

City Manager's Weekly Update

April 6, 2018

LIBRARY

Santa Cruz Public Libraries Celebrates National Volunteer Week



National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent, voice and support to causes they care about in their community. Their stories can serve to inspire others to find ways to take action that creates change.

During National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of changemakers to come together to tackle tough challenges, and build stronger, more vibrant communities.

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, we want to share with you the many ways SCPL volunteers add value to Library services, support our staff, and serve as community advocates. Close to 200 people volunteer for SCPL in a variety of assignments - within our ten branches, in outreach activities, and at Library special events. Here's an overview of their contributions:



Within the branches:

- ESL conversation group leaders
- Cuentame un Cuento assistants
- Tales to Tails assistants and handlers
- Story Time and Toddler Time assistants
- RoboSumo, Make and Explore, and Lego program leads
- Chess Club instructors

- Grounds Groomers and Plant Care assistants
- Film club coordinators
- Book Discussion Group leaders
- Staff support - book menders, pull list assistants, etc.
- Homework Helpers
- And yes, some volunteers even dust shelves!



Outreach & special events:

- Storytellers at local preschools
- Dial-a-Story readers
- Coffee Talk information advocates
- Veterans Information Center coaches
- Jail Services assistants
- Event photographers
- Special event support
- Book Buddies

SCPL volunteers are high school and university students; stay-at-home parents; working and retired professors, teachers, librarians, attorneys, nurses, physicians, and other professionals. Despite their diverse ages, backgrounds, and experiences all have one thing in common - the belief that libraries serve a vital role in our community.



Finally, and most importantly, SCPL volunteers have a great track record of committing to months and even years of service. Thank you to all SCPL volunteers!



If you would like to become a volunteer at SCPL, visit santacruzpl.org/volunteer/.

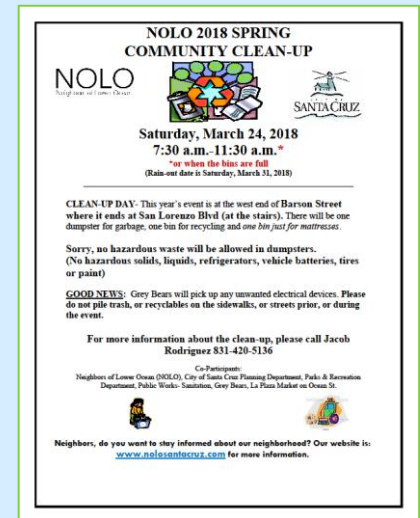
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Interim Emergency Housing Ordinance

The informational page for the Emergency Housing Ordinances that were adopted in February 2018 has been updated. The website now includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in Spanish, a generic cover letter for tenants to share the information with their landlords, and over 1,000 postcards were mailed on April 5th. Follow-up information is being prepared to be sent via email directing approximately 4,000 additional landlords to this informational page. The website has also been updated to include information on a process by which landlords may apply for approval of rent increases above the 2% identified in the interim ordinance. For quick access to this informational page, you may use www.cityofsantacruz.com/rentcontrol-justcause.

Community Clean-Up event

The City of Santa Cruz and Neighbors of Lower Ocean (NOLO) held the “NOLO 2018 Spring Community Clean-UP,” at Barson Street and San Lorenzo Blvd, on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Four times a year, the Code Compliance Division partners with Sanitation, Parks & Recreation, Santa Cruz Neighbors, neighborhood groups and Grey Bears to sponsor these community clean-ups. The event was well-attended and receives more and more participation from the community as words spread about this valuable service and effort on behalf of the City of Santa Cruz Code Compliance Division, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation Department.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Programs

Friday, April 6- Parks & Recreation's Activity Fun Fair 5pm-8pm: The *free* fair is an opportunity to learn about our programs and to ask questions prior to summer registration on **Saturday, April 14**. Meet summer camp leaders, junior guard and class instructors. Join the 200+ community members anticipated to participate in hands-on activities and view demonstrations of our class offerings. Ensure your Parks and Recreation account is up-to-date and ready to roll for "Super Saturday" registration. Check out the lifeguard tower at our beach photo booth. PLUS enter a raffle drawing for some great prizes. Let Parks and Recreation help you plan a fantastic summer for your family. Connect with us at the Activity Fair!



Louden Nelson Community Center

Friday and Saturday April 6-7 -Marrow Washing Qigong for Purifying and Building the Body. Famous for its youth effect, rejuvenates the bone marrow and makes the bones stronger, more pliable and more flexible. In addition, this Qigong builds up a surplus of stored chi energy in the bone marrow. Reported to slow and even reverse the effects of bone loss. Everyone is welcome!



Ocean Street Medians



Four windmill palms are being planted to improve the boulevard landscaping on Ocean Street between Dakota and Soquel Avenues.

DeLaveaga Golf Course

The Golf Course ranks number one in the Good Times “Best Of” issue.



Main Beach

The Wharf Crew prepped the volleyball courts to get them into shape for an upcoming tournament and to kick-off of the volleyball season.



PUBLIC WORKS

Waste Reduction

Waste Reduction staff is in full swing with school tours of the Recycling Center. Students from Gault Elementary School will be touring each Wednesday for the next three weeks.

