

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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City Manager's Office

City Manager David Kelley Invited to Participate in “Meet & Greet with Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury: Each year the [Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury](#) begins with a new empanelment of jurors who will serve for the fiscal year. The 2019-2020 Grand Jury has spent its first few weeks on organization and training and is currently working to become better informed on matters of local governance. The Grand Jury’s mission is to facilitate positive change in Sonoma County. Its investigations of local governments typically identify opportunities, supporting them with recommendations for improvement. An added benefit is the experience the jurors receive, nurturing better informed citizens who are most often enthusiastic about the year of service they have given. Each year the new jurors have typically had an opportunity to meet County department heads and to be briefed on their respective responsibilities. This year for the first time, The Sonoma County Grand Jury is organizing a similar opportunity to “meet & greet” a limited number of leaders from cities and other government entities within Sonoma County. City Manager has been invited to participate by sharing information about the City of Cloverdale and its activities. Participation is entirely optional; this is not a jury proceeding respecting an investigation, complaint, or other confidential matter.

City of Cloverdale and Sonoma County Transit Conduct Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Start of Route 68 Fare Free Program: On August 1st at 2:00 pm, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the start of the Route 68 Fare Free Program was held on the Cloverdale Plaza. Mayor Bagby took the honors of cutting the ceremonial blue ribbon for the event. Councilmember Cruz along with City staff, County staff including Sonoma County Transit and members of the public were on hand to as part of the brief ceremony. According to Mayor Bagby, “the Fare-Free program is intended to increase ridership and provide improved mobility options for residents by removing barriers to bus ridership and incentivizing convenient, cost-free, environmentally friendly transit options for all members of the community. In addition, the program supports the City of Cloverdale’s environmental goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality.” A copy of the Press-Release announcing the Start of the Fare Free Program is attached.



Library Commission Meeting Scheduled on August 5: The Sonoma County Library Commission is scheduled to meet August 5th at 6:00 pm in the Santa Rosa City County Chambers located at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. A copy of the meeting agenda is attached. The full packet may be viewed online [here](#).

Community Development

Planning Commission Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th: The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet next week on Tuesday August 6 at 6:30 pm in the Cloverdale Performing Arts Center. The one item on the agenda is for the Design Review of a proposed single-family residence at 107 Orion Court. [Here](#) is a link to the Planning Commission agenda packet.

Thyme Square Area Development Meeting: City Staff including City Manager, David, Assistant City Manager, Kevin Thompson and Public Work Director Mark Rincon met this week with Cloverdale Unified School District Superintendent Jeremy Decker and the director of the Citrus Fair Katie Young to discuss development of the Thyme Square project. The meeting centered around ways the key stakeholders could collaborate on addressing infrastructure improvements needed to serve the project area and surrounding property interests. Staff contemplates further meetings to address easement and right of way issues.

Police

Cloverdale Police Department Conducted Pinning Ceremony for Promotion of Chris Parker to the Rank of Lieutenant: On Monday, On Monday July 29, 2019 at 10:30 am, Interim Police Chief Robert Stewart Conducted the Oath of Office for Lieutenant Parker. Sergeant Parker's children had the honor of participating in the pinning ceremony. A brief luncheon ceremony followed the pinning ceremony.



Chris joined the Cloverdale Police Department in May of 2015 and quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant. With many years of law enforcement experience during his career, he brought with him a wealth of knowledge, integrity and leadership, to lead this department through the most difficult of times. With gratitude and appreciation, we congratulate Lt. Chris Parker on this well-deserved promotion!

Public Works & Engineering

City of Cloverdale initiates new Streets to Creeks outreach campaign:

