



CITY NOTES

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Jobs, Jobs, Jobs>> The City recently was awarded \$100,000 in CDBG funding for economic development and business attraction activities and to rezone the former GP Mill Site. These activities are all intended to help create new jobs in Fort Bragg. Gearing up for these efforts, our Community Development Department has prepared new marketing materials to attract businesses to Fort Bragg and initiated conversations with Coastal Commission staff regarding the Mill Site rezoning. In early 2017, after the new City Council is seated, staff will seek direction regarding how to proceed with rezoning of the Mill Site. On a related note, the Community Development Department currently is processing planning permits for a number of business expansions in Fort Bragg including: 1) a new woodworking studio and gallery on Cypress Street; 2) repair and reuse of an existing dilapidated building on North Main Street for a mixed use residential and office building; and 3) expansion of a local service station mini-mart. The update of the City's Inland Land Use & Development Code to make the City's zoning regulations more flexible and responsive to the needs of our local businesses is well underway and will be completed early next year.

Fort Bragg Police Department Embraces Body-Worn Cameras>> The Fort Bragg Police Department recently was awarded a grant from the federal Department of Justice to purchase Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) for all of our officers. In the coming months, the Police Department will decide what the type of equipment to purchase to ensure a good, reliable product and sufficient data-storage capacity. The Department will also be establishing policies and protocols for use of the BWCs and retention and release of video imagery. Ongoing updates will be provided as the policies are developed.

New Officer to Join the Fort Bragg Police Department>> Next week, Fort Bragg's newest Police Officer, Michael Herringshaw, will begin his Field Training Program. Officer Herringshaw graduated from the College of the Redwoods Police Academy in Eureka earlier this year and is excited about moving to Fort Bragg with his fiancée to begin his career in law enforcement. Please welcome Officer Herringshaw when you see him out on patrol.

Mendocino County Public Safety Foundation Dinner a Big Success>> The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to thank everyone who attended last Saturday's fundraising dinner for the Mendocino County Public Safety Foundation. The Public Safety Foundation has been very supportive of the Fort Bragg Police Department's new K-9 program and provided funding for the purchase and initial training of our two K-9s, Takoda and Maverick. The funds raised at the dinner will help the foundation continue its efforts in support of law enforcement agencies throughout Mendocino County. The Department prepared and served the most delicious smoked tri-tip ever. The word is now out that Police Department BBQs are not to be missed!

New Habitat Fencing on the Coastal Trail>> The City is planning to refurbish the habitat fencing on the north end of the Coastal Trail within the next couple of weeks. The existing low profile "symbolic fencing" has proven to be ineffective at preventing people from walking in areas of federally-listed

rare and endangered plants and other sensitive resources. The existing single-strand fence will be raised one foot in height and a second strand of rope fencing will be added. Additionally, over the coming month, the informal trails that have emerged along the bluffs since the Coastal Trail opened will be replanted with native seed and low-growing shrubs. Please remain on the designated trails, and help our restoration efforts succeed. If you see folks on the wrong side of the fencing, please let them know that the fencing is there for a reason and they may be harming federally-listed endangered plants. We need to work together to preserve our beautiful coastline.

Sanctuary City Ad Hoc Committee>> In response to President-elect Trump's promises to create a special task force to deport millions of immigrants, an ad hoc committee comprised of Mayor Dave Turner and Vice Mayor Lindy Peters has been established. The committee is looking into the pros and cons of becoming a "sanctuary city" and other possible options for reassuring Fort Bragg's sizable Latino population that their contributions to our community are valued regardless of immigration status. The committee will be holding a meeting on Monday, November 28th at 3 PM at Fort Bragg Town Hall to solicit community input and will report back to the Council that evening.

City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving>> City Hall will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. Water and sewer shut-offs were delayed a week in order to ensure that all customers have service over the Thanksgiving holiday. If there are water/sewer emergencies during the long weekend, please call Police Dispatch at (707) 964-0200.

Holiday Lights Parade>> On Saturday, December 3rd, come and enjoy Fort Bragg's joyous holiday celebration on Main Street. The Fort Bragg/Mendocino Coast Historical Society has arranged for Santa to visit the Guest House Museum starting at 5 PM. Bring the kids and capture that special picture for family memories. Cookies and candy canes will be given to all. The Tree Lighting Ceremony, complete with carolers, will begin at 6 PM on the lawn. At 7 PM, the Holiday Lights Parade will brighten the streets of Fort Bragg. The parade is organized by the Fort Bragg Fire Department and the Nor-Coast Rodders and the proceeds will benefit the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund. To enter the parade, pick up an application form at the Fort Bragg fire station or the Mendocino Coast Chamber or download one at KOZT.com. For more information regarding the festivities, please contact the Chamber at 961-6300.

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 Council Meeting** – Monday, November 28th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics include: City Fee Schedule update, Inland Land Use and Development Code (ILUDC) and Zoning Map amendments; Corrective Action Plan for Prior Year Over-Allocations of Shared Costs; Roundabouts as Traffic Control Devices.
- **Finance & Administration Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, December 7th at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics include fiscal policy reports for first quarter FY 2016-17.
- **Planning Commission Meeting** – Wednesday, December 14th at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Topics include ILUDC updates to permit and regulate cannabis manufacturing.

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