

City Manager's Weekly Update

September 16, 2016

POLICE

PROMOTIONS

The Santa Cruz Police Department proudly announces the promotion of two veteran officers to the position of Police Lieutenant and Police Sergeant.

Introducing Lieutenant Jose Garcia and Sergeant Karina Ceceña



Both Lieutenant Garcia and Sergeant Ceceña were promoted on Wednesday afternoon September 14 following a rigorous and competitive testing process. "Jose Garcia and Karina Ceceña demonstrate dedication and leadership skills at the highest levels and will be strong assets to our leadership team," said Chief Vogel.

Lieutenant Jose Garcia Lieutenant Garcia started his career by volunteering with the Santa Cruz Police Department as a teen. He continued on and became a non-sworn Community Service Officer before being hired as a Police Officer trainee in 2001.

Over the course of his career, Lieutenant Garcia has worked as a foot patrol officer in the Beach area, worked in investigations as a detective, served as a canine handler, and was one of the founding members of the Emergency Services Unit Tactical team.



Lieutenant Garcia has supervised Patrol teams and specialized teams such as the Canine Unit, and Neighborhood Enforcement Team. He has co-coordinated and instructed the department's Citizen's Police Academy in both English and Spanish languages. Lieutenant Garcia is currently serving in the Professional Standards Unit.

Sergeant Karina Ceceña Sergeant Ceceña is a 16 year veteran of the police department. Sergeant Ceceña began her career assigned to uniform patrol. She soon transitioned to the Canine Unit where she became an accomplished handler. She partnered with K-9 Jax for the next eight years. Sergeant Ceceña and K-9 Jax were credited with locating and apprehending numerous suspects and recovering several crucial items of evidence such as handguns and other weapons.



Throughout her career, Sergeant Ceceña has worked in patrol, investigations, K-9 and has been a member of the Emergency Services Unit Tactical Team. Sergeant Ceceña most recently served as a Field Training Officer instructing and training new patrol officers.

Born in Mexico and raised in Los Angeles, Sergeant Ceceña has enjoyed living and working in Santa Cruz.

Chief Vogel said of both Lieutenant Garcia and Sergeant Ceceña, "They are fully engaged with our community partners and embrace our department's core values. They possess the vital leadership qualities required to uphold the professionalism the community expects from the Santa Cruz Police Department."

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating these veteran officers on achieving a significant milestone in their careers.

14TH ANNUAL COOKIES FOR COURAGE

The Santa Cruz Police Department was honored to participate in the 14th Annual Cookies for Courage event, hosted by Holy Cross School.



This annual event honors our local first responders to include Police, Fire and Emergency Medical teams throughout the County. The event was organized by then student Riley Sisk to pay tribute to the events of September 11, 2001 and acknowledge the sacrifices made by our own local public safety teams.



This is absolutely one of our favorite days of the year. We are truly blessed to be honored and acknowledged by the students, staff and parents of Holy Cross School. We had a great morning of ceremony and interaction with everyone involved. Not only did we get plates of awesome cookies and wonderful handwritten cards.....but we also got our emergency vehicles blessed. A heartfelt “Thank You!!” to all at Holy Cross School

Honored

Santa Cruz Elks with family and community members raised over 400 flags on Sunday September 11th Memorial.



The impressive displays of Stars & Stripes were presented to remember and salute those who lost their lives 15 years ago on 9/11/01.

The Elks Lodge also honored our local first responders. SCPD was privileged to be invited and recognized. We are truly honored by this great ceremony and outpouring of support.



Just Arrived Two New K-9 Puppies!

They are keeping low profile for now. After they get adjusted to their new homes, K-9s Cash and Luna will be ready for a formal introduction. Here's a sneak peek of Cash and Luna, SCPD's future police dogs.

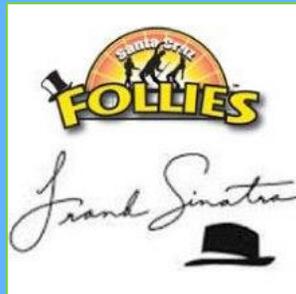


PARKS AND RECREATION

RECREATION DIVISION

CIVIC

The Civic is hosting the annual event, Santa Cruz Follies, this week! Hundreds of people from around the Bay Area will join us at the Civic this Wednesday-Saturday for the Follies performance featuring Frank Sinatra 100th Birthday Musical Tribute "**Happy Days Are Here Again**".



Also coming up next week:

Magic Men! Wednesday Sept 21, 8pm

Candidates Forum, Thursday Sept 22, 6:30pm

Hear from Santa Cruz City Council Candidates as they each present their visions for Downtown Santa Cruz in a Pecha Kucha Night Format. Free and Open to the public, doors at 6pm.

In addition, the Civic history project is still up and growing! Come walk through Civic history!

LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER



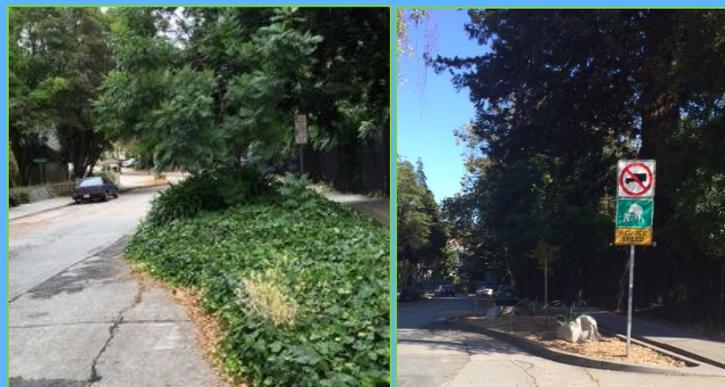
FREE Thriller dance classes begin Saturday, Sept 17th, 10 am - 12 pm at the Louden Nelson Community Center. Classes are held each Saturday, Sept 17 - Oct 22. Dancers perform at the Halloween Festival on Oct 29th at 3:00 pm. Get Zombified!

John Laird, Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency will be giving an overview of the 17 California ballot measures at the Louden Nelson Community Center on Saturday, September 17th. The program social begins at 10:00 with presentation beginning at 10:30.

PARKS DIVISION

CITYWIDE MEDIANS

Work is continuing on medians throughout the City. The Median Crew has taken on this small median located Lincoln Avenue near Santa Cruz High. The median has historically been overgrown with ivy and was historically littered with debris. The Median Crew planted a Crepe Myrtle tree, installed boulders and transplanted Flax which was donated by a local elected official and Mayor. Staff will be adding additional plants in the future.

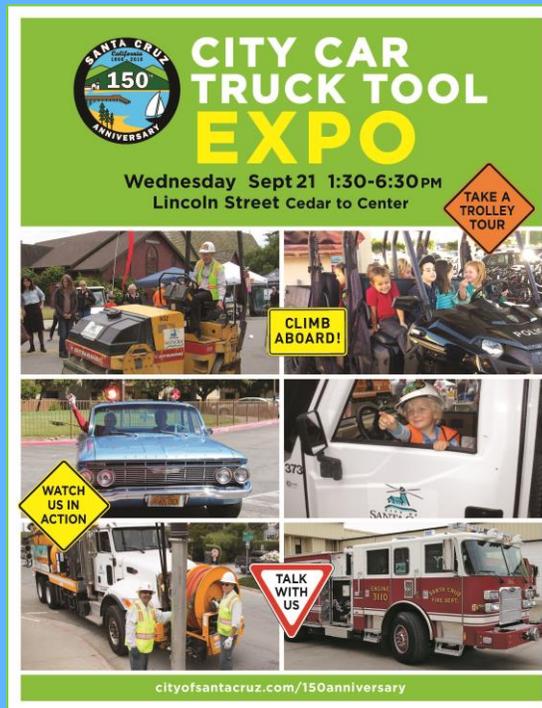


PUBLIC WORKS

Community Outreach

Details have been firmed up for our action-packed CITY CAR TRUCK TOOL EXPO on Lincoln Street between Cedar and Center next Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 1:30-6:30 p.m. The free family-friendly event is part of the City's 150th anniversary celebration.

Kids can climb aboard the newest fire engine and see state-of-the-art lifesaving tools. Visitors can watch service vehicles in action including asphalt roller, bucket truck and recycling collection truck. Children can sit inside a police car and talk to officers. There will be an electric bicycle, vintage 1957 fire engine, 1961 Chevy Biscayne patrol car and much more! Save the date and read the [press release](#) for all the details!



We hosted our second set of 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 Recycling Center and Wastewater Treatment Facility. Tours continue on Sept 21 and 28 with a few spots left to reserve at jbisgaard@cityofsantacruz.com. Climb aboard! Details are listed [here](#).



Our 19th story was published in Santa Cruz Waves 'City Beat' column; it was also included in Santa Cruz Waves Newsletter 9/16 and on their Facebook page: [CLIMB ABOARD THE CITY CAR TRUCK TOOL EXPO ON SEPT. 21.](#)

Wastewater Collection

The responses of trolley passengers touring the Wastewater Treatment Facility have been positive. Everyone has been interested to learn more about what we do for the City including many young adults and youth.

Questions have regarded flocculent use in sedimentation, odor control chemicals, the material construction of the sewer lines and if there are still some extant redwood pipes, and whether our dewatered solids can be sold for fertilizer. We also have been asked how to arrange for a more in-depth guided walking tour, so people are definitely interested.

There have also been many questions about water reclamation. We have covered our existing reclamation capabilities, and loosely what the middle-term future of reclamation could look like for the City. It's very clear that those who have come on the tour are eager to see more extensive reuse of wastewater implemented.

