

City Manager's Weekly Update

April 13, 2018

LIBRARY

Green Golly Project Brings Music and Creativity for All Ages!

The Green Golly Project is a troupe of musical curriculum composers who provide support for educators as well as delightful performances for both children and adults.



The Green Golly Project was created to draw children, parents and teachers to the study and practice of music as an empowering and vital building block in the development of a child's intellect. While searching for a solution to the difficult problem of limited or no music education for children the Green Golly Project's creators, Keith Torgan and Barbara Siesel, came upon the idea of integrating music education with reading and language arts so that teachers would be able to seamlessly include music in their daily lessons. They offer books, CD's, workshops, and performances to schools, educators, and libraries across the nation.

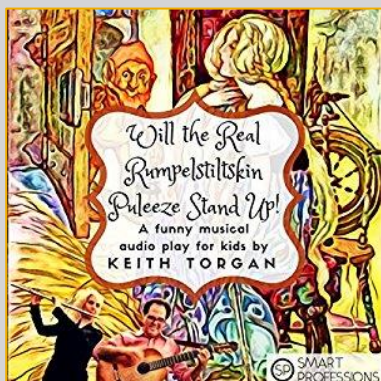


Keith Torgan is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, actor, author, teacher and storyteller; a multi-talented artist with more than twenty years of experience in children's music who has appeared at hundreds of theaters, cabarets, universities, museums, schools, and libraries throughout the United States. He has written a multitude of songs and is the author of all the Green Golly Project stories including the Parents' Choice Gold Award/Family Choice Award Winning Green Golly & Her Golden Flute. He has taught and lead workshops in the US at the Chicago National Flute Association Conference, the Boston Flute Academy and the San Francisco International Flute Festival and Asia in Beijing at the China Conservatory of Music and in Lanzhou at the Northwest University for Nationalities and the Northwest Normal University.



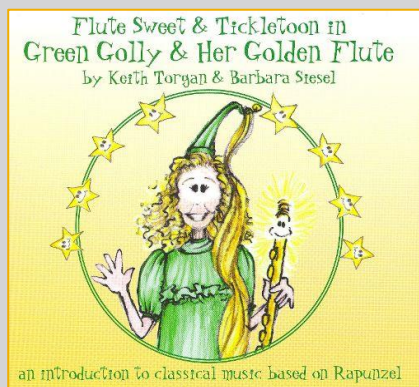
Barbara Siesel, flutist, producer, educator and entrepreneur, has pioneered the promotion of new music, new technology, and the music of women composers through her work as artistic director of Art Culture & Technology and founder and artistic director of The Storm King Music Festival. An active educator, Siesel has been on the faculty of Colby College (ME) New World School of the Arts, HS and College (FL), SUNY New Paltz and University of Bridgeport (CT). In 2004 Barbara decided to turn her attention to promoting classical music and music education for children and co- founded the Parents Choice Gold/Family Choice award winning The Green Golly Project. Siesel is a graduate of The Juilliard School with a BM and MM. We hope the entire community will join us for these upcoming workshops and performances:

Will the Real Rumpelstiltskin Puleeze Stand Up!
Sunday April 22nd 1:00pm
Live Oak Library, 2380 Portola Dr.



This delightful musical story strives to answer the questions: who was Rumpelstiltskin? Did he spin and if he spun was it actually straw he was spinning? Was the king a good king or a bad king? Was the girl's father a chronic fibber or was he just a victim of his time and socioeconomic standing? Was the girl an innocent dupe and were her broken promises acceptable considering the circumstances? These seemingly complex questions will most likely go unanswered but all - young and old alike - will have a marvelous time.

Green Golly & Her Golden Flute
Sunday April 22nd 3:00pm
Downtown Library, 224 Church St.



Friday April 27th 3:00pm
Aptos Library. 7695 Soquel Dr.

