

## City Manager's Weekly Update

### March 15, 2019

#### PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

##### Casablanca Inn

In April and May of last year, the Historic Preservation Commission and Zoning Administrator approved an application for an addition and remodel to a portion of the *Casablanca Inn* located at 189 Beach Street. This week, our department received an application for a building permit to construct the project. The project includes construction of six hotel rooms as part of a new third story on the building adjacent to Main Street, as well as the conversion of the six street level garages into six guest rooms for a total of 12 new rooms. Conversion of the garages allows the curb cut on Main Street to be eliminated and replaced with eight additional metered parking spaces for beach area visitors. Additionally, the entire structure will be remodeled into a more Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style, consistent with the Beach and South of Laurel Design Guidelines. Although the property includes two structures on the City's Historic Building Survey, construction is not proposed on either of those buildings. Construction is expected to begin later in the year, likely after the peak tourist season.



## **Code Compliance and Rental Inspections**

The City of Santa Cruz Code Compliance Division implements the Housing, Building, Zoning and Environmental regulations to assure property owners and tenants reside in a legal and safe residence.

The following are documented examples of substandard and/or hazardous conditions, found during Code and Rental inspections, from March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

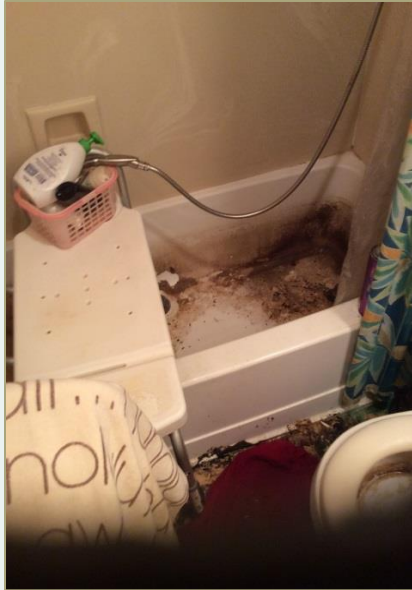


**Living Room**

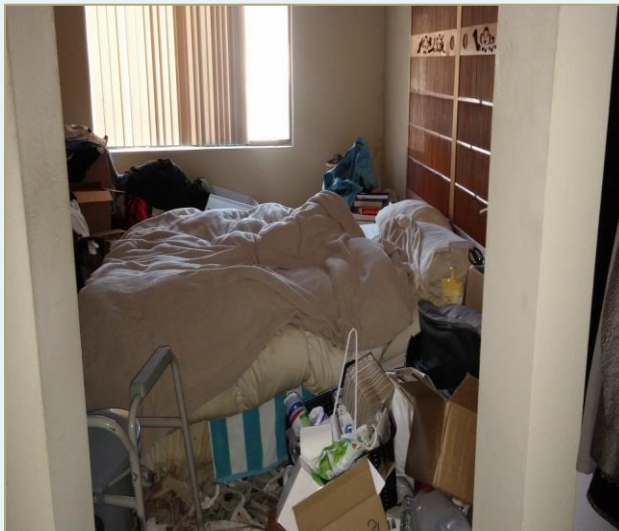


**Kitchen**





**Front Bathroom**



**Bedroom**





### **Back Bathroom**

Responding to a complaint received, a VACATE NOTICE was posted on this property for substandard building and substandard conditions. The elderly property owner had an excessive amount of items inside the property that affected the surrounding community. The inspection revealed extensive mold, rodents, food waste, human waste and damp newspapers. These items were in nearly every surface area in the unit. The height of the newspapers and personal items stacked around the bed in the main bedroom made for little to no egress in case of emergency. The elderly resident has been temporarily relocated and the Code Specialist is working with APS and the elderly's family who has made contact with a cleaning company to clean up the property within two weeks.



During a Rental Inspection a damaged outlet with exposed electrical in the sleeping area of an illegally converted garage was found. The exposed electrical poses an electrical shock hazard which the Code Specialist verified was remedied within 2 hours.



During a Rental inspection a missing post base for the front porch was observed. The post base is required to support the roof, and if not addressed, the roof can collapse.



This damaged and loose light switch poses an electrical shock hazard as well as tripping and falling hazard as the light is for a stairwell. The condition was addressed immediately.



As a response to property maintenance complaint an unsecure refrigerator accessible to the public was found. The exposed refrigerator is an attractive nuisance and poses a hazard for children in the community. The Code Officer was able to make contact with the property owner, who sent over a maintenance worker to address the issue immediately.





Dilapidated bathroom flooring due to moisture



Dilapidated flooring due to leaky fixtures and pipes, can cause mold and deterioration of the subflooring

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### **San Lorenzo Riverwalk**

On Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 70+ volunteers from AmeriCorps, California Conservation Corps, Watershed Stewards Program, Valley Women's Club, Coastal Watershed Council and our very own Parks and Recreation Department all came out and made a huge impact towards the restoration and maintenance of the Riverwalk along Mike Fox Skate Park. Much needed pruning, erosion control, mulching, installation of native under story and ground cover plant stock, and trash collection were all pulled off in a great show of commitment to the Riverwalk. Everyone braved the cold and rainy weather to come out and work together.



