

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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## Community Services

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**Holiday Drop n Shops Conclude** - The Drop n Shop program completed a successful three Saturday program from December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. The program allows parents to drop kids off from 10am-4pm so they can finish any holiday shopping or cooking. This last drop n shop featured a visit from Santa and the building of Ginger Bread houses, plus some fun holiday themed games. We are excited to build on the success of the Drop n Shops next holiday season and make more holiday memories with the kids in the community!



**Healdsburg Ridge Drainage Improvements Underway** - The winter of 2016-17 was the first in many to offer a series of rainstorms that saturated the soils and tested all the drainage features throughout the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Persevere (Healdsburg Ridge). Most of the trail features like armored crossing and rolling dips and drainage lens performed well. However, in some cases the trail collected water and began to run along the length of the trail which has led to some erosion concerns. As a result, the Sonoma County and Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District has contracted with Conservation Corps of North Bay (CCNB) and Campbell Grading to regrade and provide drainage improvements along specific trails on Healdsburg Ridge. The contractors began regrading sections of Nancy's Hill trail to provide drainage improvements on December 19th, 2017. The contractor aims to complete the first phase by December 22, 2017 in the afternoon and return the first week in January to complete the final phase.

**Aladdin Bus Trip** - 45 members of the Senior Center, family and friends participated in a holiday excursion to see Aladdin. Participants were whisked away in a luxury motor coach and arrived at the doorstep of the theater where they were dazzled by Disney's Broadway production. After the show, the celebration continued on the bus where they were served wine and cheese as they were chauffeured from the theater to dinner. After a plentiful three course meal served by the fine dining staff at the Hilltop restaurant in Novato, the return ride home was smooth and very quiet after a 11-hour day together!

## Planning

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**Saggio Hills** - Staff met with Robert Green this week and there is a proposal to submit the Fire Station for Design Review in January. The applicant proposes to start construction on the hotel resort in April 2018.

**125 Kennedy Lane Tentative Map Application** – This is a proposal to demolish an existing single-family residence and subdivide the 1.12- acre site into 5 single-family residential lots within the existing R-1-6,000 Zoning District. Three of the lots will include an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). The project is currently being reviewed by City Staff.

**Healdsburg Avenue Apartments, 3 Healdsburg Avenue** – Design Review and Density Bonus Applications to demolish 5 existing dwellings and develop 30 apartments on a 1.25 acre site within the existing RM Zoning District. The project is currently being reviewed by City Staff.

## Public Safety

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**Thomas Fire** - Healdsburg Engine 6382 has returned from the Thomas Fire in Venture County. The crew consisted of Captain John Sullivan, Engineer Justin Potter, Firefighters Blake Thompson and Jonah Brem. The Thomas Fire is currently at 272,800 acres with 65% containment with one firefighter fatality. We are happy to have our crew safely home!

## Public Utility

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**Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project** - - Progress to underground the overhead wires along Healdsburg Ave and Mill Street continues. The trenching contract is installing new conduits near the roundabout for street-lighting and other high-voltage cables.

**Solar Project** - City staff met with the NCPA again this week to discuss the development of large solar array at the wastewater treatment plant. This project continues to make steady project.