

City Manager's Weekly Update

September 9, 2016

POLICE

Labor Day Weekend Update

The Santa Cruz Police Department responded to 1,131 calls for service over the course of Labor Day Weekend.



It is not unusual to have such a high volume of calls for service over a holiday weekend. To handle the volume, Watch Commanders are constantly assessing and making strategic decisions to maximize deployment of Officers and Detectives over multiple crime scenes and areas of concern.

Four cases of interest during the busy weekend include a (1) Hit & Run collision into Betty's Burgers at Seabright and Murray, (2) Eastside Shooting Victim at Hall and Seabright, (3) Westside Shooting Investigation on Chestnut Street and (4) Hit & Run of more than 15 city traffic signs. Officers located this suspect and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit made its way to Highway 17 where the CHP and Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office took over eventually arresting the suspect for DUI, Evading and Hit & Run. Details on SCPD blog <http://goo.gl/koZHkx>

PD Approved Trolley Tours

For the inaugural tour, CSO Jenna Wilson added an extra patrol to check out the 150th Anniversary Tours on the Public Works Trolley.



CSO Wilson happily reported back that all is clear & everyone on the tour was having a good time on the 150th Anniversary Tour. Per CSO Wilson , "Officially Safe & Absolutely Interesting". More information is available at www.cityofsantacruz.com/150anniversary.

City Hall to You Recap

Westside residents made a good showing at City Hall to You. The forum was a good opportunity to have conversations with community members especially in the wake of the homicide on the San Lorenzo Riverwalk. Top 3 concerns throughout the night were (1) Riverwalk safety, (2) traffic issues, and (3) party houses.

The August 23rd homicide on the Levee was a key concern. Our Detectives had the suspects identified and detained just 4 hours after the homicide. Our investigation revealed that the shooter specifically targeted the victim. Community members asked Chief Vogel what changes could be expected. SCPD has implemented increased patrols with park unit officers, to include patrols on foot, bike and ATV.

Another popular issue was that of RV's on the Westside. We talked with residents about ways they can help us address the problem to include documenting RVs that are leaking fluids, overextending parking time, missing licenses or abandoned. Be a good witness. Call 911 to report violations. Officers are working within the current set of laws to address the problems as best as possible.

The most common themes on our interactive maps were speeding traffic and party houses in neighborhoods. SCPD is responding with increased traffic enforcement. Additionally, we are stating our regular "party patrols" to encourage incoming UCSC students to be good neighbors. For a quick and easy way to report a Traffic concern in your neighborhood click this link. It goes directly to the SCPD Traffic Sergeant.

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/.../report-a-traffic-concern-i...>

Community Building at its Best!



SCPD had a fantastic time Sunday afternoon at the NAACP Peace Party. It was great to have conversations, make introductions, and build relationships. The day was beautiful, the people were great, and the event was a success. SCPD sends out special thanks to the NAACP, Garfield

Park Community Church and all the people who made the day possible. It was a good day!
More on SCPD Blog <http://goo.gl/R2cvqR>

SC Waves Live Feed Video Promotes Back to School Safety with SCPD

Santa Cruz City Schools, the crossing guards, SCPD Motors, and kids all agreed it turned out fantastic. Everyone involved in the production was a volunteer. We practiced a walk through a couple of times. Then we shot it live in one take. Watch the Santa Cruz Wave live video post here <http://goo.gl/OswAoE>



Thanks SC Waves for Sharing & Supporting SCPD's Back to School Safety Tips. New school year brings more children out and about, expect traffic delays and distractions. Be prepared and patient! Let's all do our part to help keep our community safe.

SCPD Back to School PSA on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PNcTal3psk>

SCPD Partners Up with UCSC Police - Gets Kudos on Social Media in a big way!

Found our missing Good Guy!

Great teamwork all the way around! UCSC Police found our good guy Daniel. Daniel went on a walkabout and got lost. A citizen saw the SCPD Nixle alert, recognized him and called SCPD. We are happy to report that Daniel was returned home safe and sound. Thanks to all the Facebook friends who spread the word around town. Thanks to the observant citizen who made the call. Thanks to all the officers who searched block to block. Daniel says thanks for the SCPD badge sticker. Awesome job everyone!



PARKS AND RECREATION

CIVIC

As part of the City's 150 Birthday Celebrations we invite you to take a walk back through history from the Civics' inception to plans for the future on Friday, September 9th 4-8pm. Civic Open House is a very special event which will include tours of the Civic, an unveiling of the Civics' History Project, 1940's Happy Hour pricing on popcorn with purchase of a 2016's drink!

Come share your Civic memories and add to our history!



LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Senior Walking Adventure Group (WAG) celebrates its one year anniversary on Thursday, September 8th. Adventurers will walk to Mission Plaza and finish with a party at the Center at 11:30 am. In its first year, 115 WAG participants cumulatively have walked 1,587 miles and gone on 595 walks!





LNCC Senior programs present “The Age Of Love,” a film about senior speed dating, on September 10th at 3:00 pm. The film will be followed by a one-hour social with activities for people to connect. Also, staff will offer sign-ups for a future senior speed dating event! View the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87X3TyQwUk>.

