

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

August 2, 2019



City Manager's Office

Community Conversations – City Staff met with community residents at Giorgi Park this week for the first Community Conversations event of 2019. The event was a chance for City Staff to answer residents' questions on City-related projects, events, or topics. In addition, the Electric Department, which is promoting the use of energy-efficient induction cooktops, provided a brief cooktop demonstration at the end of the event. City information on emergency preparedness, as well as free water- and electric-saving devices were available to residents, and the Community Services Department's Mobile Recreational Unit provided kids' games.



Wildfire Coordination Workshop – The City Manager and several City Staff attended a wildfire coordination workshop this week with Sonoma County's Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire, the National Weather Service, the Sonoma County Sheriff, and local fire and law-enforcement agencies. The aim: to better coordinate communications, mutual aid, and response to wildfires and other disasters. Presenters provided updates on alert and warning systems and evacuation procedures, and a National Weather Service meteorologist shared weather forecasting tools. Other items included emergency-operations center evacuation, communications, and red-flag warnings.

Upcoming Community Workshops on Strategic Plan – The City will present two free public workshops on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan on August 21st and August 22nd, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Villa Chanticleer Annex (860 Chanticleer Way). Community members will learn about the top-level findings from focus-group meetings held this spring on the goals and objectives the City of Healdsburg should focus on in the next five year. Spanish translation will be available. For more information about the Strategic Plan, go to: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/404/Strategic-Plan>

Community Services

Arts and Culture Master Planning Underway – The Arts and Culture Master Plan consulting team from the Cultural-Planning Group (CPG) were in town July 30th – August 1st for their first visit to Healdsburg. CPG toured the city, met with stakeholders, talked with community members and City

officials, and saw numerous arts and culture assets. On Wednesday, CPG and Community Services Staff held a workshop with members of the Healdsburg 2040 arts and culture working group and members of the project steering committee. CPG will return for more community feedback sessions in September, October, and November. Project updates will be posted on City's website. For more information, please go to: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/891/Arts-and-Culture-Master-Plan>

Shakespeare in the Park Continues Through August 10th – Come to West Plaza Park August 2nd-3rd and 8th – 10th from 7:30-9:30 pm for your last chances to see Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Shakespeare in the Park is sponsored by the Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District in partnership with The Raven Performing Arts Theater and Community Services. For more info, go to: cityofhealdsburg.org/events

August 11th – 18th: Sundays in the Plaza – Grab a blanket, pack a lunch, and enjoy live music by local musicians every Sunday in Plaza Park from 1-3 p.m. through August 18th. Here are the final three performances this summer:

- August 4th – Brotherly Mud (Americana/Folk)
- August 11th– Jazz Caliente (Afro-Cuban/Brazilian Jazz)
- August 18th – Jessica Johnson (Soul/Pop/Jazz)

Art After Dark: August 16th – Healdsburg Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Community Services Department, will present the final Art After Dark of 2019 on August 16th from 6-9 p.m. on Plaza Street. Enjoy street art vendors, live performances, games, silent films, face painting, public art, and more. For more information, please go to: cityofhealdsburg.org/artafterdark



Rec Park Converts to Football Facility – Now that the 2019 baseball season at Recreation Park has ended, Parks Staff will start converting it into a football facility for the upcoming season. Workers will install goal posts, relocate bleachers to the infield area, aerate and fertilize the turf, and readjust the irrigation to withstand the upcoming increase in foot traffic. Based on the number of football games at Recreation Park, Staff may need to adjust the irrigation each week for field maintenance.

Planning & Building

Quimby Act Ordinance Amendments – On August 5th, the City Council will have a second reading of an ordinance to amend standards regulating the dedication of land and payment of in-lieu fees regarding the provision of park and recreational facilities as a condition of a residential subdivision.

Update on The Oaks at Foss Creek – The City has received a demolition and grading permit for this residential subdivision approved in 2018. Once the tree protection measures are completed and inspected by the City with satisfaction, the permits will be issued.

Mill District Update – Demolition of the former Nu Forest Lumber buildings is underway. No site improvements will occur until the final map is approved by the City Council and recorded.

Public Safety

August 10th CPR Class – Need to get CPR/AED-certified? The Healdsburg Fire Department provides CPR/AED classes to the public on the second Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The next CPR training will be held on August 10th. The fee per-person (payable by cash or check) is \$40. Classes may be canceled due to lack of enrollment, so please register by calling 707-431-3360.

Public Works

2018-19 Measure V pavement Rehabilitation Project – Street maintenance and repair work continues in more than two dozen sites in town. This road-improvement project will help preserve the streets and protect them against sun and rain. Vehicles will be able to access the streets except where construction crews are working and where parking is restricted. For more info, please go to: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/923/2018--19-Measure-V-Pavement-Rehabilitati>



Utility

Nissan LEAF EV Rebate – The American Public Power Association announced a partnership with Nissan to provide a rebate on a new Nissan LEAF for all public power customers nationwide. All Healdsburg Electric customers qualify for a rebate up to \$3,500 on an all-electric 2019 Nissan LEAF 40kWh Standard (150-mile range per charge) and \$2,500 on the 2019 Nissan LEAF 62 kWh ePlus (226-mile range per charge). This offer expires September 30, 2019. To learn more: <https://www.publicpower.org/public-power-rebates-nissan-leaf>

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Citywide Report – Staff submitted a report to the California Energy Commission on the total amount of solar photovoltaic (PV) installed in the City of Healdsburg. As of

July 31st, residents and commercial entities installed 225 individual solar arrays with a total capacity of 2.05 megawatts. The electricity produced is equivalent to powering 580 homes every year.

Update on Recycled Water Pond Rehabilitation – Earlier this week, the contractor for the pond-lining project completed the grading of the ponds and is preparing to install the liner, which is scheduled for the second week in August and will take about a month to complete. Once done, the pond will be able to store approximately 15 million gallons of recycled water as well floating arrays. Pictured below is Principal Engineer Patrick Fuss, the contractor's project manager, and the graded pond ready for the liner.

