

## City Manager's Weekly Update

### September 29, 2017

#### LIBRARY

The Santa Cruz Public Libraries will be celebrating the 50th birthday of the Branciforte Branch Library on Sat. October 7, 1-4 PM at the Branciforte Library, 230 Gault Street. The celebration will include music, a performance for children, crafts, face painting, opportunities for children to read to our Tales to Tails therapy dogs, and refreshments.

It's a wonderful time to celebrate Branciforte Library's 50th birthday as we head into the Measure S building projects in the City of Santa Cruz. We're excited to look back at the 50-year history of this library as we look forward to what it will be in the future.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Police Data Center Improvements.** IT configured and successfully went live with replacement switches at the Police Department's data center.

**Launch of Garage System Project.** IT and Public Works Parking started the project to implement new gate controls and parking station infrastructure at various City Garages.

**Transient Occupancy Tax Application.** IT and Finance have completed a proposal process and are beginning the project to implement a new system to administer transient occupancy tax.

#### PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

##### Current Planning

**111 Madrone Street.** In 2013, an extensive remodel of the historic industrial building and an Administrative Use Permit to allow a general retail use was approved on this site located at the corner of River and Madrone Streets. After the remodel, the building was occupied by the *Sports Authority* for approximately two years, which has since gone out of business. The building has remained vacant for the past couple of years, and the owner has considered several new tenants, ultimately deciding on a lease with *Dignity Health*. *Dignity Health* is proposing a medical use which includes rehabilitation for seniors and pediatric patients, as well as offices for specific disciplines such as speech therapy and pediatric occupational therapy. With medical uses having a greater parking requirement than the previously approved retail, a Minor Modification to the previously approved planning entitlements was approved administratively in July of this year to allow for a reconfiguration of the existing parking lot to augment the number of spaces and an intensification of use. This week, our department received an application for the tenant improvements. Construction is expected to begin by the end of the year.

**1106 North Branciforte Ave.** This week, the Historic Preservation Commission took action to recommend that the City Council list the structure located at 1106 North Branciforte Ave. on the City's Historic Building Survey. The request was prompted by the property owner who is in the process of legalizing an unpermitted fifth unit on the property in an R-1-5 (single-family residential) zoning district. By including the 1898 Victorian structure on the Historic Register, the applicant is eligible to take advantage of a number of zoning incentives, which include an increase in density, in exchange for rehabilitation of the historic resource. The City Council is expected to hear the request next month.



#### Building & Safety

**Hyatt Hotel and 407 Broadway.** The Building & Safety Division upgraded the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to a full Certificate of Occupancy for the 4 story, 106-room Hyatt hotel located at 407 Broadway. The prior temporary occupancy was possible due to the good collaboration between the owner, builder and city staff who worked together to prioritize those features needed to allow the hotel to host their first guests for the labor day weekend. The hotel is now complete with our Building Official presenting the owners the final Certificate of Occupancy on September 19, 2017.

#### Code Compliance Division

##### **127 Ocean Street / Notice to Vacate Served**

On Friday, September 22, 2017, a Notice to Vacate within 30 days was posted for the 8 residential units at 127 Ocean Street. Code Compliance staff worked with the property owner for the past year to resolve the substandard housing conditions on the property, but the substandard housing conditions have not been resolved. A collaborated inspection by the Building Department, Code Compliance, Rental Inspection Program and Fire was conducted on August 31, 2017, to assess the condition of the property.

The following conditions were found:

- Unapproved plumbing, mechanical, and electrical installations including unapproved shower installations and exposed electrical connections
- Exterior: grey water leaking from several bathrooms, unsanitary conditions accessible to the tenants and children; pre-existing wood post-beam foundations with visible deterioration to members and at connections; visible deterioration to roof structure and lack of adequate underfloor supports; junk/rubbish; inoperable vehicles;
- Substandard electrical system – open grounds, extension cords used as permanent wiring
- Outdoor shower installed without permits
- Lack of smoke and CO detectors

- Limited egress due to overcrowding & storage
- No heating appliance

Relocation packets have been provided to the tenants and the information has been conveyed to the property owner. The owner is required to provide relocation assistance to the tenants. Select pictures are shown below.



Stove not functioning; exit pathways not clear; toilet also malfunctioning in this unit



Toilet/sink/shower discharge (blackwater) leaking out into common areas.



