

City Manager's Weekly Update

January 29, 2016

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Parks & Recreation Reservations and Registration Application

Parks & Rec staff and Information Technology (IT) worked together to replace the old reservations and registration application with a new one called Vermont. The project go live was on January 11th.

Employee Directory

IT completed the annual update of our employee directory.

Conference Rooms

Two conference room TV's with on-going issues were fixed so that they are no longer clicking on and off of their own accord.

Firewall

IT staff replaced an aging firewall. These on-going replacements are critical to overall security.

WATER



Work on repairs of the **water main serving the Santa Cruz Wharf** continue, although the availability of pipe material has slowed down progress. The manufacturer of the needed quantity of fusible PVC that was available in Manteca let us know that that pipe had sat in the sun too long and that its exposure to ultraviolet light could have damaged it to the point they would be unable to guarantee its performance. New pipe is being shipped from the factory in North Dakota and is expected to arrive on Tuesday, pushing completion of the more permanent repair out at least a couple of weeks.

In the meantime, temporary domestic and fire flow service continues to be provided by a single 4 inch hose laying on the wharf deck, and a second 4 inch line is expected to be installed early next week. These two lines will provide substantially higher instantaneous fire service flows about 1200 gallons per minute, about twice what is currently available.

In addition to the repair work, inspection of the remaining 10 inch ductile iron pipe is being undertaken to assess its condition and, if needed, begin planning for any follow-up actions needed to address any issues identified.

PARKS AND RECREATION

RECREATION DIVISION

Civic Auditorium

Thursday of this week, the Civic hosted [Magic Men Live](#), the all-male dance review. The show was performed and produced by the stunning Premier Gentlemen® entertainers and award winning choreographer and an official NBA Half Time Show with Creative Director, Oscar Hernandez! We're happy to report that the show sold out!



This Saturday, January 30, 6pm-9pm, the Civic Auditorium hosts [Twisted Tasting](#), a fabulous evening of innovative and exotic beers, ciders, and culinary delights as a *benefit* for the Arts Council of Santa Cruz, complete with circus magic. The \$85 tickets are going fast!

Louden Nelson Community Center

All About Theatre is presenting **Bye Bye Birdie** at the Louden Nelson Community Center Theater.

Show times:

- Thursday January 28th at 9:30am & 12:30pm
- Friday January 29th at 7:00pm
- Saturday January 30th at 2:00pm & 7:00pm



Archery Tag will be offered in Laurel Park, Saturday, January 30th. Matches will begin at 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, and 4:00pm. Archery Tag® offers a unique and fun way for people of *all ages* to enjoy archery! It can best be described as an exhilarating cross between dodge-ball, paintball and "The Hunger Games" played with our bows and patented foam-tipped arrows. This exciting, action-packed game offers the ultimate family-friendly experience that engages everyone. Don't miss out on Tag ... The game you never outgrow!

Sports Program

SPRING 2016 CITY LEAGUE SOFTBALL – REGISTER TEAMS NOW!



- *Discount* MAIL-IN: January 21 – 29
- *Discount “Early Bird”* WALK-IN: February 2, 8am – 5pm, at Parks & Recreation Office, 323 Church St.
- WALK-IN REGISTRATION CONTINUES M – F, 8am – 5pm until Friday, February 12

Call 420-5266 today for important sign up details! Filling up fast!

Beach Program

Cowell Beach was affected by the most recent storms of January 16-25. The new pedestrian pathway and vehicle access ramp survived the king tide and large surf last Sunday.



PARKS DIVISION



New LED Lights at Grant Park

Parks staff has coordinated installation of new LED park lighting at Grant Park. The new energy efficient lighting is expected to result in significant energy and maintenance reductions. The lights also provide better coverage throughout the park.

