

February ENewsletter

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City Manager's Column



The City of Eureka made headlines on January 26, when it was announced that the city would execute a warrant for closure of the Blue Heron Lodge, located at 2245 Broadway. This legal action provided a tangible demonstration that the city's motel ordinance, which was passed in October, 2013, could be effective in addressing motel properties with a high incidence of police calls. The Blue Heron has averaged more than six calls for service per room annually for such things as disturbing the peace, drug dealing, and physical altercations. The facility has been at or near the highest of calls per room for the past year. This level of police and public safety calls has reached the level of being unacceptable, and along with building code violations, failure to secure a valid lodging permit, and lack of follow through by the owners to address these issues has resulted in this closure action.

The motel ordinance was designed to have the impact on owners to manage their properties in a responsible manner that minimizes the impact on both public safety and the surrounding neighborhoods. At the same time, the city recognizes that the Blue Heron and other similar facilities are in some cases utilized by vulnerable residents. As such, staffs from local agencies and non-profits were contacted to assist occupants in finding alternative housing prior to the closing.

The Eureka City Council is committed to addressing difficult community issues related to housing, crime, and other issues that impact the overall well-being of the community. Several months ago, the Council approved an ordinance to address the illegal use and taking of shopping carts. This has provided law enforcement with an additional tool for making contact with transients and is an attempt at reducing theft of such carts from businesses and changing behaviors. This has not eliminated shopping carts being used by homeless and transients, and was not intended to be an ordinance that solves every problem. We are tackling enforcement issues by cleaning up camps on a regular basis, providing public education on panhandling, as well as addressing aggressive panhandling, and we are working on addressing the use of bicycles in criminal activity. If you have any recommendations for information you'd like to see in a future edition, please email cityson@ci.eureka.ca.gov

Thank you,

Greg L. Sparks



Calendar of Events

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1	2	3 <u>Council Meeting</u>	4	5	6 <u>Eureka Crab Crawl Festival</u>	7 <u>Arts Alive</u>
8 →	9	10	11	12	13	14 <u>Sequoia Park Run</u> Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day! City Hall Closed	17 <u>Council Meeting</u>	18	19	20	21
22 Engineer's Week	23	24	25	26	27	28

Save the Date!



25th Annual Redwood Coast Music Festival March 26th through March 29th <http://www.redwoodjazz.org/>



Humboldt Bay Fire Partners with California Fire Foundation in SAVE Program



Humboldt Bay Fire has partnered with the California Fire Foundation in the “Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency” (SAVE) program. Firefighters, on scene, are uniquely positioned to provide comfort and assistance to victims of catastrophic fire and natural disaster. The SAVE program allows Humboldt Bay Fire to offer an “arm around the shoulder” to help fire and natural disaster victims get through the worst time of their lives. This is in addition to existing aid that Humboldt Bay Fire has been providing to victims of fires and disasters in our jurisdiction.

Fire and natural disasters leave behind more than property loss: they leave behind shattered lives. Fire victims are often in a state of shock as they watch their lives go up in smoke. ID’s, credit cards and other critical financial material are frequently lost in the rush to escape flames. The overwhelming emotion is one of confusion and distress. Victims, having lost personal and valuable items, often have trouble where they will stay, where their next meal is coming from or how to replace essential belongings.

Firefighters are the first responders who are directly interacting with the fire victims and have an emotional, personal investment in the outcome. Firefighters are often the ones that fire victims come to for comfort and guidance. Firefighters do what they do because of a desire to serve. They care about their communities and are committed to protecting families, before, during and after the fire is out. The SAVE program is a way for Humboldt Bay Fire to offer immediate help to victims.

Victims with more than a 25% loss receive a \$100 gift card which can be used for a meal, lodging, medications, and/or other vital necessities that victims may need in the first 24 hours. Funding is provided by the California Fire Foundation, a non-profit organization. Support for the Foundation comes through individual donations and corporate contributions, including an annual financial commitment for the SAVE program from Chevron, Inc. No taxpayer dollars are used.

Humboldt Bay Fire will utilize the SAVE program to ease the transition following a fire or disaster. SAVE will ensure victims feel that they are not alone in our community.



Parks & Recreation

Explore Eureka – Outdoor Programs

Raiders of the Lost Park President’s Week Camp

Ages: 5-13 yrs.

Looking for a fun, active and engaging environment for the kids to spend Presidents Week? Well look no further, Explore Eureka is offering a Presidents Week Camp at Sequoia Park! This outdoor adventure club is for youth ages 5-13. Young Adventurers will come together where they will learn and play outdoor adventure games, have lunch among the redwoods, and learn fun outdoor adventure skills like treasure hunting, tracking or knot tying.

