

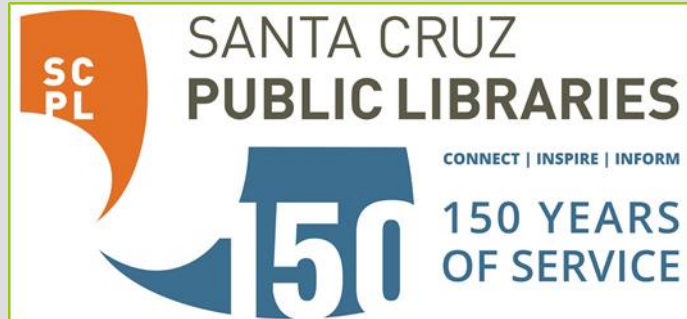
# City Manager's Weekly Update

March 30, 2018

## LIBRARY

### As National Library Week Approaches, Santa Cruz Public Libraries Celebrates 150 Year of Service

What better time to announce the Santa Cruz Public Libraries Sesquicentennial Celebration than during National Library Week, April 8th through April 14th. During National Library Week, libraries across the nation ask the public to reflect on the impact libraries have on communities and to advocate for library funding and utilization.



This year's theme is Libraries Lead, which dovetails nicely with our sesquicentennial celebration as we aspire to move forward toward the future of libraries while acknowledging the 150 years of service that brought us here.

According to *"The History of the Santa Cruz Public Library System,"* written by former long-time employee Margaret Souza, the Santa Cruz Public Libraries had its origins early in 1868 when interested citizens resolved to provide books and magazines to participating members. A key personality of this group was Frank Cooper, who gathered twenty signatures to incorporate the Association that was to become "The Santa Cruz Library."

The library will hold programs throughout the year for all ages celebrating the Sesquicentennial and the new directions our library is taking to add value to our community. We will also use the 150 Celebration Logo to alert the public to this milestone. The celebration culminates with a big event during the December First Friday.



During National Library Week we will be asking members of the community to share all the different places the library has led them. Whether it was a new career, a new genre, or a new friend, we know the answers to this question are as diverse as our community.

People will be able to share their answers in person at library branches or online via social media. The library will collect them to add to the national story that develops.

Library lovers can also post to Twitter, Instagram, or on the [I Love Libraries Facebook page](#) during National Library Week for a chance to win a prize. The randomly selected winner will receive a \$100 VISA gift card and a copy of "*Firebird*," the Coretta Scott King Award-winning book by Misty Copeland, 2018 National Library Week Honorary Chair. Entries can be a picture, video, or text. Creativity is encouraged. They must include the hashtags #NationalLibraryWeek and #LibrariesLead on their social media post for a chance to win, and SCPL would love for you to tag us @SantaCruzPL.

## POLICE

### Great Police Work Recognized: Chief's Commendation



This week, Chief Mills formally commended the members of the Neighborhood Enforcement Team Sgt. Carter Jones, PO Alec Ganzel, PO Armando Aguilar, and PO Nick Kramer are for their incredible steadfast commitment to justice, professionalism, and coordination with the County Gang Task Force and Modesto PD.

The Modesto Police Department asked for help to locate a double homicide suspect that was possibly armed with two handguns or an AR-pistol. In one

of the homicide cases, the suspect was accused of killing a 5-year-old boy in the City of Modesto.

The SCPD team members' diligent efforts located and lead to the arrest of the double homicide suspect armed and hiding out in the City of Santa Cruz. [Read the full account on SCPD Blog.](#)

### SCPD Tackles Distracted Driving & Walking

This week SCPD hosted a Street Smarts Presentation Distracted Driving & Walking: Cause, Effect & Solutions. KSBW delivered a comprehensive story highlighting the work SCPD does to make sure all of us are safe. [Click here to see the story.](#)



Co-presenting with SCPD was AT&T. When it comes to texting and driving, it can wait. To drive home the message and to make roads and highways safer, AT&T brought a virtual reality simulator for participants to try out.

The next SCPD Street Smart Traffic Safety Presentations will focus on Family Traffic Safety: driving near schools, walking and biking with your kids, and how to talk to your kids about distracted walking/biking.



Santa Cruz PD tackle distracted driving, walking during traffic safety presentation

According to the CDC in 2015, almost 3,500 people were killed in accidents involving distracted drivers. More than two-thirds of those were teenage...

