

City Manager's Weekly Update

June 7, 2019

POLICE

SCPD Promotion, Swearing In, Awards & Recognition

This week, Chief Mills held a ceremony to promote a new sergeant, swear in 4 new officers and to honor SCPD officers for acts of bravery, investigative skill, and lifesaving. In all, SCPD recognized 16 officers for their significant accomplishments.

SCPD announces the promotion of Detective Joshua Trog to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Trog, an 11-year veteran of the department, will be assigned to the Operations Division. "We are fortunate to have such a high level of candidates in the promotion process. Josh will shine as a leader and supervisor in our department", said Chief Mills. He will be a vital part of moving the department forward.



Swearing In, Awards & Recognition

Friends, family, and colleagues filled the SCPD Community Room to recognize and celebrate all of the officers' accomplishments.

We honor these officers because of their bold choice of profession and because, in a moment of crisis, they rose to the occasion. We are here to say thank you and show respect for dedicated police work.

*Chief's Commendations: De-Escalation

David Forbus, Armando Aguilar, Nick Kramer, Ryan Kiar, Nathan Vasquez

*Chief's Commendations: ESU Team Leader Greg Crofts

*Swearing In of New Police Officers: Jeff Andrade, Scott Kroes, Sal Sanchez, Angel Serrano

*Life Saving Awards: David Rosell, Marcel Cathrein

*DUI Awards: Taylor Trueblood, Fred Yoon

*25 Year Service Pin: Christian LeMoss

*Sergeant Promotion Josh Trog

PARKS AND RECREATION

This Week by the Numbers

70 = New camp leaders, teen interns and junior leader volunteers will be training for summer camps next week at Harvey West Park.
200 = Kids registered for Session 1 of summer camps starting June 17.
350 = tickets sold during the first two hours of the Jason Mraz pre-sale on June 5.
183 = Mission Hill Middle School students graduated at the Civic Auditorium on June 6.
35 = Walking Adventure Group members attended the We're Still Here exhibit on the MAH during Thursday's walking tour.

Highlights



The 33th annual [Japanese Cultural Fair](#) is **Saturday June 8th 11:00 am – 6:00 pm** in **Mission Plaza Park**. Join us for amazing food, Taiko performance, Japanese crafts and more! **FREE!**



[Harvey West Pool](#) opens Saturday June 8th for its summer season. Sign up for swim lessons, water exercise, lap swim and recreation swim. Pick up your discount pass books for water exercise, lap swim and recreation swim at the pool or at the Parks and Recreation office. For every 10 classes purchased you receive 2 free. There are also family passes available for recreation swim. Call the Parks and Recreation office at 420-5270.



Congratulations to spring 2019 Bocce Champions (two years in a row), Team Deboccery! The 8 team spring league played Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the bocce courts in beautiful DeLaveaga Park.

Parks installed a new small dog feature within the newly reopened Frederick Street Dog Park. Pups under 25lbs now have an open space to play without getting the mix with the larger dogs. Come check it out!



Parks recently hosted a community outreach meeting to explore the idea of installing a bicycle pump track at Grant Park. Lots of folks made it out and overall we received great positive feedback from the community. We are going to be installing the track this month. You may remember that the pump track was installed at the San Lorenzo Park benchlands. We needed to find a new home for the track due to flooding concerns from the heavy rains we received over the winter. Swing by Grant Park later this month and give it a go!



PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

Our Cedar Street Rehabilitation Project will be paving the Lincoln Street intersection on June 7 and 10 and the length of Cedar Street on June 11. There will be detours and temporary street closures. The project, funded by Measure D and Measure H tax dollars and a Community Development Block Grant, is rehabilitating/reconstructing Cedar Street from Church to Laurel.



We have begun work on the 2019 Surface Seal Project which is repairing various street locations in east and west Santa Cruz. The project is scheduled to continue weekdays through July 31 and is funded by Measure D and Measure H tax dollars. Details including timeline are available at www.cityofsantacruz.com – Your tax dollars at work!



Ocean View Av



Amat St



McCormick St

Operations

The US Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with ROD Construction for the San Lorenzo River Right Bank Levee Repair Project. This will repair the levee pathway directly behind the Bank of America building. Work is expected to be completed by mid-July.



