

City Manager's Weekly Update

August 10, 2018

POLICE

Newest SCPD Community Service Officers and Looking to Hiring More

SCPD is proud to introduce our two newest Community Service Officers Kevin Bailey and Tim Cattera. Both officers grew up in Santa Cruz and chose a career in public safety with SCPD. We are excited to see them working in our community!

Please join us in welcoming CSO Tim Cattera and CSO Kevin Bailey to the SCPD Family

"We are looking to hire additional Community Services Officers. They provide a valuable support system for Santa Cruz PD "said Chief Mills. It's a great way to get your foot in the door and start your law enforcement career. Several of our police officers started out with SCPD in community services officer positions.



Pictured: DC Martinez, CSO Bailey, CSO Cattera & Chief Mills

Santa Cruz Police Mid -Year Crime Report

August 1st, Santa Cruz police released the data on crime reported to the police for the first half of the year. Overall, crime has decreased in Santa Cruz with sexual assaults showing the largest decline of 51%. Of note, violent and property crime experienced a decrease, while aggravated assaults and arson increased.



	2017	2018	Percent Change
Homicide was unchanged	0	1	N/A
Sexual assault	39	19	-51%
Robbery	55	30	-45%
Aggravated assault	128	129	1%
Burglary	211	171	-19%
Larceny	1437	1,237	-14%
Auto theft	218	137	-37%
Arson	6	12	100%

While the department is pleased that fewer people have been victimized, we recognize one victim is too many. Chief Mills is appreciative of the hard-working staff and involved the community members that have taken the opportunity to improve the safety of Santa Cruz through vigilance and community involvement.

[SCPD Quarterly Crime Statistics](#) [Chief Mills' Perspective on Crime Stat Data](#)

SCPD Community Engagement



In the afternoon, SCPD offers Ice Cream with a Cop, a spin-off of Coffee with a Cop, but for kids. Each child will receive a free ice cream cone! Ice Cream with a Cop aims to bridge relationships between our officers and kids in a fun venue designed to build friendships.



This week, SCPD invited everyone in the community to come out to one of two locations to enjoy an ice cream treat or coffee.

In the morning, Santa Cruz Police serves up Coffee with a Cop to bring community members and police together in an informal setting to build relationships and drink coffee.

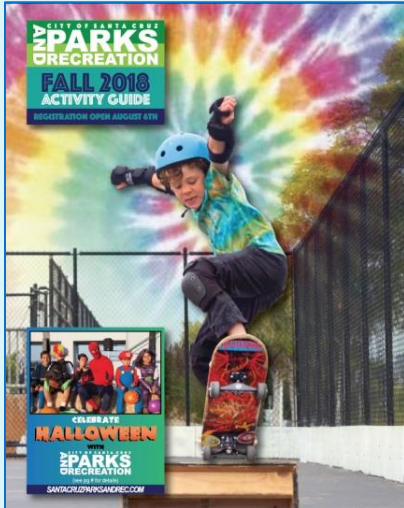


This year's National Night Out 2018 done

Santa Cruz style was a fantastic success. SCPD would like to say thank you to everyone who came out. The sense of community togetherness and encouragement was inspiring. Together we make our city safer!!!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fall Registration Now Open



Registration for fall classes opened on Monday, August 6th. Fall classes begin the week of Sept 10th. The activity guide is available online at www.santacruzparksandrec.com.

Teen Intern Program

This week marks the end of the 4th season of the Summer Teen Intern Program:



The Parks Trail Program accomplished another great season of trail improvements at Harvey West Park, Pogonip and Arana Gulch. They participated in a diversity of tasks and assignments including re-routing and resurfacing trails, they re-built a bridge, and removed invasive plants. Additionally, new landscape plants were installed at Harvey West Park. This outstanding program was recently highlighted in the [Santa Cruz Sentinel](#)

The **City's Teen Intern Program** placed 16 paid interns, ages 16-19 into positions within seven City Departments providing a wide variety of work experience. Interns assisted with grounds maintenance at Delaveaga Golf Course, hosted at the MAKE Lab at the Scotts Valley Library and helped out with the Teen Academy program at the Police Department to name just a few of the enriching opportunities. Many interns will remain on as paid staff reinforcing the value and importance of this program. Thank you to the City staff who took the time to supervise a teen intern this summer.

