

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

July 20, 2018



City Manager's Office

New Assistant City Manager Hired - After an extensive search, the City has hired Joe Irvin as the City's new Assistant City Manager. He will begin his tenure in early August. Joe's municipal career spans 13 years and two communities: Sequim in Washington state and Marco Island in southwest Florida. He most recently served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Sequim. Read the full press release here: <http://bit.ly/2NrieYf>



July 23 Special City Council Meeting - City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 23, at 4 p.m., to study whether to place a local housing bond on the November ballot. Details of this local housing bond are TBD. The meeting will be held at Council Chambers in City Hall. This housing bond would be in addition to the proposed November ballot amendment to the Growth Management Ordinance (GMO), which Council will vote on in its August 6th regular meeting.

Opening for Sonoma County Library Commission - City Council seeks applications from Healdsburg residents to serve as the City's representative on the Sonoma County Library Commission. More information and Commission applications are available at Healdsburg City Hall, 401 Grove Street, (707) 431-3323, and on the City's website at <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/177/Boards-Commissions>. All applications must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 10th.

Community Services

Kids Korner - Community Services staff unveiled "Kids Korner" on July 3rd as part of the Tuesdays in the Plaza concerts. This program provides an area for children to take part in crafts, games, and fun activities, which will rotate throughout the remainder of the concert series. We invite families to stop by the northeast corner of the downtown plaza each week from 5-8 p.m. to see what staff has in store for their children.

Fall/Winter Recreation Program Update - Community Services staff is compiling program information and schedules for the fall/winter recreation guide. Staff and contracted instructors are developing new programs and are excited to introduce them to the Healdsburg community in the coming

months. The guide will cover programs/events that run from September through March and will be available in mid-August.

Saturday Social Luau - In partnership with the Council on Aging, the Senior Center hosted the most recent Saturday Social event on July 14th. More than 45 community members enjoyed the Hawaiian luau-themed brunch, which featured tropical beverages, entrees, and a costume contest.



Children's Concert a Success - On July 15th, the Community Services Department and Music Together hosted a family singalong and a day of activities in the downtown plaza. The event was well-attended and included live music from "Star Tom" McCurry, games, crafts, and a visit from the Mobile Rec Unit (MRU). Staff will use this event as a launching point to upgrade the MRU and collaborate on new ideas to bring family-focused events to our community parks.



Art Weekend on the Plaza - The Healdsburg Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Community Services Department, is excited to announce the return of the Healdsburg Arts Festival July 27th-29th in Plaza Park. The weekend will kick off with a special Art After Dark event on Friday, followed by two full days of activities. The event will include more than 40 art vendors, live performances, community art projects, children's activities, and more. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/261194381089006/>.

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

Planning & Building

Conditional Use Permit 2018-01 for Farmworker Housing at 782 Grove Street - On July 24th, the Planning Commission will consider a request to allow 10 farmworkers to reside within an existing residence on the Seghesio Winery site. No new construction is proposed.

Public Safety

Wine Country to the Rescue - The Wine Country to the Rescue fundraiser will be held tomorrow (Saturday, July 21st), at Trentadue Winery in Geyserville. The fundraiser will help the Healdsburg Fire Department and other Northern Sonoma County fire departments buy needed firefighting equipment. For more information and tickets, go to: <http://winecountrytotherescue.com>.

Blood Drive Results - Healdsburg Fire partnered with the Blood Centers of the Pacific to hold a blood drive at the firehouse earlier this week. Thank you to the 19 people who attended the event and the 15 donors who gave 16 life-saving units of blood. The next blood drive will be on October 24th at the firehouse.

Public Works

Roundabout Construction Update - The contractor has finished installing the median islands leading into and out of the roundabout. In addition, planning is ongoing for the final pavement overlay of North and South Healdsburg Avenue, East and West Mill Street, and Vine Street. This would most likely be done at night over several evenings. For more information, go to www.healdsburgaveimprovements.com and click "Construction Updates" for our latest newsletter.

Utilities

Streetlight Installation - City Electric crews installed and turned on several new streetlights within the roundabout. The new lights are highly decorative and closely match the appearance of existing streetlights in the downtown area. These lights will help both pedestrians and motorists safely navigate the roundabout at night.



Feasibility Study Update - City staff received the first draft of the NPDES Discharge Compliance Feasibility Study and have begun the final review of the document and plan. This study allows the City to develop a detailed plan to meet compliance obligations of the Wastewater Treatment

Plant's discharge obligations. The plan will be presented for Council's consideration on August 6th and, if accepted, will be submitted to the Regional Water Board to meet compliance timelines.

Floating Solar Update - Burns & McDonnell, the consultant developing the feasibility and design of the floating solar project, provided its initial site screening and fatal flaw evaluation. We are happy to report that no fatal flaws bubbled to the surface during the initial screening.