



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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City Manager

Utility Billing moves to new wing – Utility Billing will be the first team to operate in the new wing of City Hall. Starting Monday, March 26, at 8 a.m., residents will be able to pay their utility bills on the first floor of the new addition. We will have signage alerting customers of this change and will inform people via social media as well. Administrative services staff will move into the new addition next week, and Planning & Building, Public Works, and Utility will move in later this year to make it the first time since 1978 that all of these departments have been under the same roof.

March 26 Goal-setting session – City Council will hold a special meeting for its annual goal-setting session at 5 p.m., Monday, March 26, in Council Chambers. The public is invited.

No April 2 City Council meeting – The April 2 City Council meeting has been canceled due to lack of a quorum.

April 9 Budget 101 reminder – Assistant manager Ippoliti will give a “Budget 101” training to City Council and follow with a presentation of the proposed Capital Improvement Program plan. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Community Services

Salud Healdsburg: Health & Wellness Expo - Community Services, in partnership with the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Sonoma County and Corazón Healdsburg, will hold Salud Healdsburg: A Health & Wellness Expo, on April 14 from 12 – 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Activities include a fun run, health screenings, sports and fitness demos, gardening, and guest speakers. Activities are free and participants can purchase food from on-site food vendors. The fair will take place 12 – 4 p.m., followed by live music and dancing from 4 – 7:30 p.m. For more info, visit: <http://bit.ly/2pzeDxJ>

Senior Citizens Potluck Club – The Senior Citizens Potluck Club invites you to their next dinner on Monday, March 26 at the Senior Center. The Potluck Club has a 32-year tradition of creating community through monthly potlucks attended by all ages. Potluck dinners begin at 5:30 p.m. with a guest speaker at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share. For more info, contact the Senior Center at (707) 431-3324 or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HealdsburgSeniorCenter.



Casanova: The Seduction of Europe Exhibit, Legion of Honor, San Francisco – Join the Healdsburg Senior Center on Tuesday, April 17, on an excursion to the Legion of Honor. The exhibit explores the 18th century Europe through the eyes of one of its most colorful characters, Giacomo Casanova (1725 -1798) and consists of paintings, sculpture, furnishings, costume and more. Transportation, admission and light refreshments provided. For info, contact the Senior Center at (707) 432-3324 or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HealdsburgSeniorCenter.

Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Transfer – The City and Agriculture Preserve and Open Space District staff met this week to begin transferring the Healdsburg Ridge to the City. The transfer was delayed due to the expiration of the Fox Pond dam permit, which Ag and Open Space worked to successfully reinstate. Ag and Open Space and the City are working on a new conservation easement modeled after Fitch Mountain that will incorporate three of the four easements on the preserve property. The transfer is expected to occur in mid to late summer: <http://bit.ly/2pAAp2>

Planning

Reminder: March 28 North Entry Area Plan Open House and Planning Commission Workshop – Next Wednesday, March 28, there will be an Open House at 5:30 p.m. for the public to comment on the land-use vision for the 32-acre site known as Quaker Hill. The Planning Commission workshop is also open to the public and will start at 7 p.m. Both meetings will take place in City Council Chambers.

Public Communications & Community Outreach

Coffee with the City – Residential and hotel development, roundabout construction, and the new bike-share program were among the topics at last week's well-attended and engaging Coffee with the City event. A mix of local residents and merchants participated in the discussion. Next event: June 13.



Community Survey Results -- The consultant FM3 presented the results of the comprehensive 2018 Community Survey at the March 19 City Council Meeting. Among the findings: Most residents feel that Healdsburg offers a good quality of life for them and their families, and most trust the City to make the right choices for residents, adding that the City is open and accountable. However, challenges, such as affordable housing, remain. The link to the results, presentation and analysis: <http://bit.ly/2HQXCpR>

New “Here in Healdsburg” stories – Healdsburg locals Dave Trebilcock and Matt Smith of GrapeSeed and Holly Hunt of the Russian River Tea Company are the latest local-business owners to be featured in the City’s “Here in Healdsburg” photo and text narrative series. This concludes this series on business owners as they relate to the roundabout. Check out GrapeSeed’s story here: <http://bit.ly/2DNvpxr>.



And the story for the Russian River Tea Company story is here: <http://bit.ly/2G1ECrm>



Public Safety

Holiday revelry -- St. Patrick's Day was a busy day for the Healdsburg Police Department. Officers responded to a higher than normal number of calls for service, involving noise complaints, disturbances, bar checks, suspicious circumstances, and made four arrests for DUI.

SPAM phone calls to residents --- Healdsburg Police has recently heard from more than a dozen residents that they've received threatening hoax phone calls saying that they could be taken into custody by the police as "there are serious allegations against them." The department worked with the Communications Coordinator on crafting a message for social media warning people not to provide personal information of any kind, including credit-card information, and to disconnect once they realize the phone call is SPAM.

April 12 Community Workshop on Local Hazard Mitigation Planning – Public Safety, Utility and Public Works will hold a community workshop on how to prepare you and your home for disasters such as fires, floods and earthquakes. The community workshop will be held Thursday, April 12, from 4-6 p.m., at the Healdsburg Community Center Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Utility

Exemplary Service Recognition – The City's Water Reclamation Facility and Staff were recognized for 10 years of exemplary operation of the City's Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) at the American Membrane Technology Association conference held in early March. In particular, the City's operation of advanced membrane bioreactor technology was recognized for its outstanding performance and long life. The long life of the membranes was attributed to City staff's highly skilled operation and maintenance of the membranes. Both the City's water and wastewater treatment facilities incorporate advanced membrane process equipment as a foundation of their treatment process.



Floating solar moving forward -- On Monday night, the City Council approved the first step in designing and contracting for a large-scale floating solar installation at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. As currently planned, and with the reconstruction of two ponds, the project will install as much as 1.8 megawatts of solar generation. These panels will supply roughly 80 percent of the treatment plant's energy needs and help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.