

# CITY MANAGER UPDATE

April 26, 2019



## City Manager's Office

**Emergency Operations Center Training and Certification** – Several Department Directors and other City Staff took part in emergency-operations center and emergency management services training this week. The California Specialized Training Institute, part of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, led the training which enhances participants' capabilities to work in a local, operational area, regional, or state emergency-operations center (EOC) in disasters such as fires, floods, and earthquakes.

## Community Services

**Four Elements Festival Celebrates Earth Day** – Healdsburg Center for the Arts, in partnership with Community Services, hosted the Four Elements Festival on Plaza Street on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Families enjoyed a variety of activities in celebration of Earth Day. They had an opportunity to test a stationary bike that blends organic smoothies and learn about climate change, and the "Kids in their Element" hands-on art activities focused on earth, wind, fire, and water. SonoMusette and Shea Breaux-Wells played live music and the Juggling Turtle and Vines on Stilts performed throughout the afternoon.



**Senior Center Saturday Socials** – Saturday Socials are part of Healdsburg's designation as an Age-Friendly City; they encourage community connectedness through learning, socializing and engaging at every age. The Senior Center will host back-to-back age-friendly workshops on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The day will start at 10 a.m. with a presentation from author and speaker Brian Campbell on "Rewiring Your Brain for Success" and continue with a laughter yoga session in Plaza Park. These events are free and open to the community. For more information, please call the Senior Center at (707)431-3301.

**April 28<sup>th</sup> Wildflower Walk** – Community Services and LandPaths have teamed up to provide a guided wildflower walk through Healdsburg Ridge and Open Space Preserve on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Join Biologist Kate Symonds for an exploratory 2-3-mile walk in the 155-acre preserve and enjoy the arrival of spring wildflowers. The walk will have a few moderate to steep grades and take participants

through oak woodlands, grasslands and serpentine chaparral. The walk is free, but pre-registration is requested. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/372163303390704/>

**May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> California Mille car show** – The 29<sup>th</sup> annual California Mille will take place in and around Healdsburg May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event includes 60 vintage cars that could have qualified for the Mille Miglia, Italy's most famous open-road race. The cars will be displayed around Plaza Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7 p.m. We invite the community to come downtown for an up-close view of these unique vehicles and meet with the owners who will come from 17 states, Canada, Colombia, Japan, and Switzerland. The vehicles will include Alfa Romero, Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, AC Bristol, FIAT, Aston-Martin, SIATA, Ferrari, Nash-Healey, Austin-Healey, Ford, Kurtis Kraft, and Maserati. For more information, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/228926888800002/>



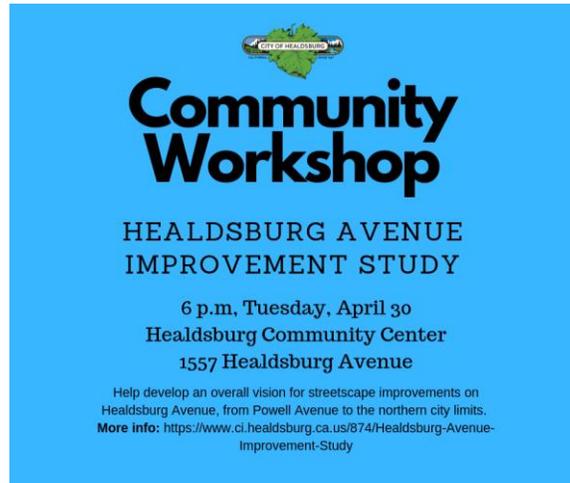
## Planning & Building

**North Entry Area Plan (NEAP)** – The Planning Commission on April 23<sup>rd</sup> approved a resolution (6-0) recommending the City Council to adopt a General Plan Amendment incorporating the NEAP into the Healdsburg 2020 General Plan. The resolution recommends Land Use Code amendments to implement the NEAP and certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the NEAP. The City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation and act on the plan and EIR on May 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/842/North-Entry-Area-Plan>.

**Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Update** – The City Council at its regular meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> will consider the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding an amendment to the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance. Some of the key changes made by the Commission include recommending the maximum size of ADUs to be 1,000 square feet; eliminating the maximum 45 percent floor area ratio of the ADU size to the primary unit size; and increasing the maximum floor area of an efficiency size ADU from 500 sq. ft. to 700 sq. ft. For more information, the ordinance materials can be found on the City website at <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/853/Accessory-Dwelling-Units---ADUs>.

## Public Works

**April 30<sup>th</sup> Community Workshop on Improving Healdsburg Avenue** – The City will hold a public workshop on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, to gather feedback on how Healdsburg Avenue – from Powell Avenue to the northern city limits – can be improved for all users. The workshop will be held at 6 p.m. at the Community Center and is part of the Healdsburg Avenue Improvement Study, which will explore the potential to implement “complete streets” concepts and other street enhancements. In addition, people can fill out an online map-based survey (deadline May 13<sup>th</sup>) to contribute their feedback: <http://bit.ly/healdsburgstudy>. A Spanish-language survey is also available via the link.



## Utility

**Shade Tree Giveaway** – In partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, the Utility Department gave away 150 saplings in honor of Earth Day on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. After five years of growth, the trees are expected to save 9,400 kWh of electricity, sequester 23,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide, and filter 78,000 gallons of stormwater runoff. The City is looking forward to seeing these trees grow and flourish for many years to come.



**Annual Conservation Conference** – This week, the City's Utility Conservation Analyst attended the annual Utility Energy Forum, which focuses on leading energy-efficiency and carbon-reduction programs used by publicly owned utilities in California. Topics covered at the conference ranged from electric vehicles, residential energy efficiency, all-electric building, and more. Attendance at these industry conference helps City Staff build effective and relevant conservation programs.