

Pride in Public Service

City employees are in the process of putting a team together for the Human Race. Anyone interested in joining this effort can contact me via email at mpettus@ci.healdsburg.ca.us.

Measure V Survey

Wow! The response to the Measure V survey has exceeded our expectations – both in the number of responses and the comments submitted. Some respondents expressed frustration and felt the survey was confusing. Others pointed out that it is not a scientific instrument; that the configuration and phrasing open the survey to bias. These observations may be true, but please don't let that detract from the intent: to solicit feedback from citizens regarding the expenditure of Measure V funds. We wanted to get a general sense of community interests and priorities. That said, be assured that we recognize the need to improve the questionnaire and the process. We will implement changes for next year.

While we are still compiling the data, I can provide a snapshot of preliminary results. As of 4:30 p.m. on May 2nd a total of 308 surveys had been received.

- 150 out of 308 respondents chose to identify themselves in some manner
- 107 of those included some form of contact information (phone, email and/or address)
- 47 were received via the on-line survey
- 168 (54%) expressed interest in addressing Facility Deferred Maintenance or Improvement
- 142 (46%) expressed interest in addressing Economic Development
- 171 (55%) expressed interest in addressing Public Safety
- 276 (89%) expressed interest in addressing Street Maintenance
- 96 (31%) expressed interest in addressing General Fund Balance or Reserves
- 44 (14%) expressed interest in a Community Grant fund

Surveys are still coming in and will be incorporated into the results. In addition, staff will provide a spreadsheet listing comments. Thank you for taking the time to complete and submit these surveys. The information will be useful to the City Council while members wrestle with funding priorities.

Featured Department: Public Works

As submitted by Director Mike Kirn

May 20th celebrates national Public Works Week. The Healdsburg Department of Public Works serves you 24/7, 365 days a year. Each and every member of the Department takes pride in the services they provide. Our services are integral to the health and safety of the City –from water supply to wastewater treatment, street maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Last year we delivered over 710 million gallons of water to the residences and businesses of Healdsburg – enough to cover one square mile 3 ½ feet deep. On the other end of the system we treated over 420 million gallons of wastewater.

We had the distinct pleasure of hosting two interns from the Healdsburg High School career development program this spring. Julio Garcia and Chandler Tinsley worked with our utility operators and public works inspector and developed power point presentations on the life cycle of water and construction management of City infrastructure. Congratulations to Julio and Chandler for a job well done.

Several major construction projects are on the horizon this summer. They include Phase II of the Down Town Street Scape project, which will install pocket parks, reconstruct the sidewalks and streets along Center and North Streets, and provide enhanced parking. The combination of these two phases is an investment by the City of over \$3 million in the downtown area to promote business expansion and

further economic development in the community. Other notable projects that are scheduled to be under construction this summer are two segments of the Foss Creek Pathway. The first will be from the Depot to Mill Street, and second will be the connection from Grant Street to the Carson Warner Skate Park.

Our mission to the community is to provide seamless services without interruption. Please feel free to contact us the CDC at 707/431-3346 for any questions you may have.