

City Manager's Weekly Update

March 17, 2017

PARKS AND RECREATION

Branciforte Dog Park

Dog Park features created by staff were installed at Frederick Street Park and Grant Street Park.



Riverwalk

Artist Kathleen Crocetti in collaboration with the Economic Development, Public Works and Parks and Recreation has installed three salmon along the Riverwalk as part of a pilot art program. If successful, the City will work with Kathleen to install additional art along the wall.



Spring has sprung in our parks; this photo reflects the beauty at Friendship Gardens in Harvey West Park.



Aeration of Greens at DeLaveaga Golf Course

In preparation for upcoming events at the DeLaveaga Golf Course the staff started the first phase of their turf practices, aeration and top dressing.



Beach Clean Up

The Wharf received some help from Southern Baptist Church with the hand removal of debris on the volleyball courts in which the Parks and Recreation staff are very appreciative of and in time for the upcoming volleyball tournaments.



Pogonip Open Space

On Monday 3/13, the Park Rangers along with Police Department hiked into Pogonip, on the Emma McCrary Trail, to assist Fire and AMR in locating a down and injured mountain biker. With information from several mountain bikers along trail, the Rangers were able to radio directions to AMR of the injured biker's exact location. AMR was able to arrive on scene first and deliver medical assistance. The biker was subsequently transported to the hospital by AMR.

Again on Tuesday 3/14, Park Rangers delivered medical assistance and evaluation to another injured biker who walked-in from Pogonip to the Rangers Station at Harvey West Park. The biker had a deep laceration on the right knee with swelling and various other injuries on the right side. Rangers called in Fire and AMR and the biker was transported to the hospital.

Louden Nelson Community Center

Project Scout will continue offering tax assistance to seniors Thursday 3/9, from 9:00am – 11:30am in Room 3.

On Thursday 3/16, The "WAG" Walking Adventure Group will be hiking in Upper Pogonip along the Spring Trail to the lime kilns and back.



In addition, on Thursday, Math Kangaroo will be hosting one of its international math competitions in room 5, from 3:00pm – 5:30pm. Participants must be pre-registered.

On Saturday 3/18 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm, the Downtown Seniors will be hosting the “Senior Spring Fling” in the Auditorium. Live music and food will be offered; while attendees “kick up their flats” (heels are not allowed yet on our new floor!).



Teens

Teen Center staff is taking some of our members on a trip this Sunday to Stanford University. Members will be taking a private tour of some of the athletic facilities as part of this tour.

Civic

Santa Cruz Indivisible is hosting their upcoming meeting at the Civic Auditorium this Saturday, March 18th. Attendees will be presented with working groups from both Santa Cruz Indivisible and other community organizations who are already doing work already in their focus area. More Information available at SantaCruzIndivisible.org

POLICE

SCPD Launches Monthly Activity Report

The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to be publishing a new Monthly Activity Report.

The [Monthly Activity Reports](#) deliver information about police department activities. It provides crime statistics, work volumes, Part 1 and nuisance crime, use of force stats and crime trends. The report highlights a snapshot of the typical cases handled by Santa Cruz Police Officers.

Chief Kevin Vogel stated that “by providing this monthly report to our community it will provide a better understanding of the public safety issues in our City as well as the outstanding work that our men and women do on a daily basis.”

In addition to our Patrol workload, the Santa Cruz Police Department continues to support neighborhoods, community groups and business associations by engaging them in ways to protect themselves and their property. Community policing highlights are included in the monthly activity report.

Santa Cruz Police Department				
Monthly Activity Report: February 2017				
Monthly Work Volume				
	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Calls for Service	8,305	7,426	31,066	33,245
Arrests	378	292	704	546
Citations	569	278	919	553
Traffic Citations	226	86	402	185
Reports Written	1,808	1,537	2,703	2,329

Part 1 Crimes				
Crime Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Homicide	0	0	1	0
Rape	3	3	4	7
Robbery	17	9	24	18
Aggravated Assault	29	13	78	27
Burglary	26	32	84	74
Larceny	159	199	427	420
Auto Theft	26	28	57	65
Arson	0	0	0	1
Total	260	284	675	612

