

City Manager's Weekly Update

May 27, 2016

POLICE

SCPD in the Community Supporting Kids Day with Sheriff's Posse



It was our pleasure to spend the day meeting and interacting with everyone involved in the Special Kids Day last Friday. 100 youngsters enrolled in Special Education enjoyed a day of fun activities at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Posse facilities.



Students with special needs and their families were welcome to hop aboard and check out one of our squad cars. CSO Pedulla represented SCPD and said "These kids are incredible!"

Thanks to our new friends that posed for pictures with CSO Pedulla. This was one of her favorite days on the job.

The 32nd annual Fun Day was hosted by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Posse. They are a non-profit volunteer search and rescue group. SCPD is always happy to support organizations that inspire and encourage children of all ages.

National Police Week May 15-21 - Thanks to Those Who Keep Us Safe

Being a police officer in Santa Cruz is not without challenges. Officers handle over 100,000 calls for service each year— roughly 275 calls per day or 11 calls every hour. They often see situations at their very worst and manage to make order out of chaos. Yet, each day is an opportunity for SCPD officers to make a difference.



Appreciation for the hard work that our SCPD Officers do to keep Santa Cruz residents safe and protected was proclaimed locally and across the country this past National Police Week. Mayor Cynthia Mathews, speaking on behalf of the Santa Cruz City Council presented Chief Vogel with a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing the Santa Cruz Police Department in honor Police Appreciation Week.

During this Police Appreciation Week we honor and remember those who gave all. We also salute our current team of officers for their tireless efforts on behalf of Santa Cruz. Many of our officers have made a significant difference in someone's life. Many will never get recognized for their kindness.

If you have a sense of appreciation for members of the Santa Cruz Police Department, let us know. Exemplary service or praise about police officers or the department can be sent to Thankacop@cityofsantacruz.com.

In a new City Beat column created in SC Waves, SCPD feature Thanks to Those Who Keep Us Safe ranked top article for the week. Read the full article on Santa Cruz Waves website. <http://santacruzwaves.com/2016/05/thanks-to-those-who-keep-us-safe/>

SC Waves also posted the Appreciation highlight on social media



Sign up Now for Summer 2016 Teen Public Safety Academy

Santa Cruz Police and Fire Departments offer teens ages 13-19 the opportunity to learn more about law enforcement and the fire service in this summer's Teen Public Safety Academy.



In the one-week course participants gain an understanding of what it takes to become a law enforcement officer, firefighter, 911 dispatcher, and emergency responder through direct observation and participation.

Class sessions are July 11-15, July 25-29 & August 8-12
Classes run for one week, Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm.

Spaces in the Teen Academy fill up quickly. Space is limited to 20 teen recruits per session. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.



Each action-packed session will include hands-on learning and demonstrations with Santa Cruz Police and Fire Departments. Recruits will engage in a daily physical fitness program in addition to dynamic instruction from expert police and fire personnel.

The summer Teen Academy courses developed by the Santa Cruz Police Department provide a phenomenal opportunity to Santa Cruz teenagers who are considering serving their community in careers in either law enforcement or public safety, and those who are interested in learning public safety skills.



SCPD Officers will provide instruction to the students in various areas of law enforcement, including patrol operations, criminal investigations, public safety dispatching, SWAT, and Police K-9 unit. The SCFD will give instructions on fire operations on trucks and ladders, share basic firefighting principles and CPR certification.



The program fee is \$40 and includes a T-Shirt and lunches. Graduation will be on Friday at 3:30 pm, and family members are invited to attend!

For more information contact: Leo Gomez (831) 420-5952 or lgomez@cityofsantacruz.com

Outstanding Police Work

SCPD Collaboration with Silicon Valley Internet Crimes against Children Taskforce

Two Arrested in Separate Child Pornography Cases

The Santa Cruz Police Department is an affiliate agency of the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (ICAC). As such, we work with the ICAC task force both proactively and re-actively to investigate criminals who are engaged in the sexual exploitation of children. The discovery of these suspects was the result of a proactive operation conducted by the Santa Cruz Police Department.