Participants will need to bring a sack lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Register online at EurekaParksAndRecreation.com or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Fee	Location
400	2/17-2/20	Tues-Fri.	9am-1pm	\$60	Sequoia Park (Gazebo)

Nature Strollers

Ages: 0-5 yrs. & parent/guardian

Expose your little ones to nature at an early age in this fun family group. Join other Nature Strollers as we walk, explore and take in the scenery. Nature Strollers will hear a story relating to their adventure for the day before taking a stroll along the Hikshari’ Trail. **Heavy rain cancels.**

Dates	Day	Time	Fee	Location
2/5 & 2/19	Thurs.	10-11am	FREE	Hikshari’ Trailhead

Wild Nights

All Ages

When the sun goes down, the wild nights come calling! Join us for this unique outdoor evening adventure to learn about local nocturnal wildlife such as bats, amphibians and all the other wild creatures of the night! Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers. A flashlight or headlamp is recommended. **All youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Pre-registration is required.**

Course #	Date	Theme	Day	Time	Fee	Location
403	2/12	Stargazing	Thurs.	TBD	\$2/adult; kids free	Sequoia Park (Gazebo)



Fishin’ on the Dock of the Bay

Ages: 18 & older

Let’s go fishing! Join us each month for an introduction into the timeless sport of fishing. We will utilize the public docks around the beautiful Eureka bay. The basics will be covered in this class, including making knots, casting, rigging and safety, as well as what type of fish one can expect to catch in the bay. Don’t have a fishing pole? Ask to borrow one of ours. We have a limited supply, available first-come, first-served. A fishing license is not required for class. **Time varies depending on the tide. Pre-registration is required.**

Register online at EurekaParksAndRecreation.com or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Fee	Location
181	2/21	Sat.	TBD	\$20	Bonnie Gool Dock

Watercolor on the Waterfront

Ages: 18 & older

Let the outdoors be your artistic inspiration! This introduction to watercolor painting will take place in different locations along the waterfront. Should weather be an issue, class will meet at Adorni Center, where the bay is still visible. A list of required materials will be provided when you register. **Pre-registration is required.**

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Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Fee	Location
183	2/21-3/28	Sat.	10-11am	\$25	Adorni Center, Conf. Room

Trail Mix: Outdoor Social Activity Club

Ages: 18 & older

Mix it up on our local trails, explore new places and meet new people. All Trail Mix events and activities are group oriented; **heavy rain on any meeting day cancels.**

Trail Mix at Headwaters Forest Reserve

Did you know that a tiny little logging town used to be where the Headwaters Forest Reserve is now? Want to find out more? Hike the Headwaters Trail and delve deeper into what was once the Town of Falk.

Date	Activity	Day	Time	Fee	Location
2/21	Headwaters	Sat.	9-10am	FREE	Headwaters



Zoo Conservation Lecture

February 11, 2015 at the Sequoia Park Zoo from 7-8pm
Imperiled Fishers in the Pacific Northwest by Sean Matthews, Ph.D., Wildlife Conservation Society, Klamath Landscape Coordinator

The fisher, known to science as *Pekania pennanti*, is considered one of the most adept and elusive carnivores in our western forests; capable of regularly preying on well-fortified porcupines and rarely spotted by even the most regular of forest visitors. Despite their tenacity and elusive nature, these house-cat-sized weasels were unable to elude the pressures of unregulated trapping for furs and the loss of forested habitats associated with logging over the last century. It is suspected that logging continues to threaten fisher populations by means of habitat fragmentation, reductions in habitat size, and changes in forest structure rendering it unsuitable for fishers. As a result of population declines, range contractions, and existing threats, the fisher is a candidate for federal endangered species protection.



Join conservation scientist Dr. Sean Matthews as he shares his decade of research and conservation experience on fishers throughout California, Oregon, and Washington. Through photographs and videos, Sean will share stories of fisher biology, conservation concerns, research and conservation efforts, and what it takes to raise an orphaned fisher kit, from rescue to release.

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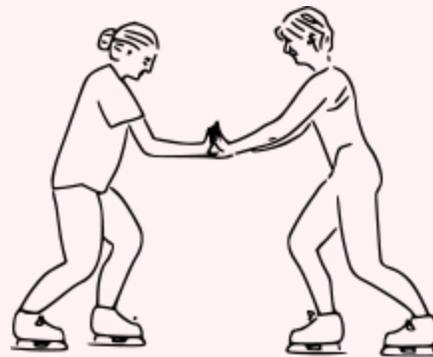
Roller Skating at the Eureka Muni

Open all Fridays & Saturdays in February 6-8:30pm

Youth 17 & under \$4.50

Adult 18 & over \$5.25

FAMILY SKATE AT THE EUREKA MUNI! Does your family want to get out of the house, get active and have some fun? We have **old-fashioned Roller Skates** and cutting edge **Roller Blades** for all ages. The perfect place to have some fun with your kids or just relax while your children work out their energy! The **Eureka Muni** (12th & F St.) is open to the public for Roller Skating on **Fridays & Saturdays** from 6pm—8:30pm. Skate rental is included in the admission price and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Monthly schedules are subject to change.



