vendors for professional services to develop, launch and operate the bike share system. An evaluation committee containing representatives from SCTA, TAM, SMART, and local jurisdictions met on Friday May 10 to review all eight proposals that were formally received by SCTA & TAM and to reach a consensus on which vendors to select for interviews. The committee will reconvene on Friday June 21 to interview the finalists and make a selection on which firm to proceed forward with in the creation of a Bike Share system in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Conservative estimates are that the program would launch by Spring 2020. SMART will continue to collaborate on program implementation moving forward.

*BikeLink™ Lockers:* Staff is working with the locker vendor, BikeLink, to procure and install four additional bicycle locker parking spaces, one locker “quad”, at the Novato Hamilton station to accommodate unexpectedly high demand at that station. Installation of the equipment is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2019. Additionally, BikeLink is preparing to launch Clipper Card integrations with their lockers throughout the SMART system. Users will be able to enroll with BikeLink to use their existing Clipper Card to access bike lockers, instead of having to carry and use a separate BikeLink card. BikeLink staff began testing the Clipper enabled system on the SMART Station lockers the week of April 15 and anticipates launching the Clipper functionality Summer 2019.

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CITY MAYOR'S  
REPORTS

June 4, 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**

**CITY OF CLOVERDALE PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Grand Opening of the Porterfield Creek Open Space Preserve**

On Saturday, May 11th, the City of Cloverdale held the official public opening of the Porterfield Creek Trails Open Space Preserve at the Preserve Trailhead located on the west of Cloverdale. Mayor Bagby welcomed over 50 trail supporters providing an overview of the Open Space thanking contributors to the Park. Mayor Bagby provided a welcome speech, various trail hikes were led throughout the Open Space. Special thanks to the former elected officials, open space advocates, community volunteers, as well as current and former City Staff who contributed to the extensive improvements made to this project. The trails are great! Trail users will see small waterfalls, mature trees and lots of wildlife. If you're in Cloverdale, come check it out.



**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

**City Council approves a second dispensary permit for Cloverdale Wellness:** The City Council welcomed our second cannabis dispensary with the issuance of a permit to Cloverdale Wellness. Cloverdale Wellness, a non-for-profit aims to provide a not only the highest quality cannabis products but also education focused on the needs of medical cannabis user. Their goal is to provide a high-caliber cannabis dispensary that is accessible, affordable, discreet and compassionate. We welcome Cloverdale Wellness to town and wish them many years of success serving Cloverdale.

**Alexander Valley Wellness Project Moving forward:** The City received an application for entitlements for the new Alexander Valley Wellness (AVW) Center. AVW currently operates a comprehensive primary care and preventive health care clinic in Cloverdale. Over the past few years, they have outgrown their current home and are looking to construct a new 40,000 sq.ft. facility on a City-owned parcel in the center of town. Working as partners, both the City and AVW have taken positive steps towards making the new facility and reality. We have entered into a sales agreement for the transfer of property and are working towards a development agreement. The City values all the great work AVW does for Cloverdale, and we are excited to see the project move forward.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**



**Cloverdale Tuesday Farmers Market:** [Cloverdale's Tuesday Farmers' Market](#) is in full swing! The market is 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. Come on down and enjoy some fresh produce, delicious baked goods, and fresh meats.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** *at the plaza*

Brought to you by: **cloverdale arts alliance**

May 31 • **Big Sam's Funky Nation** *Power Funk*  
*Opener: Second Line*  
 Rodney Strong Vineyards • Calpine at the Geysers

June 7 • **Johnny Sansone** *Electric Blues*  
 Dry Creek Vineyard • Pedroncelli • Cloverdale Edward Jones  
 Barbara McGuinness & John Mingo

June 14 • **Hot Battered Rum** *Progressive Bluegrass*  
 Goldeneye • Migration • Bob & Candi Bialon

June 21 • **Yarn** *Americana*  
*Opener: Justin Schaefer & The Blind Barbies*  
 Ferrari-Carano • Karma Dog Construction • MoE's Eagles Nest Deli

June 28 • **T Sisters** *Indie-Folk*  
 Unti Vineyards • Silveira Buick GMC

July 5 • **The Carolyn Sills Combo** *Western Swing*  
 Fritz Winery • Ace Hardware • Bob Scott & Tim McDonald • Papa's Pizza

July 12 • **The Turbans** *Gypsy Klezmer*  
 Murphy-Goode • Syar Industries • Empire Mini Storage

July 19 • **Radio Free Honduras** *Tropical Latin Folk*  
 Kelley & Young • Barber Sound, LLC • Bob & Jennifer Jordan • Dishrune Family Farms

July 26 • **Remember Jones** *Soul Pop*  
 Alexander Valley Vineyards • Miro Cellars • Williams Selyem  
 Delores & Gary Arabian

Aug 2 • **Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings** *Blues Slide Guitar*  
 Geysers Peak • Sonoma Clean Power

Aug 9 • **Royal Jelly Jive** *Soul Jazz*  
 Carpenter Wines • Michael Laird, RE/MAX Full Spectrum • Exchange Bank

Aug 16 • **Young Dubliners** *Celtic Rock*  
 Foppiano • Pellegrini Oliver Lane • Reuser, Inc.

Aug 23 • **DJ Williams' Shots Fired** *Funk Rock*  
 White Oak Winery • Alexander Valley Film Society • Ray's Food Place

Aug 30 • **Special Guest Artist TBA** *Blues Guitar*  
 Rodney Strong Vineyards • Redwood Credit Union

**Downtown Cloverdale**  
 Street Fair ~ 6 pm @ Live Music ~ 6:30 pm  
[www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org](http://www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org)

Community Angels:  
 Delores & Gary Arabian Geoff & Nancy Dalwin  
 Bob & Candi Bialon David McChesney

Platform Sponsor: **Redwood Credit Union** **Silveira BUSINESS GMC ELITE**  
 Presenting Sponsors: **REUSER INC.** **Calpine** **Sonoma Clean Power**

**Friday Night Live 2019:** Friday Night Live at the Plaza, Cloverdale's free summer concert series, announced their 2019 line-up. 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, come on up and see us!



Opening Act, Big Sam's Funky Nation Played May 31<sup>st</sup>. The turnout and performance were amazing!



# The News from Cotati

June 2019

## **General News Around Town**

### **Proposed Hotel**

After a joint public meeting in 2018, this project was approved in May 2019. It is expected that 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

June 2019

## Park Master Plan

The City held a series of three public workshops in 2018, and additional workshops in 2019 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 2019 and the regular 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

June 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

June 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 construction has begun and site improvements and the initial batch of houses are expected to be built in 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

June 2019

## **Construction!**

### **2019 Paving Project**

The City has over \$3M in paving planned this summer, including East Cotati Avenue and large portions of the L-Section in Cotati. This is a continuing multi-year commitment by the City Council to improve the pavement condition and reduce future maintenance costs.

### **Laguna Sewer Trunk Main**

The City recently 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

June 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

June 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!

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

June 13, 2019



**City Council in FFA Parade** – City Council Members participated in the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual FFA Twilight Parade on May 23, giving the community a fun and more personal view of their City Council. Several City departments, including the Fire Department and Community Services Department also enthusiastically participated in the parade. The Twilight Parade is truly a bit of hometown Americana.

**Jazz Festival and Jazz Village** – The Healdsburg Jazz Festival kicked off May 31<sup>st</sup> and runs through June 9<sup>th</sup>. Musicians will perform in various venues in Healdsburg, including a performance by the King Street Giants as part of the Tuesdays in the Plaza concert series. New this year is the Jazz Village Campus June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., which will be a fun, interactive experience for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will experience music and literacy performances (bilingual), hands-on music-making, while learning about the Mississippi Blues from legendary bluesman Guy Davis.

