

# City Manager's Weekly Update

February 3, 2017

## PLANNING

**1314-1400 Ocean:** Last month, the Zoning Administrator approved Administrative Use Permits for two fast food restaurants (*The Habit Burger Grill* and *Dunkin Donuts*) to occupy a portion of the commercial development currently under construction at the northwest corner of Ocean Street and Glenwood Avenue. This week, our department received appeals for both applications signed by 19 residents of 13 properties located in the Glenwood/Coulson neighborhood. The appeals are tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike Ferry is the planner working on both use permits, as well as the application involving physical development of the site.



**135 Dubois:** This week, an application was made for an 110,000 square foot self-storage facility proposed to be constructed on two vacant lots in the upper Harvey West area of the City. The five level building will step up the sloped property such that it will be a three story building. A public hearing is not required for the use as it is principally permitted in the General Industrial Zone District, though the project requires a Boundary Line Adjustment to merge the two parcels, as well as a Design Permit, both of which can be administratively approved by staff. While the facility appears to include security measures such as a gated enclosure with card locked access, planning staff will be working closely with Police and Fire in an effort to avoid some of the problems that are present at other storage facilities in the area, such as habitation of the units, loitering, crime, etc. Clara Stanger is the planner working on the project.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Events

The deadline for entries into the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Clam Chowder Cook Off has been extended to February 10<sup>th</sup>. With the event expanding to two days, the City is allowing more time for more teams and more chowder! Amateur chefs will compete on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and professionals on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This event is a fundraiser for the Parks and Recreation department.



### Civic

Thursday, February 9, 2017, MLK Jr. Convocation, 7pm, doors 6:30pm:

The 33rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Convocation featuring Benjamin Jealous, civil and human rights leader, former NAACP president and CEO, venture capitalist, and author. Benjamin Todd Jealous recently joined the Silicon Valley venture capital firm Kapor Capital, where he plans to continue his goal of growing opportunities for minorities in the tech economy. This event also includes the presentation of the 9th annual Tony Hill Memorial Award and musical performance by The Kadence Keys. This event is free, no ticket required. For more information please visit: <https://events.ucsc.edu/event/4099>

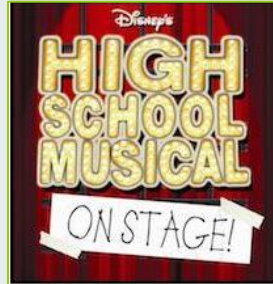
### Louden Nelson Community Center

“WAG” Walking Adventure Group will meet February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Capitola. We will begin our walk with a climb up one of Capitola's hidden staircases that leads to the top of Depot Hill with sweeping views of Monterey Bay. We will then circle through the neighborhoods down to the quaint walkway along Soquel Creek and finish our walk with a jaunt to the end of Capitola Wharf.



All About Theater's, "High School Musical" opens this weekend. Show times are:

- Friday February 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday February 4 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Friday February 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturday February 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.



Aerial Arts will be performing in Laurel Park this Saturday 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Weather permitting.



### **Sports**

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> the Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department launched Online Registration through our registration software, WebTrac for our adult softball leagues! We are still accepting paper rosters and registration materials in person or by mail. The new digital option will allow customers to register for a team from the comfort of their own home! The goal is to get all sports leagues registered online.

### ***With this new system...***

- Managers may sign a team up for adult leagues
- Managers may pay team fees online
- Players may sign up for their team's roster, digitally sign the liability release waiver, AND pay non-resident fees using Visa or MasterCard!

### **Parks On-going Projects**

Park Staff in partnership with Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz continued to work on a connector trail from the Prospects Heights neighborhood to upper DeLaveaga Park (i.e. Shakespeare site). The trail will provide a much better access to the site and away from the golf fairways. It is anticipated to be completed in 2-3 weeks. In addition, staff is completing best management practices (BMP's) on several of the Parks facilities such as the Harvey West Park Pump Track to help prevent erosion from the upcoming rains.



### **Beach Clean Up**

On Saturday Wharf/Beach staff and volunteers from Save Our Shores and California Conservation Corps joined forces in effort to continue to remove driftwood from Main and Cowell Beaches. The driftwood in the photos was a result of this year's storms. Staff anticipates that these efforts will continue with this season's rains.



### **San Lorenzo Boulevard**

Park staff in collaboration with Santa Cruz Warriors, Coastal Watershed Council and local residents showed up in large numbers on Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to complete this beautification project. Elementary aged children, teenagers and adults worked alongside each other to remove nuisance vegetation and plant over 300 native plants. The plants will be irrigated with water efficient drip irrigation.





## POLICE

### **SCPD Welcomes Five New Employees**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is happy to announce and introduce its five newest members.

Officer Amanda Pedulla, Officer Taylor Trueblood, Officer Connor Bridges, Community Service Officer Jordan Guillory, and Community Service Officer Abraham Camacho.

All five are local residents who have roots within the community. They each have a relationship with the community they will be serving and will help increase the police department's level of service.

Officer Pedulla, Officer Trueblood, and Officer Bridges all graduated from the Police Academy on Thursday, January 26th. The Police Academy is a 22-week program in which they learned and were tested on all aspects of law enforcement. They will now begin an 18-week in-house training program where they will be taught by a Field Training Officers.