Sister Cities



A delegation of eight high school students from our sister city of Shingu, Japan arrived in Santa Cruz last Thursday, July 26th. During their visit, the students took English classes at the Loudon Nelson Community Center, camped in Henry Cowell State Park, visited iconic Santa Cruz landmarks such as the Boardwalk, Santa Cruz Wharf, Lighthouse and Surfing Museum and even got the chance to view a Cabrillo Festival rehearsal at the Civic Auditorium. The delegation had their farewell reception on Tuesday, August 7th at Harvey West Park. Thank you to the volunteers and host families who dedicate their time to make this program a success.

Civic Auditorium



Church Street was rockin' with music, art, delicious food, beer and wine at the annual Church Street Fair last weekend, August 4th and 5th. The gorgeous weather and fantastic entertainment brought over 12,000 people to this popular festival.

The [Cabrillo Music Festival](#) comes to a close this weekend with Open Rehearsals on Friday, August 10th and Notes from a Journey orchestra concert on Saturday, August 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Junior Guards



Nor Cal Little and Junior Guard competition took place last week at Santa Cruz Main Beach. Guards from around the area competed in various disciplines to see who would be best of the beach. It was tough competition in the Little Guard category with Capitola LGs squeaking out a victory by 20 pts over Santa Cruz. However, Santa Cruz Junior Guards came out strong and dominated the field for the Junior Guard division. It was a great day for all who participated.

Summer Camps

Camp Spot ran into some familiar faces in Downtown Santa Cruz this week. Our summer camp program ended another action-packed eight weeks full of fun adventures and lasting friendships. There is one final week of Camp Beyond which provides parents a recreational option until the school year begins.



Louden Nelson Community Center



All About Theatre presents Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. this weekend in the Loudon Nelson Auditorium. Show times are Friday, August 10 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, August 11 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm and Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 pm.

Parks Projects



The east zone crew made some improvements along the wooden steps at the Oceanview Park slides.



Staff installed a concrete pad and job box to store tools and gear for the weekly summer bocce league. This will enable players to have the necessary tools to prep the courts and ensure great playing surfaces during league play. Bocce teams play on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the summer.



PGE crews working at Frederick Street Park. The Dog Park was reduced in size to allow for the work but dog owners were very happy the area didn't have to be closed. Contractors are doing a good job with noise, traffic and site protections thus far.



The east zone park crews have been working hard on vegetation management on the Benchlands in San Lorenzo Park. Vegetation management is performed to address nonnative plants, to improve sight lines for patrols and public safety, and for improved play opportunities at the Benchlands disc golf course.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1930 Ocean Street Extension – On Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the 1930 Ocean Street Extension. The project includes Design and Planned Development Permits and Tentative Map to construct a 40-unit apartment/condo development within 10 four-unit buildings; a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation of a 2.74-acre parcel from L (Low Density Residential) to LM (Low Medium Density Residential) and a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property from R-1-10 (Single-Family Residential) to RL (Multiple Residence – Low Density). The Final Environmental Impact Report is available [online](#), as well as the [Planning Commission agenda and staff report](#).

