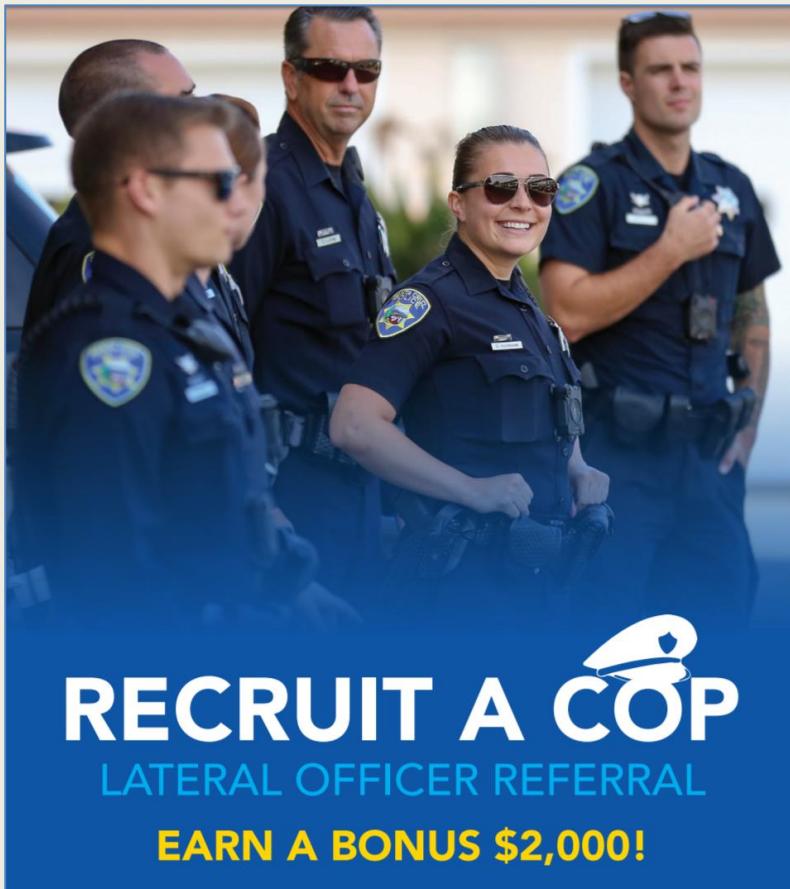


City Manager's Weekly Update

August 31, 2018

POLICE

SCPD August Recap Ushers In New Opportunities



Recruit A Cop 2,000 Referral Bonus To The Public for Lateral Police Hires

SCPD is offering a first-of-its-kind Citizen Hiring Bonus for community members who recruit swearing police officers from anywhere in the U.S. to transfer to the Santa Cruz Police Department.

“Any community member who knows of a top-notch cop, one who is ready for a new venue, we are willing to pay you, the community member, \$2,000 for pointing the seasoned officer in our direction,” offered Chief Andy Mills.

SCPD is always searching for good people to join the team. Research has shown, and experience supports, that new hires that come into the

organization through referrals are excellent contributors.

That's where the community recruiting comes in! Know a cop interested in a change of scenery? \$2,000 bonus when you refer a lateral police officer hired by the SCPD. More details online [Citizens Hiring Bonus](#).

SCPD Officers & Rangers Continued Cleanup Efforts

This month SCPD coordinate numerous clean-ups in parks and throughout the city. Pictured here Ranger Silas and CSO Pizano helps out Caltrans workers clear homeless encampments along HWY 17 and Ocean Street. Dirty needles and knee-deep trash are just a few



of the hazards.

Caltrans is responsible for clearing trash along the state's freeways, ramps, and overpasses, including homeless encampments. SCPD Officers and Rangers initiate and pitch in on the cleanup efforts to mitigate the compounding blight.



SCPD Welcomes Students Back To School

Last Friday marks the first full week of a new year for Santa Cruz City Schools. This year, for the second year in a row, Santa Cruz police officers were out in force to welcome students back to school.

Officers at elementary schools, middle schools, and the high school at student arrival times to give high-fives, welcome students, and cheer them on to a great school year. SCPD values the opportunity to engage in positive interactions with our youth.

