

# City Manager's Weekly Update

## June 8, 2018

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Santa Cruz Wharf

Maintaining a Historic Wharf takes grit and ingenuity. Public Landing Number 1 was rendered unusable after the 2016 and 2017 winter storms combined with corrosive elements to break down the guides which hold the floating dock in place. The Wharf crew created a custom design for new guides, and then fabricated and installed them on the wharf pilings. The guides help the floating dock rise and fall with the water level. After the guides were installed, a boat pulled the floating dock from the Santa Cruz Harbor where it is stored during the off-season months. As the floating dock slowly approached the Wharf, a sea lion found its way out of the water to relax on the dock's deck, happy to be of service.



#### City Hall

The rose garden is in full bloom and offers a perfect opportunity for a pleasant stroll.



### **Beach Flats Park**

New interpretive panels were installed at Beach Flats Park and provide fascinating information about the meanings and inspirations of the wall mural.



### **Harvey West Park**

Harvey West Park had another successful year as a stopover on the AIDS Lifecycle Ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles, an event which raises money and awareness for the fight against aids.





## POLICE

### SCPD Ranger Orientation Day

This week, SCPD moves forward with the transfer of Rangers into the department. To facilitate those steps in an orderly fashion, Chief Mills invited all Rangers, full time and temporary, to attend a unique orientation and training at the SCPD community room on June 8. This meeting enabled everyone to get an idea of who is moving over, an expectation of roles, and what to expect from SCPD.



As a result of the SCPD orientation & training, the Rangers will:

- Understand the Santa Cruz Police Department and community expectations.
- Feel more prepared to transition from Parks & Rec into the SCPD Ranger model.
- Become acquainted with new resources and equipment available to SCPD Rangers.
- Meet with Command Staff, Sergeants, team leaders, and initiate work assignments.
- Develop an understanding of the public safety topics and issues that affect Rangers.
- Have an opportunity to discuss and develop a cross-divisional network.
- Gain insights into the Department and merge work cultures.



"Orientation Day provided us with an opportunity to meet the officers with whom we will work. We have the same challenges. Like me, they are passionate about their work." - AJB

"I felt like part of a bigger team. It was nice to spend some time getting to know my new colleagues." - Juan

### SCPD Celebrates the Diversity of LGBTQ Community



This past Sunday, Chief Mills was honored to be invited to join the Santa Cruz Pride Parade. We are proud to be a part of this celebration and show our support as allies. Being visible on that stance demonstrates the positive changes going on between the LGBTQ community and the Police.

### Right On Target Officer Bayani Brings Home GOLD!

Congratulations to Officer Pat Bayani for his 1st place win in the archery tournament at the Police and Fire Olympics in San Diego, CA this past weekend. We are proud of Pat outstanding achievement. Thank you for representing SCPD!



## WATER

The **Coast Pump Station** was taken offline for a couple of days this week for some tests, which meant we operated entirely off of the lake for a few days. Running solely off of lake water presents some treatment challenges because of the water-quality characteristics of this source. So it was an all-hands affair for our facilities crew to get the tests and treatment completed so we could once again use available water from both the North Coast and San Lorenzo sources.

Our Water Resources folks are preparing to conduct **fish sampling** in the San Lorenzo River and Laguna Creek lagoons. Sampling includes long days of hauling nets across the lagoons, pulling out seaweed and other debris that is caught by the net, and carefully measuring and recording the characteristics of the fish caught, which are then released safely back into the lagoon. The results of the sampling provide important information about fish populations which informs the salmonid Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which in turn will influence our operations.

Speaking of fish, **Loch Lomond** was stocked with 2,000 pounds of trout last week. Along with that, bluegill fishing (which is a favorite for children and novices) has picked up. That, along with school getting out, has led to a spike in park visitation, as well as in happy fishermen!



We are continuing the work of surveying our distribution system for **leaks** using acoustic leak detection equipment. Because so much of our water system is underground, identifying leaks can be tricky. Acoustic detection is current best practices for finding system leaks, and we used this technology a couple of years ago to survey about one-third of the system. When we ask our customers to watch their water consumption and to stay on top of and repair leaks to their systems – it's important that we do the same.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Waste Reduction

Santa Cruz Garage Sale Weekend was a huge success. Over 70 households participated by registering their sales on the City website. Shoppers were able to find the sales using the Garage Sale Treasure Map application on their mobile phones. Garage Sale Weekend provides the Santa Cruz community with reuse opportunities and some excellent bargain shopping.