Streets

Crews used the telehandler to move a large woven art structure into place at the Tannery Arts Center.



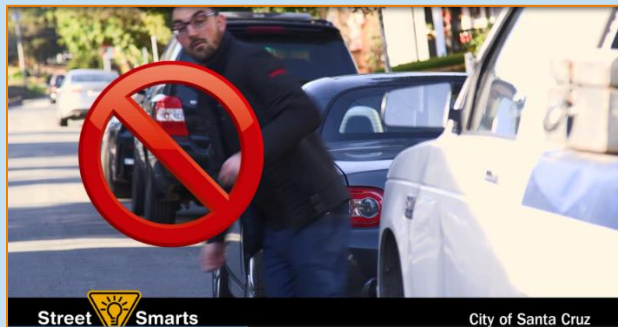
Resource Recovery

Staff of the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History Green Team, a City Certified Green Business, conducted a Waste Audit to look for even more opportunities to be sustainable.



Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

We are excited to be working with the County of Santa Cruz, cities of Watsonville, Scotts Valley and Capitola, and other partners on Street Smarts traffic safety message outreach for 2019-2020. This week's Street Smarts video uses a bit of humor to deliver simple tips that could save a pedestrian's life. Click the photos below for English or Spanish.



We posted a new article to our Santa Cruz Waves City Beat column:

[SANTA CRUZ LAW LIMITS VEHICLE IDLING with New Outreach Focus on School Zones](#)



FIRE



MySafe: California (<http://www.mysafecalifornia.org/>) recently notified us that the Public Service Announcement (PSA) we showed at the City Council Meeting has won a Telly Award! *Don't Be Next* won a Bronze Telly in the Public Interest/Awareness category.

More good news, MySafe: California is booked for CPR training with the Junior Guard this summer.

Session 1

- Tue. July 2, 10-11:30am – Jr. Guard B's (40 – 12-13yr. olds)
- Tue. July 2, 2-3:30am – Jr. Guard B's (40 – 12-13yr. olds)
- Wed. July 3, 10-11:30am – Jr. Guard A's & AA's (40 – 14-17yr. olds)
- Wed. July 3, 2-3:30am – Jr. Guard A's (20 – 14-17yr. olds)

Session 2

- Tue. July 16, 10-11:30am – Jr. Guard B's (40 – 12-13yr. olds)
- Tue. July 16, 2-3:30am – Jr. Guard B's (40 – 12-13yr. olds)
- Wed. July 17, 10-11:30am – Jr. Guard A's & AA's (40 – 14-17yr. olds)
- Wed. July 17, 2-3:30am – Jr. Guard A's (20 – 14-17yr. olds)

And finally, working on **FireSmart** presentations for the summer camp kids.

LIBRARY

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “Chasing the Moon”
from Academy Award Nominee Robert Stone:
Clip Screening and Discussion: Part 2 Saving 1968



The Santa Cruz Public Libraries' will host a screening and discussion of a clip from the upcoming American Experience series "Chasing the Moon," set to air on PBS July 8-10. *The screening will take place at the Downtown Library, 224 Church St., on Thursday June 13th from 6:30-8 p.m.*

The 50 minute clip from part 2 of the series is titled "Saving 1968". In the clip, people working in the space program "missed the 60s" and the social turmoil that was ravaging the country at the time. After the tragic Apollo 1 fire, confidence in NASA is shaken. More than ever, NASA needs the first unmanned Saturn V rocket launch to succeed and prove to the country that the space program is still worth supporting. Intelligence reports that the Soviets are also making major attempts to get to the moon first accelerates the schedule for the Apollo 8 mission.

Poppy Northcutt, the first woman in an operational role in mission control, gets a lot of attention from press. The 25-year-old mathematics whiz proves herself in the all-male environment and uses her position to promote the idea that women are capable of technical scientific work.

On December 21, 1968, Apollo 8 launches. NASA, the astronauts' families, and rest of the nation follow the Christmas mission that successfully circumnavigates the Moon, and as one American fan writes to astronaut Frank Borman afterwards, "saves 1968."

This event is part of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries' Summer Reading Program, "A Universe of Stories" is made possible through partnership with PBS. To learn more about our reading program or to sign up, visit santacruzpl.org/srp.