**Tuesdays Farmers' Market Downtown** – The first mid-week Farmers' Market and Tuesdays in the Plaza concert of 2019 took place May 28<sup>th</sup>. The market opened on the Plaza from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This was followed by a lively concert by Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings. The Farmers' Market and concerts continue every Tuesday through August 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/335/Summer-Concert-Series>

**2020-2025 Strategic Plan** – The City has initiated the development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, which will serve as an update to the City's current Strategic Plan "Pathway to Sustainability: 2014 – 2019," which has guided City's operations and City Council Goals since its inception. It is anticipated that the Strategic Plan update will take approximately seven months to complete. The scope of work to update the Strategic Plan includes three "Speaker Series" Events, which will be held June of this year. The intent of the "Speaker Series" is to educate and spark discussion on three topics prior to meetings with City Staff, City Council and the general public. The "Speaker Series" Events will cover Economic Development in Healdsburg, Land Use and Housing and an overview from the SDAT/Healdsburg 2040 community member led group.





**Purchase of Affordable Housing** – The City of Healdsburg, as a part of its affordable housing program, has ventured on a public-private partnership with Burbank Housing Development Corporation to preserve affordable housing through the acquisition of multifamily housing units. The City is currently in escrow for the purchase of a 23-unit apartment complex and two 8-unit multifamily properties. Once these transactions are completed, the City's deed-restricted affordable housing inventory will increase by 39 units serving low-to-extremely-low income families and individuals. These units will be owned and operated by Burbank Housing Development Corporation, with the City serving as a soft debt lender.

**Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Update** – On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved changes to encourage the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Council moved to support the Planning Commission's recommendations with some modifications, such as increasing the maximum size of ADUs to 1,200 square ft., increasing the allowance for site coverage for ADUs to 850 sq. ft., and adopting a two-tiered Development Impact Fee structure for ADUs with Tier I (Up to 850 sq. ft.) charged 0% of the single-family fees and Tier II (851-1,200 sq. ft.) charged 50% of the single-family rate.

**North Entry Area Plan (NEAP)** – The City Council approved a motion on May 20<sup>th</sup> adopting the NEAP with the associated General Plan Amendment and Land Use Code Amendment and Final EIR certification. The NEAP is a 30-acre undeveloped site on the west side of Healdsburg Avenue, just south of the northern City limits and across from Montage.

**2019 Tuesdays in the Plaza** – The Tuesdays concert series is in full swing. The concert lineup is below:

# 2019 TUESDAYS IN THE PLAZA

CONCERTS 6-8 PM | FOOD VENDORS 5-8 PM  
FREE BIKE VALET 5-8 PM



COMMUNITY SERVICES  
CITY OF HEALDSBURG  
CALIFORNIA SINCE 1867

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p><b>28</b> ROY ROGERS &amp; THE DELTA RHYTHM KINGS SLIDE GUITAR / BLUES   Haydon Street Inn</p>	<p><b>04</b> KING STREET GIANTS TRAD JAZZ   Lynda &amp; Louis Jordan + Healdsburg Jazz Festival</p> <p><b>11*</b> SOL HORIZON HIGH VIBES REGGAE   Pilates 509</p> <p><b>18</b> GATOR NATION BAND NEW ORLEANS R&amp;B   Sally &amp; Joe Briggs</p> <p><b>25</b> SAL'S GREENHOUSE FUNK / SOUL   h2hotel</p>	<p><b>02</b> THE SORENTINOS RETRO ROCK &amp; ROLL   Eric &amp; Mary Drew</p> <p><b>09*</b> AFROLICIOUS DISCO / FUNK / SOUL Parkpoint Health Club</p> <p><b>16</b> SUNNY AND THE BLACK PACK SOUL / R&amp;B / ROCK   Big John's Market</p> <p><b>23</b> VOLKER STRIFLER BAND BLUES / ROCK Healdsburg Sotheby's International Realty</p> <p><b>30</b> MIDTOWN SOCIAL SOUL   RE/MAX Full Spectrum</p>	<p><b>06</b> SOUL FUSE SOUL / FUNK / R&amp;B   Lynda &amp; Louis Jordan</p> <p><b>13*</b> LOZ CENZONTLES TRADITIONAL MEXICAN MUSIC &amp; DANCE Barbara &amp; Howard Wolfner + Corazon Healdsburg</p> <p><b>20</b> THE CAROLYN SILLS COMBO SPAGHETTI WESTERN SWING Rotary Club of Healdsburg Noon</p> <p><b>27</b> THE DUVETS DANCE ROCK   Simi Winery</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>SERIES SPONSORS</p>    </div> <div style="width: 60%; text-align: right;"> <p>* OUTDOOR MOVIE FOLLOWING THE CONCERT <a href="http://cityofhealdsburg.org">cityofhealdsburg.org</a></p> </div> </div>			

**2019 Family Movie Nights** – Once again this year, the City is partnering with the Alexander Valley Film Society to bring the community three family-friendly movie nights in the Plaza. Bring your blankets, snacks and enjoy the show. The dates and movie line up is as follows:

June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Spider Man – Into the Spider Verse
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Breaks the Internet
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Inside Out



City of Petaluma  
Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association  
Mayor's Report – June 13, 2019

**Council Updates of Note**

- On May 6<sup>th</sup>, City Council approved a resolution declaring a climate emergency and established an Ad Hoc Committee to outline next steps for our City.
- City Council approved a 45-day urgency ordinance prohibiting approval of new gas stations not already deemed complete. The extension of the moratorium was approved on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Major Development Projects**

- *Haystack MF Project*: Located near Washington, East D Street, Weller, and Copeland Streets. Includes approximately 178 residential units, 24,500 square feet of ground floor commercial and 15% onsite inclusionary housing. Approved by the Planning Commission on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events**

**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.



**18th Annual Art & Garden Festival.** July 14 in downtown Petaluma. Shop for art, garden and hand-crafted items and enjoy bands, food, beer and wine tasting at this family-friendly event. More info at [www.petalumadowntown.com](http://www.petalumadowntown.com).



**Rivertown Revival.** On July 20<sup>th</sup>, celebrate “The Greatest Slough on Earth” with live music, interactive art, boats, \$5 weddings, children's activities and more. Visit [www.rivertownrevival.com](http://www.rivertownrevival.com) to learn more.



**Downtown Merchants Sidewalk Sale.** July 25-27 in downtown Petaluma. Score bargains galore for the whole family! More can be found at [www.petalumadowntown.com](http://www.petalumadowntown.com).



**Petaluma Music Festival.** On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, rock out to 14 bands on 4 stages at a day-long concert benefiting music education programs. For info: [www.petalumamusicfestival.org](http://www.petalumamusicfestival.org).



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

Mayors’ & Councilmembers’ Association Meeting – June 13, 2019

### Updates around Rohnert Park

**Business Friendly.** Rohnert Park recently won the Gold Medal Award for “Best Business Friendly City” from North Bay Biz, continuing our long-standing tradition of being the business-friendly City.

**Small Grants Program.** This fiscal year, the City of Rohnert Park Foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants to 26 non-profit groups. The “Small Grants,” which were awards of up to \$5,000, supported a wide variety of projects, including supporting a local food pantry, family support and clinical services, celebrations honoring veterans and active military, art projects, senior center improvements, clean-up projects, student playground upgrades, and student-led conferences. The Small Grants Program is funded through the Community Investment contributions made through the City’s MOU with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria for casino mitigation activities. The next round of grants is expected to be awarded in Fall 2019.

