

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

July 5, 2019



City Manager's Office

Third "Speaker Series" Event Held – The final speaker-series event was held at the Community Center on Monday, June 24th. Members of the local community group Healdsburg 2040 spoke about a range of issues such as sustainability and climate change. The free event was videostreamed live on Facebook and can be viewed here (no Facebook account needed): <https://www.facebook.com/cohealdsburg/videos/2542707185760364>. Next, the City will hold two public workshops on Wednesday and Thursday, August 21st and 22nd, at the Villa Chanticleer from 6:30 – 8 p.m. to gather more community feedback for the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

Community Services

DASH Program Underway – Registered and trained City volunteers provided the first Drivers Assisting Seniors in Healdsburg (DASH) ride on June 25th. DASH drivers are being scheduled on regular basis and transporting our older adults to shopping, medical, and social appointments. To learn more about the program or to sign up as a driver or rider, contact the DASH hotline at (707) 431-3159 or visit DASH online at: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/904/NEW---DASH-Volunteer-Driving-Program>

4th of July Festivities in the Plaza – The Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise, in partnership with the Community Services Department, will host the 8th annual Duck Dash and Kids Parade on Thursday, July 4th. Activities and entertainment will take place from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Plaza Park and will include the famous Duck Dash races, a children's parade, live music, meet-and-greet opportunities with police officers and firefighters, and a 6-foot diameter Apple Pie! Nail this down on your calendars and be sure to stick around at 1:30 p.m. for a surprise ending. [#canttouchthis](#)



#canttouchthis July 4th – Join the Voigt Family Sculpture Foundation and the City immediately following the 4th of July Healdsburg Duck Dash and Kids Parade for a secret welcome-back in the Plaza at 1:30 p.m. For more information and special clues about this special event, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/healdsburgcommunityservices.

Movies in the Plaza Continue July 9th – Join us under the stars as we watch the stars of the big screen. The second movie night of the summer will take place July 9th in Plaza Park. The film *Ralph Breaks the Internet* will be shown at approximately 8:45 p.m., following the Tuesdays in the Plaza

concert. All movies are family-friendly and free popcorn is provided to all. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/healdsburgcommunityservices/events

The Grind: Skating, Chalks, and Vibes – After being rained out in mid-May, the Grind will return on July 12th and 13th at the Carson Warner Memorial Skate Park. This third annual installment of The Grind introduces youth to art by blending skating, music, and art demonstrations. On Friday, June 12th, join us for an up-close look at chalk art creations from Joel Yau and Jolene Russell, an opportunity to create your own chalk designs, and to even take a turn on the open mic. On Saturday, July 13th, see the final artwork, take part in or watch skating and scooter competitions, and enjoy live music from local youth bands. All ages are welcome, but if you plan to skate or ride, don't forget your pads and helmet. Follow our Facebook page for additional information: facebook.com/healdsburgcommunityservices/events



Sundays in the Plaza Concerts – Grab a blanket, pack a picnic, and enjoy music-filled Sunday afternoons this summer. Join us Sundays from 1 – 3 p.m. in Plaza Park and listen to Bay Area musicians play songs from musical genres including soul, Brazilian jazz, Latin, and folk/bluegrass. Below is the July concert schedule. The full schedule for Sundays in the Plaza can be found online at: cityofhealdsburg.org/sundayconcerts

- July 7th – Hot Club Pacific (Jazz Guitar Duet)
- July 14th – The Real Sarahs (Folk / Jazz / Blues / Country)
- July 21st – Mama BRD (Motown & Soul)
- July 28th – Daniel Fries (Flamenco)



iREAD Coming to Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve – In collaboration with the City of Healdsburg, LandPaths will host iREAD Outside at the Healdsburg Ridge and Open Space Preserve on July 12th, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. iREAD Outside combines a love of reading with a love of the outdoors. The goal: to increase the number of family members reading to children daily and to encourage children and families to explore nature together. Pre-registration is required for the event. For more information about iREAD, please visit:

<https://landpaths.z2systems.com/np/clients/landpaths/eventList.jsp>

Volunteers Needed for Community Design Teams – The City is recruiting community members and stakeholders to serve on advisory teams for three citizen-driven projects: an Arts and Culture Master Plan; a Park, River Access, and Connectivity Master Plan; and an Open Space advisory team. Each

team will help shape the future of Healdsburg for generations to come. For more information, please visit <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/860/Volunteer-Program>. The deadline to sign up as an advisory-team member is Wednesday, July 10th.

Planning & Building

Mill District Lot 7 Affordable Housing – On June 25th, the Planning Commission approved a design-review request by Replay Resorts to construct 41 affordable-housing units on Lot 7 of the former Nu Forest Products site. The final property map must still be recorded prior to construction on the site.

Comstock/North Village Master Conditional Use Permit – On June 24th, Comstock Healdsburg, LLC, submitted a master conditional-use permit application to develop 290 residential units, a 120-room hotel and a small-scale neighborhood for commercial uses. The project proposes housing for the elderly and people with disabilities, rental units for people in the “missing middle” economic bracket, and workforce housing. We anticipate that a Planning Commission workshop will be held later this summer to discuss the proposal. The application has been routed to ALUC, NCRA and SMART for initial comments in addition to department review.

Public Safety

Community Police Academy Accepting Applications – The Healdsburg Police Department will present a free, 7-week community police academy to provide community members 18 years old and older firsthand information on how the department works. Veteran police officers and department personnel will teach the classes on topics including patrol, criminal investigations, traffic stops, narcotics, officer use of force, officer safety, community policing, and defensive tactics. Applications are being accepted until August 31st and can be found online at <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/205/Department-News>. The classes will start on October 2nd, and will be held at the Police Department (238 Center Street) on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. The first session of the Community Police Academy will begin on October 2nd.

Utility

Mutual Aid for Paradise Irrigation District – The fires that devastated the town of Paradise are now gone, but the work to rebuild the community is ongoing. An important part is re-establishing safe drinking water. Last week, the City of Healdsburg sent an employee trained in the collection of water samples, meter replacements, and back-flow device testing to help make safe drinking water available to this community.

2018 Electric Utility Energy-Efficiency Report – Under Senate Bill 1037, the State's publicly owned utilities (POU) finalized their annual energy-efficiency reporting and this information is available in an annual report. Through a broad range of energy-efficiency programs and measures, POUs collectively spent \$218.7 million on energy-efficiency programs, which resulted in over 639 GWh of net annual energy savings in 2018. The report details Healdsburg's energy-efficiency programs as well as other programs. View it here: <http://www.ncpa.com/policy/reports/energy-efficiency/>

Utility Wildfire Safety FAQs – City Staff have recently received questions on how PG&E's wildfire power shutdowns may affect the City. While the City cannot guarantee that a power outage will never occur, we do work continuously to maintain a safe and reliable electric system. The answer to the PG&E questions and other related questions can be found on the City's new Utility Wildfire Safety webpage: <http://bit.ly/2LtjCfn>.

Smart Energy Provider Designation – The American Public Power Association (APPA) has designated the City of Healdsburg's Electric Department as a Smart Energy Provider (SEP). The APPA's designation recognizes community-owned, not-for-profit public power utilities that exhibit leading practices in energy efficiency, distributed generation, renewable energy, and environmental initiatives. The Electric Department Staff is proud to be recognized for our commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Sunset (Redwood) Tank Replacement – Last week, the City initiated a localized water shutdown to facilitate replacement of the old Sunset water storage tank, which is well beyond its useful life. Replacement work will continue with an expected completion before the end of the year.