



CITY NOTES

November 30, 2017

Holiday Cheer>> Many thanks to the City's Public Works crew for decorating downtown light poles and City facilities with holiday garlands and lights. The crew also installed and decorated a beautiful Douglas fir tree on the Guest House lawn. A hearty holiday thanks to Lyme Timber Company for donating the tree. Mayor Lindy Peters will flip the switch to light up the tree at the Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 2nd at approximately 6:50 PM. The festivities start at 6:00 PM with music and caroling. Following the tree-lighting, the annual Holiday Lights Parade will help ring in the holiday season. I'd like to give a shout out to our Police Department and the Police Cadets for all the work they do to establish and maintain a safe parade route for our local parades.

Coastal Community Comes Together to Support the Extreme Weather Shelter>> A remarkable effort by a coalition of faith-based, social service, and governmental organizations has made it possible for our community to provide an Extreme Weather Shelter (EWS) for the homeless this winter. Once again, the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center has stepped up to provide administrative oversight and staffing for the EWS. This year, the Fort Bragg Food Bank will provide a staging area for EWS guests to be checked in prior to transportation to the shelter and the Redwood Coast Senior Center has offered to provide "to go" meals for EWS. The shelter location is rotated between several places of worship in Fort Bragg, Caspar and Mendocino. Mendocino County has allocated \$50K to help fund the shelter and a fundraising drive for the "Mayor's Fund for the Homeless" will kick off in early 2018. The EWS will operate on cold and/or rainy evenings until all available funds are expended. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at Fort Bragg Town Hall to give the public an opportunity to provide input regarding the EWS prior to issuance of a Limited Term Permit for its operation.

Upcoming "Graduations" for two Police Department Employees>> Police Sergeant Andrew Kendl is set to graduate from the Supervisory Leadership Institute (SLI) in early January 2018. This highly-regarded program is for supervising public safety officers and is intended to help develop effective public safety leadership and management skills. Congratulations, Sergeant Kendl! In mid-December 2017, Police Recruit Keyona Martinez will graduate from the Santa Rosa Police Academy. Keyona was a Community Service Officer before being appointed to the Police Recruit position and starting the Police Academy program in July. Upon graduation from the Academy, she will be sworn in as a Police Officer. Congratulations, future Officer Martinez!

Body Worn Camera Program Update>> By mid-December, all Fort Bragg Police Officers and Community Service Officers will be equipped with Body Worn Cameras. The Police Department has spent several months crafting policies for use of the cameras, retention of video, etc. and now is ready for full deployment. The cameras were purchased with a grant from the Department of Justice.

Upcoming Meetings Regarding Mill Site Reuse Plan>> The next step in the Mill Site Reuse planning process involves review and discussion of a Mill Site Buildout and Development Density Analysis that will help guide future decision-making for the rezoning of the property. The Planning Commission will consider this matter at its Wednesday, December 13th meeting and the City Council is scheduled to take up the discussion at its Monday, January 8th meeting.

Demolition Permit for Georgia Pacific's Dry Shed #4>> At its Wednesday, January 10th meeting, the Planning Commission will consider Georgia-Pacific's request to demolish the enormous Dry Shed #4 building on the former mill site for the fourth time. At this meeting, the Commission's decision will be informed, in part, by the City Council's decision at its last meeting to not designate the Dry Shed as a Landmark structure.

City of Fort Bragg Branding Options Unveiled>> On Tuesday, the Community Development Committee and the Visit Fort Bragg Committee received a presentation from the "branding consultants" who were retained by the City to help define a branding concept for Fort Bragg's tourism promotions. If you missed that presentation, the City Council will be receiving a presentation regarding initial brand concepts at its Monday, December 11th meeting.

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>.

- **Finance & Administration Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 6** at 11 AM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda includes: Utility Billing Delinquency Dates; Presentation of Pay-by-Phone System.
- **City Council Meeting – Monday, December 11, 2017** at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda includes: Recognition of Community Volunteers for Response to Redwood Complex Fires; Fee Schedule update; DANCO Affordable Housing Project Incentives; Review Initial "Branding" Concepts; Cannabis Regulations; New Water Tank Project Contracts.
- **Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 2017** at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda includes: Process for Handling Public Works Change Orders.
- **Planning Commission Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 2017** at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda includes: Mill Site Reuse Plan Buildout Analysis and Development Density Discussion; Permit for Accessory Dwelling Unit at 208 Park St.

City Notes is usually 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.