**All-weather Field.** Summer of 2019 marks an exciting time for athletes in the City of Rohnert Park as the City prepares to open its first all-weather soccer and softball field. The two fields are located at Sunrise Park amidst the large redwood trees that line the streets of Rohnert Park Expressway and Snyder Lane. The City anticipates heavy usage of both fields, but especially the full-size soccer field as it is one of only a few City-owned and operated all-weather soccer fields in the County. There is a high demand for all-weather fields since they can be utilized year-around. Having an all-weather soccer field in the City will give sports organizations an opportunity to expand their seasons. In addition, all-weather fields can attract a more competitive level of play and the City is looking forward to hosting high level soccer at the facility. Both fields have lights and the soccer field features a scoreboard, bleachers, and covered player benches. This has been an amenity that the community has desired for more than a decade and are anxious to get out and play.



**Leadership Program.** Rohnert Park is about to launch Leadership Rohnert Park, a robust training program to develop civic leaders. We are thrilled to be partnering with Coro Northern California, the country’s pre-eminent trainer in developing civic leaders. We are also pleased to be offering this at no cost to our residents.

**COTS Partnership.** The Committee on the Shelter less (COTS) has placed 70 individuals, including 25 children, in housing through a City-funded contract for Rapid Rehousing services.

**Housing.** We’re building housing – lots of it! This includes a 218 unit affordable complex, one of the largest ever built in the County, along with hundreds of single family homes and apartments.

**Crime Statistics.** Overall, crime declined by 5% in 2018 compared to 2017 and is consistent with national trends. This decline continues a long-term trend of low crime rates despite increases in our population.

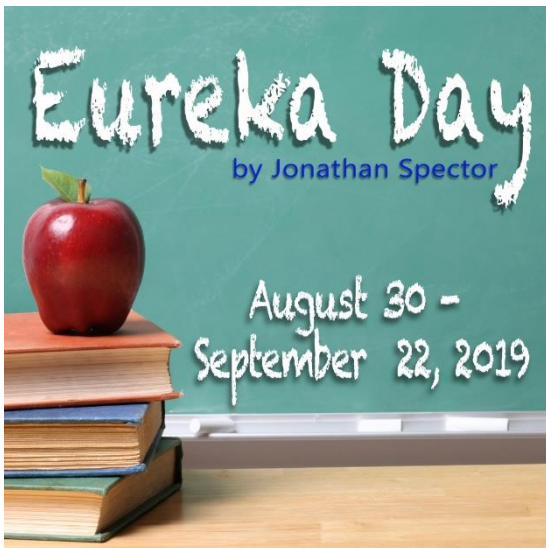
**Senior Center’s first Senior Prom.** In April, seniors danced the night away at the Senior Center’s first Senior Prom. Live entertainment serenaded the crowd, and Rancho Cotate high school students volunteered their time to help make the event a success.



**Entertainment and Events.** We continue to provide a range of entertainment options for all audiences. This includes summer classes and productions at the City’s award-winning Spreckels Performing Arts Center, a new summer concert series at Sonoma Mountain Village, our weekly Party on the Plaza Farmers’ Market, and the outstanding shows at the Green Music Center.

**Spreckels Performing Arts**

Tickets for all performances are available through our box office at 588-3400 or online at [www.spreckelsonline.com](http://www.spreckelsonline.com).



**Party on the Plaza and Farmers’ Market**

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS

**PARTY ON THE PLAZA & FARMERS' MARKET**

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6:15-7:45p Jami Jameson: Female led Jazz & Blues · 8:15-10p AquaNett: 80's Tribute

**CHECK OUT OUR ENTIRE SUMMER SCHEDULE!**

Jun 14	Blues Mothers: All Female Blues Brothers Tribute
Jun 21	HOTS: Driving Rock
Jun 28	Choppin Broccoli: 80's Tribute
Jul 5	NO MARKET   Independence Day Weekend
Jul 12	Soul Section: Rock & Soul Horn Band
Jul 19	Dirty Cello: Female led rock/blues/bluegrass Cello
Jul 26	Rock & Roll Rhythm Review: Female led Rock, Jump Blues & Rockabilly
Aug 2	Levi Lloyd & Friends: Rockin Blues
Aug 9	Country Night   Third Rail: Female led New & Old Country
Aug 16	Igniters: Classic Rock
Aug 23	Reggae Night   Un Amour Band: Positive Reggae
Aug 30	Poyntyss Sisters: Female Led 50's-90's Dance Music

**Parks Make Life Better!**

City Center Plaza | 500 City Center Dr., Rohnert Park, CA 94928 | 707-588-3456

## Rebekah Barr

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# City Connections City of Santa Rosa

Newsletter

June 2019

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## City News

### Wildfire Recovery Update



### Repair of Fire-Damaged Pedestrian Bridges to Begin in June

Rebuilding efforts for three pedestrian bridges damaged in the wildfires are scheduled to begin in June. Construction will begin with the installation of new wooden decks to the two steel pedestrian bridges located on

Parker Hill Road. In Francis Nielson Park the existing wood bridge was damaged beyond repairable condition. The replacement bridge is designed to be more fire retardant than the previous structure. The design includes a combination of metal beam girders topped with reinforced concrete decking and wood railing. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Hazardous Street Tree Removal to Begin in June**

The City of Santa Rosa is preparing for the removal of hazardous fire-damaged street trees. An arborist previously surveyed all trees in the public right-of-way throughout the burn scar areas and identified 700 that pose a hazard and are recommended for removal. A contractor will remove these hazards beginning in June 2019 and the project will take several months to complete. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Update on Sidewalks Damaged During Fire Debris Removal**

The City has received a number of inquiries from homeowners regarding sidewalks that were damaged during the fire debris removal process. Per City Council policy 13-32.020, the maintenance of sidewalks immediately in front of a property is the responsibility of the property owner. Given the scale of damage to the sidewalks in the fire-impacted areas due to the extraordinary circumstances caused by the fires and debris removal mission that followed, and the potential resulting safety hazards in the public right-of-way, the City of Santa Rosa is attempting to work with FEMA to fund a comprehensive City-led sidewalk replacement program. However, it's unclear at this time how much sidewalk replacement will be funded by FEMA and what the approved locations will be. In the meantime, property owners may elect to move forward with removing and replacing the sidewalk along their property frontage. While those costs will not be reimbursed by the City or FEMA, property owners may have individual options for using debris removal insurance proceeds for any private sidewalk repairs. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **A Message for Property Owners Facing Challenges with Their Rebuild Contractor**

Ensuring property owners can complete construction and return home as soon as possible is of utmost importance to the City. Property owners who are experiencing significant rebuild delays or challenges due to issues with their construction contractor are encouraged to contact the Resilient City Permit Center to discuss the status of their existing building permit, as well as the permitting options associated with the completion of the home. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Wildfires After Action Report & Recommendations**

The City commissioned an independent After-Action Report to review the events and actions around the October 2017 Wildfires. The report identifies the strengths and areas for improvement of general disaster response efforts and identifies ways in which the City of Santa Rosa can improve resiliency in the face of wildfires. The report presents a total of 23 findings and 54 related recommendations. The City has published the After-Action Report online along with the staff plan for work on each of the report's Findings and Recommendations. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Pathways to Rebuilding Landscapes Workshop Series**

Not sure how to use the [FREE Landscape Design Templates](#)? Join us for the two-part Pathways to Rebuilding Landscapes Workshop Series – Part 1 on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 and Part 2 on Saturday, June 12, 2019. [REGISTER](#)

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## **Weed Abatement & Fire Season Update**





As fire season approaches following late season rains, the City of Santa Rosa asks that property owners do their part to help keep Santa Rosa fire-safe by abating weeds and grasses on their property throughout the entire fire season ensuring their properties are in compliance with the requirements of the City's Weed and Rubbish Abatement Ordinance. Fire Department staff will begin conducting inspections of applicable parcels on June 12th. The Ordinance requires property owners to cut weeds and grasses that are over four inches in height on their property if the property is located within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), is a vacant lot (including those in the fire rebuild area), or if the property contains more than a half-acre of unimproved land. Weeds and vegetation will likely grow back throughout the late spring and summer months, and property owners will need to ensure their parcels remain in compliance until the fire season is declared over. The abatement of weeds on city-maintained parcels, including parks and open space within the WUI, has started and will continue into the fire season. The schedule for abating weeds on City-maintained property prioritizes addressing areas of high-fire threat first. Therefore, you may observe unsightly weeds and high grass in lower priority areas — outside of the WUI — for longer periods of time. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Summer Recreation Programs Begin



