



City Manager's Weekly Update

May 31, 2024

Santa Cruz County Wildfire Resilience Summit

Are you interested in reducing wildfire risks? Fire Chief Oatey encourages you to attend the Santa Cruz County Wildfire Resilience Summit on June 6.

"This summit is vital for collaboration, sharing information, and enhancing our wildfire preparedness," said Chief Oatey. "Be part of the solution to safeguard our beautiful county against the threat of wildfires."

Inaugural Santa Cruz County Wildfire Resilience Summit

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building at 846 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060



The FireSafe Council of Santa Cruz County hosts the inaugural Santa Cruz County Wildfire Resilience Summit for the public, environmental groups, public safety organizations, and businesses. The summit aims to educate and empower the community about wildfire resilience initiatives in our area. Join us for engaging presentations and insightful panel discussions covering groundbreaking projects and actionable plans.

The FireSafe Council of Santa Cruz County mobilizes the people of Santa Cruz County to protect their lives, homes, community, and environment from wildfires. For more information about the FireSafe Council of Santa Cruz County and the Inaugural Wildfire

Resilience Summit, email vp@firesafesantacruzcounty.org.

Secure your spot for this premiere event by pre-registering for free.

**Register
Now!**



Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival

On Sunday, June 2, join in the largest LGBTQ+ Pride parade on the Central Coast! Members of our Santa Cruz community and beyond are welcome to show their pride, activism, enthusiasm, and love and be proud of who they are!

The Santa Cruz Pride Parade starts at 11:00 AM and takes place along Pacific Ave. in downtown Santa Cruz. After the

parade, there will be a festival with entertainment, booths, and free admission to the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History (MAH).

More details!

Summer Concerts at the Wharf

TinMan delivered an unforgettable performance kicking off the Tuesday Night Live Summer Concerts at the Santa Cruz Wharf, captivating the audience with their incredible energy and musical prowess!

Enjoy free shows every second Tuesday of the month from May through September. The next show will be held on June 11, with local band Tsunami playing classic rock and R&B from the '60s to '90s. Enjoy the free concerts, games, drinks, and food at booths located at the Commons. Bring a chair and your dancing shoes!

The City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department, the Santa Cruz Wharf Tenants, and the Economic Development Department present Tuesday Night Live Concerts.



Santa Cruz Police Department Welcomes Four New Officers to Our Ranks

The Santa Cruz Police Department recently held a swearing-in ceremony for its newest officers.

Meet our new officers: Officer Jason Nichols, Officer Gurleen Saini, Officer Dan Moore, and Officer Marcos Mendez.

"It is always an honor to swear in new officers to our agency and thank them for choosing our community to serve and protect," said Chief Bernie Escalante. These officers successfully completed a rigorous six-month police academy. They will now enter an orientation and an 18-week field training program before joining a patrol team as solo beat officers.

Join Santa Cruz Police Department

We're looking for individuals with positive attitudes, integrity, energy, strong problem-solving, and communication skills. Is that YOU?

- Police officer trainee signing bonus
- Competitive salary & benefits
- Expedited hiring process
- Paid training & academy tuition

Visit www.JoinSantaCruzPD.com for more information.



Virtual Housing Classes and Self-Guided Affordable Housing Bike Tour

Are you curious about affordable housing — what it is, how to qualify, and what projects are being developed in the City of Santa Cruz? Whether you're looking for more information on the Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8), are a landlord or property manager looking to learn more about the benefits of providing affordable housing, or a community

member interested in how the financing for affordable housing works, we've got the information for you! Check out our [Affordable Housing Finance Class or Housing Choice Voucher Program Informational Webinar](#).

Stretch your legs on our [self-guided bike tour of the five current affordable housing developments](#) being built in the City of Santa Cruz.

More City and County Affordable Housing Resources

**Santa Cruz Garage Sale
Weekend This Saturday and**



Sunday!

[Santa Cruz Garage Sale Weekend](#) is almost here, bringing a fantastic opportunity for secondhand shopping and sustainability.

Plan your treasure hunt with our [Garage Sale Treasure Map](#)! This handy tool will guide you to all the sales, helping you uncover hidden gems throughout the weekend.

Remember, leaving items on the curb with a FREE sign is considered illegal dumping and can result in a fine. Let's keep our streets clean and safe for everyone!

