



CITY NOTES

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Measure U- Prohibiting Social Service Organizations in the Central Business District>> The question that will be put to the voters of Fort Bragg in the June 7, 2016 Primary Election is this: “Shall Chapter 18.22 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Bragg be amended to provide that a social service organization is a prohibited use within the Central Business District unless such organization was established and existed at a location within the district prior to January 1, 2015?” It is important that voters educate themselves about the ballot measure. The full text of the proposed ordinance, the City Attorney’s impartial analysis, the arguments for and against the measure, and the rebuttals to those arguments can be viewed on the City’s website (<https://city.fortbragg.com>). Follow the link on the website’s front page. The League of Women Voters will be holding a Measure U Election Forum on Friday, April 22nd from 6-7:30 PM at the Redwood Coast Senior Center in Fort Bragg. I urge you to get informed and vote on June 7th.

April 20th Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting>> The Wednesday, April 20th Public Works & Facilities Committee meeting will be held at 6 PM at Fort Bragg Town Hall. We’ve invited all of the residents along Cedar Street to come and weigh in on whether or not the plastic speed bumps that were removed earlier this year should be re-installed. The Committee will also be discussing how and when community input should be solicited for various City projects and activities.

April 21st DTSC Workshop on Mill Site Remediation>> On Thursday, April 21st, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a Community Workshop at 6:30 PM at Fort Bragg Town Hall. DTSC has mailed a Fact Sheet about the status of the Mill Site cleanup work to local residents both within and outside of the City. The Fact Sheet identifies “interim” remediation activities that Georgia-Pacific hopes to implement later this summer in accordance with a proposed Remedial Action Workplan (RAW). The work would occur in Operable Unit E which includes the Mill Pond, other wetland and riparian areas, and the lowland terrestrial area in the central portion of the Georgia-Pacific property. A Feasibility Study and Remedial Action Plan (RAP) would still be required in order for the Operable Unit E site remediation to be completed. Next week’s workshop will provide an opportunity for DTSC to explain the proposed cleanup actions and answer questions. Another workshop will be held on June 2nd to obtain input on the Draft RAW.

Budget Season>> The City’s Finance Department and management team are deep into preparation of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget. We strive for a lean and balanced budget that commits the necessary resources to enable our staff to continue to provide a high level of service to our community. We hope to add one maintenance worker position to our Public Works crew this year. Otherwise, staffing levels are expected to remain steady. The City Council will conduct a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, May 18th at 3 PM at Fort Bragg Town Hall. The Budget Workshop involves very detailed discussions about the City’s work plan for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to attend and the meeting will be livestreamed and televised.

Update on Summers Lane Reservoir Project>> The City hit a bump in the road with its new reservoir project last week when the State agency administering a \$700,000 grant for construction of the reservoir indicated that funds would not be released until the City obtained permits from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for its three water diversions. After a flurry of emails and a

great deal of consternation, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services stepped in to coordinate a massive conference call where agreements were reached to allow for the release of the grant funds. The City Council will consider awarding a contract for construction of the reservoir on its April 25th agenda. Our hope is that the reservoir will be constructed by mid-July and we can begin to fill it, thus having some water storage available for use in the late fall should stream flows recede to levels similar to those experienced last year.

Celebrate Fort Bragg!!>> The City's planning efforts are well underway for a big community party at the south end of Noyo Headlands Park on Saturday, June 4th from noon to 4 PM. Fort Bragg has a lot to celebrate, including our fabulous new Coastal Trail!! The party will be free and all are welcome to attend. There will be speakers, live music, entertainment, delicious food, whale bones, a Noyo Center beer garden, kiddie games, and much, much more.

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 April and early May:

- Wednesday, April 20th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting**. Agenda topics include: Cedar Street Speed Bumps, Neighborhood Notification Protocols, Presentation by ABM Regarding Public Works Services.
- Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **DTSC Community Workshop on Mill Site Remediation**.
- Monday, April 25th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **City Council Meeting**. Tentative agenda includes: Award of contract for Summers Lane Reservoir project.
- Tuesday, April 26th at 3 PM, City Hall Conference Room- **Community Development Committee Meeting**. Tentative agenda includes: Nuisance abatement.
- Wednesday, May 4th at 3 PM, City Hall Conference Room- Tentative agenda includes: Review of Final Cost Allocation Plan and Municipal Financial Health Diagnostic Tool.
- Monday, May 9th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **City Council Meeting**. Tentative agenda includes: Discussion of Medical Marijuana Regulations.

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