



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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City Manager

City departments continue move into new wing – This week, the City Manager's office and staff, Administrative Services, and Human Resources moved into the new wing of City Hall, joining Utility Billing. Other departments, including Planning and Public Works, will move in later this year.

Community Services

Spring Break Camps -- We are offering two Spring Break camps for three age ranges. Preschoolers will be able to play in the garden in the Creepy Crawley Camp. Older campers will get to build and demolish in our popular (De)Construction Camp. Limited space is available. For more info and to register: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/healdsburgparksandrecreation>

Spring & Summer Recreation Guide – We're pleased to release the annual Spring/Summer Recreation Guide; it highlights special events, youth and adult programming, swim center operations, and our services for older adults. The guide will be mailed next week and is now on the City website: <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/585/Community-Services-Parks-Recreation>

Planning

Successful North Entry Area Plan Open House & Workshop -- The City hosted a very well-attended open house on March 28 to get public input on the development of the 30-acre site formerly known as Quaker Hill, which is designated for mixed use. More than 60 community residents came and many stayed for the Planning Commission workshop. Staff will review public comments and will post them, as well as future meeting information, on the city website after compiled. The General Plan requires this planning study, which will guide future development on preferred land uses and design characteristics for the site.



Public Safety

Healdsburg Junior High Career Day -- Healdsburg Fire and Police participated in Career Day at the Healdsburg Junior High on March 28. Police Sergeant Hector Altamirano and Dispatcher Tiffany Lyeth gave a presentation and provided a glimpse into a career in law enforcement. This was also a great way for the kids to learn a bit about the many careers in the fire service. The crew engaged students and encouraged them to ask lots of questions.



Hazmat Spill in Petaluma – Fire Marshal Linda Collister responded with the Sonoma County Hazmat Team to a hazardous-materials spill in Petaluma that closed roads and prompted a shelter-in-place for some residents. Three 55-gallon drums containing a concentrated detergent and slightly acidic cleaning solution were dumped at the intersection of Eastman and Stadler Lanes. The spill was stopped before entering the creek. Press Democrat story is [here](#).

Fitch Mountain community outreach – Earlier this month, Healdsburg Fire conducted community outreach meetings at Fitch Mountain Villas for vegetation management, Healdsburg Senior Center for carbon monoxide alarms and dangers, and Sonoma County Master Gardeners about creating fire-safe landscapes and landscape plans for rebuilding houses in burned-out areas.

April 12 Community Workshop on Local Hazard Mitigation Planning – Public safety officials and city staff will hold a community workshop to educate and gain feedback from the public on threats from natural and human-caused hazards and how to reduce or prevent injury and/or damage, as

well as to reduce risk from these hazards in the City. The workshop will be held Thursday, April 12, from 4-6 p.m., at the Healdsburg Community Center Library. Light refreshments and emergency preparedness items will be available for those who attend.

Public Works

April 5 traffic pattern switch to circular access -- As roundabout construction progresses, on or around April 5, we will switch from the current 4-way stop traffic pattern back to circular access.

East Mill Opening early-mid April -- We are scheduled to open East Mill to vehicular traffic in early-mid April, likely around April 9. Note that while the cars can access East Mill once we open the street, there will be intermittent closures as Bay Cities completes work. However, these closures won't last for more than one day at a time.

CIP construction projects update -- The ADA Pedestrian Access and Safety Project is in close-out phase; final punch list item(s) remain. We are anticipating sending to May 21 City Council meeting for completion acceptance.

City Hall parking lot progress -- Work continues with soft subgrade removal and replacement along the lot's north boundary. Concrete curbs are being formed and will continue into next week.

Pardon storm drain update-- Redesign partially completed. Access agreements with the golf course are resolved. The contractor is preparing for move-in to resume work in April.

Utility

Healdsburg electric rate 45 percent lower than PG&E -- A recent comparison of PG&E's electric with publicly owned utilities such as Healdsburg showed huge customer cost savings. On average, Healdsburg residential electric bills are 45 percent lower than bills in PG&E's service territory. Local businesses also benefit from these lower rates. Overall, Healdsburg residents and business save nearly \$5 million dollars every year through the ownership of an electric utility.