Tower-trapped Green Golly (unlike Rapunzel) is so inspired by life she can't help but make music. This Parents' Choice Gold Award Winning introduction to classical music uses musical storytelling and comedy to inspire imagination, creativity and positive self-expression. Green Golly is the delightfully funny, flute playing heroine who models discipline, overcoming challenges, thinking creatively and the development of character.

Creative Aging: a workshop in renewal through creativity
Monday April 23rd 1:00pm
Scotts Valley Library, 251 Kings Village Rd.

What is the most elemental piece of the human experience? What keeps us moving forward? What makes waking up in the morning worthwhile? The ability to renew, to see things newly. One of the simplest most profound ways to renew life is via creativity. The creative aging workshop has participants look at the stories that are central to their life experience and turn them into song. Through guided imagination exercises, exploration of the senses, free writing and group collaboration we rediscover our creative urge and blossom again. Not only does this highly interactive experience assist participants in accessing their creativity it also empowers

them in other areas of their lives leading them to greater awareness and satisfaction. This workshop is geared for adults.

Life in the Middle Ages: It Isn't Too Late

Friday April 27th 1:00pm

Branciforte Library, 230 Gault St.

Life in the Middle Ages, is a solo musical, written and performed by Keith Torgan, about a man coming face to face with his life choices and the places they've lead. As he stands on the dividing line between middle age and the next stage his next steps are clear -- but will he take them? This musical memoir is told through stories and songs that tread tenderly, humorously and touchingly on sibling rivalry, romantic, familial and platonic love, city life, school days, family ties, money, sex and spirit.



City's Short Term Rental Ordinance Approved by the CA Coastal Commission

On Wednesday, April 11, the CA Coastal Commission approved the City's Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance. The Council adopted the ordinance in the Fall of 2017, but it required Coastal Commission approval before it could take effect. The ordinance "grandfathers" those STRs that have been operating legally and paying transient occupancy tax. Approximately 330 existing STRs will be grandfathered under the ordinance.

The ordinance distinguishes between "hosted" and "non-hosted" STRs.

Non-Hosted STRs: The City has approximately 200 legal, non-hosted STRs that are grandfathered under the ordinance. A non-hosted STR is one where the owner lives in the home for less than six months during the year. The existing, legal, non-hosted STRs can remain until such time that the property is sold, at which time their STR permit would expire and they could no longer operate as a non-hosted STR. No new non-hosted STRs are allowed.

Hosted STRs: Approximately 130 hosted STRs are existing, and the ordinance allows for approximately 120 new hosted STRs. To qualify as a hosted STR, the owner must reside at the home for more than six months in the year. The owner does not need to be present during the STR guests' stay. For duplex and multi-family properties, the ordinance also allows for an owner to short-term rent any one unit on site if the owner resides at the property for more than six months per year.

All existing STRs will need to get a STR Permit from the Planning Department. The City will be reaching out to the currently-registered STRs to inform them of next steps in acquiring an STR permit. A number of "good neighbor" policies will apply, and the City will confirm other qualifying criteria, such as parking availability.

Interim Rent Control and Just Cause Eviction Ordinance Updates

This week, emails were sent to over 3,500 landlords' email addresses notifying them of the interim rent control and just cause eviction criteria. Information is available on the City's website at www.cityofsantacruz.com/rentcontrol-justcause.

Bluebeam Revu Digital Plan Review: Design and Build

The Planning & Community Development department continues moving its plan review from a paper format to digital files using Bluebeam Revu, a digital plan review software. The first step of the project includes a review of the current process for both the Building and Current Planning Division before making any changes to a digital process. The goal of this review is to identify and improve inefficiencies, clarify external department roles in plan review, and educate all internal development review partners on the existing resources, processes, and protocols. The Building Division is nearing the end of reviewing its current business process relating to plan review. Megan Nutt, Building Analyst, coordinated separate meetings with all departments involved in reviewing plans submitted at the Building counter including: Public Works, Police, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Water, and Fire.

