

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

January 4, 2019



## Community Services

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**Winter Break Camps a Success** – Over the past two weeks, 37 campers (ages 5-11) took part in our Winter Break Mini-Camps. The program held two sessions with various registration options to accommodate working parents and give children a fun atmosphere during the holiday break. Each mini-camp featured arts, crafts, games, songs and food projects. This year marked the return of holiday camps and based on their success, staff will look into continuing the program in 2019.



**Epiphany Celebration** – Corazón Healdsburg, in partnership with Community Services staff, will host an Epiphany celebration on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 4 p.m. at the Healdsburg Senior Center. All ages are welcome -- learn about the traditions of this holiday and enjoy a potluck-style lunch, piñata-making demonstrations, and games of lotería. Tamales will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. Reservations are appreciated: Please call (707) 431-3324. For more information about the event, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/285708355349634/>

## Planning & Building

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**Mill District Public Hearing** – On January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a tentative map to divide a 9-acre parcel into seven developable lots for a mixed-use development. This proposed development includes a hotel, housing (for-sale and rental) and commercial and public open space. Additional entitlements to be considered include a conditional use permit, historic demolition permit, heritage tree permit, density bonus and a development agreement. The tentative map application and development agreement also requires approval by the City Council.

## Public Safety

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**Structure Fire** – Healdsburg Fire was dispatched to a two-story structure fire at 709 University Street at 12:23 p.m. on Thursday. With help from responding fire agencies in Windsor, Geyserville, Dry Creek Rancheria, Cloverdale and Rincon Valley, firefighters extinguished the fire. Healdsburg Police

confirmed that all occupants were out of the building and began traffic control. Healdsburg Public Works and the Police closed off University Street and Healdsburg Electric cut power from the structure. After the fire was extinguished, Healdsburg building inspectors arrived to assess the structure. Nearby residents generously offered lodging to the displaced homeowners.



**Alcohol-Related Incidents and New Year's Eve** – The Police Department is pleased to report that residents and visitors celebrated the New Year responsibly. There were no reports of DUI drivers or alcohol-related arrests. This is the first time since 2013 that there were no alcohol-related arrests.

### Public Works

**Parking Pole/Sign Installation** - All parking poles have been installed for the expansion of timed parking at the West Plaza parking lot, Center Street near Piper Street and North Street near Grove Street. The parking signs are expected to be delivered the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> and the project will be completed shortly thereafter.

**Repair of Water Main Break** - Public Works maintenance crews repaired a water main break on University Street near Recreation Park last Friday. About 19 homes were briefly without water. After the repair, crews flushed out and tested the water system to insure good water quality before the water was turned back on.



## Utilities

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**Residential Sewer Usage** – This is a reminder that residential wastewater charges are based on average winter water use; specifically, the sewer-usage factor for residential customers is based on their lowest water usage for three of four months billed January through April. Residential customers at this time of year should adjust or turn off their outdoor water to ensure their water bill does not include irrigation usage. Doing so may lower their Seasonal Sewer Average (SSA) and consequently their sewer-usage fee. Customers should report any leaks to the City's Utility Billing division (431-3307) during the SSA period in a timely fashion to ensure any credits due are reflected in the SSA calculation.

**Upper Russian River Water Managers Meeting** – This week, staff attended the upper Russian River water managers' meeting. The meeting focused on the near- and long-term water supply of the Russian River watershed. Attendees discussed Sonoma Water's management of water storage in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma, the regional importance of the Potter Valley project, and the impact of wildfires on the region's water supply. Current water-supply forecasts show a normal water supply for the region; this is largely due to a strong partnership between Sonoma Water and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This partnership is now utilizing advanced weather forecasting to store additional water in anticipation of summer water needs.

**Completion of Apprentice Lineman Program** – Chayton Osborn, an employee of the City's Electric Department, has completed the four-year apprentice program to reach full journey lineman status. Chayton's completion of the training program is directly attributed to his efforts in completing a pre-apprentice training program before being hired by the City; "on the job" instruction provided by Foreman Mike Court, Journey Lineman Jason Hageman and Jorge Hernandez; and the training and apprentice program oversight provided by Electric Superintendent Todd Woolman. We're proud of Chayton and fully expect his training will provide a long and safe career as a lineman.

**Planned Power Outage for Maintenance and Repair** – This week, Electric Department crews completed a scheduled maintenance outage in the area of Foss Creek Circle and West Grant Avenue to replace a failed underground cable. The power outage was also coordinated with needed work at the Healdsburg Senior Living Center. Healdsburg Senior Living is installing a large solar array and required a power shut-down to complete portions of the solar installation.

**Magnolia Pump Station Winter Maintenance** – Ahead of the forecasted rains next week, City staff repaired and placed back into service two large pumps at the Magnolia pump station. The pump station collects and moves all the City's wastewater to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. During the winter months, rain and groundwater infiltrate the City's sewer collection system and increase the amount of wastewater flowing to the treatment plant. Ensuring these pumps are ready for operations prepares the City for rain and weather events throughout the winter.