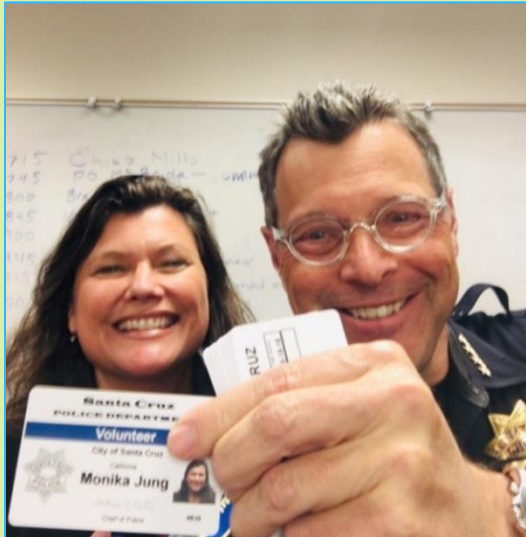


# City Manager's Weekly Update

November 9, 2018

## POLICE



### VIPS Coming Soon to SCPD -- Volunteers In Police Service

SCPD is creating a team of trained citizen volunteers to assist the department in non-enforcement duties. With this dedicated team of volunteers, Police Officers can focus on primary job duties, priority calls and crime reduction. The volunteers will be partnering with police and will bring added value in services for the department.

Volunteer duties will include security checks in neighborhoods, welfare check on elderly, conducting vacation home security checks, working at special events, enforcing parking violations, vehicle abatement and helping the department with a variety of tasks. They will walk the downtown area

and provide information and assistance to the community and report safety issues.

Volunteers do not take enforcement action, carry weapons, or make arrests.

Our Goal: To form a partnership where trained volunteers can enhance and support the department, freeing up officers and staff for higher priority duties by placing volunteers in rewarding activities which utilize their experience and talents.

**MORE TO COME** Next week's CM weekly report will include an update on the volunteer training topics and qualifications these dedicated community members have earned.



### Governor's Appointment

This week, the Board of State and Community Corrections Chair Linda Penner swore in Santa Cruz Police Chief Andrew Mills as the newest member of the Board.

Chief Mills was appointed to the Board of State and Community Corrections by Gov. Jerry Brown. With the

City Managers approval and Senate Confirmation, Mills began the assignment on Nov 8.

**Q.** Chief, why do you want to take on this additional responsibility?

**A.** “The reason I accepted Gov. Brown's invitation was to influence how the AB109 money is distributed. Currently, all the money is sent to the County; they give it to Probation, the Sheriff and providers. That is fine, but the impact of AB109 is most often in cities. My goal over time is to ensure some grants and projects focus on public safety for the City of Santa Cruz. It is an honor to represent the City and all of the police officers in California on this Board.”

Many of the decisions made by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) directly impact the day-to-day operations of local public safety agencies and service providers. It is essential that those impacted are included in the decision-making process to ensure the successful program design and implementation.

Chief Mills, with 35 years of law enforcement experience is the perfect stakeholder and subject matter expert for the job!

### **SCPD PROACTIVE To Stop Threats**

This week, Lexipol published a synopsis of how the Santa Cruz Police Department is using a new research-based protocol to evaluate potential active shooter threats and develop appropriate follow-up actions.

Officer Burruel and Chief Mills recognized a need to create a Mass Casualty Threat Assessment Training for our department. Officer Burruel developed curriculum and presentation that he delivered to law enforcement representatives from several agencies in the county. Recap the presentation and read the article [Mass Casualty Threat Assessment and Prevention: Moving Beyond Guessing](#)

**Well done, Officer Burruel!**

Officer Brad Burruel is a 12-year veteran police officer, field training officer, and emergency services unit (SWAT) operator for SCPD and POST-certified defensive tactics instructor for eight years.



### **SCPD Receives Traffic Education and Enforcement Grant**

The Santa Cruz Police Department has been awarded an \$110,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long enforcement and public awareness program. The traffic safety program is intended to educate the public on safe roadway habits and deter people



from violating traffic laws or practicing other unsafe behaviors that lead to injuries and fatalities.

“Santa Cruz continues to work towards improving our roadways for all users, and traffic enforcement is a key tool in achieving this. With the OTS grant, the department will focus on school zones surrounding bell times, strategic enforcement at locations with a history of collisions, and nighttime enforcement during weekends targeting driving under the influence.” - Santa Cruz Police Chief Andrew Mills

The grant from OTS will fund various education and enforcement activities for the 2019 federal fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2018 to Sept. 30, 2019):



- DUI saturation patrols to take suspected alcohol/drug-impaired drivers – and those unlicensed or with a revoked/suspended license – off the road.
- Patrols at intersections with increased incidents of pedestrian and bike collisions.
- Speeding, red light and stop sign enforcement.
- Compilation of DUI “Hot Sheets” identifying repeat DUI offenders
- Specialized DUI and drugged driving training to identify and apprehend suspected impaired drivers.

