



# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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## Community Services

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**Athletic Field Improvements** - Over the past three weeks, Parks Maintenance has been preparing Recreation Park and the Community Center athletic fields for this year's baseball season. Staff enlisted a contractor with specialized laser-grading equipment to grade the infields. Other work included rototilling the infield, installing infield mix (sand/clay/silt) and a half ton of infield conditioner, and infield turf edging. This preparatory work allows the infields to drain better during the rains and provides an optimal playing surface.



**“Age Well, Drive Smart” driver program** – About 35 community members attended the CHP's “Age Well, Drive Smart” program at the Community Center on Thursday. Students got the tools to become better drivers and received a certificate of attendance with an insurance discount.



**Senior Center spring & summer excursions brochure** – In response to members' requests for more day/overnight trips and as a part of an ongoing effort to engage the Active Older Adult (age 55-75) community, staff is excited to announce our new excursion program. These "Trips to Remember" are open to the public and there is no age requirement to attend:

- April 17 - Casanova: The Seduction of Europe Exhibit, Legion of Honor
- May 22-23 - Hearst Castle & Paso Robles via Amtrack Coastal Starlight
- June 2 - USS Potomac: Island & Lighthouses of the Bay Tour
- June 16 - Sturgeon's Mill Demonstration and Lunch at the Union Hotel, Occidental
- July 11 - SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers at AT&T Park
- July 25 - Lunch at the Spinnaker, Sausalito
- August 14 - Union Square Shopping

Pick up a brochure at the Senior Center. For more info, call the Senior Center at 707-431-3324.

**Healdsburg Community Center Parking Lot Lighting Upgrade** - Community Services Staff worked with an electrical contractor to retrofit the parking lot and main entrance lights with LED lighting. The new LED lamps provide better light than the high-pressure sodium bulbs while consuming less energy. We anticipate that the new units will reduce maintenance and replacement costs as well.

**Saturday Lap Swim at the Swim Center** – Starting March 3, Lap Swim will be open at the Swim Center from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. This is in addition to the Monday-Friday afternoon Lap Swim. For the full Swim Center schedule, visit <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/254/Aquatics-Programs>.

**Donation of Evacuation Center Equipment** – Wes and Bobbi Brubacher of Geyserville – wildfire evacuees who stayed at our evacuation shelter in October 2017 – donated three warming plates and related supplies for the evacuation center trailer. Wes noted the challenges staff and volunteers had with maintaining food temperatures during the fires. We thank Wes and Bobbi for their generosity and thoughtfulness!

## Planning

**Montage Healdsburg** -- Planning and Building staff met with the Montage Development team and property owner to discuss milestones and coordination needs relative to the construction for the resort (formerly known as Saggio Hills) starting in April. The applicant, Robert Green Company, has contracted with Ghilotti Construction to build this development; the company will also submit a permit for the pump station this week and the Fire Station is undergoing design review.

**Land Use Code amendment for firearm sales** -- The Planning Commission will conduct a special meeting at 6 p.m. on March 14 to consider amendments to the zoning ordinance related to locations for firearm sales.

**The Oaks subdivision** -- The updated development proposal for 29 single-family units is anticipated to have a Planning Commission public hearing on March 13.

**Citywide Design Guidelines approved** -- The City Council unanimously approved the Citywide Design Guidelines and the associated Land Use Code Amendments on February 20. The Planning Department is developing new handouts to assist the public in implementing the new guidelines.

## Public Works

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**Rail work installation update** – Railway line installation is going smoothly and on-schedule. The contractor, H&H, will start work on the second half of the railway line next week. This work will continue through the end of March. Starting next Wednesday, there will be a minor adjustment to the traffic control pattern, but the four-way stop remains in place.

**North Street Bridge repaired** -- Engelke Construction, Inc. repaired the faulty pavement on the southeast side of the bridge crossing Foss Creek. It is currently patched with temporary asphalt and will be permanently paved in the near future, depending on weather conditions.

**Montage Healdsburg work on N. Healdsburg Ave.** – Ahead of starting to build the Montage Healdsburg development, a road crew will be on N. Healdsburg Avenue next week to locate underground utility lines in advance of reconstruction of Healdsburg Avenue.