We received compliments on both tour days for the effectiveness of our odor control. These commendations came from one long-time neighbor of the plant who lives up on Bay Street, and a mother who had taken her young sons to see a handful of other treatment plants – the City of Santa Cruz has the best odor control of all!



Laboratory & Environmental Compliance

Our Sept. 16 Pollution Prevention Awards dinner hosted in association with the California Water Environment Association (Monterey Bay Section) was a success with over 50 attendees at the Dream Inn. Regional wastewater treatment agencies and local businesses that have furthered pharmaceutical diversion from water sources and treatment facilities were honored. Five Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works (Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Monterey Regional and Carmel Area) were honored for their leadership roles in enabling their communities to sustain the quality of their surface and recreational waters in the Monterey Bay region.

The achievements of dischargers who have demonstrated consistent compliance with higher Best Management Practices from these municipalities also received awards. These include 51

Santa Cruz food service and vehicle service facilities who have won Clean Ocean Business Awards consistently in the last five years, three exemplary industrial dischargers from the City of Scotts Valley and three from the Carmel Area.



Streets/Traffic

The crew repaired a damaged gabion basket on the river levee.



Operations/Administration

Phase 2 of the San Lorenzo River maintenance began this week consisting of disking the sediment (between Water Street and Highway 1 bridges) to promote scour of the riverbed during high flows.

Community Relations

The best part of our Pollution Prevention Awards was seeing Dan Seidel receive abundant applause as he accepted the WWTF's award at the podium!



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

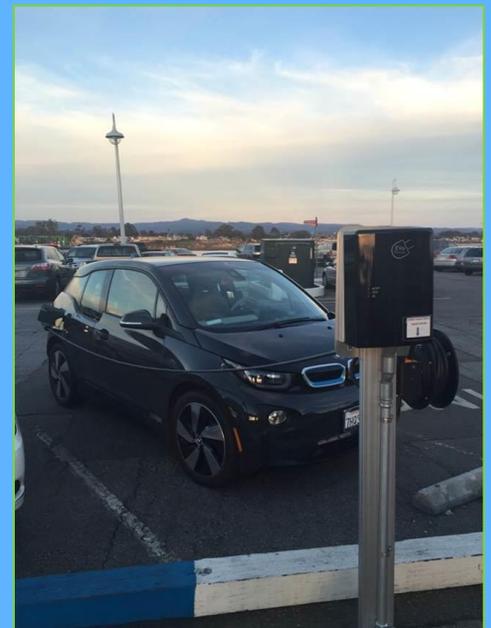
Downtown Recovery Plan: On September 15, 2016, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider accepting draft **Amendments to the Downtown Recovery Plan (DRP)**. This was another opportunity to receive input on amendments that have been discussed over the past 18 months. This meeting was the 15th in a series of public hearings and community meetings, including the Downtown City Hall to You meeting that was held June 1st. The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council accept the DRAFT Downtown Plan amendments for the purpose of completing the environmental analysis in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). After the CEQA analysis is completed, there will be additional public hearings with the Planning Commission and City Council in early 2017. These amendments are focused on areas south of Soquel Avenue on Pacific Avenue and Front Street. A public hearing will be scheduled for October 25th for the City Council to consider accepting the Draft Plan for the CEQA analysis.



Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance: The Planning Commission will discuss a Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance on October 6, 2016. While the CALGreen Building Code has moved in the direction of requiring infrastructure installation to support future EV charging stations for new development projects (aka EV Ready), the CALGreen Code stops short of actually requiring the installation of the Electrical Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE).



The proposed ordinance would require the installation of EVSE at a small ratio based on the required number of parking spaces. The quantity and type of EVSE matches the requirements of the CALGreen Code. The minimum number of EVSE spaces is appropriately located in the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to parking requirements for new projects. The technical electrical conduit (raceways) and service requirements remain under the purview of the Building and Electrical Codes.



Bicycle Parking Update: In addition to the EVSE requirements, on October 6, 2016 the Planning Commission will also consider updates to the bicycle parking requirements to clarify the type of bicycle parking required and simplify use of the code. There are no changes to the quantity of spaces required as part of this update.



These changes are basic tools to encourage the use of alternative fuel sources for transportation and support the goals of the City's Climate Action Plan, the General Plan 2030 and the Draft Active Transportation Plan. Santa Cruz continues to lead in environmental programs and these incremental steps can be seen as a model for other jurisdictions to take the initiative in promoting alternatives to fossil fuel consumption.

Abbott Square: Last January, the Zoning Administrator approved a number of planning permit entitlements to allow improvements to the courtyard, exterior modifications to the existing Museum of Art and History (MAH), which is on the City's Historic Survey, and an Administrative Use Permit to allow the facility to operate as a low risk alcohol establishment. This week, our department received building permit applications for both the courtyard improvements, as well as the tenant improvements. Interior demolition of the MAH has already begun and construction is expected to begin on the improvements later this fall.