

City Manager's Weekly Update

September 6, 2019

WATER

Late last week we turned Loch Lomond into our supply for the first time this year (in a meaningful way.) That's due in part to reduced production from coastal sources and the San Lorenzo River. As we bring in the lake, we're seeing the concentration of total organic carbon increase, as expected, but water quality is still very good.

We've had several meetings recently to prioritize and plan main replacement projects to respond to recent breaks on 7th Avenue and to concerns in the Thurber Lane area.

Work continues on the Water Street main replacement project. We're about halfway through, and will move into nighttime construction next week.



Progress also continues on the new University 5 tank. You can watch a short video clip of construction [here](#).

Last, it has been a very sad week around our office. Kristina Finstad and Vai Campbell, both lost in the Conception dive boat tragedy, were our colleagues and friends. They will be sorely missed.



LIBRARY

Planning Advance Directives: Two free programs from Hospices of Santa Cruz County

Essentials of Advance Directives

Monday, September 9th • 10:30-11:30am
Downtown Branch Library, 224 Church St.



Planning ahead for your healthcare is a gift you can give to yourself and those you love. Learn how an Advance Directive can help make your wishes known, and how to talk about advance healthcare planning with your loved ones. This engaging presentation from Hospices of Santa Cruz County walks you through the exact steps to take to complete your Advance Directive.

Advance Directive Individual Sessions

Monday, September 23rd • 10:30am-1:30pm
Downtown Branch Library, 224 Church St.

Planning ahead for your healthcare is a gift you can give to yourself and those you love. Schedule a one-on-one appointment to complete your Advance Directive with support.

You'll meet with a trained advance healthcare planning volunteer from Hospice of Santa Cruz County to complete your form. You can even get your Advance Directive witnessed to make it a legal document.

Registration required. Call Vanessa at Hospice of Santa Cruz County to schedule your individual appointment at 831-430-3047.

Be Red Cross Ready

Tuesday, September 10th • 6:00-7:00pm
Garfield Park Library, 705 Woodrow Ave.

American Red Cross and Santa Cruz Public Libraries have teamed up to bring FREE emergency preparedness workshops to our communities. In this workshop you will learn how to prepare for a variety of emergencies and natural disasters and what to keep in your emergency bag.



This workshop is done in conjunction with Epicenter: The Loma Prieta Earthquake 30th Anniversary Oral Histories Project

Lego NXT Robotics

Begins Thursday, September 12th • 3:30-5:00pm
Branciforte Branch Library

With a focus on creative and engineering skills, kids ages 8-18 will learn about robotics and programming. We will break into teams of two, build our robots, program them over the course of several weeks and then use original programming for a robot battle at the end.



Pre-registration required: <https://santacruzpl.libcal.com/event/5740359>

Financial Literacy Thursdays

Thursday, September 12th • 5:30-6:30pm
Downtown Branch Library, 224 Church St.

Topic: Small Business Planning Tips

Jennifer Lommen from Financial Planning Association® (FPA®) a non-profit organization, wants to help consumers make intelligent financial decisions to achieve their life goals. FPA benefits the public by helping to ensure that financial planning is delivered through competent, ethical financial planners.



PARKS AND RECREATION

By the numbers

372 = # tickets sold this week to 16 upcoming Civic events

29 = # fall softball teams

8 = # fall women's soccer teams

12 = # fall basketball teams

Highlights

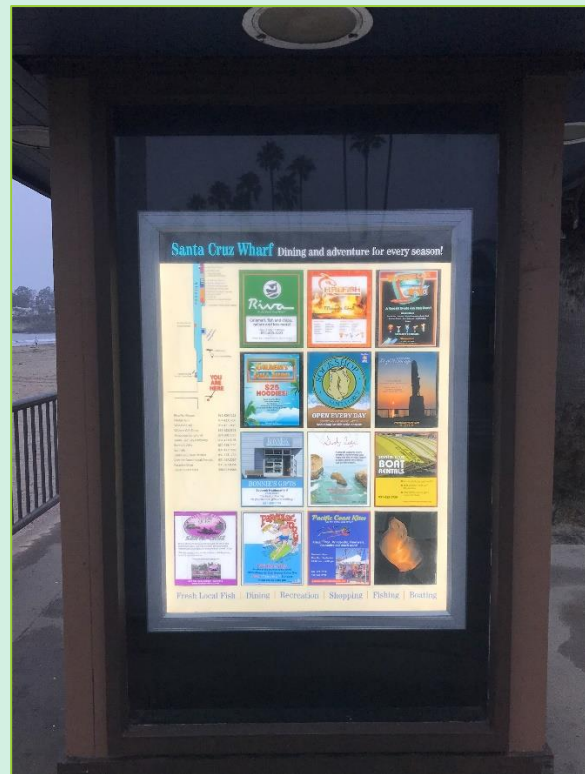
Fall classes began this week. There's still time to sign up for TriYoga, Skatedogs, and more!



Louden Nelson Community Center staff have begun work on an exhibit on the history of Laurel Street School exhibit.



The Wharf Crew, in partnership with Economic Development, continues to enhance the appearance of the Wharf, recently installing new signage, new banners, and new backlit kiosk displays



Upcoming

A special ticket offer for city staff! Buy one ticket and get one free for Roy Orbison & Buddy Holly- The Rock n' Roll Dream Tour! Use promo code: *scarks* (no spaces, not case sensitive). [Purchase tickets online](#) or call the Civic Box Office at 831-420-5260.

Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly: The Rock 'N' Roll Dream Tour features hologram performances by two of the world's foremost rock 'n' roll icons. This cutting-edge production combines remastered vocals from Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly alongside a live band and backup singers in one mesmerizing show for the ages. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly's greatest hits onstage! Produced by Richter Entertainment Group and Presented by Base Hologram. [More information](#).



