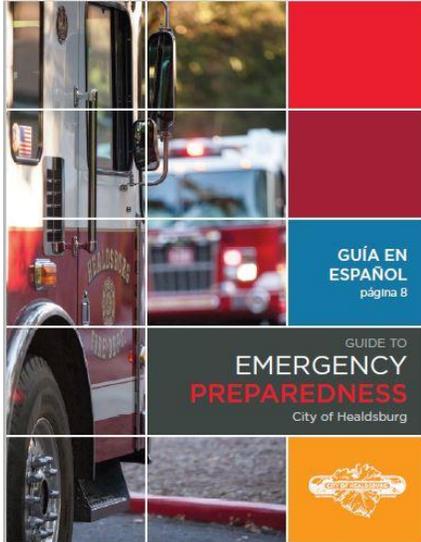


CITY MANAGER UPDATE

June 21, 2019



City Manager's Office



Emergency Preparedness Brochure Now Available – Staff from the City Manager's Office and the Fire and Police Departments created an English- and Spanish-language brochure to help community members better prepare for disasters such as wildfires and floods. Topics include building a family emergency kit (including pets), developing an emergency-communications plan, making your property more fire-resistant through vegetation management. There are helpful resources from FEMA, Fire Safe Sonoma, and the American Red Cross. The brochure also features two maps that provide travel-route options when evacuation is necessary. The multi-page emergency preparedness brochure was mailed to residents and businesses within the city limits, and is available as a printable PDF on the City's "Emergency Services" webpage: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=333>.

Copies are available at City Hall and CDC, the Community Center, the Police and Fire Departments, and the Senior Center.

Second "Speaker Series" Event held June 19th – Land use and Housing were the topics of the second of three "Speaker Series" events held on Wednesday, June 19th at the Community Center. The speakers were Lawrance Florin, Burbank Housing; Keith Woods, North Coast Builders Exchange; Larry Mintier, Mintier Harnish; and City Planning and Building Director Maya DeRosa. The free event was videostreamed live on Facebook and can be viewed here (no Facebook account needed): <https://www.facebook.com/cityofhealdsburg/videos/384942285476320/>. The final event will be held on Monday, June 24th; members of the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT)/Healdsburg 2040 will give a presentation. Spanish translation and childcare will be made available.



Community Services

City Seeks Participants to Serve on Planning Design Teams – The City is seeking participants to serve on design teams for two planning processes: The Park, River Access, and Connectivity Master Plan and the Arts and Culture Master Plan. The teams will help lead the planning processes and ensure that the outcomes represent the vision of the community. For information on the projects, visit <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/589/Planning-Projects>. For information on the design teams and to volunteer visit www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/860/Volunteer-Program or call (707) 431-3492.

Volunteer Transportation Program Rolls Out – The City unveiled its new volunteer driver program for seniors, DASH (Drivers Assisting Seniors in Healdsburg), at the City Council meeting on Monday, June 17th. In the program, volunteers use City electric vehicles to drive residents over the age of 60 who need rides to medical appointments, shopping, and social activities. For information on the DASH program and volunteer opportunities in Healdsburg, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Donna O'Brien at (707)431-3492 or visit: www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/860/Volunteer-Program



Art Festival Returns this Weekend – Join Healdsburg Center for the Arts for the 2019 Healdsburg Art Festival on June 21st-23rd in Plaza Park. The festival will feature 60 art vendors, performing arts and entertainment, artist demonstrations, public art, and interactive community activities. The event is presented in collaboration with the City of Healdsburg Community Services Department and sponsored in part by the Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District and the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club. For more information, including daily festival times and performance line-up, visit: <https://healdsburgcenterforthearts.org/2019-healdsburg-art-festival/>



Summer Swim Lessons Underway – This week marks the start of our 8-week “Learn to Swim” program at the Healdsburg Swim Center. Community Services aquatics staff will teach more than 400 lessons to swimmers with varying swimming abilities and ranging in age from 6 months to 18+. In addition to a full schedule of lessons, the Swim Center is now open seven days a week for recreation swim and lap swim. For the full schedule and registration information, please visit: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/254/Aquatics-Programs>

Planning & Building

Mill District Affordable Housing Design Review Application – On June 6th the Planning Department received an application for a Major Design Review (DR 2019-10) from Replay Resorts to develop Lot 7 of the Mill District development. The proposed project includes a new four-story building with 41 affordable units, 41 on-site parking spaces and associated landscaping and site improvements. The proposal will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on June 25th on or after 6:00 p.m.

