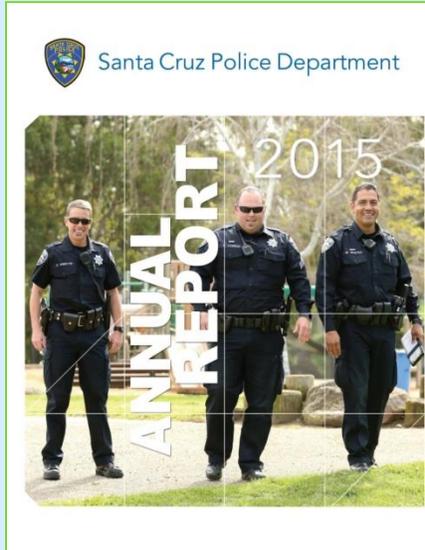


City Manager's Weekly Update

June 24, 2016

POLICE



Police Department Issues 2015 Annual Report

The Santa Cruz Police Department presented our 2015 Annual Report. This was the first annual report that the agency has produced in over 29 years. SCPD is excited to provide information from the past year about our organization and the service that our dedicated and hard-working women and men of the Santa Cruz Police Department provide to our community every day. The staff of the Santa Cruz Police Department continues to partner with community members, city government, area law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders to improve the quality of life in our community by providing high quality, professional police services.

The police department continues to increase capacity and grow stronger. The police department is at nearly full-strength with 93 sworn positions currently filled. Staffing levels have not been like this in quite some time. SCPD will continue to look for ways to be more effective and strategic in our efforts to bring you the finest in public safety service.

New Hires in SCPD Records Department

Tracy Kendall and Andrew Rauss were recently hired as Police Records Technicians. After a long vacancy period, we are happy to celebrate being fully staffed. The Records Section is an essential function to our department. This team processes thousands of records, citations, warrants, documents and virtually every public record that comes through the department. In addition to SCPD, our Records team prepares documentation needed by the District Attorney's Office for arraignment and prosecution to arrestees.



Welcome to Our 2 Newest Officers

Two new officers were sworn into the Santa Cruz Police Department during a badge pinning ceremony on this month. Chief Kevin Vogel presided as new officers Raul Pizano and Tyler Hernandez took an oath to serve and protect our city. Officer Raul Pizano comes to the Santa Cruz Police Department from Sonoma, California. Officer Pizano graduated from the police academy at Napa Valley College in June 2015. Officer Tyler Hernandez comes to the Santa Cruz Police Department from the Monterey County area. Officer Hernandez graduated from the police academy at Monterey

Peninsula College in May 2015.

Teen Public Safety Academy



Teen Public Safety Academy IN THE NEWS: Thanks to the KSBW and reporter Phil Gomez for highlighting the good work being done at SCPD's Teen Academy. These teens are having a great time participating in hands on learning from true professionals at the police and fire departments. <http://www.ksbw.com/news/santa-cruz-police-teen-academy/40194536>

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.

Teens 13-19, there are a few available spaces in sessions July 11-15, July 25-29 & Aug 8-12
Email: lgomez@cityofsantacruz.com --More details on SCPD Blog <http://goo.gl/tXkrjZ>

P.R.I.D.E Graduations at SCPD



Santa Cruz Police Department celebrated the successful graduation of 21 youths from the P.R.I.D.E . Program. This marks the 9th graduating class for P.R.I.D.E. PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT IN ETHICS

Working in conjunction with Santa Cruz City Schools and the County Office of Education, the program is a multi-faceted approach to support local intermediate school-aged kids.

The PRIDE program is a prevention and intervention course for middle school youth between the ages of 12 and 15, designed to help students understand how their current life choices impact their future.



Participants are given the opportunity to reflect upon the direction of their lives and the consequences of their choices. The program is voluntary and free of charge, and its activities include guest speakers, mentor connections, parental involvement and recreational outings to help participants make decisions that lead to healthy and productive lives.

RECREATION DIVISION

EVENTS

Woodies Time!

