

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY
Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

Meeting of Thursday, October 10, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

RECEPTION

7:00 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Barlow Event Center
6771 Laguna Park Way
Sebastopol CA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order –

2. Roll Call

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2019

5. Public Comment

6. Correspondence: Report from Sonoma County Library

7. Business Item:

- a. Consideration of Draft Letter to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Requesting an Alternate Position Appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Mayor Hinton, Sebastopol)

8. Program:

- a. Updates on Regional Topics – Congressman Mike Thompson
- b. Presentation by Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Hopkins and Rabbitt and Fire Chief Mark Heine, Sonoma County Fire District Regarding a Potential Fire Services Tax Measure for the March 2020 Ballot

9. Reports:

- a. Board of Directors Meeting and Appointments (Chair Harrington)
 - 1. Report from Ad-hoc Committee - Association Structure
 - 2. Home Sonoma Leadership Council
- b. City Manager's Committee – City Manager Chair (Sonoma)
- c. Committee Reports (see attached list)
- d. City Mayor's Report (Events/Items of Interest) (See Attached reports from Cities)

10. Announcement:

11. Adjournment: To next General Membership Meeting February 13, 2020 - City of Sonoma CA.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 13, 2020	City of Sonoma
April 9, 2020	Town of Windsor
June 11, 2020	City of Cloverdale
August 13, 2020	City of Cotati
October 8, 2020	City of Healdsburg

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MINUTES

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY
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Meeting of Thursday, August 8, 2019

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sazón – Peruvian Cuisine
1117 Sebastopol Road
Santa Rosa, CA

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwedhelm (Santa Rosa) on behalf of Chair Harrington at 7:22p.m.

2. **Roll Call – Mayor Schwedhelm asked for the roll call:**

Present: City of Cloverdale
 City of Cotati
 City of Healdsburg
 City of Petaluma
 City of Rohnert Park
 City of Santa Rosa
 City of Sebastopol
 City of Sonoma
 Town of Windsor

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of Minutes:** June 13, 2019

Motion by the City of Rohnert Park, seconded by the City of Santa Rosa, to approve the June 13, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

VOTE:

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

5. **Public Comment:** Mr. Dwayne DeWitt that the group for coming into the Roseland area of Santa Rosa and regarding trees at Roseland Creek. He submitted a written document which has been added to and made part of these Minutes of the meeting.

6. **Correspondence:** Report from Sonoma County Library

7. **Business Item:**

8. **Program:**

a. Presentation by Nina Rizzo, GreenTRIP Certifications Program Manager – TransForm

Ms. Rizzo made the presentation and answered questions.

- b. Presentation by General Manager Bill Keene, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space, on their Matching Grant Program Which Provides Grant Funding to Open Space Projects Within and Near their Incorporated Cities and Unincorporated Communities

General Manager Keene made the presentation and answered questions.

9. **Reports:**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting and Appointments (Chair Harrington)

Mayor Schwedhelm announced the results of the Committee appointments from the Mayors and Council Members Board Meeting. He noted Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park) and Michael Carnacchi (Sebastopol) were appointed as the ABAG appointee and alternate.

- c. City Manager's Committee – City Manager Chair (Sonoma).
- d. Committee Reports (see attached list)
- e. City Mayor's Report (Events/Items of Interest) (See Attached reports from Cities)

9. **Announcement(s)** City of Cotati reminded all of the upcoming Accordion Festival.

10. **Adjournment:** Mayor Schwedhelm adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm to the next General Membership Meeting: October 10, 2019 in the City of Sebastopol, CA.

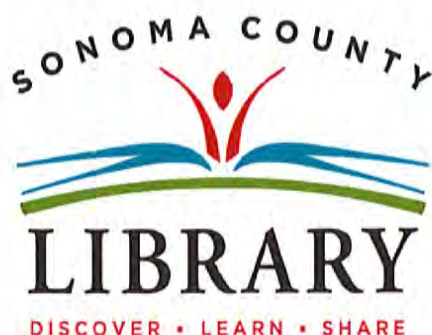
Respectfully Submitted by:

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

Library News October 2019



The Sonoma County Library Commission

Reece Foxen
City of Cloverdale
Commission Chair

Jason Merrick
City of Cotati

Andy Elkind
City of Healdsburg

Paul Heavenridge
City of Petaluma

Barbara Mackenzie
City of Rohnert Park

David Cahill
City of Santa Rosa

Stephen Zollman
City of Sebastopol

Thomas Haeuser
City of Sonoma

Karen Schneider
City of Santa Rosa
& County of Sonoma

Deborah Doyle
County of Sonoma
Commission Vice-Chair

Randall Neff
Town of Windsor

Ann Hammond
Library Director

Ann's Values: Each month, in this activity summary, we explore one of Library Director Ann Hammond's values that inspire us.

Inclusion: "encompassing, broad in orientation or scope." — Merriam-Webster

At the Sonoma County Library, we are inclusive in every possible way, yet we know we can always improve, and be more thoughtful, more insightful, more approachable. We know that being inclusive includes ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, country of origin, age, faith, ability, and socioeconomic status.



All-Staff Day, an annual event for the Sonoma County Library, took place on September 27. Library staff participated in workshops, heard from a national expert on the future of libraries and listened to a thoughtful commentary from Library Director Ann Hammond about privilege and service. She concluded with:

"Everyone has a story. Everyone has characteristics and experiences that shape who they are and how they behave. We don't always know what that story is. When someone comes into our community, when someone comes into our library, we don't know what their story is. What we do know is our mission: Bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community. How do we do that? We do it by checking our biases at the door, by creating a warm and welcoming environment, by building collections and services and spaces that speak to the issue of equity in our communities."



Library Director
Ann Hammond



Roseland is front and center in our future. Plans are underway for the new branch at 470 Sebastopol Road, and you can help us imagine the new branch! Take a short survey to help us get input on hours and programming. surveymonkey.com/r/roseland

Our Mission:

Our mission is to bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community.

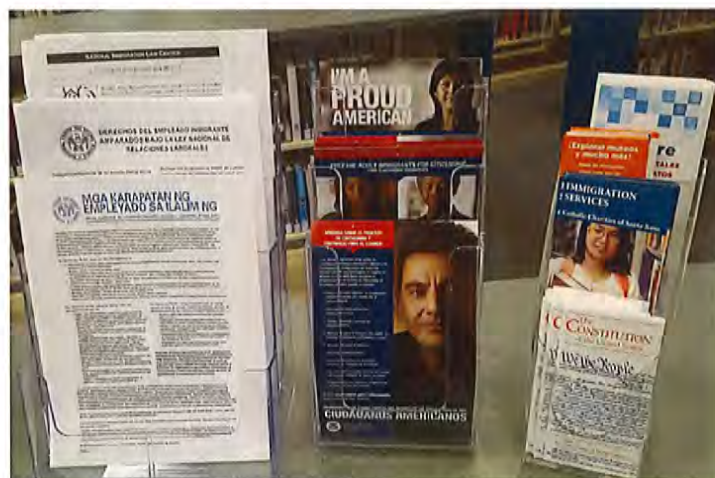
Our Vision: Sonoma County Library is the heart of our community. We are known nationally for our innovation and locally for our connection to our residents and communities.

The International Space Station

made contact with the Sonoma County Library on October 1. With the help and support of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station project, the Robert Ferguson Observatory and local amateur radio groups, Santa Rosa Middle School students were able to speak live with astronaut Nick Hague as the space station crossed over the northern hemisphere. Held in our downtown Santa Rosa Central Library, the contact was a great success. Santa Rosa City Councilmember Victoria Fleming spoke to the students, urging them to study science and stay curious, and the students asked Hague what it's like to shower in space (hint: it's not easy in zero gravity) and what it was like to ride in a rocket on the way to space ("like a rollercoaster"). Other related events included an art contest, a telescope giveaway and other space-themed activities, demonstrating once again that your local library is so much more than books!