Day camps, swim lessons and sports clinics, plus summer hours at City pools and Lake Ralphine all begin soon! Weekly sessions start June 10th for most activities and continue through the first week of August. Intensive training is happening now for hundreds of counselors, lifeguards, swim instructors, sports coaches, and other seasonal staff. This summer, our Recreation & Parks programs will provide fun and transformative experiences for over 6,000 children! [LEARN MORE & SIGN UP](#)

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## Youth Summer Recreation Scholarships Available



Scholarships to help offset the cost of swim lessons, summer camps, and lifeguard training programs are provided to families in need to help ensure every child can gain important skills and experience healthy recreation. These scholarships are available now to income-qualifying families and are made possible by donations and fundraising events, such as the annual St. Patrick's Day 5K. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Annual Slurry Seal Treatment



The City slurry seals the pavement of approximately 2.5 million square feet of neighborhood streets every year. Slurry Seal is an emulsified asphalt mixture spread over existing surface streets as a preventative maintenance measure. This pavement treatment helps protect streets by sealing out water intrusion that can cause the asphalt to break apart leading to cracks and potholes. It also provides a new roadway surface with improved skid-resistance while extending the life of the road. Streets selected for slurry seal this year will be treated between July 22nd and August 1st; a map of the selected streets is available online. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Fulton Road Reconstruction to Implement Use of New Pavement Technology as a Pilot Program



Reconstruction of Fulton Road from Occidental Road to West 3rd Street is anticipated to begin in June and will use roller compacted concrete (RCC) technology -- the first RCC pavement project to be implemented in all of the Bay Area. This is a pilot project that the City hopes will demonstrate cost savings, durability, and resident satisfaction as RCC pavement is known to last longer than traditional asphalt pavement. Fulton Road Reconstruction will also include underground installation of fiber optic cable lines to improve traffic signal functionality, new sewer and storm drain manholes, and a redesign of the pedestrian ramps to comply with current ADA standards. This project is funded in part by Measure M and SB 1, and the City anticipates it will take four months to complete. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Candidates Needed for Council-Appointed Boards & Committees

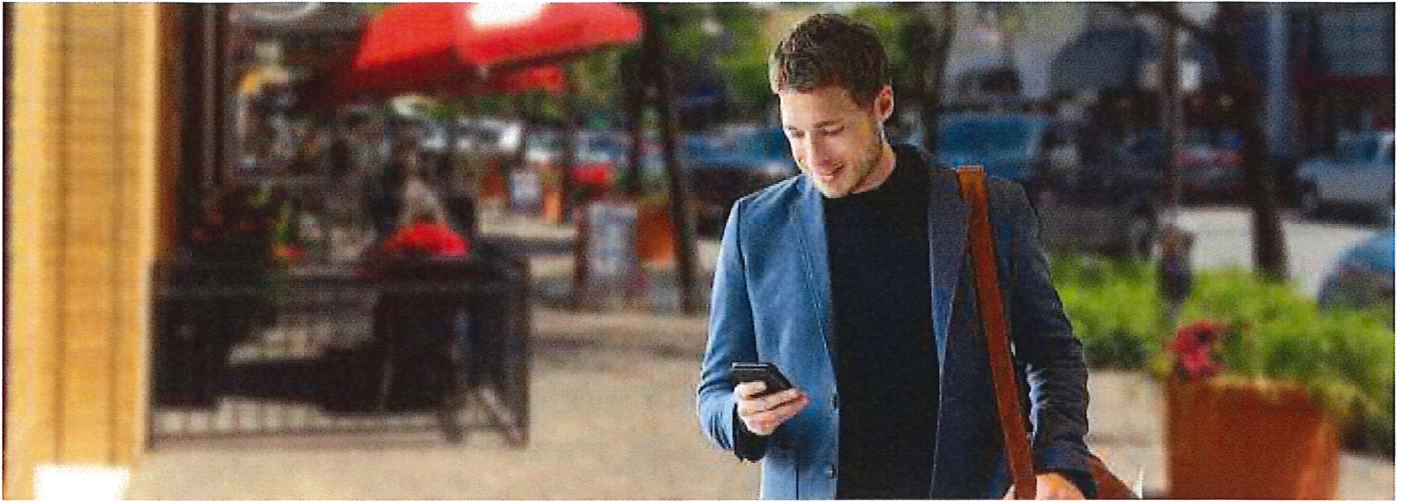
City Council is looking for candidates interested in representing their community by serving on one the following boards or committees with current vacancies:

- Community Advisory Board (seeking 1 northwest area and 1 southwest area representative)
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board (seeking 1 disabled community representative & 1 at-large representative)
- Board of Building Regulation Appeals (seeking 4 at-large representatives that may require qualifications such as Architect, General Contractor, Structural, Civil, or Mechanical Engineer, Plumbing Contractor)
- Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee (seeking 1 at-large representative)

Interested citizens should apply as soon as possible to be considered for an appointment by Council members. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Pay for Parking with the Convenience of Your Smart Phone



With the Passport app you can pay for on and off-street metered parking in Santa Rosa, receive a reminder before time expires, and monitor or extend your parking session (up to the maximum allotted time). All you need is a credit card to set up an account and your vehicle's license plate number. When parking, you just enter the zone number (found on the Passport decal on the parking meter), select the amount of time you want to park, and be on your way. [LEARN MORE](#)

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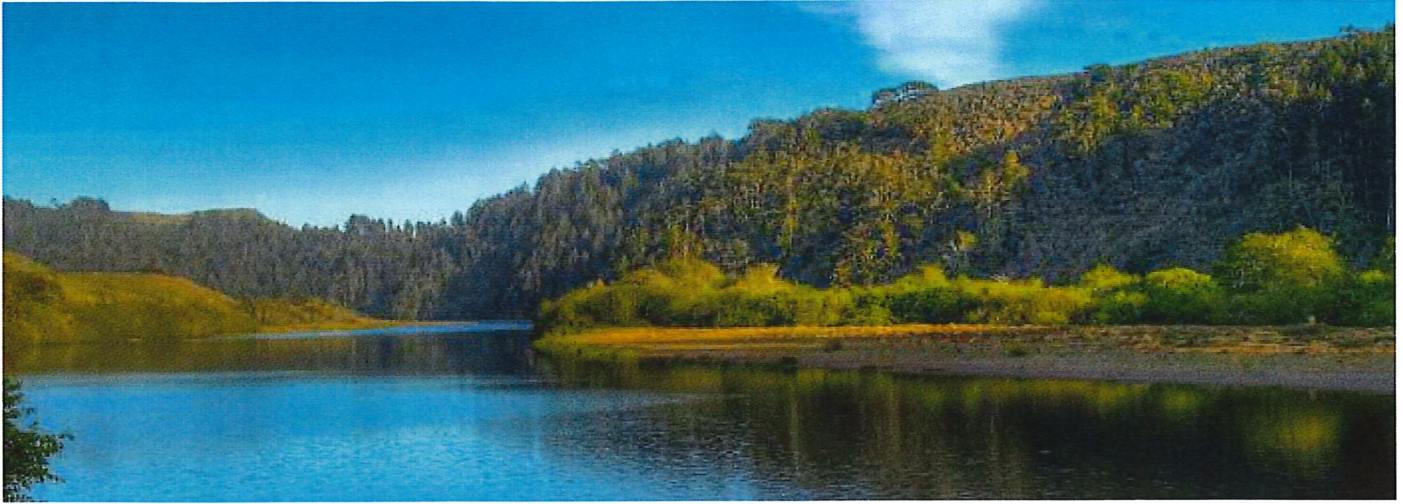
## WaterSmart Yard