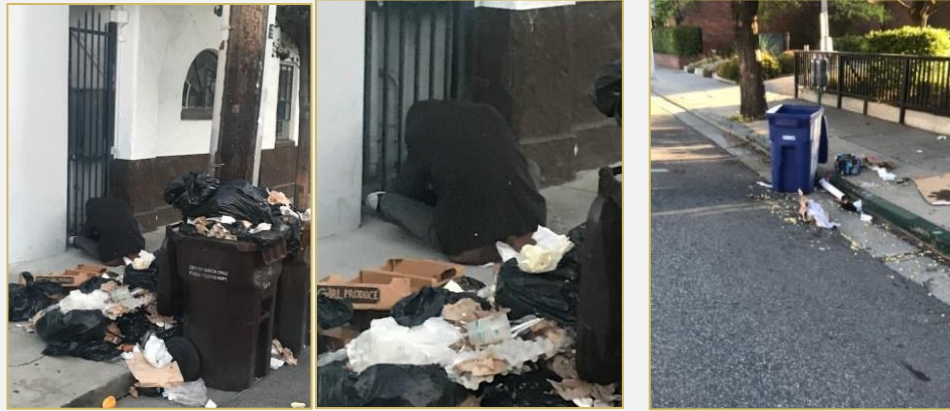


An NBC news crew was in town this week shooting a weekend special about the problems with single-use plastics. Waste Reduction staff was on hand to answer questions about the City's environmentally acceptable packaging and products ordinance and the recent revisions. The program will feature several City businesses that made the switch to biodegradable food service ware, including paper straws. The news crew interviewed the founder of the Last Plastic Straw on location at Olita's Cantina and Grille on the Santa Cruz Wharf. Café Delmarette, downtown was also selected for making the switch from plastic to paper straws.



## **Resource Recovery**

The Collection Division has been encountering containers that have been rummaged by homeless individuals throughout the City.



Consistent high winds have continued this week up at the Resource Recovery Facility. Landfill staff has been putting in extra hours trying to contain the litter. All portable litter fences have been re-positioned and have been catching the majority of windblown plastic, paper and Styrofoam.

## **Engineering**

We are scheduled to remove and replace speed bumps on King Street and Goss Avenue beginning Wednesday, June 13, through Friday, June 15, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. This work is part of the 2017 Overlay Project, funded by Measure H tax dollars. Traffic control will be in effect. The public is advised to seek alternate routes if possible as there will be delays and some parking will be impacted. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



The Rail Trail Segment 7 Project is scheduled to go out to bid next week.

## **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The line maintenance collections crew continued trying to clear a troublesome floor drain in one of the digester buildings. When plumbing snakes and Vacon truck efforts to clear the floor pipe failed, the crew used one of their jetting nozzles through the digester overflow piping.

Mechanics have continued setting up the satellite lab in a retro-fitted room under the recycled water storage tank.

Operations has been busy rotating tanks and cleaning them for mechanical inspections.



### Community Outreach

We invite the community to a Street Smarts **Family Bike Ride on Saturday, June 30**. The event begins outdoors at Loudon Nelson at 10 a.m. where families will be helped with bike helmet fittings. Free bike tune-ups will be provided and there will be a bike decorating station. SCPD Traffic Sgt. Scott Garner will host a booth to answer traffic safety questions with interactive traffic safety wheel and prizes. Mav'Riks, the Warriors mascot, will be teaching youth correct bike turn signals. Ecology Action will demo a melon drop to show what can happen when you don't wear a helmet and AAA will host a booth with traffic safety information, activities and prizes.

At 11 a.m. Ecology Action will lead the family bike ride with two of our SCPD officers participating in uniform. The ride will proceed along the San Lorenzo Riverwalk to the Penny Ice Creamery with free cones for all participants. The event concludes by 12 noon. We hope to see you there!





Our entertaining ParkCard video was viewed well over 600 times the past week on Facebook. In 30 seconds it explains how and why the card saves you both money and stress. Check it out [here](#).



We posted a new article to our Santa Cruz Waves City Beat column: [Summer Reading Program TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE!](#)

