

## City Manager's Weekly Update

### September 28, 2018

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

##### Sister Cities



Sister Cities Committee and the Sestri Levante/RivaTrigoso Sub Committee hosted a reception at Loudon Nelson Community Center Thursday evening for Luca Ciotoli, Council member from our Sister City Sestri Levante. The evening included great conversation, food and drink with the highlight of the evening ending with olive oil tasting!

##### Parks



Central Zone staff worked on beautifying the beds at City Hall this week. Looking sharp!

## WATER

Work has begun on the new bridge that will cross the spillway at Newell Creek Dam. It's hard to believe that after so many years of planning (and still more to come!) that the first steps of implementing the Newell Creek Dam inlet/outlet pipe replacement are underway:



Speaking of the Newell Creek Dam project, we received three proposals for construction management for this massive project and will be interviewing teams next week.

The inflatable dam replacement project at Felton Diversion is also underway; the biggest hiccup being that the new bladder came on a roll and was rolled in the opposite direction from what was expected. The contractor had to unroll it in the parking lot and reroll it in the "correct" direction (no easy feat!) for installation. It will be pressure tested today.

Also happening this week, the water main replacement at the University 5 tank should be completely installed next week and ready for pressure testing and chlorination. Next up: replacement the U5 tank.

We continue to be busy with fish monitoring in the San Lorenzo River. We're finding lower numbers than we found last year, but still good numbers considering how dry this year has been.

We're happy to report that summer demand this year was a bit lower than projected, so we're going into the fall with a tad more supply than we expected. That's good news for everyone. Last but not least (!), we acknowledged three key staff members for 25 years of service this week at our all-hands department meeting. As has been reported before, retaining staff has become increasingly difficult. So we really do celebrated milestone anniversaries.

## PLANNING

### **Homeless Garden**

Project representatives 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 administrative building, pole barn and greenhouses are designed with covered outdoor areas to provide for outdoor uses, such as community supported agricultural pick up/farm stand activities, employee/training meeting, classroom and eating areas, and to host outdoor events, such as volunteer and education programs. The site improvements include a 30 vehicle parking lot with ADA parking spaces, road and driveway improvements to include fire lanes and turnouts, and pedestrian pathways including an ADA compliant path of travel. The project site is located within the Pogonip Master Plan Area and was evaluated as part of the Pogonip Master Plan EIR. The plans submitted represent a refinement of the Homeless Garden Project envisioned in the Master Plan and EIR. The modifications are not substantial as discussed in an EIR addendum that was recently completed for the project. The overall site plan is relatively unchanged, although the number of buildings and building layouts has 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. It was concluded that the project changes and modifications will not result in new significant environmental impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts. Because the project is located within Pogonip Park, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and provided comments on it at their September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Planning Department staff subsequently approved the Design Permit, which did not require a public hearing. Mike Ferry is the planner working on the project.



### **Community Clean Up in Lower Ocean Area (October 6) and Beach Flats (October 13)**

The second of Community Clean Ups for the Lower Ocean Area and Beach Flats is coming up! 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. Each event gets 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, Parks and Fire Department. Past events have had great participation from Council members – we hope all can stop by, visit with the neighbors, lend a helping hand and enjoy some treats!

The next event is co-sponsored with NOLO (Neighbors of Lower Ocean). We will be enjoying this event with **NOLO** on **Saturday October 6, 2018** from 8-11:30 a.m. (rain date October 27<sup>th</sup>).

Community Bridges, Planning and Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Fire Departments and Grey Bears.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

**SATURDAY**  
**October 13, 2018**  
**8:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**or until bins full**

- This clean-up is for residents of Beach Flats only.
- No hazardous waste will be allowed in dumpsters!
- No refrigerators, paint, oils, chemicals etc.
- One dumpster for recycling    • One dumpster for trash.

Dumpsters will be located by the Park

Grey Bears will pick-up small TV's, computers, small appliances, items with cords, small wood furniture, books.



Community Bridges, Departamento de Planificación y Códigos de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz, Departamento de Parques y Recreación, Los Bomberos y Grey Bears.

## Día De Limpieza En la Comunidad

**Sábado**  
**13 de Octubre del 2018**  
**8:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**O cuando se leena los botes**

- Este limpiar es solo para residentes de Comunitario de playa.
- No se permitirá residuos arriesgados adentro de los basureros.
- No pintura, aceites productos químicos etc.
- Un contenedor para reciclar    • Un contenedor para basura.

Los dos tambos estarán localizados en el Parque de Beach Flats (La Playa). (Esquina de la calle Raymond y Avenida Leibbrandt)

Los osos grises (Grey Bears) es grande en reutilizar, reasignar y para donaron artículos para ayudar a conservar nuestro medio ambiente: Podremos recoger televisiones, ordenadores y pequeños aparatos, libros



For the Beach Flats area, for which we partner with **Community Bridges**, the next event will be on **Saturday October 13, 2018** from 8-11:30 a.m. (rain date October 27<sup>th</sup>).

We look forward to seeing you there!



## NOLO 2018 FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, October 6, 2018  
7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.\***

**\*or when the bins are full**  
(Rain-out date is Saturday, October 27, 2018)

**CLEAN-UP DAY:** This year's event is at the east end of **Barson Street at the corner of Jessie Street**. There will be one dumpster for garbage, one bin for recycling.

**Sorry, no hazardous waste will be allowed in dumpsters.**  
(We cannot accept hazardous solids, liquids, refrigerators, vehicle batteries, tires or paint)

**GOOD NEWS:** Grey Bears will pick up any unwanted electrical devices. Please do not pile trash, or recyclables on the sidewalks, or streets prior, or during the event.