SCPD Crossing guards and Officers increased visibility to parents, students and drivers is also an extra reminder to slow down in school zones. It is everyone's responsibility to know the rules of the road whether walking, bicycling, skating or driving. **Santa Cruz Police Back to School Safety Reminders** <https://goo.gl/ypKsuG>

SCPD De-escalation Training for Civilians

delivers effective de-escalation techniques. By popular demand for the second month in a row, SCPD brought this innovative class to 60 community members. The training emphasizes the importance of situational awareness, de-escalation, and self-protection in real-world crisis scenarios related to workplace and community interactions. The August class participation levels were off the charts.

Lt. LeMoss and Sgt. Jones presented informative and applicable de-escalation techniques to this very engaged group of community members

Participants learned techniques on how to help and calm people suffering a mental health crisis. Community members discussed with officers ways to feel safe and be safe. Next class is September 18, 2018 1:00-5:00pm. Free & open to the public.

Click here to pre-register [De-Escalation Training Registration](#).



WE'RE HIRING! COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



Here is an exciting opportunity for anyone seeking a civilian career with SCPD. Plus, you can live and work in Santa Cruz! CSO's work in patrol squads alongside sworn officers and serve in a variety of support roles. CSO's are vital to the success of the SCPD.

If you're interested in applying for this position, click here [COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION

Santa Cruz Wharf



The Wharf crew continues with facility upgrades after a busy summer season. The second section of the Ideal Bar and Grill deck replacement has been completed on the Beach Promenade. They have also repaired asphalt and roadway decking refastening in cooperation with the Street Department.

Parks Projects



The East Zone parks crew is working on improvements to the Ocean View Park basketball court. Parks staff began removing the old standing lumber that supported the slope. A new concrete wall will be installed that will better serve as both a safety improvement and provide for seating while watching from the “sidelines”.



Welcome Park Host, Jodi McKenna! Jodi arrived on August 27th to begin her orientation as Park Host for Harvey West Park. Jodi is getting to know the lay of the land and enjoying the beauty of the park. Her official start date is Sept 1st. Jodi was a Park Host in Santa Barbara prior to coming to Santa Cruz. She will be the eyes and ears at the park for weekend and evening activities/reservations. Stop by the "Casita" and say hi to her if you are in the area.