Unpermitted and insufficient structural support posts not on foundation; insufficient rotting support beams at risk of failure

## POLICE

### SCPD Upcoming Events

#### Santa Cruz Police Serves Up Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Join Santa Cruz Police Officers at Kelly's French Bakery on October 4th, 2017 for Coffee with a Cop, which also happens to be National Coffee with a Cop Day! Drop by to discuss issues, ask questions, or to say hello. Kelly's French Bakery at 402 Ingalls Street on the Westside. SCPD building relationships one cup at a time!

#### SCPD Host Series Of Town Hall Meetings

Santa Cruz Police Chief Andrew Mills will be hosting a series of Town Hall community meetings focused on community safety concerns and SCPD priorities throughout October starting on Monday, October 9th, 2017.

"These town hall meetings are a great opportunity to influence the future of public safety in your neighborhood. Join us! We want to hear from you." -Andrew Mills, Chief of Police

Click here for press release details: <https://goo.gl/D6B6BJ>

### Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings

BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CONVERSATION  
**IDENTIFY, PRIORITIZE CRIME ISSUES IN NEIGHBORHOODS  
AND SOLUTION STRATEGIES**



Chief Mills encourages community participation in these specially designed town hall meetings to allow neighborhoods, community stakeholders, and police to discuss chronic problems and to engage in the problem-solving process.

The Santa Cruz Police Department presents Town Hall Meetings throughout October. Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend the meeting closest to them. Each session is facilitated by Police Chief Andy Mills and the SCPD Command Staff to outline public safety priorities and solution strategies.

EVERY MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND WANT YOUR INPUT.

**UPPER WESTSIDE / MISSION HILL**  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> | 6PM TO 7PM  
WESTLAKE ELEMENTARY  
1000 HIGH ST, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

**EASTSIDE**  
(Emeline / Market / Upper Ocean)  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> | 6PM TO 7PM  
MARKET STREET SENIOR CENTER  
222 MARKET ST, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

**DOWNTOWN**  
(Lower Ocean / Beach Hill)  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> | 11AM TO 12PM  
SANTA CRUZ POLICE COMMUNITY ROOM  
155 CENTER ST, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

**EASTSIDE / MIDTOWN**  
(Branciforte / Seabright / Lower Ocean / Prospect Heights)  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> | 6PM TO 7PM  
DELAVERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1145 MORRISSEY BLVD, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95065

**LOWER WESTSIDE / BEACH FLATS**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> | 6PM TO 7PM  
BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY  
1231 BAY ST, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

**Unable to attend any town hall meeting?**  
Email questions, concerns, ideas and comments regarding public safety issues in your neighborhood or business area to [SCPDTownHall@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:SCPDTownHall@cityofsantacruz.com).

For more information, call (831) 420-5844 or visit [www.santacruzpolice.com](http://www.santacruzpolice.com)



## Neighborhood Block Parties A Success



Last Sunday, Santa Cruz Police Department joined with Santa Cruz Neighbors on dozens of local block parties. Block parties are always a great opportunity for neighbors to meet new friends and say hello to old neighbors.

Thanks to all the hosts who organized block parties, and all the folks that participated. SCPD had a fun time touring each of the neighborhoods. It's good to see so many neighbors gather together and build relationships that keep our community connected and safe.

This neighborhood spirit builds friendships and supports SCPD in anti-crime efforts. Together, we send a message that our neighborhoods remain organized and neighbors watch out for each other.

Thank you, Santa Cruz Neighbors!



## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Bocce Court Dedication

Vice Mayor David Terrazas will officiate the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new bocce courts at Friendship Gardens in Harvey West Park on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4:30 p.m. Nestled among the trees, the courts provide a beautiful setting to enjoy a rousing game of bocce followed by a picnic in the park. The courts would not be possible without generous donations from the Lions Club and Graniterock. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be followed by bocce play.

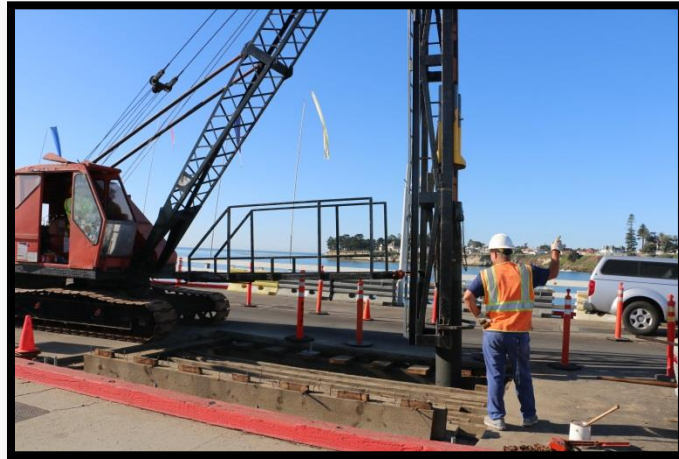
### Civic

Magic Men Live, a first-class experience is coming to the Santa Cruz Civic with an all-new interactive concert experience unlike anything you've even seen. Expected attendance is approximately 1000 patrons. Tickets are available at [SantaCruzTickets.com](http://SantaCruzTickets.com). Use code 'magic25' for 25% off tickets!



