

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

Prepared by City Manager David Kelley  
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### City Manager's Office

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**City of Cloverdale Initiates Recruitment for the City of Cloverdale's Next Police Chief:** On Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of Acting Chief Bob Stewart and HR Staff Linda Moore, City of Cloverdale City Manager initiated the recruitment for the City of Cloverdale next Police Chief. The Chief is an integral member of the City Manager's Executive leadership team that will lead a team of thirteen full-time sworn (including the Chief) and eight full-time civilian positions. The ideal candidate is expected to be a hands-on administrator who builds strong and trusted relationships with employees while being accessible and approachable to members of the Police Department. A copy of the Police Chief Job Flyer is attached.

**County Board of Supervisors Approve the Creation of Hundreds of Affordable Homes:** At their meeting on December 11, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a series of actions that will result in the creation of 618 new units of affordable housing over the next three years. Among those actions, the Board adopted various financing proposals, recommended by the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, that will allow for the construction of 448 homes. Supervisors also authorized selling the long-vacant property on West College (formerly occupied by the Sonoma County Water Agency) to USA Properties for the construction of 170 new apartments. Attached is a copy of the Press-Release.

**The 2019 State of the County Scheduled for February 1, 2019 from 7:30 – 9:00 AM:** The [2019 State of the County](#) Event hosted by the Sonoma County Economic Development Board is scheduled for February 1, 2019 from 7:30 – 9:00 AM at the DoubleTree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park. The 2019 State of the County Address includes incoming Board Chair, Supervisor David Rabbitt, and keynote speaker, Jerry Nickelsburg, Senior Economist from UCLA Anderson Forecast, providing the special analysis and forecast for the California economy, as well as the prospects for Sonoma County.



## Community Development

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**Community Development Team Meets with Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) staff to Discuss Countywide Traffic Circulation Model:** Rafael Miranda, Associate Planner, Mark Rincon Public Works Director, and Kevin Thompson, Assistant City Manager / CDD met with SCTA staff members on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the update of the County-wide traffic circulation model. The circulation model provides important data on vehicle miles traveled, transit ridership and forecasting, average vehicle speed, and levels of service. Once updated, the data will be available to the City to help with CEQA analysis and other traffic related projects. The updated model is expected to be complete the end of March.

**City Staff Meet with Regional Climate Protection (RCPA) Authority Staff to Discuss Climate Protection Programs:** David Kelley, City Manager, and Kevin Thompson, Assistant City Manager / CDD met with Aleka Seville, Director of Climate Programs for RCPA this week. The discussion centered around RCPA's role in greenhouse gas reduction programs and assistance. RCPA is interested in understanding Cloverdale's barriers to greenhouse gas emissions reduction and how they can assist.

**Community Development Department Submits Initial Study to the Office of Planning & Research (OPR) for the Vintners Co-Op Rezoning & Annexation Project:** Community Development staff completed an Initial Study for the Vintners Co-Op Project. A Notice of Completion and a copy of the [CEQA Initial Study](#) was filed with OPR for review by State Resource Agencies. The Initial Study is currently available for public Comment. A public review copy of the Initial Study is available on the [City's website](#) along with supporting environmental documents. The public comments period is December 12, 2018 – January 11, 2019. The property owners are requesting Annexation, Major Design Review and Plot Plan Review to allow for the new construction of a 99,570 square-foot warehouse building, related site improvements and annexation of the 4.67-acre property located at 28145 Highway 101 (APN 117-040-101), just south of the Renner Petroleum gas station property at 1313 S. Cloverdale Boulevard, into the City limits of Cloverdale. The project will require review by the Planning Commission and City Council.



## Police

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**North Bay Animal Services and Cloverdale Police Department Rescue Chuck the Cat from Storm Drain:** On December 13, the Cloverdale Police Department received a report of a cat stuck in a drainage pipe on Venezia Way in the City of Cloverdale. The City of Cloverdale recently approved a contract with North Bay Animal Services for animal control services. While their contract does not officially start until January 1<sup>st</sup>, their team of Animal Control Officers Mark and Gina were ready to jump into action in a time of need. On Tuesday night they sprang into action in an arduous rescue of Chunk the Cat from the City's Storm Drain system. Thank you to for their dedicated work and for the coordination of Cloverdale Police Department Community Services Officer Teresa Hegarty. Happy to report that Chunk is safe and under care! A copy of the Pres Release issued by the Cloverdale Police Department is attached.

## Public Works & Engineering

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**Public Works Remove Abandoned Railroad Shed from Railroad Authority:** The abandoned railroad shed, located at Asti Road and First Street, was removed and disposed by the Public Works Department. The railroad shed was previously utilized for rail equipment. The shed had previously caught fire was an attractive nuisance. The area looks much better with the structure removed.



## Parks & Recreation

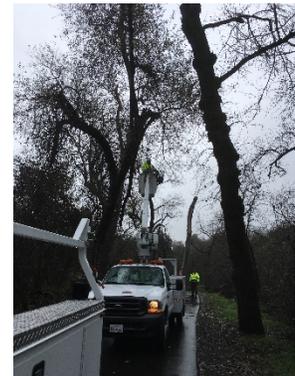
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**City Arborist Conducts Safety Pruning on Tree on Cloverdale River Trail:**

While blowing off the length of the River Park Trail, 2.5 miles, City Arborist Hector Galvan noticed a large Cottonwood limb hanging over the trail. After removing the overhanging limb, Hector conducted an additional assessment and inspection of tree and determined it hazardous and in decline due to several open cavities on the tree canopy. With aid of Streets Dept., the tree was aggressively pruned as a proactive measure. IN addition, Hector determined that it was beneficial to pruning the olive trees at the Healdsburg Ave island, which is part of Vintage Meadows Zone 2 L&L District.



Weight reduction of Olive Tree scaffolding was necessary due to fast growth.



**Park Maintenance Update:** This week Parks staff performed Winter leaf pickup was performed at Brookside Terrace L&L, the Welcome to Cloverdale sign on Citrus Fair Drive, and at the 2nd Street City Park.

**Sonoma County, Dept. of Agriculture Inspected City Pesticide Program:** On Wednesday, the City underwent an inspection by Sonoma County, Dept. of Agriculture, regarding the City's use and handling of pesticides. The inspection was very thorough and lasted 2+ hrs. First, personnel training files were reviewed as well as monthly pesticide use reports. Application quantities were checked and inspectors went over physical SDS files, pesticide labels, application methods and notification signage. They also toured the pesticide storage building. Eyewash stations, containment pallets, proper signage were just a few of 50+ checklist items that were inspected including Personal Protective Equipment room. Once the inspection was completed, the Agricultural Department representative complimented the City on record keeping, proper training, and adequate PPE and commented that our facilities and program surpass most of locations he is sent to daily. The final results of the inspection will be available next week.