### **Santa Cruz Arbor Day**

On March 14 students from Cabrillo college's arboriculture class, a component of the Cabrillo Horticulture program, planted 20 redwoods on the Bay Street median below Meder street. These volunteer tree plantings are part of the CAL FIRE inventory and tree planting grant. Cabrillo College and the City Parks Division have created a long-standing partnership to improve

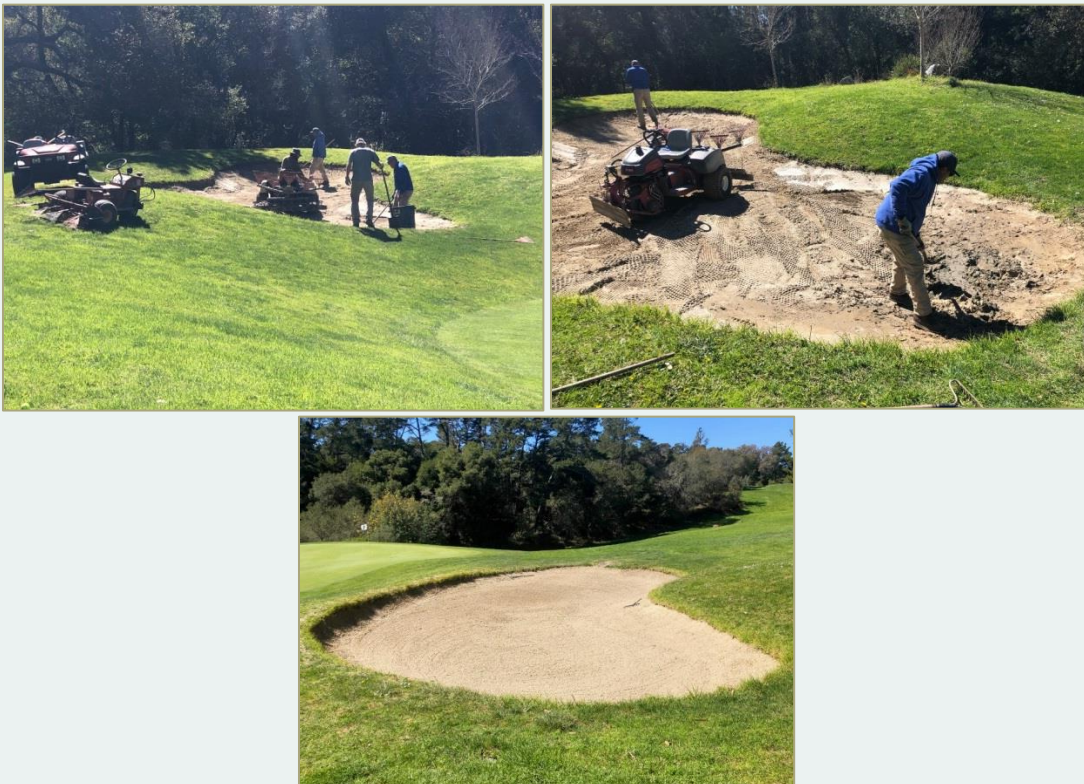


our local environment and teach students about the benefits of tree planting. Students listened intently as Mayor Watkins read the group the Arbor Day proclamation. It was a great event!



### **DeLaveaga Golf Course**

Golf course maintenance staff hard at work attempting to resurrect 50 sand traps for the beautiful weekend weather.



### **Recreation Weekly Update-March 11th**



Recreation Superintendent, Carol Scurich was recognized by Mayor Watkins and City Council for her impressive 32 years of service to the City. In honor of Carol's retirement, March 12, 2019 was proclaimed Carol Scurich Day in the City of Santa Cruz! Thank you to Carol for her endless contributions to Parks and Recreation and the Santa Cruz community.

### **Civic**



Thursday, March 14 the Symphony provided a set of free morning concerts for 4th and 5th graders at the Civic Auditorium. The concerts were presented in a highly accessible style, using elements of humor, movement, and audience participation. These concerts are attended by over 2000 students and their teachers annually.





The first bout of the season begins this Saturday, March 16 at 4:30pm as a double header! The **Santa Cruz Derby Girls'** all-star team, the Boardwalk Bombshells rank #14 in the world and our junior derby skaters, the Santa Cruz Derby Groms brought home the championship trophy last season, and claim the number one spot of the junior derby rankings. Each team will have a chance to shine at the Civic this year as they take on competitors from all over Northern California. Come on out to cheer on your Santa Cruz Derby Girls and see some of the best skaters in the world play roller derby! [Tickets are still available at SantaCruzTickets.com.](http://SantaCruzTickets.com)



Eleven High School students along with chaperones were honored at City Council on Tuesday and given an official farewell prior to traveling to our Sister City, Shingu, Japan over spring break.