Nuisance Crimes				
Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Drug Abuse Violations	142	123	298	230
Intoxication	89	68	165	140
Vandalism	51	30	117	68
Aggressive Solicitation	27	3	88	14
Bike Theft (Reflected in Larceny Numbers)	20	14	39	37
Illegal Camping Citations	120	51	163	96
Trespassing Citations	84	98	159	234
Conduct on Public Property Citations	89	28	145	71
Park After Hours Violations	27	14	44	26

Injuring Use of Force				
Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
OC Spray	1	0	2	0
Taser	1	0	2	0
Baton	0	0	0	0
Canine	0	0	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0
Physical	0	0	3	1
Knive/Weapon/Projectile	0	0	0	0

Resisting Arrest				
Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Resisting Arrest	16	12	35	28

Community Policing Meetings and Events			
Type	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2017	
Community Partnerships	42	74	
Neighborhood Meetings	39	62	
Community Events/Forums	3	5	

Santa Cruz Police Department Highlights	
<p>The Santa Cruz Police Department welcomed three police officers to the team, all local residents of our community. The officers graduated a 22-week long Police Academy and must now successfully complete an 18-week Field Training Program before they are assigned to their new patrol beats. Also new to our Department are two Community Service Officers, they will also enter into our 18-week Field Training Program. We hope to fill the remaining vacancies in the Department and continue to deliver a high level of service to our community.</p> <p>As the Department welcomes new officers, we also prepare to say good-bye to our Chief of Police Kevin Vogel, who announced his retirement effective June 2, 2017. In reflecting on his career, the Chief stated that "he has been a tremendous leader to work alongside the dedicated men and women in the Police Department, and to serve the Santa Cruz Community. I will miss each and every employee." The Chief was instrumental in deploying innovative technology such as the first police department mobile app in the country, as well as Predictive Policing, named one of the 50 best innovations of 2013 by Time Magazine. Following his departure, the Chief will shift his focus to spending more time with his family, traveling, and completing many unfinished home projects. Good luck Chief, we'll miss you!</p> <p>In partnership with the Veterans Resource Center (VRC), the Department launched a pilot project to connect Veterans to housing and support services. Officers will transport Veterans to the VRC where they will be connected to qualifying housing, health, training and counseling services.</p>	

The [Monthly Activity Reports](#) will be posted on the SCPD's web page and social media sites. As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability, the Santa Cruz Police Department also has an in-depth Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data from 2006 to present available on our website www.santacruzpolice.com.

SCPD Officers Find Lost 2-year-old Girl at Main Beach

SCPD Officers find lost 2-year-old girl this weekend at Main Beach. This little cutie and her family from Fremont were enjoying the sunny weather and waves when the child wandered away.

No parent imagines losing sight of her kid -- until it happens. Prepare your child on how to keep safe if she gets separated from you. Have a plan and emphasize to children to follow it in the event they get separated. Remind them to stay put and ask for help.

SCPD safety tip for this week - What to Do If Your Child Gets Lost

As difficult as it may be, try not to panic, and follow these steps. Do a quick, cursory search. Your child is likely within earshot, so shout out her name.

Get help fast. If you don't find your child after a minute or two, seek the closest employee and explain the situation. Call the police.



One More Gun Off the Street

SCPD Arrested a Teen Gang Member with Loaded Handgun. In another case, SCPD Gets 24 Grams of Methamphetamine off the street.



Full details about [SCPD Weekend Cases of Interest -Gun & Drugs Off The Street](https://goo.gl/CreYKR) on SCPD Blog <https://goo.gl/CreYKR>

WATER

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a...what the heck IS IT?!!!



Though the above looks like some kind of artistic chicken, it's actually a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that the Water Department is using to inspect and assess the condition of our Ocean Street gravity trunk main between the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP) and the Santa Cruz water service area.



The gravity trunk main was installed in the 1960's and is the primary water transmission main to deliver water from the GHWTP to a very large part of the Santa Cruz water service area. Work on the gravity trunk main is a three-phase project – you may remember the first phase,

which replaced the failed isolation valves. We compared this first step to open-heart surgery, and completed it in the fall of 2015. Phase two, the current phase, includes an internal inspection of the 1.5 mile long main (which I suppose you can compare to an angiogram.) Included in this phase is a baseline condition assessment and recommendations for future actions, which could include a rehabilitation or replacement all or some parts of the pipeline.