On May 17, 2016, the Santa Cruz Police Department conducted two separate search warrants and arrests stemming from proactive months-long child pornography investigations. In two independent investigations Robert Krietzman, 51 years old, from Watsonville and John Brookhouse, 66 years old from Scotts Valley were arrested for possession of child pornography, 311.11(a) penal code.

SCPD would like to remind parents it is imperative that they monitor their children's social interactions, their use of computers, cell phones, and similar electronic devices as well as their children's use of social media and other internet sites. We encourage parents to also talk with their children about the dangers involved with the use of these electronic devices and internet sites and immediately report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

Wastewater Operations and Maintenance

Our Capital Improvement Project to replace three Sodium Hypochlorite (SHC) tanks continues. The photo at left below shows the second of three tanks in the installation process. SHC is used in the process to support the control of odors and for emergency disinfection of final effluent.

Digester #4 equipment rehabilitation continues. Maintenance and electrical staff are working on the installation of the digester gas mixing compressor packages. The new mixing compressors are replacing aged and non-supported compressor packages with energy efficient units.



Wastewater Collections & Flood Control

A section of broken pipe was discovered on a sewer line in the Carbonera Estates area. The line is located on a very difficult easement and is 9 feet deep. We are working with engineering to secure a contractor for emergency repair (photo at left below).

Crews completed the final post winter cleanings of the five storm water pumping stations. The stations now will be set for summer diversion to sanitary sewer of all flows. This will continue until the river mouth closes.



Waste Reduction

We are in peak season with our Dori pole and pennant loan program. Three schools borrowed them for special events this week that included a walk-a-thon and spring festivals at Westlake, Bay View and De Laveaga elementary schools. The festive pennants are a wonderful alternative to balloons and other disposable decorations.

Engineering

Our [2016 Surface Seal Program residential street paving project](#) began with concrete work and asphalt work. The chip seal portion of the work will begin the week of May 31. The overlay project is expected to have a notice to proceed the first full week in June. These projects will be constructed over the summer.

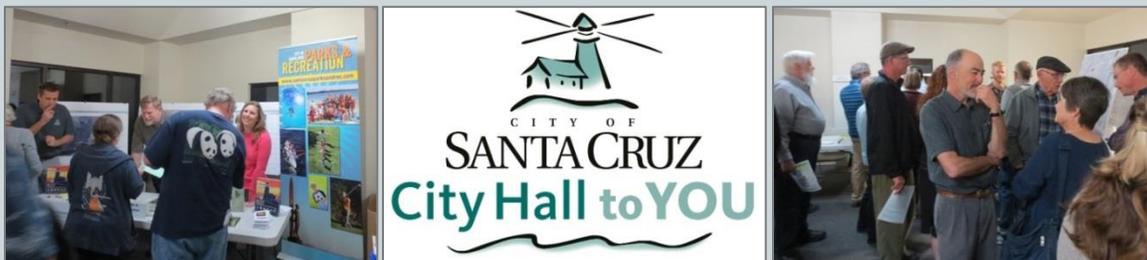
The Railroad Crossing Improvements project on Encinal Street has been completed with all roadways now open. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused. We welcome the new concrete panels at the railroad crossing between Highway 9 and Limekiln Street that will smooth the transition from the road to the railroad tracks for all travelers here on out.

Community Relations

Details of our [June 1 City Hall to YOU at the MAH](#) were completed. We invite all Downtown/Beach Area/Harvey West residents and business owners to dialogue one-on-one with dozens of City officials and staff about their neighborhood concerns. Spanish translators will be available as needed.

This second event in our quarterly series includes 18 booths with interactive neighborhood maps for citizens to specify safety concerns and issues, registration for summer programs and activities, tips on how to avoid getting a parking ticket downtown and Planning and Public Works project displays and more.

A town hall session with presentations by Vice Mayor Cynthia Chase, City Manager Martín Bernal, Parks and Recreation Director Mauro Garcia and Economic Development Director Bonnie Lipscomb will be followed by a 30-minute question and answer period. Attendees will have further opportunity to dialogue with councilmembers and department heads, as well as planners, engineers and other City staff during the open house portions of the event.