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## SCPD Collaborates with Cal Trans for Cleanup Effort



a camp cleanup of the West River Street levee behind Ross and the south embankment of Hwy 1 at Hwy 9. This took a better part of the day to get transients moved out and six dump truck loads of garbage removed from the area.

CSO Romero & CSO Camacho continue the cleanup campaign throughout the week.

In response to numerous complaints about illegal camping and dumping, Neighborhood Policing Teams follow up to identify and safely restore areas used for illegal camping and filled with environmental hazards

This week, Officer DeOcampo led the charge as Westside Neighborhood Policing Team cleans up another campsite. SCPD in cooperation with a Cal Trans Crew conducted



The Eastside Neighborhood Policing Team also collaborated with Cal Trans to restore areas used for illegal camping and filled with environmental toxins. The health hazards expand into our wildlife habitats and water supply.



BEFORE



AFTER



## SCPD Photo & Good Deed of the Week



SCPD Gets 4th occupied stolen vehicle recovered in less than 12 hours. Plus, this nice lady gets her car back.

At 2:20 am on Wednesday, March 28th, while on patrol, SCPD Officer, Score spotted an occupied stolen vehicle on Ocean Street. Several Officers responded to conduct a high-risk stop in the area of May and Washburn Avenues.

The driver, Lindsay Heinzen, 29 years old from Gilroy, was in possession of the keys. A quick check revealed the

passenger, Jordan Roe, 28 from Santa Cruz, had outstanding warrants. Subsequently, they were both booked into jail for vehicle theft, outstanding warrants, and possession of drug paraphernalia

Officers learned the owner could not get a ride to pick up her car. Officer Bridges quickly volunteered to pick up the owner to reunite her with her car so it would not get towed.

Great teamwork SCPD Patrol! Between the Swing and Graveyard shifts on March 27-28, this was the fourth suspect-occupied stolen vehicle recovered in less than 12 hours. Well done. [#ProactivePolicing](#)  
[#SafetyThroughVigilance](#)



## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Sports

Spring softball games are back! After two weeks of rainouts the fields are open and teams are playing under the lights at DeLaveaga Park. Everyone is swinging into spring.



Division I and II women's soccer championships were held on Sunday at Scott Kennedy Field.



### Civic

The Vintage Faith Church is returning to the Civic Auditorium for their Easter service this Sunday! This is sure to be a festive event for the Santa Cruz Community. This event is free of charge, doors at 10am. For more information please visit: [vintagechurch.org/easter](http://vintagechurch.org/easter)



## Laurel Park

A security fence was installed around Laurel Park in response to feedback received during neighborhood meetings. The fence will help deter illegal activities that were occurring during the night.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Transportation Engineering/Community Relations

Save the Date! Santa Cruz Earth Day takes place on Saturday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at San Lorenzo Park. The City's booth will include special Street Smarts guests Mav'Riks, the SC Warriors mascot, and Chipper of the California Highway Patrol. Mav will be teaching correct bike turn signals to youth and Chipper will be leading both kids and adults in Distracted Driving pledges with official CHP stickers and more for participants.



This week Mav helped us out in a KION video shoot for our tenth Street Smarts video of the year. His message is SLOW DOWN: Save Your Speed for the Game – soon to be seen on KION/Telemundo and the City's [Street Smarts web page](#) and Facebook.



SCPD's Sgt. Scott Garner led the Street Smarts presentation "Distracted Driving & Walking: Cause, Effect & Solutions" on Wednesday evening to a community group of teens and adults. Street Smarts sponsor AT&T presented an overview of the company's [It Can Wait](#) campaign reminding us that distracted driving is NEVER okay.





KION concluded our ninth Street Smarts video which illustrates this week's message in English: [Stopping Is Part of Driving](#) and in Spanish [Hacer alto es parte de manejar](#).



## Resource Recovery Collection

Staff assisted in the Lower Ocean (NOLO) neighborhood cleanup. We collected 1.94 tons of refuse and 1.35 tons of mixed recycling which includes cardboard, metal and ridged plastics.

## Wastewater Treatment Facility

During last week's large storm, our line maintenance crews assisted with hauling away 60,720 lbs. of grit. This is rock material that accumulates within the sewer lines that gets pushed through during high flows. The flow entering the facility has 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.

