

City Manager's Weekly Update

January 10, 2020

WATER

We're starting the new year off in high gear at the Water Department, with bids coming in and going out for several projects that have been years in the making. In particular, bids for the Coast Pump Station pipeline project (launched from 1220 River Street), and the Newell Creek inlet/outlet project. Both projects are big, expensive, and technically challenging. We're also reviewing the construction sequencing planned for the concrete tanks replacement project at Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant, which will begin this summer.

Ongoing projects include the Water Street main replacement, which is in the homestretch. All the lateral lines have been connected to the new main. We still have some work to do tying the new main into the old main, and lots of street paving. For as impactful as this project could have been, I'm grateful to Water Department staff and contractors for what has been a relatively "uneventful" project.



(Out with the old, in with the new: the new water main under Water Street is now being tied into the old water main.)

We had a break in the water main that delivers raw water from Majors creek this week. Apparently it started as a small, slow leak, which is why it didn't register in our data collection. Though small and slow, the leak was around long enough to cause a slide to the wooded area below it. We're still assessing the impact of the break and how best to address it.

I'm pleased to report that we continue to transfer water to Soquel Creek Water District in what is year two of our pilot project. Just over 20 million gallons were transferred in December.

We saw quite an uptick in demand last weekend as UCSC geared back up for their winter quarter. We're glad to see storms on the horizon next week.

Our new water bills are out this week. The two main drivers for the changes were 1) we wanted to bust the notion that the entire bill is for water only by separating out all of the utility charges with a pie chart, and 2) we wanted to include late notices in order to avoid printing and posting a separate document to our customers, which has been confusing to them in the past.

Last, we noted this week that we only added 37 new water accounts in 2019. Of those, 33 were for single family units. This continues the downward trend we've seen over the past few years.

POLICE

MLK March for The Dream 2020 Santa Cruz

Chief Mills invites everyone to share in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspirational message of peace, justice and community. March for The Dream on Monday, January 20, 2020.

Together, the NAACP Santa Cruz County Branch and the Santa Cruz Police Department presents the Santa Cruz MLK Day March. It is going to be an extraordinary event. We invite individuals and community groups/clubs/congregations to walk with us in the march in honor of Dr. King.

MLK March Schedule

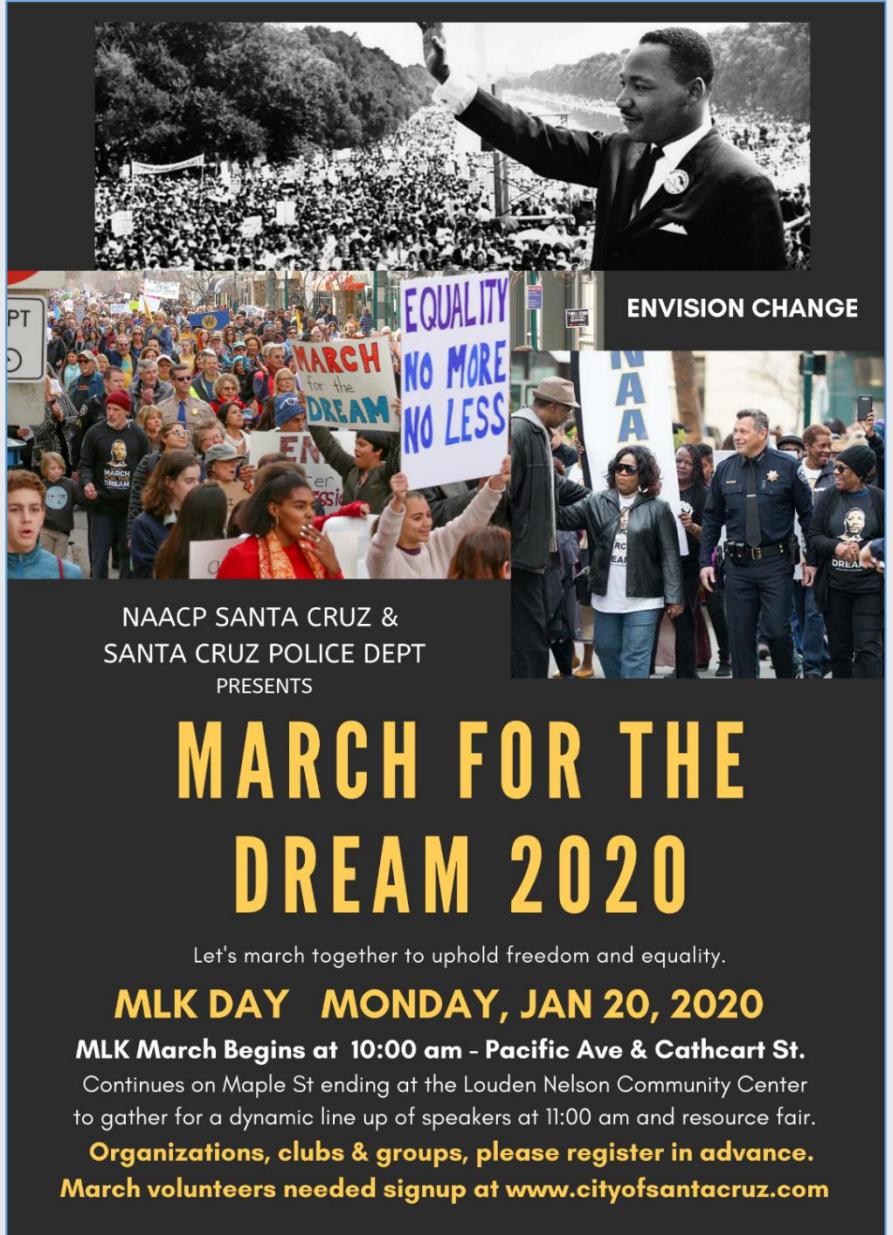
9:00 am - 10:00 am Marcher Lineup at Cathcart between Cedar Street and Pacific Avenue. Groups check-in & meet up. Individual marchers welcome.

