



CITY NOTES

July 30, 2015

UNVEILING THE SEA LIONS>> For the past two weeks, the Old Rec Center gym has been transformed into a marine mammal articulation studio. Three masterful marine scientists/artists- Mike deRoos, Michi Main and Lee Post- have teamed up to help the Noyo Center for Marine Science assemble a Steller sea lion skeleton and a California sea lion skeleton. The community is invited to a reception on Saturday, August 1st at 4 PM at the gym to view the two skeletons. For more information about the Noyo Center for Marine Science go to <http://noyocenter.org>.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT>> The Fort Bragg Police Department, together with our Neighborhood Watch volunteers, is sponsoring a National Night Out celebration at Bainbridge Park on Tuesday, August 4th from 5 to 7 PM. The event includes a BBQ with free hot dogs, fun and games for children, and plenty of information on how to get involved in Neighborhood Watch and how to prepare your household for emergencies. Everyone is invited to come by the park, get to know your neighbors, and show your support for the strong community-police partnerships in Fort Bragg.

WATER SUPPLY IS DWINDLING>> Lead Treatment Operator Heath Daniels reported that, on Tuesday, flows in the Noyo River dipped down to 1.6 cubic feet per second which matches the lowest flows recorded on the river in 1977. This is concerning, particularly since the City's water demands are at a seasonal peak. While the throngs of tourists visiting Fort Bragg this summer are a welcome sight, we all must be mindful to conserve as much water as possible. At this point, we expect the City Council to declare a Water Emergency in early August. There is no need to wait for the official request for water conservation—please conserve now. Lodging and food establishments and other commercial customers are encouraged to start looking for ways to curtail water use. Residential conservation is already quite high and will not yield sufficient reductions in water use.

ALLEY & STREET REPAIRS>> The alley behind Purity Market is being reconstructed, and the City is soliciting bids for repairs to two more alleys—one behind the Colombi Motel, and one behind the C.V. Starr Center. These alley repairs are funded by a water quality improvement grant under Prop 84. The low-impact development drainage features in the rehabbed alleys provide stormwater quality benefits. The cost for each alley block is approximately \$150k. The City will also be resurfacing Boatyard Drive this summer. Next summer, the City will implement an extensive Street Structural Repair and Resurfacing Project and an Alley Repair Project. The Council's Public Works & Facilities Committee will be prioritizing the list of streets and alleys for improvements later this year.

PROMOTIONS>> At City Hall, June Lemos recently was appointed Acting City Clerk and, when the incumbent City Clerk retires this fall, June will be designated City Clerk. June will continue to provide administrative support to the Community Development Department until a new Administrative Assistant is hired. As City Clerk, June will be responsible for the City's records management, for coordinating election activities, and for providing a wide variety of support services to the City Council, City Manager and City departments. Congratulations, June!

CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES>> The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Associate Planner, Administrative Assistant-Community Development, and Seasonal Laborer. Interested applicants should contact Human Resources Technician Juli Mortensen at 961-2823 ext 112 or jgreenberger@fortbragg.com. 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:

- Monday, August 10 @ 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – City Council meeting. Agenda will include introduction of Water Conservation ordinance, Source Control ordinance, Fire Sprinkler ordinance, Declaration of Water Emergency, Direction regarding Vacation Rentals
- Tuesday, August 18 – tentatively rescheduled – Joint Board of Supervisors/City Council meeting to consider action on Final EIR for Central Coast Transfer Station Project and implementation of project.
- Monday, August 24 @ 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – City Council Meeting. Agenda has not been finalized. Will likely include introduction of Mobile Vending Ordinance.
- Wednesday, August 26 @ 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – Planning Commission Meeting. Agenda will include Use Permit for Overtime Brewing, Inc., a small microbrewery and tasting room on North Franklin at Elm Street.

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