Did you know that outdoor irrigation accounts for more than 50% of the average customer's water use? The key to being WaterSmart is applying just enough water and only when necessary. Start by scheduling a free WaterSmart Check-up and our WaterSmart experts will help you identify ways to use water more efficiently. We also offer free and convenient weekly watering recommendations. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Spring Water Supply Update



More than 30 inches of rainfall fell over the region this winter, filling our local reservoirs that supply drinking water to Santa Rosa and neighboring Russian River communities. As of May 13, 2019, reservoir storage in Lake Sonoma is 99% of capacity and Lake Mendocino is 104% of target water supply storage. To view current water supply levels or learn where your drinking water comes from, visit Sonoma Water's website. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Public-Private Partnership (P3) Exploration Kicks-Off

The City recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Technical Advisor that will help evaluate existing City land that could potentially be used to entice housing and mixed-use property developers. This is part of an initiative meant to address the ongoing affordable and entry-level housing shortage for those in the region. The RFP closed on May 21 and the City hopes to select a candidate by the end of this year. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Direct Flights to Dallas Start June 6



Starting June 6, Sonoma County Airport will fly direct to Dallas with American Airlines. Between this addition and the Denver flight that started in March (through United), Santa Rosans now have local access to two of the top 20 airports by passengers in the world, and Sonoma County Airport now directly connects to 11 major cities, including Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Portland, and Seattle. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Events and Community Meetings

## McDonald Avenue Tour at the Rural Cemetery



**Saturday, June 8, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery - 1600 Franklin Ave.**

A free 90-minute docent-led walk through the pioneer cemetery. Tours leave every 20 minutes from the Franklin gate. Note: uneven surfaces and slopes. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Whitewater Rodeo on Santa Rosa Creek

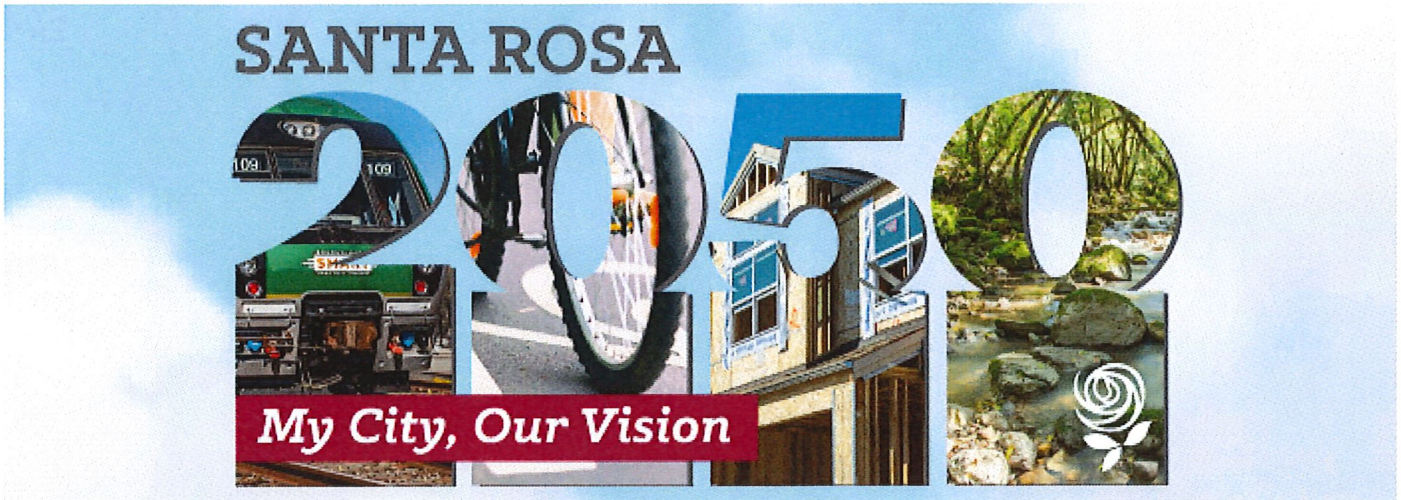


**Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pierson Street Bridge**

Build a toy boat and race it down the shallow rapids of Santa Rosa Creek. Laughs and prizes, everyone is a winner! Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet (no sandals). Don't worry if you don't have time to build a boat. Materials and assistance are available at the event. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Santa Rosa 2050 Community Conversations



Tuesday, June 4 at Rincon Valley Library 6959 Montecito Blvd.

Saturday, June 8 at Steele Lane Community Center 415 Steele Ln.

The City is updating its general plan and needs your input to lay the groundwork for generations to come on topics like housing, job creation, resilient neighborhoods, and more. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Become a Junior Giants Coach



Dates, times, and locations vary

Mentors are needed to help coach Junior Giants Baseball! This program offers free, non-competitive baseball for underserved youth. Baseball knowledge is not necessary, more important is the ability to be a positive role model. Make a difference in the lives of kids in need! [LEARN MORE](#)

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### Park a Month - Harvest Park (Dog Park)



**Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Harvest Park, 245 Burst Street**

Bring your friends and work together or come and meet new people while helping to keep our parks in great shape! These family-friendly workdays are a fun and productive way to help beautify a local park through tasks such as cleaning, litter pickup, spreading mulch, weeding and more. It's also a great way for students to earn community service hours. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### **Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Workday**

**Saturday, June 15, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Ave.**

Join the Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee at their monthly volunteer workday. Projects include cemetery beautification efforts such as weeding and landscaping projects, painting, repairing borders, restoring plots, and various maintenance work. [LEARN MORE](#)

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



**Saturday, July 6, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Olive Park near 1698 Hazel Street**

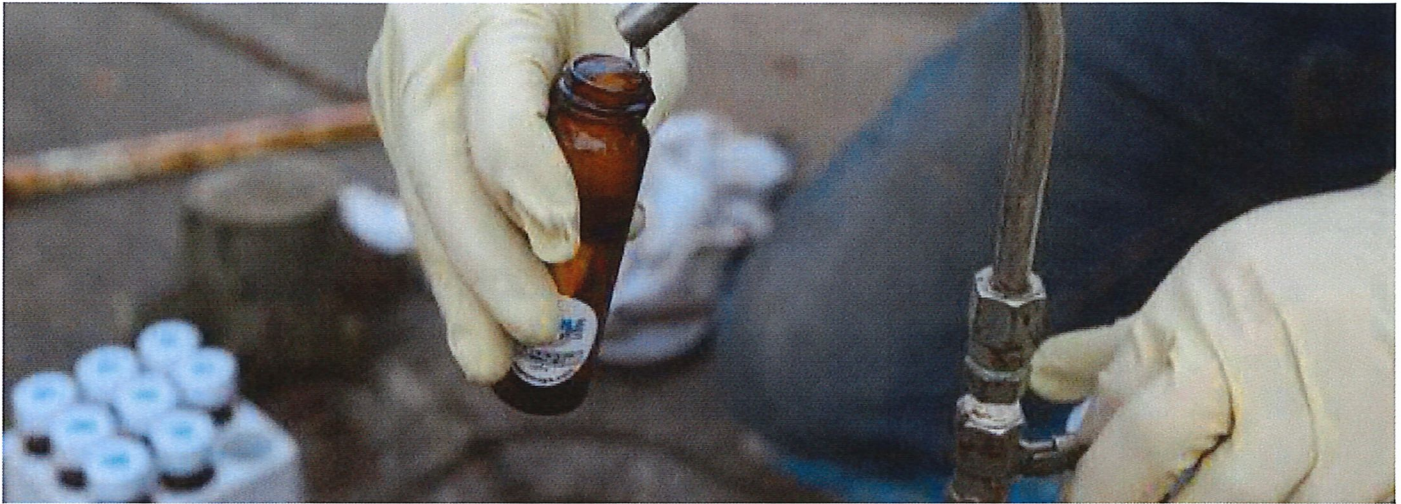
On the first Saturday of every month, you can help care for Santa Rosa Creek. Volunteers help pick up trash and perform plant care. Tools and refreshments provided. [LEARN MORE](#)



# Join Our Team

## Job Openings

The City of Santa Rosa 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.