### **Wharf Repairs**

Wharf staff have begun repairs to the trestle portion of the wharf. If weather permits, staff anticipate replacing a total of 24 pilings that have been damaged during storms over the past two years.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Engineering**

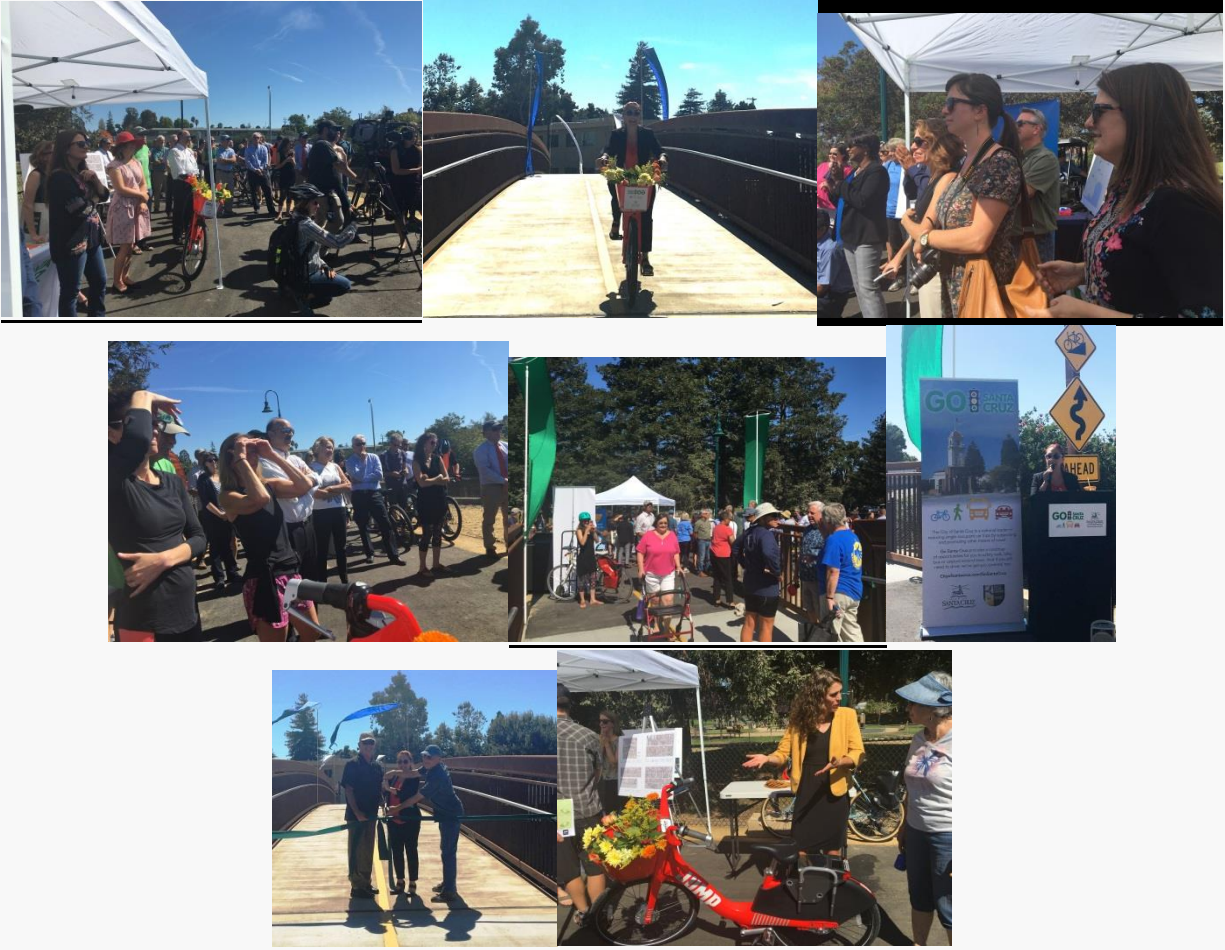
2017 Overlay Project work completed this week consisted of the removal of existing non-ADA complaint curb ramps and installation of ADA compliant curb ramps along King Street from Bay Street to Laurel Street.





