

City Manager's Weekly Update

City of Santa Cruz

February 13, 2023

Dettle, Stewart Receive Public Works Association Honors



Our City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department was recognized with four awards by the American Public Works Association-Monterey Bay Chapter. The awards honored recently retired Department Director Mark Dettle as 2023 Person of the Year and Senior Professional Engineer Katie Stewart as 2023 Young Professional of the Year. 2023 Awards of Merit were bestowed on both the West Cliff Path Storm Damage Repair and Highway 1/9 Intersection Improvements projects. Congrats to our amazing team! [Read more.](#)

Santa Cruz Fire Department Hosts County Training at Old Gateway School Site

Santa Cruz Fire Department started off 2023 by hosting a large-scale training exercise at the former Gateway school site located at 126 Eucalyptus. Over the course of the training, 104 firefighters participated, providing 12 sessions of 2 ½ hour training blocks. Each training session included practice on forcible entry strategies and techniques; hose and ladder deployments; offensive structural firefighting strategies and tactics; victim search and rescue; and a focus on overall firefighter safety and accountability in these dangerous and critical situations.

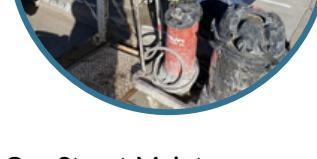
The participating Santa Cruz County Fire agencies included the Santa Cruz Fire Department, Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District, Watsonville Fire Department and Cal-Fire Santa Cruz Unit. Training Battalion Chief Ryan Reber, Fire Captain Eric Chitwood, and Firefighter-Paramedic Kyle Foster were instrumental in delivering this training with passion and enthusiasm that were palpable and contagious. Because these agencies respond together at any large-scale fire or emergency within the county, countywide training is vital for overall public safety.



Homelessness Response Field Team Sets Weekly Routes

Public Works

The Homelessness Response Field team runs two regular routes each week, separated by the San Lorenzo River levee. The crew splits their time equally focusing on the west side and east side of Santa Cruz, collecting abandoned items and trash from public areas and neighborhoods.



Street Maintenance Crew Improves Bike Crossing and Downtown Lots

Public Works

Our Street Maintenance crew recently worked on a bike lane and pedestrian crossing project near DeLaveaga Elementary School. They also assisted our parking division with a coat of fresh paint for various surface parking lots in the downtown area.



MLK Jr. March for the Dream Rescheduled for Monday, February 20

Parks & Recreation

Join the Santa Cruz NAACP, Resource Center for Nonviolence and Temple Beth El in downtown Santa Cruz at Cathcart and Pacific to March for the Dream. The March will begin at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 20. The after-march event begins at 11:00 AM at the Civic Auditorium. [More Information.](#)



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