### **Water Quality Supervisor | Full-Time | \$89,975.00 to \$107,984.00 Annually | Water**

The Water Quality Supervisor is responsible for planning, reviewing, and evaluating water quality programs and activities to ensure Santa Rosa Water meets state and federal water quality standards. *Opening Soon*

### **Firefighter-Paramedic | Full-Time | \$7,147.42 to \$8,580.75 Monthly | Fire**

Firefighter-Paramedics participate in fire suppression, prevention and rescue activities in protecting life, property and the environment.

### **Equipment Mechanic I & II | Full-Time | \$58,718.40 to \$80,662.40 Annually | Transportation & Public Works**

Equipment Mechanics are responsible for repairing and maintaining a wide range of City vehicles and equipment. *Opening Soon.*

### **Bus Operator Trainee | Part-Time | \$17.09 to \$18.74 hourly | Transit**

Bus Operator Trainees are trained by the City to be a CityBus Driver; no commercial license required. Drivers safely operate a transit bus, transport passengers on a fixed route basis, and effectively interact with the public.

[VIEW ALL CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES](#)

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## Seasonal Employment Opportunities



Recreation & Parks hires over 300 seasonal employees each year for job positions in aquatics, sports, neighborhood services, customer service, park maintenance, concessions, recreation classes, and camps. These are part-time, temporary positions. [APPLY NOW](#)

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## 2020 Census Jobs - Earn Extra Income While Helping Your Community

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. They are hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. [LEARN MORE & APPLY](#)



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## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT, JUNE-JULY 2019

### Mary Gourley Honored as California's 2019 City Clerk of the Year



The City of Sebastopol is pleased to announce that Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Mary Gourley has been recognized as City Clerk of the Year for the State of California by the 1,087-member City Clerks Association of California (CCAC). The award is a lifetime honor recognizing City Clerk professionals who have made significant and exemplary contributions to their city, community or profession. Ms. Gourley received the award at the organization's President's Awards Banquet at its annual conference in Anaheim on April 4, 2019.

Ms. Gourley began her career with the City of Sebastopol in 1995 as Clerk to the Planning Director and Superintendent of Public Works; she was promoted to Planning Technician in 1998, and since 2006, she has been the City Clerk for the City of Sebastopol. In 2016, she was promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager/City Clerk.

She is a graduate of the inaugural class of the Sonoma County Local Leadership Academy and, in May of 2013, became Sebastopol's first City Clerk to earn the Certified Municipal Clerk designation. Three years later she achieved her Master Municipal Clerk designation, certification for which requires hundreds of hours of advanced education in the field. Fellow colleagues and staff voted Ms. Gourley City Employee of the Year in 2010 and nominated her for the same award in six of the seven preceding years.

Mary was an honored guest on the Sebastopol City Council Apple Blossom Float and will be recognized at the May 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting for being named the 2019 State of California City Clerk of the Year.

### Budget Award

For the 3rd year, the City of Sebastopol's Budget Sub-Committee has won the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award was presented to Finance Director, Ana Kwong, at the May 7 City Council meeting. With budget hearings underway in June, the team will aim for year number four.



### Peacetown Concerts Start June 12



Grab a picnic blanket and head to Ives Park to take in the sweet sounds of summer as the Peacetown Summer Concert series kicks off on June 12. Every Wednesday, through August 28, Ives Park will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food trucks to enjoy while relaxing from 5-8pm. To view this summer's music lineup, visit [peacetown.org](http://peacetown.org).



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT, JUNE-JULY 2019

### 3rd of July Fireworks and Music Extravaganza in Sebastopol

Celebrate Independence Day at the 3rd of July Fireworks and Music Extravaganza hosted by the Sebastopol Kiwanis Club at the Anly High School football field. The annual family friendly event which starts at 6pm will be filled with live music, a flag ceremony followed by a sky filled with fireworks. For more information, visit [sebastopolkiwanisclub.org](http://sebastopolkiwanisclub.org).



### Gravenstein Apple Fair Celebrates "Farms Forever"



Sonoma County's beloved annual Gravenstein Apple Fair will take place August 17-18 at Ragle Ranch Regional Park in Sebastopol. Now in its 46<sup>th</sup> year, the fair celebrates Sebastopol's favorite apple, and is packed with old-fashioned fun for the whole family. Advanced tickets and information are available at [GravensteinAppleFair.com](http://GravensteinAppleFair.com)

### Sebastopol Post-Flood Update

Things are looking up for many Sebastopol community gathering places and businesses that suffered major impact during the flood in late February. The Main Hall of the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center has been up and running since April 12. Repairs continue to heavy damage to ceiling, kitchen, bathrooms and classrooms. The Little League field and snack bar are already open and being used daily. While no businesses on Main Street suffered physical damage, the post-flood lull looks to be ending as the businesses in the nearby Barlow come back to life. In addition to the businesses that escaped damage in the Barlow and remained open, over a dozen have re-opened, with several more openings projected in coming months.



### Davis Townhome Project

The Davis Townhome Project will begin construction this summer. The newly approved project is an 18-unit development is an 1,180-square-foot, two-bedroom, two-story townhome project which will provide two units will be at low income level, while the rest will be kept at an attainable cost. The Townhouse site will be located right off Joe Rodota Trail and aims to be pedestrian/bicycle friendly by allowing residents to commute to both Santa Rosa to the east and Graton and Forestville to the north. The project, which was approved at the May 7 City Council meeting, is set to get underway in early June.





## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT, JUNE-JULY 2019

### First Street Emergency Water Main Replacement

The City of Sebastopol Public Works Department located and confirmed an active leak in its First Street water main. In order to prevent damage to private property from the existing leak, prevent future ruptures, and lessen inconvenience to residences should water main work be required in the future, part of the water main on First Street has been replaced and reconfigured to the public right-of-way. Work in the area began in early May and was projected to have been finished at press time.

### Transit Projects Continue

Recent transit projects in Sebastopol include the Caltrans re-striping of Gravenstein Highway South (Highway 116) between Cooper Road and Mill Station Road May 7-9, and installation of new lights at crosswalks which is scheduled for mid-June. These projects are a part of Sebastopol's commitment to becoming a more walkable and bike friendly city, as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### New Start Date for Polystyrene Ordinance Implementation



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 November 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. Look for more information in media and online in coming months to learn more about this important step in Sebastopol's mission to reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

### Goal & Priority Setting

Acting upon learnings from a public forum held at the end of January, the Sebastopol City Council is continuing the process to work with staff and the community to establish goals and priorities that are in line with the City's Core Values and Mission Statement. Goals and Priorities are a critical component of maintaining the City in a fiscally sustainable manner.

### Pedestrian, Bicyclist and Public Transit Subcommittee

The City Council has just created a new Pedestrian, Bicyclist and Public Transit Subcommittee. For many years the Council has worked to improve pedestrian, bicycle and public transit facilities and amenities, and to provide viable alternatives to automobiles for short, around-town trips. Subcommittee members Vice Mayor Patrick Slayter and Councilmember are excited to start this important social and environmental work.





## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT, JUNE-JULY 2019

### Sebastopol Considers Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Programs



Throughout 2018, the City of Sebastopol, the Sebastopol Police Department, and Cittaslow Sebastopol studied pedestrian safety initiatives from around the country. Based upon what has been most successful elsewhere and a survey of more than 200 local residents, Cittaslow Sebastopol presented the findings and suggested community education programs to the Sebastopol City Council on April 16, 2019. Results from the assessment show that 29% of driver caused accidents are due to failure to yield and 25% are due to pedestrians stepping out without looking. To learn more about the study, survey results, and suggested programs, visit <http://bit.ly/SafetyPresentation>. For questions or comments about the proposed projects, please email [traffic@sebpd.com](mailto:traffic@sebpd.com).

### Bike Repair Station



Sebastopol has a new bike repair station. Located in front of the Bodega Avenue entrance to the library, the station includes a bike stand, tire pump and gauge, and eight tools, including Allen wrenches and small screwdrivers. The repair station, funded by the Sebastopol Regional Library, is free to use. The Sebastopol station is the latest of three free bike repair stations around Sonoma County. The others are in Healdsburg and Sonoma.

### Bike to Work Day

On May 9, the City of Sebastopol partnered 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. To learn more about Bike to Work Day, visit <https://www.bikesonoma.org/btwd/>.



### Map Your Neighborhood Program



The Sebastopol Fire Department held its first "Map Your Neighborhood" (MYN) class in May. The simplified disaster planning session provides 9 easy steps to identifying and organizing neighborhood needs, skills and steps necessary to protect lives and property in your neighborhood. The program is designed to help each of us to be more aware of proven basic protective actions to make an even bigger difference during the next disaster. Participants also receive guidance on introducing the MYN Program into their neighborhood and basic collateral materials needed to connect with your neighbors. To stay updated on upcoming classes send an email with "Seb MYN" in the subject line to [sjirrels@gmail.com](mailto:sjirrels@gmail.com)



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT, JUNE-JULY 2019

### Community Volunteer Hub

Managed by Cittaslow Sebastopol, the Sebastopol Community Calendar has expanded shared to now have an "Opportunities" section where groups that have an opening for volunteers can publicize it and list the deadline for application, process for applying, etc. <http://bit.ly/SbVol>



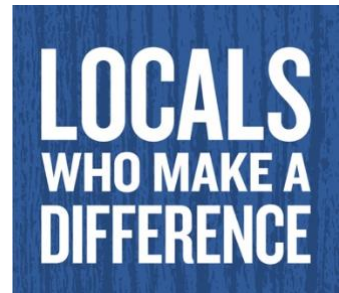
### Teen Police Academy



The Sebastopol Police Department will hold its first ever Teen Police Academy for young people interested in a career in law enforcement from June 24-28. The Academy is a great opportunity for Sebastopol teens to get an up-close look at how the Sebastopol Police Department serves our community. Students will also have an opportunity to hear from other criminal justice and community leaders such as the District Attorney's office, Sonoma County Superior Court, and the Family Justice Center.

### Locals Who Make A Difference

Do you know a Sebastopol local who makes a difference in the community? The Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) program recognizes and acknowledges Sebastopol community members for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Nominations for the next LWMD honoree will close on July 1. Honorees have included a teen who has inspired those around him despite a devastating spinal injury, a couple who have made and served a free Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who is in need of a meal or companionship for 18 years (over 600 people last year alone), and two amazing longtime "super" volunteers. To nominate someone from the Sebastopol community, learn about past honorees or the program, visit the Locals Who Make a Difference section of the City website: <http://bit.ly/SebLWMAD>



### Bus Buddies Program a Success



Sebastopol's inaugural Bus Buddies program has come to an end, but its organizer, Councilmember Sarah Glad Gurney, reports that the program was such a hit that Bus Buddies will be back for a second run starting in September. The 12-week program was designed help promote ridership of Sebastopol's free electric shuttle. Every Wednesday morning, a prominent member of the community hosted one of Route 24's loops through town. The interactive experience allowed riders to get to know local community members and to share information with others while exploring the city. Overall ridership on the shuttle has already increased over 57% since free fares were announced last summer.



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT, JUNE-JULY 2019

### Sebastopol World Friends Bring Japan to Northern California

From March 23 to April 2, Sebastopol World Friends hosted 18 students and two chaperones from one of Sebastopol's two Sister Cities, Takeo, Japan. Throughout their visit, students spent their time shadowing local middle school students, volunteering at the Redwood Empire Food Bank & Ceres Garden in Santa Rosa. In addition to spending some quality time with their host families, the students took in attractions in and around San Francisco and visited the Armstrong Redwoods. Sebastopol students participating in the World Friends program will visit Takeo next year. To learn more about Sebastopol World Friends visit <https://sebastopolwf.org/>.







## City of Sonoma

### MAYOR'S REPORT – JUNE 13, 2019

#### MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE

At their May 20th Meeting, the Sonoma City Council discussed and gave direction to staff to prepare a draft ordinance to create a local minimum wage.

Date	CURRENT LAW		PROPOSED ORDINANCE	
	STATE OF CALIFORNIA MINIMUM WAGE		CITY OF SONOMA LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE	
	LARGE EMPLOYER  Minimum Wage for Employers with 26 Employees or More	SMALL EMPLOYER  Minimum Wage for Employers with 25 Employees or Less	LARGE EMPLOYER  Minimum Wage for Employers with 26 Employees or More	SMALL EMPLOYER  Minimum Wage for Employers with 25 Employees or Less
January 1, 2019	\$12.00/hour	\$11.00/hour	\$12.00/hour	\$11.00/hour
January 1, 2020	\$13.00/hour	\$12.00/hour	\$13.50/hour	\$12.50/hour
January 1, 2021	\$14.00/hour	\$13.00/hour	\$15.00/hour	\$14.00/hour
January 1, 2022	\$15.00/hour	\$14.00/hour	\$16.00/hour	\$15.00/hour
January 1, 2023	CPI – US Average	\$15.00/hour	\$17.00/hour	\$16.00/hour
January 1, 2024	CPI – US Average	CPI – US Average	CPI – Pacific Region	CPI – Pacific Region

Based on this direction, the City Attorney drafted a local minimum wage ordinance which was considered for action by the City Council (first reading of the ordinance) at its June 3, 2019 meeting. See details and components at [www.sonomacity.org/minimum-wage-study](http://www.sonomacity.org/minimum-wage-study)

#### HOUSING TRUST FUND CREATED & ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT FEE WAIVER EXTENDED

At their meeting on May 20, 2019, City Council created an affordable Housing Trust Fund and extended the current fee waiver program for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

[www.sonomacity.org/housing-opportunities-strategies/](http://www.sonomacity.org/housing-opportunities-strategies/)



#### SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAN AT PLAZA & DEPOT PARK EVENTS

At their meeting on September 5, 2018, the City Council voted to implement a ban on the use of Single Use Plastic at events held at the Sonoma Plaza and Depot Park. Council approved this ban to go in effect for all 2019 events. The purpose of the ban is to reduce the amount of waste being sent to the landfill. This policy is designed to encourage event organizers and their vendors to choose more environmentally friendly products. [www.sonomacity.org/city-bans-single-use-plastics-at-events-held-in-the-plaza-and-depot-park](http://www.sonomacity.org/city-bans-single-use-plastics-at-events-held-in-the-plaza-and-depot-park)

## COMMERCIAL CANNABIS

On March 4th and April 15th, the City Council provided guidance and direction on the preparation of Ordinances and Resolutions needed to amend the Municipal Code to allow commercial cannabis businesses to operate within the City. The City Council reviewed proposed buffer maps near sensitive uses and a permitting process that will allow up to four cannabis businesses (2 dispensaries with only 1 retail storefront, 1 testing lab, 1 manufacturer). [www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-regulation](http://www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-regulation)