Grants make a difference. Sonoma County Library recently received approval from the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation for four Staff Innovation Grants totaling \$10,433. The grants will be used for



Examples of the New American Collection resources available at local library branches.

innovative products and printed materials to enhance library services to patrons throughout Sonoma County. We're grateful to the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation for providing this funding. The four grants enable us to offer exciting and dynamic services to our patrons, from a new bike repair station at the Northwest branch and a 3D scanner at the Cloverdale branch, to our systemwide New American Collection and our new teen honor system collection covering sensitive topics. The Sonoma County Public Library Foundation exists to provide funding for all branches of the Sonoma County Library. For more information about the foundation, visit www.scplf.org.

ITEM 7 a

Consideration of Draft
Letter to BOS -
Alternate Position to MTC

City of Sonoma

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October 11, 2019

County of Sonoma
District 5 Supervisor Lynda Hopkins
575 Administration Drive
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

County of Sonoma
District 4 Supervisor James Gore
575 Administration Drive
Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: Alternate Position for Metropolitan Transportation Commission Appointment

Dear Supervisors Hopkins and Gore:

On behalf of the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association, this is to inform you that the Board and General Membership voted unanimously to support the request to add an alternate position to the current Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Appointment and is formally requesting that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors support the request and move this item on to the State level for a proposed legislation change to the MTC By Laws.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or MTC, is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area that networks with other public agencies to help support the streets; roads, highways, transit systems and other transportation resources. Per MTC's web site, the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities maintain nearly 43,000 lane-miles of local streets and roads and the Bay Area transit systems accommodate some 1.5 million trips each day.

In order to ensure that our local county and cities' needs are met for transportation, it is important that the cities are well represented on this committee to advocate for funding or to provide direction to the MTC for all transportation related items that are key to our County and local cities. Full representation for all cities at all times is important for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission appointment. This proposed alternate position would ensure that in cases of absences for whatever reason someone from Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' could not attend, one member would always be present and participating.

As evidenced by your letter of June 3, 2019, a copy of which is attached for reference, it is important to for alternates to serve not only to gain experience for future appointments but to also

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Letter to Supervisor Hopkins & Gore
Re. Alternate Position - MTC

ensure that communication and information be submitted to all the Cities in the event that the primary could not attend these meetings.

Thank you for your leadership in creating this legislation.

Sincerely,

Amy Harrington
Chair
Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

CC: Senator Mike McGuire, Assembly Member Marc Levine, Governor Gavin Newsom

COUNTY OF SONOMA
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June 3, 2019

Executive Board
Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County

Re: Alternate Position for Metropolitan Transportation Commission Appointment

Dear Executive Board Members,
As you know, the Board of Supervisors recently reappointed Councilmember Jake Mackenzie to represent Sonoma County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the next four-year term.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 14th, 2019 I mentioned that I felt it would be in Sonoma County's interest to consider adding an alternate position to the MTC seat as well. Supervisor Gore is interested in exploring this option as well.

We feel this would be important to offer an "apprentice" opportunity that may give some experience for future appointments. Additionally, and possibly more important, the appointed alternate could serve in cases of vacation, illness or conflicts for the current Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner. The new alternate position would ensure that Sonoma County always has full representation at MTC meetings. This is common practice for most committee appointments.

We are aware that Mayor Hinton of Sebastopol plans to bring it to the Executive Board Meeting of Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association in June for discussion and possible recommendation to your full membership.

If your organization is in support of the idea as we are, we encourage you to make a formal request with recommendation back to the Board of Supervisors. With your recommendation, we would then submit the idea to the full board so that we may discuss the concept further and possibly move the request on a State level.

Sincerely,

Lynda Hopkins, District 5 Supervisor

James Gore, District 4 Supervisor

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CITY MANAGERS
REPORT



October 2, 2019

TO: Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

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

SUBJECT: Sonoma City Managers' Report

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

June 20, 2019 – Cancelled

July 25, 2019

Presentation

- 211 Overview - Lisa Carreño & Caitlin Vaccarezza, United Way of the Wine Country

Discussion

- Emergency Governance Sub-Committee Report
- Emergency Preparedness Updates from Chris Godley, Director of Emergency Management
- PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff
- Zero Waste and Polystyrene Resolutions

August 15, 2019

Presentation

- Leslie Lukas / CalRecycle [SB 1383 (Short Lived Climate Pollutants legislation); polystyrene, zero waste resolution, other updates]
- Dr. Celeste Phillip, Sonoma County Health Officer & Barbie Robinson, Director, Department of Health Services [Introduction & current initiatives]

Discussion

- North Net Library System
- Mayors/Council Members Special Meeting – Organization / Role / Staffing
- Emergency Governance Sub-Committee Report Out
- PG&E PSPS Discussions / Updates

September 19, 2019

Presentation

- Grant Davis Sonoma Water - Potter Valley
- 2020 Census - Nour Maxwell, Sonoma County

Discussion

- Mayors/Council Members Special Meeting – Organization/Admin
- PG&E PSPS
- Homeless Governance Update (Rohnert Park)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

October 10, 2019

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

Remote Access Network (RAN) Board(meets once a year)	Gina Belforte, Rohnert Park	
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District (Citizens Advisory Committee)	John Dell'Osso, Cotati Leah Gold, Healdsburg Neysa Hinton, Sebastopol	Attached
Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Commission (SMART)	SCTA - Joe Naujokes, Healdsburg SCTA - Chris Rogers, Santa Rosa Non-SCTA - Debora Fudge, Windsor	
Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee (County-wide)	Chris Rogers, Santa Rosa Alternate: David Cook, Sonoma	
Note: North Coast Railroad Authority Board of Directors seat rotates to Mendocino, Sonoma, Humboldt		

MTC/ABAG

COMMITTEE REPORT TO MAYORS & COUNCILMEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Council Member Jake Mackenzie
City of Rohnert Park

I wanted to give you an update on some of the major work that is occurring at the ABAG Executive Board.

This month, we are kicking off both the RHNA and the Plan Bay Area 2050 processes. As a quick reminder, I am including a short primer on both planning process:

Plan Bay Area 2050

Building upon the predecessor Horizon initiative, Plan Bay Area 2050 will serve as the next-generation long-range plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. Under federal and state planning regulations, Plan Bay Area 2050 must meet or exceed key requirements related to climate change, housing, and fiscal constraint, among others. The first phase of the Plan Bay Area 2050 effort – which takes place this fall – will integrate the most resilient and equitable strategies from Horizon as MTC/ABAG works to build the Draft Blueprint. The Blueprint will detail strategies (e.g., public policies and investments) that could be considered by local, regional, and state agencies to address the significant challenges the Bay Area faces, both today and in the future. Additional information on Plan Bay Area 2050 can be found in Attachment A, as well as on the project website.

Adoption of Plan Bay Area 2050 Cross-cutting Issues, Vision, and Guiding

Principles: <https://mtc.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4136153&GUID=8F37F3F4-E208-4937-8963-5A07C1B07610&Options=&Search=>

Plan Bay Area 2050 Vision and Guiding Principles (Attachment

A): <https://mtc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7707587&GUID=60000C56-45BA-4DF8-BB33-5FD66A86AB14>

Plan Bay Area 2050 Website: <https://www.planbayarea.org/>

RHNA

Focused specifically on needs through year 2030 for housing at all income levels, the RHNA process will advance in parallel with Plan Bay Area 2050. ABAG leads the RHNA allocation process – developing a methodology to identify the share of housing units by income level for each jurisdiction – but importantly the total level of housing need for the Bay Area will be identified by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in early 2020. The methodology for housing allocations will be developed in collaboration with the Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) starting in October.

For RHNA, the Executive Board approved the members of the Housing Methodology Committee on September 19th. The kick off meeting for the Housing Methodology Committee will be held on

October 18th. The Regional Planning Committee will be getting a report on RHNA at their meeting this Wednesday, October 2nd. Lastly, for your reference, I am including a link to key RHNA milestones.

