

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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## Community Services

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**Parks and Recreation Facilities Assessment Proposal Process Underway** - The City is reviewing proposals from qualified firms to assist in compiling information on its parks and recreation facilities that will help develop a long-term plan for maintaining, renovating, and ultimately replacing facilities. Over the past decade, the City completed several plans and studies on its parks and recreation facilities. The selected firm will use these documents – along with site visits, discussions with staff, and public input – to develop the assessment. Additional information on the assessment and proposal process is available on the project page at <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/839/Facilities-Assessment>.

**ASES Training** - ASES staff took part in a mandated reporter training this week. This is the first of a series of trainings aimed at helping our staff in leadership skills and protocols that will help maintain a level of excellence in our program and keep our partnership with HUSD and the ASES grant strong. Staff will continue their trainings with a series of Saturday trainings in February.

### **Senior Center Bistro Gallery Opening Reception, Friday, February 2: Diana Torykian -**

A Retrospective Discover a collection of works by local artist Diana Torykian. A graduate of UC Berkeley with an MA in art, Diana's works have been displayed at the Jack London Square Exhibit as well as the Atrium and many one man shows. Throughout her career as an artist Diana has been interested in the lyrical use of color, as in music and poetry, a moment expressed in nature or motion and life expressed in the dance or mood of a posture. The opening reception will run 5pm-6:30pm.



## Public Safety

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**Blood Drive** – Healdsburg Fire Department would like to thank the community supporting Wednesday's Bucket Brigade blood drive at the Healdsburg Fire Department, 90 people registered to donate blood on Wednesday. With 23 unable to donate, 67 people were able to give blood. 16 donors opted to donate a double unit on our Alyx machines, so we collected 84 units in total! Its blood drives like this that not only provide a large boost to the blood supply, but drive community awareness. Of the 90 people who registered, 27 of them were first time donors! We have until January 31, 2018, to send donors to the blood center located at 3505 Industrial Drive in Santa Rosa to credit Healdsburg Fire's Bucket Brigade blood drive and provide live-saving units of blood to those in need. If you can please donate!

**HHS Interns** - For the next three weeks the Fire Department will be hosting two interns from Healdsburg High School's work-based learning program. After an orientation and safety talk, the two interns will be exposed to all of the different functions and programs that the Fire Department offers to the community. At various times they will work alongside the engine company, Fire Inspector, Fire Marshal and Fire Chief. After completion of the program the students will be required to put together a presentation on their experience to share. We are excited to be participating in this program for the 4<sup>th</sup> year and look forward to hosting the interns.

**Fitch Mountain Fire Risk Abatement Plan** - The Fitch Mountain Preserve Fire Risk Abatement Plan (FRAP) was submitted to the Ag & Open Space Preserve. Starting on February 1st through the 15th fuels reduction will occur around the Villa Chanticleer lower parking lot, along Riverview Drive and North Fitch Mountain prior to

bird nesting season. This is a collaboration of Ag & Open Space, LandPaths, CalFire, the residents of Fitch Mountain, Sonoma County Fire & Emergency Services, City of Healdsburg Parks and Recreation Department and the Fire Department. This will provide much needed fuels reduction in the area while keeping the natural beauty of the area. The FRAP will follow the recommendations in the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve Management Plan by Prunuske Chatham, Inc.

**Police Department Intern** - This week the Police Department welcomed an intern from Healdsburg High School. Over the next few weeks, the intern will be exposed to various aspects of policing, including patrol, dispatch, and administrative functions.

## Planning

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**Urgency Ordinance for Firearm sales** - The City Council held a public hearing on January 22nd to consider the extension of moratorium an additional 10months and 15 days regarding the retail sale of firearms. The Council approved the interim ordinance (4-1) extending the moratorium and gave direction to Planning Staff to prepare and ordinance for consideration by the Planning Commission (late February/early March) followed by the City Council.

**Design Guidelines Update** - On January 23rd, the Planning Commission approved (7-0) and adopted the Citywide Design Guidelines and related land use code amendments. The guidelines and code amendments are anticipated to be considered by the City Council on February 20th.

## Public Works

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**Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project** - The utility abandonment, a process using large trucks, will be completed early next week. The projected clear weather will allow installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks throughout the project starting next week.

## Utilities

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**Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project** - Work to underground the overhead utility wires has slowed due to the recent rains but some progress continues to be made. Work within the foot print of the round-about is expected to be complete within the next few weeks and then head west down Mill Street.