

# City Manager's Weekly Update

## May 5, 2017

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Louden Nelson Community Center

-Monday 5/1/17 – Meals on Wheels continues to be an extremely well attended and appreciated outreach lunch program for our senior community, Monday – Friday from 12pm – 1pm. Seniors enjoyed a special guest server this week as County Commissioner Ryan Coonerty helped serve lunch.



-Friday 5/5 – All About Theater's "Into the Woods" opens at 7pm with two shows on Saturday at 2pm and 7pm.

#### Summer Camps

Teen and Youth Programs are in the hiring mode for many of Parks and Recreation programs. On Saturday, April 22 our Summer Camps Skills Assessment was held at the Loudon Nelson Community Center and Laurel Park. Forty potential summer camp employees attended and worked out problem solving scenarios and presented games and arts & crafts. Interviews were held the following week with positions offered to 13 teens. Addition staffing for the summer will include Junior Leaders (ages 13-17) volunteers, Teen Summer Interns and Parks Trail Crew Interns.

#### Junior Guards



Captain Corps tryouts will be held Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Captain Corps is a volunteer program allowing teens to serve as role models for the Junior Guards program and assist Instructors with providing aquatic safety education and a positive learning environment. It a great opportunity to be involved while gaining valuable experience for a future paid position.

### **Sister Cities**

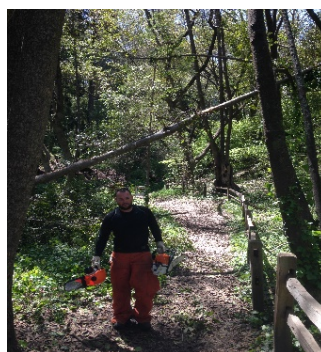
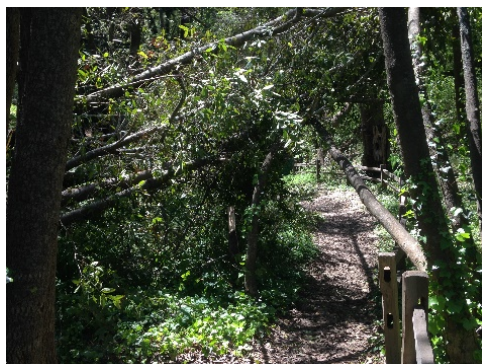
Sister Cities Committee is having their annual retreat to set goals for the following year on Sunday, May 7th. The retreat will be held at DeLaveaga Park allowing Committee members to play bocce ball and enjoy some social time after their discussions.

The **Frederick Street Park** retaining wall was rebuilt along with a new drain line, rock and filter cloth providing some preventative measure regarding the excess water flow. This pathway provides important access from Frederick Street Park to the Santa Cruz Harbor. Ocean View Park pathway was also improved after being damaged from the winter storms.



### **Trail Repairs**

Park Rangers completed trail work on Dos Puente's trail in Pogonip and the upper end of Harvey West Park. The Rangers completed tread improvements as well as cleared several tree obstructions for our trail users.





## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Wastewater Treatment: Operations**

Volunteer docents from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center by the Santa Cruz Wharf enjoyed a tour of the facility, these involved community members are now better informed to provide the public with accurate information about how the City and the Wastewater Treatment Facility work to ensure the protection of our local marine environments.



### **Wastewater Treatment: Maintenance**

Mechanics have been working hard to keep on schedule for the various clarifier maintenance projects, which began last week. This week they have replaced the drain sluice gate on Clarifier 3, removing the cast iron gate with a new stainless steel one. The original cast iron gate (photo below on the Left) was in use for 20 years, we can see the corrosion rate is pretty high. The new stainless steel gate (photo below in the Center) has a life expectancy of 100+ years and has shown to be less susceptible to water corrosion issues. The final photo (blow on the Right) shows the final installation of this sluice gate for Clarifier 3.

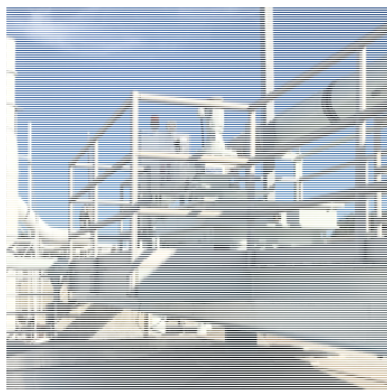


Mechanics have also begun working on the continual upgrades for the Primary Sedimentation Basins, they are currently working on changing out steel mechanical parts for stainless steel parts (shown in the photo below is the metal fabrication work being done on a rotating skimmer arm). Stainless steel has a much lower corrosion rate than regular steel and a longer in-use life span. Changing out metal throughout the facility to stainless steel is just one way staff is working to maintain and improve the treatment facility, making sure the facility will last the test of time.