Housing Methodology Committee

Members: <https://mtc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=AO&ID=80124&GUID=17363828-3a71-4898-93a9-2da09efcbc26&N=SGFuZG91dCBJdGVtIDA2QyBITUMgUm9zdGVyIHY2>

ABAG Regional Planning Committee RHNA

Report: <https://mtc.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4148484&GUID=6516D482-EF58-43CB-BA2B-7095C10044E8&Options=&Search=>

Key RHNA milestones: <https://mtc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7536535&GUID=B842364D-5769-4821-90C8-3C0FFE51A1F9>

RHNA Website: <https://abag.ca.gov/our-work/housing/rhna-regional-housing-need-allocation>

Regional Growth Forecast Methodology

For Plan Bay Area, the ABAG Executive Board at the September 19th meeting approved the Regional Growth Forecast Methodology. This approval followed a public comment period from July 19 through August 19th and a public hearing. The Regional Growth Forecast Methodology will be used to generate the Regional Forecast, which will be considered for adoption by the ABAG Executive Board in Spring 2020. As a refresher, the Regional Growth Forecast has been used in each Plan Bay Area (the region's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Process) to estimate total levels of employment, population, and households across the nine-county region over the Plan lifespan for each income level.

Regional Growth Forecast

Methodology: <https://mtc.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4136148&GUID=B23FC39D-F970-4FAE-A92F-776B8C98E9A2 &Options=&Search=>

Thanks Jake

2019 Mayors and Council Members Liaison Reports
Mayor Teresa Barrett, Petaluma

SEPTEMBER

BAAQMD

Even without fires, we have seen an increase in the number of summer Spare the Air Days in the 9 Bay Area counties—to 14 this season, including nine days over the CA and US Ozone standards.

Work continues on the AB617 Communities work the Air District is doing in Richmond and San Pablo to bring cleaner air to the communities of Richmond and San Pablo, and the West Oakland Community Action Plan.

Also, please see the press release below from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

LAFCO

Unanimous vote on West County Fire and Emergency Service Agencies Municipal Service Review – Adoption of Determinations

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 2, 2019

CONTACT: Ralph Borrmann, 415.749.4900

Air District Board votes to approve community action plan to improve air quality in West Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO – Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the community action plan, *Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan*, co-authored by the Air District and the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

Owning Our Air lays out a series of strategies and measures to be implemented over the next five years by state, regional and local agencies to further air pollution reductions in West Oakland.

“The plan approved by the Air District Board today is the result of West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project and other stakeholders working closely with Air District staff to deliver a shared vision of a healthier community,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “We look forward to working closely with all West Oakland stakeholders in the years ahead to implement the plan and make a meaningful improvement in peoples’ lives.”

The next step in the community action plan process will be a public hearing of the California Air Resources Board to be held in West Oakland on December 5, 2019, to consider the plan and its approval.

"Owning Our Air is a plan that has been coming together for West Oakland for over 20 years," said Ms. Margaret Gordon, co-director of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project. "Because of AB617, we finally are at a place where we know that there can be emission reductions, pollution reductions and public health improvements to the most impacted and vulnerable residents."

"We have a terrific opportunity in West Oakland to improve our health and quality of life with the implementation of this ambitious plan," said Brian Beveridge, co-director of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project. "The entire country is watching to see how local air plans can be created by the very people harmed by pollution. AB617 is unprecedented in empowering communities and this plan offers a road map for dozens of communities already in the planning pipeline. The lessons learned, the successes, as well as the significant challenges of resident-led environmental planning will benefit all disadvantaged communities in California. When we started, we didn't know how to write an air quality plan. But with our partners at the Air District, we got it done! Now we have to figure out how to implement it, but we'll get that done, too!"

West Oakland is bounded by the Port of Oakland, the Union Pacific rail yard and the I-580, I-880 and I-980 freeways. Elevated levels of air pollution in West Oakland are the result of concentrated industrial activity including maritime freight, a rail yard and rail lines, large distribution centers, cement and asphalt plants, a power plant, metal facilities, and small to medium industrial and manufacturing operations. Trucks, cars and the road dust they generate also contribute to elevated emission levels.

The plan was developed as a requirement of AB 617, a state law passed concurrently with re-authorization of California's cap-and-trade program, the centerpiece of the state's efforts to reduce climate change. AB 617 recognizes that while California has seen tremendous improvement in air quality, not all communities have benefited equally, and some communities located close to freeways, ports, industry or other large pollution sources need additional focus and resources to reduce exposure levels.

A copy of the *Owning Our Air* plan, a plan summary and appendices can be viewed and downloaded online at the link below: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/ab617woak>.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District

COMMITTEE REPORT TO MAYORS & COUNCILMEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Mayor Gina Belforte
City of Rohnert Park

- The Golden Gate Bridge Board voted unanimously to implement means-based fares on their buses.
- The new paper licenses are capturing significant tolls which went uncollected before.



Committee Report: North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA)

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

Date: September 23, 2019

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

NCRA is working with CalSTA to complete the assessment of NCRA's assets and liabilities in preparation for dissolution and transfer of the NCRA right of way in Sonoma County to SMART, and transfer of the NCRA right of way in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties to a future trail authority that will implement The Great Redwood Trail called for in SB 1029 (McGuire).

CalSTA is working with NCRA on a plan to provide state funding to cover NCRA's operational costs through this transitional period which is expected to take until at least October 2020 to complete. In the meantime, NCRA will continue to manage its right of way north of Healdsburg and oversee NWP Co.'s twice weekly freight service on SMART right of way from the Napa Interchange to Windsor.

Next NCRA Meeting

The next NCRA Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14th, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Healdsburg City Hall Council Chambers at 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA.

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

Mayor John A. Dell'Osso
City of Cotati

- Notes from July meeting; August was cancelled.
- Bill Keene, General Manager, spoke about a new position being added at Ag + Open Space as directed by the Board of Directors. This position will be focused on the agricultural work of Ag + Open Space and will be a partner with the agricultural community.
- Lauren Alpert, our new Community Relations Assistant, started on June 18, 2019. She comes to us from the California Academy of Sciences and has over eight years of volunteer management, community engagement, and government relations experience,

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CITY MAYORS REPORTS



October 3, 2019

To: Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association –

From: Melanie Bagby, Mayor City of Cloverdale

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

CITY OF CLOVERDALE PROJECT UPDATES:

Affordable Supportive Housing Project Approved: The Planning Commission approved a 25-unit affordable housing project on October 2nd. The project, known as Cherry Creek, will provide 25 units of affordable housing along with support services provided by Wallace House and long-time Cloverdale service



provider. The City of Cloverdale, Kingdom Development, and the Wallace House have all partnered to make the project a reality. For the City's part, the contribute includes a

long-term lease of the site and a financial contribution. We look forward to the beginning construction of the project scheduled for early next year.



Fire Preparedness Fair: Last Sunday at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair, in conjunction with District 4 County Supervisor James Gore, the Northern Sonoma County Fire Preparedness Fair was held. The event featured demonstrations, presentations, family activities, food and drink, and resource displays. Cloverdale PD had a booth and display. The event was well attended, informative, and lots of fun. We hope similar more events occur in the future.



Cloverdale's 13th Annual Oktoberfest: The Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale and [Courtney's Pumpkin Patch](#) presents Cloverdale's Annual Oktoberfest. This event features great German food, local beer and wine, two live bands, Courtney's Pumpkin Patch, silent auction, vendors, and kids' activities and games. Admission is Free! German meal including beer, wine, soda, or water just \$12 in advance, and \$15 at the door. Kid's ten and under just \$5. Come to downtown Cloverdale and enjoy German food (bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, apple crisp)! A seasonal tradition that's fun for the entire family. Courtney's Pumpkin Patch will be held on Saturday, October 6th in the Plaza in downtown Cloverdale. Please contact [Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale](#) or Laurie Kneeland at 328-2147 for more information.

