

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

July 19, 2019



City Manager's Office

Speaker-Series Videos on City Website – The three speaker-series events in June were professionally video-recorded and the videos can be viewed in their entirety – including the speakers' PowerPoint presentations - on the City website: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/570/Community-Input>. You can also see the videos on the City of Healdsburg's YouTube page:

Event #1: <https://youtu.be/cpV6lzvekFw>

Event #2: <https://youtu.be/sb0argQZMBQ>

Event #3: https://youtu.be/y4c2qZF_U-U

August 21st & 22nd: Community Workshops on Strategic Plan – The City will present two free public workshops on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan on Wednesday, August 21st, and Thursday, August 22nd, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Villa Chanticleer Annex (860 Chanticleer Way, Healdsburg). Community members who attend will learn about some of the top-level findings from focus groups held earlier this year on the goals and objectives the City of Healdsburg should focus on in the next five years, 10 years and beyond. Spanish translation will be made available.

Community Services

The Grind: Skating, Chalks, and Vibes – The 3rd annual Grind event took place on July 12th-13th at the Carson Warner Memorial Skate Park. The weekend was filled with chalk art, skating, scootering, live music, and delicious food! Despite the warm weather, there was good turnout from youth, teens, and their families. Thank you to everyone who created, performed, and participated. We look forward to seeing you back at the skate park next year!



Junior Giants Having a Ball – Junior Giants -- a non-competitive co-ed baseball league for youth ages 5-13 -- is back for its third season. Nearly 80 participants are learning the basics of baseball as well as essential life skills. All participants will receive a free baseball glove and can win prizes such as San Francisco Giants memorabilia and game tickets. Practice takes place each Monday

followed by friendly baseball games every Wednesday. The program runs through July 31st at the Healdsburg Community Center.



Art After Dark Continues – Healdsburg Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Community Services Department, presents the second Art After Dark on July 19th, from 6-9 p.m. on Plaza Street. Art After Dark celebrates art in a unique and welcoming environment. The pop-up street art fair had a successful kick-off in June and the second event will be held in conjunction with the June Arts Festival and will include street art vendors, live performances, activity booths, games, silent films, face painting, public art, the Sonoma County Traveling Fair and more. The third Art After Dark is scheduled for August 16th. For more information, visit cityofhealdsburg.org/events

Shakespeare in the Park: “As You Like It” – Grab a blanket, pack a picnic, and enjoy “As You Like It,” Shakespeare’s most romantic of comedies. The Raven Performing Arts Theater, in partnership with the Community Services Department, presents Shakespeare in the Park -- a series of outdoor performances in West Plaza Park on July 25th -27th, August 1st – 3rd, and 8th-10th. This outdoor production is set during the “Summer of Love” of 1967. All performances are free and start at 7:30 p.m. Shakespeare in the Park is sponsored by the Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District in partnership with The Raven Performing Arts Theater. More info: cityofhealdsburg.org/events.

July 26th: Senior Center Ice Cream Social – The annual Ice Cream Social returns to the Senior Center on Friday, July 26th, at 3 p.m. Celebrate summer over a sundae bar complete with all the fixings! Proudly sponsored by the Friends of the Healdsburg Senior Center, this event is not to be missed!

Healdsburg Hammer Returns Home – On Friday, July 12th, the famous Healdsburg Hammer returned home to the Community Center following an unveiling as part of the 4th of July activities. Huge thanks to Dustin Huse from the Utility Department for operating the crane that placed the Hammer back on site, and artist Doug Enkrey for making the original Hammer and restoring it.



Planning & Building

144 Piper Street Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – On July 23rd, the Planning Commission will consider a request for a short-term vacation rental for a single-family residence located in the CD zone.

Public Safety

Wine Country to the Rescue – The Wine Country to the Rescue fundraiser will be held Saturday, July 20th, at Trentadue Winery in Geyserville. The fundraiser will help the Healdsburg Fire Department and other northern Sonoma County fire departments purchase needed firefighting equipment. Each year, hundreds of people enjoy great food, company and live music at this event, and the highlight is the live auction hosted by Senator Mike McGuire. More info: <http://winecountrytotherescue.com>

Public Works

Measure V Pavement Rehabilitation Project – A contractor will perform maintenance and repair work from July 22nd – August 23rd on more than a dozen streets in Healdsburg as part of the Measure V Pavement Rehabilitation Project. This road-improvement project – which will take place in the southern, downtown and northern areas of Healdsburg -- will help preserve the streets and protect them against sun and rain. In addition, the runway at Healdsburg Municipal Airport will be closed from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, so workers can improve runway lighting. Access will remain open to hangers and airport services.

Utility

Electrification Conference – Last week, the City's utility conservation analyst attended an electrification conference in Berkeley hosted by Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). Conference-goers explored expanding the efficient end-use of electricity in buildings and in the transportation sector to reduce greenhouse emissions and discussed ways to increase the use of low-carbon energy. The conference helps City Staff develop and promote effective programs that reduce GHG emissions and support our transition to low-carbon and renewable energy sources.

Electric Maintenance – This week, the City's electric crews completed an upgrade to a transformer and service conductors on University Street. By using the City's smart meters, staff members were able to identify needed upgrades to maintain proper electric service, improve system reliability, and allow for increased energy use by electric vehicles through the hotter summer months.

Recycled Water Pond Rehabilitation – Steady progress is being made on the rehabilitation of the City's recycled water ponds. Over the past few weeks, a contractor has completed piping, grading, and adjustments to the existing berms. Lining of the ponds is planned for mid-August.