

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

May 24, 2019



City Manager's Office

June Speaker Series – The City will present a free speaker series to the public on key community issues as part of the planning process for the next 5-Year Strategic Plan. The topic for the June 5th event is economic diversity; speakers include Robert Eyler, of Economic Forensics & Analytics, Jessica Taylor of the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board, and City Manager David Mickaelian. The second event, on June 19th, will focus on land use and housing. Speakers will include Lawrence Florin of Burbank Housing, Keith Woods of the North Coast Builders Exchange, and Planning Director Maya De Rosa. The third and final event will be held on Monday, June 24th, and the topic will be SDAT/Healdsburg 2040; speakers will include SDAT working group representatives. All three events will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Community Center. Spanish translation and childcare will be made available.



Community Services

May 23rd – 25th Future Farmers Country Fair – Park Maintenance worked closely with Healdsburg Future Farmers Country Fair representatives to ensure Recreation Park is ready for the May 23rd – 25th country fair. The significant rainfall this month created some concerns about the viability of holding the fair in Recreation Park, but dry weather over the past few days gave everyone the green light. The City appreciates the willingness of the Fair Board to work collaboratively to ensure Recreation Park is ready for the fair, which is celebrating its 70th year, and for other users after the fair ends.

Railroad Park Update – Next week, Community Services Staff will reconfigure the temporary fence that sits near the street at the park and move it down along the existing fence to provide room for users. The wooden retaining wall and the steps will receive temporary repairs until permanent repairs can be completed. In addition, several trees will be pruned and an old walnut tree will be removed. The park should re-open for use by the end of the week.

May 31st – June 9th: Jazz Village returns to West Plaza Park – Jazz Village, a free mini-festival within the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, will feature live music, interactive art projects, jam sessions, and CD signings, and more. New this year is the Jazz Village Campus June 3rd -7th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., which will be a fun, interactive experience for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Students will experience music and literacy performances (bilingual), hands-on music-making, and learn about the Mississippi Blues from legendary bluesman Guy Davis. Jazz Village Campus workshops are

designed by Music Is First musicians/educators who are highly experienced teachers as well as world-class artists, including some who will perform at the Healdsburg Jazz Festival. More info: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/Calendar.aspx?ID=1154&month=5&year=2019&day=31&calType=0>



June 1st South of the Plaza Open Street Fair – The City of Healdsburg, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and downtown businesses, will host the South of the Plaza Open Street Fair on Saturday, June 1st, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Healdsburg Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic between the roundabout and Matheson Street to provide a safe and inviting event space. Livewire band and Vintage Jukebox will perform on the main stage throughout the event and attendees can enjoy aerial acrobatics, a children's bubble station, roaming juggler/unicyclist, stilt walkers, and face painting. The fair will also have food booths, and attendees can take part in Community Services demonstrations such as gardening and group painting, as well as a presentation on Healdsburg historic homes, wine tasting, and a fine art gallery tour. For more information, please go to: www.facebook.com/events/1413375422166542



Planning & Building

May 28th Public Workshop on Mill District – The Planning Commission will conduct a public workshop on May 28th at 4 p.m. at City Hall to provide initial comments on the site design and architecture for a proposed affordable residential development. This proposed development includes 41 residential dwelling units, 41 on-site parking spaces, and associated site improvements located on the future Lot 7 in the southeast corner of the Mill District site (behind McDonald's). For more information, go to: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/05282019-1009?html=true>.

Conditional-Use Permit Application for Amplified Music – The Elephant in the Room has applied for a Conditional-Use Permit to allow outdoor amplified music on its existing patio at 177 A Healdsburg Avenue. The Planning Commission will review the request for permit on May 28th. The staff report and associated attachments are available on the Planning Commission Agenda webpage at: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/05282019-1010?html=true>

Public Safety

Chief Boaz Receives Master's Degree from SSU – The Fire Department is proud of Chief Boaz for graduating with a master's degree in public administration from Sonoma State University. Chief Boaz's sister, SSU professor Cynthia Boaz, read his name at the May 19th commencement ceremony. Chief Boaz completed his master's degree while juggling family life with four children between 2 and 14 years old, working full-time for the Fire Department and our community, and serving as part of the Sonoma County Fire Service Working Group and as president of the Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association.

Ruben Mandujano Accepted to National Fire Academy – Fire Inspector/Engineer Ruben Mandujano was accepted to attend a 6-day class at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. This class is highly competitive and his acceptance recognizes Fire Inspector Mandujano's expertise on commercial fire protection systems. The NFA will cover the cost of travel and lodging.

Utility

Sunset Water Tank Replacement – Work will begin next week on the Sunset Water Tank replacement project, which will replace an old redwood water storage tank at the end of Valley View Drive. The replacement tank will increase water storage to support drinking water needs as well as improve water capacity for fire suppression.

Recycled Water Pond Lining Project – During the second week of June, rehabilitation work is scheduled to expand the City's recycled water storage. Initial work will locate existing underground facilities and clear vegetation in preparation of heavier earth work. This project helps the City comply with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's regulations and allows additional space for floating solar.

Magnolia Force Main Replacement – Next week's pile-driving will allow the installation of a new pipeline under Dry Creek. This project replaces aging and shallow pipelines that transport untreated wastewater from the pump station on Magnolia Drive to the treatment plant off Foreman Lane. Work will only be performed during the day to avoid noise at night and early morning.