

City Manager's Weekly Update

February 28, 2020

PARKS AND RECREATION

This Week by the Numbers

8,292 = number of tasting kits sold at the 39th annual Clam Chowder Cook-off
558= # of tickets sold to Civic events for 10 upcoming events

Parks Update

Due to the profound wind event on Sunday February 9th, many of our open space trails were bombarded with downed trees and dropped limbs. The Parks & Recreation Open Space Team came to the rescue, spending the entire week doing chainsaw work, clearing trails and making Pogonip safe for public use. Thank you Victor Albers, Juan Diaz, Zach Danen and Callum Stoddard!



Recreation Update

Chowder....Clam Chowder! The 39th Annual Clam Chowder Cook-Off was a great success with 60 of teams over the two day event. The partnership between the Parks & Recreation Department and Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year to support the Department. This year, the event raised over \$80,000!



Events at the Civic Auditorium

Santa Cruz Symphony's *Link Up Music Education and Youth Concert*

Thursday March 5

Every year the Symphony provides a set of free morning concerts for 4th and 5th graders at both the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz and Watsonville's Mello Center for the Performing Arts. On Thursday, 900 students will enjoy classic music at the Santa Cruz Civic. Parking will be impacted.



WATER

Two important capital projects are getting ready to launch. Bids have been received for the project to replace the critical water main that runs under the San Lorenzo River, connecting raw source water with the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant.

The bid period opened for the valve replacement project at Newell Creek Dam, with a whopping 4,000 pages of bid documents and attachments. Contractors have already been pre-qualified to bid on this large-scale project and bids are due back next week.

If you've been to Pleasure Point lately, you may have noticed a drill rig on the point. We are in the process of drilling a new monitoring well. The well will gather critical data on water quality and water elevations in the Mid County Groundwater Basin to help ensure the basin is managed properly, in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.



Drill rig positioned at Pleasure Point

Tomorrow is the sixth annual State of the San Lorenzo River Symposium, which will be held at the Zayante Fire House from 10:00am – 1:00pm, with an optional watershed tour afterward. The Symposium provides a forum for discussion on the science, history and policy of the river and its watershed. Tomorrow's [program](#) includes Senator Bill Monning and Supervisor Bruce McPherson.

While Loch Lomond is still full to near capacity (about one year's worth of water), we would be much more comfortable these days with some rainfall. Last February was very productive, this February has been dry as a bone. We remain faithful that March and April weather will add to our supply sources.

POLICE

Santa Cruz Police Invites Community Input at Public Safety Town Hall Meetings March 9, 11 and 12

The Santa Cruz Police Department will host three Town Hall meetings in March to get feedback from residents on the proposed Public Safety Quality of Life Ordinance Package.

Monday, March 9 at Delaveaga Elementary School

1145 Morrissey Blvd, Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Wednesday, March 11 at Louden Nelson Community Center

301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Thursday, March 12 at Peace United Church

900 High Street, CA 95060

Each session takes place from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting is an opportunity for citizens to meet with Chief Mills and command staff. We will discuss citywide public safety, an overview of police initiatives, and quality of life issues affecting neighborhoods.

Community engagement is essential in the development of the proposed Quality of Life Ordinance Package. Feedback is encouraged and sought from residents during the entire process.

Learn more about the proposed ordinances, including the opportunity to leave comments, questions, and suggestions, visit



SANTA CRUZ POLICE CHIEF MILLS INVITES YOU TO

PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL MEETINGS

- Citywide Public Safety Updates - Get The Facts
- Community Input on Proposed Quality of Life Ordinance Package
- Overview of SCPD Initiatives

MONDAY, MARCH 9
DELAVEAGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1145 MORRISSEY BLVD
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95065

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER
301 CENTER ST.
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
PEACE UNITED CHURCH
900 HIGH STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

More info & preview proposed ordinance, www.cityofsantacruz.com/PoliceTownHall

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Chief Mills' Town Hall meetings are part of the Santa Cruz Police Department's efforts to promote community involvement in keeping with the City of Santa Cruz's commitment to transparency in every aspect of City government.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) NEWS

Many of us are worried by news of the coronavirus outbreak spreading across the world.

Santa Cruz Public Libraries wants to help you stay informed and prevent the spread of misinformation in our community.

Check out these trustworthy resources to stay up-to-date with current reliable information.

