

# City Manager's Weekly Update

October 23, 2015

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Special Events

This Sunday, October 25th, you are invited to join us in Downtown Santa Cruz for the first ever Banana Slug Parade and Expo. The Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and the Expo starts right after the parade and goes until 3 p.m. on Cooper Street.

There will be a pop-up museum at the MAH's Abbot Square and that anyone from the community who would like to share some memorabilia or objects of any kind that are affiliated with the University - are welcome.

Gather a group of UCSC-minded people and come watch the parade, and plan to spend the afternoon on Cooper Street enjoying an expo featuring performances, displays, demonstrations and information from various UCSC departments.



### Louden Nelson

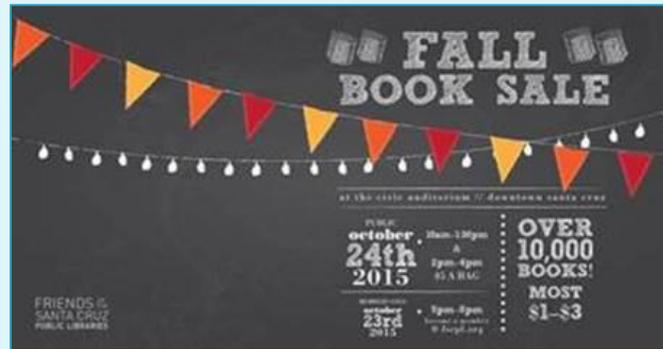
The annual Halloween and Mask Making Festival is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. with a special sneak peek of the Haunted House on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This FREE Festival is full of fun for the whole family. Decorate elaborate masks with glitter, paint, jewels, raffia, feathers and more! Visit our phantom photo booth for a picture with friends and family. Explore our creepy touch tanks, take a stab at our candy guessing jar and NEW this year, scary story telling at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm. PLUS everyone's favorite, take a tour in mysterious Nevergreen Cemetery full of radioactive surprises. At 3:00 pm, Laurel Park will be filled with zombies performing Michael Jackson's Thriller dance. View our Community Zombie exhibit in the Art Gallery. Kick off Halloween week in Santa Cruz with this fun, free event.



### Civic

This week the Civic hosts a job fair on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. *Access 2 Employment Job Fair* begins at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. This job fair has occurred at other venues over the years but it is the first time to be held at the Civic. The 'City of Santa Cruz' is one of the participants in the fair.

The Friends of the Public Library Fall Book Sale happens this week. *The Friends* will be setting up Friday with their 'Member Preview' happening at 5:30pm and then the sale 'Opens to the Public' on Saturday at 10 a.m.



### Parks

Park Rangers along with PD, SC Sheriff and Roaring Camp Railroad completed clean-up of several camps along the Pogonip boundary. Approximately 80 yards of debris were removed from several camp sites. This event was the third time these agencies have coordinated their efforts to remove debris from this area.



Delaveaga Golf Course is hosting the fourth annual Good Neighbor Open on Sunday October 25. Partnering with the Delaveaga Disc Golf Club, the back nine holes of the golf course are used for an 18 hole disc golf tournament. The tournament is extremely popular and sells out within a couple days of after registration opens.

## PUBLIC WORKS



### Operations and Maintenance

The contractor has completed applying protective coating to the secondary clarifier #3 internal metal components. The protective coating maintains the integrity of the underwater components while increasing the assets life cycle.

The contractor is scheduled to complete application of protective coating to the inside concrete areas of primary sedimentation tank #4. The protective coating maintains the integrity of the above water concrete walls increasing the assets life cycle.



We completed the activated carbon exchange for carbon scrubber units #1 and #2. The carbon scrubbers provide a last polishing step in treating process foul air before releasing to the atmosphere.

### Engineering, Traffic Engineering and Parking

In June, the City applied for funding to the Caltrans Active Transportation Program for two projects: the Branciforte Creek Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge and the Santa Cruz Citywide Safe Routes to School Crossing Improvement Program. On Wednesday, the California Transportation Commission approved both grants in the amount of \$1.8 million and \$1.404 million respectively. The Active Transportation Program is highly competitive. For the 2015 ATP Cycle,

617 applications were submitted, requesting over \$1 billion in funds. These two projects were awarded based upon an assessment of their influence on increasing walking and biking, increasing safety, and serving a variety of users.

The SLR Parkway project is under construction. The project will not be completed until December, and potentially January before the lighting system can be energized.



The Branciforte Creek Flood Control Channel Vegetation Removal Project has been approved by the US Army Corps, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The work started Thursday and coincides with the proposed breaching of the San Lorenzo River mouth breach on Friday.



### **Streets/Traffic and Facilities**

Staff has continued to work on winter preparations, clearing out a ditch on Crossing Street



Staff had CPR, First Aid, blood-borne pathogen and AED training by Red Cross Instructors.

### **Resource Recovery Facility**

Landfill Operations is currently shipping out approximately 1,200 tons of re-processed concrete to be used as base at the driving range at DeLaveaga Park.

Recycling processing shipped out one load of mixed rigid plastics, one load of film plastic and one load of PETE plastic this week.

Green Waste operations finished their monthly processing of materials this week, approximately 1000 tons of green waste, 100 tons of clean wood and another 400 tons of C&D material.

### **Resource Recovery Collection**

Our Hand Sweeper collected 1.6 tons of illegally dumped items throughout the City.

### **Community Outreach**

RoadShow Mercury News/Contra Costa Times: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/mr-roadshow/ci\\_28948168/roadshow-roads-other-states-put-california-shame](http://www.contracostatimes.com/mr-roadshow/ci_28948168/roadshow-roads-other-states-put-california-shame)  
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The above was based on Mark Dettle's email. He has since received a call from the California Alliance for Jobs as they want to use it as the basis for their next radio commercial with Will Durst to press the California legislature to come up with a funding source for the poor road conditions in the state.

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### **Laboratory & Environmental Compliance**

An Engineering firm has been selected to update the City's Enforcement Response Plan to include the legal authorities and details required for supporting the proposed Private Lateral Ordinance at the City of Santa Cruz. The contractor is expected to deliver a finished product in January 2016, for presentation at a subsequent City Council meeting. The selection of the consultant was made by a team including the Senior Civil Engineer; a storm water analyst, and the Laboratory & Environmental Compliance Manager.

## **WATER**

Lots of project work going on this week. Engineers are deciding the fate of the 20-year-old aerators, which need either extensive TLC or to be replaced. (Actually they don't look too bad for being underwater for 20 years.)



Our main replacement project on Soquel Avenue is running way behind schedule so engineers have negotiated Saturday and holiday work with the contractors. We've promised the business owners to be done by Thanksgiving and the engineering staff is committed to keeping their word.

We continue to work to replace the section of leaking main on the North Coast replaced as soon as possible. This is no small task, with 1,500 feet of 24" diameter pipe that could be 40+ feet underground in areas on someone else's property.

We were delighted to see Santa Cruz and water school featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal today! If you didn't already see the article, you can read it here.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/to-see-fines-dry-up-californians-pour-into-water-school-1445476942>