

City Manager's Weekly Update

May 12, 2017

PARKS AND RECREATION

DeLaveaga Land Swap

After several years of effort, the quitclaim deeds were recorded by the County of Santa Cruz Recorder finalizing the land swap agreement between the State of California and the City of Santa Cruz for approximately 80 acres of land located at the DeLaveaga Golf Course. The 80 acres approximately encompass the land where holes 1 thru 6 are located on the Golf Course. The State retained 40 acres where the National Guard Armory is located and the immediate surrounding acreage. The City and County originally deeded the land (122 acres) to the State in 1901 in order for the State to develop a National Guard Armory and training facility. The land swap was made possible by AB 240 (Monning) Conveyances: DeLaveaga Park, which was passed and signed into legislation on October 11, 2009. The DeLaveaga Park was originally gifted to the City and County of Santa Cruz by Vicente De La Veaga upon his death in 1894.

Riverwalk Pathway Clearing

This winter's rains and the abundance of sunshine recently have sparked rapid growth of vegetation across the city. Parks crews were out clearing vegetation which was encroaching on the Riverwalk pathway on Friday. Additional levee and river vegetation removal will occur as part of the Routine Maintenance Agreement between the CA Fish and Wildlife and the City. This permit allows for vegetation removal between June 15th and October 31st each year.



Homeless Garden Project Lease: (Economic Development/City Attorney/Parks and Recreation)

After several months of negotiations, the City and the Homeless Garden Project have signed an Agricultural Lease for the creation of the Homeless Garden Project in Pogonip. The Commencement Date is scheduled for July 1, 2017 and includes approximately 20 acres of unimproved land. Once built out, the facility will include a barn, two greenhouses, administrative offices, a parking lot and approximately 9.5 acres of gardens and orchards. Per City Council direction, the initial lease period is 20 years with up to three 5-year extension periods. Homeless Garden Project staff has indicated that they have begun their capital campaign and are experiencing better than expected results.

Park Ranger Community Training

Senior Ranger Jon Silas and Ranger Chris Caldwell hosted a Wilderness Safety presentation at DeLaveaga Park to four clients of Hope Services. The training provided survival skills for hikers to use in the event they get lost in the forest.



Upper DeLaveaga site preparation/protection

Parks staff completed the annual fire mowing at Upper DeLaveaga Park 911 Center and Santa Cruz Shakespeare site. The much needed mowing is primarily required for fire protection of the 911 Center but also improves the site for the upcoming Santa Cruz Shakespeare season.



Civic

The Santa Cruz Derby Girls will take on the Rip Tide Rollers from Long Beach this Saturday at the Civic Auditorium this Saturday at 6:30pm! As an official member league of the WFTDA (Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Association), the Santa Cruz Derby Girls are represented on a national level by our "A Team", the Boardwalk Bombshells. Consisting of the league's strongest, most competitive skaters, the Boardwalk Bombshells travel all over the country and battle the nation's best teams competing for a spot in the WFTDA Championship. The Bombshells just ranked 15th in the WORLD! Come see them play locally this Saturday! Ticket still available at SantaCruzTickets.com



Louden Nelson Community Center

Friday, May 12 -Montessori School presents Mid Summers Night Dream at 7pm.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Barceloneta Restaurant

Last year, the Zoning Administrator approved a Design Permit, Sign Permit, and an Administrative Use Permit to allow for the operation of a restaurant with alcohol service within the tenant space at 1541-B Pacific Avenue, the space previously occupied by the Japanese restaurant, *Benten*. The new restaurant, *Barceloneta*, will feature seasonally-inspired California-Spanish cuisine such as paella, tapas, salads, sandwiches, seasonal specials, and churros in addition to a variety of local and Spanish wine, beer, and cocktails. The applicants have recently opted to lease the adjacent tenant space, formerly occupied by *Mr. Goodies* antique store, are now proposing to operate the new restaurant out of one combined space. An application for a Major Modification to allow for the expansion of the restaurant was submitted to the Planning Department this week and includes a 3,330 square foot restaurant with a bar and open kitchen, and exterior improvements to the building including new windows and doors, stucco siding, paint, and signage. Although the Major Modification requires approval by the Zoning Administrator at a public hearing, the use of the space is not proposed to change from that which was previously approved, therefore, we are anticipating a quick turnaround time for the permit. Samantha Haschert is the planner working on the application.

