

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

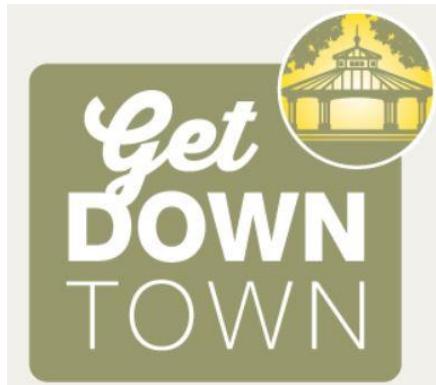
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City Manager's Office

Friday Update Change – Starting the week of October 15th, the City Manager's Friday Update will be published every other week.

Get Downtown Business Showcase, October 10th – The City is once again partnering with the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce on the annual Get Downtown Business Showcase & Community Resource Fair next Wednesday, October 10th, from 4-7 p.m. Six City departments – Community Services, Fire, Police, Planning & Building, Public Works and Utilities – will have booths at the fair. City Councilmembers will also be on hand to meet community members. The event, which will be held on the Healdsburg Plaza, is free and open to the public.



Parking Downtown – At the October 1st City Council meeting, Council direction was given to amend parking restrictions and regulations in the downtown area. Here are the changes:

- Implement a three-hour parking limit in the southern section of the West Plaza parking lot (25 spaces);
- Change parking limits from three hours to two hours on the streets around the Plaza (Healdsburg Avenue, Center Street, Plaza Street and Matheson Street);
- Extend the three-hour parking restriction zone on both sides of Center Street to Piper Street and on both sides of North Street to Grove Street;
- Enhance directional signage to better guide motorists to public parking lots

These changes may not take effect until the first quarter of 2019. In addition, City Council asked the City to launch a grace period for parking violations once the parking changes are in place.

Employee Appreciation Lunch – The City held its annual Employee Appreciation Lunch at the Villa Chanticleer today. The all-staff event recognizes employees for their dedication to public service. This year, the “Pride in Public Service” award was given to Administrative Specialist Shawn Sumpter, who works in Planning & Building, and Industrial Mechanic Dustin Huse of the Public Works Department. In addition, 20 employees were recognized as part of the “You've Been Spotted” employee-recognition program, which allows City Staff to recognize colleagues for exemplary service.

Planning

106 Matheson Update – City Staff met with the project team this week to discuss follow-up items from the September 25th Planning Commission hearing, including a tentative plan for a Planning Commission workshop in November. Once confirmed, the workshop will be publicly noticed.

Old Rossi Place Tentative Map Approved – On October 1st, the City Council approved an application to subdivide a 1.73-acre site into six residential development lots.

Chiquita Grove Subdivision Update – All final inspections of the new residences are complete except for the last home, which currently houses the sales office. This office has a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO), but it will need to be returned to a single-family residence soon. In addition, the common area picnic tables and gazebo are yet to be completed.

No October 9th Planning Commission Meeting – The Planning Commission meeting for October 9th has been canceled. In the interim, City Staff are preparing for the October 23rd Planning Commission meeting and the November 13th Planning Commission workshop and meeting.

Public Safety

Opioid Discussion – On October 3rd, Chief Burke participated in a panel discussion on opioid use as part of the Sonoma County Harm Reduction Task Force event, “Confronting the Opioid Epidemic.” The event, which was held at the Raven Performing Arts Center, highlighted how the task force is confronting the opioid epidemic by working with local health providers, schools, and law enforcement agencies.

New Firefighters and Engineer – At the October 1st City Council meeting, firefighter Brian Crabb was sworn in as Healdsburg Fire Department’s newest engineer and Mike Jacob and Bennett Leda were sworn in as the department’s newest full-time firefighters.



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Fire Department Open House, October 6th – The Fire Department will hold its annual Open House this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station, located at 601 Healdsburg Avenue. This family-friendly event will feature lots of activities including live-fire demonstrations, fire-extinguisher training, a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog, fire-engine tours and free food.



Public Works

Roundabout Update – Planting is still delayed due to inadequate soil composition, but in the next week or so, it will be amended and further screened to ensure it's ready for the planting of close to 3,000 plants, shrubs and trees.

Utilities

Public Power Week – One in four Californians receives electric power from one of California's 40+ publicly owned utilities. Public Power Week, October 7th – 13th, recognizes these locally owned, not-for-profit electric utilities, such as the City of Healdsburg, which provide more affordable, reliable, and environmentally sustainable service than large, for-profit utilities. The City's electric rates average roughly 30 percent less than those of neighboring cities and our electric service is more dependable. The Healdsburg Electric Department is governed by the City Council, so we're also more responsive to customers' concerns and provide friendly, in-person service.

