



## CITY NOTES

July 13, 2017

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**Hare Creek Center Update>>** The Administrative Draft EIR for the Hare Creek Center has been reviewed by City staff and the City Attorney and returned to the consultant for final edits. The City expects to release the Draft EIR in August. Once the Draft EIR is released for public review, a 45-day comment period will commence. Towards the end of the public comment period, a public hearing will be held to receive comments on the document. The consultant will then prepare a Response to Comments and Final EIR. When the Final EIR is completed, it and the project permits will be considered first by the Planning Commission which will make a recommendation to the City Council. Final action on the EIR and the project permits will be taken by the City Council as they have approval authority for EIRs.

**DTSC Workshop>>** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a public workshop and open house on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. The Open House will run from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and will provide an opportunity for the public to review remediation strategies for the Mill Pond (Pond 8) and ask questions of DTSC staff. The workshop will start at 6:30 PM and will include an overview of the "Operable Unit E Feasibility Study" which provides an analysis of the feasibility and effectiveness of a range of alternative remediation strategies for the Mill Pond. The Feasibility Study may be reviewed in advance of the meeting by looking it up on DTSC's [envirostor.com](http://envirostor.com) website. Copies may also be reviewed at the Fort Bragg Library and the Community Development Department counter.

**Skunk Train Improvement Plans>>** The Skunk Train has approached the City of Fort Bragg with a request for CDBG funding for development of destination enhancements on Skunk Train property at Glen Blair. In 2015, the Skunk Train's tunnel at Glen Blair was closed due to a significant landslide, and the train has been operating short runs from the Depot in Fort Bragg to Glen Blair since that time. The proposed improvements at Glen Blair would include zip lines, live performances, picnicking, walking trails and historic and nature education exhibits. The Skunk Train is seeking a low interest loan of about \$1 million and anticipates creating 25 new jobs with the proposed expansion.

**Homeless Action Plan>>** Last month, the Council's Public Safety Committee met with representatives from numerous agencies and organizations who are working to address homelessness in our community including folks from: Mendocino County Department of Health and Human Services, Redwood Quality Management Company, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, Redwood Community Services, Redwood Coast Senior Center, Healthy Mendocino Group, Fort Bragg Food Bank, Mendocino Jewish Community, Coast Christian Center, Mendocino Coast Clinics, Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Fort Bragg Police Department, Community Development Commission of Mendocino County and Fort Bragg Community Development Department. All of the organizations agreed to help prepare a Homeless Action Plan for Fort Bragg that will help to focus resources and actions to address homeless issues in Fort Bragg. The planning process will be coordinated by the City Manager's office with support from the Community Development Department and the Police Department. Outreach will be conducted to obtain input from businesses, residents and people experiencing homelessness.

**2017 Streets & Alleys Rehabilitation Project>>** The 2017 Streets and Alleys project is underway. The initial demolition and prep work will occur over the course of the next few weeks, then in early August pavement grinding and paving are scheduled. The four alleys that will be rehabbed are: the “Starbucks” alley, the residential alley between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street east of Whipple Street, the “Sears” alley and the “Portuguese Hall” alley. South Franklin Street and Boatyard Drive and North Sanderson Way will also be repaved. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts on parking and circulation during the project. The contractors, Granite Construction Inc., expect to have the work completed in early September.

**Guest House Rehab>>** A beautiful new roof has been installed on the Guest House and the City's contractor, GOC Construction, is working its way down to the second floor. The roofing job will be complete in a couple of weeks, and then the painters who repainted City Hall earlier this summer (Horizon Brothers) will return to paint the Guest House.

**Body Worn Cameras>>** The Fort Bragg Police Department will be implementing its Body-Worn Camera program this fall. The final touches are being put on the Body Worn Camera Policy. Once it is approved, the equipment will be purchased and deployed. Training regarding management of records associated with Body Worn Cameras will occur later this year.

**PEG Transition>>** As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the City has officially taken over administration of the PEG (Comcast Channel 3). While the programming will remain consistent for the next few weeks, the City will be establishing a Community Advisory Committee to help guide PEG programming and growth for the Comcast audience on the coast. We are looking for individuals who have an interest in public television to serve on this committee. If you are interested in learning more about the committee, have potential content to be broadcast on the PEG, or have any questions regarding the PEG, please contact Administrative Services Director Scott Schneider at 961-2843. You must be a Comcast subscriber to serve on the committee. You do not need to live within the Fort Bragg city limits.

**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>.

- **City Council**– Monday, July 24 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topics include: Award of Contract for Bainbridge Park Improvements Project; Award of Contract for 1.5 Million Gallon Water Tank Project; Adoption of Code of Civility; Consideration of City Council Rules of Order and Voting Order; Adoption of Ordinance Modifying Methodology for Calculating Drainage Fees; Adoption of Ordinance Allowing Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks with Limited Term Permit.
- **Finance & Administration Committee**- Special Meeting, Wednesday, July 26 at 11 AM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topic: FY 2017/18 Budget and Fiscal Policies.
- **Planning Commission**– Wednesday, July 26 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda topic: Use Permit Modification for Hospitality House Emergency Shelter.

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