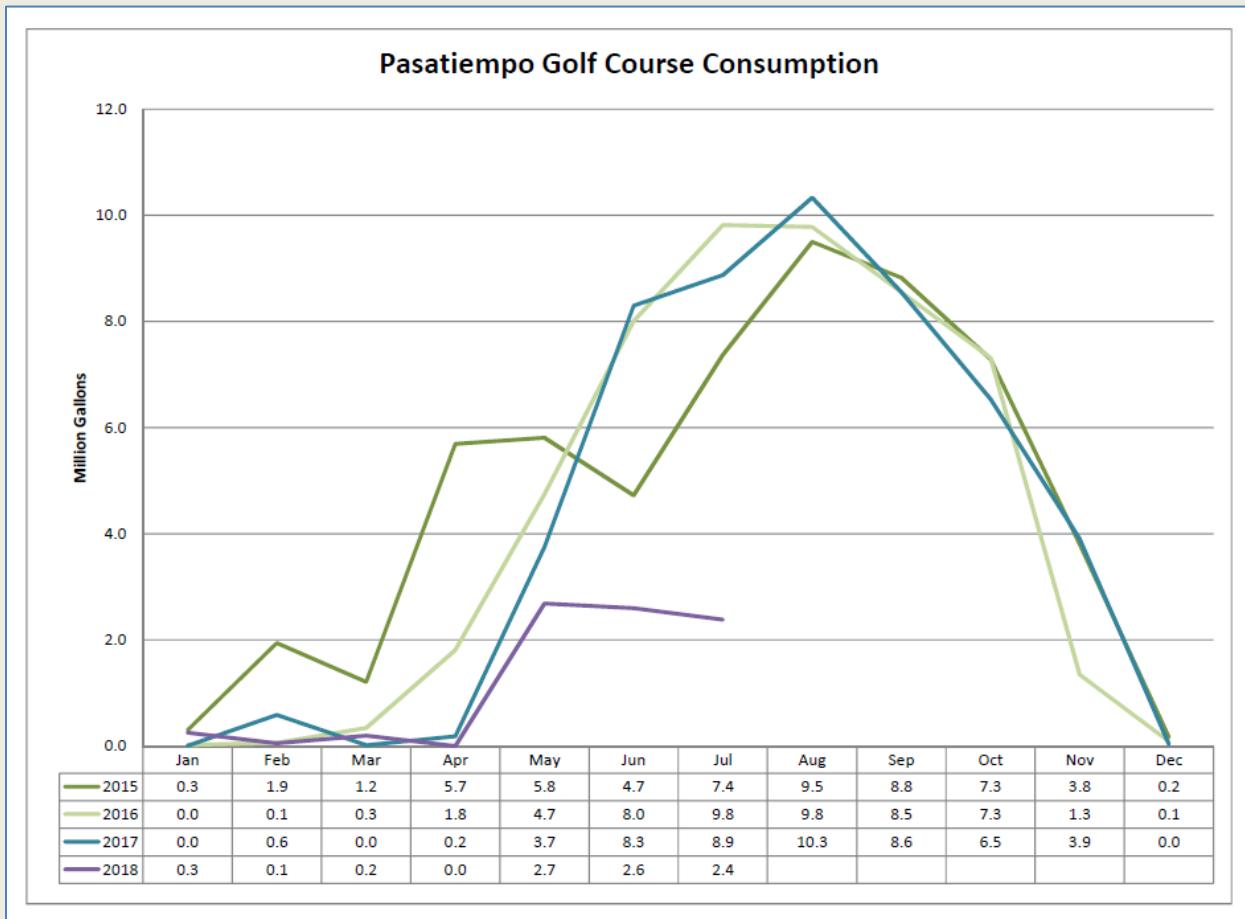
Civic Auditorium

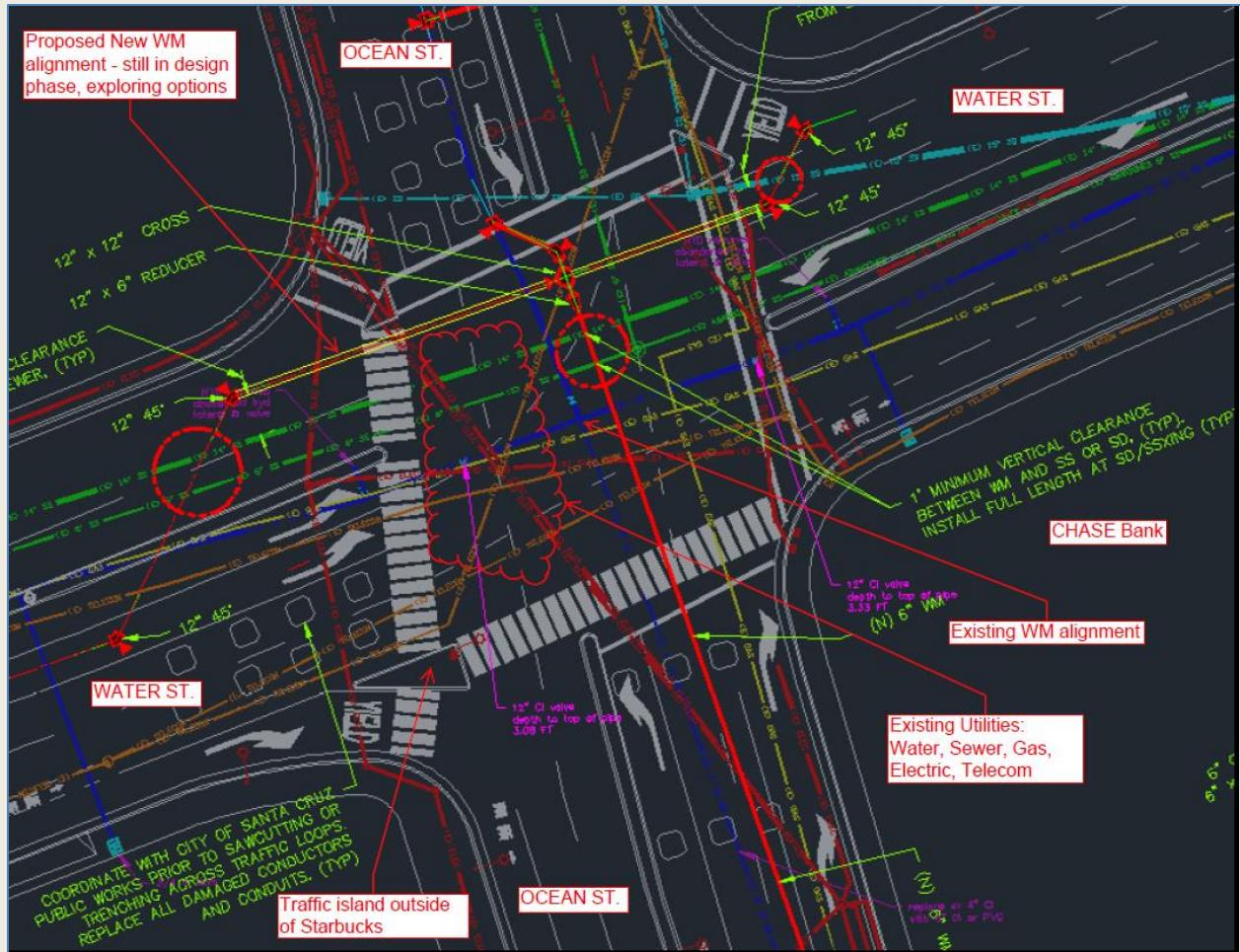


This Friday, August 31st at 8pm the Civic Auditorium is hosting the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School for the Fiddle Extravaganza! Join Indie Award-winning Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser and 180 musicians, dancers, and singers from Valley of the Moon Fiddle Camp to celebrate another final end to a joyous week of music in the Redwoods! Tickets available at santacruztickets.com.

WATER

Mystery Solved. For the past few months, Toby Goddard has been scratching his head trying to understand why demand was softening compared to last year. It has been down consistently since May about 0.2 mgd. Is it the weather, or is it due to rates? Turns out, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, Dustin Holtzclaw, had the answer. Pasatiempo golf course is now using mostly recycled water, and the amount they have cut back, about 200,000 gallons per day in the peak of summer, explains the trend. The graph below tells the story:





Speaking of confounding challenges, above is a screen shot of the plans for the Water Street water main replacement project – showing the utilities at the intersection of Water and Ocean. The Water Department is working to plan a water main replacement project for next year’s construction season that will replace a 93 year old 12 inch unlined cast iron pipeline between River Street and Reed Way. And, yes, we have to plan to navigate around these utilities, while working in one of the busiest intersections in the City. We have affectionately dubbed this job “Mission Impossible.”

PLANNING

Homeless Garden Project. The Pogonip Master Plan, adopted by the City in 1998, contains provisions for a permanent garden site for the Homeless Garden Project (HGP). HGP representatives have submitted plans to construct a 30 space parking lot and four structures totaling 5,430 square feet. The structures include a 1,460-square foot administration building, a 1,090-square foot pole barn/equipment storage building, and two 1,440 square foot greenhouses. The plans submitted represent a refinement of the project envisioned in the Pogonip Master Plan and in the Pogonip Master Plan EIR. The modifications are not substantial as discussed in an EIR addendum that was completed for the project. The overall site layout also is relatively unchanged, although the number of buildings and building layouts have been slightly modified. The proposed project now includes a one story barn which will be 25 feet in height and located in the lower garden. The peak of the barn will not extend over the existing tree line, or have an impact on views of the city. The project requires a Design Permit which can be administratively approved by staff after the Parks and Recreation Commission reviews the proposed development, tentatively scheduled for the September 17th meeting.