11th Annual Asti Tour de Vine Bicycle Tour: You are invited to the Cloverdale Rotary's [11th Annual Asti Tour de Vine](#), a [25k, 50k, 100k, or 100m \(century\) bicycle tour](#) on Saturday, October 12, 2019, in Northern California's breathtaking Alexander, Dry Creek, and Russian River Valleys. Ride on uncrowded routes through charming rural valleys, past autumn-hued vineyards, alongside the meandering Russian River, and on pathways overlooking Lake Sonoma. This bicycle tour is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Cloverdale. They use the proceeds from this event for local scholarships for students, and support for many local and international projects. For more information, please visit the [website](#).



The 2019 Alexander Valley Film Festival: It's time for the 5th Annual [ALEXANDER VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL \(AVFF\)](#). The 2019 Festival will take place October 17-20, 2019. The event producers anticipate 2,000 people will come for the unique mix of local and independent cinema. The Festival will feature domestic and international narrative features, documentaries, short films, special programs, winners from the Student Film Competition, community events and screenings, a thrilling Opening Night Celebration on Friday 10/18, and more! This event is dedicated to bringing films and experiences to Northern Sonoma County to which the community would otherwise not have access. The Festival

anchors between the Clover Theater in Cloverdale and Raven Film Center in Healdsburg plus other venues throughout Northern Sonoma County. Check out www.avfilmsociety.com for box office info, details on films, and more!

The News from Cotati

October 2019

General News Around Town

Evergreen Power in Cotati!

The City recently became one of the leaders in Sonoma County in renewable energy by moving all city operations to Evergreen electricity. After several years of focused efficiency retrofits and programs, this continues the City Council's goals of greenhouse gas reduction, as well as supporting local power and jobs.

Elimination of Synthetic Pesticides

The City recently chose to eliminate the use of synthetic pesticides in City owned properties, including parks and public right of way.

Proposed Hotel

After a joint public meeting in 2018, a 153 room "Reverb" musically themed hotel was approved in May 2019. It is expected that construction will start in 2019.



The News from Cotati

October 2019

Commercial Cannabis in Cotati

The City recently issued permits for 3 new businesses after a second round of commercial cannabis proposals. The initial round of permits was issued in 2018. Moving forward, the City is now taking continuous applications for new permits as they are available.

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 2020 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. The next phase of work is rehabilitation of the farm house and water tower. To find out more, you can go to the City's website and follow the City or Farmster Facebook pages.

The News from Cotati

October 2019



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 beginning in 2019.

The News from Cotati

October 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 early 2020. This project currently includes 14 affordable units.



The News from Cotati

October 2019

Kessing Ranch Subdivision

A new single family home development at the prominent corner of Old Redwood Highway and Valparaiso Avenue is currently under construction with model homes starting soon. 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.



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

October 2019

Construction!

2019 Paving Projects

The City has over \$3.6M in paving underway currently, 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.

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

October 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!

Oktoberfest (October 12th)

City Hall-oween (October 31st)

Holiday Cheer (December 5th)

Holiday Tree Lighting (December 6th)

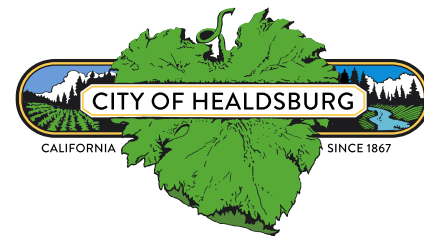
Holiday Shop and Stroll (December 7th)

Breakfast with Santa (December 14th)

CITY OF HEALDSBURG

MAYOR'S UPDATE

October 10, 2019



Healdsburg Shuttle Reports Increased Ridership – Healdsburg Shuttle Route 67, which has been free for riders since July 2018, reported a 37 percent increase in ridership from 2018 to 2019. Success of the Ride Free program in Healdsburg and Sebastopol inspired four other cities in Sonoma County to adopt a similar program. Route 67 offers a fast, friendly, and economical transportation option to residents and out-of-town visitors.

Americart 2019 Canvas Creation – The Healdsburg Center for the Arts and Community Services invited the community to help create the 40-ft. Americart 2019 canvas on Sunday, September 15th, in Plaza Park. People from across the U.S. are creating Americart 2019, which has been traveling through Maryland, Tennessee, Kansas, Colorado, Oregon, Nevada and California. Healdsburg was the final stop. On Tuesday, September 17, the Healdsburg Center for the Arts hosted a final unveiling of the completed canvas. This collaborative public artwork is part of a documentary project by EFDLT Studio and Legit Productions of New York City.



Public Open Houses on N. Healdsburg Ave. Improvement Study – The City is developing a streetscape enhancement plan that will document the community's vision for improving Healdsburg Avenue -- from Powell Avenue to the northern city limits -- for pedestrians and cyclists as well as vehicles. The community was invited to attend one of two open houses to review emerging design concepts.

Energy, Sustainability & Buildings Community Workshop – The Electric Department hosted a community workshop to discuss a proposed ordinance ("reach code") to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from newly constructed houses and buildings, share information on the latest energy efficiency technology, and seek feedback from the public.

U.S.-101 & Dry Creek Road Intersection Improvements Project – Construction is almost done on the US-101 and Dry Creek Road Intersection Improvements Project. Signing and striping should be finished by the first week in October and signs noting “Changed Conditions Ahead” will be installed along with portable changeable message boards to alert drivers once the new STOP locations are installed.



Update on Open-Space Team - One of the proposed recommendations from the Fitch Mountain Management Plan included the creation of an open-space advisory group. Now that ownership of the Healdsburg Ridge has been fully transferred to the City, staff convened the first Open Space Team (OST) last week at the Community Center. The meeting was well attended by local residents, open-space advocates, LandPaths, and representatives of the Parks and Recreation commissioners. The meeting focused on evaluating public uses, educating the public, protecting natural resources, and creating connections from Fitch Mountain to Healdsburg Ridge. The OST will act in an advisory role and will meet on a quarterly basis. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2020.



Energy, Sustainability and Buildings Workshop -The City hosted a workshop on options for Healdsburg's proposed energy reach code. Presenters detailed how reach codes can avoid and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in new buildings, reviewed efficient electric technologies to avoid high utility bills, and quantified cost savings in new construction by eliminating natural gas infrastructure. Twenty residents and stakeholders attended to learn about reach codes, ask questions and provide feedback.

City's Volunteer Driver Program Picks Up Speed – The City launched its new volunteer driver program for seniors called DASH (Drivers Assisting Seniors in Healdsburg) in June 2019. Since that time the City has enrolled 76 riders, trained 23 volunteer drivers, and provided 313 rides. DASH is intended to help

Healdsburg's older adults who can no longer drive remain independent, vibrant, and valued members of our community by providing rides to medical appointments, shopping, and social activities. One of the strengths of the program is that unlike ride hailing services like Uber or Lyft, DASH provides door-through-door assistance for its riders, helping individuals from their home to their destination. DASH is a free service that is part of the City's newly launched Volunteer Program and is funded through the City's Transient Occupancy Tax and a Caltrans grant awarded to Sonoma County. For more information on the program please contact Volunteer Coordinator Donna O'Brien at (707)431-3492 or visit: www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/860/Volunteer-Program





City of Petaluma
Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association
Mayor's Report – October 10, 2019

Council Updates of Note

- On September 19th, City Council held a Special Workshop to conduct Climate Action Commission interviews. The Climate Action Commission was formally established on August 5th. The seven members of this new Commission (to include 1 Council liaison and 6 community members) shall perform duties related to climate action policies and implementation within the City of Petaluma. Thirty applications were received by the September 9th deadline. Final appointment of the Commission is recommended to take place at the October 7th City Council meeting.
- On September 23rd, City Council held a Special Workshop entitled, "Joining East and West Petaluma: A Workshop About Petaluma's Crosstown Connectors" in which a presentation was provided by Petaluma Public Works & Utilities staff about the future potential of the Rainier Crosstown connector, the Caufield Lane extension over the Petaluma River and future bike/pedestrian accessibility on the Lynch Creek Trail.

Upcoming Events

Mad Hatter Ball: Keeping the Spirit Alive! Mentor Me's largest annual fundraiser to benefit youth mentoring is taking place on Saturday, October 26th. It will be a cross-cultural fiesta celebrating Petaluma's wonderfully diverse community and features a traditional Mexican dinner, lively cantina, raffles, auctions, a hat contest and dancing. See www.wearementorme.org for more information or call (707) 778-4798.



