

Pride in Public Service

A big welcome to Kim Murray, Information Services Coordinator!

Strategic Planning

The City Council has begun its strategic planning project. Citizens can monitor the progress of our strategic planning process by visiting the city website: www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us and clicking on the strategic planning link. This page is currently under construction with anticipated completion of October 11th.

Fire Department Update from Chief Steve Adams

The City has declared October 6th through 12th, 2013 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires." It includes a campaign to spread the word that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home and to teach people how to prevent cooking fires.

The Fire Department will host its annual Open House on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All families and friends are invited to meet the fire department personnel, watch live demonstrations, participate in fire extinguisher training, and have lunch with Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear. The fire prevention trailer will be available to teach children about fire safety, exiting, smoke alarms, creating escape plans, and calling 911.

There have been several inquiries regarding the downtown streetscape project. Citizens have expressed concern about the fire department's ability to access the business district with the fire apparatus. Let me assure you that we are able to safely maneuver all fire apparatus through the improved intersections. There will be no impacts to our downtown response times.

Animal Care and Shelter Update

In July a Request for Proposals was sent out, with the hope that some of the regional animal care and control providers would be interested in serving Healdsburg. Five proposals were received and are now currently under review. A panel consisting of a local veterinarian and three community members has been created to assist staff with evaluating and ranking the submittals. Once the proposals have been thoroughly vetted, a recommendation will be presented to City Council.

Traffic Complaints

The Police Department has acquired a traffic survey device in order to help assess speed complaints within the city. The device discreetly captures vehicle volume, speeds, dates and times for further analysis in order to determine how significant speeding problems are and the best times for enforcement. The device is more reliable than traditional tube based systems because it is radar operated and completely discreet.

12th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament raised more than \$17,000.00 for the Parks and Recreation Department's Scholarship Fund. This is an increase of approximately \$5,000 from last year's event. The increase in revenue is due to the generosity of the local business community. Special acknowledgement and thanks to the following tournament sponsors:

- **Tournament Sponsors:** Pigs & Pinot and Dairy Delivery
- **Golf Cart Sponsor:** Brandt Insurance

- **Goodie Bag Sponsor:** Redwood Moving & Storage
- **Beverage Sponsor:** Bistro Ralph
- **Food & Drink Sponsors:** Agave, American Legion Post 111, Healdsburg Charcuterie, Dragonfly Tea Company, Malm Cellars, Mateo's Cocina Latina, Scharffenberger Chocolate, Sizzling Tandoor, Taverna Sofia and The Wurst.

Community Special Events

The first annual Healdsburg Business Showcase & Community Resource Fair will be held in Plaza Park on Wednesday, October 9th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Healdsburg and Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the fair is to acquaint local community members with the goods, services and resources available in Healdsburg.

Heads Up Golfers:

City electric crews are preparing for a major reconstruction project adjacent to Tayman. Work will be ongoing through the month of October but has been scheduled to provide the least amount of impact to the operation of the golf course. This work will replace four rotten poles, remove aging high voltage switches, and re-frame over-head wires to help prevent outages related to wildlife. A short term inconvenience for long term improvements to the reliability of our electrical system.

Healdsburg Bridge Rehabilitation Update

The administrative draft of the initial study and mitigated negative declaration for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act was completed and distributed to Federal, State and other regulatory agencies for review and comments. On September 10, a 30-day review period inviting public comment began and is set to close on October 10. The Public Hearing for receiving comments from the public is scheduled for October 8. The draft IS/MND is posted on the City's website. Federal authorization for right-of-way acquisition is anticipated in October 2013. Completion of final design is anticipated in December 2013 and federal authorization to construct is anticipated by early spring 2014.