2424 Mission/Sunset Inn

Last December, the Planning Commission heard a request to demolish this 32-room hotel and construct a new 60 room hotel on the site. (The applicants have indicated that the proposed hotel will be a *Hampton Inn*.) At that time, staff had recommended that the Planning Commission open the hearing, receive testimony, and continue the project due to pedestrian accessibility and design concerns, many of which had to do with consistency with the Mission Street Urban Design Plan. The Planning Commission concurred and continued the item indefinitely. The applicant revised the plans to address the Planning Commission's concerns and worked with Caltrans to provide allowable pedestrian improvements in the Mission Street right-of-way. Staff brought the revised plans forward with a recommendation for approval on the April 20th agenda where the Planning Commission unanimously approved the project. The neighbor directly north of the project appealed the Planning Commission's approval and the project is tentatively scheduled for the City Council's June 13th agenda. Mike Ferry is the planner working on the project.

Lanai Lodge/550 Second

Last week, the Planning Commission unanimously approved various permit entitlements to allow demolition of the 20-room *Lanai Lodge* and reconstruction of a 60-room hotel on property located at the corner of Front and Second Streets. The proposed development includes a three story building above basement parking and if approved, would replace a two-story structure constructed in the early 1960's. As the property is located within the Beach and South of Laurel Plan area, the architecture includes a Spanish Colonial design. The project was opposed by *Sunshine Villa* residents, as well as an attorney representing the owner of this assisted living development. Opponents cited concern with the overall size of the project and its potential to impact solar access to their three story building. The hotel project fully conforms to zoning standards. Since the Planning Commission hearing, we've received inquiries regarding the appeal process, but nothing formal has been filed. The appeal period expires on Monday, May 15th at 5:00 pm. Ryan Bane is the planner working on the project.



Burger King/2015 Mission

Last week, the Planning Commission approved a substantial remodel of this fast food restaurant located at the corner of Mission Street and Younglove Avenue. Although the restaurant is operating under a use permit approved back in 1977, the drive through component is no longer allowed by code, therefore the use is considered to be legal non-conforming. In addition to façade renovations, the project proposed to add a second drive through window (one for the collection of payments and the other for food distribution) and to expand the kitchen area at the expense of seating. The project raised policy issues associated with whether a non-conforming use was being expanded, which the Planning Commission debated over the course of two public hearings. As a condition of approval, the Planning Commission required outdoor seating to offset loss of seating from within the restaurant and to make the finding that the legal non-conforming use was not being expanded. The Planning Commission also required the narrowing of the two way curb cut off Mission Street to an entrance-only driveway together



with the extension of a landscape strip behind the sidewalk to address the Mission Street Urban Design Guidelines goal of promoting pedestrian friendliness. Clara Stanger is the planner working on the project.



POLICE

Santa Cruz First Responders to the Rescue!

SCPD, SCFD and Harbor Patrol's coordinated effort rescued a man who injured himself jumping off the wharf. Within minutes of the call to 911, SCPD, joined by Fire and Rescue swimmers brought him aboard the Harbor Patrol boat on the scene. The integrated response between SCPD, SCFD and Harbor Patrol resulted in a successful rescue.



Mayor Chase Recognizes SCPD in Proclamation of Police Appreciation Week May 15-19, 2017

This week, City Mayor Cynthia Chase presented Police Chief Vogel with the Police Appreciation Week Proclamation during today's Council Meeting. The reading of the proclamation is an expression of gratitude from the city for the exceptional quality of public service and commitment to keeping our community safe.

3rd Annual Never Forget Relay

SCPD ran with over 150 other First Responders and public safety professionals from around Santa Cruz County in relay teams running for a great cause. The Never Forget Relay event raises awareness and



funds for the Fallen Officer Foundation. The Fallen Officers Foundation dedicates itself to providing support and financial

assistance to Santa Cruz County First Responders and their families during times of crisis. We NEVER Forget and will ALWAYS Honor the lives lost while in the line of duty serving Santa Cruz County.



Community Builds Public Safety Lego Bar Graph

SCPD asked what's your #1 Public Safety Concern in your neighborhood?



The table activity was a creative and demonstrative exercise for community members to share issues, ask questions and have conversations with us. SCPD Chiefs and Officers spoke face to face with community members discussing solutions and strategies to address problem issues in the area West of the River.



