

City Manager's Weekly Update

April 15, 2016

PUBLIC WORKS

Resource Recovery: Waste Reduction

Final preparations were completed this week for Earth Day Santa Cruz, this Saturday April 16th, 11-4 at San Lorenzo Park. Come enjoy the day and visit the City's Public Works and Parks and Recreation booths.

The spring issue of [One Person's Trash](#) has been released. Copies of the publication were included in the April 14th Sentinel and will be in the Good Times on April 20th. The feature is Changes in Packaging Impact Recycling. There's also information about the upcoming Garage Sale Weekend (June 4 & 5) and bulky item pickup (June 25).

Resource Recovery: Collections

Collections staff received one of two truckloads of 64 gallon carts to replace a large number of old and broken carts throughout the City. Over the next week we will be dedicating one staff person to follow our commercial rear loader to make the cart exchanges.



Engineering

West Cliff path sinkhole – The contractor, Don Chapin Company, has backfilled and compacted to make grade as well as drilled for the pier foundation system. Concrete for the piers was placed 4/14. The remaining depth of the casings will be filled with gravel, the casings cut off below grade, then the path and parking lot will receive final grading, compaction and paving. Public Works Street & Traffic crews will then lay the striping and placing of wheel stops for parking, with total project completion likely by Friday 4/22.

Surface Seal Project and Overlay Project – The Overlay Project was awarded to Granite Construction on 4/12 at a contract cost of \$1.76 million in Measure H Street Improvements funding. The Surface Seal contract was awarded to Telfer Pavement Technologies on 4/13 in an amount of \$1.84 million in Measure H. The City is awaiting bonds and insurance and will begin work on executing the contracts. It's likely that both projects will have notices to proceed before the end of the month - these projects will be constructed over the summer.

Parking Services

- Occupancies at the Locust Garage ranged between 80% and 95% between noon and 4 pm this

last week with weekend occupancies between 45% and 60%. We have 234 persons on the waitlist wanting 337 permits. The waitlist is 10 months long.

- Occupancies at the Soquel/Front Garage ranged between 75% and 95% between noon and 4 pm this last week with weekend occupancies between 65% and 75%. We have 193 persons on the waitlist wanting 365 permits. The waitlist is 14 months long.

-Occupancies at the River Front Garage ranged between 85% and 95% between noon and 4 pm this last week with weekend occupancies between 30% and 45%. We have 147 persons on the waitlist wanting 484 permits. The waitlist is seven months long.

- There are 464 unique names on the waitlists.

Operations Division – Streets & Traffic

Crews reconstructed a damaged concrete pedestrian barrier on the Riverside Avenue Bridge, and patch-paved problematic road condition areas on Golf Club Drive with hot mix asphalt (HMA).



Wastewater Collections & Flood Control

An emergency storm drain repair was completed on Brookwood Drive and Prospect Heights, replacing badly deteriorated corrugated pipe with new ADS plastic pipe. The sidewalk was also replaced and road repaved in the immediate area of the excavation.



Crews are working in the Eastside and Seabright zones cleaning and inspecting sanitary sewers. This is part of our annual maintenance requirement to the system that occurs every 12 to 16 months.



Laboratory & Environmental Compliance

The division is currently working with the City Attorney's Office to fine-tune a draft ordinance relating to safe removal of pharmaceuticals and sharps for the protection of public health and environmental water quality at minimal cost. Although the City initiated a successful low cost program in October 2007, other municipalities and counties have since developed ordinances that require manufacturers to participate in the stewardship required, and the City is inclined to modify our existing program to be consistent with these responsibilities.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks Maintenance



Arroyo Seco Canyon Trail Improvements

Under the direction and supervision of the Parks Division staff, the ACE Crews have completed the Arroyo Seco Canyon trail tread improvements this week, including new stairs, improved site lines, removal of trail obstacles and generally making the trail safer and more accessible.

Open Space Camp Clean up

A collaborative effort between City of

Santa Cruz Rangers, the Police Department, and Labor Max workers led to two dumpsters being filled with 6,060 lbs. (3.03 tons) of trash from camps along the eastern boundary of Pogonip. The Roaring Camp Railroad graciously provided the engine and rail car platform on which to load trash as the team progressed along the tracks on the boundary.



Metal and recyclables were separated out and taken to the landfill.