Downtown Merchants' Trick or Treat Trail. Join the downtown merchants for a fun and family friendly jaunt through downtown Petaluma! Dozens of merchants participate, handing out goodies to costumed kids 12 and under. It will be a hauntingly 'gould' time in Downtown Petaluma this Halloween, we hope you'll join us! Download the trick or treat map from our website, or just follow the orange and black balloons around downtown. For more info visit: www.PetalumaDowntown.com or call (707) 762-9348



Petaluma Veteran's Day Parade. The largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California makes its way through downtown Petaluma on Monday, November 11th at 1:00pm. Dozens of old airplanes will fly over, Vets will march and ride proudly, kids can see tanks, Corvettes and lots more! Visit www.petalumaveteransparade.com for more information.



Santa's Riverboat Arrival. Enjoy live entertainment and hot chocolate while waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus' annual arrival to Petaluma by boat on November 30th from 11:00-1:30pm. Stay afterwards for photos and Christmas wishes. Festivities will occur at the turning basin at River Plaza (on East Washington Street).



Festival of Trees. Please join the Fabulous Women of Petaluma on December 7th from 3:00-9:00pm at their annual Festival of Trees event. Bid on magical trees decorated by local businesses, listen to live Christmas music, enter a raffle, shop at the holiday marketplace, enjoy the sweet shop, and take photos with Santa. This free event takes place at the Hotel Petaluma (205 Kentucky Street) and proceeds support charitable causes.



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

Mayors’ & Councilmembers’ Association Meeting – October 10, 2019

Save the Date

Spreckels Performing Arts Center

A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder
October 11 - October 27, 2019

Miss Bennett: Christmas at Pemberley
November 22 – December 15, 2019

Green Music Center

Jazz Day
Thursday, October 10, 2019

Halloween with Harry Potter
Sunday, October 27, 2019

Updates around Rohnert Park

Public Safety Updates



Police Academy Graduation – on Friday, August 23, following a rigorous 20 week police academy, Chief Mattos swore in four new Rohnert Park Public Safety Officers. We are now overstaffed in our Public Safety Department, training new officers to replace future retiring officers.

Affordable Housing

Seventy-two new units of affordable housing are part of a residential development under construction in Rohnert Park’s W Section neighborhood at the city’s southeastern edge. The apartment portion of the complex, which will include 18 one-bedroom, 12 two-bedroom and six three-bedroom units, is scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy in summer 2020. Rents are expected to range between \$700 a month for a one-bedroom unit and up to \$1,750 for a three-bedroom unit

Community



A newly formed business group – The Latino Alliance hosted the first ever Latino Festival on September 28th in our Alicia Park. The Rohnert Park Library was filled with bright colors and music to Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, as Ballet Folklórico Jazmin dancers performed for the community to showcase some of Mexico's rich culture. The event was held to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, observed nationally each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

On September 16th, the Rohnert Park Foundation opened up the application process for small grants to benefit the Rohnert Park community. Last year 26 grants were distributed to various organizations ranging from ArtStart designing a mural for the Senior Center, to Daily Acts conducting creek clean-up projects, to the new pickleball courts, only to name a few. This year the foundation specifically changed the application time period to be in the fall, so that more schools in the community could participate. The application deadline is October 18, 2019. To learn more or apply visit www.rpcity.org/SGP.



Leadership Rohnert Park



The City sponsored inaugural class of Leadership Rohnert Park's new incarnation kicked off in September. These budding leaders are eager to start improving our community.

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Receive Updates



It's your September City Connections! Read about disaster preparedness, upcoming screenings of new wildfire documentary, a proposed rental inspection program, Creek Week activities, Howarth Park improvements, career opportunities and more.

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September 2019

City News

Prepared Not Scared — Be Ready for Disasters



September is National Preparedness month, and there's no time like the present to commit to ensuring you and your family are ready, no matter the type of emergency. The City recommends taking the following three actions this month to help prepare your household for the unexpected:

1. Sign up for [SoCoAlert](#), Sonoma County's Emergency Notification System.
2. Learn what a [Public Safety Power Shutdown \(PSPS\)](#) is and how to prepare for one.
3. Attend [Sonoma Ready Day](#), an emergency preparedness fair on Sunday, September 8.

[LEARN MORE](#)

City Employees, Leaders Recall Experiences from 2017 Wildfires in Documentary Debuting this Month

LAST OCTOBER



The City will host free public screenings of *Last October*, a 50-minute documentary that captures the experiences of several current and former City employees and officials who served as first responders, disaster service workers, and community leaders during and following the Sonoma Complex Fires. Two of the three planned public screenings will take place in conjunction with temporary public art exhibits that reflect on the 2017 disaster. In the documentary, City staff and council members recount both their professional and personal experiences, the

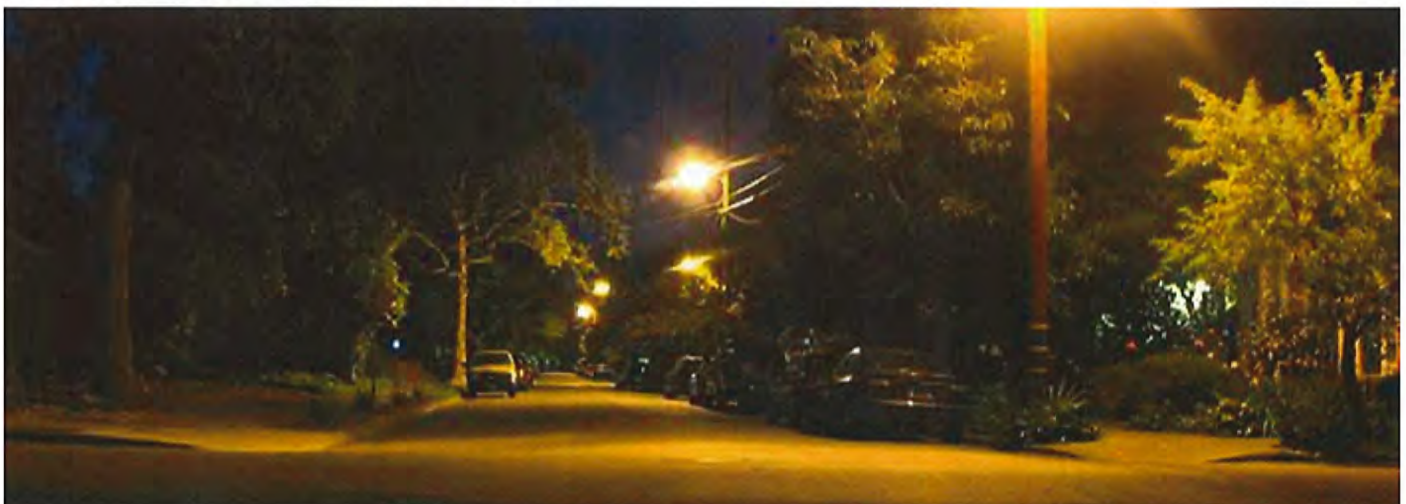
critical participation of mutual aid agencies, and the overwhelming selfless support and heroism of the community during and following one of the most destructive wildfires in state history. [WATCH FILM TRAILER](#)

Take the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Survey



The City of Santa Rosa Fire Department is developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). A CWPP identifies wildfire hazard and risks, community goals and objectives – and through public participation and collaboration – creates a road map for the community to address the wildfire threat. Please provide your input on the plan by taking the CWPP survey. The survey takes 15-20 minutes to complete and will be evaluated for potential inclusion into implementable actions within the CWPP. Survey closes October 1, 2019. [TAKE SURVEY](#)

Wildfire Recovery Update



Fire-Damaged Street Light Replacement

Over 500 of the City's 16,000+ streetlights were damaged during the fires. City staff have been working with PG&E to re-energize streetlights where electrical infrastructure is intact or as it is rebuilt. Where the infrastructure is damaged, the City has established a phased recovery prioritization process to rebuild, re-energize and — where necessary — redesign the system. [LEARN MORE](#)