### Engineering/Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

Mayor Chase and the Santa Cruz community celebrated the ribbon-cutting for the Branciforte Creek Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge and Multi-Use Trail Project and launch of Go Santa Cruz and at lunch hour on Sept. 28. A lively group turned out to watch as Mayor Chase arrived riding one of our upcoming Bike Share bicycles over the new bridge. She cut the ribbon with the help of City Engineer Chris Schneider and Bruce Allen, former Santa Cruz mayor. [Details.](#)



We invite the community to four **Bike Share program drop-in events from Oct. 4 through Oct. 8** when residents may learn more, see a bike, and share ideas about where bike share stations should be placed within Santa Cruz. [Details](#)



The long version of our Street Smarts weekly safety tip below is available to read [here](#).



Staff attended some of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Cruz Neighbors Block Parties on Sept. 24. Our Street Smarts yard signs were popular hand-outs. More are available at our Public Works office. Options can be viewed [here](#).



Street Smarts after-school clubs are getting underway at [Mission Hill](#) and [Branciforte](#) middle schools where students can make a difference by joining the Street Smarts mission to reduce the number of traffic-related crashes and injuries in Santa Cruz. Enrollment is open on a rolling basis. Students will earn community service hours and create and deliver assemblies for SCCS elementary schools titled "Preventing Distractions on the Road and in the Car." Read the details of our after-school "Club Lives" at the links above.





### **Green Business**

Green Business Program staff presented ten newly certified businesses to City Council at Tuesday's session. Prior to the meeting, businesses enjoyed a reception in the Council Courtyard.

The 2017 Green Business Mixer took place at the LEED Gold certified New Bohemia Brewing Co. on 41st Avenue. Sponsored by the City, County, Ecology Action and Gino's Carco, the event was well attended by over 60 local business owners, managers and program partners.



### **Resource Recovery Engineering**

City Council approved staff's recommendation to reject all bids for the CNG Fueling Station Project on Tuesday. The reason we rejected all bids was that the cost of the project approached \$1.8 million, and the availability of recycled Diesel with comparable reduced greenhouse gas impacts is now being used as a fuel source. This caused the department to relook at CNG as a main fuel source. There has been tremendous development in electric powered large trucks and we are monitoring the progress of this technology.

Winterization preparation is in place for the wet season.

### **Waste Reduction**

Staff tabled two neighborhood block parties last weekend, including Cardiff Court and Peach Tree Terrace. Both neighborhoods have high UCSC student populations. As Part of our UCSC move-in program we try to reach students living off campus with recycling information.

City council passed the proposed changes to the Environmentally Acceptable Packaging and Products Ordinance on Tuesday September 26. The changes will go into effect in 30 days. The primary change removes the blanket exemption for plastic cutlery and drink lids. (6.48.030) Now those item must meet the criteria of bio-degradable or compostable. There are also three changes or additions in the requirements section (6.48.025).

- a. All food providers may only give straws, lids, cutlery, and to-go condiment packages upon request of the customer.
- b. All food providers are encouraged to provide a 25 cent credit for customers bringing their own reusable containers.

- c. All food providers are encouraged to charge a 'take-out' fee of 25 cents for disposable food service items.

The ordinance change also adds language to the definition of polystyrene to include non-expanded rigid, clear or solid food service ware known as 'oriented polystyrene.'

Waste Reduction staff presented a 'State of Recycling' talk during the Green Business Mixer on Wednesday evening. Attendees were given an overview of potential changes in the recycle world markets and an opportunity to ask their recycling questions.

### **Collections**

The initial Food Waste Collection is looking good. We've audited the loads and are verifying weight in preparation for the drive to Mission Trails for temporary disposal and processing.



### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Facility maintenance staff is replacing internal piping equipment in the out of service Pre-Grit tank, removing the last of the original metal piping and replacing it with in-house made stainless steel piping. Electricians have installed new sodium hypochlorite meters to optimize chemical usage. Mechanics have also completed installation of the new Interstage 3 pump and have made the final adjustments to the pump packing. The facility has recently been experiencing a never before seen trend of increasing organic loading coming into the plant. To ensure the treatment processes are optimized and guarantee continued adherence to the National Pollutant Discharge Permit, operations have added a fourth trickling filter which will allow for more biological treatment to

<http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=4225&DateTime=9/29/2017 5:42:07 AM&playclip=true> handle the increased organic loads.