Don't miss the 22nd anniversary of the Woodies on the Wharf, Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Come stroll our beautiful Santa Cruz Wharf and check out more than 200 classic surf wagons overlooking the scenic Monterey Bay. Come out for Music, prize drawings and woodie goodies.



PARKS DIVISION

Neary Lagoon Goat Grazing

Goats will be grazing at Neary Lagoon from the 21st for approximately 10 days. You can visit them by entering at the Blackburn St. entrance or the Chestnut St. entrance. A great site for kids to see!



...and speaking of Neary Lagoon...



Neary Lagoon Playground Completion

A new play area has been added to Chestnut St entrance to Neary Lagoon Park. City Staff eliminated 3,500 square feet of turf and worked with playground design professionals to place a new structure for the 5 to 12 year age group.



Rolling into San Lorenzo Park!

City of Santa Cruz staff and The Rotarians will be out working this coming Saturday to assemble the new pump track. This project will be a temporary installation on the

park's bench lands that will provide a positive recreational use in this area. Stay Tuned for the grand open event!

Historic Fredrick St Park Skate Bowl Gets Fresh Sealcoat!

Frederick Street Park Skate Park is the oldest in the region and indeed northern California. Located at 168 Frederick Street, the park surface is largely grass, and the park offers amenities such as trail, playfield, an ocean view, large play areas, sand volleyball court, a dog area, and multiple picnic areas equipped with barbeques, bathroom facilities, and patron parking. It's simply a great place for play! The skate park received a fresh sealcoat. The sealcoat acts as a barrier against harmful materials. The surface was treated first with a crack-filling agent prior to applying the sealcoat.



Sealcoating will reduce friction and can help reduce anti-skid properties associated with the exposed aggregates in asphalt. It all equals smooth skating!



Ranger Presentation

Ranger Jon Silas did a presentation last Saturday, June 18 b for the Coastal Watershed Council's 'Ebb & Flow River Arts Festival,' along the Santa Cruz river walk. The presentation reached both adults and children.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resource Recovery: Landfill and Recycling Processing

Recycling Processing shipped out a load of mixed rigid plastic (43,000 lbs.) for export this week. A 53-foot trailer of e-waste and CRT's also shipped out along with a load of universal waste (fluorescent bulbs, batteries and CFL's).



Waste Reduction

Waste Reduction staff led two public tours of the Recycling Center at the Resource Recovery Facility this week: one general summer tour and one for a Santa Cruz Neighbors group. Participants saw first-hand how all of their recycling is sorted and baled. The next free public Recycling tours are Fridays July 15 and August 19. Call 420-5591 to register.

Collections

This Saturday, June 25, is the [Bulky Item Pickup](#) and the UCSC Move-in/Move-out event. Scheduled items will be left out for pick up at the curb by our staff. This year we are also trying an additional drop-off service with our mattress recycler. A trailer is available for the public to drop off, at no cost, mattresses and box springs for recycling at 300 Natural Bridges Drive (at Delaware) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Laboratory & Environmental Compliance

The Laboratory received certification for testing for TKN (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen), an important indicator of nitrogen based nutrients in wastewaters, biosolids and natural waters, from ELAP (Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program). This addition to our certification allows us to further reduce our dependence on private contract laboratories for compliance monitoring. Other newly approved methods for compliance testing at the lab include volatile residuals, useful for monitoring the digester health, and total chlorine residual testing in surface and wastewaters.

These three new methods bring the current total of certified methods in the laboratory to 36. In addition to these, the laboratory runs a series of moderately sophisticated methods that are currently beyond the purview of the ELAP certification program. These include: Advanced microscopy; DNA; Spectrometry; and caffeine and algal toxins by ELISA.

The tallow bin previously located at Pearl Alley has been removed and relocated by the new owners of the tallow grease operations. This relocation was necessary because the bin at the site had constituted a public nuisance and the Environmental Compliance Inspector for the area worked with the proprietors of the restaurants responsible and the tallow servicing companies to address the issue.

Pictures below show the location with the tallow bin in place last week, and the location this week, after the tallow bin had been removed.



