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Murray Street Bridge Full Closure Begins June 23



Beginning the week of June 23, 2025, both the westbound and eastbound lanes of the Murray Street Bridge will be closed to vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians to facilitate demolition and construction activities on the Seismic Retrofit and Barrier Replacement Project. These measures ensure public safety during potentially dangerous working conditions.

The full bridge closure is scheduled to last roughly seven and a half months and will reopen to eastbound vehicle and bicycle traffic in February 2026. The westbound lane will remain closed until the project is completed in January 2028. Two-way pedestrian access across the bridge will reopen in February 2026. Please note that these dates may change depending on project needs and utility work by PG&E and Comcast.

Vehicles will be detoured around the bridge closure through Soquel Ave. via Seabright Ave. and 7th Ave. Bicycles will be detoured across Arana Gulch/Broadway via Seabright Ave. and 7th Ave. Pedestrians will be detoured around the north harbor. View the detour map for full details and learn more at **cityofsantacruz.com/msb**.

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Community Events This Weekend — Celebrate Community, Culture, and Connection

Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation is proud to support a vibrant lineup of multicultural, intergenerational, and

Santa Cruz Classic Beach Soccer Tournament

Main Beach — All Weekend

accessible community events this week in partnership with local organizations. From music and art to volunteerism and cultural celebration, there's something for everyone. Here's what's happening this weekend:



National Trails Day

Saturday, June 7 at Multiple Locations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Choose from more than 20 volunteer opportunities to celebrate National Trails Day with Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship and the City. Volunteers will be cleaning up beaches, working on trails, and maintaining nature walks. After volunteering, celebrate at Woodhouse Blending & Brewing with free food, drinks, live music, local vendors, and a large raffle. Sign up online!

"We're proud to partner with SCMTS and invite everyone to help care for the trails and parks that make our city shine." —Tony Elliot, Parks and Recreation director

Watch or join fast-paced beach soccer action just steps from the Boardwalk. This annual tournament draws teams and fans from across California for a weekend of sport and sun.



Black Lives Matter Mural Paint Day – Reclaim Radical Joy

Saturday, June 7at Downtown Santa Cruz from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Presented by Santa Cruz Equity Collab, this free, family-friendly event invites all to:

- Participate in community art-making
- Enjoy healing and reflection spaces
- Hear stories of resilience
- Dance at an Afrobeats celebration with DJ Monk Earl
- Learn more.





Japanese Cultural Fair

Saturday, June 7 at Mission Plaza Park from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Celebrate Japanese culture with traditional music, food, crafts, and live performances including taiko drumming, ikebana, aikido, and more. Learn more.



POPS Concert by Your Symphony

Saturday, June 7 the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

- 5 p.m. — Street Party with food trucks, live music, and costumes
- 7 p.m. — Concert featuring music from Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Harry Potter, and more
- Student tickets available 90 minutes before showtime with valid student ID. Accessible seating available.
- Buy Tickets



City's Homelessness Response Team Seeks Community Partners for Extreme Weather Shelters

For the past two years, the City of Santa Cruz has partnered with the County and the City of Watsonville to operate an extreme weather shelter program for the unhoused community. From December 30 to February 13, the extreme weather shelter was open for 19 nights with leadership and staffing provided by People First.

Over those nights, more than 600 residents in the Watsonville Vets Hall and nearly 1,000 in Santa Cruz received support and warm accommodations. People First and the Vets Hall partnered with City and County support services. Vintage Faith Church partnered on a February shelter activation. The City's Emergency Services Team and Homelessness Response team worked with the church in advance of the weather event to prepare and plan for the collaboration.

"Since 2020, at the CZU fires, we have been utilizing our gym space as an evacuation site. We want to be a resource when an emergency happens and be responsive to community needs. This year, when the call came through, we were ready! Communication was clear, we understood how best to respond, which person to talk to at the City and County level," said Landon Baker, Director of Community Life, Discipleship, and Formation at Vintage Faith Church.

The City has an ongoing need for partnerships with local community groups and churches to support our community members in need. If your organization is interested in participating in this program, please contact Meredith Albert, Office of Emergency Services: malbert@santacruzca.gov.

Photo credit: People First

Proposed Wastewater Rate Increases



In order to maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and collections system that provide our community with an essential quality-of-life service, the City of Santa Cruz is proposing a wastewater rate increase. The new rates will support the replacement of aging treatment facility equipment and sanitary sewer pipes, as well as the estimated annual increase in operating costs.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed wastewater rate increases on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 809 Center Street. For more information about the proposed rate increases and public hearing, including a Spanish translation, visit cityofsantacruz.com/sewer-rates.

View the Prop. 218 Notice of Proposed Wastewater Rate Increase mailer in English and Spanish

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Tuesday Night Live — Join Us



for Live Music on the Wharf!

The 3rd Annual Tuesday Night Live series includes eight free shows on the second Tuesdays of each month from May to September, plus bonus concerts on the fourth Tuesdays of June, July, and August. Presented by the Wharf Tenants, Parks & Recreation, Friends of Parks & Recreation, and Economic Development, all shows are free and start at 6 p.m. on the Wharf Common Stage.

Upcoming Shows

- June 10 — The Viva Santana Show (Northern California's #1 Santana Tribute Band)
- June 24 — Extra Large
- July 8 — The Lost Boys featuring James Durbin
- July 22 — Fish Hook
- August 12 — The Joint Chiefs
- August 26 — Sweet VooDoo
- September 9 — Jive Machine

See the Full 2025 Lineup

Ocean Street Beautification Concept Plans Open House



Economic Development and Housing will host an open house at Grant Park, located at 150 Grant St, Santa Cruz, from 5-7 p.m. on June 10. The open house will showcase conceptual plans for the Ocean Street Beautification Project, which will transform the City's Ocean Street Gateway at Highway 17. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to provide community feedback on future improvements to adjoining landscape areas and conceptual public art for the gateway. Future improvements are expected to include landscape improvements, public art installations, welcoming gateway signage, and potential lighting to improve overall pedestrian safety. The project groundbreaking is expected in 2026, but your input will help inform City Council and the Arts Commission.

The City has teamed up with RHAA Landscape architects and five artists: Urban Rock Design, Chris Mosley, Mary Tartaro, Tom Ralston, and Melissa Marzan. Together, they have created design concepts that aim to strengthen Santa Cruz's sense of place among the coast and redwoods, to bolster the City's image as a thriving Arts destination. Following public outreach and Council decision, one or more selected artists will work with RHAA to install their public art designs into the surrounding natural landscape, providing a greater sense of cohesion between these two elements.

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Pride Month Celebration

Shout out to our incredible Parks and Recreation team for planning, coordinating, and proudly marching in last weekend's 50th Anniversary Pride Parade! As part of the month-long celebration, Santa Cruz will be lit in rainbow colors throughout June, with pride-inspired lighting displays at the Civic Auditorium, City Hall, the Town Clock, and the Lighthouse. A big thank you to our amazing staff for their collaboration in bringing this meaningful celebration to life.



New Street Banners Give Warm Welcome to Santa Cruz

Summer is here and so are new banners giving a warm welcome to the City of Santa Cruz! Lining Ocean Street, the Riverside Avenue Bridge and the Boardwalk area, these lively banners pay homage to the beautiful landscapes and businesses that make Santa Cruz great. Additional banners will be installed soon along Soquel Avenue in Midtown; Pacific Avenue and surrounding Downtown streets; and in the Beach area by the iconic Santa Cruz Wharf.

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