The attendees built this Lego bar graph showing their biggest concerns regarding their neighborhood.

Theft and Nuisance Crimes topped the charts as the most primary concern amongst participants, followed by Drug Use/Sales. Traffic/Speeding and Illegal Camping is only slightly less important than the other two categories and finished with an equal number of bricks.

The Community and SCPD share the same Public Safety priorities. More on SCPD

Blog <https://goo.gl/sXFLzg>



Citizens Police Academy Graduation



SCPD had ceremonies to recognize the newest graduates of the Citizens Police Academy in both English and Spanish classes.

SCPD thanks all those who have participated in the hands-on and behind-the-scenes look at how SCPD and the criminal justice system work. The CPA graduates are community members who devoted time for the 13-week course. Each class was filled with presentations and activities.

More information about the Citizens Police



Academy at this link: <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/.../par.../citizen-police-academy>

SCPD Monthly Activity Report

The April monthly activity report is available here:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/crime-statistics/monthly-activity-report>

The report outlines statistics like nuisance crimes, resisting arrest, and injuring use of force totals. The report also highlights officers' workload volumes, including call volume, arrests, citations, and reports filed. The community policing section captures proactive activities and events in our community and with our partners.

Santa Cruz Police Department

Monthly Activity Report: April 2017

Monthly Work Volume

	April 2016	April 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Calls for Service	8,413	8,296	33,074	32,371
Arrests	397	306	1,460	1,238
Citations	572	247	1,916	1,060
Traffic Citations	310	104	1,073	473
Reports Written	3,616	3,332	8,996	8,121

Part 1 Crimes

Crime Type	April 2016	April 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Homicide	0	0	1	0
Rape	3	6	9	24
Robbery	7	9	37	42
Aggravated Assault	18	22	127	65
Burglary	19	30	125	143
Larceny	236	271	969	932
Auto Theft	39	39	119	135
Arson	0	1	0	2
Total	322	378	1,387	1,343

Nuisance Crimes

Type	April 2016	April 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Drug Abuse Violations	140	116	542	473
Intoxication	108	67	362	309
Vandalism	44	46	215	156
Aggressive Solicitation	26	8	80	32
Bike Theft (Reflected in Larceny Numbers)	27	32	115	93
Illegal Camping Citations	81	27	337	157
Trespassing Citations	80	76	366	360
Conduct on Public Property Citations	91	31	308	128
Park After Hour Violations	20	49	78	106

Injuring Use of Force

Type	April 2016	April 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
OC Spray	0	0	2	0
Taser	2	1	7	6
Baton	0	0	0	0
Canine	0	0	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0
Physical	1	1	4	3
Kinetic Energy Projectile	0	0	0	0

Resisting Arrest

Type	April 2016	April 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Resisting Arrest	11	22	59	66

Community Policing Meetings and Events

Type	April 2017	Year to Date 2017
Community Partnerships	56	191
Neighborhood Meetings	23	142
Community Events/Forums	8	20

PUBLIC WORKS

Traffic Engineering

In celebration of Bike to Work Week, Transportation Engineering staff participated in two outreach events: Monday's "Active the River" ride and Thursday's downtown breakfast. At the Activate the River ride, staff presented updates on current construction on the Branciforte Creek Bike and Pedestrian Bridge and talked about the upcoming Rail Trail projects. Approximately 50 community members participated in the ride.

At Thursday's downtown breakfast site, staff provided updates on upcoming active transportation projects. These include over 30 Safe Routes to School improvements, Pacific Avenue Contraflow Lane Project, Branciforte Creek Bike and Pedestrian Bridge, and the Rail Trail.



Engineering

The [East Cliff Emergency Repair Project](#) is underway to remove a portion of a damaged concrete sack wall and relocate 150 feet of failing handrail, sidewalk and sanitary sewer line away from the coastal bluff along the south side of East Cliff Drive near Alhambra Avenue. Traffic and parking are impacted near the project during construction which is expected to be completed in early June.



Our Fall 2016 Surface Seal Project work is nearly completed. All that remains is road striping. Our Fall 2016 Overlay work is currently replacing damaged concrete curbs and gutters and

replacing non-compliant ADA ramps with ADA compliant ramps. These projects are funded by [Measure H](#) tax dollars.



