

# City Manager's Weekly Update

## September 22, 2017

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Scott Kennedy Field Upgrade Treatment

During an annual inspection of the Scott Kennedy Field turf, staff and Field Turf representatives noticed some grass blade loss was occurring in some areas of the field. In order to treat the loss immediately, Field Turf scheduled an upgrade treatment of the synthetic turf. The treatment includes removal of all infill material, injection of adhesive to onto the grass blades and re-application of the infill material. The process began on Monday and takes approximately one week allowing the field to re-open next week. All costs are being covered by the warrantee with no costs being borne by the City.



#### Bi-Monthly Parks Division Projects

Parks Division bi-monthly project included cleanup and vegetation removal along the 9-hole disc golf course at the San Lorenzo Park Bench Lands.



## **Civic**

In true Santa Cruz tradition, the 12th Anniversary of FashionART Santa Cruz will present the extraordinary creativity of our artistic community. This Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, fashion and art will come together in a one-of-a-kind, spectacular runway show at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, featuring 15 artists and 8 fashion designers. FashionART Santa Cruz takes the very best of fashion and art and brings them together to create a unique, colorful production full of surprises and creative talent. Designers from Santa Cruz and the San Francisco Bay Area will show off their newest lines while artists surprise and amaze us with hand crafted, wearable art creations. Tickets available at [SantaCruzTickets.com](http://SantaCruzTickets.com)

## POLICE

### Meet Santa Cruz Police Department's newest Sergeant, Erich Hoppe



This week, SCPD announced the promotion of Officer Erich Hoppe to the rank of Police Sergeant. Chief Andrew Mills commented, "Sergeant Hoppe has continuously demonstrated a commitment to serving our community through his outstanding work ethic, leadership, and professionalism."

Over the past 15 years Officer Hoppe worked in the Santa Cruz Police Department's Operations Division and has been assigned to Patrol, Downtown Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Neighborhood Enforcement Team and served as a Field Training Officer. Sergeant Hoppe has a strong background in Community Policing and was involved in many complex neighborhood problem-solving cases during his years in the Downtown Unit, Street Crimes Unit and the Neighborhood Enforcement Team.

With strong ties to the Santa Cruz community, Sergeant Hoppe built relationships with a wide variety of community members, neighborhood groups, business owners, other public agencies and local leaders. He lives in the community with his wife and daughter and looks forward to using his skills, experience and community ties to effectively lead a patrol team in improving quality of life issues in Santa Cruz.

"Erich distinguished himself as a leader who is ready to assume a patrol sergeant's position". – Chief Mills



## SCPD Sergeant Azua New Assignment to Parks Unit

This weekend marked the final graveyard shift for SCPD's Sergeant Bill Azua. He is excited for his new assignment in the Parks Unit. Sgt. Azua salutes his all-star graveyard shift team. This crew stays busy. Santa Cruz isn't a sleepy little town. SCPD is proud of the good police work from our officers.



## SCPD Narcan Program Earns Overwhelming Approval from Community and Model Law Enforcement Agencies in Monterey Bay

SCPD is the first law enforcement agency in Santa Cruz County to be trained in the use of

Naloxone. The pilot program started with 12 SCPD officers equipped with life-saving Narcan kits. Officers train on how to recognize life threatening opioid overdoses from such drugs as heroin and prescription painkillers and administer the intranasal naloxone as an antidote. Since the pilot program started, SCPD officers have saved three persons using Narcan Kits.

Due to the success of the pilot program, SCPD is looking into expanding the program department wide. Early intervention by SCPD officers equipped with Narcan Kits increases the chances of survival for an overdose victim. The Narcan kits have become a useful tool in helping officers as first responders and in safeguarding lives.

Thanks, KSBW, for highlighting the SCPD Narcan program.



New Santa Cruz police overdose tactic saves 6 lives in 1 month

"I'm definitely proud to be a part of the program, and show that it is working, and to show we are saving lives," said officer Bernadette Erlach, who saved two...

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## PUBLIC WORKS

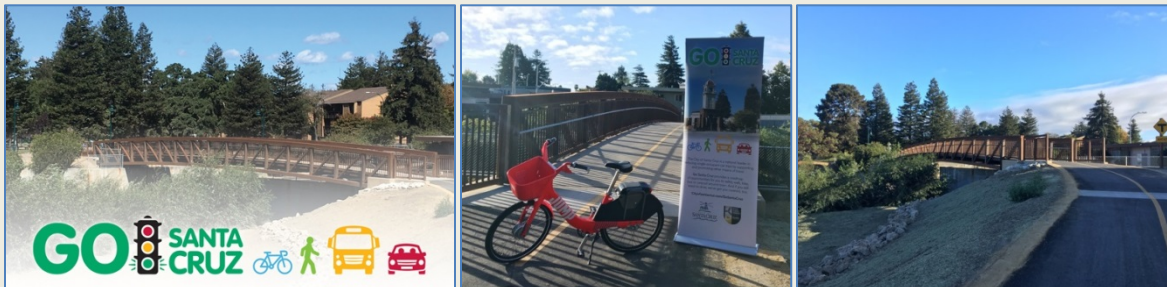
### **Engineering**

We began construction of the 2017 Overlay Project on King Street. This work, funded by Measure H tax dollars, includes rehabilitation of local streets that have experienced significant deterioration at seven locations. Overlay work is expected to end on Dec. 22 in time for the winter holidays. More information including detailed project locations is [here](#). A map with project locations is available at [www.cityofsantacruz.com](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com) where the construction schedule will be updated weekly.



### **Traffic Engineering/Community Relations**

We invite you to join Mayor Chase and the Santa Cruz community in celebration of both the launch of Go Santa Cruz and the ribbon-cutting for the Branciforte Creek Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge and Multi-Use Trail Project on Thursday, Sept. 28, 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. The event takes place at the north end of the new bridge at the southern end of San Lorenzo Park. The location can be accessed via the San Lorenzo Riverwalk or Dakota Avenue. We hope to see you there! [Details.](#)



Our Street Smarts weekly safety tip, Put the Phone Down, is available to read [here](#).



Our first Street Smarts after school “Club Live” groups began at Santa Cruz City Schools. Branciforte students meet on Mondays in Room 9 and Mission Hill students meet on Wednesdays. Branciforte Small Schools Campus middle school students are welcome to attend at either location. For more information or to participate, contact Health Programs Specialist Maggie McGonigle at [Maggie.McGonigle@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:Maggie.McGonigle@santacruzcounty.us) or (831) 454-4974.

### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The maintenance department dismantled a dewatering centrifuge, an integral part of solids dewatering, to stop a leak that resulted from a bad rubber gasket. Maintenance also working an extra day to overhaul both cogeneration engines to ensure proper operation during the important peak PG&E rates. Having these engines operational saves the facility around \$100,000 in monthly electricity costs, money saved by producing our own electricity from natural gas instead of purchasing electricity from PG&E. The mechanics also conducted an oil change on all three of the backup emergency diesel generators which were then successfully tested under load by operations. Meanwhile, electricians have been monitoring various equipment such as the harmonic conditioner at the UV system to ensure the temperature of the parts is within correct range.

## **Environmental Compliance Laboratory**

The Environmental Compliance Program in association with the California Water Environment Association hosted the Pollution Prevention Awards 2017 on Sept. 21 to honor local and regional businesses that have furthered major environmental stewardship programs including pharmaceutical diversion from water sources and treatment facilities, and reclaiming water for reuse purposes. The Seaside Company of Santa Cruz and A.W. Shucks Cocktail & Oyster Bar of Carmel were recognized along with eleven Santa Cruz food service and automotive businesses.

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