Bay Street Median Pathway Closure

The Bay Street Median which runs between Escalona and Iowa/Nobel Drive has been closed because of severe erosion from the recent storms. The water has deteriorated the bank below the pathway, thereby causing the bank to collapse into the creek. The current pathway has been reduced to less than two feet. Public Works Engineering staff is working with specialists (private geotechnical engineers) to evaluate the area and determine a repair for the site. Because of anticipated, periodic storming, repairs will probably not take place April-May, 2016 (post El Nino).



ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Economic Value Intern Activity

Administration has embarked on a trial relationship with UCSC to recruit and utilize upper division and graduate student interns to assist with quantifying the economic benefit of

providing parks and recreation facilities and programs to residents of our City. Our initial topic of study is the effect of maintenance quality and amenities of parks on proximate, residential property values. Students are being recruited based on their mathematical, public policy, science and business analysis abilities. We hope to eventually address service and facility impacts on crime, health, and community wellness, ending our studies by the end of the current calendar year.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resource Recovery

Green Business: Ventana Surfboards and Supplies was certified this week, our first new green business certification for 2016.



The final tally of Green Businesses for 2015 include 17 new businesses and 15 re-certifications.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Operations and Maintenance

The new Vapex ozone generating odor control unit has arrived. Maintenance and Electrical divisions started the preliminary installation for the county influent channel. Once installation is complete the manufacturer will be scheduled for a startup and commissioning event.



ODOR/EMISSIONS CONTROL VAPEX O-MEGA

O-MEGA Systems utilize the patented Vapex Hydroxyl Radical Fog technology to eliminate odors and reduce pH corrosion in any odorous space.

The O-MEGA system is different from conventional scrubbing technologies in that it does not extract the odors from the application and then attempt to treat them, but rather uses the odorous space as the reactor to oxidize the odors and stop corrosion.



Engineering

The West Cliff bluff face about 370 feet west of the intersection with Woodrow Avenue has experienced an accelerated rate of erosion due to the large swells generated by a series of powerful storms over the past six weeks. Our plans are now ready to place large boulders (rip rap) to armor the face of the bluff against wave action. Work will begin Friday morning, Jan. 29 and is expected to last just over one week.



Bay Drive Path Erosion – Erosion has been monitored which is threatening the Bay Drive Path approximately 740 feet south of the intersection with Nobel Drive. A geotechnical investigation has been conducted and a report is being written which will outline some possible approaches to mitigating this condition.

Coastal Rail Trail Open House is being held on Thursday, Jan. 28. Read the [press release](#).

The Miramar/King Intersection Improvements Project is complete.

Parking

A check for \$30,000 from our Parking for Hope holiday program was presented to Hope Services at the Jan. 26 Council Meeting. Read the [press release](#).



Community Relations

A large crowd cheered at the Jan. 22 levee lighting event as Levee Founder Janet Fardette flipped the giant light switch on Friday evening. There was much applause during the happy ceremony with speeches by California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird, Mayor Cynthia Mathews, Coastal Watershed Council Executive Director Greg Pepping and City Manager Martín Bernal. [Read the Sentinel article](#).



Resource Recovery

Engineering staff finished compiling documents for the landfill's Semi-Annual Report to the Regional Water Quality Control Board which is due by January 31st annually. The report was submitted to the state on 1/27/15.

Waste Reduction staff attended the Green Schools committee meeting reporting on waste reduction happenings for spring including Earth Day, the Dori pole loan program, RRF tours and the Santa Cruz Recycles! Poster contest. Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Central Coast Recycling Media Coalition. Members reviewed and approved the 2016 media plan and discussed Earth Day ideas, a summer anti-litter campaign for the tri-county area and food scrap recycling. Our regional website <http://www.protectyourcentralcoast.org> went through a much needed update with reformatting to a responsive mobile-friendly design. The site had 6,000 page views in 2015.

Collections: A replacement downtown street refuse can was repaired and relocated to the corner of Spruce and Pacific. This location has been a problem area for litter along the streets. We have been working with the affected businesses along this area and it is now showing a marked improvement. Kudos to the businesses for working so hard to keep this area clean.