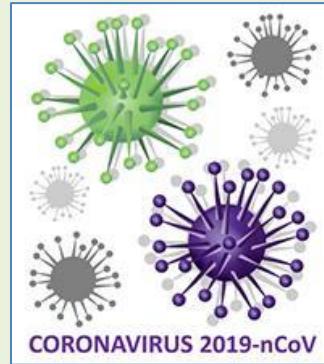
WHAT IS IT?: "Coronavirus" is a term used for a group of viruses. SARS, MERS, and the common cold are all strains of coronavirus. COVID-19 is the strain of the current outbreak.

SYMPTOMS: COVID-19 symptoms include fever, tiredness, and dry cough as well as aches and pains, congestion, and diarrhea. 80% of people recover from COVID-19. Older people and those with pre-existing conditions are at greater risk for a more serious reaction.

PREVENTION: Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Cough into your elbow or a tissue and avoid those coughing or sneezing into open air. Avoid touching your face.

TRANSMISSION: COVID-19 is primarily spread through particulates in the air, usually coming from the nose or mouth of someone who already has it. Keep at least a 3 foot distance from anyone exhibiting symptoms.

TRAVELING: Practice regular hygiene while traveling but avoid traveling if you feel feverish or have a cough. If you get sick while traveling, inform the flight crew immediately.



MORE INFORMATION

Always find information from a trusted resource: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency (HSA) all provide up-to-date information on COVID-19.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [SCPL Recommended Books](#)
- [Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#)
- [Center for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\) - Coronavirus Outbreak](#)
- [World Health Organization - Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) Outbreak](#)
- [World Health Organization - Advice for the Public - Myth Busters](#)
- [World Health Organization - Getting Your Workplace Ready for Covid 19](#)
- [All You Need to Know About Coronavirus - Printable Flyer](#)
- [Todo lo que debe saber sobre COVID-19 Alias "Coronavirus"](#)

Discover & Go...to the Art Smart Saturday Family Concert Series - Coming March 7th: Celtic Colors

ArtSmart Family Concert Series presents

CELTIC COLORS

Neal Hellman Jesse Autumn Deby Benton Grosjean

**March 7th
11 AM
Santa Cruz Vets Hall**

[Tandy Beal and Company](#) is once again offering library cardholders **free admission** to their *Art Smart Family Concert Series* through [Discover & Go](#).

**All Shows are on Saturdays 11:00am - 12:00pm
Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building, 846 Front St. Santa Cruz**

Celtic Colors is a concert of Celtic music by the area's prominent dulcimer, fiddle, and harp players! Celtic Colors features Neal Hellman on dulcimer, Deby Benton Grosjean on fiddle and Jesse Autumn on harp. Delight to the folk tunes that capture the musical imagery of the Celtic countryside. Share the gift of musical legacy and live art with your grandchildren, friends, and neighbors!

How to reserve a pass:

The number of free admission passes are limited, so don't delay! To get your pass, visit santacruzpl.discoverandgo.net and log in with your library card number and PIN or password. Search for Tandy Beal & Company in the venue list, or by date. Print your pass, which grants free admission to one adult and one child. Look for passes to future performances the week after the previous performance.

For more information and to learn about upcoming performances in the *First Saturday Concert Series* visit tandybeal.com.

[Discover & Go](#) is a library service that provides instant online access to free and low-cost tickets to museums, science centers, zoos, theatres and other fun local cultural venues.