Hazardous Street Tree Removal Update

Work continues in Fountaingrove and Hidden Valley areas to remove hazardous fire-damaged street trees which includes grinding of the tree stumps and filling the planter strips with fresh soil. By October the initial wave of street tree removal and follow-up assessment will be complete. Phase two of the fire-damaged tree removal will evaluate and remove hazardous trees on City parcels, open spaces and parks. [LEARN MORE](#)

Rebuild Update for Coffey Neighborhood Park

The construction documents to rebuild Coffey Neighborhood Park have been completed, and the process for selecting a contractor to build the park began in August. The goal is to have the playground portion of the park open to the neighborhood by the end of 2019 and open the remainder of the park by Summer 2020.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Roseland Area Pavement Reconstruction



Through the Roseland Annexation agreement with the City, the County of Sonoma will provide funding of \$6.62 million over a 10-year period to share in the costs of infrastructure improvements. This year, the City is reconstructing sections of severely damaged roadway along Rose Avenue (Stony Point Road to Burbank Avenue) and Sunset Avenue (Burbank Avenue to McMinn Avenue) and upgrading four curb ramps to current ADA standards. Roadway reconstruction is a type of street surface repair in which the top six inches of the deteriorated street surface is ground, removed, and replaced with layers of hot mix asphalt

City Council Seeking Applicants for Cultural Heritage Board

City Council is seeking volunteers interested in serving on the Cultural Heritage Board. Members of this Board have special expertise or interest in historic preservation and undertake and update historic inventories or surveys, recommend designation of landmarks and preservation districts, review proposed alterations to historic buildings, and promote public awareness of preservation issues. Applicants must be residents and registered to vote in the City of Santa Rosa. [LEARN MORE](#)

Garage Parking Rate Changes – Free Parking Added



As of August 11, you can park for free on Sundays between 3 a.m. and midnight at the 5th Street and D Street garages in downtown. Parking is also free in all five of the public parking garages on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. [LEARN MORE](#)

Accessibility Improvements for Howarth Park



The City of Santa Rosa is reconstructing the pathways at Howarth Park around the train, carousel, pony corral, animal barn, and picnic area adjacent to the carousel for the purpose of improving disability access. Construction is expected to start October 2019 and be completed by February 2020. Howarth Park will remain open during construction. Public access will be maintained to the train and pony corral during regular operating hours until seasonal closure at the end of October. The carousel, animal barn, and picnic area adjacent to the carousel will be closed during construction. [LEARN MORE](#)

Santa Rosa Takes Steps to Develop Rental Inspection Program



The Department of Housing and Community Services is developing a proposed Rental Inspection Program to present to City Council at a study session on September 24, 2019. The study session will provide an opportunity for staff to seek further direction from Council on development of the proposed program. The program aims to ensure that Santa Rosa renters are living in safe, decent and sanitary housing by proactively inspecting rental properties every five years and asking owners and tenants to mutually certify the property's condition on an annual basis. [LEARN MORE](#)

Search for City-Owned/ Leased Property Online



The City has introduced a new Real Estate Services webpage and interactive map that now makes it easier for the public to research property owned or leased by the City. Going forward, future City-owned property that becomes available for sale or for lease will also be listed on this website and map. [LEARN MORE](#)

Update on Algae at Lake Ralphine



Potentially toxic Blue Green Algae has been intermittently spotted near the dock and boat launch at Lake Ralphine at Howarth Park in recent weeks. As a precaution, the boat dock and launch has been closed and boating activities canceled whenever these naturally occurring algae blooms are located in the area. These blooms are pushed by wind and move in and out of the boat launch area. Signage is posted at the lake near the launch and boathouse when blooms are present, and you can check the current status of Lake Ralphine operations on the City's website. [LEARN MORE](#)

Call for Artists



The Santa Rosa Public Art Program is seeking Sonoma and Marin County artists to participate in rotating art exhibitions at City Hall Council Chambers, Person Senior Wing and Steele Lane Community Center. Applications are sought for exhibitions during the summer and fall of 2020. A variety of mediums are accepted, including painting, works on paper, sculpture, textiles, ceramics, and more. [**APPLY NOW**](#)

Downtown Station Area Plan Photo Contest

**FOCUS HERE FIRST
PHOTO CONTEST**



Share your Downtown pride! As the City currently works to update existing plans for how Downtown is zoned and functions, we want to know what you love about the core of your city. Take a photo, label it with #PlanDowntownSR, and you could be the recipient of some cool Santa Rosa swag. [**LEARN MORE**](#)

Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Award Winners



Bennett Valley Golf Course and Howarth Park have earned top honors from *Press Democrat* readers. The newspaper has announced its 2019 "Best of Sonoma County" award winners, and Howarth Park was named the "Best Place to Take Kids" and Bennett Valley Golf Course won "Best Golf Course." Thank you to all who voted to recognize these City of Santa Rosa destinations! [LEARN MORE](#)

Summer/Fall Spotlight — Pony Rides!



Thousands of families with children and adults of all ages visit Howarth Memorial Park each year. Called the "jewel" of Santa Rosa, this 138-acre park provides seemingly endless recreational opportunities. Take a look at one of the all-time favorite activities — pony rides with The Pony Express! [WATCH VIDEO](#)

Events and Community Meetings

Last October Public Film Screenings



Thursday, September 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Finley Recreation Complex, 2060 West College Avenue

Thursday, September 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Third Street Cinemas, 620 Third Street

Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue

Attend free public screenings of *Last October*, a 50-minute documentary capturing the experiences of several City employees and officials who served as first responders, disaster service workers, or community leaders during the Sonoma Complex Fires. The September 5th screening is hosted in conjunction with the opening reception for the public art exhibit "*Sonoma County Residents Reflects on the 2017 Wildfires*" (reception hours from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.). The September 17th event is hosted in conjunction with the public art exhibit *Sketching Fire Stories* on display at City Hall. [**LEARN MORE**](#)

City Booters Field Day



Saturday, September 7, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Rincon Valley Community Park, 5108 Badger Road

Boys and girls ages 4-7, attend a free field day to check out the City's coed soccer league before registration closes on September 11. [**LEARN MORE**](#)

Oktoberfest, age 50+



Friday, September 20, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Finley Community Center, 2060 W College Avenue

Enjoy a BBQ lunch with biergarten and live entertainment. Pre-registration is required (\$6 fee with senior membership/ \$10 fee for non-member). [LEARN MORE](#)

Community Meeting: Proposed Changes to A Place to Play Park



Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., A Place to Play Park, 2375 W Third Street

Provide your input on proposed amendments to the Master Plan for A Place to Play Park which include the addition of a new emergency well and water system, reflect an existing water pump station, add picnic areas, hydration stations, and a basketball court. [LEARN MORE](#)

Celebrate Creek Week with a Free Tour of the Downtown Underground



Monday, September 23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Prince Gateway Park, at Santa Rosa and Sonoma Avenues

Tour the huge underground culvert that runs under Downtown Santa Rosa. You'll descend to the creek bed down a slope and over large rocks and walk across the creek (the water will be several inches deep). Wear your sturdy, closed toe, water-proof shoes, no sandals. Bring your own flashlight. [LEARN MORE](#)

Roseland Creek Week Tour and Nature Walk



Thursday, September 26, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Roseland Creek Elementary School, 1683 Burbank Avenue

Join us for a free, slow picturesque walk along the flat, potentially uneven Roseland Creek and explore the natural bird and plant life in Roseland. All ages welcome. [LEARN MORE](#)

Tour the Laguna Treatment Plant During Creek Week



Saturday, September 28, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road

Have you ever wondered what happens to your water after it goes down the drain? Join us for a fascinating and educational tour to see for yourself. All ages welcome; tour is free. Sturdy, closed-toed shoes and socks are required. [LEARN MORE](#)

Santa Rosa History Tour on Rosie the Trolley



Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. departs from Howarth Park, 630 Summerfield Road

Jump aboard Santa Rosa's classic Rosie the Trolley for a tour of City parks with historian Bill Montgomery! \$20 fee, pre-registration is required. [LEARN MORE](#)

Bingo Party for Ages 50+



Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Steele Lane Community Center, 415 Steele Lane
Join us for bingo and some lunch, \$10 cash fee at the door, pre-registration required. [LEARN MORE](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Creek Week Creek to Coast Cleanup on the Prince Memorial Greenway



Saturday, September 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Olive Park Footbridge, near 1698 Hazel Street
Join us for the 35th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, where we will help care for a restored section of Santa Rosa Creek that flows through the heart of downtown Santa Rosa. All ages welcome. Gloves, tools, and snacks provided. Games and raffle prizes. [LEARN MORE](#)

Park a Month – Pearblossom Park



Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Pearblossom Park, 2850 Edgewater Park

Work together with your friends and family or come and meet new people! These workdays are a fun way to help beautify a local park and a great way for students to earn community service hours.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Join Our Team

Current 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.



