

City Manager's Column



Welcome to the first edition of The City of Eureka eNews, our monthly online newsletter exploring topics from within the City of Eureka. We launched this newsletter to improve our communication with City residents and we encourage your feedback. The eNews will serve as a supplement to the Quarterly report which is available on our website and provides comprehensive information from all city departments on their activities and services.

In Eureka's eNews you'll receive information on upcoming activities, events, information regarding what City Departments, as well as a monthly Department Spotlight highlighting one of Eureka's City Departments. Eureka's eNews will be emailed out on the first of each month unless the first is a holiday or weekend in which case the issue will be emailed on the next business day. We hope you'll find Eureka's eNews to be useful and informative. If you have any recommendations for information you'd like to see in a future edition, please email ctyson@ci.eureka.ca.gov

Thank you,

Greg L. Sparks

In the News

The crime fighting mission takes a team effort as Jennifer Dennison demonstrated on September 4. A police Dispatcher, working late at night was responsible for helping officers catch people wanted for a double homicide. Here is Jennifer's story:

Being attentive to details in a job where massive amounts of critical information streams at you constantly is a trait many are not capable of perfecting. Jennifer Dennison is an exception to this rule. Her actions on September 4, 2014 demon-

strated her exceptional abilities.

While on duty as a Eureka Police Dispatcher Dennison was monitoring Eureka Police, Fire and Medical radio frequencies. Certainly it is one of the busiest and most overwhelming jobs in the county. In addition to her regular radio frequencies she was also monitoring several other police agencies in the county. Earlier in the day a double murder took place in Fieldbrook. A description was given to EPD, although it was incomplete. At about

0021 hours, a citizen reported a DUI driver and Detective Travis Braud found the vehicle putting out a description including the license plate.



As Detective Braud called out the license plate Dispatcher Dennison overheard a broadcast by a different police agency putting out a BOLO for a double homicide on that same plate. She immediately informed Detective Braud who followed the car ultimately stopping it, arresting the occupants for murder. Dispatcher Dennison is commended for her ability to multi-task, her job interest and her desire to keep her officers and community safe from those intent on committing heinous crimes.

Special Points of Interest

- ◆ EPD Dispatcher helps solve crime.
- ◆ Watershed Heroes exhibit opens
- ◆ Engineering entertains project study reports
- ◆ Tips to conserve water
- ◆ Honoring Sept. 11th Heroes
- ◆ The Great American Shakeout
- ◆ Add the City of Eureka on Facebook to keep up-to-date with happenings; facebook.com/cityofeureka



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <u>Council Meeting</u> 6:00pm	8	9	10	11 <u>Humboldt Bay Fire Open House</u> <u>Party in Pink Zumba Fitness</u>
12 <u>Bark in the Park 5K Marathon</u>	13	14	15	16 <u>The Great California Shake-Out</u>	17	18 <u>Tee Off for the Hoopsters Tip Off Golf Tournament</u>
19 <u>Explore the Coast</u>	20	21 <u>Council Meeting</u> 6:00pm	22	23	24	25 <u>Boo at the Zoo</u>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <u>Annual Parks & Recreation Halloween Carnival</u>	

Save the date:

- Nov. 15th G.U.L.C.H. Teen Program Fresh Voices Singing Competition
- Nov. 15th Zumba Master Class with Cecelia Mills
- Dec. 6th Holiday Craft Bazaar

Gentle Yoga
Mondays 12:15pm—1:30pm

Gentle basic yoga poses practiced with breathing techniques. Helps strengthen muscles, encourages flexibility & promotes relaxation.

All Levels Welcome

At the Adorni Center



Passive poses for deep release

Parks & Recreation Department

Watershed Heroes Exhibit



Sequoia Park Zoo opened its long-awaited Watershed Heroes exhibit in August, to many happy visitors. The Watershed Play zone where kids can pump water and watch it travel through and landscape is almost as popular as watching the otters swim around the crawl-through viewing tube. Three species of salmon live in tanks across the way, and a new state-of-the-art Learning Lab classroom anchors it all. A bald eagle exhibit will be completed later this fall.