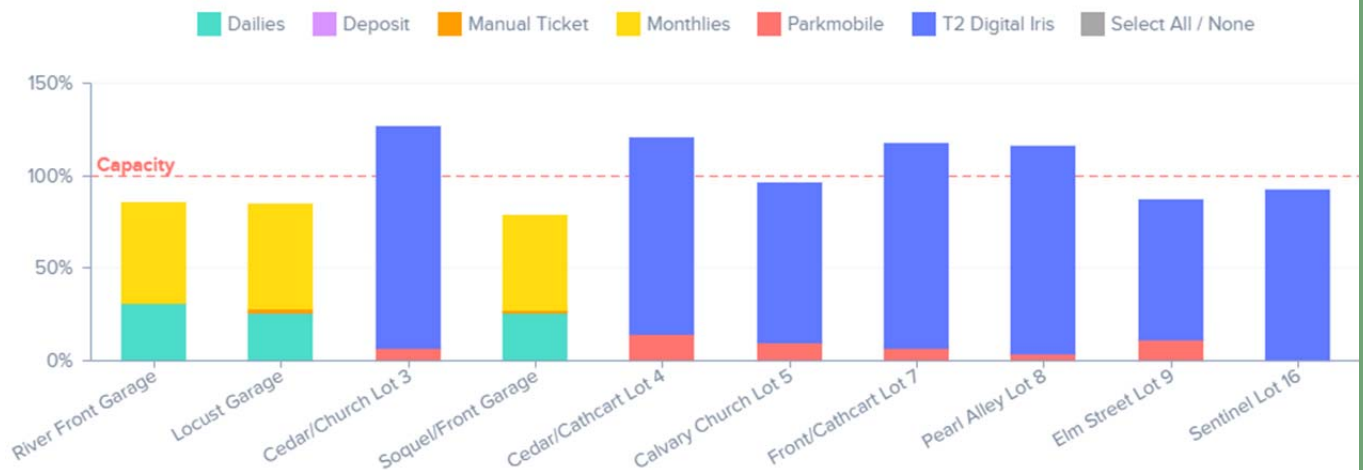


#### **Wastewater Treatment: Electrical**

Facility electricians were able to perform excellent troubleshooting of our DAF Tank (dissolved air floatation) this week, the motor driving the skimmer arm went into a failure alarm. The DAF is a critical piece of equipment, solids conditioning before anaerobic digestion, that the treatment process cannot do without for very long. Due to the motor failure, operations staff had to turn off equipment further up in the treatment process to keep the system running smoothly. The staff electrician on-site was able to not only order a brand new motor drive controller but also quickly replaced some wiring that enabled the motor to be turned back on. Due to the quick response of our electrician the DAF Tank was only out of service for a few hours, which allowed operations to avoid major system upsets.



## **Parking Services – Downtown Parking information from Smarking**



## **Downtown Garages and Surface Lots Peak Occupancies for April 27 – May 3**



Parking Occupancies on Wednesday 5/3/17 at 2:30pm, a Farmers Market Day.

Wait list for Downtown Garage and Lot permits are: 600 individuals for 1043 permits

## **Engineering/Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Engineering and Wastewater Treatment Facility Staff conducted a pre bid walkthrough for the Secondary Clarifier # 1 Coating Project. The work includes preparation, application and testing of a complete new coating system on all steel equipment and materials installed in the clarifier. Ten contractors and two materials suppliers were in attendance. Bids will be opened on May 18, 2017 in the Public Works Office at 2:00 pm.



### **Resource Recovery Waste Reduction**

Waste Reduction staff are beginning preparation for the food waste collection program. We will be assisting collections with trash audits for the initial restaurants and stores and will schedule meetings with business owners, managers, kitchen and custodial staff. Waste reduction staff visited the Sustainable Alternative Feed Enterprises (SAFE) facilities in Santa Clara this week. This is where we will be hauling our food waste from City businesses until our processing system is up and running.

Staff are making preparations for the annual Santa Cruz Garage Sale Weekend, scheduled for June 3rd and 4th. "Plan on It" ads will appear in both the SC Sentinel and the Good Times in the following two weeks. The online registration for the Garage Sale Treasure Map is now open at [www.cityofsantacruz.com/garagesales](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/garagesales). We are preparing garage sale kits that will be ready to mail to residents who will host garage sales during the weekend event.



### **Green Business**

Green Business staff completed two new certifications. Congratulations to the UCSC Bike Coop and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) Main Clinic on Soquel Ave. PAMF has now certified all of their facilities in the City of Santa Cruz and will soon complete their final certifications in the County.

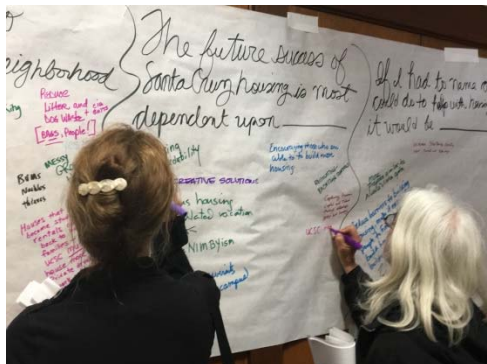
Green Business staff attended the 10-Year Anniversary Monterey Bay Area Green Business Summit on 4/21/17 in Moss Landing. Assemblymember Mark Stone gave an energetic speech to kick off the well-attended event. The outcome of the event was the creation of new working groups to guide the program as it works toward a regional vision.





### **Community Relations**

Our City Hall to YOU event the evening of May 4 was a success with all 110 seats filled for the town-hall program and many standing. Attendees enjoyed the Housing mural (photos below) and we collected dozens of the voluntary housing surveys. After presentations on housing and the City's strategic plan by Mayor Cynthia Chase and City Manager Martín Bernal, respectively, nearly an hour was spent answering residents' questions during the town hall program. We look forward to a second City Hall to YOU in early November focused on all neighborhoods east of the San Lorenzo River.





One Santa Cruz Waves story was posted: [Connect Art And Rail Trail at Westside Trail Mixer On May 7.](#)

