

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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City Manager's Office

Strategic Plan - First "Speaker Series" Event Held – The City presented the first of three "Speaker Series" events on Wednesday, June 5th, at the Community Center. The event, which was also [video-streamed live on Facebook](#), focused on economic diversity in Healdsburg. The second "Speaker Series" event on June 19th at 6:30 PM will focus on land use and housing. Speakers will include Lawrence Florin of Burbank Housing, Keith Woods of the North Coast Builders Exchange, Larry Mintier of Mintier Harnish, and Planning and Building Director Maya De Rosa. The final event will be held on Monday, June 24th, and the topic will be SDAT/Healdsburg 2040; speakers will include SDAT working group representatives. Spanish translation and childcare will be made available at these events.



The City Finalizes Affordable Housing Acquisition of the Monte Vina Apartments – After several months of negotiations, the City of Healdsburg finalized this week the \$5 million purchase of the 23-unit Monte Vina Apartments to preserve and provide housing options for low- to moderate-income families. The deal ensures that the families and individuals who live in the one- and two-bedroom units can continue to live there. Burbank Housing, a City partner on other housing opportunities and a local nonprofit that builds affordable housing in the North Bay, is the new owner of this multifamily complex. The City of Healdsburg leveraged \$1 million in funding from Measure S, a voter-approved 2 percent hotel tax, to help pay for the residential property.

Planning & Building

Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO) Update – On June 3rd the City Council approved changes to the IHO which amend requirements to construct affordable housing as part of residential development projects. Key changes include:

- ❖ Projects of 5 or more market rate units are required to provide affordable units (previously 7 was the threshold)
- ❖ Increasing the inclusionary requirement from 15% to 20%
- ❖ Shift in affordability mix from very low, low and moderate to mostly moderate
- ❖ Exempts units of 850 square feet or less from the IHO requirements

Quimby Ordinance Revisions – On June 3rd the City Council approved changes to the Healdsburg Property Development Code to amend standards regulating the dedication of land and payment of in-lieu fees regarding the provisions of parks and recreational facilities as a condition of residential subdivision projects.

Mill District Affordable Housing Design Review Application – On June 6th the Planning Department received an application from Replay Resorts to develop 41 affordable housing units on Lot 7 of the site known as the Mill District. The item is anticipated to be considered by the Planning Commission on June 25th and will also include a request for a Conditional Use Permit for the residential units within the Mixed Use (MU) zone.

The Oaks at Foss Creek (111 Chiquita Road) – On June 6th the Building Department received a demolition permit application to demolish the existing structures on the site known as the Oaks at Foss Creek. The demo permit is necessary prior to moving into the next phase of site construction and building permit issuance for the 29 residential lots.

Community Services

Taking to the Streets – On June 1st, locals and visitors took to the streets to participate in our first Open Street Fair on Healdsburg Avenue. The City planned the South of the Plaza Open Street Fair to celebrate the completion of the roundabout and to show appreciation to all the businesses for their patience during the roundabout construction. A huge thanks to all the businesses who worked closely with the City in planning and participating in the event.



A Big Week for Recreation Park – Much of the community visited Recreation Park for the Healdsburg Future Farmers Fair. For the next two months the park will host 36 Prune Packer games, 10 Little League games, 14 REBEL adult games and three wonder league games. Parks staff has spent about 130 hours over the past week converting the park from a fair to a baseball facility. The turf has been edged, aerated, reseeded and top-dressed. In addition, staff is also working with Healdsburg Unified School District to prepare for the annual commencement ceremonies held at Recreation Park.

Search and Rescue Training Exercise at Healdsburg Ridge – The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Search and Rescue training exercise in the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve on Saturday, June 8 from 9am – 3pm. This exercise will provide officers experience with the layout of the park and surrounding terrain should an emergency response be required in the future. As part of the training, Sheriff's vehicles will be positioned near the entrance to the preserve on Arabian Way and a helicopter may

be used as part of the training. These are normal training procedures and not a sign of a real emergency. The Open Space Preserve will remain open to the public for regular use throughout the duration of the training. Any questions can be directed to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office by calling 707-565-2650.

