



## CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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### City Manager's Office

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**Discussion on GMO Ballot Measure at 5 p.m.** – The City Council will meet at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. on Monday, May 21, to allow for public input on a possible City-sponsored ballot measure to amend the Growth Management Ordinance. If necessary, the City Council will further discuss a GMO ballot measure at a special meeting on Thursday, May 31.

**City Hall Expansion Update** – Construction progress to expand City Hall continues on-schedule and it's all systems go to move many of the City's departments into the building this summer. To make the move as smooth as possible, the City Manager personally met with each of the City department directors to discuss the logistics of the move and to address any questions or concerns. While Finance temporarily moved from City Hall back to the Community Center in March during the first move-in phase, the department will move back into City Hall with the other departments after the current furniture configuration has been changed to one that's more comfortable and efficient for everyone. In addition, as planned, the IT department will move from the Corporation Yard to the police station.

A word about parking: After discussions with the CDC property-management firm, the City was unable to continue to lease the CDC's smaller offices to provide additional parking spaces for the community. However, the construction of 72 new parking spaces at City Hall will help mitigate parking needs. For any questions or concerns about the City Hall expansion, please contact the City Manager's Office at 431-3317.

### Community Services

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**After-school Program Staff Recognized for Excellence** – On Wednesday, Abel and Celia from our after-school program staff were among five young adults to receive \$7,000 in scholarship funding from Amy's Wicked Slush. Our congratulations to Abel and Celia -- we couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this honor! And a big thank you Amy Covin, owner of Wicked Slush. You are part of what makes Healdsburg a great place to live, work, and play!



**Art Event Weekend: May 18 and 19** – This Friday, Healdsburg High School will present a temporary art installation in West Plaza Park and the Voigt Foundation will install a temporary art exhibit at the Community Center. A chalk art installation and reception for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “The Grind: Skating, Chalk & Vibes” event at Carson Warner Memorial Skate Park will take place that evening. On Saturday, The Grind event continues with skating and scooter demos, live music, and art displays. All activities are free and open to the public. <https://www.facebook.com/events/223042515138530/>

**Drilling on Fitch Mountain** – As part of the Public Access Improvement project for Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve, a contractor will begin drilling six to seven borings using portable drilling and sampling equipment at the Villa Chanticleer lower parking lot. The project is scheduled to begin the last week in May. The findings will provide information for a report that will describe conditions, seismic concerns, and drainage improvements for public access improvements.

**Tuesdays in the Plaza: Pet-Free Zone** – Starting this summer, the Tuesdays in the Plaza concert series will become a pet-free event. The Parks and Recreation Commission reached this decision after soliciting community feedback and engaging in thoughtful discussion at its May meeting. The commission reached this conclusion based on the crowded nature of the concerts, the presence of food service, and the number of children who attend. Staff will start informing the community of this change through social and print media, and in-person education at the concerts.

**Swim Center Schedule Update** – Starting May 19, the Swim Center will have expanded lap swim hours and weekend Rec Swim available. Rec Swim will be free to the public on May 19 followed by available hours every Saturday and Sunday from 12:30– 5 p.m. Beginning May 22, weekday morning lap swim will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. This schedule will continue through the start of summer programming, when the pool opens for Rec Swim and Lap Swim seven days a week. For the full schedule, visit <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/254/Aquatics-Programs>

**Canine Companion Visit** - On May 7, the Senior Center had a surprise visit from Zoltan, a 1 1/2 -year old Canine Companion golden retriever. Canine Companions helps people with disabilities live independently. Zoltan's owner is a Senior Center staff member who brought the retriever to share its training and skills. The visit was such a success that Senior Center members requested a return visit. Thank you to Canine Companions for all they do to raise and train these helpers and best friends.



**Community Events Calendar** – <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/336/Special-Events>

## Planning

**Capital Improvement Plan** – The Planning Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, May 22, will consider the Capital Improvement Program for consistency with the General Plan.

**Hotel Trio and Citrine Apartments** -- City staff this week toured the apartments and hotel undergoing finish work in preparation for a mid-June opening. The multi-family project includes a fitness room, clubhouse, and lounge and each unit includes a washer/dryer hook-up.

**Mill District Update** -- The City is working with the applicant to prepare an updated package to take to the Planning Commission for workshops in June. The first workshop is scheduled for June 12.

## Public Works

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**Pordon Lane/Tayman Park Drainage Improvements** – Construction continues on the installation of storm drain, storm drain structures, and a small earthen berm in Tayman Park adjacent to properties east of Pordon Lane. The project will intercept and re-direct water drainage from Tayman Park to minimize overland flows into the neighboring Pordon Lane properties.

**Healdsburg Avenue North of Parkland Farms to City Limits** -- Work continues to extend sewer and water facilities and to widen and resurface Healdsburg Avenue as part of the Montage Healdsburg hotel and residential development.

**Update on Parking lot Projects** --- Workers this week completed parking lot paving at the City Hall expansion and will complete paving at the West Plaza parking lot extension later today. It's important to know that we're still a couple of weeks out before completion.



## Utility

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**Memorial Bridge Fire Hydrant** -- The first City fire hydrant on the east side of Memorial Bridge is now in service through a joint effort by the City's water department, fire department and Syar Industries. Water was flushed from the hydrant for several minutes to maintain water quality. As treated drinking water cannot directly enter storm drains or the Russian River, the City was able to work with Syar for proper disposal.

**Power Pole Replacement** – Earlier this week, City electric crews replaced a power pole on the corner of Fitch and Piper Streets. This planned work was part of a larger reconductor project along North and Fitch Streets. The project increases the size of the existing overhead wires to improve system reliability and to minimize power outages due to planned maintenance.

**Floating Solar Update** -- City Staff continue to work with Burns and McDonnell to develop a plan for the floating solar project. This week, the City provided initial back ground data -- necessary to start the design work -- to the consultant.