



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

June 29, 2018

City Manager's Office

Reminder of 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. 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.

CDC Closure – The Community Development Center (CDC) will be closed on Friday, August 3, to accommodate a move of the Public Works, Utilities, and Planning and Building departments from 435 Allan Court to the newly expanded City Hall at 401 Grove Street.

Community Services



No Monkeying Around, Summer Camp is Going Great! – Our summer programs are entering the mid-point of the summer, and so far, kids have had fun going to the pool, conducting science experiments, and competing in obstacle courses. We're also incorporating special presenters to entertain campers and keep them learning during the summer. One highlight was "Wild About Monkeys": Four monkeys taught kids where monkeys come from, what foods they eat, as well as how they interact with each other. The presenters also brought an alligator and snakes. We will continue our educational programs by inviting more reptiles to the camp and expanding the kids' summer experience through song and dance.

Art After Dark and Charlie Musselwhite – "Art After Dark" on Friday and Charlie Musselwhite's concert on Tuesday focused on community with great turnout at both events. Healdsburg Center for the Arts co-sponsored "Art After Dark," which featured entertainment, exhibits, and of course, art. Charlie Musselwhite played his only Northern California gig this summer to a packed house.



Giorgi Park Tennis Court Upgrades; Courts Closed July 2-13 – Continuing our work to upgrade Giorgi Park, a contractor will resurface the tennis courts to create a better playing experience. The project will involve pressure-washing, leveling and crack-sealing deteriorated areas, and applying a color coat and re-striping to protect the surface. The project will take about two weeks and begin Monday, July 2nd, and end by July 13th. The tennis courts will be closed during this time.

FREE Route 67 Bus Service Starts July 1 – Everyone can hop aboard Sonoma County Transit's Route 67 "Healdsburg Shuttle" starting Monday and ride for FREE! Subsidizing the Healdsburg Shuttle is part of the City's transportation program for older adults that was approved in the FY18-20 Community Services budget. The \$10,000 cost – equal to Route 67's annual fare box collection – is funded through the 10 percent Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT or "hotel tax") dedicated to community services. We'll soon wrap the Route 67 bus with decals to promote the free service. More info: <http://sctransit.com/maps-schedules/route-67/>.



4th of July Kids' Parade and Duck Dash – The Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise, in partnership with the Community Services Department, will host the 7th annual Duck Dash and Kids Parade on Wednesday, July 4th. The event will take place in Plaza Park from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to don their most patriotic outfits and decorate their bikes, trikes, and wagons with red, white, and blue. There will be live music, children's activities, face painting, a fun run, and special appearances from Uncle Sam. For more information, please visit: <https://rotaryclubofhealdsburgsunrise.org/SitePage/4th-of-july-healdsburg>



Healdsburg Fireworks Show – The American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 is gearing up for the annual Healdsburg Fireworks show next Wednesday, July 4th. The American Legion and school district have coordinated the athletic field renovation schedule so the launch site will remain at its normal location at Healdsburg High School. The show begins at dusk!

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

Planning & Building

Update on Mill District Mixed-Use Proposal -- The Planning Commission held a second workshop on June 26th on the proposed Mill District development to discuss on-site and shared parking, affordable housing and bicycle circulation on Healdsburg Avenue. After discussion by the Planning Commission and members of the public, it was determined that there would be a follow-up workshop so the developer can provide an updated affordable housing proposal(s) and additional data on shared parking. Regarding bicycle circulation, the Public Works director said that with the change from

diagonal to parallel parking on Healdsburg Avenue, there would be more room to provide for safer accommodation of cyclists, negating the need to designate a formal bike lane.

Public Safety



No Fireworks Allowed in City Limits - The Fire department will be posting signs throughout Healdsburg to remind people that fireworks are prohibited within the City limits. Fireworks are dangerous and can easily cause a vegetation fire in these dry conditions -- this includes "safe and sane" fireworks that can be purchased in other cities. Anyone caught with fireworks within the City limits will be cited and their fireworks will be confiscated. This could require an appearance in court and a possible fine of \$1,000 per violation.

Public Works

Roundabout Construction Update – A City contractor has been working overnight since Sunday night to excavate old asphalt and concrete and re-pave sections of S. Healdsburg Ave., W. and E. Mill St., Vine St., and N. Healdsburg Ave. leading into the roundabout. The final night for this phase of re-paving was Thursday night. The roundabout is on track to be completed by late summer/early fall.

Utilities

Healdsburg Basin - On Tuesday, City staff attended a "listening" session with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) about newly proposed ground water basin prioritizations that would elevate the Healdsburg basin to a medium ranking. Specific data on why the Healdsburg basin would change from a low-priority to a medium-priority basin is not yet available for review and correction. However, the DWR is moving forward with the proposed reprioritization. If finalized as a medium-priority basin, the Healdsburg basin's ranking could require the formation of a joint powers authority to oversee and regulate groundwater use within the basin.

Russian River Watershed - City staff attended the Upper Russian River Water Managers meeting this week and discussed topics affecting the Russian River watershed. Included in those topics were the status of the Potter Valley re-licensing, the water supply conditions for the Russian River, the proposed groundwater basin re-prioritizations, and water conservation programs led by the SCWA.

Utility Undergrounding - The City's electric crews continue to make progress on the undergrounding of overhead wires on Mill St. and Healdsburg Ave. This week, crews removed overhead electric wires on Mill St. east of the roundabout. In the coming weeks, new decorative streetlights will be installed to promote pedestrian and driver safety.