

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

June 15, 2018



## City Manager's Office

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**Coffee with the City** – The City held its second of four “Coffee with the City” events at the SHED on Wednesday. Close to 30 engaged community members asked questions of the City Manager and department directors on topics that included: downtown parking, roundabout construction, electric/water rebates, and the new wing at City Hall. We will have two more “Coffee with the City” events at the SHED this year: September 26 and December 12.

**Community Conversations Series** – We've reprised our neighborhood “Community Conversations” series this summer. These are casual events in which residents can speak in person with the City Manager and staff. We held our first event June 7<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Clubhouse for the River communities. The next event will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Summer's Market and the third event will be held in partnership with Corazon Healdsburg on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the downtown plaza. We will cap the series on October 18 with an event at Barbieri Park.

## Community Services

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**Father's Day Celebration** – Dad was the man of the hour at the annual Father's Day BBQ lunch celebration on Wednesday. Fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers dined on a hot dog lunch. Thank you to the Friends of the Senior Center for sponsoring a delicious meal.



**Bird Monitoring on Open Space Preserve** – Sonoma State University reached out to Community Services with a project to monitor bird diversity on the Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve. This NASA-funded project monitors bird diversity across Sonoma County using modeling and satellite imagery; it involves students and citizen scientists placing sound recorders about 50 to 100 feet off the trails, where they will analyze the soundscapes for bird diversity. The project will run from the end of June to mid-July, with sound monitoring occurring over a three to four-day period.

**Summer Programs Underway** – This week marked the start of our summer programs. On Monday, Jr. Giants kicked off with an on-field program orientation and took the field for the first time on Wednesday. We also started our popular summer camp, “Camp HBG,” which is designated for two age groups: 2-4 year olds and 5-12 year olds. Our theme this summer: “It's a Small World.” Campers will learn about the continents and experience them through songs, games and cooking projects! Our older campers will also enjoy trips to the swim center. Camps will run until August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Family Movies in the Plaza and Night Sky Adventures, June 19** – The Community Services Department will once again partner with the Alexander Valley Film Society for Movies in the Plaza. The first movie night will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup> with the film, “Sing.” The movie will start at about 8:45 p.m., after

the end of the Tuesdays in the Plaza concert. All movies will be family-friendly and free popcorn is provided. Night Sky Adventure will also be present with high-powered telescopes to show off Jupiter and other exciting astronomical landmarks.



**Art After Dark, June 22** – Healdsburg Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Community Services Department, is excited to announce the return of Art After Dark on Friday, June 22. This will be the first of four events taking place the fourth Friday of each month through September. Each event will provide an opportunity to celebrate and witness art in a welcoming environment. A portion of Plaza Street will be closed to traffic, so pedestrians can freely move about and experience art in an open venue. The event runs from 6 – 9:30 p.m. and all ages are welcome.



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

## Planning

**Mill District Workshop** – The Planning Commission held a workshop on June 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss proposed revisions to the Mill District development application. Discussion focused on circulation, road design, on-street parking and land use/open space. The Commission expressed support for the new circulation connection to Exchange Avenue. The proposal to remove the park and add building frontage along Healdsburg Avenue was supported as being more consistent with the vision of the CHAP. A second workshop will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. to discuss on-site parking/shared parking, affordable housing and conditions of approval.

## Public Safety

**Strike Team 2391C returns from San Benito** – After a five-day assignment, Healdsburg Fire crews returned from the Eastern 2 Incident in San Benito County. The crews had responded with a Sonoma County strike team to a fast-moving wildfire in the hills east of King City. On scene, the crews were assigned to direct attack on the fire as well as night-time firing operations and mop-up. Among those assigned were Captain John Sullivan, Engineer Bill Albers and Firefighter Hector Madrigal. Chief Boaz also responded as a Strike Team Leader Trainee.

**Law Enforcement Torch Run** – A group of Healdsburg police officers braved the 90+ degree heat on Tuesday to take part in the [Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run](#). Starting at the northern city limits, they ran 4.5 miles south on Healdsburg Avenue through downtown and across Memorial Bridge to Giorgio's, where they handed off the torch to Windsor. The runners were: Officer Nick Doherty, Lieutenant Matt Jenkins, Officer Teygan Mason, Sergeant Luis Rodriguez, and his son, Angel Rodriguez. This annual event raises awareness and funds for [Special Olympics Northern California](#), which will hold its 2018 Summer Games at UC Davis, June 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>.



**Fireworks and 4<sup>th</sup> of July** – The Fire Department will start posting signs throughout Healdsburg, reminding people that fireworks are prohibited within the City limits. This includes "Safe & Sane" fireworks. Fireworks can easily cause a vegetation fire in these dry conditions. Anyone caught with fireworks within the City limits will be cited and the fireworks will be confiscated. Citations require a court appearance and include a possible fine of \$1,000 per violation.

**Storytime with Healdsburg Fire** – On Tuesday, Firefighters Brian Crabb and Blake Thompson read stories to preschoolers and gave them a tour of a fire engine at the Healdsburg Regional Library's story time event. The Fire Department takes part in this read-aloud series a couple of times a year.

**Forced Weed Abatement to Start** – The Fire Department will contract the City landscaper to perform forced weed abatement on properties whose owners have not trimmed tree limbs and removed weeds or other plants that pose a fire hazard. To learn how to help protect your home from wildfire, download FireSafe Sonoma's guide for homeowners at: <http://www.firesafesonoma.org/main/>

## Public Works

**Farmstand Subdivision Update** – Construction of the Farmstand 30-lot subdivision and frontage improvements is now underway. Initial activities include clearing, grubbing, and earthwork. Work on Grove Street along the project frontage is scheduled to begin in early July.

**Pordon Lane/Tayman Park Drainage Update** – Installation of storm drain, storm drain structures, and a small earthen berm continues within Tayman Park. The project, which is expected to be completed by mid-July, will redirect water drainage to minimize flows into the neighboring Pordon Lane properties.

**Montage Healdsburg Update** – Road work on Healdsburg Avenue as part of the Montage Healdsburg hotel and residential development continues at the north end of town. This work includes the extension of sewer and water facilities, as well as roadway widening and resurfacing. The tentative completion date of this road work is December 2018.

## Utilities

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**High-Voltage Cable Replacement** – Electric crews spent the week replacing high-voltage cable on Mill Street and Kennedy Lane. The work on Mill Street allows the City to begin removing overhead electric wires and utility poles. The work on Kennedy Lane is preventative maintenance, as these cables have reached the end of their useful life.

**LTC Maintenance** – In between cable replacements, City electric crews worked with technicians from Reinhausen Manufacturing, to perform routine preventative maintenance on the City's load tap changers (LTC). The City relies on the LTC to monitor and adjust the output voltage from the Badger substation, to provide the correct and constant voltage to customers. This is a critical piece of equipment and maintenance helps assure years of uninterrupted operations.

**Water Quality Report** – City water staff spent a good portion of the week finalizing the 2017 Water Quality Report. This report provides information about the sources, amounts, and quality of the City's drinking water. Throughout the year, City staff perform many tests to maintain the reliability of safe drinking water. This report will be mailed out to all water customers within the next two weeks.

**Underground Utility Project Update** – To continue moving forward with the underground-utility project on Healdsburg Avenue, City staff met with RePlay's designers regarding the final configuration for the Mill Street development. Direction from the Planning Commission will help define the location of underground equipment, but the project will be delayed until that direction is provided.