In 2016, 3,623 people were killed in crashes across the state, a 7 percent increase from 2015, according to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#). Particularly alarming is the rise in pedestrian deaths, with 867 pedestrians killed on California roadways in 2016, a nearly 33 percent increase from 2012. Along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies like phones and drug-impaired driving, this grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these dangerous and illegal behaviors.



“Almost all crashes are preventable,” OTS director Rhonda Craft said. “Education and enforcement go hand in hand helping change behaviors that cause devastating crashes.”

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Westlake Park Path

The West Zone Parks had a new decomposed granite path installed around the weir at Westlake Park. The new path is 640 feet long and runs from an existing path on Majors Street to the playground side of the park. Additionally, 150 feet of split-rail fence was added along the weir.



### Wharf

This week the Wharf Crew was busy out in the roadway, in cooperation with the Public Works Street Maintenance crew, removing asphalt, refastening loose decking with lag screws, and repaving some of the most severely gatored sections of road. The building Maintenance crew has been hard at painting the Kiosk roofs and getting the first salvo of our no smoking message out.

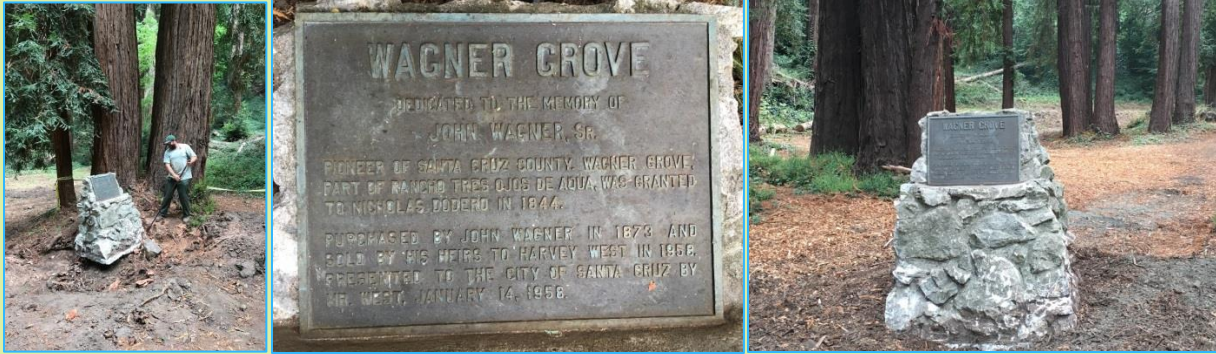


### Wagner Grove Plaque Relocation

Harvey West Park crews relocated the Wagner Grove dedication plaque to a more visible location within the grove. The redwood tree has been slowly pushing the rock monument over

and the plaque was not being viewed by the users of the Grove. Fred Wagner sold this piece of land to Harvey West in 1958. Wagner Grove is dedicated to John Wagner Sr. (Fred's father).

Harvey West made many contributions, both public and private, throughout the State of California. In 1955 he presented the City of Santa Cruz with the parcel of land we know as Harvey West Park and in 1958 he purchased Wagner Grove as an addition to the park.

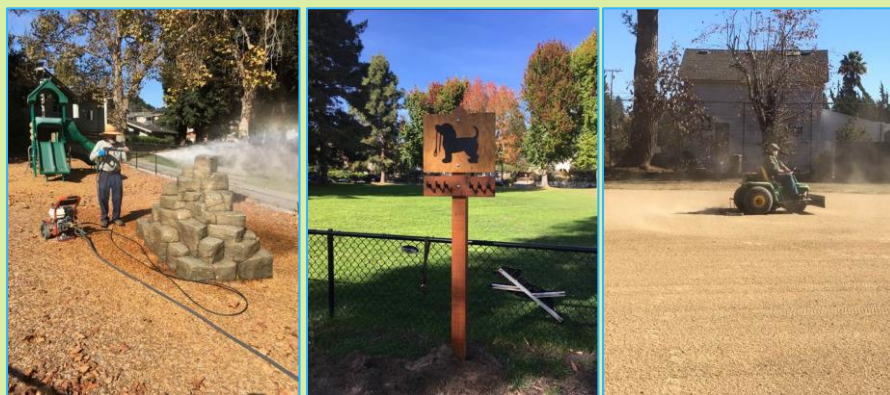


### **DeLaveaga Golf Course**

In an ongoing effort to address efficiency issues in the irrigation system, the Golf Course crew replaced four sprinkler heads in the fairways.