10:00 am Official March start time. The route starts on Cathcart Street and Pacific Avenue moves along to Maples Street and ends at the Louden Nelson Community Center.

11:00 am Louden Nelson Community Center for a dynamic line up of speaker and resource fair.

Groups who are planning to participate are asked to sign up in advance <http://bit.ly/39ZkzG3>

"The MLK Day March is family-friendly, inspiring, and collaborative, said Chief Mills. It's also an



The poster features a collage of images from a previous march. At the top right, a black and white photo of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. waving. Below it is a color photo of a large crowd marching, with a person in the foreground holding a sign that reads "EQUALITY NO MORE NO LESS". To the right of the crowd, a police officer in uniform stands next to a woman. The text "ENVISION CHANGE" is in the upper right corner of the collage. Below the collage, the text "NAACP SANTA CRUZ & SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPT PRESENTS" is centered. The main title "MARCH FOR THE DREAM 2020" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, the text "Let's march together to uphold freedom and equality." is in a smaller white font. At the bottom, the text "MLK DAY MONDAY, JAN 20, 2020", "MLK March Begins at 10:00 am - Pacific Ave & Cathcart St.", "Continues on Maple St ending at the Louden Nelson Community Center to gather for a dynamic line up of speakers at 11:00 am and resource fair.", and "Organizations, clubs & groups, please register in advance. March volunteers needed signup at www.cityofsantacruz.com" is displayed in yellow text.

opportunity for the businesses, social and community groups that make this city strong to come out and be recognized while supporting a common cause."

Event details are available online at <http://bit.ly/39ZkzG3> or the NAACP Santa Cruz Facebook page. For more information, please call 831-420-5844 or 831-429-2266.

Lieutenant & Sergeant Promotions

This week the Santa Cruz Police Department proudly announced the promotion of two veteran officers to the position of Police Lieutenant and Police Sergeant. Lieutenant Jon Bush and Sergeant Brad Burruel promoted on Monday afternoon, January 6, following a rigorous and competitive testing process.



LT Jon Bush



SGT Brad Burruel

"Jon Bush and Brad Burruel demonstrate dedication and the most important leadership skills to inspire our officers to level up," said Chief Mills. "You can count on these two officers to always uphold the professionalism the community expects from the Santa Cruz Police Department."

Lieutenant Jon Bush has 22 years of law enforcement experience with the Santa Cruz Police Department. During his career, Lieutenant Bush has worked in patrol, in investigations as a detective, and as a field training officer. As a Sergeant, he supervised patrol teams, served on the County Anti-Crime Team, and managed the Downtown Unit and Neighborhood Policing Teams. He also served as the Hostage Negotiations Team Leader. Lieutenant Jon Bush is a Recipient of the Life Saving Award, Chief's Commendation, and Officer of the Year. He lives in Santa Cruz County with his wife and two daughters.





Sergeant Brad Burruel is a 12 year veteran of the police department. During his career, Sergeant Burruel worked in patrol, serving as a member of the Downtown Unit and Emergency Services Unit Tactical Team. He is a POST-certified Defensive Tactics instructor and co-creator of the SCPD Threat Assessment Team. Sergeant Burruel also served as a Field Training Officer instructing and training new patrol officers.

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating these veteran officers on achieving a significant milestone in their careers.

