

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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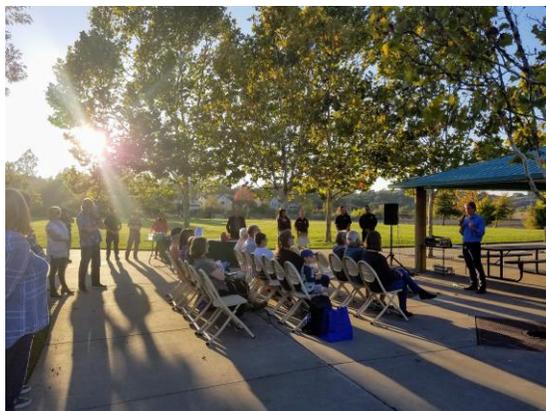


## City Manager's Office

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> City Hall Open House** – The community is invited to the City Hall Open House, which will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. City Staff will lead tours of the newly renovated building and light refreshments will be served. We hope you will join us to help celebrate your expanded City Hall.



**Community Conversations Recap** – A good number of local residents attended the Community Conversations event on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Barbieri Brothers Park. Residents asked questions on topics such as future residential and hotel development, roundabout completion and emergency preparedness. City Staff are now reviewing this year's Community Conversations series and garnering feedback to make these casual, neighborhood meetings even better in 2019.



**Renter Assistance Funding Available** – The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (SCCDC) received just under \$30 million in 2018 from the federal Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) for rent subsidies as well as another \$2.1 million to help offset rent increases due to last year's fires. City Staff connected SCCDC with the property manager of Citrine Apartments, and the two are working together to offer a rental-assistance subsidy to eligible applicants. This program is available for all eligible applicants. For more information, contact [cdc@sonoma-county.org](mailto:cdc@sonoma-county.org).

## Community Services

**Día De Los Muertos: An Event of the Heart** – Corazón Healdsburg, in partnership with the City of Healdsburg, will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dia De Los Muertos celebration this weekend in downtown Healdsburg. New to this year's festivities is a free Plaza screening of the movie Coco on Saturday at 6 p.m. The main event will take place on Sunday from 12 – 6 p.m. on the Plaza and surrounding streets. The day will include a traditional Aztec ceremony, community altars, live music and dance performances, children's activities, a car show, meet-and-greet with our first responders and much more! For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/327836084657819/>



**Picnic in the Plaza** – Perfect weather, good music and home-cooked treats were the backdrop of the age-friendly Picnic in the Plaza On October 14<sup>th</sup>. More than 250 community members of all ages celebrated Healdsburg's upcoming designation as an “age-friendly city” from the World Health Organization Global Network. The City also honored longtime Healdsburg resident Lorraine Ham (92 years old) for keeping the Healdsburg Senior Citizens Club thriving for 60+ years and for being the inspiration behind the picnic. A big thank-you to the Fire Department for taking on the role of grill master and also to the many City Staff, volunteers and community partners who made this day a success. Stay tuned for future events to celebrate our age-friendly city.

**Proposals for Park, River Access and Connectivity Planning Process** – The City received 20 proposals from firms interested in assisting with the master-planning process for Badger and the Montage development parks, improving restrooms at Badger Park, enhancing access to the Russian River and exploring how to better connect our parks, open spaces, the river and other points of community interest. Staff is forming a team to screen the proposals, interview potential firms and make a recommendation to City Council.

**Park Maintenance Update** – As part of our ongoing park maintenance activities, City Staff installed 35 yards of playground sand at Gibbs and Giorgi Park. The sand was placed in the enclosed water feature at Giorgi Park and in the sand area at Gibbs Park. During the sand installation at Gibbs Park, Staff was able to remove the outdated and broken sand diggers and replace them with new ones.

## Planning

**Planning Commission Approvals** – At its meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Planning Commission approved: 1) a façade remodel Design Review application for the McDonald's at 110 Healdsburg Avenue and 2) a Design Review and Variance application for an office building and duplex on the Farmstand site, located at 1051 Grove Street and 170 and 180 Farm Stand Road.

**106 Matheson Update** – As a follow-up to a September Planning Commission hearing on 106 Matheson, the applicant has installed story poles on top of the building to show both the proposed restaurant rooftop deck and the addition in the rear. Staff continues to work with the project team on developing the necessary items to present at an upcoming Planning Commission workshop. We will provide more information about this workshop once details have been finalized.

**October 30<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Special Meeting** – The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in City Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, to consider proposed revisions to the Land Use Code related to the regulation of proposed new hotels in the Plaza Retail (PR) and Downtown Commercial (CD) zoning districts.

## Public Safety

**Narcan use** – On the evening of October 21<sup>st</sup>, police officers used Narcan for the first time to revive a man suffering from the symptoms of an opioid overdose. The 35-year-old man was found unconscious in a bathroom at Safeway. Responding officers administered CPR and the nasal spray form of Narcan, which blocks the effects of opioid drugs. The man was revived within minutes.

## Public Works

**Roundabout Landscaping Update** – The City and the contractor recently came into agreement regarding soil processing and planting at the roundabout. As a result, work is moving forward: Trees such as fruitless olive, Italian cypress and crape myrtle were delivered this week and the contractor has begun to plant them in and around the roundabout. Shrubs are scheduled to be delivered next week and other vegetation will be delivered soon. All planting should be completed by November 21<sup>st</sup>, in time for the roundabout ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Airport Runway Closure** – The City has closed the runway at the Healdsburg Municipal Airport until November 13<sup>th</sup> so a contractor can replace and rehabilitate portions of

runway lighting and install 12-ft. aggregate base shoulders. Airport services and hangers will remain open. This project is funded primarily by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funds.

## Utilities

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**Residential Energy-Efficiency Programs** - The City's energy-conservation programs continue to help customers save money and reduce citywide greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions. From August to October, 15 residents received about \$133 each in rebates for energy-efficiency measures and appliances. In preparation for winter, these residents purchased new windows, sealed ducts, and tuned up their heating and cooling systems. If you would like to improve your home's energy efficiency, sign up for the City's free in-home energy audits for suggestions on cost-effective options. Please visit <http://smartlivinghealdsburg.org> for more information.

**Montage Healdsburg Pump Station Update** – Earlier this week, the Electric Department energized the Passalacqua Road Pump Station for the Montage Healdsburg resort and residential development. This work required extending City electric wires roughly three-fourths of a mile. Energizing the pump station allows the developer to finish the construction and testing of this facility and ultimately provide water for construction and fire protection needs.

**North Street Reconductor Project** – Electric crews performed planned maintenance work on North Street earlier this week. This project increases the capacity of the City's electric system and improves system reliability.