



City Manager's Column



I am excited about several of the articles in this month's newsletter-the Carson Block Building project and the Lodges at Eureka, the former Downtowner Hotel.

Our Economic Development staff, put in a great deal of effort in working with the state to secure a Community Development Block Grant and to work through all of the financing issues including the tax credits both with the state agencies and the Northern California Tribal Council. This project addresses one of the last significant unreinforced masonry constructed buildings and will restore the exterior and rehabilitate a significant portion of the interior. As with most major projects in a dense downtown environment, there will be certain inconveniences for pedestrians and traffic during the construction. However, the result will be the restoration of one of the true gems in Old Town Eureka.

The old Downtowner Hotel, which has been a neighborhood and community blight for many years, was awarded grant funding to assist in the conversion to a senior housing complex. City staff worked with DANCO, who will construct and own the project to secure the necessary funding. The new "Lodges at Eureka" will be an asset for years to come. Construction is slated to begin this fall.

One of the important aspects of projects such as these is the domino effect that is created. Blight brings on blight, and conversely investment brings additional investment from surrounding businesses and residents. People are much more willing to invest in an area that is either improving or already at a high level. The City of Eureka is poised to be a collaborative partner where we can by accessing state and federal grant funds and local foundation dollars, to match private investment. 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



Special Points of Interest

- ◆ Humboldt Bay Fire Partners with Nextdoor
- ◆ Trash and Weed Abatement
- ◆ The Downtowner Project
- ◆ Community Shooting Review Board
- ◆ Carson Block Building
- ◆ Redwood Coast Music Festival
- ◆ South Entry Project
- ◆ 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 <u>City Council Meeting</u>	4	5	6	7 <u>Arts Alive</u>
8 <u>World Rotaract Week</u>	9	10	11 <u>Zoo's Conservation Lecture</u>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <u>City Council Meeting</u> St. Patrick's Day	18 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <u>Redwood Coast Music Festival</u> 
29	30	31	March of Meals Month			

Save the date:

April 4th- Arts Alive

April 26th- Party for the Planet (Earth Day)



Humboldt Bay Fire Partners with Nextdoor, a Private Social Network for Neighborhoods



Humboldt Bay Fire announced in February, a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), a free and private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents. Partnership Will Enable Humboldt Bay Fire to Easily Communicate with Residents Online and Improve Fire and Emergency Safety.

The integration with Nextdoor will encourage facilitation between Humboldt Bay Fire and greater Eureka neighborhoods through an online platform. Residents and Humboldt Bay Fire will work together to increase safety, awareness, and prevention efforts for fire and medical emergencies. Nextdoor has proven to be an essential and well-adopted tool both locally in Eureka and Humboldt County as well as nationally, with one-in-four neighborhoods using Nextdoor across the country. With Nextdoor, Eureka and Humboldt County residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets.

Humboldt Bay Fire will be able to share helpful information with Nextdoor members, such as important emergency notifications, fire precautions, medical emergency tips, details for events and educational programs, and updates on activity affecting the local area. Alternatively, Humboldt Bay Fire will not be able to access residents' websites, contact information, or content.

Nextdoor is free for residents and Humboldt Bay Fire. Each Eureka and Humboldt County neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, which is only accessible to residents of that particular neighborhood. Neighborhoods will have the ability to establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. All members must verify that they live within a designated neighborhood before joining Nextdoor. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by Google or other search engines.





Want to join?



Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.

About Nextdoor:

- ⇒ Nextdoor is the free and private social network for neighborhoods.
- ⇒ Residents can use technology to help agencies and agencies can use technology to help make communities safer and stronger.
- ⇒ Nextdoor makes it easy for neighbors to establish their own virtual neighborhood watch, which is vital in strengthening community and combating local crime.
- ⇒ Nextdoor gives neighbors an easy way to connect with each other about happenings in their neighborhood such as; community events, pertinent community information, safety issues, or natural disasters.
- ⇒ On Nextdoor, neighborhoods create and self-manage private neighborhood networks that are accessible only to residents of that neighborhood.
- ⇒ All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood before joining Nextdoor.
- ⇒ Humboldt Bay Fire will not be able to access residents' websites, contact information, or content.
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Nextdoor's mission is to help residents bring back a sense of the community to their neighborhoods, and Nextdoor is helping neighborhoods in both Eureka and Humboldt County and across the country build stronger, safer places to call home.





Trash and Weed Abatement



As many are aware, the state of California is prone to wildfires. Large grass or brush fires are not always prevalent in our area during this time of year as the humidity is typically too high; however, there is still a possibility. Overgrowth of grass and brush create access problems for public safety, and potential for damage from wind storms. It is a violation of the *California Code of Regulations Fire Code* to maintain a property with combustible waste material.