Adult softball is finally underway at Delaveaga Park ball fields!! Games were scheduled to begin March 3 but due to the rainy weather the fields were too wet to play on until this week. The sun and the wind helped to dry them out and finally we have happy players. **Play ball!**

## WATER

Rosemary had the pleasure of attending another Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency workshop last Saturday. It was a pleasure because the content of the workshop was great, but also because it was nice to have a group of disparate folks talking about facts and working together effectively to try to solve problems as a group. Both the Santa Margarita and Mid-County Groundwater agencies are making good progress in meeting the state's mandate about groundwater management.

The past few weeks have been slow and steady at the recreation area. Fishing has been slow as well. Visibility is about 3feet and the water temperature is still very cool, which isn't optimal for warm water species like bass and bluegill. Private boats are still being decontaminated and added to the boat storage yard. Trailered boat spaces are full; however there is still ample space for kayaks, canoes and other non-trailered boats.

Park staff members are continuing work on park maintenance projects like tree clearing, chipping, cement pad pouring and trash bin replacement and we are hosting another volunteer Broom Bash on March 24th from 9:30AM-12:30 PM. The next Loch Walk is on April 27th and will be focused on native plant and tree identification. A full season of free interpretive programs at the Lake will be ramping up once April begins, including free public tours on the Newell Jewell starting on April 13th. We also have over a dozen classes coming out in April to release trout fry into the reservoir for the Trout in the Classroom program, and have a handful of Live Oak Elementary schools coming out to participate in our watershed education program for the first time.



## LIBRARY

### ***¡Conéctate con SCPL! Boletín informativo de las bibliotecas de Santa Cruz***

Únase a nuestro boletín trimestral en español para mantenerse informado de los eventos que ocurren en las Bibliotecas de Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz Public Libraries) y alrededor de la ciudad lleno de información para usted, su familia y sus amigos. Estamos seguros que le ayudará a pasar un año lleno de diversión y aprendizaje.

Join our quarterly Spanish Newsletter to stay in the loop of what events are occurring at Santa Cruz Public Libraries and around town for you, your family and your friends. This is sure to help you have an eventful year of learning and fun.

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### **Measuring Measure S:** Felton Construction Timelapse

Visit our [Measuring Measure S webpage](#) to stay updated on the planning process and progress of Measure S library projects.

Check out the [construction timelapse of the new Felton Branch Library](#).

### **Discover & Go:** Tandy Beal Presents the Tammi Brown Band

**The Tammi Brown Band • Saturday • April 6 • 11:00am**  
**Veterans Memorial Building, 846 Front St. Downtown Santa Cruz**

Tandy Beal and Company presents the Tammi Brown Band, the next monthly concert in the 2018-2019 ArtSmart Family First Saturdays Concert Series. Tandy Beal & Co. has provided a limited number of free tickets to library cardholders through our [Discover & Go](#) platform.



On April 6th the Tammi Brown Band will illuminate the evolution of the voice through the genres of the blues, R&B, pop, folk, and spirituals. The Tammi Brown Band is Dan Robbins, Frank Buchanan, Eddie Mendenhall, and Javier Torres. Come for her virtuosity, stay for the groove!



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Engineering

The Cedar Street Rehabilitation Project resumed work this week with replacing damaged sidewalk and curb and gutter and saw-cutting existing concrete pavement. The project, funded by Measure D, Measure H tax dollars and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), will rehabilitate/reconstruct Cedar Street from Church to Laurel.



The East Cliff & 3rd Avenue Storm Disaster Damage Repair Project is scheduled to begin next week. The project will relocate/repair/install sidewalk, curb, gutter and handrail at the stairs at the junction of 3rd Avenue and East Cliff Drive. The project also includes improvements to the stairs. Construction will occur March 18 to May 31 weekdays only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The parking lot will be closed during most of the construction period.
- Access to the beach stairs will be limited during working hours but will be open after working hours and on all weekends.
- 3rd Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to East Cliff Drive will remain closed to all vehicular travel except local residents during construction.



The San Lorenzo River Parkway Phase III/Trestle Trail Project, part of the Coastal Rail Trail, continues this week with the removal of existing wood deck and joists, field fit/tack pier brackets and forming and pouring abutment number 4, at the east end of the bridge. The Trestle Bridge will be closed for the duration of the construction project. The project, funded by City of Santa Cruz, Measure D and a California Natural Resources Agency Grant, is widening the existing San Lorenzo River trestle walkway and is expected to conclude before this summer.



### **Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The Operations and Maintenance departments teamed up to tackle a chemical tank cleaning project for the solids dewatering process. Operations also continued their ongoing work of facility preventative maintenance, such as removing hairballs and “flushable” wipes from a rotary drum screen used to remove small inorganic particles like rocks and egg shells.

