

# City Manager's Weekly Update

## September 25, 2015

### PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **Beach Flats Community Garden**

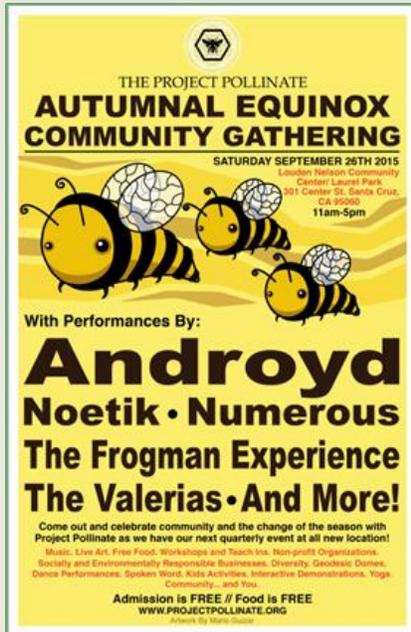
A meeting is scheduled for Monday September 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Beach Flats Community Center to share the proposed Beach Flats Garden re-configuration plan with gardeners and other interested neighborhood residents and to hear feedback. The proposal will provide plots for City resident gardeners between the two Seaside Company owned lots and a reconfigured Poets Park Garden with the exception of a couple of gardeners who live near the new Riverside Gardens Park and will be offered plots there.

#### **Civic**

This Saturday night the Civic hosts a very unique and creative event, FashionART Santa Cruz. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this runway fashion show which marries fashion to art. This very professional production is always a huge hit with the audience. There will also be a trunk show in the parking lot beginning at 7pm.



#### **Louden Nelson Community Center**



Project Pollinate will be holding their annual Autumnal Equinox Community Gathering in Laurel Park Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Information about the event can be found at <http://projectpollinate.org/project-pollinate-calendar.html>.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Resource Recovery**

Recycling processing shipped out approximately 500 tons of scrap metal this week. Due to low commodity prices, bids came in lower this year. A & S Metals came in with the high bid at approximately \$68 dollars a ton.

Collections staff recently researched the tonnage of the illegal campsite roll-off box that the City Rangers have staged in the Harvey West Yard. Since January 1 they have collected 30 tons of illegal campsite waste.



*Blatant illegal dumping at Harvey West Yard*

### **Parking Services**

Parking Lot 9 conversion to pay-by-space is finished. We are beginning with a soft start Thursday, September 24, and will be assisting the public with the transition over the next few days. We expect to be fully enforcing the new fees as of Monday, September 28.

### **Traffic Engineering**

The fourth in a series of four public workshops for the Active Transportation Plan was held on Tuesday evening at Gault Elementary School. This series of workshops is combined with the Planning Department's Corridor Planning and Zoning Update project. About 70 people attended the meeting and provided feedback on desired citywide bike and pedestrian projects. Many people had positive comments about existing bike and pedestrian infrastructure, in particular the San Lorenzo Riverwalk, Arana Gulch, and the Beach Street Bikeway. Barriers to active transportation included limited locations to safely lock a bicycle, concerns about bike theft, difficult intersections, and areas with missing sidewalk links. Many people spoke strongly about wanting to see protected bike lanes in Santa Cruz, widening the trestle bike/ped bridge for better crosstown access, and enhancing safety for kids walking and biking to school along higher traffic roadways.



Our Transportation Coordinator represented the City at National Drive Electric Day – Monterey Bay on Sunday, September 20, in the Capitola Mall parking lot. It was a successful event, with an estimated 500 to 600 visitors. We hosted a booth and showed off the City's electric vehicles. The Sentinel reported on the event:

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/environment-and-nature/20150920/national-drive-electric-day-provides-a-jolt#article-top>.

### **Engineering**

Annual Coastal Cleanup Day, which is organized locally by Save Our Shores, was held last Saturday, Sept 19. The City's Clean River, Beaches and Ocean fund (Measure E) contributed funding for this event. Multiple cleanup sites included several beaches, San Lorenzo River areas and a SCUBA cleanup at the Wharf. 600 pounds of trash were picked up from the cleanup site at the Tannery Arts Center. A total of 2,015 volunteers removed 8,699 pounds of waste throughout Santa Cruz County.

### **Wastewater Collections & Flood Control**

Our pump crew performed 21 pump station inspections and repaired a mix flush valve located at Natural Bridges Pump Station. Crew also performed diesel engine servicing on a large dry prime pump located at Storm Station 1B.



Vac-Con crews cleaned and inspected 12,500 ft. of sanitary sewer in the Circle and Westlake zones. Crews also responded to five private lateral sewer overflows on Parkway, Suburbia, Walnut and Fairmont Avenue. The Parkway overflow occurred twice. Overflows were cleaned up and turned over to Compliance for follow-up and enforcement.



### **Operations**

The installation of the new two-way radio antenna at the Bay Street Reservoir is taking place this week. The Streets crew prepared the base so that the radio contractor, Silke Communications, could attach the tower components.



### **Streets & Traffic Maintenance**

The pedestrian crossing signs are being upgraded on Beach Street to make them more visible to drivers and pedestrians.

### **Community Relations**

Public information and internal communications work began regarding El Nino/Emergency Operations Plan.

## **WATER**

### **Ocean Street 24 Inch Valve Replacement Project**

The department was able to complete this significant and complicated project. The level planning, team effort, and focus on customer service was extraordinary. Congratulations!



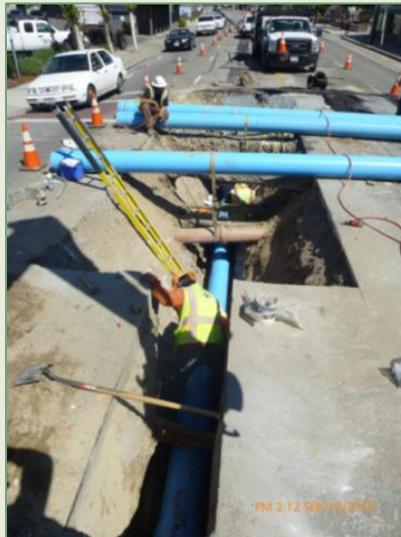
Old Valve



New Valve

### **Soquel Main Replacement Project**

4000+ feet of main have been installed for the Soquel Main Replacement Project and they have started tying over services. Pictured below is the 11' wide x 7' deep x 30' long trenches that was required to have banking on both sides due to unstable soil conditions and conflicting utilities.



#### **AVERAGE DAILY WATER CONSUMPTION**

- ▶ Week Ending 9/23: 7.50 mgd
- ▶ Previous Week: 7.20 mgd
- ▶ Peak Day 9/21: 8.20 mgd
- ▶ Same Week Last Year: 6.70 mgd

#### **RESERVOIR ELEVATION: (spills at 577.25 ft.)**

Currently: 562.60 ft.

Last year: 554.80 ft.

#### **SEASONAL RAINFALL: (inches)**

For the past week: 0.00

This week last year: 0.00

For the season: 0.00

This point last season: 0.00