



CITY NOTES

July 27, 2017

National Night Out>> On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, local residents are invited to come spend the evening getting to know your neighbors and our community's Public Safety personnel. The Fort Bragg Police Department and Neighborhood Watch will host this year's National Night Out celebration at Bainbridge Park, 300 N. Harrison St., from 5 to 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and enjoy some food, prizes for kids, and an opportunity to get to know staff from the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the California Highway Patrol a little better. National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit, enhance Police-Community partnerships; and send a message that neighbors are united and looking out for one another. Hope to see you at Bainbridge Park on Tuesday, August 1st!

A New "Brand" for Fort Bragg>> The City received a tremendous response to its Request for Proposals for the Visit Fort Bragg Branding project. Development of a brand for the City's promotion efforts was identified as a top priority in the City's Tourism Marketing Research Study which was completed earlier this year. The Branding contract will be funded with Measure AA revenues that are earmarked for marketing and promotions. A total of 19 proposals were submitted from a wide cross-section of marketing and promotion firms. Interviews with six finalists were held this week, and a contract award may be considered by the City Council as early as August 14.

City Awarded \$500,000 HOME Grant>> The City received word this week that our application for Home Investments Partnership (HOME) grant funds was awarded. The City will receive \$500,000 to implement an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation program for low income homeowners who live within the city limits. Funding from a 2013 grant for this program has been expended, so we are excited to be able to continue the program with the new funding. The City will use the grant to award low- or zero-interest, deferred payment loans to homeowners for essential health and safety improvements to their homes. Information about how to apply for this program will be released once the grant agreement with the State is fully executed.

DTSC Accepting Comments on Draft Feasibility Study for Remaining Mill Site Clean-Up>> The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is accepting public comments on the draft Feasibility Study for Operable Unit E (OU-E) which assesses the human health and ecological health risk of contaminants in Operable Unit E on the Mill Site, including dioxin contamination in sediments in the many ponds. The Feasibility Study reviews many cleanup alternatives and will be used to inform the Remedial Action Plan for the final cleanup. DTSC is planning to issue their comments to GP on the draft Feasibility Study in late August, so they are requesting that community members wishing to provide input do so by August 15th. Comments can be submitted to Tom Lanphar @ Tom.Lanphar@dtsc.ca.gov

Grand Jury Report>> The City received a copy of the Mendocino County Grand Jury's report entitled "Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks District and Their Field of Dreams" and a response is required from the City Manager. Among other things, the report looks at the partnership between the City and

the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District for the operation of the C.V. Starr Community Center and Sigrid & Harry Spath Aquatic Facility (CVSCC). A response will be prepared for review by the Council's CVSCC ad hoc committee prior to submittal to the Grand Jury.

Homeless Encampments>> Earlier this month, Fort Bragg police officers accompanied Skunk Train personnel involved in clearing out homeless encampments along the railroad tracks. The City recently became aware of a homeless encampment that is located within city limits on vacant private properties adjoining the A&W Haul Road. Our code enforcement folks have contacted the property owners to advise them of the issue and to assist with abatement actions if necessary. We have also been dealing with illegal camping issues on Noyo Beach. Illegal and uncontrolled campfires are a recurring problem on the beach. Fire Chief Steve Orsi and Police Department personnel have suggested that a couple of concrete fire rings be placed on the south end of the beach to provide a safe and legal place for fires. We will be seeking permits to place two fire rings on a "trial basis."

Noyo Center for Marine Science Workshop>> The Old Rec Center Gym behind City Hall is bustling with activity as the articulation of a 26-foot Orca skeleton is taking place. Stop by weekday afternoons and on Saturday to watch the progress unfold. Once assembled, the Noyo Center for Marine Science is considering temporarily displaying the magnificent Orca skeleton in the entry/atrium at the C.V. Starr Community Center.

Coastal Trail Groundbreaking>> We are expecting to "break ground" on the Coastal Trail Phase 2 project in mid-August and plan to have an informal ground-breaking ceremony to allow our City Councilmembers to dig the first shovelfuls of earth for the project. More details will be forthcoming.

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>.

- **Public Works & Facilities Committee** – Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda items include: Consider request that City Purchase Water Main Installed in Connection with Casey Subdivision.
- **City Council** – Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda items include: Street Medicine Project presentation; Consideration of a Request for Proposals for the Preparation of a Desalinization Plant Feasibility Study; Recommendations from Finance and Administration Committee Regarding Code of Civility, Rules of Order, Voting Order and Consent Calendar Guidelines; Grant of License Permitting Placement of a Private Water Backflow Device, Concrete Pad and Bollards in the Public Right of Way in the Alley behind 863 N. Main Street.
- **Public Safety Committee** – Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 10 AM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda items include: Report Regarding 2016 Police Department Dispatch Log.

City Notes is published on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. If you have questions or suggestions regarding this column or any matter of City business, feel free to contact City Manager Linda Ruffing at LRuffing@fortbragg.com or (707)961-2829.