

City Manager's Weekly Update

June 10, 2016

WATER

This week the **Water Commission agreed to recommend to the Council approval of the Department's proposed Long Range Financial Plan** and proposed changes to water rates. The proposed water rates include changes to the rate structures, as well. We will be presenting the proposed plan to Council next Tuesday and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the plan.

In light of the proposed rate changes, we're working with our great Customer Service staff to get ready for talking with our customers. When you think about all that we've been through in the last couple of years, I would have to say that we are so lucky to have such an amazing and capable customer service staff, as they've really made a huge contribution to our success. **Did you know that when you call Santa Cruz Municipal Utilities customer service that you're put right through to a representative?** No phone tree for our customers. Thus our staff must be well versed and up-to-date on not only water department issues and procedures, but also those for trash pick-up and sewer. Most of our customer service staff has been with the Department for several years – we are indeed fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and friendly crew.

We also took a **quarterly update to the Commission on progress made on the WSAC recommendations**, AKA the Water Supply Augmentation Strategy. Progress has been made on all fronts, which include demand management, water transfers with neighboring water agencies, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), and recycled water. We had a productive meeting last week with Pueblo Water Resources, the consultants who are working on ASR studies.

We detected a **leak in one of the two Bay Street tanks** and were able to isolate it and repair it. So far the repair seems to have been successful. We are also reviewing and revising the set of draft landscape plans with the neighbors so that we can finalize and implement the plans, thereby completing the entire project.

Last Friday we had a **"trout plant"** in **Loch Lomond**, which was welcomed by staff and visitors alike. We received **2000 pounds of healthy rainbow trout** which dispersed quickly, leaping into the air and putting on a little show for the onlookers. Visitors, as well as osprey and cormorants, are now doing their best to catch the 4000-5000 fish.



PARKS AND RECREATION

CIVIC

Roller Derby Action Once Again!

This Saturday, June 11 at 5:45pm, team *Organic Panic* takes on team *Redwood Rebels* for the Santa Cruz Derby Girls June bout card. June is the Official Derby Girl Month in Santa Cruz! Celebrate this local holiday at the Civic Auditorium, where two teams will compete for control of the flat track! The winner of this game will be one step closer to the 2016 Championship Trophy. Tickets on sale now at santacruztickets.com.



EVENTS

Food Truck Friday - 1st Time Ever!

Food Trucks are rolling into Santa Cruz Friday, June 10, 5-8pm! We will have seven (7) different food trucks, music and lots of fun! This event is sponsored by your Parks and Recreation Department. This is but one of a number of things we are doing to bring positive programming into our parks, and in this case specifically San Lorenzo. If this event is deemed a success by attendees and organizers based on sales, attendance, and , we may be offering this event on a monthly basis.



LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Juneteenth Celebration

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Juneteenth in Laurel Park! Commemorating the signing of the emancipation proclamation and the ending of slavery, this event is a special day to rejoice in freedom and equality for all people. Enjoy amazing music, moving speakers, delicious soul food, crafts and vendors, basketball skills contest and health fair. Free!

2016 Juneteenth Schedule

- 11:30 am - Double Dee's Brass Band Parade from MAH to Laurel Park
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Fitness Warm Up and Zumba with Trenise Pot (Truly Toned) and Eugenia Rice (Soca/Zumba)



- 12:00 - 3:00 pm - Basketball Skills Contest
- 12:00 - 5:00 pm: Live mural painting with Elijah Pfothenauer; Health Fair - FREE education and screenings; Vendors and Soul Food; MAH Pop Up Museum
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm - Musical performances featuring The Sista Monica Tribute Band with Tammi Brown and Terrie Odabi
- 2:00 pm - Mayoral Proclamation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reminder about upcoming Beach Flats Mural Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, June 16

7:00pm-8:00pm

Nueva Vista at Beach Flats Community Room
113 Liebrandt Ave

The selected artist will have some concepts ready for the neighborhood to review. The artist has conducted a great deal of research about the neighborhood and has also attended three public meetings we held in January and February about the mural.

Notices in both Spanish and English went out to the Beach Flats neighborhood regarding the upcoming mural prep in the next few weeks. Staff is working with staff at the Beach Flats Community Center on distribution. Residents may notice the contractor in the Park prepping the wall around the park. Any loose paint will be scraped off and a glue-like adhesive will be used to seal the wall. This should stabilize the wall enough for a new mural to last many years.