

City Manager's Weekly Update

November 30, 2018

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

135 Dubois St – ExtraSpace Storage

The permit for the construction of a new climate controlled self-storage facility was issued this week for ExtraSpace Storage located at 135 Dubois St. This new multi-story building will be just over 107,000 square feet with self-storage units and a leasing office.

PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

The Cedar Street Rehabilitation Project continues with the replacement of sanitary sewer laterals along Cedar from Elm to Maple. Weekday traffic impacts continue on Cedar 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.



SS lateral replacement at 412 Cedar St.

Construction began on Monday for the [Bay and King Streets Protected Left Turns and Streetlights Project](#). Five streetlights will be installed on Bay between Escalona and King. Two traffic signal poles (for new left-turn arrows) and three new corner curb ramps will be installed at the Bay/King intersection. The project is estimated to be completed in early February and is funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 7 grant.

Construction is substantially complete for the Bay Street Sidewalk Completion Infill Project. We have installed all sidewalks and driveways between Escalona Drive and King Street. One curb ramp, guardrails and road striping remain and will be completed once the required work is finished for the Bay and King Streets Protected Left Turns and Streetlights Project. The Bay Street Sidewalk Completion Infill Project is funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 7 grant.

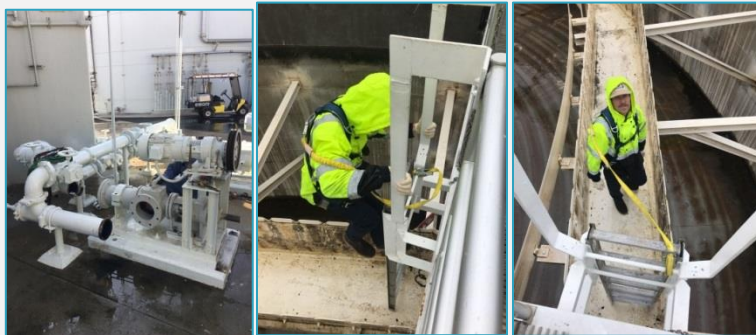


The HHW Electrical Feeder Installation to underground existing overhead electrical lines along the southern boundary of the recycling yard and remove the electrical poles in the area is underway.



Wastewater Treatment Facility

With the wet weather staff has been preparing various pieces of equipment to handle the increased flows. Mechanics replaced a sludge pump on Gravity Thickener 2 as it was not maintaining its usual pumping rate. They serviced our duty pump to make sure that it can handle increased sand from the sanitary sewer collection system. Operations staged the out-of-service clarifier to function as a holding/storage tank by entering the tank and isolating certain valves. This provides back-up should flows to the plant surpass the usual holding capacity.



Before Thanksgiving, a group of operators and electricians visited the City's drinking water treatment facility for a tour of their treatment processes, instrumentation and SCADA control systems. Mechanics continued engine maintenance work, fitting themselves into small spaces to make adjustments.



Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

Drivers: Kids can pop up where you least expect them so please heed this week's [Street Smarts video](#) message. Other traffic safety tips for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers can be [found here](#).



Resource Recovery

Recycling Processing processed 161.95 tons of mixed recycling, 45.77 tons of cardboard and shipped out 123.52 tons of material for the week. Landfill Operations processed 782.27 tons of refuse, 109.24 tons of wood and green waste, and 190.53 tons of fill material for the week. Superior Hydro Seeding is on site this week to seed several areas of the landfill. Recently added bio-swales, the Cell 3 access road and multiple benches on the west slope will be seeded to decrease erosion and improve storm water run-off.



Collections assisted the City Fire Department and Cal Trans in a hazardous spill this morning. One of our roll-off trucks was hit by an unlicensed driver and lost all of his diesel fuel across Highway 1. Neither driver was injured. Although Highway 1 was closed for an hour, the Fire Department and Cal Trans both lauded our crew for their quick response, otherwise the highway could have been shut down for several hours. Our street sweeping operation collected 22.27 tons this week.



WATER

It has been great to see the rain return this past week. We got quite a good first flush over the Thanksgiving break. While flow in the San Lorenzo only marginally increased, staff turned out the source to allow the first flush to pass by. As of this writing, we're still on the River as our main source, as the storms this week didn't create as much turbidity as expected. The storm door appears to be open for the time being, a big relief to me as I was beginning to get a little worried. I have much appreciation for all of our field crews who are outdoors working in the elements to ensure that the system keeps functioning.

Not surprisingly, with the rain our customers' water use dropped this week. Last week our average daily consumption was at 7.32 million gallons, while our average this week was just 6.07 million gallons. While water use remains conservative, the average use in the same week last year was 5.83 million gallons.

