

City Manager's Weekly Update

September 30, 2016

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks Division

Ball Field and Golf Course Fall Aeration Begins

The Parks crews are in process of aerating ball fields at DeLaveaga and Harvey West Parks. In addition, the DeLaveaga Golf Course will begin aeration on Tuesday, Oct. 4. This annual aeration provides many benefits to the turf, including:

- Improved air exchange between the soil and atmosphere.
- Enhanced soil water uptake.
- Improved fertilizer uptake and use.
- Reduced water runoff and puddling.
- Stronger turfgrass roots.
- Reduced soil compaction.

Parks Rangers and PD Parks Unit Coordinated Illegal Encampment Clean-ups

Ranger staff and PD Parks Unit staff posted and oversaw a large illegal encampment clean up this week. Staff working in coordination with Labor Max crews at Sycamore Grove for two days removed between 30 to 40 yards of debris. A similar cleanup of Neary Lagoon is slated for next week in cooperation with Big Trees Railroad.

Chestnut Park Court Restoration

Staff have completed restoration of the basketball court at the newly completed Chestnut Park. The goal was relocated in order to offer a better use of the grounds. In addition, the court was resurfaced and repaired.



RECREATION DIVISION

TEENS



On Saturday, Sept. 24th, 18 teens along with staff from the Teen Center took a trip to Alcatraz Island. For many teens this was the first time being at Alcatraz and for a few, this was their first time visiting San Francisco. They ended their trip with a visit for a treat to In & Out Burger!

CIVIC

Sunday, October 2nd 7:30pm: Jazz at Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis

One of the most accomplished jazz artists of his generation; Wynton Marsalis is the recipient of nine Grammy Awards and a Pulitzer Prize for music. The charismatic and distinguished trumpeter and composer returns with the 15-member Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra comprised of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today, celebrating America's music—JAZZ!

Tickets available at santacruztickets.com

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Friday, Oct 7 at 5:30pm**— Louden Nelson Mural celebration followed by free downtown public art walking tour! (*RSVP is appreciated to Beth – Btobey@cityofsantacruz.com or 420- 5154*)
- **Friday, Oct 7 from 5:00-9:00 Second Annual Choose Santa Cruz Pop-Up Market** Join us for an evening celebrating living, working, playing and eating in Santa Cruz! The event will be held at Cosmic Studio on the corner of Cooper and Front Street and will feature a great line up of local businesses and tasty treats. Remember to show off your Santa Cruz pride by picking up your Choose Santa Cruz t-shirt, sunglasses and stickers at the event! Click the link below to RSVP <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cosmic-hosts-choose-santa-cruz-popup-market-tickets-27292196695?aff=9be1c5912c>
- **Friday, Dec. 2** – SCRAP art show at R. Blitzer Gallery



Beach Flats neighbors celebrate new mural

On Saturday September 17th Arts Commissioners, City Councilmembers, neighbors and friends gathered to celebrate the new mural at Beach Flats Park. It was a powerful and healing afternoon. Artist Irene Juarez O'Connell talked about all the themes in the mural and also invited several guests to speak about the history of the region. Pat



Orozco, chairperson of the Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian

Council, gave a talk about Native American history in the region and Iskali, an Aztec dance group, performed and blessed the mural. Marciano Cruz talked about the Chinese history in the area and why it was important to include in the mural. The mural threads together several themes, including our universal connection to the earth and land as well as the importance of education. Irene has included the neighborhood children in the painting



process and in the images. Nicole, Carolina, Rocket, Natalia, and Brianna depicted in the mural riding on skateboards, holding candles at the posadas etc. The mural is about 70% complete and the artist will be completing it in the coming weeks.

Louden Nelson mural celebration Friday, October 7 at 5:30pm

It seems fitting that as we celebrate the opening of the first national museum of African American History and Culture we are remembering the legacy of African Americans in Santa Cruz. Join us **Friday, October 7 at 5:30pm** for a celebration of the recently restored mural at Loudon Nelson Center. Hear stories from the original artist Jeff Oberdorfer as well as Mayor Mathews—who played a key role in the Center's transition from Laurel School and local folks featured in the mural itself!