Wastewater Treatment: Operations

Primary Sedimentation Basin #6 is being emptied and cleaned this week for an annual inspection. The annual tank inspections are essential to ensuring optimal performance of the treatment processes. The primary sedimentation process provides for gravity separation of solids which are too light to settle in the aerated grit removal tanks, yet too dense to remain in suspension.



Wastewater Treatment: Maintenance

Maintenance staff has continued working on Clarifier #3. A portion of the concrete flooring needed to be removed after it was found to have separated from the main subfloor. Contractors had bid this job to take upwards of three days; our maintenance crew completed the task in one day. In the end, a total of ten thousand pounds of concrete were removed. With this repair Clarifier #3 is now operational for another year to settle out accumulated microorganisms that have completed their task of breaking down organic molecules present in the water.



Resource Recovery Waste Reduction

Waste Reduction staff hosted two tours at the Resource Recovery Facility this week. High school seniors from the PCS environmental science class visited the recycling center. The new group of SCRAP artists had their orientation meeting, tour and safety training this week in preparation for the second Santa Cruz Recycled Art project. These artists will gather discarded material to make art over the next few months.



On May 4 staff tabled the City Hall to YOU event, highlighting upcoming programs including [Garage Sale Weekend](#), [Bulky Item Pickup](#) and our summer recycling tours. Staff also shared information on the Recycle Right program, the Refuel your Fun campaign, and motor oil recycling.



Staff attended the City Green Schools committee meeting. There was discussion about new ecology curriculum across the grades for all topics including waste reduction. There was also

discussion about how to increase participation in the Green Apple Day of Service that happens in September. It is a day where community volunteers will go out to local schools for a day of work projects.

Community Outreach

At the May 9 Council Meeting, Mayor Chase awarded Public Works Director Mark Dettle with a proclamation declaring May 21-27 Public Works Week in Santa Cruz in recognition of the services that over 230 Public Works employees provide to our City. APWA representative Philip Edwards awarded the Public Works Department with a framed poster featuring this year's national theme: Public Works Connects Us.



In celebration of Public Works Week, the department will be hosting four construction site tours May 22-25, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.: East Cliff Drive Sidewalk/ Sewer Relocation, Branciforte Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge Project,

Measure H Overlay Street Paving, Eastside Alley Sewer Project. Info:

www.cityofsantacruz.com/publicworks.



Our Recycle Right video on metal recycling has received over 1,500 views since posting on Facebook Wednesday: [METAL RECYCLING: FOOD/BEVERAGE CANS, LIDS, ALUMINUM FOIL AND NOTHING ELSE.](#)

[Learn which metal items are recyclable and which are not in this short video.](#)



WATER

In water news this week: contractors are remobilizing on the North Coast pipeline replacement project following a weather related shut-down that began in January. The goal is to begin the final phase of construction next week to complete the project by June. One of the causes of the shutdown was a blocked culvert that created a 5 acre lake that flooded the job site. Our engineers estimate that approximately 20 million gallons of water have been pumped from the project site over the last several weeks and the continued wet conditions at the site have complicated the project exponentially.

Speaking of complicated projects, we've also started work on repairs to the Majors Creek pipeline, which was damaged during a landslide due to winter storms. We hope to have repairs completed by the end of next week.



The landslide at Majors we're trying to span....

...the pipeline we're trying to tie into.

This is always a busy time of year for our Recreation staff, as Loch Lomond is a very popular spot for boaters and fishermen. Water visibility at the lake has improved substantially, which has in turn improved the fishing. Despite the turbid water that persisted at the lake until recently, several schools of small fry have been spotted at the surface. We had two school groups from Westlake Elementary at the lake for interpretive programs this week; they are the last elementary school interpretive events for the season. And, we had another "broom bash" at the lake last weekend and eight kind-hearted volunteers helped us remove invasive plants, particularly French broom.

I'm happy to report that we have sent an award letter to Anderson Pacific for the River Street main replacement project, although the project award is \$1 million higher than the engineer's estimate. You may recall that our first attempt to bid the construction of this project produced nary one bid. So we are relieved to have an experienced contractor engaged for the project – it's a big and important one! Work will begin on the first of July and to assist with the traffic issues on River Street, night work will be a regular part of this project.