

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

August 31, 2018



## City Manager's Office

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**Maria Curiel Retires After 38 Years** – After 38 years of dedicated service, Maria Curiel will begin her retirement today. We thank Maria for her many contributions to the City of Healdsburg and congratulate her on her retirement.

## Community Services

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**Healdsburg Shuttle Route 67 “Free Fare” Increases Ridership** – On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the City began subsidizing the Sonoma County Transit (SCT) Route 67 “Healdsburg Shuttle.” The July ridership report shows that adult ridership (age 18-60) has increased 34% in month-to-month monitoring, senior/disabled riders (age 60+) by 38%, and youth (age 5-17) by 103%! The fare-free route provides transportation options for all ages, and the ridership numbers demonstrate that the local community is taking advantage of the opportunity.

In promoting the service, City staff worked with SCT staff to feature the bus at the Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> concert where parents, grandparents, and children had the chance to hop on the bus, sit in the drivers seat, and ask Sonoma County Transit representatives questions about local and inter-city routes. We will be following up with a “Learn-2-Ride Day” on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Meet at the Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. or catch the bus at a location near you for a chance to ride the route, ask questions, and provide your feedback on the local shuttle.



**Summer Concert Series Concludes** – Tuesdays in the Plaza concert series came to a close with the rocking sounds of Petty Theft, a Tom Petty tribute band. This final concert of the season included the closure of Plaza Street to accommodate the overflow crowd, along with a special visit by the Healdsburg Fire Department. The planning process for this year’s series started in December of 2017. The City would like to thank the many sponsors who helped make this series happen.



**City Increasing Presence on Open Space Preserves** – We would like to welcome and introduce Rudy O’Cop, a new part-time member of our team. Rudy will be focusing his time at Fitch Mountain Park and Open Space Preserve and at Healdsburg Ridge Open Space. He will be educating and informing users of use policies, providing information about the open space preserves, and working closely with our partner LandPaths on natural resource management activities. Rudy is studying Natural Resource Management at Santa Rosa Junior College in preparation for a career in park services. We are excited to be moving forward with providing a greater presence on our open space preserves. If you see Rudy please welcome him to Healdsburg.



## Planning

**Harmon Guest House** – A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the Harmon Guest House (formally known as the H3 Hotel).

**Mill District Proposal** – At the Planning Commission workshop on August 28<sup>th</sup>, there was a follow up discussion on the topics of affordable housing, Healdsburg Avenue sharrows for bicyclists, new local street design variation from the Central Healdsburg Avenue Plan (CHAP), and an alternate method of providing connectivity to the future SMART depot. City staff and Replay have begun discussions on a development agreement which would accompany their entitlement request to Planning Commission and City Council.

**Planning Commission Public Hearings on 8/28** – The Planning Commission unanimously approved the following projects:

- 125 Kennedy Lane Design Review, Variances and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow 5 detached cottage court homes and 3 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

- 544 Tucker Street Historic Demolition Permit
- 410 Hudson Street Design Review to allow for an outdoor café and biergarten

**Planning Commission Special Meeting Public Hearings on 8/29** – The Planning Commission unanimously 1) Approved the Tentative Map 6 lot split at Old Rossi Place and, 2) Requested a continuance of the Farmstand Design Review of a duplex and office, in order to allow the applicant time to redesign the onsite parking, south office elevation, and entrance to Grove Street elevation.

## Public Safety

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**Public Safety** – On Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Fire Inspector Ruben Mandujano helped the Sheriff's Office Dive Team locate the body of a 29-year-old San Francisco man who went missing Sunday at a vacation rental home in Guerneville. The body was found Monday morning in the Russian River in 12-15 feet of water. The cause of death is still under investigation.

## Utilities

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**High-Voltage Breaker Inspections** – This week the City inspected and tested several high-voltage breakers at Badger Substation. The high-voltage breakers safely shut-off power when squirrels, birds, or other foreign objects contact the City's high-voltage power system. The inspections and testing ensure that this equipment is ready to interrupt power.



**Recycled Water Feasibility Plan** – Following Council's approval, the City submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) a plan to meet the Board's seasonal discharge prohibition for recycled water. From May 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, the regional board does not allow tertiary treated recycled water to be discharged to our watershed. Therefore, the City must investigate potential beneficial reuses of this water, gain Board approval for the uses, and garner participation from end users. The Feasibility Plan helps identify potential uses and the quantities of recycled water that those uses may require.

**Supplemental Environmental Impact Review (SEIR)** – The period to provide initial comments to the City's SEIR is coming to a close. The City is currently in the initial scoping period of the document, a

period in which certain areas of study or potential impacts are identified for the SEIR. More information about the SEIR and City's recycled water program can be found at the links below:

<https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/869/Environmental-Impact-Reports>

<http://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/619/Agricultural-Irrigation-Program.html>

**Senate Bill 100 (SB100)** – SB100 has passed through both the Senate and Assembly, and is now awaiting approval from the Governor. If signed into law, SB100 would require publicly owned utilities, like the City of Healdsburg, to purchase 60% of their customer's energy needs from renewable resources by 2030; and provide 100% carbon free energy by 2045. Currently, the City's energy content is 39% renewable; exceeding the State's current requirement of 20%. If signed into law, the City will need to bolster our already high level of renewable energy.

**Foss Creek Cleanup Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>** – City Staff finalized planning and coordination for the upcoming annual Foss Creek Clean-up. This event provides an opportunity for residents to participate in the maintenance and protection of our waterways. The day will start with breakfast and a kick off from Vice Mayor David Hagele before volunteers set off to complete their clean-up project. Once completed, volunteers will return to the Community Center for a BBQ lunch that will be provided by Healdsburg Kiwanis.