

City Manager's Weekly Update

August 4, 2017

CITY MANAGER

On Monday, July 31, the City of Santa Cruz brought on board two new critical positions: **Planning and Community Director Lee Butler and Police Chief Andy Mills**. They both hit the ground running and are enthusiastic about engaging with our community and tackling our opportunities and challenges. We are planning an introductory mixer for both, later in the month.

POLICE

SCPD Welcomes New Police Chief Andrew Mills!

This week, Chief Andy Mills began his new post at the Santa Cruz Police Department. Chief Mills' official swearing-in ceremony will take place at the City Hall Courtyard on August 7, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony to meet Chief Mills.



Chief Mills' priority is to get to know the community, understand the community's perception of SCPD, and work to create a forward-looking leadership plan. He anticipates hearing our community's thoughts about how we can work collaboratively to maintain a high level of public safety and support the goals of the city.

Chief Mills is particularly interested in hearing your perception of SCPD, and your thoughts on our community. If you see him at City Hall or in town, please take the time to say Hello.

Brief The Chief!

Chief Mills invites you to meet one-on-one with him for a 15-minute candid conversation. Every Monday, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am, Chief Mills is available for the public to share their comments, concerns or compliments with him directly. It will be a first come, first served, private meeting at the Santa Cruz Police Department located at 155 Center Street. To make an appointment, call (831) 420-5810. Come on down and Brief the Chief. That's him with Rosie from [KSCOSantaCruz](http://KSCOSantaCruz.com).





SCPD Dive Team Trains Search & Recovery Techniques & Tactics With City Wharf Maintenance Crew

Last week, SCPD ESU Dive Team participated in cross-agency training with the City Wharf Maintenance Crew. The water search and recovery drills on and off the Santa Cruz Wharf were part of a three-day exercise.

"Each year we train our officers with our partner agencies and all the equipment, specialized in water rescue training," said Lt. Christian LeMoss. Each search and recovery scenario is different, but choppy waters and strong currents are just a few of the dangers of the job. Water search and rescues require knowledge about such things as the science of ocean,



proper gear, and lifesaving skills for victim's and the rescue team members.

This was one of several training sessions of Water Rescue's on the SCPD ESU Dive Team's training calendar. Every member of the SCPD Dive team and City Wharf crew passed with 100% competency. "At any given time, something could happen," said Lt. LeMoss. "We train hard, so we are prepared for anything."

Detective Juan Gallegos Retires After 22 Years of Service



This week, 22-year veteran officer, Detective Juan Gallegos has retired from SCPD. We'd like to take this time to congratulate Juan for his long and local law enforcement career. Juan was hired in 1995 and hit the ground running, working on assignments such as patrol, school resource officer, alcohol enforcement unit, field training officer, investigations, and many ATV shifts on the beach. Juan's favorite aspect of working for Santa Cruz PD was the men and women he worked beside daily. "I will miss the camaraderie amongst the officers," said Detective Gallegos. "I will also miss the interesting and valuable relationships with the community in Santa Cruz." Juan credits the people he worked with and the

relationships he built over his 22-year career as a key to his long and happy tenure at SCPD.



Please join us in a fond farewell to Juan. He will be missed by his co-workers and the community. Thank you for your service, Juan.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Civic

It's a new dawn. It's a new day—for new music.

What a moment it will be when Maestro **Cristian Macelaru** steps up to the podium as the **Cabrillo Festival's new Music Director and Conductor!** Cristi comes as a rising-star conductor with countless ideas, boundless energy, and enormous enthusiasm to forge meaningful partnerships with our extraordinary orchestra and with this community. He begins his tenure with premiere-filled programs of new works and fresh re-orchestrations by an esteemed group of composers—some familiar and others new to Festival audiences.

Open rehearsals Going on now! Free no ticket required!

[Cabrillo Festival at the Civic- SCTickets](#)

Civic staff are also preparing for our very own Church Street Fair taking place August 5 and 6, free from 11am-8pm! Beer & Wine tasting, Food, Art, Live Music, free kids activities and more!



Louden Nelson Community Center

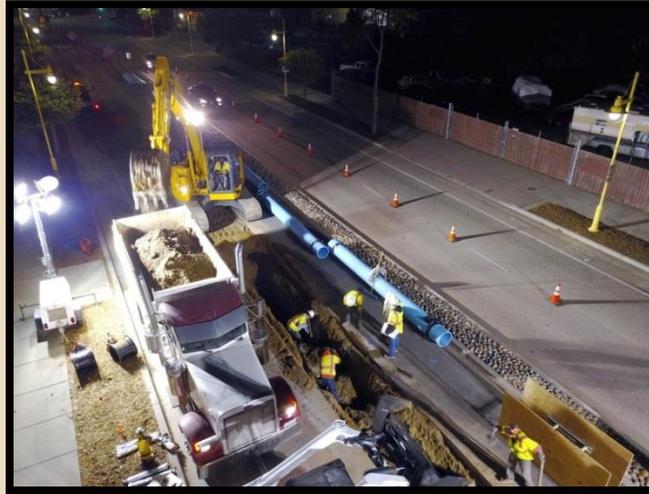
Tuesday Aug. 1st - Our whimsical new mural is ready to greet patrons at the Auditorium entrance on Center Street.



