

City Hall News

From the desk of
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- 1. City Employees Receive Special Achievement Awards.** Congratulations to four City employees who received 2006 Special Achievement Awards at the City's annual Employee Appreciation Dinner. Treatment Operator Heath Daniels was recognized for his exceptional work in designing, building and installing a new water treatment alarm system and new water quality instrumentation at the City's water plant. Public Works Superintendent Mike Cimolino (Q-Ball) received an award for providing exceptional support for the City's capital improvement projects and for preparing City-wide mapping of our sewer system and water meters. Police Sergeant Mary Miller received a Community Service award acknowledging her active leadership role in organizations and events that support and help the youth of our City. Public Works Director Dave Goble received a Community Service award recognizing his years of service coaching youth sports teams, including this past year's coaching of the championship-winning Girl's Varsity Basketball Team at Fort Bragg High School.
- 2. Skate Park Workshop.** The City, Fort Bragg Unified School District and Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District have been working together to establish a skate park in Fort Bragg. As part of this cooperative effort, a community workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm at Fort Bragg Town Hall. An overview of the proposed skate park will be provided and the workshop will provide community members an opportunity to ask questions about the skate park, and to provide feedback about the proposed location. This workshop will be sponsored by the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District. It is the first of a series of workshops that will be held to define and realize a skate park in Fort Bragg.
- 3. Public Workshop for Solid Waste Transfer Station Siting Study.** The Draft Report of Findings for the Solid Waste Transfer Station Siting Study has been posted on the City's website and copies are available for review at City Hall, the County Department of Planning and Building Services and the Fort Bragg Library. A public workshop will be held at Fort Bragg Town Hall on Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 pm. At the workshop, the consultant will present the report to the public and obtain comments. Following that, the report will be presented to the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors for further consideration and eventual identification of a preferred alternative site for the long-haul commercial solid waste transfer station.
- 4. Police Department News.** Last week, the Police Department welcomed Angelica Wilder as our newest Community Service Officer. Angelica grew up in Fort Bragg and is moving back from the Chico area. In addition, the Department conducted interviews for Police Officer candidates, hosted a Neighborhood Watch meeting to address issues in our community, participated in an Identity Theft workshop with Savings Bank, and participated in the Victim Rights Workshop at Town Hall.
- 5. PAL Fishing Clinic.** The Police Activities League is planning to hold a "fishing clinic" for local youth at Lake Cleone from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 19th. They are looking for volunteers to help with the fishing clinic. On May 8th

and 9th at 8:00 am, PAL is planning to clean out weeds from the lake. The Parlin Fork work crew will be helping, but they cannot go into the water and, again, additional help is needed. If you can help out with any of these activities, please contact Sergeant Mary Miller.

- 6. PAINT IT OUT!** That is what experts all over the country say is the best way to prevent the proliferation of graffiti on buildings and fences. Quick repainting discourages future vandalism because those who do this graffiti are unable to admire their work. The Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency has a program for businesses and property owners within the City limits to help beat graffiti. Through this program, reimbursement for an anti-graffiti kit is available simply by bringing your receipts to the Finance Department at City Hall. The kit may include any or all of the following items, up to a \$30 value: custom-matched paint, paint brush, drop cloth, "Wet Paint" sign, roller, paint tray, and painter's tape. We have recently revamped the program to provide a more user-friendly and streamlined reimbursement procedure.
- 7. Coastal Trail Planning.** The Coastal Trail Master Plan working group (comprised of staff from the Community Development Department, State Parks, Mendocino Land Trust, and National Parks Service) spent two days last week working on the master plan. On Thursday, an "interpretation" focus group met out on the Mill Site to brainstorm about an interpretive plan for the coastal parklands extending from Pudding Creek to Noyo Bay. On Friday, the working group spent the morning ground-truthing the potential parkland and trail alignment on the north end of the Mill Site. The group will provide a progress report to update the Council and community on the project in July.
- 8. Franklin Street Update.** Continual progress is being made on the Franklin Street project. The underground work is complete, and the contractors have begun trenching for the electrical conduit for the street lighting. Once that work is done, the concrete contractor will begin work on the curbs and gutters. The contractor is making every effort to coordinate the work to minimize disruptions to local businesses. Work the 200 and 300 blocks of North Franklin (core central business district blocks) will be completed by mid-June. In the meantime, businesses are open and need our patronage and support.
- 9. Noyo River Water Flows.** According to Water Project Manager Dick LaVen, the current flows in the Noyo River are five times as great as were measured during the same period in 1976- the worst drought year on record. Based on this, we are hopeful that the City will not need to implement mandatory water conservation programs this summer.