

City Manager's Weekly Update

December 7, 2018

PARKS AND RECREATION

CAL FIRE Tree Planting & Inventory Grant- Tree Planting Event

The Park Division median crew was hard at work Saturday, December 1 supporting Eagle Scouts on a Leadership & Merit Tree Planting Project. Staff assisted scouts with the installation of 20 native coast live oak trees along the sound wall in the 800 block of North Morrissey Blvd North of HWY 1. These large canopy trees will collect pollutants from the air, buffer highway noise for the neighborhood and infiltrate stormwater into our groundwater, satisfying grant requirements towards the planting of 500 native large canopy trees. Special thanks to scout volunteers for this great volunteer work!! Trees were planted in the pouring rain; however that did not dampen any tree planting spirits!!



Training with Downtown Streets Team

Parks staff supported a 4-day hands-on training for Downtown Streets Team members designed by Jane Mio and Donna Meyers. The purpose of the training was to teach participants about the river ecosystem, how to identify native and non-native plant species, why it is important to restore natives, how to document and survey native plant species, how to properly prune bushes and trees to encourage growth, and how to plant new natives along the levee.



San Lorenzo and Grant Park Reopen

San Lorenzo and Grant Parks partially reopened December 1. The upper portion of San Lorenzo Park and restrooms are now completely open. The benchlands remain closed to allow for turf restoration in that area. Grant Park is currently open on weekends only. As part of the targeted maintenance work done during the closure of Grant Park Construction Specialist David Maruska refurbished the historic park sign, which has now been reinstalled in its original location.



Arana Gulch

Parks staff scraped off non-native grasses to expose a plot of bare soil in order to sow native seeds. The seed had been collected during the summer from native grasses onsite. The seed was raked into the exposed soil to retain moisture levels and avoid predation. The plot is located at the perimeter of an existing native patch of grasses and will bolster the population.



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Civic

This weekend is the annual Dad's Club Basketball Tournament: HOOP DREAMS! The Santa Cruz High School Boys Basketball program hosts the 63rd Annual Emmett Thompson Memorial Dad's Club Basketball Tournament at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on December 6-8. Hundreds of Basketball fans of all ages will enjoy seeing 8 local high school varsity teams compete over 3

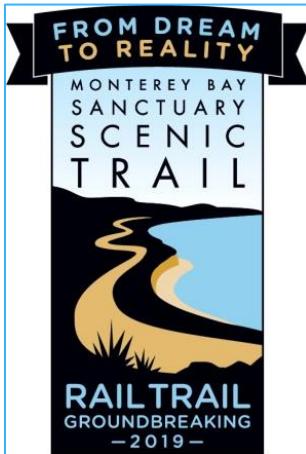
days, with 4 games each round. This historic tournament, now in its 63rd year, kicks off the local boy's high school basketball season. Proceeds benefit the Santa Cruz High School Boys Basketball program. Come out and cheer on your favorite team!



PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

We are pleased to invite the community to the groundbreaking for the first segment of the Coastal Rail Trail — the [San Lorenzo River Parkway Phase III/Trestle Trail Project](#) — on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the west base of the San Lorenzo River Railroad Trestle Bridge. Be sure to save the date — rain or shine! and read more [here](#).



The Cedar Street Rehabilitation Project continues with the replacement of sanitary sewer laterals along Cedar from Maple to Laurel. Weekday traffic impacts continue from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The project, funded by Measure H tax dollars and a Community Development Block Grant, is reconstructing Cedar Street from Church to Laurel and is expected to conclude in early 2019.



Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mechanics adjusted the dewatering centrifuge machines and performed routine oil changes. These minor adjustments helped to increase the efficiency of this equipment used to produce biosolids. Biosolids are one of the end products of the Wastewater Treatment Facility used as topsoil for landfills or fertilizer for non-food crops. We fill an average ten trailers each week

totaling 250 tons (500,000 pounds) of biosolids. Also this week, we optimized the secondary contact tank operation by installing isolation slide gates to control the amount of flow entering that treatment train.



Resource Recovery

Recycling processed 169.76 tons of mixed recycling and 63.95 tons of cardboard. We shipped out 87.29 tons of material for the week. Landfill Operations processed 887.79 tons of refuse, 176.78 tons of wood and green waste, and 177.10 tons of fill material.

Vision Recycling is on site this week processing the green and wood waste. Approximately 2,000 tons of material will be processed into mulch for composting, wood chip for re-sale and construction debris for daily landfill cover.

Collections swept up 24.88 tons of debris from City streets and received a new side arm truck to replace one of the hybrid trucks that we are currently having warranty issues with regarding drive systems.



Waste Reduction has been working diligently with UCSC on their contamination issues stemming from dining halls and dorms. We will be meeting next week with the UCSC Sustainability Management Team to work on establishing a new action plan to get them back on track. Our goal is to have an aligned recycling message with the UCSC program.

Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

Pedestrian right-of-way is the focus in this week's Street Smarts message below. Read [more.](#)





SCPL Programs Holiday Break:

Dec 15, 2018 - Jan 7, 2019

Some programs will be taking a break during the winter holidays. Check with your branch or the online calendar for ongoing programs at santacruzpl.org/calendar

Winter Magic with Mike Della Penna

Saturday, December 15th

Downtown Branch • 224 Church St. • 10:00am - 11:00am

Scotts Valley Branch • 251 Kings Village Dr. • 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Aptos Branch • 7695 Soquel Dr. • 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Join us for a magic show inspired by the most magical season of the year, a time of shorter days, colder nights, and annual celebrations of light. Magician Mike Della Penna will warm the season with a little fun and a whole lot of wonder! All ages are welcome to come laugh, smile, and participate in this very special seasonal magic show.