California Fire Code, Chapter 3 - Precautions against Fire, Section 301, identifies that no person shall permit any fire hazard to exist on premises under their control, or fail to take immediate action to abate a fire hazard when requested to do so by the enforcing agency. The section goes on to define what a “fire hazard” is. A “fire hazard” is a condition that will increase or may cause an increase of fire to a greater degree than customarily recognized as normal by persons in the public service of preventing, suppressing or extinguishing fire; or which may obstruct, delay, or hinder response. In other words, tall grass, overgrown brush, trees with limbs too low can hinder emergency vehicles from accessing locations and deploying equipment in a timely fashion in the event of an emergency.

Not only does Humboldt Bay Fire receive calls about overgrown vegetation, but also responds to calls about accumulation of trash and waste materials. Trash and waste materials are not only a fire concern but also a health concern. Piles of trash or waste attract vermin which can carry disease. If you are aware of any locations that have accumulated an excess of vegetation, debris, or trash materials within the Humboldt Bay Fire Authority response area, please give us a call at 441-4000. When calling please indicate the location of the hazard and the type of hazard being reported (vegetation, trash, debris, access).

After receiving a report of a hazard, we will respond to determine if there is a hazard as defined by the fire code and issue a case number to begin the process of abating the issue. The abatement process can take up to several months to complete through the administrative steps that are required. It is our intent to work with the property owner but also achieve compliance to ensure a safe community.

If you have any questions or would like to report a trash or weed issue, please contact Humboldt Bay Fire at 441-4000.





Eureka Police Department

Community Shooting Review Board

“the unanimous consensus of the CSRB, ...the officers were within policy”

CRIME REPORTS

JANUARY 2015

Murder	0
Rape	2
Robbery	4
Aggravated Assault	4
Burglary Residential	27
Burglary Commercial	8
Auto Theft	15

The first of its kind Community Shooting Review Board (CSRB) forwarded a letter to Chief Mills stating that in their examination of the investigation and department policy, the action of officers on September 16, 2014 were within policy. Further they did not believe adjustments to policy or training were warranted as a result of this shooting. The board consisted of City Council members Linda Atkins and Melinda Ciarabellini, the Humboldt County Coroner Dave Parris, former prosecutor and private attorney Elan Firpo and Eureka Police Officers Association, President Joshua Siipola. The board was chaired by Captain Steve Watson. Each member had the entire investigation available to them along with an 11 page executive summary and experts in each discipline of the investigation. Members also reviewed EPD policies and procedures concerning the use of force and discharge of firearms.

Chief Mills also announced that a Chief's Advisory Board will be empanelled to help guide EPD into the future. The board consisting of residents and business persons will examine everything from budget to personnel investigations. Its an exciting step in the development of EPD and how EPD relates to Eurekaans.

Meet Your Investigative Sergeant

Sergeant Kay Howden hits like a girl...and that's a good thing! The former K-9 supervisor, tactical officer and police sergeant for 8 years has been moved to lead EPD's investigative section. Kay has just completed Investigative Command School and now has responsibility for all investigations. The hard-hitting Howden leads a team of tenacious investigators.





CITY OF EUREKA AWARDED STATE HOME GRANT FOR DANCO SENIOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT

The City of Eureka is pleased to announce a \$3.8 million grant award from the State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for the development of “The Lodge at Eureka”, an affordable multi-family senior rental housing new construction project to be constructed at 424 8th Street in Eureka at the site of the former “Downtowner Motel”. This project is being developed by Danco Communities for a total cost of \$8.06 million, and will be financed with 4% tax credits, public, and private financing. This development will assist the city in meeting the goals of providing 49 affordable housing units and one manager’s market rate unit within the city limits of Eureka. The purchase and sales agreement between the current property owner, Kevin McKenny and Danco Communities is currently in escrow.

The construction of the “The Lodge at Eureka” will convert a vacant 80 unit, two story, two building abandoned motel into a 49 unit affordable rental housing project serving seniors (age 55 and over) with household incomes between 35-60 percent of Humboldt County’s Area Median Income (AMI), or less than \$24,180 maximum gross annual income for a household of one. Rents will range from \$312 for a studio to \$709 for a two bedroom unit. The facility will consist of 15 units to be restricted to 60% of AMI, 22 units will be restricted to 50% of AMI, 8 units will be restricted to 45% of AMI, and 4 units will be restricted to 35% of AMI. The 50th unit is a larger, three bedroom on-site manager’s unit. The project will consist of 8 studios, 36 one-bedroom units, 5 two-bedroom units, and 1 three-bedroom manager’s unit. Unit amenities include dishwasher, disposal, refrigerator, range, and laundry hook-ups. The project site is located near the historic downtown section of Eureka, with a medical facility, public transportation, pharmacy, and a senior center within one-tenth of a mile. Shopping and other services are available within one-quarter to one-half mile of the project.