VEGETATION CLEARING ALONG THE SAN LORENZO RIVER

Parks staff is working with contractors to remove overgrown vegetation along the San Lorenzo River. All this work is performed in accordance with the City’s Routine Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The most notable areas of clearing are: areas which are adjacent to the Tannery on both sides of the river; the east levee south of Mimi de Marta off-leash dog park.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Property Update

An RFP was issued for a three-month lease for the premises at 1120 Pacific Avenue which will be vacated on September 30th. Of the four proposals received, the Homeless Garden Project

(HGP) was identified as the best tenant for the temporary use. HGP has been operating a retail store in a donated space at 110 Cooper Street but received a 30-day notice to vacate on September 30th. HGP depends on holiday sales revenue to help fund their operations and historically have asked the City for help find a downtown location for the holidays. 1120 Pacific Avenue was one of a few downtown spaces available and, with its high visibility, was a good fit for HGP for the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hendee for more information.

The Tannery Arts Center has a new website!



<http://tanneryartscenter.org/>

The Economic Development Department, working with Studio Holladay, has developed a brand new website for the Tannery Arts Center. The original site, which was initially developed before the artists' studios were constructed, had in recent years emphasized fundraising for the Colligan Theater.

The new website explores the history of the project and how it went from being the Salz Tannery to the current vibrant arts campus. It provides a campus-wide calendar and profiles of the on-site artists along with links to the Colligan Theater. Newsletters, both current and archived, are posted, along with news articles about the Tannery. The new site is colorful, clean-lined and easy to use.



WATER

For the Water Department this week, work continues on our “bigger” main replacement projects, which includes the North Coast project and the Cedar Street project. The North Coast project reached an interesting point this week. You may remember that we used “directional” drilling a few months ago to drill horizontally (instead of vertically) for space for the new main. This week we prepared for drilling under a railroad crossing, between Highway 1 and 4-Mile Beach, which will employ “jac and bore”. While directional drilling creates the hole/space for the main to go into, jac and bore basically works like a horizontal jack. In order to create space for the jack, a hole must be dug and shored up for the equipment and its operators, which must then be approved by OSHA prior to work commencing. This week we completed the holes and received approval from OSHA to proceed with the jac and bore. The photo below shows a crane lowering equipment into the hole where the work will be done:



The Cedar Street project continues, with about a half-mile of water main now installed. We’ve had a few set-backs with this project, mostly due to unmarked underground utilities holding up digging and trenching, which has caused the project schedule to be behind by about 2-3 weeks. The picture below shows the kind of challenges we’re facing working around existing service infrastructure:



PUBLIC WORKS

Streets/Traffic

Crews have been working on fabricating and installing approximately 100 signs on the river levee.



Resource Recovery Engineering

Cell 3A excavation continues this week along the east slopes. Material is being diverted to processing 1" protective cover soil in the staging area, daily cover soil near the active fill area, and stockpile soil on top of the North Deck. The contractor is clearing and grubbing the low perm material/clay and prepping the floor and west slope for the construction of the 100' x 30' low permeable layer test pad construction. Approximately 6,500 cubic yards of clay will be compacted and spread in 2 foot lifts along the floor and western slope of cell 3. The buttress fill has been completed and final excavation should be completed early next week.



Before



After



Clearing & Grubbing Clay Stockpile

Collections

Monday morning our drivers arrived at The Galleria at 740 Front St. to find the enclosure had been set on fire. Three \$800 plastic containers were destroyed. It took an hour to replace, pick up and clean everything. We will be sending a letter to businesses and multiple family dwellings reminding them to keep their containers and enclosures locked to avoid issues like this as well as people sleeping in dumpsters -- something that we are seeing daily.



Community Outreach

We hosted our first three Public Works trolley tours on Wednesday in celebration of the City's 150th anniversary. Dozens of City residents of all ages boarded the trolleys at Lincoln and Cedar before heading off on guided tours of our fascinating Recycling Center and award-winning Wastewater Treatment Facility.



Passengers were escorted by our Waste Reduction Manager to and from the Recycling Center where they were able to view the public drop off area, scrap metal, recycle tipping floor, household hazardous waste drop off site, and bales of finished materials ready for shipment. An added bonus, the trolley took passengers up to the landfill area to view the construction of the new cell. Passengers young and old enjoyed seeing the heavy equipment in action. One commented, "Thank you for an amazing tour. My son really enjoyed it. I think everyone should visit this facility. It really makes you think more about items we purchase, throw away and recycle. It opened my eyes for sure."

Two Wastewater Operations and Maintenance staff provided the guided tours of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Many questions were answered as the trolley toured the plant. Passengers received handouts on the various environmental processes used and other activities at the facility.

The tours continue each Wednesday this month. Spots are filling up fast; reservations are recommended: jbisgaard@cityofsantacruz.com. Details are listed [here](#).



Our "Recycle Right!" and "Think Before You Throw" videos have been viewed a total of about 4000 times on our [Public Works YouTube page](#) alone. Check out these videos if you haven't already for quick and clear answers to common recycling questions.

Our 18th story was published in Santa Cruz Waves 'City Beat' column:
[SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH!](#)

Operations/Administration

Staff has been working on preparing for Phase 2 of the San Lorenzo River maintenance which consists primarily of diking the sediment between Water Street and Highway 1 bridges in order to promote scouring of the aggrading sediment.

Additionally, staff has been preparing for work in Branciforte Creek Channel -- this work consists primarily of sediment removal.