

Pride in Public Service

Congratulations to Todd Woolman for his 25 years of service with the City of Healdsburg!

4th of July Safety from Fire Chief Steve Adams

The American Legion, with the support of the City of Healdsburg and many Healdsburg businesses and organizations, receives donations to host one of the best fireworks shows in the county. We encourage Healdsburg residents to enjoy this amazing display instead of bringing illegal fireworks into Healdsburg (this includes "Safe and Sane Fireworks"). Because of the fire and explosive danger of fireworks, citations will be given to any residents in violation of the City ordinance. Citation recipients may be subject to identification in the newspaper, a day in court and a minimum \$1,000 fine. There are many extremely dangerous fireworks entering the county without State Fire Marshal approval. Among the many dangers these fireworks bring to our community, they may also detonate by friction alone. The Fire Department has placed signs around the City prohibiting the use of all fireworks and encourage the community to bring any fireworks to the fire station for proper disposal. Please do not place fireworks in water and **DO NOT BRING THEM INSIDE THE FIRE STATION**. Have someone from the fire department meet you at your vehicle.

July is Parks and Recreation Month

Submitted by the Recreation staff:

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating Parks and Recreation Month. The department maintains more than 45 acres of active park land, including playgrounds, a skate park, two dog parks and 30 acres of School/Park athletic turf; as well as more than 155 acres of open space and 3 miles of trails at the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space Preserve. The department also operates the Villa Chanticleer, Healdsburg Community, Senior and Swim Centers; our municipal airport and Healdsburg Transit. Other responsibilities include the coordination of all special events that take place in our parks and city property, management of field and park picnic rentals; and organization of a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities for all age groups.

### **Soccer Program**

Recreation staff is actively organizing the youth recreational soccer league to ensure Healdsburg children have a program this upcoming soccer season. Children ages 4-10 years will be placed on teams based on age and gender in Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 age divisions. Registration is now open. As of mid-June 78 children have enrolled. The department hopes to have 200 participants this first year and encourages families to register now. Volunteer coaches are actively being recruited. Practices will begin in August and games will begin in September. The program received an unexpected and very much appreciated donation of \$5700 from Redwood Empire Disposal for start-up equipment costs for the league.

### **What's next in parks and recreation?**

There are several projects to look forward to over the next twelve months. The City plans to complete the purchase of the Healdsburg Community Center at Foss Creek School. Ownership of the Healdsburg Ridge will be transferred from the Open Space District to the City. The future acquisition of Fitch Mountain remains under discussion.

For additional information please call the Community Center at 431-3301 or email us at [parksandrec@ci.healdsburg.ca.us](mailto:parksandrec@ci.healdsburg.ca.us).

## Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation Measures

The City Council took action to call for voluntary water conservation. Please consider following these guidelines:

- Apply outdoor irrigation water only during the evening and early morning hours to reduce evaporation losses (8 p.m. to 7 a.m.).
- Even address can irrigate outdoors Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Odd address can irrigate outdoors Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- No outdoor irrigation on Mondays.
- Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray.
- For irrigation valves controlling water applied to lawns, vary the minutes of run-time consistent with fluctuations in weather. Reduce minutes of run-time for each irrigation cycle if water begins to run-off to gutters and ditches before the irrigation cycle is completed.
- Replace inefficient plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models.
- Utilize City information regarding using water efficiently, reading water meters, repairing ordinary leaks, and water efficient landscape.
- Prohibit non-essential uses of water, including the following:
  - non-commercial washing of privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used to rinse a vehicle;
  - any use of water from a fire hydrant, except for fighting fires, line flushing required by regulatory agencies or essential construction needs.