

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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Community Services

Subsidized Facility Rentals available for Healdsburg Non-Profits - During the October 2 meeting, City Council approved a fee subsidy program, which provides registered Healdsburg non-profits free rental space at the Community Center and Senior Center. Community services staff began accepting applications in November and will continue to do so until the appropriated funds from the Community Benefit Grant Fund have been exhausted. This benefit is available to any non-profit organization registered within the City limits of Healdsburg. Each organization is limited to 3 hours of subsidized rental space per month and requests must be received at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting date.

Anova School to Continue Use of Community Center through January 31 - On October 27, 55 students and 19 staff from the Anova School in Santa Rosa began utilizing three classrooms at the Healdsburg Community Center. The Community Center has provided students and staff a location to continue services after their school site was destroyed during the recent wildfires. With construction of their permanent facilities still underway, Anova will continue their use of the Community Center through the end of January. Though meeting space may be limited at times, the Community Center will continue to host all existing programs and services through this time of shared use.

Santa Rosa Junior College ESL programs scheduled to return to the Community Center in January - After a successful summer program, ESL classes will resume at the Community Center on January 17. The classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm, in order to provide students additional schedule options, beyond the evening program offered at St. John's Church. These free classes are being offered as part of Santa Rosa Junior College's Adult Education Program and are designed to teach beginning and intermediate English skills. Though free to attend, registration through Santa Rosa Junior College is required. For more information, please visit: <https://esl.santarosa.edu/non-credit-coursespathway>.

Final Drop and Shop - Saturday December 16th is the final of three Drop n' Shops. The Drop n' Shops allow for parents on three Saturdays before Christmas to drop their children off with us to enjoy holiday themed games, crafts, and treats! The theme for our last program is 'Gingerbread Fun!' We will read and explore a few of the variations of The Gingerbread Man, reenact this fun tale with puppets, figures and masks, do some cute gingerbread (man, woman, girl and boy) crafts and make, bake, and decorate our very own gingerbread cookies!

After School Performs for Seniors, Local Community Members, and Police - On December 13th the K-1 After School participants gave a holiday performance for the senior center members, local community members, and members from the Police department. The afternoon was filled with laughter, smiles and an abundance of



energy from our younger visitors. After caroling, the participants enjoyed milk and cookies, received holiday themed pencils from the Healdsburg Police Department, and crafted their very own jingle bell necklaces.



Holiday Fest, Saturday, December 16th 10am – 12:30pm - Everyone is invited to join us at the Senior Center this weekend in celebration of the Holiday season. We will have homemade latkes with all the fixings, complimentary gift wrapping by the Senior Center Staff “Elves” and seasonal treats for everyone to enjoy. Spend the morning with friends and take a moment to socialize together as we celebrate the season.

Council on Aging Bistro Holiday Luncheon, Thursday, December 21st 11am – 12:30pm - The Council on Aging will host a special holiday Lunch in lieu of their regular menu on Thursday December 21st to the community. No reservations are required. Cost is \$4 for patrons over age 60 and \$6.50 for those under age 60. Menu: Black Forest Ham Served with French Green Beans, Whipped Sweet potatoes, Summer Squash Gratin, Fresh Fruit and a Wheat Roll. Dessert: Chef’s Choice Seasonal Pie

City Construction & Improvements

City Hall Addition and Alteration Project - The project continues to proceed in a timely manner. The elevator is 90% complete, the upstairs concrete floor is poured, and the mechanical and plumbing rough-in is complete. With the dry weather holding, the crews are focusing on the exterior site work while they can. Access Systems was on site this week starting the wiring for the security system, and fine tuning the details.

Planning

Urgency Ordinance for Firearm Retail Sales: On December 18th - City Staff will be bringing an urgency ordinance to the City Council to request a 45 day temporary moratorium on future businesses involving retail of firearms. Staff would like time to study where it is appropriate for these uses to be located.

North Village Area Plan and EIR kickoff meeting - City staff met with the Comstock development team on December 12th and the project schedule includes a community meeting and Planning Commission workshop in early spring to get feedback on the Area Plan proposal. The development team also met with the City departments to get feedback on the Tentative Map proposal which will be required to be in conformance with the General Plan and proposed Area Plan.

Public Safety

Thomas Fire - As of Thursday, December 14, 2017, Healdsburg Engine 6382 has been re-assigned to the Thomas Fire in Ventura County. The engine is still staffed with Captain John Sullivan, Engineer Justin Potter, Firefighter Blake Thompson and Firefighter Jonah Brem. The Thomas Fire is currently at 242,500 acres with 30% containment.

Fire information can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5670/>

Healdsburg Fire Department is staffed as normal.

Fire Department Annual Toy Drive - The Fire Department annual Toy Drive is underway for the kids in our community. Anyone can bring in NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for children ranging from infants to 18 years old. Toys will be collected at the Fire Department through December 18th and they will be delivered to Saint John’s Church.

Public Utility

Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project - The City’s underground utility contractor, Staggs Construction, continues to make progress with the installation of underground conduits and boxes necessary to remove the overhead wires and cables surrounding the roundabout.

City Discharge Requirements - The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) updated the City discharge requirements this week. The new requirements will lower the amount of testing required by the City.

Public Works

Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project - Bay Cities completed the installation of the 24" sewer line on Vine Street. They are installing storm drainage facilities on North Healdsburg Avenue, West Mill Street and Vine Street. They are also installing a water line between Healdsburg Avenue and East Mill Street.

Airport Lighting Project - The contractor has ordered materials. Upon delivery and verification of materials, the airport will be closed for 14 days to allow the contractor to complete the entire project.