

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

August 9, 2018



City Manager's Office

Reminder of New CDC Location – As of August 6th, CDC operations have moved to the newly expanded City Hall at 401 Grove Street. The Planning & Building, Public Works and Utilities Departments look forward to serving you at their new location.

SDAT Town Halls August 13th-15th – City Council, City Directors and members of City Staff will take part in the SDAT Town Halls on Monday, August 13th, and Wednesday, August 15th. Both events will be held at 6 p.m. at the Healdsburg High School gym. A multi-disciplinary team of experts from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) will come to town to listen to community members voice their hopes and concerns about the future of Healdsburg at the Monday event. The team will then present its initial recommendations at the Wednesday event. Childcare will be provided and Spanish language translation will be available. All are welcome.

A graphic for the SDAT Town Hall meetings. The main text reads 'IMAGINE Healdsburg 2040 Your Voice Counts!' with 'Healdsburg-SDAT.org' below it. To the right, it lists 'TWO Town Hall Meetings' on 'Monday AUG 13 6 pm, HHS Gym' and 'Wednesday AUG 15 6 pm, HHS Gym'. A dotted line with an arrow points from the 'Your Voice Counts!' text to the meeting dates.

Planning

Award for Citywide Design Guidelines – The jury for the California American Planning Association Awards has awarded the City with an Award of Merit for the City's recently adopted Design Guidelines. The award will be presented at CAPA's statewide conference in San Diego this fall.

Planning Commission appointments – On August 6th, the City Council reappointed Richard Tracy and Phil Luks to four-year terms on the Planning Commission. Staff also welcomed new Commissioners Dan Petrik and Vesna Breznikar to serve two-year and four-year terms, respectively.

Montage Healdsburg Wetlands Project – A contractor is grading a wetlands area east of Healdsburg Ave. and north of Parkland Farms Blvd. as part of the Montage Healdsburg development. This current work is part of the wetlands restoration project and the areas being graded are the wetlands portions only. A biologist has been fully involved with the pre-construction and observation of the existing wetlands and the creation of new wetlands areas. This work started today and will take approximately four to six weeks to complete. To learn more, go to: <http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/372/Saggio-Hills-Area-Plan-Montage> which provides a lot of information about the Montage Healdsburg project. Scroll to the bottom to "Environmental" and click the link to the development's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program report.

Public Safety

National Night Out – The 35th annual National Night Out was held on Tuesday, marking the Healdsburg Police Department's (HPD) fourth year of participation. This year, HPD staff was on hand at the Tuesday Concert Series and provided free ice cream and face-painting to kids. The ice cream was provided in conjunction with Amy's Wicked Slush. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods better, safer places to live.

Fire Chief Speaks in Support of Fire Cameras – Fire Chief Boaz spoke at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday to support the installation of fire cameras to monitor Lake Sonoma. A collaboration of Sonoma County government and non-governmental organizations will build a network of high-definition cameras to provide early fire detection and situational awareness to protect the region's key water source from the threat of wildfire.

Public Works

Pordon Lane/Tayman Park Drainage Improvements – Construction is complete on the installation of storm drain, storm drain structures, and a small earthen berm within Tayman Park adjacent to properties on the eastside of Pordon Lane. The project will redirect surface drainage from Tayman Park, minimizing water flowing into the neighboring Pordon Lane Properties.

West Plaza Parking Lot Now Open – The west parking lot expansion of about 37 spaces is now open for use; some remaining minor work is being completed to energize the lighting.

Grove Street Parking Lot Update – Remaining work at the Grove Street parking lot ("Christmas Tree Lot") includes installation of electric-vehicle charging stations, miscellaneous signage and striping and electrical conductor installations. We anticipate that most of the parking spaces will be open by the end of next week.

Bicycle-Friendly Community Award Application – In 2014, the League of American Bicyclists awarded the City "bronze status" for being bicycle-friendly. This week, the City submitted a renewal application in hopes of again being designated as a bicycle-friendly city.

Utilities

Update on Recycled Water Project – City staff sent out notices for the supplemental study to the City's recycled water project environmental-impact report (EIR). The supplemental study will explore the potential of expanding recycled water use. Increasing beneficial uses will allow the City to meet regulatory obligations from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Utility Director Presentation – This week, the City's Utility Director spoke to a state legislative conference committee on Senate Bill 901. The aim of the bill is help ensure a safe and reliable electric grid. The committee - composed of state senators and assembly members and co-chaired by Assemblymember Chris Holden and Senator Dodd – enacts legislation to improve the safety and reliability of the electric grid and reduce the risk of wildfires caused by utilities. The City is and has always been focused on providing safe and reliable power; these efforts include assessing wildfire risks and constructing the City's electric system to minimize those risks.

Utility Improvements Near Roundabout – The electric poles and wires on Mill Street west of the roundabout are gone! The removal of these poles and wires are part of a larger utility

undergrounding project for Healdsburg Avenue and Mill Street. Work on this project will continue over the next several months.

Power Content Label Approval – This week, the City Council approved the City's power content label, allowing staff to file the label with the State. Filing the power content label meets a regulatory requirement for the City. The City exceeded the State's requirement for renewable energy for the second consecutive year by purchasing 38 percent of the City's energy needs from renewable energy. The City purchased most of this power from the Geysers Power Plants, a local supply of geothermal energy.