Watershed Play Interactive

This is an artistic and attractive fountain play area where children are encouraged to pump water onto a stylized three-dimensional watershed, where water flows downstream and into a basin at the center of a spiral labeled “ocean”. Another part of the watershed begins with an upstream cascade with bronze salmon statues and a recirculating flow of water that joins the other stream into the ocean spiral. This feature is highly popular with kids, encouraging free play and discoveries of what is in the watershed. Artistic stamps of various users of the watershed, including wildlife and human elements, are peppered throughout, as well as small fish in the concrete heading downstream and larger fish heading upstream. Funding for this component paid for the recirculation pump, children’s hand pump, and artistic concrete elements.



Parks & Recreation

It has been an exciting few months here at the Zoo! There were new animal additions to the Zoo family. Two Patagonian caviés were born and are doing well. Live rainbow trout, steelhead and Chinook salmon were acquired and added to their new Watershed Heroes Exhibit tanks. Summer Zoo camps were full right up to the last week before school started and an extra week was added due to high demand. A members-only overnight ZooSnooze was offered to 30 participants. The 8th annual Zootini gala fundraiser was a huge sold out success.



Outside the Box Program

The City of Eureka Parks & Recreation Department launched its new “Outside the Box” After-School Program, mixing the success of the long-standing recreation youth programs, with the success of the Sequoia Park Zoo. This new and exciting program opened just one week after the grand opening of its new home, the Watershed Heroes Exhibit at the Sequoia Park Zoo. This much anticipated exhibit features an interactive learning lab, pools that enable children to see otters playing underwater, salmon swimming under waterfalls, and several interactive play elements that help participants understand watersheds and the important role salmon play in the ecosystem. The new program also features access to the entire zoo, as well as Sequoia Park. The program focuses on character building, as well as learning about the outdoor environment through enrichment activities taking place within the zoo, the nature trails in Sequoia Park, as well as the park itself. The program has been met with a lot of success, seeing students coming from all different schools throughout the city, including outside of the Eureka School District. Parents/guardians have given the program high praise and the participation numbers continue to grow nearly every single day.



Engineering

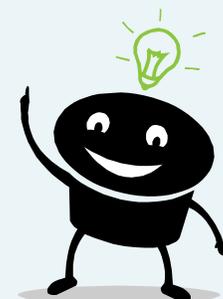
The City of Eureka is requesting proposals from qualified firms to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) that develops and examines alternatives for enhancing safety and creating a unique and enticing entrance into the City from the south. There is an established budget for the PSR and adherence to the budget is one of five proposal evaluation criteria. Given the established budget, the City is seeking information that clearly describes the firm's qualifications and experience with similar

projects, and a proposed approach to accomplishing the goals of the Study as explained in the RFP. The City is interested in selecting a firm, or team, that can successfully complete the Study and assist the City in subsequent steps toward implementation of a South Entry Project.

The PSR budget is \$65,000. City staff anticipates the City Council will award a contract to the selected consultant team in October 2014. The Final PSR must be completed and submit-

ted to the City by the end of May 2015. Intermediate milestones include, but may not be limited to, public workshop, submittal of an Administrative Draft PSR, and submittal of Draft and Final PSR's. The City's funding deadline for expending PSR funds is June 30, 2015.

Interested parties may contact the Engineering Department at tpeer-son@ci.eureka.ca.gov or 707-441-4194



Emergency Water Conservation Resolution

The Eureka City Council at their August 5th meeting adopted a Resolution implementing Water Shortage Emergency Provisions. Council's action was in response to the ongoing drought and the emergency water regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board.

All Californians are expected to immediately stop:

- Washing down driveways and sidewalks
- Watering of outdoor landscapes that cause excess runoff
- Using a hose to wash a motor vehicle (unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle)
- Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature (unless the water is re-circulated).



The regulation makes an exception for health and safety circumstances. The Resolution will remain in effect for 270 days from August 1, 2014, unless extended by the State or City Council action.

Questions of concern can be directed to the Public Works Department at 441-4203, or the City's Finance Department at 441-4267.