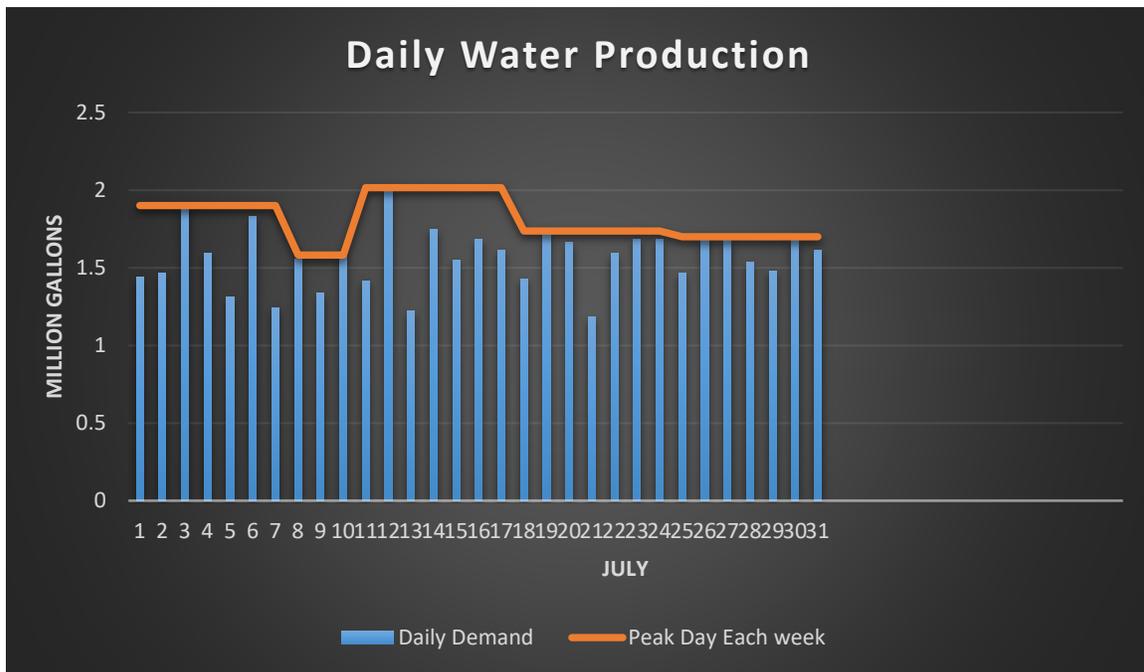
The City of Cloverdale has partnered with the City of Santa Rosa and other storm water co-permittees on a new Streets to [Creeks outreach campaign](#). Starting August 1, 2019, Santa Rosa and Sonoma County will be issuing press releases launching the campaign. All participating Cities and Council Members are encouraged to issue social media announcements utilizing the attached materials. Senior Engineering Technician Eric Janzen created a webpage on the City's website

(<http://www.cloverdale.net/streetstocreeks>)

and is preparing a Public Service Announcement that will be included with August water bills in August. To the rights is graphic created for Cloverdale to add to our email signatures. Council and city staff are encouraged to add the graphic to our email signatures starting August 1 through the end of the year.



Water Production Update: City of Cloverdale Water Department staff monitors daily water production at the Water Treatment Plant including daily demand and peak daily production. daily production for the past week ranged from a low of 1.464 Million Gallons Day (MGD) to a high of 1.701 MGD. During the month of July, water production peaked at approximately 2.0 MGD.



City of Cloverdale Water Department Completes City wide lead and Copper Sampling: Water Treatment Plant staff completed lead and copper sampling. Sample results from the laboratory results have been received the laboratory results. All samples were ND or no detect for Lead and well under the allowable limit for copper. The results will be reported publicly in the next consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The additional lead and copper work Book documents have been completed and submitted to the State. Every three years the City is required to conduct sampling for lead and copper in our system. The 40 samples are taken from customer's taps at locations approved by the State. The results are then submitted to the State.

City Completes Annual Source Chemical Monitoring Sampling: Annual Source Chemical Monitoring Sampling has been completed. The City expects to receive all results over the next couple of weeks. These results will be reported publicly in the Next CCR.

Parks & Recreation

Parks Maintenance Update: This work week Parks staff was determined to finish critical projects throughout City parks and L&L Districts.

1. The week began with general park clean up. During the summer weekends, it is very common to have several events that exceed over 200 people over a regular weekend. This brings extra maintenance activities. We make it a priority to clean the parks as soon as possible so that park users early in the week can enjoy a park free of debris.
2. Special attention was paid to the Downtown plaza, where Parks staff hedged all ground cover, shrubs and pruned all trees. This is in preparation for the national 'Night Out' that takes place August 6th, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer. It is very important for the parks department to have all shrubs and landscape neat and tidy for the whole community to enjoy
3. Parks staff addressed several service requests this week such as weed abatement at the L&L District The Cottages and the Blvd corridor in the form of organic herbicides.



Parks Staff Continues Work on Cloverdale Boulevard Plant Replacement Project: The Cloverdale Boulevard Plant Replacement project continues throughout the summer. This week, Parks staff addressed the large raised stone planters at the north end of the Blvd in front of Bolt and planter in front of Eagle



Before



After

Tech. Struggling plants were removed and replaced with new and improved drought tolerant species. The installation process consists of adding soil to bring grade level up, modifying irrigation to accommodate new plants, and applying anew weed barrier. A root barrier was also used to encourage the roots to grow downward.