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**City Manager's
Weekly Update**

February 14, 2025

Great Gatsby Ballet Premieres in Santa Cruz February 14



Step into the Roaring Twenties with World Ballet Company's dazzling new production of *The Great Gatsby*. Experience the glitz, glamor, and tragic romance of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel brought to life by a multinational cast of 40 professional dancers, stunning hand-crafted costumes, and groundbreaking sets—all set to an original jazz-infused score.

Don't miss this unforgettable performance at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on **Friday, February 14**, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.).

Get tickets at santacruztickets.com or more info at worldballetcompany.com.

Get Tickets Today!

Senior Lunch Program Connects Neighbors at London Nelson Community Center

The London Nelson Community Center is a proud partner of **Meals on Wheels**, providing nutritious weekday lunches for seniors ages 60 and up in collaboration with Community Bridges and Downtown Seniors. Meals are served Monday–Friday at 12 p.m. in the main dining hall.

Parks and Recreation is proud to support this valuable community service, recognizing that strong partnerships help build a stronger, more connected community. For this month's meal calendar, visit the dining site during business hours.

Reservations Required

To reserve a meal, call **831-427-0901** by **1 p.m. the day before**.

Need a ride?

Call **831-688-9663** for transportation through the Lift Line.

Suggested donation: \$3.50 per meal, though no one turned away for lack of funds.



[Learn More!](#)

Reminder — Join Us for Community Discussion About Flood Control, Climate Change

How might climate change impact river flooding in the future? Join us on Thursday, February 18, from 6–7 p.m. for a community webinar to learn about potential impacts of climate change on San Lorenzo River flooding. Discuss how our city can begin planning to prevent and reduce the impact of climate change.



Register for Free Today!



Join us for a Midweek Boost: Free Pilates Sculpt Class Wednesdays at Noon

Join us for a free Pilates Sculpt class every Wednesday from 12 – 1 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium! This class, sponsored by the City HR Department and led by Parks & Rec's own Julie Graff, is a great way to stretch, strengthen, and reset during your workday.

All levels are welcome—whether you're a Pilates pro or trying it for the first time. Move, de-stress, and have fun with your coworkers and community members!

- **FREE for everyone** — bring a friend!
- Open to all City employees — no registration required
- Community members welcome — **registration required**

Class Details

When: Wednesdays, 12:00–1:00 PM

Where: Civic Auditorium

♀ **What to Bring:** A mat and comfortable workout clothes.

Bender balls and resistance bands will be provided (limited supply).

WHARF WEDNESDAYS

JAN 22 - FEB 26
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC
FUN & PRIZES

Wharf Wednesdays — Two More Concerts Coming Up!

Continuing February 19 – 26, Wharf Wednesdays is a concert series with a different performer each week, created to support Wharf businesses after the winter storm event and temporary closure of the Wharf in December.

The Economic Development and Housing is partnering with Parks and Recreation to draw people to the Wharf this winter to offset the revenue loss from the post-storm closure during the peak holiday season.

City Council approved the event series as part of a package of relief efforts along with free 2-hour parking on the Wharf through the end of February.

Attendees are invited to sign up for a giveaway featuring \$100 gift cards for each of the 18 non-seasonal Wharf businesses. The giveaway is offered each week with 18 winners receiving \$100 gift cards.

The event is produced by Matthew Swinnerton from Event Santa Cruz who also produces popular events like Midtown Fridays in collaboration with the City's Economic Development and Housing Department. Join us from 6:00pm – 8:00pm on Wednesdays through February 26!

Wharf Wednesday Lineup

February 19 – Trestles
February 26 – Trianna Feruza and Friends

[Check Out Wharf Wednesdays!](#)



Join the City's New Sustainability and Resiliency Committee!

The City of Santa Cruz is recruiting residents with expertise in climate advocacy, transportation, water, trees, waste, buildings, energy, or resiliency for three at-large members (including one youth age 24 or younger) to serve on the new Sustainability and Resiliency Committee.

This is a pilot committee that serves as an advisory body to the Santa Cruz City Council on climate and resiliency issues, helping to guide the operationalization and implementation of activities to reach climate and resiliency goals. The application deadline is Monday, February 24. [Learn more.](#)

**Apply
Today**

Join the CPVAW as a Youth Commissioner!

The Commission on the Prevention of Violence Against Women (CPVAW) is looking for a passionate and motivated **non-voting Youth member** to join the Commission! This is a unique opportunity for a high school student to serve as a bridge between youth and the Commission, ensuring youth voices are heard in local government decision-making.

As a Youth Commissioner, you will:

- Provide advice and share your perspectives with CPVAW.
- Help connect the ideas and concerns of young people to the Commission's work.

Youth Commission Details:

- Term: One year from the date of appointment
- Meetings: 6:30 PM, first Wednesdays of February, March, May, August, September, and November
- Stipend: \$75 per meeting
- Eligibility: Open to students in grades 9–12 who live in the City of Santa Cruz
- Deadline to Apply: February 20, 2025

BE THE VOICE FOR CHANGE!
SERVE AS A YOUTH AT-LARGE MEMBER ON THE COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



APPLY TODAY!

**Apply
Now!**

Register for March 19 Santa Cruz County Skilled Trades Job Fair

Are you looking for a job or training in the skilled trades? Attend the Santa Cruz County Skilled Trades Job Fair on March 19!

At this job fair, you'll meet employers in construction, building, solar, electrical, plumbing, welding, HVAC, carpentry, agriculture and more! Learn about job opportunities, classes, apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeships.

On-site resume review and translation services will be available.



REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY!

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
SKILLED TRADES JOB FAIR**

MARCH 19, 2025 | 4 - 6:30 PM

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