

# City Manager's Weekly Update

October 22, 2021

## Economic Development

### Housing Development & Preservation | CDBG-CV Dientes Year-End Summary



As part of the yearly reporting for CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV funding, recipients provide a narrative to the Housing Team for reporting to HUD in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), which is submitted annually at the end of September. Below are some highlights of the expanded COVID-19 safety screenings made possible with \$46,750 of CDBG-CV funds.

Dientes applied for funding for staffing necessary to implement COVID-19 related safety and infection control procedures to prevent the spread at their clinic locations. The funded services include pre-screening all patients on the phone 24-48 hours before arrival to determine the patient's health and exposure. In addition, upon arrival for an appointment, all patients were screened with temperature checks before being allowed in the clinical care areas. Some highlights and successes of the program

submitted by Dientes to the City of Santa Cruz are below:

"In the fourth and final quarter, Dientes has served 3,733 patients at our Commercial Way site (2,017 are Santa Cruz City residents). Over the grant term (July 2020 – June 2021), we have served 7,952 unduplicated patients, including 4,194 Santa Cruz residents, at our Commercial Way clinic for a total of 25,335 visits. From the first quarter to the fourth, we have increased our reach by 10%, approaching capacity closer to pre-COVID levels. With the rollout of vaccines and the loosening of restrictions, there is less hesitancy to visit the dentist. This, paired with evolving clinical efficiencies with COVID-19 protocols, allowed for a gradual increase in capacity throughout the grant term.

With your support, front office staff screened all patients for COVID-19 before their dental appointment, which is vital to our ability to continue to provide safe dental care in an ongoing pandemic. The nature of dentistry is high-risk for COVID transmission due to close proximity and the creation of aerosols during procedures. With effective screening, in addition to other COVID-19 protocols, your support has successfully prevented a coronavirus outbreak despite the high-risk nature of dentistry. Thanks to your support, low-income patients have had continued access to safe, essential dental care despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic."

## Public Works

### Traffic Engineering

City Public Works Transportation staff toured the Coast Futura demonstration. This demo used an electric tram to tour the rail line between the Boardwalk and the Capitola Overlook. The demo is free and open to the public with hourly runs from Thursday, Oct. 21, through Sunday, Oct. 24. And bike valet parking is available to make your entire trip greener! All tickets have been claimed, however, folks can add their names to the waitlist.



Our Street Smarts traffic safety program hosted a table at Bayview Elementary on Thursday's Bike to Work/School Day. Despite the rain, 78 students participated! Our table offered pedestrian and bike safety pledges, rewarding the students with reflective slap bands, spoke reflectors and take-home safety reminders.



### Wastewater Treatment Facility

This week all Treatment Facility staff participated in the annual Bystander CPR/AED Certification. A trainer from the City of Santa Cruz Fire Department administered this training and certification program. In the session, staff were given instruction and hands-on practice in identifying when CPR compressions are needed in a health emergency, how to perform CPR on an adult and a child, and how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The trainer emphasized the significant number of



times he has personally responded to emergencies where an adult was unconscious, not breathing and without a pulse, but is alive and walking around today because CPR was already underway before first responders arrived. Annual retraining in these lifesaving techniques for City employees is a significant, lifesaving investment in the health and safety of the general public.

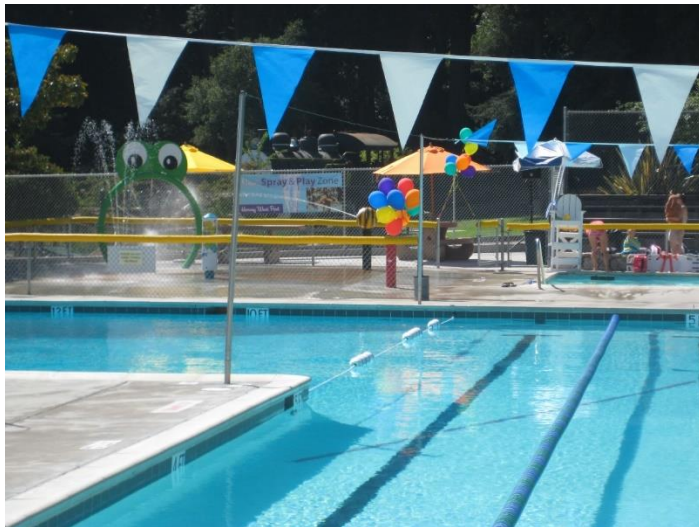
## Parks and Recreation

### Prayers For Rain

In hopeful anticipation of upcoming rains, the Greenways & Open Space division of the Parks & Recreation Department has been working hard to clear hundreds of feet of toe-ditch along the eastern portion of the levee. Pictured is just a small sample of the work they've done. Do your rain dance, everyone!!



### Simpkins Swim Center



Parks and Recreation is excited to announce Simpkins Swim Center will offer swim programs at [Harvey West Pool](#) while the Swim Center undergoes facility renovations this winter-spring. Programs offered include lap swim, Adult Fitness and Water Aerobics. Harvey West Pool will open for public use beginning Monday, January 3, 2022. We are pleased to offer these essential swimming programs to the community. For questions regarding renovations at Simpkins Swim Center or to sign up for programs, contact the Simpkins Swim Center at [Swimcenter@scparks.com](mailto:Swimcenter@scparks.com) or 831-454-7960.

**Dates of Operation:** January 3-May 31, 2022

#### Harvey West Open Hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 a.m.-4 p.m.	6a.m.-730 p.m.	Closed	6 a.m.-730 p.m.	Closed	6 a.m.-730 p.m.	9 a.m.-4 p.m.