



CITY NOTES

December 10, 2015

POLICE OFFICER NELL GRADUATES FROM POLICE ACADEMY>> On Friday, December 11th, Police Recruit Kimberly Nell will graduate from the Santa Rosa Police Academy, having successfully completed an intensive 20-week course which is required for employment as a police officer. Kim will begin her field training as a Police Officer with the Fort Bragg Police Department next week. Prior to attending the Police Academy, Kim served as a Community Service Officer with the Department. The Police Academy is a rigorous and challenging program and Kim passed with flying colors. Congratulations, Officer Nell!

NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR APPOINTED>> Victor Damiani has been appointed to serve as the City's Finance Director following the retirement of former Finance Director Rosana Cimolino earlier this fall. Over the past couple years, Victor has been instrumental in keeping the Finance Department on track despite ongoing staff shortages. He is a talented accountant and financial analyst with more than 12 years of experience in health care and government accounting. The City is now recruiting for a Senior Government Accountant to backfill Victor's previous position. The application filing period closes on Thursday, December 10th.

CITY HAS THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT>> Our Public Works crews decorated the streets with garlands and lights. Vice Mayor Lindy Peters flipped the switch, illuminating our town's festive Christmas tree on the Guest House lawn. A number of employees and other volunteers assembled the City's award-winning float for the Holiday Lights Parade. Holiday décor is on display at City Hall and the Police Department. Along with the cheerful trappings of the holidays, many City employees celebrate the holidays by giving generously to the non-profit organizations that support those in need in our community. The folks at City Hall are working with Project Sanctuary to provide gifts for a number of its clients. The Police Department will be hosting a Winter Warmth event with the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund to provide warm coats and sleeping bags to local children.

FORT BRAGG'S MAGNIFICENT WATERFRONT>> Fifteen years ago, the only public access to the coast in Fort Bragg was Noyo Beach. Now, nearly every inch of Fort Bragg's coastline is accessible to the public. The Glass Beach Headlands were added to MacKerricher State Park in 2002, Pomo Bluffs Park was opened to the public in 2006, the Pudding Creek Trestle was restored in 2007, and Noyo Headlands Park was opened in 2015. The community's vision of reconnecting to its coast has been accomplished. Hooray! If you're wondering when the north and south portions of Noyo Headlands Park will be connected, the answer is: 2017.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON PARKS>> Next Wednesday, December 16th at 6 PM, the City Council will hold a public workshop at Fort Bragg Town Hall to discuss improvements to various park and recreation facilities. The workshop will address three planning processes that are currently underway for the following projects: Bainbridge Park Improvement Project, C.V. Starr Center Phase III, and Athletic Fields Rehabilitation Project. The MCRPD Board will be joining the Council for the discussion regarding the C.V. Starr Center Phase III. The public is invited to attend the workshop.

C.V. STARR CENTER TRANSITION>> MCRPD's District Administrator Ethan Newton tendered his resignation last week after accepting a position as Director of Parks and Recreation with his former employer- the City of Covington, Washington. The City has agreed to assist the MCRPD Board of Directors with the recruitment process for a new District Administrator. Since a major part of the Administrator's job is to oversee the C.V. Starr Center, the City has a special interest in ensuring a successful recruitment. In his two years at the helm of the C.V. Starr Center, Ethan did an excellent job of managing the facility. He will be missed.

NOYO CENTER VISITOR CENTER>> How do you move a 500 square foot wooden building about a quarter mile to the northwest? Very, very slowly. A couple of weeks ago, Jeff Green of Akeff Construction Services moved the former Georgia-Pacific Visitor Center building (also known as "the chalet") from its original location alongside Main Street just south of Cypress Street to its new location on the Coastal Trail property on the south side of Soldier Bay. The building has been placed on a foundation and will have some other repairs done before opening as the new Noyo Center for Marine Science Visitor Center in a month or two. The Noyo Center's masterfully articulated Steller sea lion and California sea lion skeletons will be housed in the Visitor Center. Many thanks to Georgia-Pacific for giving the Visitor Center building to the City of Fort Bragg!

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, December 14th at 6 PM – **City Council Meeting** - Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda includes: Fee Schedule Update, Operable Unit C & D Remedial Action Plan, 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application; Water Emergency Update; Water Conservation Ordinance.
- Wednesday, December 16th at 6 PM – **Special City Council Meeting** – Fort Bragg Town Hall. The Council will conduct a workshop on three parks projects that are in the planning stages: Bainbridge Park Improvement Plan; C.V. Starr Center Phase III, and Athletic Fields Rehabilitation Project.

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