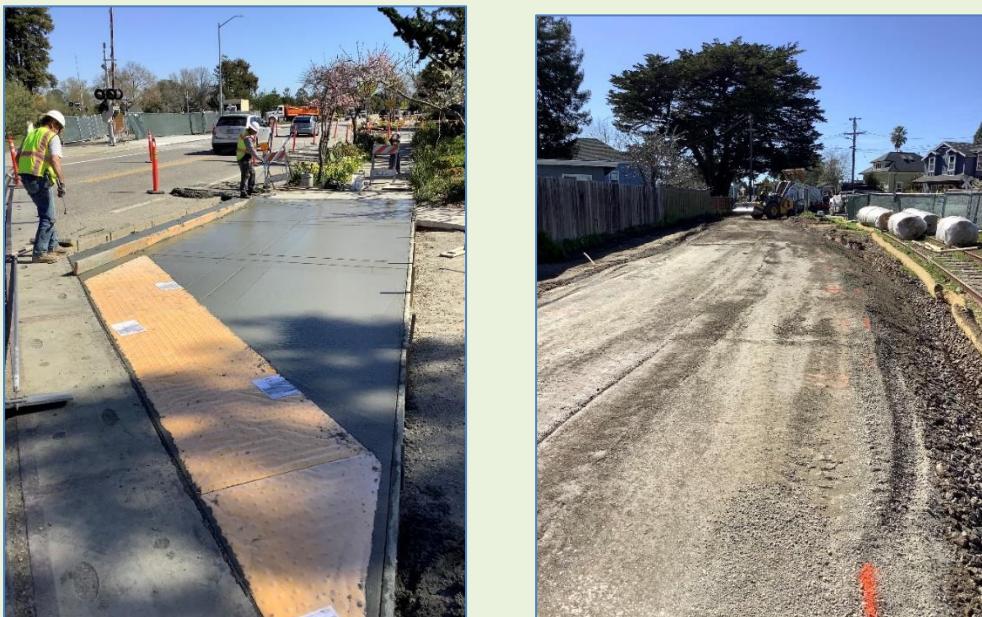
PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering

Our 2020 Curb Ramps Enhancement Project began construction this week with installation of five ADA concrete curb ramps along River Street from Madrone Street to Josephine Street. Construction is expected to be completed by late April.



Rail Trail Segment 7 Phase I construction continues on Bay, California, Redwood and Lennox streets with four more curb ramps poured this week. Patch paving for the new ramps will be installed by week's end. The Bay to Lennox trail base section is now complete. The last southeast curb ramp at Bay/California is graded and will be formed and poured next week. The following week paving of California Street from the rail line to Bay Street will be performed along with the trail section from Bay to Lennox.



Resource Recovery

THE NUMBERS ARE IN! Residents engaging with our online [What Goes Where Guide](#) to recycle right:



We remind everyone that political and other yard signs do not belong in blue recycling bins. Instead, they may be properly recycled when delivered to our Corporation Yard, 1125 River St., from Tuesday, March 3, through Friday, March 6, during the operating hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Yard signs may also be dropped at our Resource Recovery Facility, 605 Dimeo Lane, any Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Also, a reminder that it is illegal to throw out fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, high-density discharge bulbs, metal halide bulbs, and sodium or neon bulbs. These all contain hazardous material and may not be placed in either the trash or recycling cart. Instead, here are [Santa Cruz locations](#) that will accept these items for proper disposal.



Electrical work is being done for the new food waste preprocessing equipment. After making some operational changes to how we process our curbside Mixed Paper, we are producing bales that we feel will meet the current quality requirements under this challenging market environment.



Electrical Panel Work



Recycled Mixed Paper Bales Ready for Market

Corporation Yard collection operations storage tents were due for replacement but after the major wind event last month we had to move the project up due to damage. Staff replaced the tents this week.



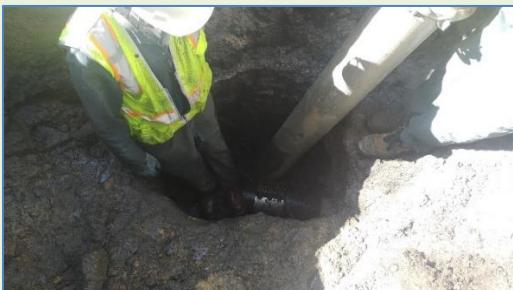
Storage Tent Replacement



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Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Collections and Storm Water Division discovered a leak on the Isbel Drive sanitary sewer pump station force main. Staff responded and the repair was made by installing a full circle clamp on the 6-inch cast iron main. Mechanics entered the non-permitted confined space of Secondary Clarifier #1, completing their annual preventative maintenance tasks.



Operations removed Primary Sedimentation Basin #1 from service and entered the permitted confined space to clean it prior to annual preventative maintenance tasks. (Permit required confined spaces contain additional hazards to non-permitted confined spaces such as the potential of a hazardous atmosphere or the potential for workers to become engulfed or trapped by materials.)



Traffic Engineering

Last chance for downtown employees to participate in the Falling in Love with Carpooling Challenge! Find a carpool buddy, sign up, earn points, and get sweet rewards! Plus be entered for a chance to win a date night on the town! Learn more [here](#).



[Distracted driving is more than texting](#). For safety's sake, stay focused on the road. [En español](#).



**Street
Smarts**