



City Manager's Weekly Update

June 26, 2024



Fire Department Marine Division Prepares for the Summer Season

The Marine Division hired 10 rookie Lifeguards who successfully passed all aspects of their medical training and lifeguard academy for the 2024 season. This consisted of ten days

of training, with six of those days being the lifeguard skills portion of the academy. Those six days ran back-to-back and consisted of non-stop intense workouts and training to develop their rescue skills. Due to the successful hiring of the ten lifeguards, we were able to increase the size of the Junior Guard program, allowing 120 people on the waitlist to get an opportunity to do Junior Guards.

At the start of the summer, we promoted four Lifeguard II's (Austin Vera, Luke Cahill, Owen deCossy, Kees Van der Meer) who will work in a lifeguard vehicle responding to calls for service in and around the beach area and along West Cliff Drive. Lifeguard Isaiah Mullen was added as a Beach Lifeguard Lieutenant to provide leadership and supervision during the summer season.

Starting June 17, the on-call Marine Rescue Unit Members will be taking home a code 3 vehicle to use for water rescues, which will reduce the response time. The Marine Division's dedication to providing high-level training, increased staffing levels, and better equipment is being sought to increase the level of service provided to our community.

Save the Date!

National Night Out is Happening August 6

AUGUST 6, 2024 · 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Santa Cruz Water Department Makes 2023 Water Quality Report Available in English and Spanish

The Santa Cruz Water Department is pleased to announce that the 2023 Water Quality Report is now available in English and Spanish.

The report highlights that Santa Cruz's water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards. It includes detailed information about the sources and quality of our water supply, the results of water quality testing, and important health information.

The reports are available on the [Water Department's website](#) and at the Customer Service Office, 212 Locust Street, Suite D, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.



[View the Water Quality Report](#)

Record-Breaking Attendance

at the Annual Woodies on the

at the Annual Woodies on the Wharf and Other Successful Events this Weekend



Annually, Woodies on the Wharf weekend brings the highest attendance totals of the year to the Wharf! A big thank you and kudos to the entire Parks & Rec team for their exceptional planning, preparation, and coordination of a weekend packed with major events, including Woodies on the Wharf, Liberation Paddle Out, volleyball tournaments, soccer tournaments, and more. Special thanks to the Wharf Crew, Annalise Bryant, and the Parks team for ensuring the success of the Depot Park soccer tournaments.

This past Saturday, approximately 200 people participated in Black Surf Santa Cruz's Fourth Annual Liberation Paddle Out, making their way across Cowell Beach. Thank you to everyone involved for making these events a success!

City Events Calendar



Join us in the month of July for these **FREE** activities to celebrate "July is Parks & Recreation month!"

Tuesday July 2	ALL DAY Local Tuesday at the Santa Cruz Wharf 2 hours of FREE parking w/ validation! Sale & Specials available EVERY Tuesday (Year-Round)
Friday July 5	1:30pm - 3:00pm Junior Guards BIG SWIM At the Santa Cruz Wharf
Sunday July 7	4:00pm - 6:00pm Salsa By the Sea At the Santa Cruz Wharf Common's Stage (July 7, 14, 21, & 28)
Tuesday July 9	6:00pm - 8:00pm TNL Concert Series Show #3 The Joint Chiefs at the Santa Cruz Wharf Common's Stage
Saturday July 13	3:00pm - 6:00pm Swingout Santa Cruz At the Santa Cruz Wharf Common's Stage
Tuesday July 16 and Thursday July 18	9:30am - 11:30am Walking Adventure Group with the Coastal Watershed Council Meet at the Chinatown Gate Pedestrian Bridge on River Street behind Trader Joes
Friday July 19	Time: TBD Civic Backstage Tour At the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
Saturday July 20	9:00am (~2.5 hr. walk) Tree Walk with City's Arborist Tree Walk with City's Arborist Leslie Keedy. Meet at the fountain in the City Hall Courtyard. Call (831) 420-5270 or visit cityofsantacruz.com/register to sign up.
Mon-Fri July 22-26	London Nelson Community Center Open House Be Our Guest! Tours, Q&A's, Refreshments, and more
Tuesday July 23	1:00pm - 4:00pm Ping-Pong Tournament (singles) At London Nelson Community Center
Thursday July 25	1:00pm - 4:00pm Ping-Pong Tournament (doubles) At London Nelson Community Center

Scan the QR code to visit our July is Parks and Recreation Month page for more details.



Tag us in your activity posts!
Use #JulyisParksAndRecMonth

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PARKS AND RECREATION

July is Parks & Rec Month!

July is Parks & Rec Month! This is a time when park and recreation agencies across the country come together to recognize the importance of their work with summer programs, events, contests, commemorations, and celebrations.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are not just important; they are vital for our communities — from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for all people.

Parks Make Life Better Month is a call for everyone to reflect on the exponential value park and recreation professionals bring to

communities. We invite you to explore the exciting lineup of Santa Cruz Parks & Rec "July Is" events and activities designed to make your summer even more enjoyable and memorable.

Parks & Rec Events

Upcoming Roadway Resurfacing and Traffic Striping in Downtown

The contractor for the [100 Laurel Project](#), Nextphase Construction, Inc., will be performing necessary roadway resurfacing and traffic striping on Laurel Street (between Front Street and Pacific Avenue), Front Street (between Laurel Street and Metro Station), and Pacific Avenue (between Laurel Street and Maple Street). This work will take place between July 8 and July 17, weekdays only, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



During working hours, Laurel Street and Front Street will be reduced to a single lane. Expect significant delays and seek alternate routes. Pedestrian access will be limited, so please follow all posted detours.

This essential work will improve road safety and extend the lifespan of our streets.



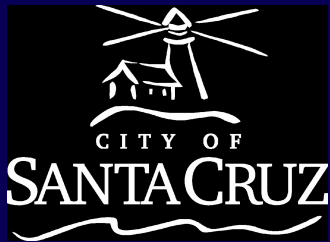
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The above video is from June 5, 2024.

Progress on West Cliff

- [920, 932, 1016 West Cliff](#)
 - The galvanized railing installation is coming soon!
- [944 West Cliff](#)
 - Granite will mobilize and begin work at this location soon!
- [1030 West Cliff](#)
 - Public Works is coordinating with PG&E on this project location to schedule work as soon as possible.
- [Bethany Culvert](#)
 - Granite will begin installing rebar for the wall.
 - The Granite team will install the concrete formwork for the cutoff wall next week. The first concrete pour is expected on 7/3/24.

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