



## CITY NOTES

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**Website Upgrade>>** The City of Fort Bragg's official website runs on a platform that was designed by CivicPlus. When the website was upgraded in 2014, the contract with CivicPlus included a second redesign and upgrade in October 2017. The City's Social Media Team is working on ways to improve the website and welcomes input from the public. Please contact City Clerk June Lemos at [jlemos@fortbragg.com](mailto:jlemos@fortbragg.com) if you have any comments or suggestions.

**Demolition of Dry Shed #4>>** Georgia-Pacific has applied for a Coastal Development Permit to demolish Dry Shed #4. The dry shed has been slowly deteriorating since the mill closed in 2002. The City Council has entertained many ideas about how the structure could be reused and the City even prepared an "Industrial and Fine Arts Facility Feasibility Study" for Dry Shed #4 several years back. More recently, community members have suggested that the huge building would make a wonderful site for fairs and other events. The permit for the demolition will be considered by the Planning Commission in late June or early July.

**Retail Cannabis>>** The City Council's Public Safety Committee met on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and received a presentation from a League of California Cities representative regarding numerous policy considerations for local regulation of the recreational cannabis industry as a result of the passage of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Proposition 64). The Committee directed staff to research various approaches for regulating commercial cannabis businesses in the City. The Public Safety Committee will hold a follow-up special meeting to discuss this topic in the next few weeks. Be sure to sign up for notifications through the City's website to stay current on cannabis legislation in Fort Bragg.

**Facilities Upgrade Report>>** There has been a flurry of building maintenance taking place at City Hall over the past few weeks. The roof on the Old Rec Center gym was well overdue for a replacement. The re-roofing project is complete and should keep gym users dry for the next 25 years or so. Most folks have noticed that City Hall has also received a fresh coat of paint. The contractors are working on the finishing touches to complete the project.

The Guest House has also needed a new roof for several years. The contract for that roofing project was awarded to a local contractor, GOC Construction & Roofing, and they expect to begin work in early June. There has been some concern that the underlayment beneath the existing roofing contains asbestos. The majority of the underside of the roof is visible from the attic and has no underlayment of any kind. By removing shingles on a secondary roof, City staff did find approximately 100 sq. ft. of underlayment which contains asbestos fibers. It will be properly removed and disposed of during the roof replacement project. Once the new roof is in place, the Guest House will be repainted.

**Coastal Trail- Phase 2>>** The plans and specs for the central connecting segment of the Coastal Trail are complete and the property transaction with Georgia-Pacific has been finalized. The City now owns a 100' strip of land that connects the north and south Coastal Trail segments (around the Mill Pond and lowland area). We will be putting the Coastal Trail, Phase 2 project out to bid later this month with the bid opening scheduled for late June. The contract cannot be awarded until after the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> when the CTC will decide whether to

give the City an 'advanced allocation' of our Active Transportation Program grant. If the advanced allocation is not approved, we will wait until 2018 and rebid the project. We remain optimistic that it will all come together for the trail to be completed this summer.

**Glass Beach Staircase>>** The City will be bidding the Glass Beach Staircase replacement project on a schedule where construction will begin right after Labor Day. This way we will not have construction going on during the peak summer months when the north Coastal Trail and Glass Beach are very heavily used.

**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>.

- **Community Development Committee Special Meeting** – Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topics include: Management & Implementation Options for the 2017 TOT Funded Promotions Efforts; 2017 Marketing & Promotions Action Plan; Scope of Services for Branding Consultant.
- **City Council Meeting** – Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topics include: Amendment to Caspar Transfer Station Operating Agreement; Relocation of Pudding Creek Water Line to the Pudding Creek Bridge; Management & Implementation Options for Marketing & Promotion Efforts.
- **Finance & Administration Committee Special Meeting** – June 7, 2017 meeting will be cancelled and a special meeting will be scheduled during the second week of June. Topics include: Cost Recovery for Appeals of Proposed Development Projects; Guidelines for Placing Items on the Consent Calendar; Recommendations Regarding Adoption of Rosenberg's Rules of Order; Recommendations for Code of Civility.
- **Planning Commission Meeting** – Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topic: General Plan, Land Use and Development Code Regulations, and CEQA.

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