Visit EurekaParksAndRecreation.com for the latest schedule and skate information.

Eureka Crab Crawl Festival

2 Day “Shell-Abration”

February 6-7, 2015



Schedule:

Friday, February 6, 2015

Crab Crawl 5-9 pm

Location: Downtown & Old Town, Eureka indulge in an extended happy “crabby” hour with bars and restaurants offering seafood specials and crab-themed drinks. Use the printed guide to find participating locations.

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Crab Festival 11-4 pm

Location: C Street Market Place (foot of C St.) Enjoy delicious food offered by local vendors, beer and wine garden, live music, crab races, kids games & activities, crab education, harvesting & processing demonstrations.

“Attack of the Crab Monsters”

6:30pm-7:45pm

Location: Eureka Theater (612 F Street) Roger Corman’s 1957 classic tale of people trapped on a shrinking island by intelligent, brain-eating giant crabs.

Admission is free, donations welcome.

For special hotel rooms rates mention “Eureka Crab Crawl Festival”



SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 6TH & 7TH, 2015

EUREKA CRAB CRAWL FESTIVAL

Let's Get Crackin'

EurekaMainStreet.org • (707) 442-9054 • #EurekaCrabCrawlFestival

MUSIC
CRAB-THEMED FOOD & DRINKS
VENDORS
CRAB FEED
BEER & WINE GARDEN
CRAB EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES & DEMOS

RELAY FOR LIFE



www.relayforlife.org/eurekaca

JULY 11 HALVORSEN PARK



Operation MIST (Mobile Intervention Services Team)

On January 12, 2015, the Eureka Police Department and Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health branch began a new pilot program called the Mobile Intervention and Services Team (MIST). The team will be primarily targeting severely mentally ill homeless (or at risk) individuals with the goal of getting them off the streets and stabilized through housing and services etc.

Below are the DHHS members who will be partnering with EPD in the MIST program: Kelly Johnson and Muneca (“Moonie”) Higginson. Kelly and Moonie will be frequent guests at EPD as they participate with us in the program. Kelly is a licensed clinician who will be working in the field with our officers to provide interventions and services to MIST clients. Moonie is the program’s case manager and her role will include follow-up care and linkage to services. Their work schedule will be Monday – Friday, 0800-1700. Kelly will be generally available to assist patrol in responding to MIST related calls for service in the field.



SEQUOIA PARK RUN

FEBRUARY 14, 2015



CELEBRATE
VALENTINE'S DAY
RUN IN RED



2 MILE RUN 9:30AM
5.3 MILE FOLLOWING

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.6rrc.com



Crime Data Comparisons

The Eureka Police Department's fourth quarter crime totals for 2014 have been recorded. 143 violent crime reports were taken in 2014 compared to 185 in 2013, showing a 23% decrease. Murder, rape, and robbery saw increases while assaults with a deadly weapon dropped significantly.

Property crime had a 4% increase in 2014 compared to 2013, mostly due to a large number of daytime residential burglaries. EPD noticed the spike in residential burglaries during the third quarter and it continues to be a primary focus. Community awareness has improved and recently several diligent neighbors have called in suspicious activity, leading to arrests and recovered property.

Overall there was a 2% increase in crime compared to 2013. The Eureka Police Department will continue to monitor crime stats and provide reports on a quarterly basis.

Below is a table showing the 2013 and 2014 comparisons.

Eureka Police Department Crime Statistics 2013 and 2014 Comparisons

	2014	2013	Difference
Murder	5	2	3
Rape	20	17	3
Total Robbery	67	66	1
Armed	34	33	1
Strong Arm	33	33	0
Assault DW	51	100	-49
Burglary	476	397	79
Theft	1531	1505	26
Vehicle Theft	168	181	-13
Totals	2318	2268	50



Position	Emp. Type	Salary	Closing Date
<u>Deputy City Engineer</u>	Full-Time	\$5,967.00 - \$7,252.00 Monthly	02/13/15
<u>Police Officer</u>	Full-Time	\$4,027.00 - \$5,154.00 Monthly	Continuous

Interested parties may contacting the
Personnel

Department by email;
jschoonmaker@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.