Municipal Wharf

Wharf Water Main Repaired and Repaved, Firefish Roof Completed

The water main repair job in the trestle section of the Wharf has been paved and reopened to free passage of traffic in both directions. Also, the Firefish Grill Roof Replacement, Phase 1 project is essentially complete, having passed final inspections by the Building Department and the IB® roof membrane manufacturer.



The Civic

FashionTEENS Santa Cruz

Over 100 teens from 20 Santa Cruz County Middle and High Schools will walk the run away in fashions from recycled materials designed and created by teens at the Civic Auditorium this Friday, April 15. Program is sponsored by the Santa Cruz Public Schools.



POLICE

Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Celebration

The Surf City Exchange Club honored the Police Officer and Firefighter of the year at the Annual Blue and Gold Banquet held on Friday April 8th. Detective Danny Forbus and Firefighter Matt Haut were honored at the event. These two are outstanding representatives of our City's excellent public safety teams. The police department had many in attendance to celebrate the well-deserved accomplishments of our award recipients. Congratulations Danny and Matt.



Operation Surf

The Police Department escorted Operation Surf into town on Tuesday April 12th. Our motor officers took the lead and organized officers from other agencies and Operation Surf teams to safely escort the group into the city for a week of activities on Cowell's Beach. Operation Surf Santa Cruz is a week-long event held to support military wounded warriors through surf adventures. Beaches across Santa Cruz will be a place of surfing and healing therapy for this group of brave heroes.



Victim's Rights March of Solidarity

SCPD participated in the 5th Annual Victim's Rights March of Solidarity hosted by the District Attorney's Office.

In addition to representatives of the justice agencies and elected officials, the rally and march is attended by survivors of violent crime as well as friends and family of homicide victims. Many of those remembered in the march are from cases worked by our department. The event included a rally at the government center followed by a march through downtown to City Hall, where a concluding rally was held.



Serial Bank Robber Captured

SCPD Detectives assisted Capitola Police in tracking down a serial bank robber who had struck four times in the last month. Our analysis of the pattern showed a strong likelihood of another robbery occurring on Thursday April 14th. With this information, our investigations team staked out a number of banks in the city. Our analysis proved to be good, as the suspect struck again, but not in Santa Cruz. He robbed the Bank of the West in Capitola. Following that, we worked with Capitola PD and tracked the suspect down to a residence here in Santa Cruz. Our detectives staked out a home on the eastside and spotted the suspect. We safely took him in to custody and assisted with search warrants to wrap up the case. Great analysis and proactive work by our investigations team!



Recruitment

This week we interviewed 5 academy graduate police officer candidates. Unfortunately, none of the candidates were suitable to move forward in the process. We tendered two conditional job offers to police officer applicants in the past two weeks. Both job offers went to individuals who have already graduated the police academy, so they will go straight into our 18-week, in-house field training program. They are tentatively scheduled to start on May 2nd. We currently have 93 of our funded 94 position filled. We have an active recruitment for Police Officer Trainee. Candidates will be interviewed next week and we hope to make an August or September academy start date for any candidates in this recruitment.

We conducted oral panel interviews of 17 candidates for Police Records Technician during this week. We will make decisions on which candidates to move forward in the process to fill the two remaining openings we have for that position.

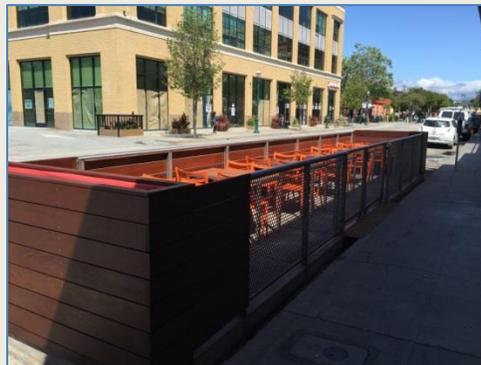
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

New Parklets!

In May 2015, City Council approved a Parklet Pilot Program that would allow for a maximum of five businesses to establish the small curb side spaces for a one-year monitoring period. City Council indicated that Hulas Island Grill, The Penny Ice Creamery, and Lupolo's Craft Beer House would be the first three Design Permit applications for parklets that would be considered by the City Planning Department. In November 2015, two Design Permits were approved to allow for

the parklets at the frontages of Hula's Island Grill and The Penny Ice Creamery. On April 11th, an application for a third parklet was received for the frontage of Lupolo's Craft Beer House. This space would be located about 100 feet west of the existing parklet on Cathcart Avenue and, similarly, would utilize two on-street parking spaces.

