



## CITY NOTES

October 27, 2016

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**Glass Beach Stairway>>** The cable stairway providing public access to the southern portion of Glass Beach within Noyo Headlands Park has been removed. Temporary fencing and signage has been installed to prevent public access over the bluff during the winter months. The temporary closure protects the bluff face and prevents risks to visitors between the beach and the Coastal Trail. The fencing has been extended along the bluff top to prevent people from scrambling down to the beach and also protects federally-protected plant species in the vicinity. In the meantime, we request that everyone abide by the closure. Access to the northern area of Glass Beach continues to be available just 450 feet to the north of the trail that is temporarily closed.

**Supplemental Water Sources>>** With the ongoing drought, the City has been searching for additional water sources including drilling test wells to tap local groundwater. Two test wells were recently completed. The first, next to the raw water ponds at the City's corporation yard looks promising with an initial dry weather yield of about 50 gallons per minute (gpm). Additional testing is being done to confirm the sustained yield and limits of the groundwater. A second well was drilled on City property on the north side of the C.V. Starr Community Center. Despite a longstanding history of shallow groundwater in the area, no significant groundwater flows were found. This well will be sealed and abandoned. The search for other supplemental water sources continues.

**Finance Department Receives Award>>** The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently awarded the City the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2016/17 budget. According to GFOA, the award "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting." To achieve this award, budget documents must be rated "proficient" in four overall categories – policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device – and fourteen mandatory criteria within those four categories. City Finance Director Victor Damiani complimented his staff for their hard work on the budget and said, "It was truly a group effort."

**Police Department News>>** The Fort Bragg Police Department has acquired a second K9 for the force - a beautiful and energetic German Shepard named Maverick. Maverick and his handler, Sgt. Andrew Kendl, started patrol on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The acquisition of Maverick was made possible through the generous support of the Mendocino County Public Safety Foundation. We thank the foundation for their continued support.

Crystal Rowley, our third Community Services Officer, started October 17<sup>th</sup>. Many in Fort Bragg will know Crystal from her long tenure at Colombi's Market and Deli. We welcome Crystal and know she will serve the community well.

The FBPD still has Glow in the Dark bracelets available at the Police Station for kids to wear during this Halloween. We will also be partnering with the Sheriff's Office Police Activities League (PAL) for the annual Halloween PAL Party at the FB Fire Station on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7pm. The party is free to grade school and preschool kids, so make sure you stop by with your trick-or-treaters for face painting, games, candy and prizes.

**Career Opportunity>>** The City is now recruiting for an Associate City Engineer – a full-time position based at City Hall. The Associate City Engineer plans, organizes, supervises and reviews the work of the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, implements the capital improvement program, provides plan check review of private development projects, performs a variety of professional level engineering functions, and performs related duties as assigned. Mail or email a completed/signed City employment application, cover letter and resume to [hrinfo@fortbragg.com](mailto:hrinfo@fortbragg.com) or call 961-2823 x105 with any questions. The filing deadline is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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** – Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics include: Timed parking at Skunk Depot parking lot, report on the Stop Butts Project.
- **City Council Meeting** – Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics include: Public Hearing on disclosure of accomplishments and closeout of activities funded by Community Development Block Grant, Electric Vehicle charging stations, roundabouts as a traffic control device, proposed amendments to Inland Land Use and Development Code and the Chestnut Street Improvement Project.

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