Green Business

The Green Business Program is preparing for the next City Hall to YOU event on June 1. There are over 70 certified Green Businesses in the downtown and beach front regions of the City. The businesses will be invited to attend and will be recognized at the Green Business display table.

Waste Reduction

Waste Reduction staff hosted a RRF site visit of the prospective artists for SCRAP, the new Santa Cruz Recycle Art Program. Selected artists will have limited access to the waste stream for

materials that they can incorporate into their art work. Artists will also have access to the Fabrication Lab in the Wrigley building on Mission Street. The program will have a reduce, reuse, and recycle education component and will include a group show at the end of a six month pilot program.

Wastewater Operations and Maintenance

Secondary Clarifier #3 has been removed from service for follow up contractor repairs. The concrete floor appears to be lifting in areas. Contractor has inspected it and is now evaluating repair options.



Engineering

2016 Surface Seal and Overlay Projects – The Overlay project was awarded to Granite Construction on 4/12 (\$1.76m). The surface seal contract was awarded to Telfer Pavement Technologies on 4/13 (\$1.84m). Both contracts have been executed.

Community Outreach

Two more articles for Santa Waves City Beat column were edited: “Business Community Applauds First-ever State of the City Report” and “Sometimes You Just Have to Fix the Roof.”

A six month contract with National CineMedia was negotiated at a considerable discount to air our WWTF, Economic Development and Recycle Right! video PSAs on all 11 Cinema 9 and Riverfront 2 screens before all movies. This is scheduled to begin on June 3 with the WWTF PSA airing most of the summer. ED’s videos will begin with their Arts Council Creative Video for one week in mid-June.

RECREATION DIVISION

Louden Nelson Community Center

Memorial Day Celebration

In honor of Memorial Day, Loudon Nelson Community Center and Community Bridges staff conducted a celebratory 'Picnic in the Park' for the Senior Lunch Program on Friday, May 27th at 12:00 pm. All were encouraged to attend, especially seniors and city staff and officials to attend this brief remembrance of those who gave their life for our freedom.



EVENTS

Santa Cruz Surfing Museum 30th Anniversary

This coming Memorial Day weekend marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of the world's first surfing museum. The Santa Cruz Surfing Museum has inspired and enlightened thousands of visitors about one of our community's most quintessential elements: our connection to the waves. Please join us in celebrating thirty remarkable years of the City's little gem, this Saturday at 11:00 am on the lawn at Lighthouse Point overlooking beautiful Steamer's Lane.



PARKS DIVISION

Arana Gulch Maintenance

From May 23rd to May 25th, Parks and Recreation Department staff mowed approximately 14 acres of coastal prairie grassland outside of the cattle grazing areas at Arana Gulch. The mowing



helps control non-native plant populations, reduces the risk of fire, and improves the sense of space along the hiking trail for park users. Prior to the mowing, members from the Santa Cruz Bird Club helped staff and the consulting biologist survey for ground nests.

Lose Your Lawn Event Small but

Productive

Nine people attended our 'Lose-Your-Lawn' with sheet mulching workshop on Saturday, and five stayed to help with the hands-on project. The good news is that with our small but mighty crew we were able to sheet mulch 1,200 sq. ft. (12 cubic yards of material) of lawn at City Hall and plant half of it by 4pm! City Parks staff finished the balance of the work on the following Monday. This collaborative event was between City Parks staff and Ecology Action agency.



All workshop participant-households that stayed until 4pm walked away with a \$500 voucher for their own Monterey Bay Friendly Landscape projects. A high school student from



Branciforte small schools campus is going to use her voucher for a lawn retrofit project at the school. We also donated the leftover b-flute cardboard from the project to this awesome student worker.

Sherry Lee Bryan, Senior Program Specialist with Ecology Action extended a special thanks to Mia Duquet and all the staff at City Parks for partnering on this project. Also a thanks to Vision Recycling for donating 8 cubic yards of mulch, as well as all those sponsoring.

