



## CITY NOTES

July 16, 2015

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**SEA LION ARTICULATION WORKSHOP**>> Starting on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Old Rec Center gym will be transformed into a marine mammal articulation studio. Three master articulators- Mike deRoos, Michi Main and Lee Post- are teaming up to help the Noyo Center for Marine Science assemble a Stellar sea lion skeleton and a California sea lion skeleton for display. The public is welcome to drop by and take a look between 9 AM to 5 PM daily from July 20 to August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you want a “hands on” experience, sign up for a three-hour block of time at the Noyo Center office (on Laurel Street behind City Hall). The Noyo Center is also looking for student interns (between the ages of 12-18) to participate in the articulation workshop either full- or part-time. For more information about the internship program, the workshop, and related events, go to <http://noyocenter.org>. The public is also encouraged to attend a free introductory lecture by Mike and Michi titled “The Art of Articulation” which will be held at Fort Bragg Town Hall on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

**GREEN ALLEYS**>> Beyond a doubt, the most extraordinary alleyway in the City is the new “Green Alley” located south of Oak Street between Harrison and Whipple. The alley improvements include permeable pavers and other biofiltration features that are intended to treat and infiltrate stormwater. The total cost of the alley improvements (about \$145k) was provided by a clean water grant using State Prop 84 funds. Work on improving the alley behind Purity and installing similar low-impact development improvements is now underway. A third alleyway (behind Colombi’s store) is underway. The costs of these improvements are in line with the estimated costs for alley improvements as presented in the City’s 2011 Alley Master Plan.

**CITY PROMOTIONS**>> At the Police Department, Chief Lizarraga recently promoted Officer Jonathan McLaughlin to fill the new fourth Sergeant position. Congratulations Jonathan! Community Services Officer Kimberly Nell was selected as a Police Recruit and will begin the Police Academy in Santa Rosa in just a couple of weeks. Good luck Kim! In our Public Works Department, Maintenance Worker IV Ian Sanderson was promoted to Lead Maintenance Worker. Congratulations Ian! At City Hall, Senior Government Accountant Victor Damiano is serving as Acting Finance Director while our Finance Director is on leave. Thank you Victor! Housing & Economic Development Coordinator Jennifer Owen was recently promoted to a new mid-management classification titled Special Projects Manager. Congratulations Jennifer!

**NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR**>> Scott Schneider will begin work as the City’s new Administrative Services Director later this month. The Administrative Services Director is a new position/title that replaces the Assistant City Manager position. The position will oversee the City’s human resources functions (personnel, labor relations, benefits administration), information technology, and the City Clerk’s office. In addition, the position will continue to provide high-level administrative support to the City Manager. The restructuring of the City’s administrative services is intended to establish a strong and cohesive administrative support team to serve all City departments, City employees, the Council, and the public.

Scott has a BA degree in Psychology from Syracuse University and a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University, along with many other certifications. For the past six years, Scott has served as the CEO of Visit Mendocino County, Inc. (Mendocino County's destination marketing organization). Prior to that, he served for three years as Executive Director of the Mendocino County Lodging Association, and before that he held various managerial positions in the hospitality industry. Scott's experience as chief executive of VMC and the MCLA has included work with many elected Boards, Commissions and governmental entities. Scott has nearly 15 years of experience as a manager and supervisor, during which time he has been responsible for recruitments and hiring decisions, setting and administering internal policies, and addressing the full spectrum of personnel issues. He has also been responsible for preparation and implementation of organizational budgets, development of strategic plans, and coordination of a myriad of varied and complex projects. Scott has a unique blend of "people" skills, tech savvy, and number-crunching skills—and the City is excited to have him join its management team.

**NEW HIRES>>** The City recently hired Matteo Ortiz as a part-time Audio Visual Technician, Keyona Martinez as a Parking Enforcement Attendant, and Dale Syler as a Seasonal Laborer. Welcome aboard!

**CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES>>** The City is currently recruiting for the following positions: Associate Planner, Grants Assistant, Temporary Office Assistant (Finance), Temporary Office Assistant (Admin), and Seasonal Laborer. The City is also conducting an internal recruitment for the Acting City Clerk position which will be retitled City Clerk upon the incumbent's retirement this fall. Interested applicants should contact Human Resources Technician Juli Mortensen at 961-2823 ext 112 or [jgreenberger@fortbragg.com](mailto:jgreenberger@fortbragg.com). There are a number of other job opportunities coming up. Prospective applicants are encouraged to check out the City's job announcements at <https://city.fortbragg.com> and to sign up for notifications using the NotifyMe app.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS>>** Check out the "Upcoming Agenda Items" pages on the City's website or sign up for meeting notifications using the "Notify Me" feature on the website <https://city.fortbragg.com>. The following public meetings are coming up:

- Thursday, July 16 @ 3 PM, City Hall Conference Room – Public Works & Facilities Committee. Review Bicycle Master Plan.
- Tuesday, July 21 @ 1:30 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – Joint Board of Supervisors/City Council Meeting to Consider Action on Final EIR for Central Coast Transfer Station Project.
- Monday, July 27 @ 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – City Council Meeting. Agenda is not finalized but is expected to include reports on mobile vending regulations (i.e., taco trucks) and vacation home rentals, along with the introduction of ordinances on Purchasing, Informal Bidding, Source Control, and Fire Sprinklers.

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