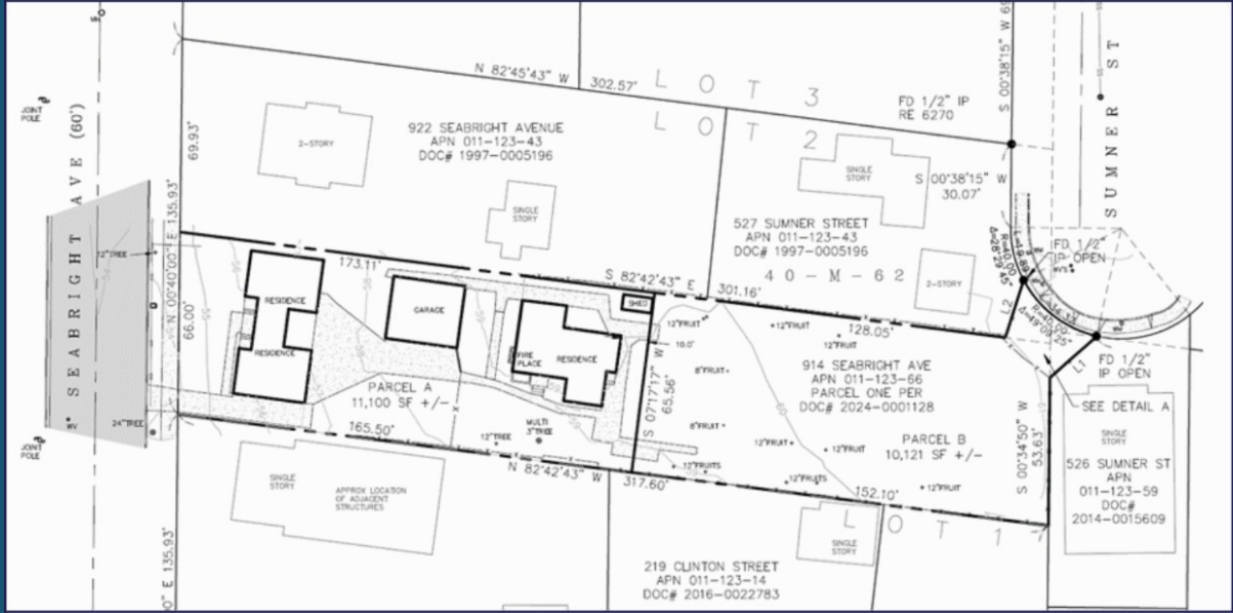
[Garage Sale Treasure Map](#)

Subdivision Proposed on Seabright Avenue

On May 3, 2024, the Planning Department received an application for a Minor Land Division proposing subdivision into two parcels of the existing, approximately 21,237 square-foot lot with frontages on both Seabright Avenue and Sumner Street. As submitted, the new, approximately 11,100 square-foot parcel fronting Seabright Avenue would retain the existing structures, including a residential duplex, detached garage, and single-family house. No development is currently proposed on the new 10,121 square-foot lot fronting Sumner Street.

On June 23, 2020, the City Council approved a Subdivision (Tentative Map), Design Permit, and Residential Demolition Authorization Permit (CP18-0187) encompassing the demolition of the existing three residential units and construction of a nine-unit townhouse development; the entitlements have since lapsed, and the previously approved development was not further pursued. During the review of the application for CP18-0187, staff received correspondence from owners and residents of properties on Sumner Street related to a number of topics associated with the now-expired townhouse development project. In particular, neighbors expressed reservations about the creation of an easement providing vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access between Seabright Avenue and Sumner Street. Several General Plan policies exist related to connectivity and infrastructure support for walking and biking — staff is currently exploring options related to these features with the proposed land division.

As a request for a Minor Land Division, the proposed project requires consideration by the Zoning Administrator at a public hearing. The Zoning Administrator's decision is appealable to the Planning Commission. Timothy Maier is the planner reviewing the project.



Three Consecutive Theater Productions Held at London Nelson Community Center

Shout out to the team whose work resulted in a marathon run of All About Theatre productions. The Wizard of Oz, Urinetown, and 13 the Musical had three consecutive successful runs at London Nelson Community Center. Crews completed riser set up and break down, concession set up and clean up, set builds, tech troubleshooting, and restroom cleaning. The team did an amazing job working with All About Theatre to put on these successful productions. Their hard work and phenomenal customer service made it a success!



Saluting Our Parks & Recreation Team for a Spectacular Spring & Summer Kick-Off!



visitors.

We thank our exceptional Parks & Recreation team for their phenomenal work in ensuring the success of our spring sports, concerts, events, programs, and activities! Their meticulous preparations for the busy Memorial Day weekend and the upcoming summer season are greatly appreciated by City colleagues, locals, and

"Our Parks & Recreation team works tirelessly to bring our community together through amazing programs, events, and City park spaces. Their dedication and planning ensure that every season

is filled with fun and great memories for everyone," said Tony Elliot, Parks & Recreation Director.

The [2024 Summer Activity Guide](#) showcases events and programs in our vibrant community! Join us in experiencing the incredible work of our dedicated Parks & Recreation staff as they highlight our beautiful City parks and a wide range of summer activities. There's something for everyone!

[Explore the Summer Activity Guide](#)



Join us Saturday for National Trails Day

City Parks and Recreation Director Tony Elliot is rallying volunteers at Moore Creek Preserve, a 246-acre City open space, at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 1, to improve our trails.

We need your help! Please join Tony and the local cattle grazing on the City property for a day of rewarding work. We'll be brushing, clearing an old bridge, and adding new

signage to the trails at Moore Creek. It's a great opportunity to get active and make a difference in our community!

Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship has organized 20+ different trail work locations in Santa Cruz County, plus a BIG after-party on Saturday, June 1, with live music, prizes, food, drinks, and more.

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