



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

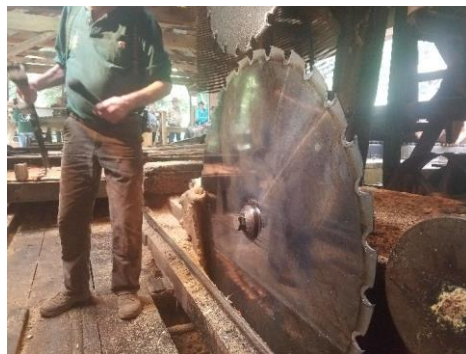
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City Manager's Office

New 9-80 Schedule – Starting July 9, City Hall and the CDC will have new hours of operation: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 am. – 5 p.m. on alternating Fridays. The first Friday closure will be Friday, July 13. The facilities are converting to a 9-80 work schedule. This results in these offices being closed on alternating Fridays throughout the year. Public Works and Building inspections will be available on the closed Fridays. This change enables the City to extend customer service hours for our community Monday through Thursday, reduce greenhouse gas production by cutting a travel day for employees, and reduce utility and facility use costs by closing some facilities on the off day.

Community Services

Sturgeon's Mill Excursion - Twenty travelers journeyed back to the 1900s to see the historic Sturgeon's Mill in Sebastopol on Saturday, June 16th. This 105-year old steam-powered sawmill has been operated by the same family for more 100 years. Healdsburg seniors watched sawmill demonstrations and listened to stories from the Sturgeon great-grandsons – truly a trip to remember!



Age-Friendly City - On June 18th, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the application for Healdsburg to be designated a World Health Organization age-friendly city and become a part of a global network of 1,000 communities committed to giving older adults the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives. Healdsburg is the first city in Sonoma County to submit the application. Once approved, Healdsburg will join eight other cities in California (Novato, Mill Valley, Fairfax, Milpitas, Fremont, Campbell and Palo Alto) that have received age-friendly designation.



Tuesdays in the Plaza Concerts to Become Pet-Free – On Monday, City Council adopted a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to transition the Tuesdays in the Plaza concert series to be pet-free. While concert rules recommend leaving pets at home, the feedback the City received during several months of input was that the crowding, food, and overall nature of the event warranted that it become pet-free. Pet-free status will be phased in over the next three weeks with the concerts becoming pet-free starting July 17.

Reminder About Tuesdays in the Plaza Setup Times – We welcome the community to set up their chairs for the Tuesday concerts during the day on Tuesday, but each setup must be attended at all times until 4 p.m., at which time setups can be left unattended. Staff is checking each early setup and making announcements throughout the day that setups must be attended. If staff finds setups unattended, they will be removed and put into storage. Also, caution tape, rope, etc. used to reserve space is not allowed.

Local Musician Charlie Musselwhite to Headline Tuesday's Concert – The plaza will be one of only a few California stops this summer for Charlie Musselwhite. He brings his hometown sounds midway through touring with Ben Harper, and it's sure to be a great evening. In anticipation of the expected crowds, the City will close Plaza Street in the afternoon and relocate food vendors to the north side of Plaza to provide more viewing space. The show starts at 6 p.m.!

New Community Services and Senior Center Hours – In conjunction with the City's move to a 9-80 work schedule, the Community Center and Senior Center will have new hours starting July 9. Community Services will be open 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays. Senior Center hours will expand to 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The additional hours at Community Services are intended to allow working families more time to register for programs or get information. The expanded hours at the Senior Center will allow for additional programming.

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

Planning

North Entry Area Plan Update - The City has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study on the development of the 32-acre site in the northern portion of Healdsburg. The 30-day review period for public comments closes July 23rd. After the comment period, a draft EIR will be prepared to identify potential impacts from the development of the site. A public scoping meeting will be held June 28th at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber to receive comments on the scope of the EIR. More information on the NOP and Initial Study can be viewed on the City's website: <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/842/North-Entry-Area-Plan>

June 26 Mill District Workshop - The Planning Commission will hold a second workshop June 26th at 4 p.m. in Council Chamber to discuss the following topics related to the development of the former NuForest lumber site: onsite parking, affordable housing and conditions of approval.

Public Works

Parking Lots Update - Both lots are nearly complete; however, the City Hall parking lot has deficient surface conditions that the contractor must repair. Other work to be completed includes lighting and signage on both the City Hall and West Plaza lots, and striping at the City Hall lot (after pavement repairs). Anticipated time of completion is in mid-July.

Roundabout Update - The project is winding down to final work items, which are anticipated to be completed over the next couple of months (late August/early September). These items include grading and paving all five road approaches (north/south Healdsburg Ave, east/west Mill St and Vine Street); irrigation (in progress); median islands; landscaping; road signage and final street paving and striping. For more information on the paving work, which will occur at night between June 24th – 28th, please go to: <http://bit.ly/2MgglHV>

Utilities

Geysers Tour - This week, the Vice Mayor and a small group of community members toured the City's geothermal plant at the Geysers. The Geysers provide roughly 40 percent of the City power. The trip gave community members a better understanding of how the City fills its energy needs and how those needs could be met in the future. This local, renewable energy source has been a tremendous asset for the City, but due to declines in the steam field, it is planned to be retired just after 2040. While retirement is a long way off, development of a new power-generation plant can take up to 10 years. City staff have begun initial studies to replace this renewable generation and plan to bring those preliminary plans to Council in late 2018.



Recycled Water Update - City staff continue their work to develop a viable expansion plan for recycled water re-use. The City must gain compliance with regional boards regarding discharge prohibition and additional uses and users of this water are needed. The plan will identify areas of potential use and the regulatory steps necessary to gain approval for those uses.

Magnolia Force-Main Replacement - This week, environmental surveys were performed to identify protected species to prepare for the construction phase of the Magnolia force-main replacement.

Wastewater Treatment Facility - Design work continues on the Gauntlett Roof replacement, sunset tank replacement, and the rehabilitation of three ponds at the wastewater treatment facility. These projects are planned for construction in fiscal year 2019.