

City Manager's Weekly Update

February 21, 2020

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

University of Santa Cruz Housing Fair

On February 11, 2020, the Santa Cruz City Code and Residential Rental Inspection Services (RRIS) attended the 2nd annual University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) Housing Fair. The housing fair gathers public and private housing-related agencies at the campus to provide information and resources to students related to off-campus housing options. Approximately 500 attended this year's event, which included students, faculty, and public and private agencies. Over the course of three-hours, Code and RRIS staff interacted with over 200 students, distributed RRIS housing inspection check-lists, explained how staff ensures the Housing and Building codes are met and provided information on the minimum housing requirements for health & safety.

In addition, Code and RRIS staff were able to exchange information with other agencies that serve students and the community, including property management companies, transportation services and the UCSC Housing Office.



126 Eucalyptus

The applicant for the project at 126 Eucalyptus Avenue is holding a community meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd from 6-7:30 P.M. at the Shrine of St. Joseph at 544 West Cliff Drive.

Consistent with the City's Community Outreach Policy, the community meeting will provide an opportunity for the applicant to present their preliminary project design and to receive feedback from attendees. The project, which has undergone a pre-application review by city staff, proposes to redevelop the western portion of the site previously used by *Gateway School*.

The proposal is to demolish the school building and develop that portion of the site into a 100 unit senior housing project that includes several different unit types ranging from



independent living to memory care units. The preliminary plans show several two to three story buildings with a Mediterranean architectural style, monarch butterfly friendly landscaping, and parking accessed off Pelton Avenue. As currently designed, the project would require Coastal, Special Use, Design, Historic Alteration, and Non-residential Demolition Authorization permits and may need to apply for exceptions to development standards such as through the Density Bonus provisions.

POLICE

SCPD Discusses Need for License Plate Readers

The Santa Cruz Police Department, in partnership with Nueva Vista Community Resources, hosted a community meeting to discuss the uptick in gun violence against members of the Latino community in the City of Santa Cruz.



Santa Cruz Police met with the Beach Flats neighborhood affected by cases of gun violence to talk about License Plate Readers (LPR). To keep our community safe, we can use technology that identifies vehicles, tracks leads, and helps law enforcement capture the evidence to solve crime.

Chief Andy Mills [recaps the community meeting in his blog](#).

[SCPD proposal and initial recommendations to change the ordinance.](#)

The plan is to borrow several license plate-reading cameras from [Northern California Regional Intelligence Center](#). The cameras will be set up in areas of high gun violence in Beach Flats neighborhood and other key areas in the city.



There is a proposed ordinance circulating that would significantly limit the police use of technology, please join the discussion. Investigators will use LPR to develop leads in gun violence cases. License plate readers will help officers catch criminals and, in fact, be a deterrent to those wanting to commit a crime in the City of Santa Cruz.

SCPD is dedicated to our community with ongoing efforts to keep Santa Cruz a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

You Are Not Alone

Do you know any seniors in town that could benefit from regular check in's? Our "You Are Not Alone," aka YANA program, is a FREE service that allows older and disabled adults to have comfort and security in the knowledge that vetted SCPD Volunteers are checking in on them regularly. We love our YANA families. SCPD Volunteers are proud to offer this helpful resource for seniors who enjoy living independently, but do not have friends or family available to check on them.



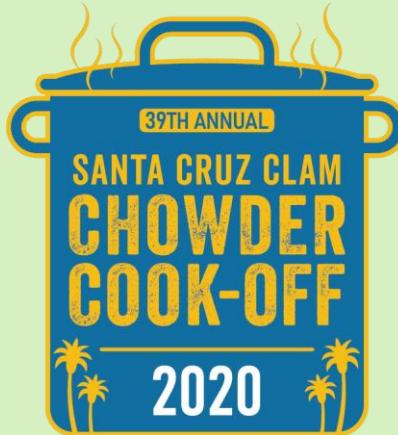
To qualify, the YANA client must reside in the City of Santa Cruz. For more info, contact SCPD Volunteer headquarters at 831-420-5916, scpdvolunteers@cityofsantacruz.com or visit [SCPD You Are Not Alone webpage](#). SCPD volunteers, also known as V.I.P.S. (Volunteers in Police Service), are far more than extra eyes and ears for the department. They spend countless community service hours by improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the City of Santa Cruz. If you're interested in volunteering, please visit, [Volunteer with SCPD](#).