Homeless Garden Project Picture 1



Homeless Garden Project Picture 2

1412-1416 Seabright. In July, our department received an application to demolish two existing single-family dwellings and construct five new apartment units in two duplexes and one above a ground floor office facing Seabright Avenue on this property. The site is zoned PA (Professional and Administrative Office) where multi-family residential uses require an Administrative Use Permit to be approved by the Zoning Administrator. Other required entitlements include a Design Permit, Residential Demolition Authorization Permit and a Boundary Line Adjustment to merge two parcels. It is expected that a public hearing will occur in the early fall timeframe. Samantha Haschert is the planner working on the application.



Proposed view from Seabright

PUBLIC WORKS

Administration

Administration received their Green Business Certification in August. The Admin/Engineering office became a [Certified Green Businesses](#) after going above and beyond all regulatory requirements to prevent pollution and conserve resources by: reducing water use, conserving energy, purchasing recycled content products, eliminating toxic cleaning chemicals, improving worker safety and reducing waste to landfill.



Engineering

Construction is nearing completion at Park Way and Allerton Street to repair and upgrade the storm drain inlet at that intersection. This project includes a new concrete headwall and, at competition, will include traffic guardrails and pedestrian hand railing. Work should be completed by September 7th. This project is being funded by FEMA and SB-1 “gas tax” funds.



Also, the drainage improvement project at Bay Street and Seaside Street has been completed. These improvements will eliminate flooding of highly used crosswalks for Bay Elementary School. This project is also funded by SB-1 Gas Tax funds.



Facilities

DeLaveaga Golf Lodge structural repairs are 99% complete. The deck waterproofing system installation was completed August 10th.



City Hall Annex remodel is entering the finish stage. The ADA restroom plumbing and electrical work are complete and tile preparation is underway. Sheetrock taping is underway in the office area.



The City Hall Annex HVAC replacement, a CEC energy efficiency project, is 99% complete. New equipment was lifted to the roof of the Annex on August 20th and is currently being tested. Heating and cooling has been restored to staff offices and conference rooms. Work is expected to be complete by September 15th. Staff wishes to express its appreciation to ACCO Engineered Systems and George H. Wilson, Inc., for their cooperation and professionalism during the course of construction of this technically and logistically challenging project.



Operations

The US Army Corps of Engineers conducted the annual inspection of the San Lorenzo River levee, including Branciforte Creek channel. Operations Manager, Management Analyst, and Wastewater Mains Collections Manager were in attendance as the inspectors reviewed the current levee conditions, vegetation, pump stations, culverts, and channel walls.



Resource Recovery Facility and Processing

Landfill staff is meeting today with Granite Construction for a pre-construction meeting to address mobilization and staging. Construction on the Cell 3B access road should commence in September.

Recycling Processing has shipped approximately four loads of mixed paper this week and are looking to finish off our original booking of 20 loads next week

Resource Recovery Collection

After months of preliminary work, the City and Metro have agreed to a mutually beneficial contract for the City Resource Recovery vehicles to fuel at the Metro facility on River Street. The contract was passed by both the Metro Board and City Council over the last week. Utilizing the Metro facility for fueling is beneficial for us not only for the proximity to the Corporation Yard, but also because it is a “fast fuel” facility, which allows us to fully fuel the tanks in about a quarter of the time compared to our current source at the 7th Avenue PG&E yard. The City also saved \$1.5 million by using the Metro’s existing fueling station by not constructing one at the Corp Yard.

Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

Our weekly Street Smarts traffic safety tip was developed through our partnership with Santa Cruz City Schools. The long form of this message can be read [here](#) or viewed on YouTube in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).



Wastewater Treatment Facility

A few weeks ago the mechanics removed part of one of our standby emergency generators for repairs. It has been returned and refurbished from the repair shop and is currently in the process of being reinstalled. The Soquel Pure Water Pilot Plant is being decommissioned as they have accumulated enough data to move forward with their project development. Mechanics worked to take down the covered awning that protected the system from the elements. As part of preventative maintenance, an electrician removed the final effluent flow

meter for cleaning. This meter keeps track of how much treated water is being discharged into the ocean and must be free of accumulated debris (like algae) in order to work correctly.

