

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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City Manager's Office

City Weed Abatement Coordination with Cloverdale Fire District: I received a letter this week from Jason Jenkins, Fire Chief of the Cloverdale Fire District (CFD), requesting the City Council declare certain properties non-compliant with the City's Weed Abatement Ordinance. The letter was included in the City's Council's June 12th agenda packet with a staff recommendation that the City Council pass a resolution declaring the properties identified in CFD's letter a public nuisance. The draft resolution declares the City's intention to remove and abate the weeds growing on the private properties and sets an Appeal Hearing ("public hearing") on the June 26, 2018 City Council agenda.

Fourth of July Fireworks Planning: I met with representatives from TNT Fireworks, the Kiwanis Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars on Thursday, June 7th to discuss planning for the sale of "state approved" fireworks in the City of Cloverdale. There are two locations planned for the sale of fireworks including the parking area at 1215 S. Cloverdale Blvd (formerly referred to as King's Castle) and the vacant lot on South Cloverdale Blvd and Hillview Drive adjacent to Ace Hardware. TNT Fireworks provided the City with copies of two separate Illegal Fireworks brochures including one entitled, "Don't Get Burned" and one emphasizing safe and responsible use of State-Approved Fireworks ("Celebrate Safely"). Copies of the brochures can be found at the following links:

1. [Illegal Fireworks- Don't Get Burned](#)
2. [Celebrate Safety](#)

The above listed links will be posted to the City's Facebook page as we draw closer to the 4th of July holiday. Banners will also be placed around town regarding "Zero Tolerance" for illegal fireworks.



Community Development

New Mixed-Use Building Approved by the Planning Commission: On June 5th, the Planning Commission approved a Minor Design Review and Plot Plan Review allowing for the new construction of a 2-story 1,658 square-foot mixed use building with a 438 square-foot 1st floor office and one-car garage and an 870-square foot one-bedroom 2nd floor apartment. Attached below is a visual simulation of the proposed new



Vista Oaks Project: On June 5 the Planning Commission reviewed the Vista Oaks project, a proposed 33-unit subdivision, with the intent of receiving public comment and providing staff as well as the applicant feedback on the proposed project. The Planning Commission expressed that they desired more information on various issues including landslide (geotechnical) issues and additional visual simulations to evaluate the visual impact of the proposed residential lots. The Planning Commission also requested that the developer agree to establishing a Homeowner's Association for maintenance of streets and private open space and expressed need for public access over the proposed access roadway for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Police

Mendocino County Probation in Discussions with Sonoma County about Contracting for Juvenile Hall Beds: David Koch, Sonoma County Juvenile Hall Chief Probation Officer, contacted Chief Cramer requesting assistance. Apparently, Mendocino County Probation is in discussions with Sonoma County about contracting for juvenile hall beds as they face the unpleasant, yet necessary, task of reducing the probation department budget. The most difficult decision they must make is whether to close their juvenile hall. Based on their fiscal situation this may well become a reality. Sonoma County has beds available and can accommodate up to 20 youth at any one time from Mendocino County. The Probation Department has an issue of transporting youth to Sonoma County as well as back to Mendocino County for Court. As such, Cloverdale PD will serve as the "transfer" spot for youth going into Sonoma County's custody and vice versa. Probation will utilize the PD's parking lot or our lobby/conference room. This arrangement will not impact our day-to-day service as Probation will not require assistance from our staff, just a physical location identified as a consistent exchange point. Youth offenders will always be in custody and transported in a cage car by peace officer certified staff. This may not occur until January 2019.

New Legal Notice Requirement to Individuals in Homeless Encampments Before Closure: Sonoma County DA Jill Ravitch informed Chief Cramer that local governments must provide notice to individuals living in homeless encampments before closure, to offer a housing alternative, and to offer storage for personal items. The holding authority is the *Cobine* case (*Cobine v City of Eureka*, No. C 16-02239 JSW, 2016 WL 1730084, at *6 (N.D. Cal. May 2, 2016)), which is fuller in its recitation of governmental responsibilities for homeless encampment closures. Chief Cramer will consult with the City Attorney on how this affects our local homeless issue.



Police Department Birthdays and Anniversaries: On Sunday (6/3) Officer Damian Eglesfield celebrated his birthday. On Wednesday (6/6), Chief Cramer celebrated his 13th anniversary with the City of Cloverdale and the Cloverdale Police Department. On Thursday (6/7), Officer Jim Strattan celebrated his birthday. On Saturday (6/9), Officer Rick Rhodes celebrates his 4th anniversary with the City of Cloverdale and the Cloverdale Police Department. Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to Officer Eglesfield and Officer Strattan! Also, thank you Chief Cramer and Officer Rhodes for your continued service to the City of Cloverdale!

Law Enforcement Torch Run: This is a reminder that Cloverdale Police Department personnel will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Tuesday, June 11th. This year the torch will start with in Cloverdale with Chief Cramer at East First and North Main Street at 9:30 a.m.



Public Works & Engineering

Water Production: This past week in the Water Department we produced 8.76 million gallons of water.

New Safety Policy for Transite Pipe: The City of Cloverdale is a member of the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF) which is a self-insured joint powers authority (governmental entity) established to handle the insurance claims, benefit programs, and risk management needs of its member cities. REMIF contracted with Mark Hemmendinger of Acceptable Risk, a safety consultant, to evaluate the safety needs of its member cities. REMIF provided a new draft Transite Pipe & Airborne Silicon Awareness Policy to City Engineering staff for review and comment. This is an important component of the City's safety policy given the existence of Transite Pipe in the City's water distribution system. Engineering staff plans to bring the new policy before Council for formal adoption sometime in July of this year.

Pavement Management: The Engineering Department issued comments on our Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program (P-TAP) Quality Management Plan. The P-TAP report is intended to provide a management tool to inventory street pavement, assess pavement condition, record historical maintenance, forecast budget needs, and view impacts of funding on City-wide pavement condition over time. Review of the report is the first step to starting the pavement condition survey of all our City streets.

New Bicycle Rack Installed in Downtown: A new artistic bike rack was installed next to Ruth McGowan's/Cloverdale Ale Company (see attached photos). Close by, a sidewalk repair job on South Main Street was initiated by the Streets Department this week with plans to pour concrete next week. This repair work is associated with a dead tree street tree previously removed by the City.



Parks & Recreation

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Ongoing Maintenance of Landscape & Lighting Districts: This week the Parks and Recreation Department focused maintenance efforts on the Vineyards L&L District. Significant time spent on a row of hedges two-blocks in length. It was 7' in height, we took that down about a foot for a more manageable size and attractive appearance



Weed Abatement Update: CDC fire crew was scheduled to return to Cottages L&L for a second round of weed abatement. By resident's request, winery trail was mowed, raked and debris hauled to our green boxes. I would like to mention Dylan Mills and Curtis Waller with the streets dept for assisting us with the fire crew. Interdepartmental coordination on projects like this is a huge help.

Weed Abatement in Cloverdale Police Department Parking Lot: Weed abatement was performed in and around their Cloverdale Police Department's parking lot. While there, Parks staff took care of City Hall and east alley entrance as well.



Annual 5th Grade BBQ: Over 150 students from Washington Middle School visited City Park for their 5th Grade Day Away this week. Parks staff conducted various maintenance tasks in preparation for the planned activities/games.