Figure 1. Pearl Alley with tallow bin

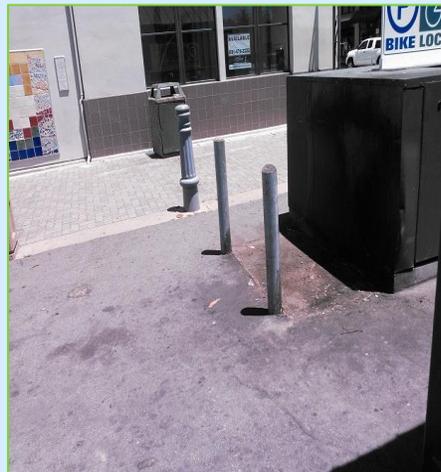


Figure 2. Pearl Alley after tallow bin removed

Streets/Traffic

Crew have been repairing old concrete on Atlantic between 3rd and 4th avenues and paving on High Street.



Engineering

2016 Surface Seal and Overlay Projects – Most of the work for the surface seal project has been completed, with only installation of striping yet to go. This will be completed within the next couple of weeks. The contractor is set to begin concrete work for the overlay project next

week. Paving will occur the latter half of July with the project scheduled for completion by the end of August.

Resource Recovery: Landfill and Recycling Processing

Landfill operations received their new wheel loader this week. This loader is replacing a thirteen year old loader used for the green waste operation.



Collections

We are working on the final arrangements to use UCSC Facilities CNG fueling station in addition to the PG&E facility on 7th Avenue. This will allow us a more efficient fueling while on the Westside of the City. An RFP for construction of our own facility at the Corporation yard is progressing and should be ready to release very soon.



Operations

Staff has been working with Parks staff on the California Energy Grant project at Harvey West Pool and an air exchange project at the Civic Auditorium.

Facilities

Staff is exploring remodeling the City Hall roof structure to give safe access between the two flat roofing sections over Rooms 9 and 10. Currently there is no access and a ladder system is too bulky and unsightly.

Staff closed out 92 preventative maintenance work orders. Staff is also getting quotes to add air conditioning to Fire Station 1.

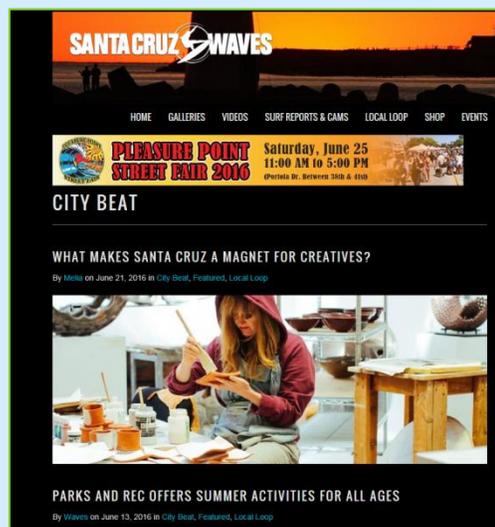


The Energy Project Coordinator is working on replacing 26 fixtures on Walnut Ave with an LED Conversion. The lamps will retain the same color and the lenses will be replaced to improve light output and aesthetics. There will also be a demonstration on Mission Street with LED's to pick the best fit for that area.

Community Outreach

Our 30-second Wastewater Treatment Facility public service announcement is now airing before all movies at the Cinema 9 and two River Front theaters downtown. This will continue through the summer. The 3-minute version can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

We have now published eight articles in our Santa Cruz Waves [City Beat](#) column. All have been promoted on SC Waves Facebook. Three of our articles have been featured in SC Waves weekly newsletter distributed to 2,000 as "top article."



Under Scott Collins, staff is heading up a Design/Writing Standards sub-committee with members of the City promotions committee. We will be also be considering a social media page featuring all department links and video gallery on City website.

CITY MANAGER

A number of City programs and services were recognized by the County Grand Jury. I received a report which is attached to this report for your information.

The Good Times prepared a nice article about the City's outreach efforts. See link below.

<http://goodtimes.sc/santa-cruz-news/city-opens-communications/>