

## **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

# Prepared by City Manager David Mickaelian February 16, 2018

#### **Community Services**

**Temporary Art Installation Pilot Program update** – Over the past two weeks, Parks maintenance removed the plant materials from the raised bed and installed surfacing material. Community Services is finalizing the program framework and anticipates that the program will be launched by the end of February. For more information on the program please visit <a href="http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/823/Arts">http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/823/Arts</a>.



#### **Parents Night Out**

On Valentine's Day, Community Services offered our first Parents Night Out. Unfortunately, we did not see participation we wanted but we received significant interest. Staff is evaluating hoe to make the program a success. We will be offering the program during the summer on Friday evenings; we hope to grow the program to reach a twice per month.

#### Valentine's Day Celebrations at the Senior Center

The Senior Center celebrated Valentine's day in partnership with Council on Aging and the Friends of the Senior Center. Festivities included handmade Valentine's Day cards form center volunteers, a heart-healthy lunch by Council on Aging, with dessert provided by the friends of the Senior Center.

#### Age Well, Drive Smart

The California Highway Patrol will offer its popular "Age Well, Drive Smart" program at the Community Center on Thursday, March 1, from 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. This free program is open to the public and there is no age requirement. Guest speakers include a CHP officer and the DMV senior ombudsman. Participants receive a certificate of participation upon completion. Call the Senior Center to register at 707-431-3324; registration deadline is Feb. 26.

## **Planning**

**720 Johnson Street** -- On February 13, the Planning Commission/Historic Committee approved a request to construct a new house in the Johnson Street Historic District.

**Farmworker Housing Land Use Code Amendments --** On February 13, the Planning Commission approved a proposed Land Use Code Amendment that allows agricultural employee housing for more than six employees in certain zoning districts with a CUP. The Land Use Code Amendment will be considered by the Planning Commission on March  $5^{th}$ .

**Saggio Hills Fire Station Major Design Review --** The Robert Green Company submitted a proposal for a new fire station within the Saggio Hills Area Plan. After department review and comment, the project will be scheduled for a future Planning Commission public hearing.

## **Public Communication & Community Outreach**

**Citizen survey launch-** The City has launched a comprehensive citizen survey. Starting mid-late next week, consultant FM3 will contact a random sample of Healdsburg residents via phone and online to gauge community sentiment on issues such as affordable housing, tourism, and City services and programs. For our Spanish-speaking residents, the survey will also Sbe available in Spanish. Results will be presented to Council in late March.

## **Public Safety**

**School Safety Planning –** In light of the most recent school shooting, the Healdsburg Unified School District has asked the Police Department to review the school district's safety protocols and procedure. Staff will be meeting with district administrators next week.

**Sweetheart Breakfast Update** – The Healdsburg Firefighter's Association's Sweetheart Breakfast and Fundraiser on Feb. 10 was a huge success, raising more than \$4,000. The breakfast was held in conjunction with the Love Run for Drew 5K race, which ended at the fire station. The fundraiser supports the Healdsburg Firefighter's Association, which uses the funds for specialized equipment and training for the reserve firefighters. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us.

#### **Public Works**

**North Street repair –** Starting Monday, February 26, contractor Engelke Construction, Inc. will investigate and repair the failing pavement located on the south east side of North Street, in front of the SHED. The work is anticipated to take one to three days. North Street will remain open with traffic flagging.

**City parking lot work has begun** – Contractor Northern Pacific Corp. is beginning to construct the public parking lot next to City Hall.



**Dry Creek Road encroachment permit** – The City has sent Caltrans documentation for an encroachment permit to start improving traffic and road improvements on Dry Creek Road. Once the City has been approved for the permit – likely in March — the City will seek bids to install these improvements.

#### **Utilities**

**Underground Utility District --** City Electric Crews and Staggs Construction continue their work at the roundabout. Staggs recently set two large vaults for high-voltage cable and City Electric is preparing to install new cable needed for the undergrounding project.

**Electric undergrounding for new hotel --** Electric crews are completing undergrounding required of the new hotel, Hotel Trio Healdsburg, on Dry Creek Road. This work will underground overhead wires in front of the new hotel and install new equipment required to serve the new buildings.

**System upgrades --** Electric crews are installing system upgrades along Fitch Street and North Street to improve system reliability and replace deteriorated wood utility poles.