Accessory Dwelling Units – The City Council adopted changes to the Land Use Code and Development Impact Fees to further encourage development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the City. The approved changes went into effect on June 19, 2019. The City's ADU webpage has been updated with the new Land Use Code requirements and associated Development Impact Fees. A pdf of the webpage is also available to print at home. The ADU webpage is available at <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/853/Accessory-Dwelling-Units---ADUs>.

Quimby Act Ordinance – On June 17th the City Council adopted an ordinance amending the Healdsburg Property Development Code to amend standards regulating the dedication of parkland and payment of in-lieu fees regarding the provision of park and recreational facilities as a condition of residential subdivisions.

Public Safety

Law Enforcement Torch Run – Last Tuesday on a very hot day (102 degrees), eight Police Department employees and a staffer from the City Manager's Office ran 4.6 miles in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. Runners received the torch at the northern City limits from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and ran through Healdsburg and across Memorial Bridge. They handed off the torch to members of the Windsor Police Department in the Giorgio's parking lot. The torch run is the Special Olympics largest public-awareness event and fundraiser.

COPE Leadership Meeting at Fire Department – On June 17th the northern Sonoma County Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE) groups met at the Fire Department for their monthly meeting. Supervisor Gore's representative Stuart Tiffen, Sonoma County Emergency Manager Chris Godley, Chief Jason Boaz, Fire Marshal Linda Collister attended with a packed room of COPE Leaders. Subjects covered were emergency evacuations, communications, Nixel, SoCo Alerts, NOAA Radio notifications, and High Fire Danger Sign placement.

Public Works

Healdsburg Avenue Paving – A City contractor repaved Healdsburg Avenue's northbound right lane approximately 100-feet north of March Ave. and 100-feet north of Terrace Boulevard. The repaving included removal and replacement of the top 0.20-feet of pavement surface. Traffic control was in place to close the right lane and adjacent driveways, but access to adjacent business was always provided. Traffic experienced minor delays during the construction.

US-101 and Dry Creek Road Intersection Improvements Project – On Monday night, the City Council approved a construction contract with Granite Construction Company of Ukiah for \$342, 903.00 to add east and westbound stop signs at the southbound on/off ramp intersection and to widen and restripe Dry Creek Road to add left turn lanes for both the northbound and southbound ramp access. We anticipate construction to begin in August and completed in October.

2018-19 Measure V Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Preliminary work has begun including roadway cracks being filled, trees trimmed to accommodate construction vehicles, existing striping removed, localized pavement failures repaired, and roadway sweeping and cleaning. During these preparation activities, drivers will be able to use most areas of the streets, except where construction crews will be working. The application of resurfacing is currently schedule for late July and early August. Additional notification will be provided prior to the resurfacing outlining parking and roadway use restrictions.

Utility

2018 Energy Efficiency Savings – City staff just completed the annual review and tally of energy efficiency measures completed in 2018. The review of the City's energy-efficiency activities allows the City to review program participation and report those efforts to the California Energy Commission. The review studies how, through rebates and customer incentive programs, the City drove energy efficiency and to what level. In 2018, just over 687,700 kilowatt-hours of energy were saved – roughly the annual energy requirement of 100 homes. A large portion of these energy savings came from the City's low-income energy-efficiency program. For more information about the City's rebates, visit the electric rebate web page; <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/234/Energy-Efficiency-Rebates>



Electric Crews Complete Preventative Maintenance – As an ongoing, year-round process, the City's high-voltage electric crews perform preventative maintenance to ensure that the City's electric distribution system is safe and reliable. Last week, City crews completed a utility pole replacement on Piper Street. This maintenance replaces older poles that have reached the end of their useful life. Through specialized training and procedures, the City's line crews can work on the high-voltage lines while they are energized. Being able to do so limits or eliminates the need for power outages due to planned and preventative maintenance.

Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects – This week saw the completion of the wastewater outfall repairs and continued progress on the Magnolia force main project. The outfall was damaged during the February flooding and the repairs stabilized a portion of the Basalt pond such that the outfall is protected from further damage. The force-main project has moved to the north side of Dry Creek and begun excavation and installation of sheet piles.

Floating Solar Site Visit with Potential Bidders – Bidders for the floating solar project along with City staff and staff from the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) visited the City's Water Reclamation Facility. The site visit allowed potential bidders to review specific site conditions and other information necessary to complete the proposed project. Over the next several weeks, bidders will pull together their proposals for submittal by August 4th.