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This project is to consist of a combination of demolition, new construction, and rehabilitation to construct two buildings (with an addition to the smaller of the buildings), in addition to a new building that connects the two buildings together. The development will consist of an elevator, laundry room, community room, community kitchen, fitness room, picnic-BBQ area, pool, and Jacuzzi. The facility will also include storage space, a service area, and leasing office space. Parking spaces will be at 57, with four handicapped spaces.

Ongoing discussions for the provision of potential on-site services will continue and interested service providers are encouraged to contact Danco properties. The Area I Agency on Aging and the Humboldt Senior Resource Center, as well as other local service providers, have offered services.

There is no anticipated relocation due to the abandoned motel status. This project will require Federal Prevailing Wage compliance. A Marketing Study was performed by M.E. Shay & Company in June 2014.

The Environment Assessment is currently being prepared by Streamline Planning in Arcata in preparation for the execution of the Standard Agreement anticipated in July 2015.

The project was taken before the City's Design Review Committee on June 17, 2014, for Site Plan, Architectural Review, and Sign Permit, and was approved with conditions. The City will be able to draw down funds when the State's Standard Agreement is fully executed and all special conditions have been cleared in writing by HCD. The City will then proceed with the implementation and execution of the loan documents between Danco and the City of Eureka.

The anticipated start of construction is late summer with construction to take approximately one year, with the final occupancy permits tentatively available in mid to late 2016. City staff will be working with the project applicant in the coming months as full construction documents are developed and submitted for review. The aggressive project schedule will require close coordination to ensure required permits are issued in a timely manner.



Highway 101/Eureka South Entry Project Study Report

The City of Eureka has partnered with the State Department of Transportation and Green DOT Transportation Solutions to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) that develops and examines alternative means of enhancing the southern Highway 101 entry into the City. Previous studies have identified a need and desire for improvements to the portion of Highway 101/ Broadway, considered the South Eureka Entry, which extends from the Herrick Avenue interchange into the commercial area near the intersection adjacent to the Pierson Building Center.

The City wishes to create an enticing southern entry that communicates the feeling to travelers that Eureka is a welcoming community that, along with the surrounding Humboldt Bay area, offers many amenities and unique character aspects worth checking out. In addition to improving the aesthetics and the feel of the south entry area, project objectives include consideration of traffic calming alternatives that would slow vehicles and improve safety for all users of the transportation system in this area—vehicular and non-vehicular alike. There is currently little infrastructure in place to support bicyclists and pedestrians, and existing conditions promote relatively high vehicle speeds approaching the first signaled intersection.

The current project includes two components: 1) stakeholder and community outreach to gather input and share concept designs, and 2) technical analysis in the form of a Project Study Report/Project Development Support (PSR/PDS) document. The PSR/PDS will then be utilized to seek funding for further environmental and permitting, design and construction of the recommended improvements. Our project team will be engaging stakeholders, accepting public input, and compiling information over the upcoming weeks as the PSR/PDS is taken forward to completion.

A community meeting will be held on March 11 from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Wharfinger Building Great Room. This meeting will be used to present conceptual designs, project alternatives, and an opportunity to provide input on the planning and design of future improvements. You can find out more information regarding the project and the meeting by visiting the project website at www.eurekasouthentry.com or by contacting either the City of Eureka Engineering Department at croecklein@ci.eureka.ca.gov, or the project consultant, Green DOT Transportation Solutions at jeff@greendottransportation.com.



Carson Block Building



A Commercial Rehabilitation/Historic Preservation Project

On December 30, 2014, the City of Eureka and Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) closed escrow on a \$3,644.013 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residual Receipts Capital Expenditures Loan Agreement to assist NCIDC in the financing of building improvements to the Historic Carson Block Building located at 241 F Street in Eureka. The City previously executed a CDBG Grant Agreement with NCIDC for \$1,500,000 to assist with CDBG eligible grant activities.

The Carson Block Building is a three-story, 140 by 110 foot building that was constructed in 1891-1892 and is owned by NCIDC. The building is listed on the local historic register and is a contributing building to a historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A mix of uses including, offices, storage, shops, and a children's museum occupied the building until recently when relocation measures had to be incorporated into the project due to the intensity of the planned construction work. From 1892 until 1923, the building was home to the Ingomar Theatre, the ceiling of the theater remains mostly intact within the building. The exterior of the building has been significantly altered over time.