Staff is submitting an annual funding request this week to Cal Recycle for the City/County Beverage container (CRV) payment program. The City uses these extra funds primarily for public education and outreach efforts. The goal with this year's funding is to support litter abatement programs and help to provide recycle and trash containers in city parks and other public areas.

Earth Day Santa Cruz will take place at San Lorenzo Park on Saturday April 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be a fun filled day for the entire family. The event is co-hosted by the City and County of Santa Cruz and Ecology Action. Come visit the Public Works, Climate Action, Parks and Recreation and the Santa Cruz Public Library booths. Public Works will be featuring the Street Smart program and Recycle Right activities.



Green Business

The Green Business Program applied for grant funding of up to \$20,000 to assist with the certification process in the City of Santa Cruz. The funds come from the California Air Resources Board and will be administered through the California Green Business Network (CAGBN). The goal is to help meet the state sustainability goals of greenhouse gas reductions by certifying new businesses throughout California. The work plan for this project was submitted to the CAGBN this week.

The City and County Green Business programs are co-hosting the spring Green Business Mixer on Wednesday, April 11, at Cruzio Internet, 877 Cedar Street in Santa Cruz from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The evening will include complimentary refreshments, green trivia, business networking, regional program and marketing updates, and guest speakers. We thank our sponsors: Cruzio

Internet, Yoso Wellness, Bagito, Shoppers Corner and Charlie Hong Kong. More information and reservations: <https://2018springmixer.eventbrite.com>.

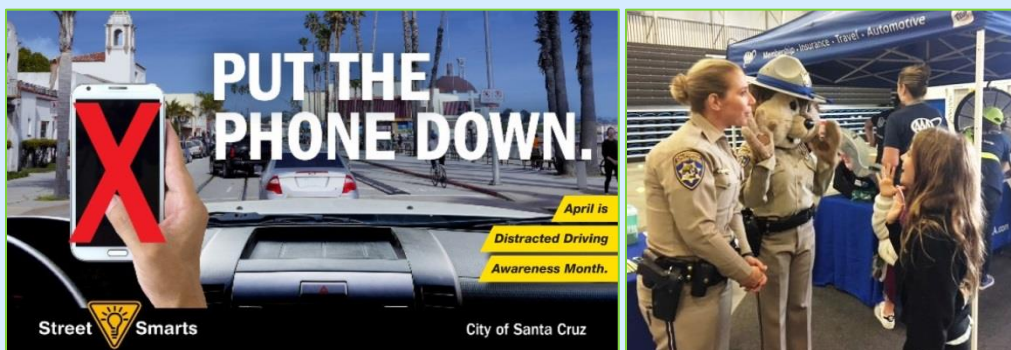
Wastewater Treatment Facility

Maintenance staff devised an in-house stainless steel fabrication to repair an aeration pipe leak. Mechanics and Operations staff have been working together to prepare for a major overhaul of a solids contact tank that has been out of service for about twenty years. Operations also swapped secondary clarifiers. Staff is shown below in the bottom of the tank cleaning the equipment for the mechanics to inspect.



Transportation Engineering/Community Relations

It is Distracted Driving Awareness Month—please consider sharing our Street Smarts [message](#) with friends and family. We welcome CHP's Chipper the Chipmunk to our [Earth Day](#) booth where he will be leading young and old in distracted driving pledges on April 21.



Mav'Riks will be at our booth as well instructing youth in correct bike turn signals. We look forward to seeing you there!



Resource Recovery Collection

Collections is still struggling with the homeless sleeping in and around the dumpsters in Lot 17.



WATER

River Street Main Replacement

Work continues on the River Street main replacement. This job is a biggie – you may recall that it started last July. We're replacing a century-old water main with various sections of 18", 12" and 8" pipe, along with 66 new connections of various shapes and sizes. Along the way we've encountered numerous undocumented utility lines that have held up work (and which require hand digging for safety,) an unexpected abandoned buried bridge, and layers of asphalt as thick as two feet in some places. Add heavy traffic on a commute corridor and a dash of inclement weather and – voila! a project that we will all be very happy to wrap up.

We're currently on the last leg of the River Street portion of the project at River Street and Water Street and due to the need to maintain access for emergency vehicles; we've been working at night again. Unfortunately this is one of the areas where the asphalt is 2' thick, so there's been a lot of jackhammering. We've been in regular contact with the few folks who live in the vicinity and they have, as a whole, been very understanding. We appreciate their patience and thankfully completed the jackhammering on Thursday!

We move to Portrero Street next...



Reservoir

I'm happy to report that the reservoir spilled this week, meaning the dam is full. This is very good news as we head into the dry season. Though I write this during another spring storm event, the fact is that our rainfall is still well below average and thus we'll be relying heavily on the reservoir in upcoming months for our water supply.

ELEVATION: (reservoir spills at 577.15 ft.)

- Currently: 577.20 ft.
- Last year: 577.30 ft.

SEASONAL RAINFALL: (inches)

- For the past week: 0.00
- This week last year: 0.00
- For the season: 28.23
- This point last season: 87.54

