



## CITY NOTES

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**Public, Education, Government (PEG) Television Studio**>> The City's new PEG studio is now open for business! Located in City Hall East (in the old Noyo Center office), the PEG studio includes video recording equipment for production of public service announcements and general interest shows to broadcast on Comcast Channel 3. Regular office hours are Fridays from 1:30 – 5:00 PM and Wednesday afternoons by appointment. Email [peg@fortbragg.com](mailto:peg@fortbragg.com) if you are interested in production or have any questions about the PEG studio.

**Noyo Harbor District Commissioner Appointment**>> The City of Fort Bragg is accepting applications until January 12, 2018 for persons interested in an appointment to serve on the Noyo Harbor District Commission. The seat that is now vacant was held by Commissioner Dusty Dillon who passed away last month. The term of the interim appointment will be from date of appointment until October 31, 2018. This position will be eligible for re-appointment to a four-year term which will run from October 31, 2018 to October 31, 2022. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission you must reside within the boundaries of the Noyo Harbor District. Persons interested in appointment are urged to contact City Clerk June Lemos at (707) 961-1694 to obtain an application form.

**Water Tank Project Update**>> The City is ready to build a replacement to one of the oldest pieces of its water system- a 1.5 million gallon water tank at the corporation yard on Cedar Street that was built in 1955. After the new tank is erected, the old tank will remain in reserve to provide water in case of emergencies and to allow maintenance on the other water storage tanks. The new water tank will be funded primarily by a \$1.4 million Community Development Block Grant. The project was designed by SHN Engineers & Geologists of Willits. Last Monday, the City Council awarded the contract for the project to Akeff Construction Services of Fort Bragg. The new 1.5 million gallon tank will be made of a special enamel-coated steel that is very sturdy and designed to withstand our demanding coastal climate. We look forward to many years of low maintenance and reliable service from this tank. The new tank will be built on Cedar Street across from the City's corporation yard. The project will break ground early next year and is expected to be completed by the end of April as long as the weather cooperates.

**Coastal Trail, Phase II Project**>> Recent sunny weather has helped our contractors make great progress on the central link of the Coastal Trail project connecting the northern trail from its current terminus near Otsuchi Point to the southern trail near the Noyo Center Crow's Nest visitor center. The site work is completed and included demolition of old foundations, grading, and installation of storm drainage improvements. Vegetative restoration of disturbed areas next to the trail is largely complete. Paving of the trail is well underway. A restroom is being fabricated and will be installed next spring. The trail will consist of an eight-foot wide paved path and with an adjacent four-foot wide crusher dust path similar to the existing northern and southern Coastal Trail segments. As with the existing paths, there will be numerous benches and places to admire our amazing coastline. If the weather continues to cooperate, we may be able to have a "soft-opening" of the trail in February 2018. We are contemplating hosting another grand Coastal Trail Celebration next spring to celebrate the completion of this segment of the trail and to showcase our beautiful Noyo Headlands Park.

**City Recruitments>>** The City is in the midst of a flurry of recruitment affecting every City department. We recently completed the recruitment of a Seasonal Laborer in the Public Works Department. We are actively recruiting to fill an upcoming vacant Community Service Officer position in the Police Department (resulting from the resignation of CSO Gretchen Leinen). In Finance, we will begin recruiting a temporary Finance Technician after the holidays. This is part of our transition planning for the upcoming retirement of Government Accountant Linda Hilliard. In Community Development, after the holidays we will be implementing a transition/succession plan to fill the void resulting from the recent resignation of Special Projects Manager Jennifer Owen. We plan to recruit an Administrative Assistant for the Community Development Department and to obtain the services of a CDBG grant consultant. And last but not least, the City Manager recruitment is well underway. The Council will be selecting candidates to interview in early January and interviews will be conducted later in the month.

**Website Upgrade>>** Over the next several months, the City will implement a major update of the governmental side of our [fortbragg.com](http://fortbragg.com) website. The update was included in the initial contract with CivicPlus for the redesign of the website that was implemented three years ago. The update will include new features and information to better inform and engage the public. Please feel free to email [mortiz@fortbragg.com](mailto:mortiz@fortbragg.com) with any improvement ideas you have for the redesigned website. After all, our main objective is to make the site as functional and effective as possible for the public.

**Chief Awarded POST Executive Certificate>>** Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga recently was presented with his Executive Certificate from the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). The Executive Certificate is the highest level of certification provided by POST and is available only to chiefs. Congratulations, Chief!

**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 Safety Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 20, 2017** at 3 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Agenda includes: Discussion regarding shoplifting; update on Departmental activities.
- **City Council Meeting – Monday, December 25, 2017** – Cancelled. Merry Christmas!
- **City Council Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018** at 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall. Tentative agenda includes: Ordinance to change utility bill delinquency date, FY 2016/17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR); FY 2017/18 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report; Noyo Center for Marine Science Biannual Report; Public Hearing for Close-out of 2014 CDBG Grant.

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