PARKS AND RECREATION

This Week by the Numbers

226= # of tickets sold to Civic events for 6 upcoming events
63 = # of teams competing at the 39th Clam Chowder Cook-off

39th Annual Clam Chowder Cook-off



Sample and savor clam chowder from amateur chefs on Saturday and professional chefs on Sunday at the country's largest and longest-running clam chowder competition at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

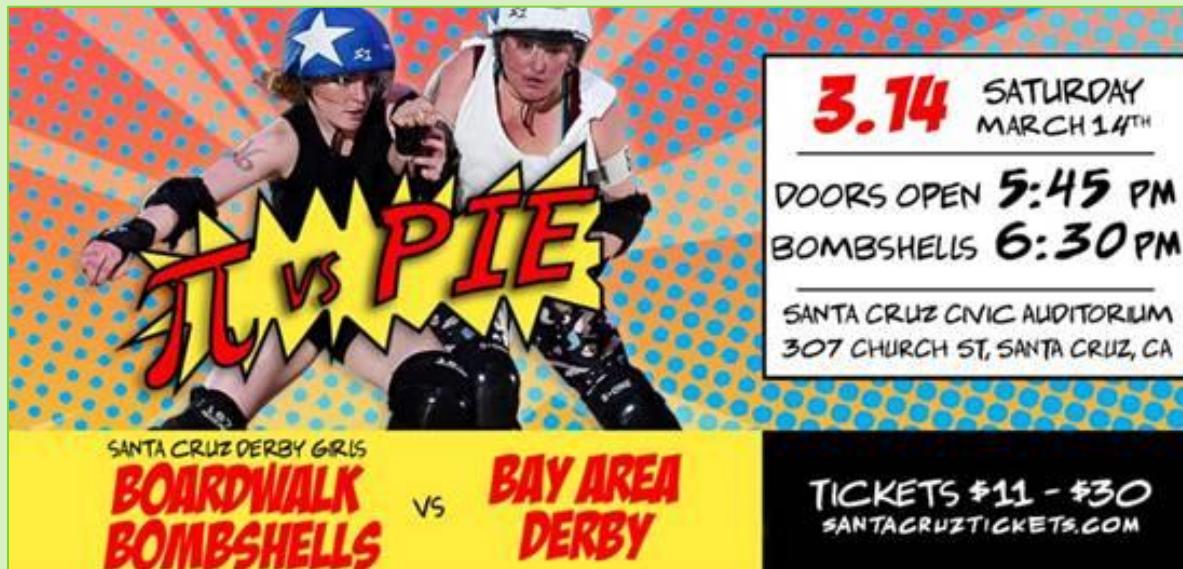
Purchase a tasting kit (\$10 each) to be able to sample the clammy concoctions and select your favorite Boston and Manhattan clam chowders and help pick a winner! 100% of Tasting Kit sales benefit the @CityofSantaCruzParksandRecreation

The event happens rain or shine! Full event details:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/18284/591>

Civic Auditorium

Santa Cruz Derby Girls Season announced, first bout on March 14! Tickets on sale soon.



Delaveaga Golf Course

The 2nd level restrooms of the restaurant at Delaveaga Golf Course received a make-over recently. New fixtures were installed and a fresh coat of paint was applied to spruce them up in time for the long awaited grand opening of the new restaurant. The urinal was removed to create more space in what was formerly the men's room. Door signage was also updated to align with City policy.



The finishing touch was replacement of the awning spanning the 2nd floor elevator landing. This provides shelter during the long walk from the elevator to the restaurant entrance.

Thanks to Montano Plumbing for the fixture work, Ultra Painting for the new coat, & Suncoast Awnings for the new hat. Thank you to the golf course staff for their contributions to these projects. Very special thanks go to Mike Hopper for all of his wisdom and guidance throughout the building renovations. We will miss you Mike!



PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

This week in our Rail Trail Segment 7/Phase I project marked the beginning of 12' wide trail construction between Bay Street and Lennox Street. Work should take approximately two more weeks before the trail is paved in this section. The corner curb ramps at Bay/Redwood were also constructed. Next week the last two curb ramps at Bay/California will be constructed; excavation work for Almar Avenue will also start.



