



CITY NOTES

March 10, 2016

Council to Conduct FY 2015/16 Mid-Year Budget Work Session>> On Thursday, March 10th, the City Council will hold a special meeting at Fort Bragg Town Hall starting at 3:00 PM to receive a mid-year progress report. The meeting will include a review of progress on the Council's 2015 Goals & Priorities, discussion of a Mid-Year Budget Performance Report prepared by Finance Director Victor Damiani, presentations from each of the City's departments, and a discussion of issues for consideration in the formulation of the FY 2016/17 Budget. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Grant for Local Artists to Create Public Art for Coastal Trail>> The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is partnering with the City of Fort Bragg to solicit public art for the new Coastal Trail. This year, the A.D. Abramson Visual Arts Award for Art in Public Places will provide funding for public art on the trail. Local artists are invited to submit ideas for a bench (either large or small), a three-dimensional sculpture, or a mural on one side of the Noyo Center restroom. The total available funding is \$10,000; and the range per work of art is \$1,500 to \$5,000. Applications are due to the Community Foundation on March 15, 2016. For more information, please check this link: <http://www.communityfound.org/grants-scholarships/grants/a.d-abramson/>

Council Ad Hoc Committee Meets with Lodging Owners and Operators>> Mayor Dave Turner, Vice-Mayor Lindy Peters and I spent the better part of four days over the past couple of weeks meeting with representatives from each lodging establishment in the City. The purpose of the meetings was threefold: (1) to hear their views on the possibility of the City Council placing a measure on the November ballot for voters to consider increasing the transient occupancy tax (TOT) that is paid by overnight visitors; (2) to hear their thoughts about marketing and promotion of Fort Bragg as a tourist destination; (3) to listen to any other concerns they have about our City government and services. The meetings were very interesting and informative. A full report will be brought back to the City Council either on March 28th or April 11th.

City Dialogue Meeting Set for Friday, March 25>> The City of Fort Bragg holds quarterly City Dialogue meetings to provide an opportunity for members of the public to have an informal discussion with the City Manager and the City's management team about City projects and activities and other community matters. Feel free to join us for what is always an interesting conversation! The next meeting will be held at 8 AM on Friday, March 25th at Fort Bragg Town Hall.

DTSC to Conduct Community Meeting on Mill Site Clean-up>> In April (date yet to be determined) the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will be conducting a community workshop at Fort Bragg Town Hall to provide an update on the environmental clean-up for Operable Unit E (OU-E) on the former Georgia-Pacific mill site. OU-E includes all of the ponds and wetlands on the property, as well as the low-lying area adjacent to Soldier Bay. DTSC and the Successor Agency to the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency approved the Remedial Action Plan for Operable Units C & D last fall, so OU-E is the only portion of the mill site where clean-up plans are still being formulated.

Mark Your Calendars>> Information on upcoming public meetings can be found on the “Upcoming Agenda Items” pages on the City’s website or by signing up for meeting notifications using the “Notify Me” feature at <https://city.fortbragg.com>. The following public meetings are planned in March:

- Thursday, March 10th at 3 PM – **Special City Council Work Session** – Fort Bragg Town Hall. The City Council and staff will conduct a “Mid-Year Budget Review” for FY 2015/16.
- Monday, March 14th at 6 PM – **City Council Meeting** – Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda will include an update on various topics related to the City’s water supply.
- Thursday, March 17th at 3 PM – **Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting** – City Hall Conference Room. Agenda will include a status report on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project.
- Friday, March 25th from 8 – 10 AM – **City Dialogue Meeting**- Fort Bragg Town Hall. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided!
- Monday, March 28th at 6 PM – **City Council Meeting** – Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda includes report seeking Council direction regarding a proposal to provide Segway tours on the coastal trail.

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