Though ROVs have been around for a while, using the technology to inspect our largest water mains is relatively new to Santa Cruz. While it would be great to be able to inspect all of our largest water mains using an ROV, the process is incredibly expensive (it's costing about \$350K for the 1.5M gravity trunk main inspection) so its use is only cost-appropriate for the most critical of our water lines.

What will we get out of the ROV inspection? Detection and documentation of any leaks or troublesome air pockets; the location of any broken steel reinforcing bars that are used to wrap the exterior of the concrete cylinder pipe; pipe wall thickness data for the steel cylinder along the circumferential and axial direction; an internal structural analysis and recommendations for pipe sections that may warrant further evaluation of external conditions.

How cool is that!

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets

Crews dug out a portion of curb, gutter and road on Trevethan Avenue because tree roots were causing the road to buckle.

The Paint Crew repainted a red curb in front of New leaf on Fair at Ingalls after numerous complaints of vehicles parking outside spaces and not paying attention to the existing red curbs.

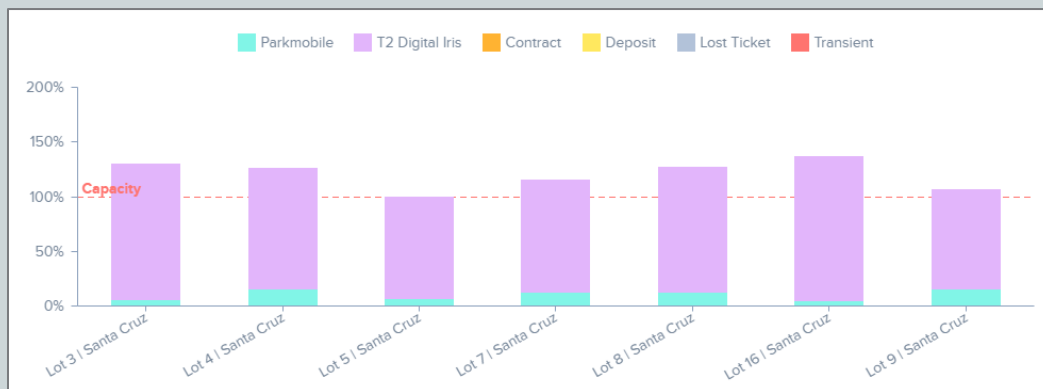
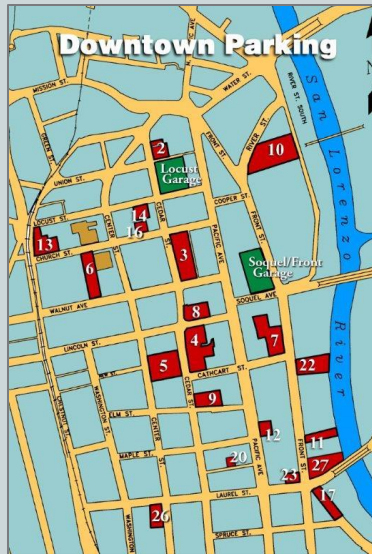


Parking Services – Downtown Parking information from Smarking

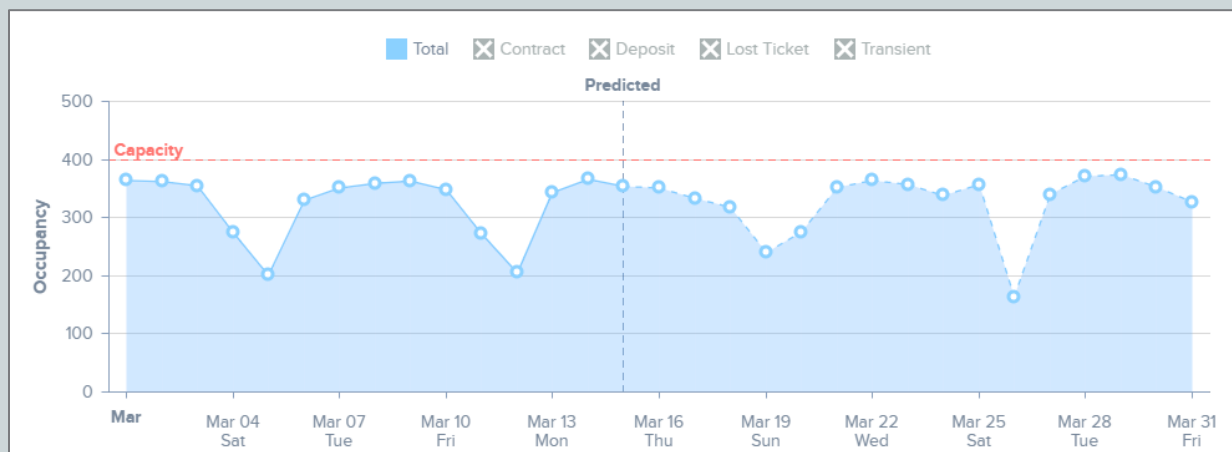
Smarking is a software company that specializes in working with transaction level parking data. Their clients own or manage parking assets and have a variety of technology systems in place to manage their inventory. By consolidating this parking data from all of the systems (meters, mobile payments, access control equipment, etc.), their platform provides a holistic view of the parking operations.