On Monday, April 11th, Ian McRae, the owner of Hula's Island Grill and Tiki Room located at 221 Cathcart Ave., unveiled the City's first parklet! The project is not yet complete in that plantings will be incorporated at each end of the new space and umbrellas will be placed at the tables; however, the structure itself is fully constructed. The parklet was built on a concrete slab foundation that was poured in a way to ensure that it can be removed without damage to the roadway. Sliding metal gates and a metal grate over the gutter connect the new seating area to the sidewalk. The parklet is well constructed of high quality materials and is narrow and low profile so as not to create an obstacle to traffic. Mr. McRae plans to host a more formal "grand opening" for this great new feature soon.



Corridor Planning

The Corridor Planning and Rezoning Project continues to move forward. A fifth Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held Monday, April 18th with the sixth and final meeting scheduled for May 2nd from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the ABC meeting room in the Civic. The April 18 meeting includes discussion on strategies for creating a Parking Benefit District(s) as appropriate for each street, as well as consideration of proposed design and development standards. The final May 2 CAC meeting will include some specific design case studies with pro-forma analysis on the financial feasibility of implementing the recommended development standards. A final Open House is scheduled for April 21 for general Corridor information and questions. The Corridor Planning work will be the sole agenda item for the May 19 and June 2 Planning Commission meetings, followed by a Special City Council Meeting on June 7 to summarize progress to date.

Downtown Recovery Plan Amendments

Amendments to the Downtown Recovery Plan (DRP) are also well underway. The amendments to development standards affect properties on Pacific Avenue between Cathcart and Laurel Streets and on Front Street between Soquel Avenue and Laurel Street.

Two upcoming meetings will include presentations by City staff, ROMA Design Group and McCann Adams Studio urban planners. The meetings will also include discussions about

proposed changes that primarily relate to defining the conditions by which buildings could be allowed to increase height to allow for the creation of additional housing opportunities downtown.

Please encourage people to join us at one or both of these meetings.

April 28, 2016 Planning Commission

May 10, 2016 City Council

7:00 pm

City Council Chambers

809 Center Street

Santa Cruz

If you would like more information, or have questions, or if you would like someone to be added to our email list for similar meetings, please contact Ron Powers (831) 420-5216 rpowers@cityofsantacruz.com

Climate Action

Ross Clark, Climate Action Coordinator for the City has been selected as one of the 2016 Central Coast Heroes! The American Red Cross Central Coast Chapter announced that Ross will be honored as the Environmental Hero. This award will be presented to Ross at the 2016 Heroes Breakfast on Friday, June 17, 2016 at Twin Lakes Church, 2701 Cabrillo College Dr. Aptos, CA from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Ross works part time for the City and part time for the Central Coast Wetlands Group. Congratulations and thanks to Ross for his continued support and coordination of environmental sustainability programs and projects for the City, and throughout the Central Coast.

Coastview Inn

Last fall, the Zoning Administrator approved Coastal and Design Permits for a fairly significant remodel and addition to this hotel located at 301 Beach Street (across Westbrook from the *La Bahia* complex). While the room count only increases by five from 32 to 37, the overall project adds 12,500 square feet in two additional floors with many of the existing rooms being enlarged. Architecturally, this 1950's auto court will take on a Spanish Colonial look called for in the Beach and South of Laurel Plan and will complement the recently approved *La Bahia* project. The three street frontages surrounding the site will receive significant upgrades to the curb, gutters and sidewalk, including a bulb out with landscaping and a crosswalk at the corner of First and Westbrook Streets. This week, an application for a building permit was submitted for the project. Construction is expected to commence shortly after the peak summer season.

Lower Ocean Neighborhood Clean Up

Just a reminder that Saturday, April 16 from 8:00 – 11:30 at the corner of Barson and Clay is the next Neighborhood Clean Up. City Code Compliance Team has partnered with Neighbors of Lower Ocean, Grey Bears, and the Public Works Sanitation staff on this event. The Clean-Ups are always great neighbor events. Come visit and lend a hand.