

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

## APRIL 29, 2016

### Public Works

#### Wastewater Collections & Flood Control

72 inch slide gates were lowered at Neary Lagoon in preparation for installation of a steel plate at the discharge pipe at Cowell Beach which will occur on May 10.



#### Traffic Engineering

Demo has begun for the **new curb ramp and striped crosswalk** on the southeast corner of Mission St. Extension and Natural Bridges Drive. The curb ramp will be finished next week and striping will follow. The improvement accommodates the new and future growth from PCS High School, hotel, and the Ow Building.

The **conversion of a yield sign to a stop sign at Upper Park Road is now complete for the Santa Cruz Shakespeare area**. Staff continues to work with SCS staff on completing the way-finding signs prior to SCS opening date of July 12. Other signage and striping improvements will be refreshed in and around the area leading to the Upper DeLaveaga Park/Golf Course.

#### Collections

We participated in the **Beach Flats community clean up** collecting 2.31 tons of refuse and 1.31 tons of divertible items.

#### Community Relations

We have confirmed locations for three upcoming City Hall to YOU community forums as follows:

- Downtown/Beach Areas/Harvey West: Weds., June 1, at Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street
- Westside/Upper Westside: Weds., Aug. 31, at PEACE United Church, 900 High Street
- Ocean Street/Upper Eastside: Weds., Dec. 7, at Elks Club, 150 Jewell Street

Times for all dates are 6:30-8:30 p.m.



## **Traffic Engineering**

The contractor for the **521 Front St. Building Demolition** has mobilized and fenced off the perimeter of the building. The building will be demolished next week with asbestos testing being performed beforehand. The layout for future parking is being analyzed to minimize construction costs, with no set schedule of when it will be ready for use.



## **Green Business**

Staff presented a session on the benefits of becoming a certified green business at the Small Business Summit at Cabrillo College. The summit had approximately 200 attendees from small businesses throughout the City and County of Santa Cruz.

## **Parking Services**

Occupancies at the Locust Garage ranged between 85% and 100% between noon and 4pm this week with weekend occupancies between 65% and 85%. Permit holders account for 55% of parked vehicles weekdays between noon and 4pm and 10% of parked vehicles on weekends. We have 231 persons on the waitlist wanting 360 permits. The waitlist is 10 months long.

Occupancies at the Soquel/Front Garage ranged between 95% and 100% between noon and 4pm this week with weekend occupancies between 85% and 90%. Thursday, Friday and Saturday night between 6pm and 8pm the garage was at capacity. Permit holders account for 45% of parked vehicles weekdays between noon and 4pm and 10% of parked vehicles on weekends. We have 196 persons on the waitlist wanting 382 permits. The waitlist is 15 months long.

Occupancies at the River Front Garage ranged between 90% and 100% between noon and 4pm this last week with weekend occupancies between 40% and 50%. Permit holders account for 55% of parked vehicles weekdays between noon and 4pm and 6% of parked vehicles on weekends. We have 143 persons on the waitlist wanting 491 permits. The waitlist is 7 months long.

## **Community Relations**

[Smarking \(parking industry\) blog post](#) that provides a positive look at our Parking Services efforts: There is also a link to this story at <http://www.parknews.biz/>.

## Parks and Recreation

LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER

### ***Mad Hatter Tea Party***

Celebrate spring with a delightful afternoon tea at the Louden Nelson Community Center! Dress in your best garden party attire and dust off those fancy hats. Prizes for 'Most Creative Hat' and 'People's Choice' award will be given by the Hat Co. Play croquet and games on the lawn with a familiar cast of characters. Make cards friends and family while enjoying the island sounds of the Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz. NEW this year, Mad Hatter Tea Party Card Game begins promptly at 1:00 pm! A new game will start every 1/2 hour at 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 pm. Free! Call 420-6177 for more information.



### ***The Sign of the Seahorse Play***

Santa Cruz Children's School presents The Sign of the Seahorse play at the Louden Nelson Community Center. Performances are April 30th, 11:30 am & 2:30 pm. Sign of the Seahorse is adapted from Graeme Base's book written, directed, and choreographed by Zak Bauman. Original music by Amy Pine and performed by the kids from Santa Cruz Children's School.

CIVIC AUDITORIUM

### ***New, Modern Scoreboard and Smart TV Display Screens***

This week the Civic replaced it's circa 1970's, 400lb irreparable basketball scoreboard with 2016 technology!

The Civic has also purchased 3 Smart TV's that can have multiple sport interfaces uploaded accommodating more sports and customizations than ever possible. Additionally, the monitors can

feature pre-event announcements including Civic and other Parks and Recreation upcoming events, important show notices (such as 'please turn off your cell phone', 'Need help? Contact a staff member at



any exit or text 831-420-5240', 'Volunteers needed' etc.). The Screens can also display historical photos, event and other pictures, and miscellaneous fun City facts. Other application options include power-point and interactive AV options for meetings in the Auditorium, providing display of event sponsors, closed captioning for speaking events, emergency procedures, ... all for well under the cost of replacing/replicating the old scoreboard.

### ***Some Garden Issues are Settling***

Now that the agreement is fully executed with the Seaside Company staff began working with Beach Flats Gardeners this past Thursday to obtain signed leases and will follow up again next week until all leases are received.

## Water

At next Monday's Water Commission meeting commissioners will hear a presentation on **proposed water rates and water rate structures**. This presentation will culminate the rate study work that has been ongoing for the past eighteen months by taking the financial planning work to the next stage in showing the rates that would need to be implemented to support the Water Department's ongoing operations, needed infrastructure improvements, and first stages of the work to support WSAC's approved recommendations. The Commission will not take action at next week's meeting but will have the opportunity to review the collective work that has been done in preparation for taking action at the June meeting. The agenda for the meeting can be found [here](#).

Our Production crew has been busy over the past few weeks at the Beltz Water Treatment Plant and Beltz 12 well to get them ready for service, which will probably happen at the beginning of June. We're very proud of the new Beltz 12 facility and look forward to adding it into seasonal production.



Last, this month's Loch Lomond Walk/Talk is tomorrow. The theme this month is amphibians in celebration of "Save the Frogs Day" which is an international amphibian conservation event.