Resource Recovery

A reminder that used batteries are hazardous waste and therefore must be disposed of properly. This City web page lists Santa Cruz locations to drop off used single-use and rechargeable Alkaline and Lithium AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9-volt, hearing aid, small tool and other small household batteries: www.cityofsantacruz.com/batteries. To reduce waste, choose rechargeable batteries when possible!



Environmental Compliance

Do you know how to dispose of unwanted medicines and sharps to ensure the safety of Monterey Bay and our greater environment? Read all the details in our [Santa Cruz Waves column](#).

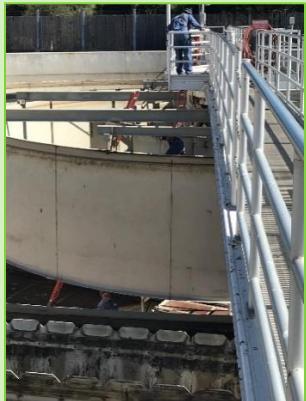


Wastewater Treatment Facility

Operations entered the permitted confined space of Solids Contact Tank #1 to clean it in preparation for repairs on various aeration lines.



Operations drained and then entered the non-permitted confined space of Secondary Clarifier #2 to clean it in preparation for annual maintenance tasks.



The methane gas filter media made of activated carbon was replaced for the gas line feeding into the cogenerating engines. These carbon filters help to remove Siloxanes present in the gas. If left untreated, the siloxanes would foul the spark plugs on the cogenerating engines resulting in increased parts and maintenance labor, thus decreasing the reliability of the engines.



The carbon media was also replaced in two secondary foul odor carbon scrubbers. This activated carbon is generated from coconut husks. It removes sulfides and other foul air odors.



A microtox test was conducted on material delivered by septage hauling vehicles. This material is tested for trace gases and pH and must comply to the hauler's permits in order to dump, otherwise they are turned away. This protects the biological processes present in the wastewater treatment processes.

Transportation Engineering

Construction continues for the Citywide Safe Routes to School Crossing Improvement Program. Norcal Contractor has installed 23 ADA curb ramps near or adjacent to Santa Cruz City Schools. The last curb ramp at the intersection of Water Street and Poplar Avenue will be completed next week. The subcontractor, Darrel Varni Electric, will be installing rectangular rapid flashing beacon systems and streetlights in the next two to three weeks. Construction is anticipated to be completed by this May. This project is funded by the Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 grant.



Santa Cruz City Schools inspired Street Smarts [this video](#) with important message for youth – and all of us! [En español.](#)



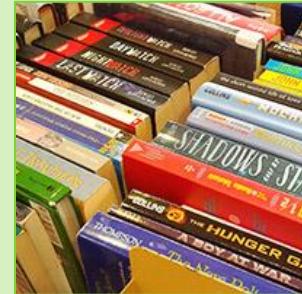
LIBRARY

Friends of SCPL Downtown Book GiveAway

Wednesday, February 26th • 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Downtown Santa Cruz Public Library, 224 Church St. (outside, to the right of the Main Library entrance)

The Friends of Santa Cruz Public Libraries receive so many books that we are giving away the books we aren't able to sell and make room for new books. Some gems, some books only eclectic lovers of discards would like. These are also great books for Free Little Libraries! Come one come all — you'll find some treasures!! * This event is weather permitting! *



Our Community Reads - Patriot Number One

Our Community Reads is a program of the Friends of the Aptos Library, in which the community selects a book and then comes together for a series of related events. The title selected for the 2020 OCR season is Patriot Number One by Lauren Hilgers.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information visit: friendsofaptoslibrary.org

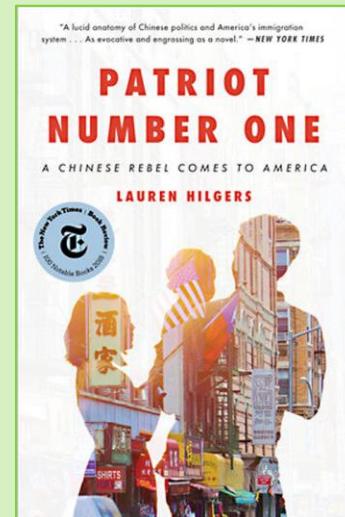
Author Talk: Lauren Hilgers

Thursday, February 27th • 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cabrillo College Samper Hall - 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM

Author of Patriot Number One, Lauren Hilgers lived in Shanghai, China for six years, writing about topics ranging from tomb raiders in rural Henan Province to political scandals in Beijing. Her work has appeared in Harper's, Wired, BusinessWeek, The New Yorker, and The New York Times Magazine.

