



## CITY NOTES

September 28, 2017

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**Bainbridge Park Improvements Underway>>** The City has begun construction of the first improvements identified in the Bainbridge Park Master Plan, including expansion of the basketball court, resurfacing the tennis courts, construction of a sidewalk and installation of perimeter fencing. To accommodate construction, portions of the park will be intermittently closed over the next five weeks. Work will begin around the basketball courts and that area will be closed off and on over the next two or three weeks. Surfacing of the tennis courts will occur in early and mid-October. If you are interested in updates on park closures, you can sign up for Bainbridge Park notifications through the City's website.

**Fort Bragg Mural Competition>>** The Fort Bragg Mural Competition began on September 15 and will continue through the end of the month. Los Angeles-based artist, Hannah Webb, completed her California Grey Fox mural on the building façade at the northeast corner of Laurel and Harrison Street (across from Bainbridge Park). Local artists Derek Diorio and Suzi Marquess Long are continuing to work on their murals on the west-facing façade of Interior on Redwood Avenue and on the south-facing façade of the North Coast Brewery Tap Room on Main Street. The Mural Competition is part of an ongoing effort by the City of Fort Bragg to encourage and support the installation of public art throughout the community. Please stop by Interior and North Coast Brewery Tap Room to meet the artists and follow their works-in-progress. You can also cast your vote for the winner of the "Community Choice" award on the City of Fort Bragg's Facebook page.

**Summers Lane Reservoir Cover>>** The City will be adding a floating cover to Summers Lane Reservoir to help manage water temperature, evaporation, and assist in keeping wildlife out. The cover will consist of a large number of floats that are about 8 inches across and roughly ball shaped. City staff worked with Schneider Electric to investigate the possibility of using larger floats which carry photovoltaic panels with the hopes that we could address the need for a cover while generating electricity. Ultimately, however, it turned out that the project would be a multi-million dollar undertaking that is beyond the City's current financial resources.

**Mill Site LCP Amendment>>** The Community Development Department would like to thank the citizens of Fort Bragg for providing fantastic input on the future rezoning and re-use of the Mill Site. The City recently held two public open houses/workshops which were attended by well over 100 citizens who shared their thoughts and ideas about future uses of the Mill Site. Additionally, the City has received over 600 responses to an online survey about the Mill Site. If you have not yet completed the survey, please share your thoughts at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Millsite](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Millsite). The next step will be to synthesize the input received from the community and share it with the City Council to receive their direction on an LCP Amendment to rezone the Mill Site property for future uses. The City Council will conduct a work session on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 PM at Fort Bragg Town Hall.

**2017 Streets & Alleys Rehabilitation Project>>** The 2017 Streets & Alleys Rehabilitation Project is making good progress. Underground work and adjacent concrete improvements are wrapping up. Rehabilitation of the drainage ditch near North Sanderson Street is complete. Paving of the following

locations has been completed: Starbuck's Alley, the residential alley between Chestnut/Walnut Streets east of Whipple Street, North Sanderson Street, and the south portion of the Portuguese Hall Alley. This week, we expect to complete the paving work on Sears Alley, the rest of the Portuguese Hall Alley, Boatyard Drive, and S. Franklin Street. Afterwards, the project will start to wind down as final items of work are taken care of and clean-up takes place. This project was funded with \$1.4 million from the City's special ½ cent sales tax for street and alley repairs.

**New Water Tank>>** Design of the City's new 1.5 million gallon water tank continues. It will be located next to an existing tank on Cedar Street across from the City's Corporation Yard. We expect to bid the project in November and to install the water tank over the winter. This project is funded by a \$1.3 million Community Development Block Grant.

**Coastal Trail Phase II>>** The second phase of the Coastal Trail Project will close the gap between the north and south portions of the Coastal Trail. Akeff Construction of Fort Bragg has begun work on the project. Grinding and removal of existing asphalt is largely done. Grading and drainage work in the northern portion of the project area is underway. The project will be complete around the end of the year. The project is funded by \$1 million in grant funding from State Parks Recreational Trails Program and Caltrans' Active Transportation Program.

**Influent Flow Meter>>** Installation of a new waste water influent flow meter at the Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) was completed recently. This will allow for the monitoring of effluent flow into the WWTF and more efficient treatment.

**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 Dialogue** - Friday, September 30, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 10 AM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. The City Dialogue meetings are held quarterly and provide an informal forum for residents and business owners to have a roundtable discussion with City staff and find out about City projects and activities. Light refreshments are provided.
- **Special City Council Meeting**– Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Public hearing and consideration of appeal of Planning Commission's August 23<sup>rd</sup> decision to approve modifications to Hospitality House emergency shelter use permit.
- **City Council Meeting** - Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda items include: Introduction of New Employees, Mayor Peters' Report on Trip to Otsuchi, Japan, Receive Update on City Manager Recruitment Process, Approval of Project List for SB1 "Road Repair and Accountability Act" Funding.
- **Special City Council Meeting** – Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Conduct work session to discuss Mill Site LCP Amendment and provide direction to staff.

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