418-508 Front Street – On the heels of the recently approved Downtown Plan amendments aimed at increasing density, this week our department received an application for an approximately 110,000 square foot, mixed-use development on the parcels located at 428, 440, 504, and 508 Front Street. The project site is located within the Front Street/Riverfront subarea of the Downtown Plan and is within Additional Height Zone B that allows for building heights up to 70-feet, subject to specific design criteria. The project includes the demolition of three commercial buildings including one building that is listed in the City's Historic Building Survey (428 Front St.) and one building that was identified by the city as historic but the property owner opted out of listing (418 Front St.). The proposed development is a six-story building (70-feet) with below-ground and interior ground-level parking, ground-floor commercial space along Front Street, commercial and residential amenity space fronting the river levee, and 145 residential condominiums ranging in size from 428 square feet to 1,273 square feet. On the Riverway elevation, only five stories are proposed to be visible above the levee. The development is designed as three individual buildings that are separated by two pedestrian passageways that connect Pacific Avenue to the Riverway. The project requires approval of a Boundary Adjustment to combine five parcels, Historic and Non-Residential Demolition Authorization Permits to demolish two historic buildings and one non-historic commercial building, a Tentative Subdivision Map, a Special Use Permit, a Design Permit, a Coastal Permit, a Heritage Tree Removal Permit, and a Revocable License for an Outdoor Extension Area at the levee. The proposal includes the removal of a non-heritage street tree along Front Street and includes a request for variations to the Downtown Plan development standards for the Front Street Subarea, the CBD District, and for additional building height in Zone A.

A pre-application review was completed for the project site earlier this year, which is expected to expedite the review process for the formal application. There are some differences between the plans reviewed during the pre-application stage and those submitted as part of the formal application including: elimination of a rooftop pedestrian bridge, an increase in the number of studio units and a reduction in the number of 2-bedroom units, an increase in the square footage of commercial space, and a slight reduction in overall square footage. The plans also show more significant building step-backs to reduce the massing of the buildings. The project requires recommendations from the Downtown Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Planning Commission, with final action by the City Council. The project will

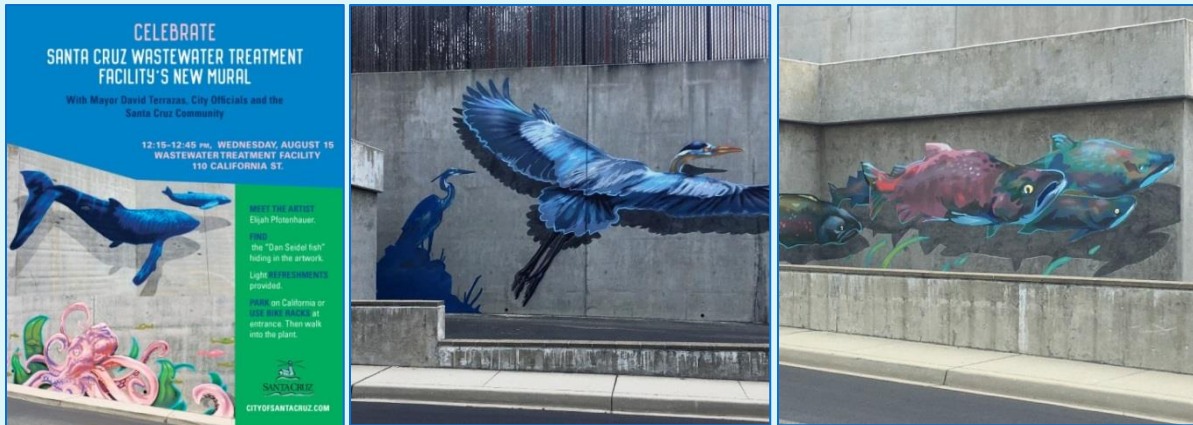
also require approval of a Section 408 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to allow for the placement of fill between the building and levee and to allow for improvements and landscaping at the top of the levee to create outdoor recreational space, which would occur after the permit entitlements are approved by the City. Public hearings are expected to occur during the fall. Samantha Haschert is the planner working on the project.



PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater Treatment Facility

We invite the community to celebrate the Wastewater Treatment Facility's new mural with dedication led by Mayor Terrazas on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 12:15-12:45 p.m. at [110 California St.](#) The ocean and estuary-themed mural by local artist Elijah Pfothenhauer underscores our plant's environmentally-friendly process and is a City of Santa Cruz Arts Commission project. The mural includes colorful panels covering about 400 feet of the plant's driveway walls, extending to heights of 24 feet. Guests will be greeted by giant blue whales, red octopus, coho and egrets. All attendees will be entered into a prize raffle. Light refreshments will be served. Limited public parking for the event is available on California Street. Biking or walking is encouraged with bike racks available at the facility's entrance. [Details.](#)



Our Follow the Flush walk has been featured in the July issue of the national Water Environment Federation newsletter, WEF Highlights, "[California Artists Invite You to 'Follow the Flush'](#)" and in the August issue of their print magazine, WE&T.



Secondary Clarifier #2 is out of service so that contractors can sandblast and re-coat the tank. This task is being performed during the summer months when flows to the treatment facility are low and we only need two clarifiers in service for full-treatment. The administration building and UV structure received face lifts with new awning covers. Mechanics and operators have been diving into Secondary Solids Contact Tank #2, evaluating the condition of the internal equipment and replacing equipment as needed. Operations and mechanics have been preparing for the August 15th mural dedication by removing wooden slats in the perimeter fencing, providing a clear view for City residents to enjoy the mural at all times



Engineering/Traffic Engineering

We submitted two grants to the Caltrans Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 program for total grant ask of \$24,540,000! These two important active transportation projects would improve community mobility and safety, and we're hopeful that they will both be awarded. The projects are:

- Westside Safe Routes to School and gap Closure Project (ATP \$1.655M, total project \$1.855M, matching funds from City Measure D): This project funds construction of a multiuse path on Swanton Boulevard, a two-way protected bike lane on Natural Bridges Drive, sidewalk infill on Almar and Delaware, and seven intersection improvements in this area to improve access to Bay View Elementary and Pacific Collegiate. This project also partners with the County Health Services Agency and other non-infrastructure partners to provide safety education and encouragement programs at Bay View and PCS to further improve safety for kids walking and biking to school.
- Rail Trail Segment 8 and 9 Construction (ATP ask: \$22.885M, total project \$31.435M, matching funds from City and RTC Measure D and prior grant sources)- In partnership with Santa Cruz County, this project funds construction of the rail trail between the Wharf Roundabout and 17th Avenue. This project is an important active transportation connection between Santa Cruz and Live Oak, serving numerous schools, community centers, commercial areas, and parks and open spaces via a safe and separated active transportation corridor.

Many thanks to the hard work of the whole Transportation Engineering team to pull these extensive applications together! Awards are anticipated to be announced in December 2017.

Street Smarts completed is final year 1 event—a [Back to School Traffic Safety Blast](#) at Laurel Park with all ages participating in activities that underscored safe rules of the road. Both KSBW and [KION](#) covered the event. We are most grateful to the 12 community partners who hosted stations and provided prizes, as well as to local vendors Cycle Works, Pacific Ave Cycles and Target for their raffle donations and our year one sponsors: AT&T/It Can Wait, AAA Northern California, Nevada & Utah, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Kaiser Permanente, with media sponsors KION/Telemundo, Good Times, KSCO and Santa Cruz Metro.





Resource Recovery Engineering

Staff recently submitted the 2018 1st Semi-Annual Monitoring report to the Regional Water Quality Control Board for Resource Recovery Facility given July 31 due date. Staff also submitted the 2nd Quarter 2018 landfill surface gas monitoring report to the Monterey Bay Air Resources District.

The Cell 3B Access Road Project bid opening was on July 26. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was Granite Rock Company. Staff expects to award the project early next week.

Engineering

We began work on the Bay Street/Seaside Street Storm Drain Improvement Project on Monday, Aug. 6. Funded by SB-1 “gas tax” monies, this project includes new drain inlets and a pedestrian ramp. There will be minor traffic impacts until the expected project completion on Aug. 22.

[Details.](#)