The Current Planning Division will begin similar meetings with other departments and internal divisions in the next few weeks. Following this review will be initial Bluebeam Revu training for all applicable staff so that a foundation and understanding of the new software is set before discussing the new business process. Time has also been set aside for outside users to test the business practice and provide input. The Planning and Community Development department is looking forward to making this change given its increased efficiency and resource preservation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Programs

Parks and Recreation's "Super Saturday" summer online registration opens **Saturday, April 14 - City Residents 8:00 am, Non-City Residents 10:00 am**. This is the largest day of registration all year for Parks and Recreation. Customers register for the popular Junior Guards program, our fun-filled summer camps as well as a wide-range of exciting summer classes. The department is looking forward to a fantastic summer.



Sports

The new Bocce League kicked off the season this week at Harvey West Park Bocce Courts and Herb Picnic Area. Teams play matches on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.



Sycamore Grove

Park Rangers, Water Department Rangers, and volunteers clean-up Sycamore Grove.



PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater Treatment Facility

During the last large storm of the season last week the line maintenance crews assisted with hauling away 60,720 pounds of grit. This is rock-type material that accumulates within the sewer lines and gets pushed through during high flows. The flow coming into the facility peaked at 35 million gallons. Meanwhile, electricians have been working on creating a permanent electrical line for a sump pump in our underground equipment gallery and mechanics have been performing routine maintenance on the dewatering centrifuges.



Parking Services

The new Parking Access and Revenue Control System has been installed at the River-Front Garage. It includes signs on the exterior that show how many spaces are available on each floor of the Garage. Permit holders are now also able to pay for their permits at the Pay-on-foot stations, instead of waiting for a parking attendant.



The Parking Permit waitlists for all lots and garages is at 645 individuals and businesses wanting 1,018 permits. The wait for permits is between 10 and 12 months.

Operations

The City Hall Annex Space Utilization project is under way with replacement of existing office doors on the first floor with ADA-compliant doors. Work on this initial phase is being done on weekends to minimize disruption of staff activities. Facilities staff has been assisting by moving furniture and fixtures to temporary storage areas at the Corporation Yard.



Streets Maintenance

Streets crews assisted the Wastewater Mains crews by paving the area at 327 Harbor Drive.



Waste Reduction

Waste reduction staff gave a waste reduction and recycling presentation to City Council on 4/10/18. Highlights included a summary of beverage container City/County payment program, organics and our new online recycle guide. The presentation also included a description of the new Master Recycler program and honored the first graduating class of Master Recyclers pictured below.



Green Business

Our existing Waste Reduction Assistant was recently promoted to our existing vacant Environmental Project Analyst position. She'll serve as the new coordinator for the City's Green Business Program among myriad other Resource Recovery duties for the City.

The annual Green Business Mixer took place in April 11th at the Cruzio building. The event was well attended with 70 members of the business community and City and County Green Business staff. Attendees enjoyed refreshments, networking, a program update and a fun environmental trivia game. Thank you to our event sponsors: Cruzio, Shopper's Corner, Charlie Hong Kong, Yoso Wellness and Bagito.

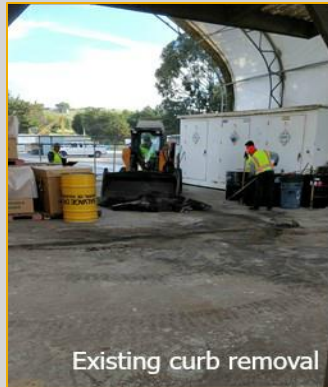
Facility

Landfill staff has been busy this week dealing with the aftermath of last weekend's storms. The RRF received 4.25 inches of rain Friday and Saturday but fared remarkably well thanks to thorough preparations.

Santa Cruz County Environmental Health was on-site for their annual inspection. All records, logs and hazardous materials were in order and no areas of concern or violation were noted.

Engineering

The HHW Tent improvements started this week. Our Engineer has worked diligently with the County to remove obstructions within the project area and schedule Valley Paving to remove existing curbs and install new curbs to expand the secondary containment area. The goal for this Storm Water Pollution Prevention Project (SWPPP) was to allow storage of all the material within the secondary containment area, regrade ponding areas, and delineate the materials handling area from the customer drop off area. A fence will be installed along the curb in the coming weeks.