Sundays in the Plaza Concerts – Sunday, June 9 marks the first concert of a 10-week series taking place each Sunday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in Plaza Park. Sundays in the Plaza features numerous Bay Area artists ranging in genre from Soul, Brazilian Jazz, Latin, Folk / Bluegrass, and much more. Grab a blanket, pack a lunch, and enjoy music-filled afternoons throughout the summer. This Sunday's performance features Latin guitarist David Correa. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/healdsburgcommunityservices/events

Movies in the Plaza Premier June 11– Join us under the stars as we watch the stars on the big screen! On the second Tuesday of June, July, and August family-friendly movies will be shown in Plaza Park immediately following the Tuesday concerts. Enjoy Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (2018) on June 11, Ralph Breaks the Internet (2018) on July 9 and Inside Out (2015) on August 13. Bring a chair, blanket, some snacks and cozy up to a fun outdoor movie with the family. All movies are rated PG by the MPAA. Inside Out will be shown in Spanish with English subtitles. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/healdsburgcommunityservices/events



Summer Camp is Around the Corner – Next week marks the return of the always-popular Camp HBG program. The theme this summer is Adventureland, which will provide campers the opportunity to take part in new and exciting activities geared towards specific “adventures” each week. Our enthusiastic camp staff will be leading the camp members in arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, skits, camp songs, weekly themed projects, and our most popular afternoons at the pool. Camp HBG is perfect for children as young as 22 months up to 11 years of age. In addition to traditional day camp offerings, there are special interest camps available for those interested in sports, art, engineering, and robotics. For more information please visit the Community Services webpage or call 707-431-3301.

Public Safety

Structure Fire – 1951 Redwood Drive – Acting Captain Justin Potter and A-shift crew responded to a call of a structure fire on Fitch Mountain on Wednesday, June 5th. This is a mutual threat area so there was a large response. There was light smoke coming from the attic upon arrival which was later to be determined as burnt food on the stove. At initial

dispatch, the Fitch Mountain Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE) group leader Pat Abercrombie was notified by Chief Officers. COPE leaders were already on scene because they saw the call on Pulse Point. A COPE leader notified Fitch Mountain residences of a possible structure fire and was on scene helping the resident to evacuate and remove a pet. Great job AC Potter and crew, Fitch Mountain COPE and all the reserve firefighters that showed up at the station to respond.

Fight for Air Climb – Thank you to everyone who supported Healdsburg Fire in the American Lung Association's annual "Fight for Air Climb" in San Francisco on June 1st. Participants climbed 52 floors – that's 1,197 stairs -- to raise close to \$5,000 for those who struggle to breathe. Representing Healdsburg Fire were Fire Marshal Linda Collister, Fire Engineer Ruben Mandujano, and Firefighters Lance Macdonald and Hector Madrigal.

Hazardous Materials Incident – On Tuesday, June 4th, Healdsburg Fire Marshal Linda Collister, a hazardous materials specialist, helped Sonoma County Hazmat Captain Dan Patalano identify the contents of a 55-gallon drum abandoned on Kinley Drive in Healdsburg. They determined that the drum contained a dangerous chemical with a pH of 0 – the strongest acid on the pH scale. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) sent a hazmat team to Healdsburg to retrieve the drum. No spill occurred. The Fire Department asks anyone with information about this drum and its contents to call (707) 431-3360.



June 11th Special Olympics Torch Run – Next Tuesday at 12 p.m., seven Police Department employees and other City Staff will run 4.6 miles in the Law Enforcement Special Olympic Torch Run. Runners will receive the torch at the northern City limits from members of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and run through Healdsburg on Healdsburg Avenue and across Memorial Bridge. They will hand off the torch to members of the Windsor Police Department in the Giorgio's parking lot. The torch run is the Special Olympics largest public-awareness event and fundraiser.

Utilities

Force Mains – Work has begun to replace two wastewater force mains that convey untreated wastewater from the Magnolia Pumping station to the Water Reclamation Plant on Foreman Lane. Initial work includes driving sheet-piles to create a pit for the boring

equipment. The equipment pictured below is sandwiched between the City's high-voltage lines and the recycled water bridge that cross Dry Creek.

Sunset Redwood Tank Replacement – Over the past few weeks preparatory work necessary to replace the aged redwood tanks has been ongoing. Initial work includes the constructing of a bypass system allowing the removal of the redwood tanks and preparation of the site. Work on this project will continue throughout the year.

Recycled Water Outfall – Emergency repairs to the recycled water outfall are nearly complete. Bank stabilization work was complete in the middle of May. Last week supporting pier foundations were installed and a protective concrete encasement was installed around the pipe. The recycled water outfall is the last piece of pipe that allows the discharge of disinfected tertiary treated recycled water.



Before



After

Recycled Water Pond Floating Solar – The Request for Proposals (RFP) to install floating solar was released late last week. Through the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) the City of Alameda, City of Healdsburg, City of Lodi, City of Redding, and Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Coop have banded together to develop solar projects within their jurisdictions. Healdsburg project contemplates installing floating solar across two recycled water ponds for a total of 3.6 mega-watts of renewable energy. In total, the combined efforts of the cities is expected to exceed 20 mega-watts or enough energy to power roughly 5,000 households. Proposals are due back by August 4th and at that time NCPA and City staff will begin the review and selection process.