PARKS AND RECREATION

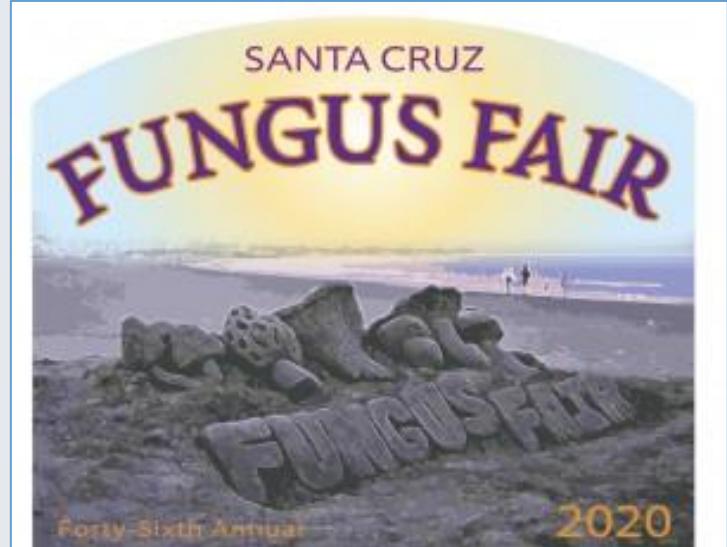
New playground at Harvey West Park

Alert the kids!!! A brand new, beautiful playground is now open at Harvey West Park. Among other things, the new play structure has a GeoPlex Climber, a Hemisphere Climber, a tire swing, three slides and inclusive play features! Demolition and removal of the old play structure was handled entirely by Parks staff. A special thank you to Britt Hoberg and the Wharf Crew for coming in with their backhoe to help remove the larger pieces, and props to the Harvey West Crew for accomplishing the monumental task of moving upwards of 125 yards of sand out from the area!!



Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz Presents the 46th Annual Fungus Fair
@ Louden Nelson Community Center
Friday - Sunday, Jan. 10-12

Come to the Santa Cruz Fungus Fair to learn all there is to know about the fascinating world of mushrooms. The three-day event features hundreds of species of local fungi presented in a unique fashion, and draws thousands of visitors each year. The Fair showcases speakers, a special Kids' Room, and a taxonomy panel for identification of fungi. Many books and mushroom-related items are available for sale, as are wild mushroom delicacies. **Hours: Friday 2 – 6pm; Sat. & Sun. 10am – 5pm**



PUBLIC WORKS

Resource Recovery

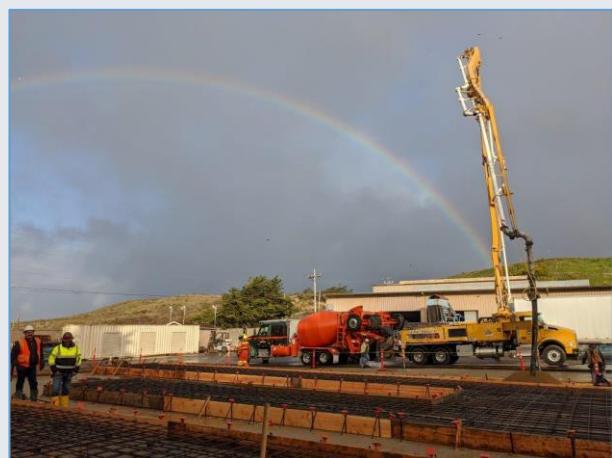
The annual [Resource and Recovery newsletter](#) arrived in residential mailboxes over the last week. Articles including the “Cost of Free Stuff” and “We’re Here to Help” along with quick reference guides for proper recycling and important dates and contact information are included in the 6-page mailer.



Concrete work is being completed this week for the Food Waste Processing System Concrete Pads Project at the Resource Recovery Facility on Dimeo Lane.



Food Waste Processing System Concrete Pour



Our Collections Division did a special street sweep and clean-up along Lee Street.



Lee Street Special Sweep and Clean-up

The Resource Recovery Division just completed an agreement with Grey Bears of Santa Cruz County to help fund their polystyrene recycling program. Grey Bears has the only permitted polystyrene recycling machine in the Monterey Bay area and allows City residents to drop-off material at their site. The new agreement allows the City to collect material at the Dimeo Lane facility and transport it to Grey Bears for processing.

A reminder that the City offers three ways to recycle your holiday tree free of charge: curbside pick-up now through Jan. 14; placement of trimmed down tree in yard waste cart; and drop-off at the Resource Recovery Facility through January. More details [here](#). A note that non-working holiday lights are e-waste and should not go in the blue recycling cart.



Transportation Engineering/Community Relations

Our Street Smarts traffic safety program participated in three nights of Las Posadas celebrations among our Spanish speaking community. The City's Spanish speaking outreach coordinator manned our booth which provided free bike lights, reflective bands and pedestrian reflective stickers along with program information. There was also a Resilient Coast Santa Cruz presence.

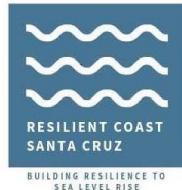
QUIERES SER ILUMINADO?



Street Smarts

La misión de la campaña de educación pública Street Smarts es reducir el número de accidentes y lesiones de tráfico en el Condado de Santa Cruz y la Ciudad de Monterey.

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Wastewater Treatment Facility

In 2019 the Facility treated a total of 3,219 million gallons of wastewater, produced 56 million gallons of recycled water for on-site use, and generated 9,665 tons of class-B biosolids which were beneficially reused as topsoil at landfills and as soil augmentation for non-food crops. 133.7 million cubic feet of methane gas was generated through anaerobic digestion and was used to generate a total of 7.9 million kW of electricity to power the facility.