Enjoy free refreshments and then join the **FREE downtown public art walking tour** following immediately after the reception.

The mural, originally painted in 1983 by Jeff Oberdorfer and Julie Heffernan, celebrates the local people who frequented the park and the center in the 1980s—including several local African American residents.



Downtown Public Art Walking Tour draws a crowd

In July, about 40 people gathered to celebrate the installation of the “Monster of Monterey” by artist Arnold Martin and then enjoy a walking tour of the City’s public art. The more than 30 people that joined the tour expressed surprise and delight upon discovering art they had never noticed before or that is hidden away. Below is a photo at the last stop on the tour in front of the Jazz Alley mural by Marvin Plummer. (The photo doesn’t show everyone.)



The popularity of the walking tour has prompted staff to offer tours more regularly. Staff is also doing a tour with the “Walking Adventure Group” (aka “WAG”) a walking group for older adults with the mission of exploring parks, landmarks, and special cultural locations in and around the Santa Cruz County area.

SCRAP Artists turning “plastic ugly” into beauty!

The Santa Cruz Recycled Art Program (SCRAP) has started! Our seven artists ([Tra Bouscaren](#), [Tauna Coulson](#), [Leslie Morgan](#), [Danielle Peters](#), [Dustin Raphael](#), [Lauren Ringelman](#), and [Janet Silverglate](#)) have been gleaning for about 5 weeks now in order to make art from gleaned refuse and recycled materials! As artist Leslie Morgan expresses so well: “At first I couldn't come up with a concept. Too much “plastic

ugly" and I didn't know how I would turn it into art. But then after about my 3rd visit to the dump I started seeing beauty in things I was finding and a concept of sorts started to emerge. It's been an interesting process!"



"Dump Angler" by Leslie Morgan



Laser cut paper by Danielle Peters

Check out more works of recycled art on the City Arts Blog here:

<http://www.santacruzcityarts.com/blog/2016/scrap-artists-share-progress-on-recycled-art>

Save the date Friday, December 2, 2016 – SCRAP Art Show at [R. Blitzer Gallery](#).

POLICE

Virtual Ride-Along with Santa Cruz Police

#ridewithSCPD 9/30/16 Noon to 8:00pm

SCPD "tweeting" on its Twitter account calls for service, police activity, and photographs in what is being called a Virtual Ride-Along. This will be a unique inside view as to the activities of the Police Department and the types of calls SCPD Officers respond to.



In addition to providing information on the type of calls, twitter followers can keep up with the scope and pace of the SCPD workday. During the virtual **#ridewithSCPD** ride-along, we will also include information, tips, and facts about crime prevention and how to best assist officers and dispatchers by reporting crimes and suspicious activity. Follow the department on Twitter **@SantaCruzPolice** and join in by following **#ridewithSCPD**.

Virtual Ride-Along Friday September 30, 2016 from Noon to 8:00pm

SCPD SPECIAL TRAINING WITH SANTA CRUZ LIBRARY STAFF

This week SCPD presented a workplace violence training to the Santa Cruz Library Downtown Staff. The seminar addressed concerns about the Response to an Active Shooter Event. The training included instruction in ADD (**A**void, **D**eny, **D**efend) principles.

Avoid – if possible avoid the shooter and escape. **Deny** – deny the shooter access to victims by locking or barricading doors.

Defend – as a last resort, defend one's self should you come into face-to-face contact with the shooter.



If a business owner or employee in Santa Cruz, are interested in SCPD coming to your workplace and providing this training, please contact us at SCPD Community Services 831-420-5834

CITYWIDE BLOCK PARTIES A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

Thank you Santa Cruz Neighbors for hosting the citywide block parties! It was a beautiful day to connect with neighbors and make new friends. SCPD enjoyed meeting folks out and about in neighborhoods.

Neighbors working together make for a safer community. This neighborhood spirit supports SCPD in anti-crime efforts. Together, we send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and watching out for each other.