This author talk is sponsored by the Capitola Library FSCPL Chapter.



Walking Tour of Evergreen Cemetery

Saturday, February 29th • 10:30am - 12:00pm

261 Evergreen Street, Santa Cruz. Starts at 10:30 AM - weather permitting

To solve a family mystery, professor/author Traci Bliss researched the history of Evergreen Cemetery. She tells of the people buried there - founders of Santa Cruz, 19th-century feminists, and resilient Chinese.

Please RSVP to friendsoftheaptoslibrary@fscpl.org

JAZZ & FRIENDS

Saturday, February 29, 2020

11 am to noon

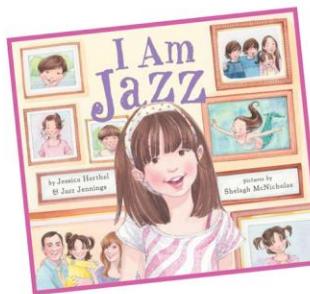
Santa Cruz Public Library

Downtown Branch

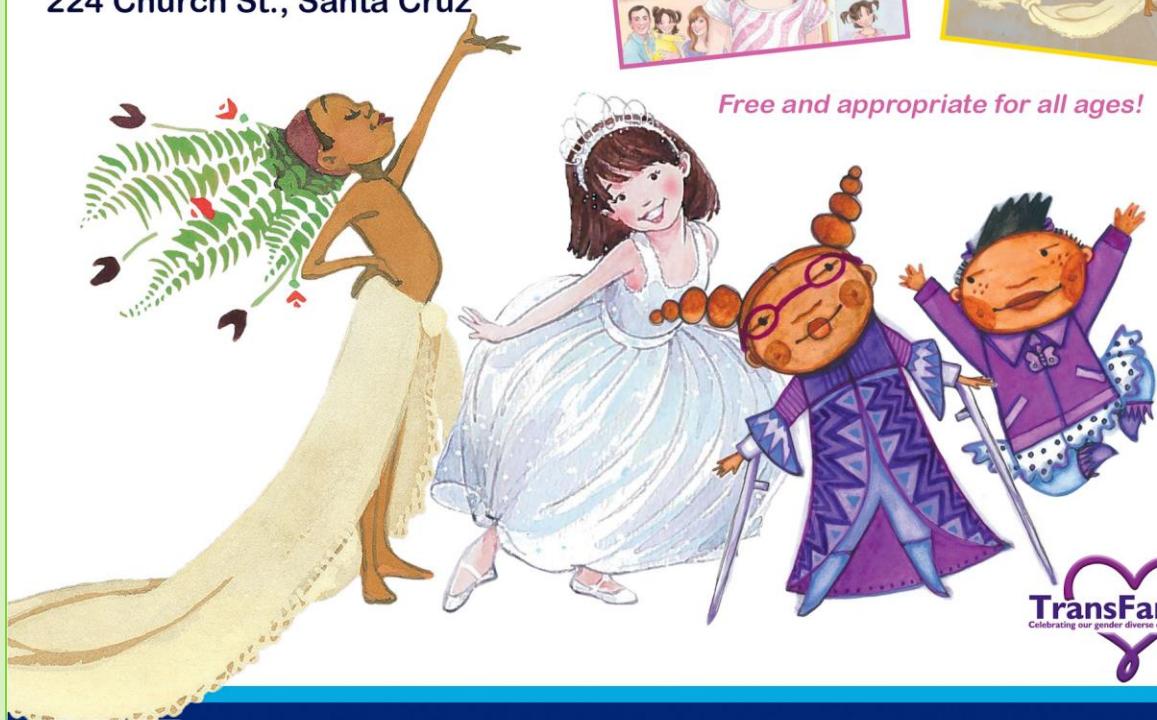
2nd Floor Meeting Room

224 Church St., Santa Cruz

Support transgender and non-binary youth by joining together for the Jazz & Friends National Day of School & Community Readings. Sponsored by the Diversity Center of Santa Cruz County, TransFamily Support Group, and the Santa Cruz Public Libraries.



Free and appropriate for all ages!



Welcoming
Schools