The Carson Block Building project has three main components 1) rehabilitation of the roof, (Phase 1A) mostly completed; 2) seismic retrofit to address unreinforced masonry (Phase 1B); and 3) rehabilitation of the building's exterior (Phase 1B). The seismic retrofit design has been engineered to upgrade the building without impacting historically significant spaces or character defining features. The roof, which was leaking and needed to be replaced, incorporates a new structural diaphragm and includes a new standing-seam sheet metal roof at the visible, sloped portions of the roof. The new sheet metal roofing matches the color, texture, and appearance of the historic roofing (still in-place under layers of composite shingles). The façade rehabilitation phase will either coincide with or follow the seismic/roofing work and it is the objective of NCIDC to rehabilitate the façade by removing inappropriate alterations, such as stucco cladding and glass block storefronts; and replacing missing features, including a corner turret (which had been removed circa 1958), decorative masonry at the ground floor, arched entry openings, decorative wood cladding, and commercial storefronts. The project will preserve and repair historic features such as interior doors and transoms, decorative plaster, wood paneling and wainscot, and window sash. The project will comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.



Carson Block Project

In addition to the above-mentioned components, a fourth project component has been added to Phase 1B. This new component involves interior remodeling of the non-historic first floor and mezzanine, which have been redesigned to both meet the needs of the organization and also to aid in restoring the original historic exterior layout.

The first floor currently consists of offices and three retail spaces. The entire first floor has been reconfigured to accommodate a fourth retail space, additional restrooms, and an office for NCIDC. The largest existing retail space on the southwest corner of the building has been divided to provide spaces that are easier to rent. In the past it has been difficult to find tenants who could use or afford this large space. The remaining two spaces will be slightly enlarged into what was office space. The existing first floor office space will be moved to the mezzanine, with the exception of office space for the NCIDC office which will remain on the first floor. The mezzanine, which already contains offices, will be expanded to accommodate some of the office space that will be relocated from the first floor.

The project is well underway. Demolition of the interior of the building has begun. Material is being brought out through the F Street frontage to dumpsters lined up along the street in the parking lane. A “sidewalk closed ahead” sign is located at the southwest corner of 2nd and F Streets. The sidewalk will be open in front of the F Street businesses, but will not continue through to the 3rd Street corner. This closure will be necessary for most of the duration of the project due to the ongoing movement of materials into the building from that side, and the rehab work.

Scaffolding will be erected on the F Street side of the building only, and will stay there for several months as the removal and disposal of the stucco exterior and historic rehabilitation of that side of the building proceeds. The sidewalk will be closed from the east end of the building to the corner at 3rd and F, and there will be no pedestrian traffic in that area. A “sidewalk closed ahead” sign will be at the southeast corner of 3rd and G Streets. The sidewalk for the businesses fronting on 3rd Street will be accessible.

At some point around the end of March or early April, there will be periodic street closures on 3rd Street in order to unload long steel beams for the seismic retrofit and move them into the building. These closures will take place between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. The parking lanes will be coned off on that portion of the block the evening before and block the street in the morning. This should only occur once a week, possibly less. Persons having questions can contact the project contractor at Pacific Builders (707) 822-7720 either Nick Lucchesi or Carol Alcorn.



Speed Limits within the City of Eureka

There are 25 street segments where the speed limit can be lowered and still utilize radar enforcement. These locations are listed below:

Street Name	Boundaries	Present Speed Limit MPH	Recommended Speed Limit MPH
B Street	7 th to Wabash	30	25
	Wabash to Buhne	30	25
Buhne Street	Fairfield to E	30	25
	E to J	30	25
California Street	7 th to Wabash	30	25
	Wabash to Buhne	30	25
	Buhne to Harris	30	25
Campton Road	Oak to South City Limits	40	35
Dolbeer Street	Harris to Hemlock	30	25
E Street	7 th to 14 th	30	25
Glen Street	Gibson to Allard	30	25
H Street	7 th to 14 th	35	30
	14 th to Buhne	35	30
	Buhne to Harris	35	30
	Harris to Manzanita	35	30
Harrison Avenue	Lucas to Eire	30	25
	Eire to Harris	30	25
I Street	7 th to 14 th	35	30
	14 th to Buhne	35	30
	Buhne to Harris	35	30
M Street	7 th to 14 th	30	25
Myrtle Avenue	5 th to West	35	30
7 th Street	Broadway to J	30	25
Union Street	Wabash to Harris	30	25
	Harris to South City Limits	30	25

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Job Opportunities within the City of Eureka



Position	Emp. Type	Salary	Closing Date
Deputy City Attorney	Full-Time	\$4,240.00 - \$5,154.00 Monthly	03/13/15
Police Officer	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.