Police Officer (Academy Attendee/Graduate) | Full-Time | \$88,119.00 to \$112,344.00 Annually | Police

Santa Rosa Police Officers are responsible for providing exceptional public safety services and taking a leadership role in building community partnerships to make Santa Rosa a better, safer, place to live, work and play. *Open until filled.*

Communications Dispatcher Trainee | Full-Time | \$49,992.00 to \$62,047.00 Annually | Police

Communications Dispatchers receive emergency and routine calls requesting police or other emergency

services, as well as, accurately evaluate and process routine and life-threatening emergency communications.

Closes September 16, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

Stores Specialist | Full-Time | \$61,256.00 to \$74,490.00 Annually | Finance

Stores Specialists initiate bids, place orders, receive, store, issue, account for, and forecast the City's needs for supplies, materials, and parts. *Closes September 5, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.*

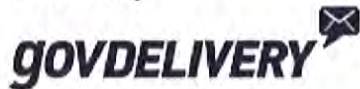
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CITY OF SEBASTOPOL



**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2019
MAYORS' AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT**





STUDENTS FROM KAGOSHIMA UNIVERSITY VISIT SEBASTOPOL



Sebastopol World Friends hosted 10 students from Kagoshima University in Japan during the week of September 16. The group participated in events and learning opportunities in and around Sebastopol and the San Francisco Bay Area.

BUS BUDDIES

The Bus Buddies program is back, and so are the free fares on the electric Sebastopol Shuttle (Route 24). The City Council again approved the annual subsidy to keep Route 24 fare-free. Every Thursday morning through the end of October, community leaders including the mayor and members of the City Council, ride along with commuters for a loop around town.

In related news, Sonoma County Transit has added a new morning trip at 7:45 to allow commutes to the Sebastopol Charter School. See the Sonoma County Transit website for complete route details and schedule.





THE GREAT LAGUNA CLEANUP

On September 21, the City of Sebastopol co-sponsored the Great Laguna Cleanup with the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation. Over 70 volunteers participated and helped clean up the Sebastopol Laguna Wetlands Preserve. Nearly one ton of combined trash and recycling was removed from Tomodachi Park, along Morris Street, the Railroad Forest, the Joe Rodota trail, and throughout the Laguna Preserve's trails north of Hwy 12. Although this is an awful lot of trash, Brent Reed of the Laguna Foundation reports that the total amount of trash from year to year is going down due to several factors:

- The east side of the Laguna Preserve (Meadowlark Field), and the trails around the ponds north of the ball fields have very little trash because trail users pick up litter.
- Improvements in vegetation management (cutting back bramble and tree limbs to improve visibility for safety) along the Americorps trail seem to be drawing more beneficial trail use, and sections of the trail were cleaner this year, with less camping.



The event was part of International Coastal Cleanup Day-- the state's largest volunteer event.



SEBASTOPEDAL GREEN



Co-sponsored with the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, SebastoPedal Green has made its mark in Sebastopol! Attended by over fifty enthusiastic adults and children, the September 21 bicycle safety event was the first in a series to raise awareness of, and educate the community about, the new bike lanes in town. Beginning at the Sebastopol Police Department, attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the “rules of the road,” take advantage of free helmet and bike safety inspections and minor fixes by local bike shops, or try a fresh smoothie from a bike-powered blender.

Groups then set out on a guided bike tour through town via the new bike lanes accompanied by League of American Bicyclist-certified instructors.

VENTURE IN THE VINEYARDS RAISES FUNDS FOR SONOMA COUNTY FLOOD VICTIMS

On September 22, Mayor Neysa Hinton spoke at the Urban Land Institute’s Young Leaders Group (YLG) Annual Venture in the Vineyards event. Event proceeds, donations from the local land use and real estate business community,



and a matching donation from Kaiser Permanente brought event proceeds to a total of \$22,000. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Community Partnership of Sonoma County to help provide emergency housing assistance and financial aid to low income families affected by the Sonoma County floods earlier this year.



LIBBY PLAYGROUND SURVEY



The City of Sebastopol is set to replace the playground equipment for 5 to 12 year-olds at Willard F. Libby Park (the old “Super Playground” on Valentine and Pleasant Hill next to Brookhaven School). This project which is co-sponsored with Sebastopol Rotary Clubs and received a total of 344 online survey responses and over 200 paper ballots from the library and schools throughout Sebastopol.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE & FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASSES

On September 28 the Sebastopol Fire Department hosted an event to help neighbors connect and become more resilient. From 9am to noon some 80 participants attended one of three fire extinguisher classes where they learned



the best way to use the device and had an opportunity to put out a live (but contained) fire. The Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) disaster preparedness program provided an update on its activities and filled attendees in on future class opportunities. The new Sebastopol Communications Group (SCG) conducted a simulated emergency and demonstrated how its network of local Amateur Radio Operators can provide “neighborhood-level” information during an actual emergency.



CLEAN AIR DAY



The City Council proclaimed October 2nd as Clean Air Day in the City of Sebastopol. As part of the national event, the City took part by inviting its residents to help out at two of the four sites where trees were being planted in town. Public Works provided shovels and soil for attendees to use while getting their hands a little dirty and claim “hey, I helped plant that tree,” bragging rights every time they drive by for years to come. Locals had the opportunity to plant a Tupelo tree in front of the Sebastopol Fire Department, as well as several Valley Oaks that were planted along Morris Street. Large Valley Oak and California Sycamore trees were also planted at Ives Park.

SEBASTOPOL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Sebastopol volunteer Firefighters will host its Annual Pancake Breakfast on October 13 from 7am to 11:30am at the Sebastopol Fire Station on Bodega Avenue. The all-you-can-eat breakfast is free. Raffle tickets will be sold to benefit fire prevention education for children, scholarships for high school grads entering public safety fields, training for Sebastopol firefighters, youth sports scholarships, and equipment purchases.





VICE MAYOR SLAYTER CUTS RIBBON AT NEW SONOMA CLEAN POWER SOLAR CENTER



On September 18th, Vice Mayor Patrick Slayter, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Sonoma Clean Power and Sebastopol's representative to the organization, had the honor of cutting the ribbon on Sonoma Clean Power's new Cloverdale Solar Center.

The center started generating power in June of this year. Other guests included the landowners, community leaders, elected officials, SCP Directors, and Enerpac, the developer of the system.

ADU CALCULATOR: NEW ONLINE TOOL ESTIMATES COSTS TO BUILD AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

The City of Sebastopol has partnered with Sonoma County and other Sonoma cities, and the County of Napa to develop a regional Accessory Dwelling Unit Calculator to encourage our constituents to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs). This online tool helps individuals estimate the costs, returns, and benefits associated with building an ADU.



Based on San Mateo County's Second Unit Calculator, the Sonoma/Napa calculator was developed with funding from ABAG/MTC, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Foundation Sonoma County, and Napa Valley Community Foundation. Find out more about Accessory Dwelling Units and whether your property meets the requirements to add a new ADU. If a citizen's property meets the requirements for an ADU they can enter their specific information into the calculator for an estimate of costs.



