

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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Community Services

Anova School Returns to the Luther Burbank Center - On October 27, 2017, 55 students and 19 staff from the Anova School in Santa Rosa moved into the Healdsburg Community Center following the loss of their school in the 2017 wildfires. The City relocated its after school program from three of their classrooms to provide dedicated space for the school, one of the first steps for Anova's students and staff to regain some level of normalcy. With accommodations in place for Anova to return to the Luther Burbank Center campus, Anova's final day in Healdsburg is Friday, February 2, 2018. Community Services staff threw a farewell pizza party lunch for Anova staff and students on Thursday, and would like to extend best wishes to our friends for a smooth transition back to their campus.

Park Lighting Upgrades Underway - In 2014 Parks staff replaced lighting throughout Giorgi Park that had either failed or were not producing adequate lighting levels. Several of these replacement fixtures recently started to fail again creating complaints from park users. To address these ongoing issues and to enhance energy efficiency, staff worked with an electrical contractor to research options for retrofitting the parking lot and pathway lighting with new LED fixtures. This past week the City's contractor removed the old failing metal halide lamps and installed new LED lamps. The new LED lamps provide equivalent lighting while consuming less energy, and with LED's extended lifecycle, we anticipate that the new units will reduce maintenance costs as well.

Fitch Mountain Slide - A mudslide on North Fitch Mountain Road covered the roadway in February 2017. Sonoma County Public Works responded to the mudslide and mitigated the concern by removing mud and debris from the roadway and covering the slide area with Visqueen to stabilize the slope. The County is taking the lead on a FEMA request for funding for long-term stabilization. Since a portion of the slide area falls within the boundary of the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve, staff will continue to monitor the County's progress.



Swim Center Opens for the Season on February 12 - The Swim Center is scheduled to reopen for the season on February 12. February's schedule will include daily use of the pool by the Windsor and Healdsburg High School

Swim teams as well as public lap swim from 4pm – 6pm Monday-Friday. Hours of operation will expand in March to include weekend lap swim and the start of our Community Services Pre-team swim program. For more information and the full schedule please visit <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/254/Aquatics-Programs>.

Summer Program Planning Underway - Staff has started the development process for our Spring and Summer 2018 programs. Over the next 6 weeks staff will be working on edits and design to produce the Recreation Guide that will highlight many of our programs and events scheduled during the busy spring and summer months. The Guide will be available in the middle to end of March.

Planning

Old Roma Café and Biergarten - A Major Design Review application was submitted for the property located at 410 Hudson Street. The proposal is within the CHAP area and anticipates creating an outdoor, contemporary café and beer garden.

North Village Area Plan - A community meeting to get input on the proposed Area plan for the 30 acre Quaker Hill site is proposed for the end of March. An Environmental Impact Report will be prepared for the proposed Area Plan and development proposal.

Public Safety

Graffiti - On Thursday, February 1st, Officers responded to a business and documented a significant amount of graffiti that had occurred to a number of commercial buildings. The graffiti appeared gang related. Acting upon a tip from a citizen, staff identified and arrested a suspect, who was booked for Felony Vandalism.

Public Works

Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Project - The contractors have been pouring the foundations for the decorative walls and finishing the earthwork to continue with pouring concrete curb and gutters next week.

The Pedestrian Safety and Access Improvements Project - Using federal grant funds the project has installed numerous curb ramp upgrades along Prince St. and is nearing completion. Additionally, the project has installed an overhead flashing beacon at the crosswalk leading to the high school's entrance off of Powell Ave. The flashing beacon is expected to be put into service next week.

Utilities

Capital Day 2018 - Councilmember David Hagele and Utility Director Crowley met with policy makers in Sacramento including Senator McGuire, Assembly Member Wood, Kip Lipper from the Pro Tempore office and staff at the California Air Resource Board. Discussions included pending legislation that could be incorporated into California's grid transmission systems of other western states (regionalization) and legislation that would reduce the risk of destructive wildfires.

Floating Solar - Staff met with the NCPA this week and discussed the enabling agreement to develop solar generation projects throughout northern California. The focus for Healdsburg is the development of floating solar on the City's recycled water ponds.

Development Projects - Staff met and discussed with developers several projects throughout Healdsburg including the developments of Saggio Hills, Farm Stand, and the Mill St District.