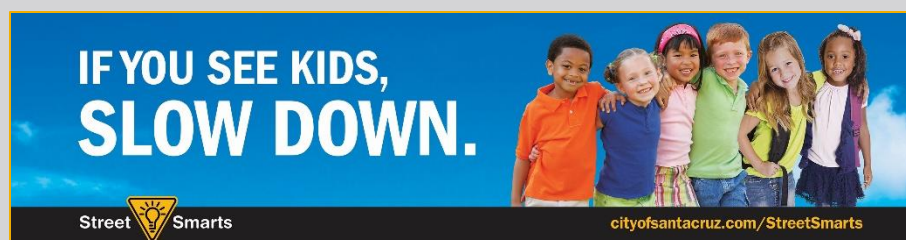


Transportation Engineering/Community Relations

We concluded our interactive Street Smarts elementary school assemblies at Gault and Branciforte Small Schools Campus this week. Over the past two months our presentation “Preventing Distractions on the Road and in the Car,” developed with Santa Cruz County Club Live program and Branciforte Middle School students was delivered to 1,200 students. All received a take-home Street Smarts Family Policy game to extend messaging to siblings and parents. We enjoyed our time working with Santa Cruz City Schools and look forward to future traffic safety collaboration.



Our Street Smarts school banners were reinstalled in front of 12 Santa Cruz elementary and middle schools. They will remain up for the remainder of the school year. Our street pole banners were also reinstalled on corridors including Soquel and Ocean, as well as downtown.





Save the date for our family friendly “Follow the Flush” 5K walk on Saturday, May 5. The event aims to bring awareness of Santa Cruz wastewater with art, games and humor. It begins at UC Santa Cruz with walking groups departing from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The walk follows the path of Santa Cruz wastewater through natural and urban landscape with art installations and performances and interactive water displays. It concludes at the Wastewater Treatment Plant where free tours are offered. More info [here](https://cityofsantacruz.com/StreetSmarts).



Streets Maintenance

Streets personnel joined forces with Parks Rangers to clear campers and debris from under the Branciforte Creek Pedestrian Bridge so security fencing could be installed.



WATER

For the first time, the 60 year old Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP) clear well was taken off-line and inspected. The clear well is a large cement box structure that collects the water exiting filters, and enables operators to add chlorine and a corrosion inhibitor. This is the final treatment water receives prior to it entering the distribution system. The clear well is also the location where we monitor for compliance with drinking water regulations.



Preparing to go into the clear well



Going down into the well

As part of the condition assessments of the GHWTP, the tank that holds filtered water was taken offline to allow for inspection and also to test the ability of the plant to operate with the clear well off line during potential future construction. When we have bypassed the clear well in the past, it's caused spikes of turbidity in the clear well and, because we hadn't actually drained it and inspected it prior to last week, we weren't sure what was causing that to occur. Last week's inspection identified a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick buildup of a gritty sediment on the walls below the typical water line. Analysis of the material making up the sediment indicates that it is composed of a combination of cement, carbon, rust and particulates from turbidity.

The area covered by sediment was too large to be cleaned during this plant shut down, so we will develop a plan for cleaning it in the future.



Inside the GHWTP Clear Well

One dilemma we faced with the clear well inspection project was how to disinfect it once the inspection was complete, and what to do with any turbid water that occurs while putting the system back on line. To solve this problem, we closed valves in the distribution system to route water to one of the Bay Street tanks where the water could be isolated until lab data demonstrated that it was acceptable to put into the distribution system.

I'm pleased to report that after an arduous search, the Water Department will finally welcome our new Deputy Director of Operations to the fold next week. Many of you know Chris Coburn, who worked both with John Ricker in Water Resources at the County, and most recently, as the Executive Director for the Santa Cruz Conservation Resource District.

We're delighted to have Chris take the helm of Operations.