Tips to Conserve Water

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways, and save water every time.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. Should a pipe burst, this could save gallons of water and prevent damage.
- Wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates.
- For hanging baskets, planters and pots, put ice cubes on top of the soil to give your plants a cool drink of water without overflow.
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
- Use a rain barrel to harvest rainwater from gutters for watering gardens and landscapes.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run



Job Opportunities within the City of Eureka



Position	Emp. Type	Salary	Closing Date
Communications Dispatcher	Full-Time	\$2,841.00 - \$3,638.00 Monthly	Continuous
Police Officer	Full-Time	\$4,027.00 - \$5,154.00 Monthly	Continuous
Treatment Plant Operator I/II	Full-Time	\$2,825.00 - \$3,960.00 Monthly	10/10/14
Utility Operations Supervisor	Full-Time	\$4,140.00 - \$5,286.00 Monthly	Continuous

Interested parties may contacting the Personnel Department by email; nvellis@ci.eureka.ca.gov
Jobline: (707) 441-4134
<http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov>
Personnel Dept: (707) 441-4124

The City of Eureka only accepts applications for full-time positions in which a recruitment is currently being conducted. If you would like to be notified when we are accepting applications for a particular full-time position, or if there are no current full-time job openings, please consider submitting an interest card.

Keeping Eureka Beautiful



Keep Eureka Beautiful Launches Fall Street Tree Campaign

Free street trees will be available this fall from Keep Eureka Beautiful, with tree plantings scheduled for October 25 and November 15. According to board president, Jean Gladstone-Clark the plantings are part of the organization's Tree-Lined Streets campaign.

"Trees, poles and planting materials will be available at no cost and volunteers from the Henderson Center Kiwanis, the Eureka Rescue Mission and California Conservation Corps will help with the planting." said Gladstone-Clark. "The only charge will be \$75 to partially underwrite the cost of cutting sidewalk holes."

Eurekans who want a tree may call 444-8147 to sign up. "The sooner the better," said Gladstone-Clark, "if residents want to get their trees this fall and winter."

September Merit Award given to:

Jeanie and Steve Scott, Owners of Fredrick & Charles Beauty College. Fredrick and Charles Beauty College is located at 831 F Street, Eureka and has recently been refurbished with new exterior horizontal siding and landscaping. The neighborhood is very grateful to the Scotts for taking such good care of their property.



Remembering September 11th

On September 11th there were two events honoring the victims, their families, and responders to the attacks on our nation on September 11th, 2001.

A "Stair Climb" event was conducted by the Humboldt County Fire Chief's Association at Humboldt Bay Fire's training tower. Crews from local fire departments teamed up with Eureka Police Department and Humboldt Bay Fire to climb a total of 78 stories which was the highest level reached by New York City Firefighters in the World Trade Center towers.

At 1200 Humboldt Bay Fire and Eureka PD conducted a ceremony at Fire Station 1 honoring the 3,221 people killed in the attacks including 408 responders. The event included a traditional bell ceremony and bagpipes. It was attended by City staff and members of the public.



The Great American Shakeout

At 10:16 a.m. on October 16, 2014, staff from the City of Eureka will join millions of Californians to participate in the largest earthquake drill ever! Why? Major earthquakes can and will happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in California. As we all know, Eureka is at a greater risk than much of the state for a catastrophic earthquake.

What to do in case of an Earthquake ...

You cannot tell from the initial shaking if an earthquake will suddenly become intense...so always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

- DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
- Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- HOLD ON to your shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

Do not move to another location or outside. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl. You are more likely to be injured if you try to move around during strong shaking. Also, you will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be start of the big one...and that's why you should always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

If you are unable to Drop, Cover, and Hold On: If you have difficulty getting safely to the floor on your own, get as low as possible, protect our head and neck, and move away from windows or other items that can fall on you.

In a wheelchair: Lock your wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Always protect your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.

In bed: If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. You are less likely to be injured staying where you are. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.

In a high-rise: Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Avoid windows and other hazards. Do not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.

In a store: When Shaking starts, Drop Cover and Hold On. A shopping cart or getting inside clothing racks can provide some protection. If you must move to get away from heavy items on high shelves, drop to the ground first and crawl only the shortest distance necessary. Whenever you enter any retail store, take a moment to look around: What is above and around you that could move or fall during an earthquake? Then use your best judgment to stay safe.

Outdoors: Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.

Driving: Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

In a stadium or theater: Stay at your seat or drop to the floor between rows and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking is over. Then walk out slowly watching for anything that could fall in the aftershocks.

Near the shore: Drop, Cover, and Hold On until the shaking stops. If severe shaking lasts twenty seconds or more, immediately evacuate to high ground as a Tsunami might have been generated by the earthquake. Move inland two miles or to land that is at least 100 feet above sea level immediately. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.