### **Grant Street Park**

The East Zone team worked hard to beautify Grant Street Park this week. Crews have made irrigation repairs, installed new dog leash holders, pressure washed play equipment, dragged new materials into the ball diamond and hosted a great neighborhood volunteer day on Saturday. We had a great turn out and had a ton of fun weeding, raking leaves and installing 25 yards of new wood fibers in the play areas.

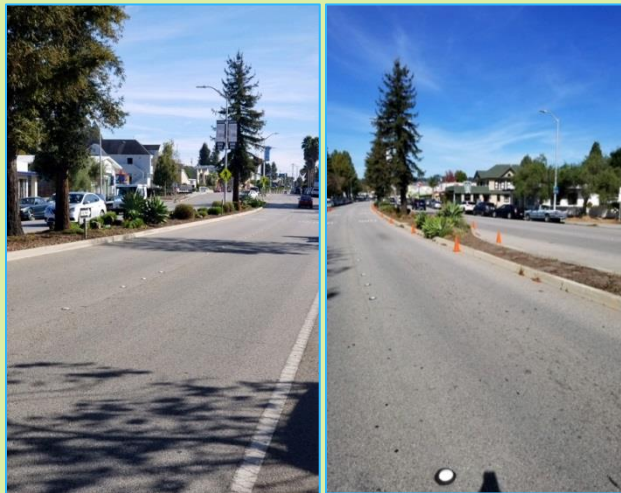






### **Ocean Street Median at Paradox Hotel**

The median crew was hard at work on Ocean street weeding, adjusting irrigation in anticipation for the rainy season and cutting back perennial plant material for winter. New plants will be added and new bark will be added as time permits.



### **Recreation**

The 2018 Fall Softball Season came to a close last week. Six men's, women's and co-rec leagues, played 5 nights a week at DeLaveaga Park and Harvey West Park under the lights. Teams and players are already organizing their rosters for the upcoming 2019 Spring Softball Season, which begins the first week of March.



*Fall Co-Rec C League Champs*



*Fall Women's League Champs*



*Fall Men's D2 Champs*

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Wastewater Treatment Facility

Last week the entire facility pooled their resources to troubleshoot a flow issue through a feed pipe for the on-site recycled water system. After everything was fixed, we experienced another issue: a large pump placed on the line to clear it out blew off an old chemical injector pipe. As this was an out-of-service pipe, our mechanics fixed it by custom fabricating a metal sleeve to seal off the blown-out area.

PG&E has ended their annual peak rate charging period. During this time the facility stops regularly using the secondary cogenerating engine to perform maintenance work. Mechanics have begun this by replacing a valve that wasn't sitting correctly on the engine side. Electricians have begun with some soldering electrical repair work on the electricity generating side.



### Resource Recovery

At the Resource Recovery Facility we processed 153.58 tons of mixed recycling, 42.57 tons of cardboard and shipped out 184.57 tons of material for the week. Landfill Operations processed 854.05 tons of refuse, 201.73 tons of wood and green waste, and 184.87 tons of fill material. Green Waste Operations shipped out 75.48 tons of processed green waste for composting, 59.46 tons of reprocessed concrete (base rock) and 2.40 tons of processed wood chips for the week.



Waste Reduction staff sends another reminder that political yard signs are made of mixed materials that are not compatible with our recycling collection system. They do not belong in blue curbside bins, yet they can be recycled at the Corporation Yard, 1125 River St., now through Friday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They may also be dropped at the Resource Recovery Facility, 605 Dimeo Lane, any Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Read more.](#)





Our engineering staff submitted the annual Wet Weather Preparedness Report to the Regional Water Board, the annual/3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Surface Methane Monitoring Report to the Air District, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Waste Intake Monitoring Report to CalRecycle.

Resource Recovery Collections staff assisted in the cleanup of Pacific Avenue with the Streets and Parks staff on the day after Halloween.



## **Engineering**

The Cedar Street Rehabilitation Project continues this week with the installation of an 8" sanitary sewer main pipe along Cedar from Elm to Cathcart. We also upgraded three curb ramps to ADA standards: two at the intersection of Cedar and Maple and the third at the intersection of Cedar and Walnut. 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 (CDBG), will rehabilitate/reconstruct Cedar Street from Church to Laurel and is expected to conclude in early 2019.