With meter, mobile payment and PARCS systems, cities are generating more parking data than ever before. In order to understand occupancy trends and utilization rates, transactions from various systems need to be consolidated and analyzed. Smarking automates this process and provides flexible analysis tools to look at any time range, date period, or location.

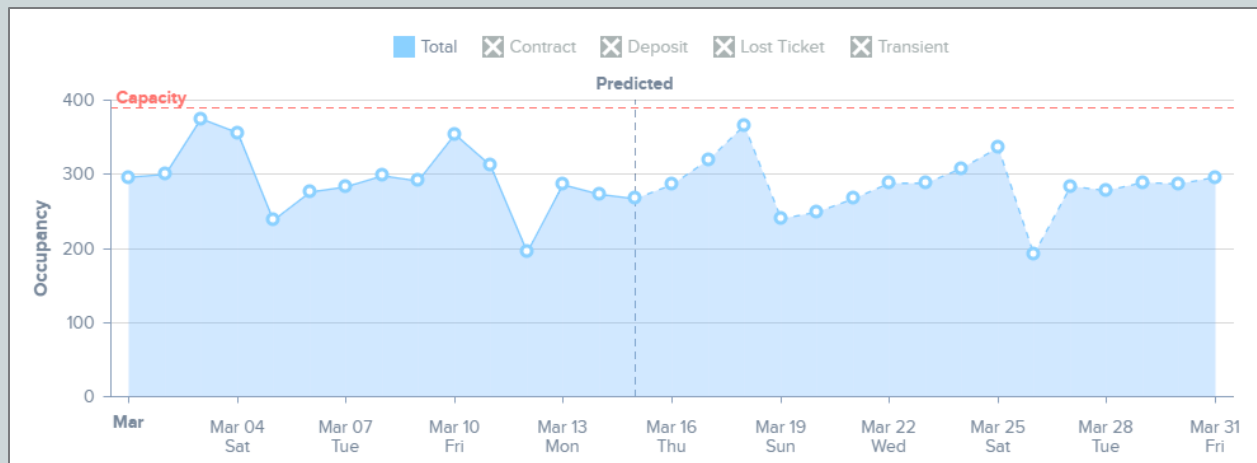
Smarking graphs follow illustrating downtown parking trends March 1-14.



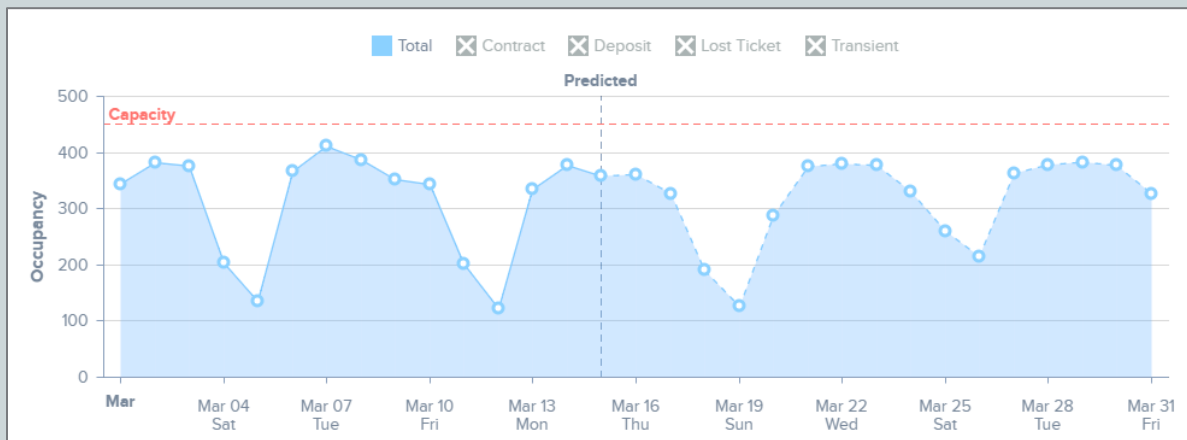
Surface Lots Peak Occupancy for March 1 – 14



