

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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## Community Services

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**Food Vendor Submissions for Tuesdays in the Plaza** - The Community Services Department is currently accepting applications for food vendors to participate in the 2018 Tuesdays in the Plaza Concert Series. Interested parties can apply in one of two ways. Electronically, by emailing [djahns@ci.healdsburg.ca.us](mailto:djahns@ci.healdsburg.ca.us) or via hard copy by mailing or dropping off to the Healdsburg Community Center (1557 Healdsburg Ave, Attn: Tuesdays in the Plaza). The deadline to submit applications is March 30th and selected food vendors will be notified by mid-April. For more information on the series, please visit <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/335/Summer-Concert-Series>.

**Saturday Social Brunch Series** - The Senior Center in partnership with Council on Aging hosted the first Saturday Brunch Social on Saturday March 3rd. The community joined in the food & fun with several members of the Senior Center inviting their children and grandchildren to attend. Brunch selection included eggs benedict, vegetarian frittatas, and virgin bloody Mary's. Council on Aging will continue the newly popular series, with the next Saturday brunch social slated for May 5th - a Cinco De Mayo themed affair.



**Age Friendly Communities Update** - Council on Aging held a meeting on March 2nd where the Age friendly steering committees of each region of the county discussed opportunities and challenges to finding solutions to the areas identified in the survey phase of data collection including:

- access to public transit
- supporting the younger senior
- increasing Intergenerational interactions
- decreasing isolation

The results of the discussion will help shape a strategic plan to address the challenges identified as barriers to becoming an age friendly community.

## Planning

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**Welcome New Senior Planner Scott Duiven:** This week the Planning Department welcomed on board Senior Planner Scott Duiven. For the past 18 years Scott has worked in long -range planning for the City of Petaluma. Scott's talents will be leading a variety of work efforts in the department including ordinances, Area Plans and development review.

**125 Kennedy Lane Tentative Map** - On March 13th at 6 pm the Planning Commission will consider a request to subdivide a 0.8 acre lot into 5 lots with one remainder. The applicant proposes a future cottage court type development with detached ADUs and garages which would be part of a future Design Review application.

**The Oaks at Foss Creek:** On March 13th at 6 pm, the Planning Commission will consider a request from DRG Builders to subdivide approximately 7 acres and construct 29 new single family homes, some with ADUs.

**Firearms Ordinance** - On March 14th at 6 pm, the Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting and public hearing to consider amendments to the Land Use Code related to locations of where the sale of firearms can occur.

## Public Safety

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**Police Dispatcher** - The Police Department has been actively recruiting for a Police Dispatcher position and staff will be interviewing potential candidates on Wednesday March 21st. The interview panel will consist of three senior dispatchers with the goal of identifying the highest qualified individuals. Those candidates who make it through will follow a secondary Chief's interview before entering into the background phase. The process is very challenging, but necessary to identify the best individuals to serve our community as we strive to provide the highest level of customer service.

**Fire Department Celebrations** - At Mondays City Council meeting, 2017 Firefighter of the Year Mike Jacobs was recognized for his contributions and dedication to the Fire Department. In addition, newly pinned Engineers Robert Morris and Alex Miller were given their Oath of Office with family, friends and other Fire Department staff in attendance. Much thanks and appreciation to Firefighter Jacobs and Engineers Morris and Miller!

## Utilities

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**NCPA Meeting** - This week Utility Directors from NCPA member cities met in Healdsburg for a two day conference regarding utility topics. The meeting included discussions on how to better serve member cities while maintaining a low cost and reliable service.

Staff met with consultants from both RePlay, Mill District Project and Montage Healdsburg (formally known as Saggio). Each of these projects are continuing their design phases in anticipation of future construction.

**Floating Solar** - Staff met with NCPA regarding the development of floating solar at the City wastewater treatment plant. This project is moving forward with more discussion planned for the March 19th council meeting