We have a couple of milestone events happening on Monday, December 3, and Councilmembers are welcome at both. The first is the kickoff of the Water Supply Advisory Committee's recommended water transfers between the City and Soquel Creek Water District. As you know, a lot of work has gone into studying and preparing for these pilot transfers to begin. Now that the rain has begun and there are several more storms in the queue we are feeling confident about beginning the pilot project, which may run through early spring 2019. The kickoff for the pilot is at 11:00am Monday morning, please let me know if you're interested in attending and I'll give you the details.

The other milestone happening on Monday is that it's Andy Schiffrin's last meeting as a Water Commissioner. Andy has been on the City's water commission for 25 years, and has played an

integral role in moving the Water Department's program of work forward. We are sad to see him step off the dais and grateful for all of the time he has dedicated to the City. We'll have some refreshments on Monday night – please join us to thank Andy for his service if you're able.

Last but not least, rain barrels are back! Always a popular item, the Water Department offers them at a deeply discounted price to our customers. Please spread the word!



**Rain barrel season
is upon us!**

- 50 gallon Ivy Rain barrels cost \$50 each
- Limit of 3 rain barrels per household
- **Deadline to place orders is Tuesday, December 18 for January 12 pick up**

Visit cityofsantacruz.com/rebates to order!

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks

San Lorenzo Benchlands

The East Zone team has been busy prepping the Benchlands turf areas—aerating, top dressing and broadcasting seed in preparation for spring events.



Ocean View Park

East Zone has also been weeding, mulching and sprucing up the iconic view area of Ocean View Park for folks to enjoy.



Storm preparation and cleanup

Crews have been addressing storm preparation throughout the parks, including clearing and servicing the catch basins throughout Frederick Street Park in anticipation of the rains.

This week's storms have brought down a few trees, limbs, and a lot of leaves. All in all, though, we are loving the rain.



El Portal Park Median

The median crew was hard at work this week weeding and cutting back perennial plants at El Portal Park/Eastside Triangle Median. Drip Irrigation has also been turned off for the winter season.



Recreation-Teen Center

On Tuesday, November 20 the Teen Center held their Annual Teen Center Thanksgiving. With help from local donors, both businesses and individuals, about 60 people got to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This event is for Teen Center members and their families as well as former members. The event was held in Room 3 at the Loudon Nelson Community Center.



Civic

Sunday, December 2, 11:30am- 45th Annual Grey Bears Holiday Dinner - The sights and sounds of the holidays will welcome you in to the annual holiday gala at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium at 11:30am. Enjoy delicious food lovingly prepared by local chefs, and an exciting stage show. Special gifts including free books will be available to the all guests.



LIBRARY

Happy Birthday, SCPL! Celebrating 150 Years • 1868 - 2018

First Friday, December 7th, 2018 • 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Downtown Library • 224 Church Street.

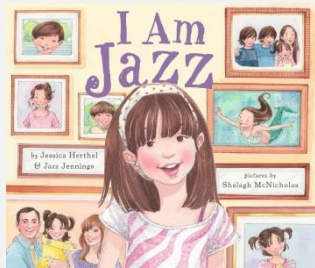
The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) cordially invites you to celebrate 150 years of service at our Sesquicentennial Birthday Party! This First Friday event features live music by Joshua Lowe and The Juncos who will play with the amazing Patti Maxine and her steel guitar. We'll also have light refreshments, cake made by Edith Meyer,



and homemade spiced cider. A fun photo booth will also be there to help commemorate the occasion.

As part of this milestone celebration, SCPL has also invited local artists and the Museum of Art and History to exhibit work in the Downtown Branch that celebrates libraries, words, stories, and writers. Artists include Jody Alexander (book arts), Felicia Rice (Moving Parts Press), Bridget Henry (woodblock prints), Linda Craighead (prints and photographs), and members of Printmakers @ the Tannery: Johanna Atkinson, Margy Baron, Leah Belair, Julie Erreca, Jane Gregorius, Cindy Haug, Andree LeBourveau, Lu Lee, Ann Miya, Mary Neater, Janis O'Driscoll, Bob Rocco, Lynne Simpson, and Frank Trueba. Join us in celebrating the past and looking toward the future.

According to "The History of the Santa Cruz Public Library System," written by former long-time employee Margaret Souza, the Santa Cruz Public Libraries had its origins early in 1868 when interested citizens resolved to provide books and magazines to participating members. A key personality of this group was Frank Cooper, who gathered twenty signatures to incorporate the Association that was to become "The Santa Cruz Library." In celebration of this milestone, we've spent the year presenting special programs that reflect upon our history and tradition as a library, and that harken the exciting and dynamic future of library services, programs, and facilities. As the year closes, we are delighted to celebrate with our community.



National "I Am Jazz" Community Reading

Friday • Dec. 7th • 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Downtown Library • 224 Church St.
Upstairs Meeting Room

Join the Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County, TransFamily Support Group of Santa Cruz, and the Santa Cruz Public Libraries for an all-ages reading of this life-affirming book by Jazz Jennings about growing up transgender. The reading will be followed by fun age-appropriate games and discussions.