



CITY NOTES

May 12, 2016

A Day at the Park>> A coalition of local organizations supporting youth in our community (including the Police Department, Mendocino County Youth Project, Police Activities League, Mendocino Coast Association for the Education of Young Children and others) is hosting a free fun-filled Day at the Park on Saturday, May 14th from 12-3 PM at Bainbridge Park. Come and enjoy music, food, games, a talent show, henna tattoos, face painting, petting zoo, Mendocino County Sheriff K-9 demonstration, and much more.

Downtown Parking Enforcement>> With the crowds of summer right around the bend, the Fort Bragg Police Department has hired a Seasonal Parking Enforcement Attendant to begin more regular enforcement of the two-hour parking restrictions in downtown Fort Bragg. If you plan to be in town for more than a couple of hours, please consider parking in one of the City's free unrestricted public parking lots. Free public parking lots are located off Franklin Street just north of City Hall; off Laurel Street next to Footlighters; on Main Street just south of the Brewery Taproom; at the Skunk Train Depot; and at the west end of Redwood Avenue immediately west of the Company Store parking lot.

Coastal Trail Considerations>> The Public Works & Facilities Committee met in late April to discuss the need to establish policies for special events at Noyo Headlands Park. While the City has guidelines for community events at its parks, the use of the coastal park for private events, such as weddings, has not been addressed. The Committee directed staff to identify locations where such events might be held and to develop recommendations regarding permitting requirements that would ensure that public access and enjoyment of the park would not be impaired. Further discussion of this topic will be considered at the June 16th Public Works & Facilities Committee meeting.

TOT Ballot Measure>> Earlier this year, Mayor Turner and Councilmember Peters met with the owners and operators of Fort Bragg lodging to discuss the possibility of increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) rate paid by visitors staying at Fort Bragg hotels, motels and B&Bs. The increased revenues would be used for marketing and promotions, Coastal Trail maintenance and security, and special projects that support tourism and benefit the community. At the Council's direction, the City Attorney's office is preparing two measures for the November ballot: one to increase the TOT rate and one for the voters to advise the Council on how to use the new revenue. The ballot measures will be brought to the Council at its May 23rd meeting for discussion and possible action.

Public, Education & Government (PEG) Access Television>> Over the past year, the City has reestablished PEG services for cable television subscribers through a contract with Mendocino TV. That contract expires on June 30th and discussions have begun about various options for ensuring seamless services. There is talk of combining efforts Countywide to create a more robust PEG network. The Council's ad hoc PEG committee (Councilmembers Cimolino and Hammerstrom) has been meeting with staff and Mendocino TV representatives to brainstorm possible paths forward.

Pudding Creek Road HazMat Spill>> A couple of weeks ago, one of Waste Management's vehicles had a hydraulic hose break as it left their Pudding Creek Road facility. About 40-50 gallons of hydraulic fluid was released as the vehicle travelled from the site entry to the Main Street intersection. The City's Public Works crew assisted Waste Management with clean-up of the spill while the Police

Department performed traffic control. Unfortunately, the spill compromised the pavement surface of the roadway. Both Caltrans and the City have requested that Waste Management grind away the damaged pavement and replace it with a minimum 1-inch thick overlay.

Central Coast Transfer Station Revised Draft EIR>> A revised Draft EIR for the proposed solid waste transfer station project has been issued for public review. It is posted online at MendoRecycle.org. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the City Council will hold a public hearing to accept public comments on the Revised Draft EIR on Thursday, June 16th at 6 PM at Fort Bragg Town Hall.

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 the near future:

- Tuesday, May 17th at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **Community Development Committee Meeting**. Agenda includes discussion of the Fort Bragg Promotion Committee’s Annual Report and Marketing Plan.
- Thursday, May 19th at 9 AM, City Hall Conference Room- **Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting** - Agenda includes: Update on key departmental activities including Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade project.
- Monday, May 23rd at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **City Council Meeting**. Agenda includes: Discussion of TOT Ballot Measure, Direction to staff regarding scope of Coastal Trail Phase 2 and Phase 3 improvements
- Wednesday, May 25th at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **Special City Council Meeting**. The Council will conduct a Budget Workshop for the FY 2016/17 Budget.
- Wednesday, May 25th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Police Department Conference Room- **Planning Commission Meeting**. Agenda includes action on a minor subdivision of a property at 125 E. Laurel Street (Dertner).
- Tuesday, May 31st at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **Joint Special Meeting of the City Council and the Mendocino Coast Recreation & Park District Board**. The Council and Board will discuss the draft FY 2016/17 Budget for the C.V. Starr Center.
- Wednesday, June 1st at 3 PM, City Hall Conference Room- **Finance & Administration Committee Meeting**. Tentative agenda includes a discussion of proposed changes to the format of Council and Committee meeting minutes.

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