

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

August 16, 2019



City Manager's Office

August 21st & 22nd Community Workshops on Strategic Plan – The City will host two community workshops for the public on the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan on Wednesday, August 21st, and Thursday, August 22nd, from 6:30-8p.m. at the Villa Chanticleer Annex (860 Chanticleer Way). Community members will learn about the top-level findings from focus-group meetings held this spring on what participants suggested the City of Healdsburg should focus on in the next five years. They will also help provide feedback via interactive workstations on upcoming City initiatives. Spanish translation will be available. These workshops have been promoted via the Healdsburg Tribune (print and digital advertising) as well as the City's website and social media, and at the Saturday farmers' market. For more information about the Strategic Plan, go to: <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/570/Community-Input>



Community Survey on Strategic Plan – The 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Community Survey is available and ready for your input. Please visit the link below to take the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/Healdsburg2019

Community Services

Parks, River Access, and Connectivity Planning Process Underway – The City kicked off the public engagement for the Park, River Access, and Connectivity master planning process this week. Staff and the team from Fletcher Studio provided information on the planning process at the Tuesday's in the Plaza Concert, conducted 11 focus group sessions, presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission, researched the history of the project sites at the Healdsburg Museum (did you know that at one time there was a casino overlooking the Russian River in what is now Railroad Park?), and lead project site walks and held the first meeting for the 43-member community Parks Design Team. Staff and the Fletcher Team will take the feedback that we received this week to develop the framework and opportunities/constraints analysis for the upcoming planning process. More information on the planning process is available on the City's web site at <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/878/Park-Master-Planning-River-Access-Connec>.



Sundays in the Plaza Concert with Jessica Johnson – Sunday, August 18 will be your last chance to enjoy Sundays in the Plaza music hosted by the Community Services Department. This weekend come see vocalist Jessica Johnson in Plaza Park from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Jessica captivates audiences from the moment she walks on stage, engaging listeners with her rich, sultry voice and R&B stylings. We couldn't think of a better artist to close out our Sundays in the Plaza concerts in style. Bring a blanket, pack a lunch, and join us in enjoying the nice summer afternoon weather with some wonderful music. More for information on the Sunday in the Plaza artists, please visit: www.cityofhealdsburg.org/SundayConcerts.

2019 Tuesdays in the Plaza Concerts are Coming to an End – Summer is winding down and we have two more concerts in the Plaza. Join us in Plaza Park from 6:00 – 8:00 pm as we closeout our music series with some talented artists.

8/20 – Carolyn Sills Combo (Spaghetti Western Swing)

8/27 – The Duvets (Dance Rock)

We would like to thank our community who has come out to enjoy this summer's concert series. A very special thank you to our Platinum Sponsor: Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District and to our Premier Sponsors: Big John's Market and Hotel Healdsburg. Many thanks to all of our other Tuesdays in the Plaza sponsors. For more information on Tuesdays in the Plaza concerts and for a full listing of all our sponsors, please visit: www.cityofhealdsburg.org/TuesdayConcerts.

Planning & Building

Permit Review Manual – The CDC is nearing completion of releasing a manual to aid builders, developers, and homeowners in the development and building permitting process. The goal of the permit review manual is to help prospective applicants understand what is expected of them and what assistance is available from City staff and to clarify standards for submittal of permit applications and to provide detailed checklists, with a clear understanding of development and permitting fees. A group of local stakeholders from the development community have participated in the process and provided guidance to staff.

RiverHouse Cottage Court -- The planned cottage court project known as RiverHouse located at 125 and 131 Kennedy Lane is in the final stages of receiving its building permits. The applicant is currently installing the required tree protection measures prior to demolition of the existing house, outbuildings, and site improvements. Demolition is anticipated to begin the week of August 19th.

Public Safety

Fire Department adding Reserve Firefighters – The Fire Department is moving forward seven applicants for the position of Reserve Firefighter. The applicants have completed oral board interviews and a written test. Next steps include an interview with the Chief, background checks and physicals. We hope to begin their training in early November. New Reserve Firefighters

typically undergo 4-5 months of training on nights and weekends prior to responding to emergency incidents.

Heat Advisory – The National Weather Service issued a Heat Advisory that was in place from 11am on Wednesday until 8pm on Thursday. The Senior Center located at 133 Matheson Street maintained regular hours, 9am-5pm and all residents were welcome to visit and stop in to take a break from the heat. There was lots of cooling and ice-cold water available!

Public Works

2018-19 Measure V pavement Rehabilitation Project – Work is wrapping up on the 2018-19 Measure V pavement Rehabilitation Project. Over the previous two weeks many City streets received chip sealing and micro surfacing. More information can be found at the project web page <https://www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/923/2018--19-Measure-V-Pavement-Rehabilitati>



Here's the remaining schedule. Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

August 19 – 23: Roadway striping

- Workers will repaint roadway striping.
- During this work, vehicles will be able to travel on the streets except where construction crews will be working and where parking will be restricted.

Streets to Creeks – The City of Healdsburg, together with a coalition of cities, counties, towns, and special districts that share the Russian River watershed, have partnered to raise awareness about neighborhood storm drains and their connection to the vitality of our local creeks. Many community members are unaware of the fact that the storm drains in our streets, go directly into local creeks, and ultimately flow into the Russian River. The campaign focuses on raising regional awareness about impacts to our watershed and water quality by educating residents about one essential fact -- only rain should ever go down the storm drain. For more information, go to www.streetstocreeks.org and see how we can all help to improve our water quality and creek health.



Utility

Floating Solar – The City and NCPA staff received proposals from four vendors for the floating solar projects. Each proposal varies slightly, and staff are reviewing to identify the most qualified and best value for the City. From the initial review, staff will need to work with the top proposers to collect additional information and clarify certain aspects of the design.

Sunset Tank Replacement – The sunset tank was drained and removed earlier this week. With the old redwood tank now out of the way, the contractor will start to construct a new larger base in preparation for the new tank. This is an important project for the Water department as it removed an aged redwood water tank and replaces it with a larger more durable storage facility.



Magnolia Force Main Replacement – Work continues on the replacement of wastewater force mains running underneath Dry Creek. Two large pits (bore pits) are very near completion and the sub-contractor specializing in tunneling will begin moving equipment on site next week. With tunneling equipment arriving, the schedule anticipates boring under Dry Creek to begin the second week of September.