PUBLIC WORKS

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Operators flooded Solids Contact Tank #1 to test the new diffuser membranes and verified they are operating effectively. The facility ran a microtoxicology test on the septage trucks that bring material to the facility, testing to verify that the material delivered complies with the hauler's disposal permits and will not be toxic/harmful to the microorganism population within the various treatment processes.

The annual protective coating project has resumed. This coating process is part of a 10-year contract to expand the life expectancy of metal surfaces on site. The salty ocean atmosphere at the facility leads to fast corrosion of metal infrastructure and by maintaining a robust coating program the facility avoids expensive refurbishment costs for the metal components.

For the month of August, the facility treated a total of 199.29 million gallons of wastewater: 98.13 million gallons from the City and 102.48 million gallons from the County. The facility also generated around 707.77 tons of class B biosolids that were beneficially reused as fertilizer augmentation for non-food crops.



Operations has been catching up on preventative maintenance tasks, such as performing a sound check of equipment throughout the facility to ensure safety for the staff and ensuring hearing protection is provided in excessive noise areas. The facility mechanics have been busy working inside Solids Contact Tank #1 replacing isolating valve gearboxes and repairing worn aeration pipes.

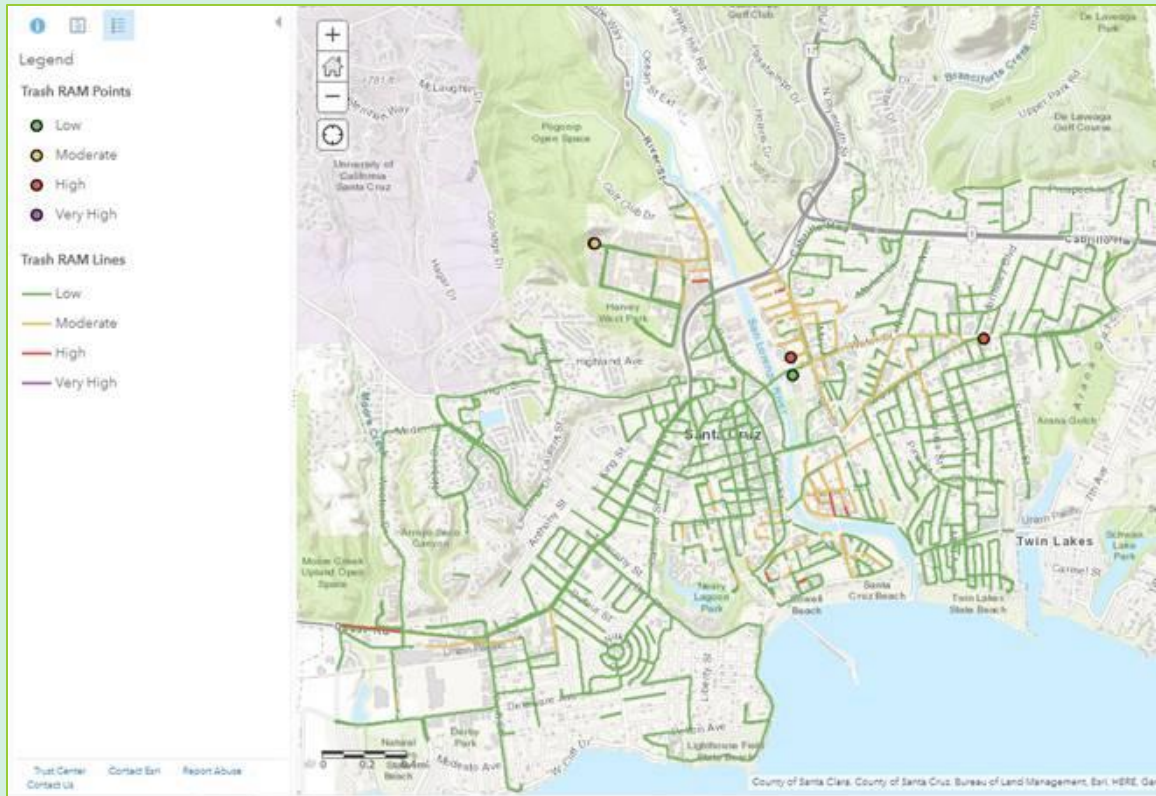
Both the mechanics and line maintenance staff went through their annual mechanical lift training course, authorizing them all to operate the facility's scissor-lift and the mobile elevating work platform.



Storm Water

We have completed the 2019 wet and dry season visual trash assessments for the State mandated Trash Amendment as part of the City's storm water permit. Visual assessments were performed with a 2 person team and observed trash levels categorized as Low, Moderate, High or Very High using a mobile device application. The City's 2019 assessment results show an improvement of 75% progress towards the goal of zero trash in City streets, curb and sidewalk by 2030!





Operations

The annual San Lorenzo River Flood Control Maintenance Project is scheduled to start on September 9th between the Hwy 1 and Water Street bridges. The work will take a few weeks to complete. The contractor will work downstream and will end by the Riverside Street Bridge. All work will follow current permit and regulatory restrictions. The cuttings will be chipped outside of the levee and disposed of in the fenced area behind Gateway Shopping Center.



Laurel Creek tree work and channel cleanup for flood control will occur on September 16th. The contractor will trim and remove dead branches and will clear sediment buildup in the creek per the City's permit requirements.

Traffic Engineering/Community Relations

Our now countywide Street Smarts program has been approached by the City of Monterey with interest to join our regional collaboration.

This week's [traffic safety message](#) reminds everyone to stay focused on the road while driving. [En español.](#)



We posted a new story to our City Beat column: [City's 'CRSP' Improves Response to Community Service Requests.](#)