Friday August 4th- The Parks & Recreation Teen Theater group present opening night of "The Three Musketeers" at 7pm. Performances continue on **Saturday August 5th** at 2pm and 7pm

WATER

Night work continues on the River Street main replacement project. Like the Cedar Street project, River Street is also fraught with decades of utility conduit placement, so we are anticipating surprises as we install new pipe. The water main will be installed at depths of 3'-7' on top of the existing water main in an effort to try to avoid the aforementioned surprises. The contractor has access to a drone, and provided us with some great photos of the project.



Work is going smoothly on the Newell Creek Dam inspection and condition assessment. We've been in close contact with the Division on the Dam Safety (DSOD) to keep them updated on our progress on both the comprehensive condition assessment of the spillway as well as our updated Emergency Action Plan. In an effort to be proactive in our communications about the dam with the community, Rosemary went on Rosemary Chalmers live show on Monday and chatted with her about all the dam things. (Pun intended.)



Last weekend we celebrated National Lakes Appreciation Month at Loch Lomond by holding the annual Secchi Dip-In, which is an event to measure water clarity. We had a good turnout; many thanks to Mayor Chase for attending the event!

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

Lighting work continues on the Branciforte Creek Bike/Pedestrian Bridge and Multi-Use Trail Project and will be energized at the end of next week. The trail is also scheduled to be paved by the end of next week. The following week striping and signs will be installed marking substantial

completion of the project. Staff will discuss a formal and/or informal opening of the bridge and trail next week. The greatest challenge left on the project is deterring illegal activity and overnight camping underneath the new bridge, which is currently happening. Tight mesh fencing and stone placement is planned around the abutments of the bridge.



Fall 2016 Overlay Project work completed this week consisted of the adjustment of water valve boxes and sanitary sewer and storm drain manhole frames and covers at Mission Street Extension and Swanton Boulevard. Ocean Street is scheduled to be paved August 7- 9. Door hangers have been distributed to the residents within the limits of the project and a [press release](#) was distributed.



Ocean Street will receive Overlay installation next week.

Resource Recovery Facility and Processing

Landfill Operations received their new D7E bulldozer this week. Operator Training will be Thursday and Friday and we hope to start using it Monday.



Wastewater Treatment Facility

Employees in several divisions of the facility are required to maintain a minimum professional certification/license provided through either the California Water Environment Association or the State Water Resources Control Board. Not only is everyone working diligently to achieve the minimum requirements, many are continuing their education and upgrading their licenses. Amanda Bird has also been recently recognized by the non-profit CWEA, for her work on the local-section board of directors, in their *Wastewater Professional* magazine, Summer 2017 edition in an article titled "Emerging Leaders," (page 12, <http://www.kelmanonline.com/httpdocs/files/CWEA/wastewaterprofessional-summer2017/index.html>).

Laboratory & Environmental Compliance

Environmental Compliance issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) with fine and charges for cost recovery to the owner/manager of a commercial property on Ocean Street last week. The NOV was issued because there was a sewer leak apparently connected to an unauthorized intrusion into a power control panel of the facility.

Public Works Engineering and Plant Maintenance are continuing this week to work with the Laboratory to commission the bioassay testing system and the integrative flow monitoring systems in the Bioassay Lab. Both testing systems are required for fulfilling our monitoring obligations under the NPDES permit program. In addition, the integrative flow monitoring system is used to assist Scotts Valley in fulfilling their NPDES monitoring obligations at cost for a sophisticated part of their obligations, including Dioxin and other trace organic compounds. Below our Environmental Microbiologist III and QA/QC Chemist review some of the installations inside the Bioassay Laboratory this week.



The Environmental Laboratory (WWTF) is cooperating with the Water Quality Laboratory (WQ Lab in the Water Department) in the latter's monitoring program for testing BOD and algal toxins in the source water at Loch Lomond. The WQ Lab needs to have three months of BOD (5-day and 20-day) analyses done from three sites over the three month period. The Environmental Laboratory will provide the analytical services in support of that project. In addition WQ Lab

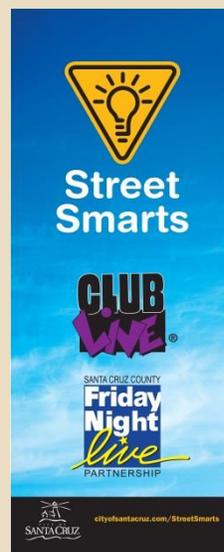
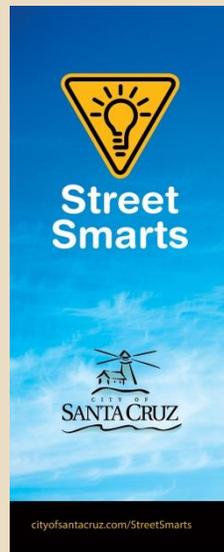
manager will visit our Environmental Laboratory with their newly hired Microbiologist next week to learn more about testing for algal toxins in surface waters. Personnel and Management from both laboratories look forward to working together to provide the greatest analytical support services to the community.

Community Relations

We have confirmed the location of our Pollution Prevention Award Dinner to be held on Sept. 21 at the Pasatiempo Room at the Back Nine Restaurant.

We have completed scheduling installation of Street Smarts banners at elementary and middle schools.

Placement will begin next week with the bulk installed the week of Aug. 14. We've received new display banners for our Street Smarts school assemblies and finalized long form traffic safety messages for Good Times and other media placements in English and Spanish.



One press release on Ocean St paving was distributed.