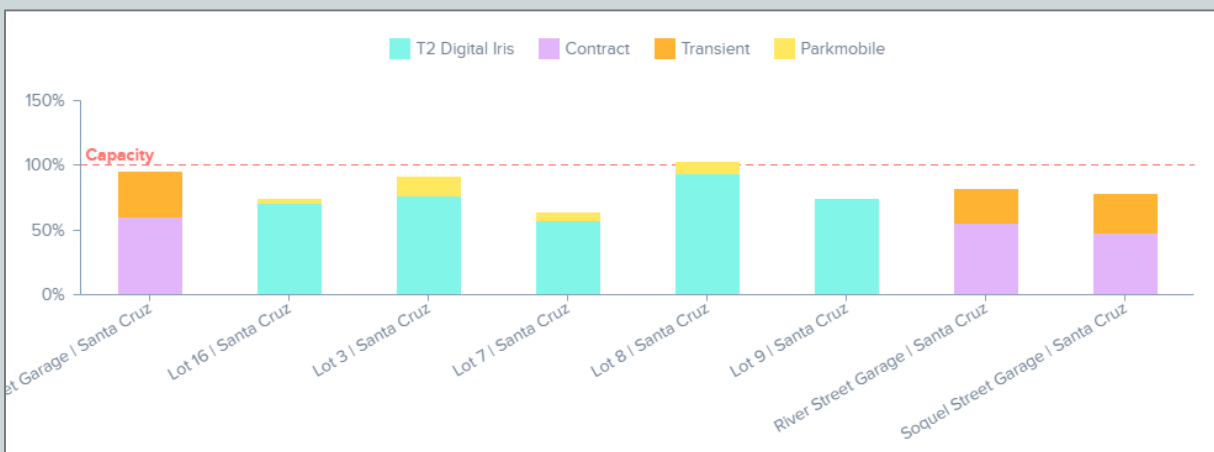
Locust Garage Parking Occupancy for March 1 – 14 with predicted parking through the end of the month



Soquel/Front Garage Parking Occupancy for March 1 – 14 with predicted parking through the end of the month



River Front Garage Parking Occupancy for March 1 – 14 with predicted parking through the end of the month



Snap shot of Parking Occupancies at 2pm on Wednesday 3/15/17, a Farmers Market Day

Community Outreach

We have scheduled our next Westside City Hall to YOU for Thursday, May 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Peace United Church, 900 High St. – so please mark your calendars! This year we will host two of these events that bring City staff and officials together with residents and business owners to discuss neighborhood-specific projects and concerns. This first one in May will focus on all City neighborhoods west of the San Lorenzo River. In early November, our second and final event will focus on all City neighborhoods east of the San Lorenzo River.



Street Smarts

We continue working on our upcoming citywide public safety campaign for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians called Street Smarts. Please save the date for Street Smarts Kickoff Celebration: Wednesday, September 13, 3-6 p.m. at KP Arena.

The City campaign is partnering with City Schools and UCSC. Our Police Dept. will play a large role in school and neighborhood outreach. The kickoff event will include booths and family friendly activities hosted by City and community groups including Ecology Action, Bike SC County, SC Neighbors, Country Traffic Safety Coalition, CHP and Friday Night Live. Mav'riks the SC Warriors mascot and Chipper the CHP chipmunk will be on hand demonstrating traffic safety messages and techniques.