LOCALS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: GREG JACOBS

Sebastopol native Greg Jacobs may be best known as the Sonoma County prosecutor who obtained the guilty verdict for Richard Allen Davis in 1996 for the abduction and murder of Polly Klaas, but Greg has been instrumental in many community projects in Sebastopol and beyond. Greg's nominator noted his "never-ending support of the Sebastopol Rotary 'Learn to Swim' program which has taught over 11,500 West Sonoma County second graders how to swim since 1984. He has served on the Sebastopol Parks and Recreation Commission and was Board Secretary for the Sebastopol Cultural and Community Center. With his love for music, a trumpet player, he performs with the Sebastopol Community Band." Learn more about Greg on the city's Locals Who Make a Difference page.



TREE LIGHTING AND CARRIAGE RIDES AROUND THE PLAZA



Organized by the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, the annual Sebastopol Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration will take place in the Plaza on Thursday, December 5 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Festivities for the night will include holiday treats, arts and crafts, and pictures with Santa.

There will also be free horse-drawn carriage rides between the Plaza and the Barlow. For more information, please visit the Chamber website at www.sebastopol.org.



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EXTENDED POWER OUTAGE PREPARATION UPDATE

City staff provided an update to the City Council and the community about efforts to prepare for the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) at their meeting on September 4th. Staff discussed measures the City has been working and preparing on to ensure City services will continue during an extended power outage as well as new challenges that potential loss of power for an extended period of time creates. Information for residents and businesses is available on the City's Extended Power Outage webpage www.sonomacity.org/extended-power-outages

SONOMA ART WALK RETURNS TO THE SONOMA PLAZA

This monthly, community-wide celebration of Sonoma's vibrant business community and outstanding local artists is a partnership of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, The City of Sonoma, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Visitors Bureau, Sonoma Community Center and Arts Guild of Sonoma. The goal of

this initiative is to create an ongoing, vibrant, cultural event that increases foot traffic in the off-season, outside the weekend hours. Businesses are asked to partner with a local creative (painter, musician, etc.) for a night on the plaza the First Thursday of each month. www.sonomaartwalk.org

SONOMA ART WALK

FIRST THURSDAYS



32 UNITS OF HOUSING APPROVED – MOCKINGBIRD LANE

On September 16th, the final map and subdivision agreement was approved for the "Mockingbird Lane" project. The project is located at 853 4th Street West in Sonoma. It is a Residential development featuring 20 primary residential units, on 18 residential lots, with 12 accessory dwelling units. www.sonomacity.org/mockingbird-lane

HEARING FOR SMALL CELL APPLICATIONS CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 14TH

At their meeting of September 12th, the Planning Commission continued the hearing on three Use Permit applications submitted by Verizon Wireless to install a wireless telecommunications small cell node in the public right-of-way. The public hearing was continued to November 14th to allow the applicant to look at design alternatives for the three proposed poles and possibly proposing different sites/locations, which may include co-location on existing poles in the public right of way and also to look at placing wireless facilities on commercial buildings.

www.sonomacity.org/small-cell-towers



CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THE SONOMA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

When Sonoma's Fourth Of July Parade and Festival needed an event manager three years ago, the Sonoma Volunteer Firefighters' Association stepped up to take on the challenge, and September 15th, City Council recognized the all-volunteer organization for their efforts to keep the 4th of July Parade, Festival

& Fireworks Show "the most cherished event in Sonoma!" **www.sonomavolunteerfirefighters.org**

COMMERCIAL CANNABIS

In late June, 2019, Sonoma City Council adopted two Commercial Cannabis ordinances. At the time of the adoption of the two ordinances, a City Council Ad Hoc Sub-committee of was created to work with staff and the City's consultant HdL and make recommendations to the full City Council on "Administrative Regulations" that the ordinances did not include. These regulations will address the process, application review criteria and timing and will be adopted by resolution at a future City Council Meeting. The City anticipates having the administrative regulations, competitive RFP process for applicants and fees reviewed and approved by the Council within the next 60 - 90 days once the Ad Hoc Sub-committee has concluded its work and formulated its recommendations. Once approved by the City Council, an RFP for potential applicants will then be made available for companies to submit proposals of interest. **www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-regulation**



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

October 10, 2019

- **All-Electric Reach Code:** At its October 16 meeting, the Town Council will hold a Public Hearing for the second reading of possible adoption of an ordinance for an "All-Electric Residential Reach Code." The all-electric reach code would apply to the development of new single-family homes, detached accessory dwelling units, and multi-family buildings up to three stories. Adoption of an all-electric code would serve to advance goals and policies contained in the Town's 2040 General Plan. If the ordinance is adopted by the Town Council, it would become effective after it is approved by California Energy Commission, and not sooner than January 1, 2020.
- **700 American Way:** The Community Development Department received an application for the Planning Commission Conceptual Site Plan and Design Review for a new corporate headquarters for Farrow Construction on the northeast corner of Conde Lane and American Way. The two-story building would include offices, a warehouse, and a design showroom. The project would include sustainable features, such as solar, sustainable/recycled materials wherever possible, drought-tolerant and native landscaping, EV vehicle chargers, and rainwater capture. Farrow Construction is involved in the post-fire rebuilding effort with dozens of homes under construction in Sonoma County.



Richardson Street Mixed-use Project: The Community Development Department received a building permit application for the Richardson Street Mixed-use Project, which includes 30 apartments and 4,200 square feet of retail space. The project was approved on July 19, 2017. The developer is constructing the apartments to allow for conversion to "for sale" units in the future.



- **Outage Readiness for Business Owners Workshop:** The Chamber of Commerce hosted a workshop at Town Hall with the goal of helping the business community to develop effective power outage and preparedness mitigation plans. It was attended by 32 engaged and appreciative members of the business community (Oliver's, KC American Kitchen, Exchange Bank, Safari West) who all fully participated in the exercises. The workshop was led by Dr. Nancy Brown, Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services, who presented tools that the business community could bring back to their businesses, employees, vendors, and customers.



- **Floating Solar Array Project:** Ciel et Terre's contractor finished pouring the concrete pad which will support the new main electrical switchboard and PG&E meters for the array. They also completed the trench which carries the electrical conduit across the pond embankment from the array to the PG&E connection. Ciel et Terre and Town Wastewater Operations staff are preparing for the shutdown, when PG&E power will be off for up to five days to enable the interconnection of the solar facilities to the electrical grid. During that work, the reclamation facility will be powered by a rental generator and the Town's emergency generator will remain in stand-by as a backup power source.



- **Newly Acquired Bluebird Property:** The Town recently acquired the Bluebird Center, located at 15 Bluebird Drive in Windsor which is now open and available for all rental needs. The Bluebird Center is a great place for meetings, parties and gatherings of any kind.

- **Windsor Wheels:** Windsor Wheels is a brand-new, free Volunteer Driving Program for Seniors age 60+ who live in Windsor or north Santa Rosa. The Volunteer Driver Program began in June and is facilitated by the Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship. In partnership with Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging. The Center provides rides for local homebound seniors who can no longer drive themselves at no cost to them. Rides are provided for medical and social/recreational appointments, and food shopping and are provided by volunteer drivers. The mission of the Windsor Wheels program is to reduce isolation and increase overall wellness in our senior population. Currently they are offering rides on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9am and 4pm.



- **New Administrative Services Director:** We are pleased to announce the promotion of Jeneen Peterson to the position of Administrative Services Director. Jeneen has served as Acting Administrative Services Director for the past nine months.

- **Town Appoints Community Development Director:** Windsor Town Manager Ken MacNab has announced the appointment of Jessica Jones to the position of Community Development Director, effective Monday, October 7, 2019.



- **Upcoming Events:** The Town of Windsor is hosting a two-hour AB 1661 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training session on Thursday, October 24 from 5pm to 7pm, presented by Meyers Nave.

AB 1661 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required for all local agency officials within the first six month of taking office and every two years thereafter.