SW corner of Walnut & Cedar

Maple & Cedar

Cedar St.

## **Traffic Engineering/Community Relations**

This week, Street Smarts reminds us of the many dangerous distractions for drivers: not only phone calls and texting, but also eating, arguing, primping, adjusting entertainment and navigation systems. Stay focused on the road. It's the [Street Smarts](#) thing to do.



Our Street Smarts messaging appears in Gateway School's newsletter this week.



Mayor David Terrazas and County Supervisor Zach Friend led a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Nov. 8 honoring City and County employees who have served our country. The Santa Cruz Police and Santa Cruz Sheriff Joint Honor Guards paid tribute with a formal flag ceremony.



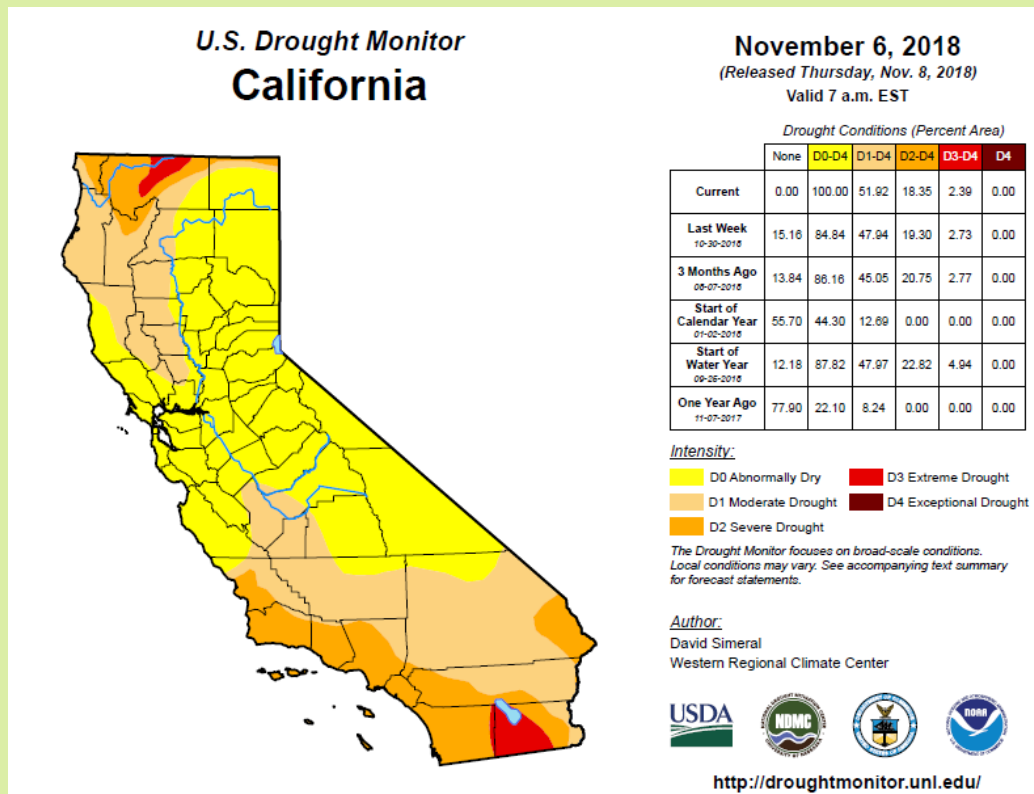
We posted one story to our Santa Cruz Waves City Beat Column: [How "Free Stuff" Can Hurt Us](#) regarding the 500 lbs. of illegal dumping that our crews collect every single day.



## WATER

After containing two small local wildfires, and with large wildfires raging at both ends of the state, the dry weather seems to be high on everyone's minds these days.

The November 6 update of the US Drought Monitor shows that 100 percent of California is now listed as abnormally dry, or worse. This week's update is a big change from just a week ago, and certainly reflects local "abnormally dry" conditions. There continues to be no sign of rain in the long-term weather forecast.



Fortunately our Loch Lomond Reservoir is in good shape, should our "normally" rainy season be unproductive. Water use is up a bit over the same week last year, but with the warm and dry conditions it's not surprising.

We held two public meetings this week to receive input on the scope for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for our water rights project. We held meetings in town, and also in the San Lorenzo Valley. We were gratified to have over a dozen members of the public participate at last night's meeting in the valley – we got some good input and are confident the meeting will produce helpful comments.

Last, we have been working closely with UCSC to ensure water storage in the University system is as healthy as can be with a 35,000 gallon storage tank standing in for a year for the 2 million gallon storage tank that we're replacing.