



CITY NOTES

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Installation of Handrail at Glass Beach Staircase>> The City is evaluating options for installation of a handrail on the cable stairs leading down to the Glass Beach in Noyo Headlands Park. The bluff is not stable and its base is subject to wave action in the winter, so placement of a permanent handrail structure is a challenge. Once a reasonable engineering solution is identified, we will need to process a coastal development permit for the handrail and find funding prior to construction. We hope to have the handrail in place prior to next summer.

Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path Project>> The Chestnut Street Multi-Use Path project is out to bid and bids will be opened on Thursday, September 1st. If all goes well, the Council will award the contract on September 12th and construction will commence shortly thereafter. Right now the travel lanes on Chestnut Street have a zigzag configuration due to the relocation of four utility poles in advance of the project. Once the project is completed, the travel lanes will be straight again.

Streets and Alley Rehabilitation Project>> The engineering and design of the 2016 Streets and Alley Rehab project is nearly complete. This project involves resurfacing and limited reconstruction of three streets and three alleys: Boatyard Drive, South Franklin Street from Oak to North Harbor Drive, North Sanderson Street north of Cedar Street, Starbucks Alley, Sears Alley, and Portuguese Hall Alley. The project will be bid this fall and we are considering splitting the work with some work to be completed this fall and the remainder in the spring. While a split season construction schedule may result in additional costs, we expect the project will be competitive for local contractors whose remobilization costs are lower.

Summers Lane Reservoir>> Installation of the 60 mil HDPE liner for the City's new water storage reservoir is nearing completion. The liner is remarkably thick and sturdy. The seams are sealed with a special machine that heats the material to 800 degrees Fahrenheit and an inspector has been on-site throughout the process to closely examine the welds. The City will begin filling the reservoir later this month so that some water will be available to augment the City's water supply this fall. The reservoir will be filled to capacity (approximately 15 million gallons) over the winter.

Water Supply Update>> By this time last summer, the City's primary water source, the Noyo River, was flowing at less than 3 cubic feet per second (cfs). By contrast, the Noyo is currently flowing at just under 6 cfs. While flows on the river are dropping more rapidly than we would like, City staff are cautiously optimistic that Fort Bragg will avoid the extreme water shortage experienced last fall. A Stage 1 Water Emergency is currently in place which establishes a number of conservation requirements a few of which are that: landscape irrigation must be done in a manner that prevents water from washing onto hardscaped areas; restaurants may only serve water upon request; all hoses must be fitted with a shut-off nozzle; and hotel guests must be given the option of not having their linens laundered each day.

City Preparing to Drill New Water Wells>> The City is preparing to drill two wells in order for dry weather testing to occur prior to the onset of winter rains. Per City Council direction, the test wells will be located at the Water Treatment Plant on the east end of Cedar Street and near the Willow

Street pump station on the C.V. Starr Community Center property. We are hopeful that the wells will have a high yield and the groundwater can augment the City's water supplies.

FBPD Gets Another K-9>> The Mendocino County Public Safety Foundation recently approved the Police Department's request for funding for a second K-9. The Foundation will pay for the dog and for training of both the dog and its handler. The Department's newest dog is a two-year old German shepherd named Maverick and Sergeant Andrew Kendl will be his handler. Sergeant Kendl and Maverick will begin their training together later this month. Having a second K-9 provides additional flexibility, as the Department has four shifts and its other K-9 (Takoda) is only available when his handler (Officer McGregor) is working.

FBPD Testing Body Worn Cameras>> The Police Department is testing a body-worn camera manufactured by Taser. There are a number of different types of body-worn cameras and the Department wants to make sure that the selected technology is the right one. Staff is looking for possible grants to fund acquisition of the cameras. Prior to deployment of the cameras, clear policies and procedures will be established for their use and the handling, storage, and dissemination of the videos.

Disability Rights Forum>> Local disability rights advocates have approached the City requesting sponsorship of an educational forum to help raise awareness and sensitivity regarding the protections of the landmark civil rights legislation – the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). During the Measure U campaign, concerns about discrimination surfaced but were not fully addressed in the highly politicized environment. The forum would bring outside experts to Fort Bragg to share information about the rights of persons with disabilities and the responsibilities of government agencies, businesses, and individuals to help protect those rights.

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:

- **Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting** - Thursday, August 18th at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda topics include: Adaptive management of coastal parks; Replanting wind screen at north end of North Harrison Street; Update on Departmental activities.
- **City Council Meeting** - Monday, August 22nd at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda topics include: Potential updates to Inland Land Use and Development Code; Establishment of "parklets" in parking spaces in front of downtown businesses; Fort Bragg Police Department Annual Report.
- **Planning Commission Meeting**- Wednesday, August 24th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda topics include: Coastal Permit for tree removal and replacement at Noyo River Lodge.

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