



CITY NOTES

July 28, 2016

Tuesday, August 2nd is National Night Out>> Clear your calendars for next Tuesday night and plan on heading out from 5:00 – 7:00 PM to join your neighbors, friends and Public Safety personnel at a National Night Out event. The Fort Bragg Police Department and Fort Bragg Neighborhood Watch are hosting this year's celebrations at various locations throughout the City: 500 Block of North Corry Street; 300 Block of North Harrison Street (Bainbridge Park); 250 Cypress Street (Police Department); 208 Dana Street (Safe Passage).

Wednesday, August 3rd – City Dialogue Meeting>> Please join staff representatives from each of the City's departments for a City Dialogue Meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd at Fort Bragg Town Hall from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. The City Dialogue meetings are held quarterly and are an excellent opportunity to hear about what's going on in the City, to get answers to questions, and to offer suggestions. The meetings are informal and light refreshments are served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday, August 3rd – Meeting re: Police Department Cadet Program>> The Fort Bragg Police Department's Police Cadet Program is starting up. An informational meeting for parents and youth to learn more about the Cadet Program and to sign up will be held at the Fort Bragg Police Department conference room on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:00 PM. The Cadet Program is free and available to all local youth between the ages of 14 and 21 years old. The purpose of the Cadet Program is to offer young people an opportunity to learn about the law enforcement profession from within, to become educated about various law enforcement functions, and to be involved in actual police operations. For more information regarding the program, please contact Officer Thomas O'Neal at 707-813-0520 or by email at toneal@fortbragg.com.

City Council Elections>> Ever dreamed of being a civic leader? Want to help make Fort Bragg be all that it can be? Two City Council seats are at stake in the November 8, 2016 election. The nomination period will close on Friday, August 12th. If neither incumbent files, the nomination period will be extended to Wednesday, August 17th. Both of the incumbents (Doug Hammerstrom, Scott Deitz) have indicated that they do not intend to run for reelection. Anyone who lives within the city limits and is registered to vote in Fort Bragg can run for a seat on the City Council. If you would like to run, please make an appointment to meet with City Clerk June Lemos to receive nomination papers and a Candidate's Handbook. June can be reached at 707-961-1694.

City Council Committee Meetings at Town Hall >> All Council Committee meetings are now being held at Fort Bragg Town Hall. This allows the meetings to be videoed for the PEG TV channel (Comcast Channel 3) and the City's online meeting archives (<https://city.fortbragg.com>). You can sign up to receive notifications and agendas for Council Committee meetings using the "Notify Me" feature on the City's website. The regularly scheduled Committee meetings are as follows: 1st Wednesday @ 3 PM – Finance & Administration Committee; 2nd Wednesday at 3 PM – Public Safety Committee; 3rd Thursday at 3 PM – Public Works & Facilities Committee; 4th Tuesday @ 3 PM – Community Development Committee. Occasionally, Committee meetings are cancelled or special meetings are held.

Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path>> At long last the City's Public Works Department has received authorization from the federal Department of Transportation to proceed with the Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path project. We will begin the bidding process next week and expect to award a contract in

September with work commencing shortly thereafter. The project includes construction of a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path on the north side of Chestnut Street; relocation of on-street parking from the south to the north side of the street; restriping of the travel lanes; and installation of high visibility crosswalks. The project will result in slower traffic speeds on Chestnut Street and an improved pedestrian and bicycle experience.

Summers Lane Reservoir Update>> The new water storage reservoir that the City is constructing at the north end of Summers Lane is progressing on schedule and without a hitch. The contractors will be installing the lining next week. The reservoir will be filled with water from the City's Waterfall Gulch water source and will help ensure a reliable water supply for our community during late summer months and periods of extended drought.

Tobacco Buy Survey Results. Earlier this summer, the County Department of Health & Human Services conducted a tobacco "buy survey" in Fort Bragg to assist the City with the enforcement of its Tobacco Retailer Licensing Program. I'm happy to report that no Fort Bragg retailers sold tobacco products to the youth decoy! Last year, we had three businesses who sold tobacco to the underage decoy, so this was a very positive change. Speaking of tobacco regulations, the State legislature enacted new laws that took effect in June raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco (now 21) and pertaining to e-cigarettes. We are preparing an update to the City's tobacco regulations to conform to the new State laws. The updated ordinance will be brought to the Public Safety Committee before landing on a Council agenda.

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:

- **City Dialogue Meeting** - Wednesday, August 3rd at 5 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics for discussion include updates on the following: November 8, 2016 Election; Public Works capital projects; Coastal Trail; Code enforcement; building permits; K9 program; cadet program; body cameras; Neighborhood Watch; and more...
- **City Council Meeting** - Monday, August 8th is CANCELLED. This is the City's Council's annual summer recess.
- **Public Safety Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, August 10th at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics include: Update from staff on Departmental Activities (K-9 program; Body-Worn Cameras; Cadet Program; SWAT training; ATVs; Electric Motorcycles; Neighborhood Watch).
- **Planning Commission Meeting**- Wednesday, August 10th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topics include: Coastal Permit for Georgia-Pacific's Remedial Action Workplan for Operable Unit E. The proposed activities include hot spot removal and site restoration.

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