SCPD Host Annual Multi-Agency Motorcycle Recertification



On Wednesday, September 28th, the Santa Cruz Police Department Traffic Unit hosted an annual multi-agency motorcycle recertification training day. Officers are required to successfully complete this intense training each year. After the training is completed, officers participate in a skills competition to have their names added to a trophy that is displayed at the winning agency until the next year's competition along with friendly bragging rights (Similar to the Stanley Cup).

However, this year, each agency forfeited their right to compete to honor California Highway Patrol Sergeant Kevin Enox. Sgt Enox tragically passed away on July 12, 2014. Sgt. Enox was well respected and a mentor to most of the officers participating.

In addition to Santa Cruz Police officers, Santa Cruz CHP, Monterey CHP, Redwood City CHP, Watsonville PD, Scotts Valley PD and Capitola PD all sent representatives. In total, there were 40 motorcycle officers in attendance. The Santa Cruz Police Department would like to extend a thank you to all agencies that participated.

We would also like to thank retired SCPD Chief Belcher, Deputy Chief Locke, and Lt. Vlassis for returning to duty temporarily to provide us with an amazing lunch.



PUBLIC WORKS

Waste Reduction

Wednesday we recognized the five student winners of our 2016 Santa Cruz Recycles! poster contest with a ceremony at the Corp Yard. The winning student artwork was unveiled on the sides of our recycling trucks where it will be displayed over the next year. Teachers, families and friends gathered as we awarded each student with a prize pack in a reusable City canvas tote bag. We also recognized students who submitted artwork for our downtown Big Belly trash containers. All the details are described in the [press release](#).



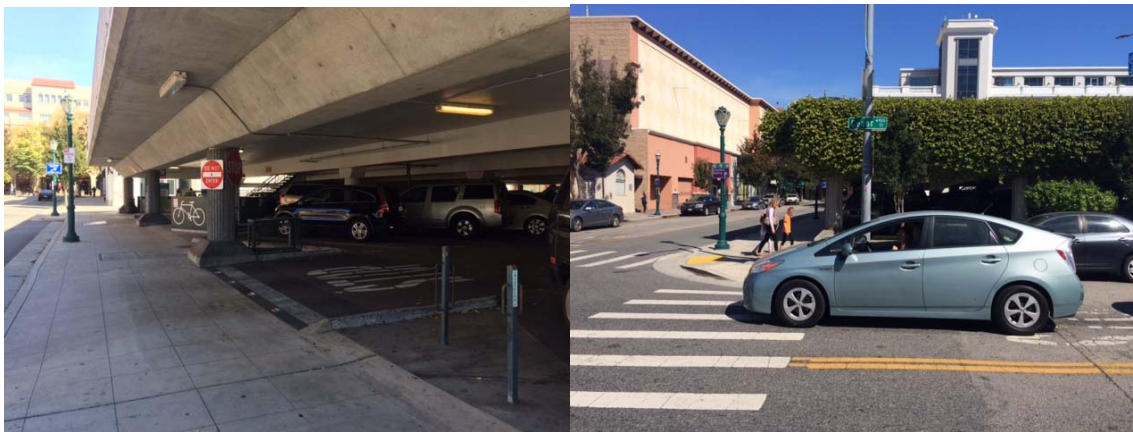
Operations/Administration

The diking of the San Lorenzo River was completed. The vegetation and sediment removal in Branciforte Creek began on Monday, September 1 and was completed in three days. All of our federally required maintenance has been completed for the upcoming winter.



Traffic Engineering

We will begin resurfacing of the top deck of the Cedar/Church Parking Garage on Monday. Details are outlined in our [press release](#).



Engineering

Mayor Mathews presented City Engineer Chris Schneider, his City team and project contractors with multiple awards for our Wharf and Depot Roundabouts: The Wharf project received the 2016 Project of the Year Award from the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Public Works Association; the American Society of Concrete Contractors recognized Tom Ralston Concrete with several awards ; the Beach Area Roundabouts Project was named Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project by the League of California Cities.



Community Relations

We concluded our fourth week of three 150th anniversary TROLLEY TOURS to our recycling and wastewater treatment facilities. Again this week, trolleys were full of engaged Santa Cruz residents translating into several hundred passengers Sept. 7-28.