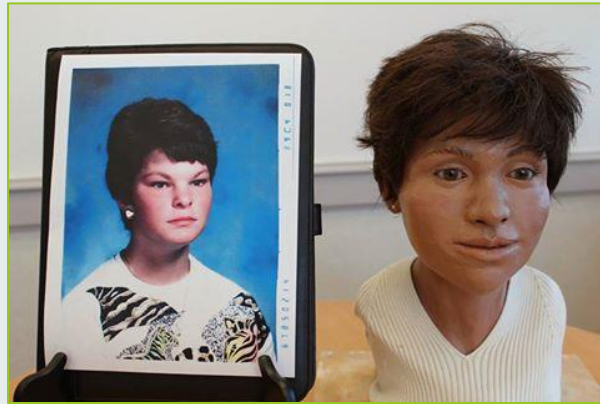
CSO Camacho and CSO Guillory will also start a training program where they will be trained by Field Training Officers and other senior Community Service Officers.



We are excited for all five of our newest officers. They are embarking on an adventure of service and will complement the outstanding men and women who currently serve our community. Welcome to the PD family!

The Police Department is currently recruiting and hiring for police officer positions. If you know someone who would be a great police officer, please have them call 831 420-5801 or go to <https://goo.gl/jT5Z39>

### **Cold Case Reboot -The Mystery of "Pogonip Jane"**



In December 2013, "Pogonip Jane" was identified as Kori Joanne Lamaster. This cold case did not end with her identification. SCPD uses shareable resources to reach out and encourage people with information to contact us. --- It's never too late to help.

Our cold case detective is looking for information from anyone who might have had contact with Kori as she traveled through the Santa Cruz area around 1993. Kori was 17 years old at the time of her death. She was traveling along California's coast from Pacifica to Santa Cruz. SCPD Cold Case Team will post updates to share on SCPD social media platforms and website highlighting one unsolved homicide case a month. SCPD launched a new web page in December 2016 dedicated to Cold Cases. We are taking the energy of modern communication and community engagement to a new level to solve cold cases in the City of Santa Cruz. For Kori's and other cold cases, click here [www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/cold-cases](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/cold-cases).

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Wastewater Collection / Flood Control**

Storm cleanup and damage assessment started the week followed by some decent weather allowing City crews to resume normal operations. Vac-Con crew #741 made some early morning runs to finish flushing Mission Street sewer mains as well as assisting Vac-Con crew #740 in clearing drains and catch basins in the Westlake area.

Our construction crew assisted the video inspection contractor with locating and uncovering missing manholes in the back yards and easements for the Ladera Street sewer project. The pump crew was busy during recent storms keeping the storm stations trouble free as well as inspecting via Confined Space Entry and keeping intakes clear. The flood control crew has been working to keep debris out of the San Lorenzo River and clearing plugged catch basins and storm drains.



The wastewater mains crew cleaned the Lombardi Creek storm drain outlet structure.

### **Streets/Traffic**

Crews continue to clean up storm-related issues including a slide on Highland and the cleaning out of catch basins.

Streets crew removed dried sand and dirt sediment from the multiuse path that runs under the Riverside Bridge in preparation for the pathway striping of the Riverwalk path. We had similar sediment issues under most of the bridges.



Facilities is coordinating repairs and remodeling of the DeLaveaga Golf Lodge in partnership with Parks and Recreation.

Fleet is working with all City departments to determine vehicle replacement needs.

### **Resource Recovery Engineering**

The construction of the replacement medium and shallow perimeter monitoring probes W19G-MR and W19G-SR was completed this week, along with the abandonment of the old well, W19-G.



Completed replacement well (medium and shallow probes inside) and drill rig.

### **Resource Recovery Disposal and Processing**

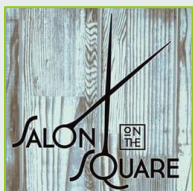
Recycling Processing has been busy sorting and processing wet recyclables. Processing has been hampered by wet paper and cardboard which jams the system.

Landfill Operations has been working overtime to address drainage, access roads and mud.

The green waste area has been busy with an unending supply of driftwood from the City beaches being dropped off for processing.

### **Green Business**

Vanguard Real Estate, Avatar Imports, Surf City Suds and Santa Cruz Bicycles were all Green Business recertified bringing the total number of re-certifications for 2016 to 32! We have already seen three businesses recertified in 2017: Congratulations to Salon on the Square, Estriatus Law and Pure Pleasure!



Green Business staff has begun planning for a West Side Green Business launch with a group of area businesses. The program launch event is scheduled for May 2017. The focus will be working with restaurants and offices.



## WATER

This week we continued to deal with surprise main breaks. Some as a result of recent storms, some a result of old age and wear and tear.

A third leak sprung on the same water main that we've been having trouble with since the first of the year. The water main on Pipeline Road in Henry Cowell continues to be affected by the ground moving from the intense level of saturation from storms. We also had a significant leak Wednesday morning on the water main under Portrero Street – the second in less than a year. Last year's leak on Portrero resulted in our prioritizing the main for replacement in our CIP for this year. The project includes replacement of the River Street main as well as the main on Portrero and is currently in design with construction expected to begin in the spring.



Also storm related, a section of the North Coast pipeline project is underwater, literally, due to failed drainage in the vicinity of the Granite Rock sand quarry that has also caused a sinkhole. The parties involved in the project (CalTrans, the RTC, PG&E, landowners, etc.) agree that it's not the City's project that caused the problem, however a responsible party has not emerged to take responsibility for resolving the problem. We're working with the City Attorney to explore options for getting someone to take responsibility so that the problem can be addressed and resolved.

One final storm-related note, which is that our engineering manager toured staff from the State Office of Emergency Services and FEMA to our recent emergency project sites to see if any of the projects qualify for State/Federal funding, should an emergency be declared.

Our ranger assistants have been attending assemblies at various schools in preparation for the onslaught of visits school groups will be making to Loch Lomond in the coming weeks. Nearly all of the Recreation staff is involved in the school programs that will take place at the lake.