**For more information about the clean-up, please call Jacob Rodriguez 831-420-5136**

**Co-Participants:**  
Neighbors of Lower Ocean (NOLO), City of Santa Cruz Planning Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Public Works- Sanitation, Grey Bears, La Plaza Market on Ocean St.



**Neighbors, do you want to stay informed about our neighborhood? Our website is:**  
[www.nolosantacruz.com](http://www.nolosantacruz.com) for more information.

## 2018 Día De Limpieza de la Vecindad –Lower Ocean



**Sábado, 6 de Octubre, 2018, 7:30 am-11:30 am\***

**\*o cuando se llenen los botes**  
(fecha si llueve es Sábado 27 de Octubre)

**Evento Día de Limpieza-**Este año, estaremos al fin de la calle Barson donde cruza la calle Jessie.  
Habrá un bote grande para la basura y otro para el reciclaje.

**No aceptamos desperdicios peligrosos en los basureros.**  
(Productos como químicos peligrosos, refrigeradores, llantas, baterías de vehículos o pintura son prohibidos)



**BUENAS NOTICIAS:** Aceptamos aparatos electrónicos para donar a una agencia comunitaria- Grey Bears.- Por favor, no pongan basura y otras cosas en la banqueta, o en la calle antes del evento.



**Para mas información por favor llame a: Jacobo Rodriguez al 420-5136**

**Patrocinado por:**  
Los vecinos de Lower Ocean (NOLO), la Ciudad de Santa Cruz, Departamento de Planificación, Departamento de Parques y Recreación, Obras Públicas-Saneamiento, y Grey Bears.

Vecinos, ¿Quieres mantenerte informado de nuestra vecindad? Por el internet: [www.nolosantacruz.com](http://www.nolosantacruz.com) Por favor, vea el sitio web para más información.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Environmental Compliance

Our Environmental Compliance Program hosted the Pollution Prevention Awards 2018 on Thursday, Sept. 20, to honor local food service and vehicle service facilities that have been consistent recipients of Clean Ocean Business awards for five, 10 and 15 years. The invitation-only awards event recognized a total of [69 Santa Cruz businesses](#) for consistent compliance with the City's [Clean Ocean Business](#) program. Their efforts protect local creeks, the San Lorenzo River and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary through practices that keep pollutants away from both storm drains and the sewer system. The special awards went to 31 businesses at the 15-year level, 28 businesses at the 10-year level and 10 at the five-year level. Congrats to all!



Cassandra Guzman accepted a 15-year Clean Ocean Business award on behalf of Costco. Jena Carrera accepted a 10-year Clean Ocean Business award on behalf of the Dream Inn. Connie Hutchinson accepted a 15-year Clean Ocean Business award on behalf of Jack's Hamburgers.

### Wastewater Treatment Facility

During these warm final days of September, odors often become more prevalent at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. In our ongoing efforts to be good neighbors, our crew did some extra cleaning of the odorous equipment. An operator can be seen below pressure washing the conveyor belt that carries removed debris (inorganic/garbage material) from the plant inlet to a solids disposal room. Mechanics also helped by adding a condensate tank to a foul air odor removal pipe from a tank that feeds settled sludge to the anaerobic digesters for further treatment. The condensation tank improves the foul air removal capacity, further reducing impacts to our community and neighbors.



### **Engineering**

We have completed the Bay Street/Seaside Street Storm Drain Improvement Project. Funded by SB-1 “gas tax” monies, this project provides two new drain inlets, a pedestrian ramp and modification of a manhole.

This project strengthens the City’s existing storm drain system, allowing rainwater to better drain from the street making the roadways safer.



### **Operations**

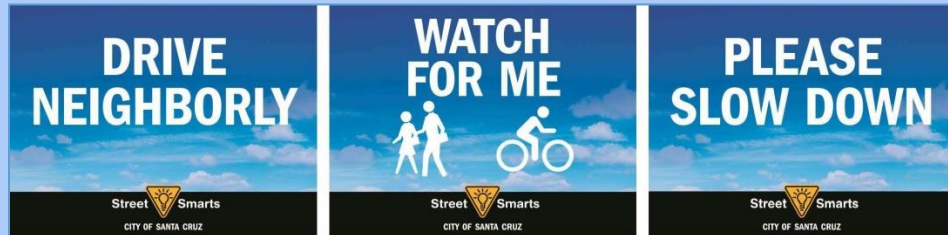
Staff has been working towards meeting Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan compliance and preparing for the rainy season by conducting a thorough Corp Yard sweep, including the employee parking lot. Storm drain filters, straw waddles and storm drain socks are being replaced throughout the yard.

On October 1, our contractor will conduct the annual San Lorenzo River disking for flood control purposes. The contractor will work in the riverine section of the levee between Hwy 1 and Water Street. Using heavy equipment, the hardened dirt between the toe of the levee and the 15 feet of vegetation buffer will be tilled. This allows for a better scour and flow of water during heavy rain events. The contracted biologist will conduct a thorough survey for sensitive species and will see that the contractor proceeds within the California Department of Fish and Wildlife permit parameters prior to beginning work.



## Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

Community relations staff will be attending many of the Santa Cruz Neighbors block parties this weekend with free Street Smarts yard signs for interested neighbors below. The signs are also available at our Public Works office, 809 Center St., Room 201, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.



The long version of this week's Street Smarts traffic safety tip can be read [here](#). The video can be viewed in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#).

