



## CITY NOTES

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**Coastal Trail Celebration>>** Last Saturday's Coastal Trail Celebration was a resounding success. Despite ridiculously dense coastal fog, throngs of local residents and visitors came out to partake in the festivities. The talented performers of Circus Mecca twirled above the headlands on their silks, long lines formed at the many local food vendors, children played, music wafted through the air, and everyone seemed to enjoy a day of fun and communal celebration at the City's new Noyo Headlands Park and at the Noyo Center for Marine Science's new "Crow's Nest" visitors center. The event was made possible by the very generous in-kind and monetary contributions of many local sponsors. A special thank you is also due to our City team who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event to ensure its success.

**Independence Day Fireworks>>** Planning is now underway for the Independence Day fireworks display which will light up the skies above Noyo Bay on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> after the World's Largest Salmon BBQ in Noyo Harbor. This year, Noyo Headlands Park will be open for viewing the fireworks along with Pomo Bluffs Park and Noyo Beach. To help protect public safety and enjoyment of the event, the Police Department will be strictly enforcing regulations which prohibit the discharge of fireworks and consumption of alcohol in all public parks.

**Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path>>** After more than two years of planning and design, the Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path project will go out to bid in late June. On Monday, our Public Works Department held an open house at Town Hall to provide information and answer questions from local residents about details of the construction activities. The project will create an 8-foot wide pathway for pedestrians and bicycles on the north side of Chestnut Street. On-street parking will be relocated to the north side of the street as well. Construction is anticipated to begin in August and will be coordinated to minimize impacts to residents and folks travelling to and from the three school sites which rely on Chestnut Street for access. Once complete, the new pathway will greatly enhance pedestrian and bicycle access along the busy Chestnut Street corridor.

**Summers Lane Reservoir>>**Fort Bragg City Councilmembers donned their hardhats and dug some ceremonial shovels full of dirt last Friday to mark the start of construction of a new 45-acre foot reservoir at the north end of Summers Lane. The reservoir will store water from the City's Waterfall Gulch water source which can be used during the late summer months to help ensure a reliable water supply when flows diminish at the City's three surface water diversions. The reservoir project is on schedule for completion in late July. The City is also proceeding with installation of two test wells to assess the viability of groundwater to augment its water supply. The wells will be installed at the Willow Street pump station (CV Starr Center property) and at the City's Water Treatment Plant on Monsen Lane.

**Electric Motorcycles>>** The Police Department's first of three electric motorcycles was fully detailed and in operation last Saturday for the Coastal Trail Celebration. The motorcycles are completely quiet and maneuver well on park trails and City streets. While the Police Department's pedal-powered bike patrols are also effective in monitoring activities in the City's parks, the electric motorcycles have the benefit of being able to respond to calls elsewhere in the City at full speed. In fact, the motorcycles

are rated at a maximum speed of 90 mph. The batteries will power the motorcycles for a full shift before needing to be recharged.

**Police Explorers Program Starting Up>>** The Fort Bragg Police Department is gearing up to start a Police Explorers Program which will offer local youth public safety training and experience. Students enrolled in the program will have an opportunity to learn about policing and will be able to assist our department at parades and other community events. More information about how to enroll will be forthcoming in the near future.

**CVSCC Budget Workshop>>** The City Council and the MCRPD Board met last week to review the FY 2016/17 Budget for the C.V. Starr Community Center. The budget includes expenditures of about \$1.76 million, including capital expenditures. Expenses will be covered by user fees and revenues from the C.V. Starr Enterprise fund. No increases in the fee schedule for users are proposed. The MCRPD does a fantastic job running the Center and the partnership between the City and the MCRPD is working well for both parties.

**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:

- Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **City Council Meeting**. Agenda includes: Bee City USA resolution; Presentation regarding siting of housing development for mentally ill residents; Introduction of ordinance increasing City’s Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10% to 12% subject to voter approval; Direction regarding 2016 CDBG grant application; FY 2016 Water and Wastewater Enterprise budgets and Capital Improvement Plan; Direction regarding modification to Meeting Minutes format.
- Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall- **Joint Special Meeting of the City Council and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors**. The Council and Board will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the revised Draft EIR for the Central Coast Transfer Station Project.

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