## SONOMA OVERLOOK TRAIL OPEN FOLLOWING REHABILITATION & RE-ROUTE PROJECT



The City, in close partnership with the Sonoma Overlook Trail Stewards and the Sonoma Ecology Center, started this trail maintenance and rehabilitation project on the Lower and Upper Sonoma Overlook Trail on June 20, 2018. The rehabilitated Upper Trail re-opened for use last fall, but the Lower Trail continued to be off-limits to allow a new re-route segment and a decommissioned and re-seeded stretch to weather in during the winter. The Sonoma Overlook Trail Stewards hosted a celebration at the trailhead on April 28, 2019 to thank the hundreds of community members and others who funded, supported

and worked on the project. The Overlook Trail is on property owned by the City of Sonoma. The City has had a long-time partnership with the SOT Stewards, a committed group of volunteers that maintain and support enhancements to the Overlook Trail. [www.sonomacity.org/sonoma-overlook-trail-improvement-project](http://www.sonomacity.org/sonoma-overlook-trail-improvement-project)

## SONOMA SHUTTLE – SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT “FARE FREE” PROGRAM

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the City of Sonoma approved funding to subsidize fares for all riders on Route 32, the “Sonoma Shuttle,” through June 30, 2020. The City is contributing 30% of the funding and the County is contributing the remaining 70% for the program. Since the program began in December 2018, Sonoma County Transit has reported for the January through April period, ridership increased 27.29% over the same period in 2018. In addition, a “Tuesday Evenings Shuttle” services from the Adele Harrison Middle School parking lot and the Sonoma Plaza will run every 15 minutes 5:00 PM – 8:30PM beginning June 11 – August 6 to coincide with the popular Tuesday Night Farmers’ Market at the Sonoma Plaza.



## “HOUSING OUR COMMUNITY” SERIES CONTINUES WITH COMMUNITY WORKSHOP JUNE 20TH

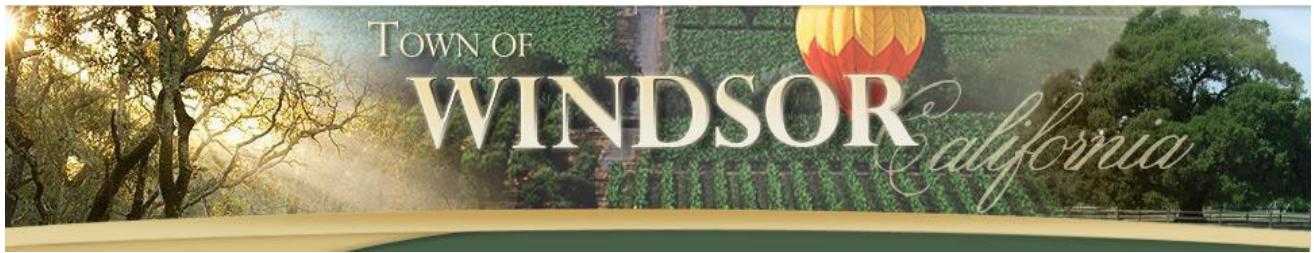


The City of Sonoma is sponsoring the “Housing Our Community” Town Hall Series — a community education and engagement program focused on housing in the City of Sonoma. The series is composed of three Town Halls around a theme of Learn | Discuss | Explore. The third and final meeting of the series, an Interactive Community Workshop, is scheduled for June 20, 2019. Visit [www.sonomacity.org/housing-our-community](http://www.sonomacity.org/housing-our-community) for more information.

## 2019 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The City hosted an Arbor Day Celebration in the Sonoma Plaza on April 26, 2019. Celebration festivities included an informative walk through the City’s Mountain Cemetery with amateur historian Fred Allebach, a Tree Scavenger Hunt for kids and a program in the Sonoma Plaza Amphitheater featuring Music, Poetry, the History of the Trees in the Plaza, the Presentation of the Conservation Award by Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley and Remarks by Mayor Amy Harrington, Supervisor Susan Gorin and California Senator Bill Dodd. Immediately following the Arbor Day Program, a new Tree Rose was planted in the Sonoma Plaza Rose Garden.





## ***Town of Windsor Mayors' & Councilmembers' Report Items of Interest & Upcoming Events***

**June 13, 2019**

- **Best BIZ in the North Bay:** Town of Windsor was awarded Best Business Friendly City by readers of the North Bay BIZ magazine and on May 16 Council and Management staff received the award.



- **Civic Center Plan Wins Award:** The Town's Civic Center Visioning Plan won an Award of Merit in Urban Design from the American Planning Association, California Chapter, Northern Section. The Civic Center Visioning Plan sets forth a plan for redevelopment of the Town's Civic Center area, including development of active uses along the northern edge of the Town Green.
- **18th Annual Summer Nights on the Green Concerts:** The 2019 Summer Nights on the Green concert series are on Thursday, May 30 through September 5 (excluding July 4), from 6pm- 8pm. Band line up can be found at <https://www.townofwindsor.com/342/Summer-Nights-on-the-Green>
- **Family Movies on the Green:** The Family Movies on the Green Series are on Tuesday, June 4 through July 30 (no movie on July 2.) Find a list of upcoming movies at <https://www.townofwindsor.com/787/Family-Movies-on-the-Green>
- **Hampton Inn & Suites Expansion:** An Administrative Design Review Application has been submitted by Sonoma Wine Country Hotel, LLC to expand the existing Hampton Inn & Suites located at 8937 Brooks Road South. The hotel currently has 116 rooms in a U-shaped configuration. The expansion would add 21 new rooms, a new fitness room and board room. Eighteen of the rooms would be a new addition at the rear of the site that would close in the U-configuration. Three of the rooms would be added in the existing hotel by converting the board room and fitness room and an unused area of the courtyard. A solarium with outdoor patio covered by a trellis would be added to the restaurant at the front of the building to provide seating for guests. The project includes the relocation of the existing pool and equipment. The project also includes the remodel of all existing rooms and will focus on local art and a wine country theme. All proposed colors and materials will match existing.



- **Bocce Courts at Hiram Lewis Park:** Parks Maintenance staff recently renovated the Bocce Ball Courts at Hiram Lewis Park. The renovation took place in preparation for the Adult Bocce League commencement. Members of the five-team League compete in games weekly which will continue through the end of June. The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to be offering this new program.



- **Public Pool Open at Windsor Senior Recreation:** The Windsor Senior Recreation Center therapeutic pool opened on May 1, for active older adults, ages 50+ and persons with disabilities. Patrons between the ages of 18 and 49 years are also eligible to use the pool with a prescription from their physician recommending that water exercise is beneficial to their health. Senior open swim hours are Monday through Friday, 11am to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm; as well as Saturdays and Sundays, 12pm to 4pm. Daily water fitness classes will begin on Monday, May 20, from 3pm to 4pm. Gentle water exercise classes will begin on Monday, June 3, Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 2pm to 3pm. The Aquatic Scholarship Program offers active older adults, ages 50+, and persons with disabilities, the option to apply for a 50% subsidy for the fees associated with drop-in Open Swim.



- **Floating Solar Panel Project:** The Town of Windsor and Ciel et Terre have begun construction of what will be the largest floating solar power system in the state of California. Installation of the 1.8-megawatt solar power system will fulfill 90 percent of the energy needs for Windsor's water reclamation facilities by using sustainable solar power. The floating solar array will be installed by Ciel et Terre on the Town's largest recycled water Pond 7. This project is a significant step to achieving the Town's Climate Action Plan emission reduction goals.

- **Windsor River Road/Windsor Road Intersection Improvements Project:** In February, the Town Council approved the installation of a roundabout at the downtown intersection at Windsor River Road and Windsor Road. The intersection must be improved to accommodate the SMART rail service to downtown Windsor. Early construction work to make water and sewer utility improvements within the roundabout footprint will be performed in 2019 with work on the roundabout in 2020. Rail service to Windsor is anticipated in 2021.

