

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

December 19, 2018



City Manager's Office

Coffee with the City at SHED – The City held its final Coffee with the City event of 2018 at the SHED on December 12th. Close to 30 community members attended to speak directly with the City Manager and Department Directors about City-related projects. Since the SHED will permanently close soon, Staff is researching possible locations for the 2019 series.

City Employee Christmas Party – The City held its annual potluck holiday party for all employees on Wednesday at the Community Center. The lunchtime fete included an ugly Christmas sweater contest, which spurred enthusiastic participation from many Staff members.



Holiday Closures – All City departments – except for Fire and Police – will be closed for the holidays on December 24th-25th, 28th and January 1st. City offices will be open on December 26th-27th.

Community Services

Program Update – This holiday break, Community Services will launch a “Winter Break Camp,” which is designed to help parents who return to work after the Christmas. The program is for kids ages 5-11 years old and will feature arts and crafts, games and snacks. The camp will run for two sessions. The first session will be December 26th-28th (registration deadline was December 20th) and the second session will run January 2nd – 4th, 2019 (deadline to register for the second session is December 27th). The camp will be held at the Fitch Mountain School from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. More information: <http://bit.ly/COHWinterBreakCamp2018>

Healdsburg Active Adults' Trip to Beach Blanket Babylon - The final Senior Center excursion of 2018 took place on December 15th. Thirty-three seniors boarded a bus in Healdsburg and spent the day enjoying San Francisco and Sausalito. They ate lunch at Spinnaker restaurant (Sausalito) then attended and the variety show Beach Blanket Babylon in San Francisco. This excursion wrapped up

another successful year of Trips to Remember. The 2019 series will kick off on January 15th with a trip to the Legion of Honor in San Francisco and the Jewels of the Maharajas exhibit.



Planning & Building

106 Matheson Planning Commission Workshop – On December 11th, the Commission discussed issues raised at the September 25th hearing. These issues included building design, project scale, parking and noise. The Commission took public comment and provided feedback on preferred design alternatives and issues such as scale to be addressed at the next hearing. The project is anticipated to return to the Planning Commission in February 2019.

January 8th Public Hearing on Mill District – The Planning Commission anticipates holding a public hearing on the Mill District mixed-use proposal on January 8th. The scope of approvals requested include a tentative map, master conditional-use permit, development agreement, heritage-tree removal permit and historic-demolition permit.

Quimby Act Ordinance – On December 11th, the Planning Commission recommended approval of revisions to the subdivision ordinance on the dedication of land and payment of in-lieu fees regarding the provision of park and recreational facilities as a condition of approval. The ordinance will be considered for adoption by the City Council on January 7th.

North Entry Area Plan January 23rd Workshop – The Planning Commission will hold a workshop at 3 p.m. on January 23rd to discuss comments on the North Entry Area Plan and provide feedback to staff and consultant prior to adoption hearings.

Building Community Working Group – City staff is meeting monthly with local stakeholders from the building community and inviting their input on a development review manual which is anticipated to be published in 2019 and will be presented to the City Council for adoption. The manual sets clear expectations for customers on submittal requirements, fees, development flow charts and anticipated timing for processing of permits and discretionary development applications.

Public Safety

Annual Toy Drive – The Fire Department's annual holiday toy drive was a big success. Firefighters delivered more than 300 toys to the Healdsburg Community Church on December 17th; these toys will be distributed to local families with children from infants to teens. Thank you very much to everyone who donated!



Christmas Tree Recycling – If you have a live Christmas tree and it is shedding its needles, it is a fire risk and should be removed from your home. Healdsburg residents have the option of whole-tree collection. Please visit <http://www.recyclenow.org/recycling/tree.asp> on how to recycle your tree.

Bucket Brigade Returns in January – The 13th annual Bucket Brigade, a friendly blood-drive competition amongst fire departments in the North Bay, will be held on January 26th. Which fire department will enlist the most community members to donate lifesaving blood? We will start promoting the blood drive on the website and social media soon. Our department won last year, so we hope to come in first place again.

Utilities

LED Holiday Light Rebates – The Electric Department is offering a 10-cent rebate per bulb on LED string lights; this rebate will cover up to 75 percent of the cost of the lights. So, as you enjoy your holiday decorations take some time to turn in a rebate. Save your receipt and submit it along with your rebate application: <https://bit.ly/2A9S5sP>

Recycled Water Pond Rehabilitation – The City has received the final version of the recycled-water pond-lining project design documents. This will allow the City to bid the project in anticipation of construction in the summer of 2019. The pond-lining project will help the City store more recycled water and install additional floating solar arrays at the Water Reclamation Facility.

Floating Solar Site-Development Study – Earlier this week, the City received the draft version of the floating solar site-development study. This phase of the project provides a more thorough review of project constraints and design requirements. City Staff will review the draft over the next few weeks and provide comments to the consultant.