



City Manager's Weekly Update

City of Santa Cruz
February 6, 2023

Home Available for Purchase through Habitat for Humanity Housing Development & Preservation — Economic Development



One single-family three-bedroom two-bath, ADA-compliant home in Live Oak is available for purchase for low-income households. The unit is available through Habitat for Humanity Monterey Bay and applications are being accepted now through February 17, 2023.

- You may qualify for homeownership if:
- You are a first-time homebuyer
 - Your gross annual income is within 50 – 80% of Santa Cruz County AMI Limits
 - You have a need for an ADA-compliant home
 - Your credit score is 620 or higher
 - You are willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity through sweat equity

For more information, visit [Habitat's website](#) or call 831-469-4663.



Coastal Permit for 126 Eucalyptus Project Appealed with the Coastal Commission

Planning & Community Development Department

In November, 2022, the City Council approved an assisted living and memory care facility project permit for 126 Eucalyptus. The Coastal Permit associated with the project has been appealed to the Coastal Commission. The appeal will be heard on February 10th via Zoom. At this hearing, the Commission will determine whether the appeal has brought up a “substantial issue” with the project. If no substantial issue is found, the appeal is denied. If a substantial issue is found, then the Coastal Commission will set a second hearing to hear the Coastal Permit de novo, looking at the permit in its entirety and not just on the points of the appeal. The Coastal Commission staff recommended on this appeal a decision of no substantial issue. The related staff report is available [online](#).



Two Tons of Trash Collected by Homelessness Response Field Team

Public Works

The Homelessness Response Field team collected 114 hypodermic needles and 2 tons of trash from the San Lorenzo River levee and various parking areas in downtown Santa Cruz over the past week.



Street Maintenance Team Assists with Community Clean-Up

Public Works

Volunteers from the Street Maintenance division assisted in collecting and hauling debris along the San Lorenzo River levee. The event was coordinated by many local community groups and hosted 143 volunteers to collect trash from the watershed on Saturday, January 28. In two hours of work, volunteers collected almost 2 tons of trash between the Trestle Bridge and Highway 1. The road crew also removed a broken guardrail on Hiawatha Avenue and filled in the area that had washed out with base rock and cobblestone. A new guardrail will be installed next week.



Former City Public Works Director Named Person of the Year

Public Works

It's with great pleasure to announce that, at this year's APWA Monterey Bay Chapter meeting, the City of Santa Cruz will be receiving four awards. Mark Dettle, the City's former Public Works Director will be named Person of the Year. Senior Professional Engineer Katie Stewart will be named Professional of the Year. Awards of Merit will go to the West Cliff Storm Drain Damage Repair project and the Highway 1/9 Intersections Improvements project. Congratulations to Mark, Katie, Miguel, and Josh for your year of excellent public service and project implementation! The APWA meeting will be Wednesday, February 8.



Bike Share to Launch in Santa Cruz

Public Works

You may have heard that BIKE SHARE is coming back to Santa Cruz! We are excited to launch a new program in June through a regional collaboration. The new B-Cycle program requires bikes to be picked up and dropped off at stations. To make sure that we place stations in the right locations, we want to hear from you. Please participate in our [online survey](#). For program details, visit the [bikeshare website](#).

Tax Assistance Through Project SCOUT Returns to London Nelson Parks and Recreation

Project SCOUT provides free tax assistance to seniors, individuals with a disability, low-income families, and individuals in Santa Cruz County. After a three-year hiatus from in-person tax assistance, Project SCOUT will return to London Nelson Community Center on Thursdays through April, starting February 2 from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Appointments must be made in advance, by calling the Project SCOUT headquarters at 831-724-2606 or London Nelson Community Center at 831-420-6177.



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