

# CITY MANAGER MONTHLY ROUND-UP



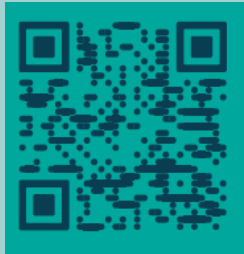
Dear Fort Bragg Community,

As we step into the month of March, it brings with it the promise of spring and renewed energy. I'm excited to present the latest edition of our City Manager Roundup, designed to keep you informed and engaged with all the happenings in our city. In this edition, you'll find City updates, important announcements, city council updates, employee spotlights, and more. - Isaac Whippy, City Manager



Whale Fest is taking over Downtown Fort Bragg on the Weekend of March 15-17. And like the migrating leviathans we celebrate, this year's festivities will be bigger and better than ever!

- Downtown Wine Walk
- Fort Bragg Beer Festival
- Whale Run and Walk
- Craft Fair
- Food Trucks
- Live Music



Scan QR code for more info

Don't miss out on the fun- mark your calendars.

## MARCH 5, 2024 ELECTION DAY

**Polling Place (Open Election Day Only 7 am-8 pm)**

**FB Veterans Memorial Building**

360 N. Harrison Street- Fort Bragg

**CV Starr Center**

300 S. Lincoln Street- Fort Bragg

**Official Ballot Drop Box Locations**

City of Fort Bragg - by Front door

416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg. Available 24/7



# CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

*Celebrating the dedication and hard work of our city employees, who tirelessly contribute behind the scenes. Their commitment is crucial to the city's functioning, meriting our utmost appreciation and acknowledgment. We invite you to join in recognizing these essential community members, the unsung heroes who ensure our city operates seamlessly. This month, I've asked our Police Chief to select our February Employee Spotlight for their exceptional contributions.*



Meet Lesley, our February spotlight employee of the month!

Originally hailing from a quaint village in the heart of the Cotswolds, England, Lesley is the eldest of three siblings. Her journey with the United States Air Force began in 1988, where she worked at a local Royal Air Force base. It was during this time that she met her husband, Richard, who was stationed in England. Together, they embarked on various adventures, including a two-year tour in Incirlik AB, Turkey, which they extended to four and a half years. After Turkey, they spent time at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, where Richard decided to retire from the military. In June 2006, they made Fort Bragg their new home.

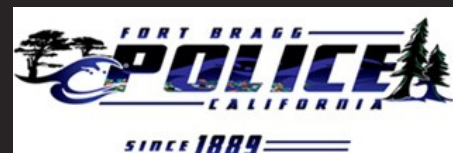
## Lesley Bryant - Admin Analyst

Lesley's career with the City of Fort Bragg began in December 2006 when she joined the Police Department as a Community Services Officer. Her duties ranged from downtown parking enforcement to prisoner transport and managing lost/found property. Over the years, Lesley underwent training and expanded her role to include field evidence collection and Animal Control. In 2015, she transitioned to the Records Department, where she quickly rose to the position of Records Supervisor. In 2023, Lesley was promoted to Administrative Analyst, overseeing Human Resources recruiting and employee records maintenance for the Police Department. Reflecting on her time with the Police Department, Lesley shares, "The department has become my second family, and I truly love working here. Fort Bragg has become my home, and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Even on tough days, gazing at the majestic Pacific Ocean on the western horizon brings solace and perspective." Outside of work, Lesley enjoys practicing yoga, reading, and taking leisurely walks around town during her lunch breaks. If you spot her, don't hesitate to say hello!

## FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW HIRES



Pictured from left to right:  
Sgt. Nayeli De Leon  
Officer Humberto Arellano  
Officer Gage Farris



# CITY COUNCIL RECAP - FEBRUARY 2024

Here's a recap of recent City Council meetings and some decisions that may interest you:

- On Feb. 12, 2024, the City Council **approved an extension of the fee waiver** for the Water Capital Improvement Fee and Sewer Capital Improvement Fee Deferral Program for Restaurants, Cafes, and Coffee Shops in the Central Business District.
- On Feb. 12, 2024, City Council **approved and awarded** SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. to Prepare a Feasibility Study for Biosolids Treatment and Disposal at the MID's Wastewater Treatment Plant, City Project No. WWP-00024.
- On Feb. 12, 2024, City Council **approved and awarded** T & S Construction Company, the Raw Water Line Replacement Project, City Project No. WTR-00016.
- On Feb. 12, 2024, City Council **approved the Nexus Study** analyzing and approving Capacity Charges and Impact Fees for Water, Sewer, Storm Drainage, Police, and Fire.
- On February 26th, 2024, City Council **passed a resolution in support of a sustained ceasefire for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.** The resolution calls for unrestricted access to humanitarian aid to the displaced civilians of Gaza and urges an immediate ceasefire.
- On Feb 26, 2024, City Council **appointed Linda J. Thornquist Stumpf** to the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board.
- On Feb 26, 2024, City Council **approved a funding application,** and execution of a grant agreement, from the 2023 and/or 2024 funding year of the State CDBG.
- On Feb 26, 2024, the City Council **approved awarding the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project,** City Project No. WTR-00017, to Wahlund Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,550,380.
- On Feb 26, 2024, City Council **approved an agreement with SHN Consulting** Engineers & Geologists, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for the Water Treatment Plant Overhaul Project, City Project WTR-00017, in the amount of \$757,000.



## CITY NEWS & UPDATES

MARCH IS

Women's  
HISTORY MONTH

The National Women's History Month's theme for 2024 celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions.





# CITY NEWS & UPDATES

## Fort Bragg Police Department completed its 2023 Annual Report

- More than 16,000 service calls.
- More than 1,200 reports.
- 642 arrests.
- More than 17 kilos of illegal narcotics seized
- 20 illegal firearms off the street.
- PD staff also attended 24 advanced trainings not required by POST, for a total of 800 hours of specialized training.



## The City of Fort Bragg is Officially a Blue Zones Project Recognized Employer

The City of Fort Bragg recognizes that employers are in a powerful position to help us move more, eat better and connect. About a third of our waking hours are spent at work. The City of Fort Bragg has invested in the health of its people and has earned Blue Zones Project Approved™ designation. For more information about Blue Zones Project approved worksites, visit:

<https://mendocinocounty.bluezonesproject.com/approved-worksites/>



## NOYO HARBOR BLUE ECONOMY



As part of Noyo Harbor's Blue Economy planning effort, we just installed one (of four) water quality monitoring sensors for our Aquaculture Feasibility Study. This sensor is located at the Noyo Center marine field station and measures temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, pH, chlorophyll-a, and depth. We are working with LakeTech and Aquatic Resources Management to maintain the equipment and ensure consistent and reliable data. The three additional sensors will be available soon and we are working to make all real-time data publicly available on our website, [www.NoyoOceanCollective.org](http://www.NoyoOceanCollective.org).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS - MARCH

**CV Starr** is looking for independent contractors who want to use the Center to showcase their talents and offer classes to the public.

The new Gym equipment will be ready for the public on March 1, 2024.

**OTHER NEWS**

- 11** Town Hall Meeting  
Town Hall 6pm.
- 13** Mid-Year Budget Workshop  
Town Hall 2 pm.
- 23** Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Outreach  
Town Hall 9am-11am
- 25** Town Hall Meeting  
Town Hall 6 pm.



**NEW GYM EQUIPMENT**

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