



Message from the Manager

City Manager, Greg Folsom

February 2023 Update



City Council Update

Every month there are exciting things happening in Suisun City and we've had a very exciting several months on Council. We swore in two new Mayors (one short-term and one full-term) and two new Councilmembers in December, appointed a new Councilmember in January, and accepted a resignation from Council in February, so we are planning to appoint a new Councilmember in March! In case you have not heard, Councilmember Hudson is now former Councilmember Hudson as he resigned to move out of state with his family. We anticipate City Council appointing a new Councilmember on March 21st.

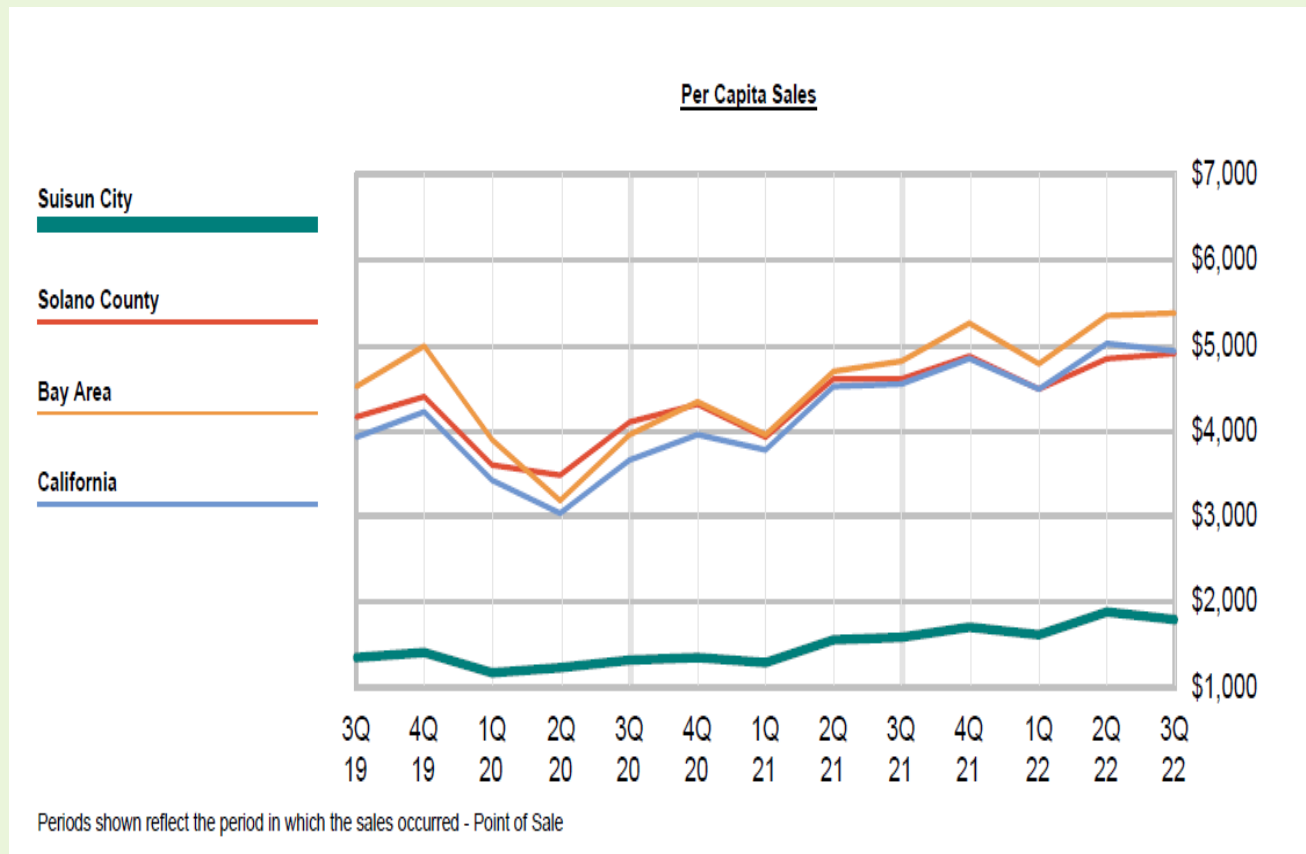
Fiscal Update

One of the main agenda items we address every year in February is our mid-year budget. At the mid-year we evaluate where our actual expenditures are compared to the budget and we make any budget adjustments that are either needed or requested. This year during our mid-year budget we had some positive and negative financial news. One positive is that we closed the books on FY 21/22 with a surplus which has been reviewed and verified by a third party audit. The surplus is primarily due to projects that were not completed in that fiscal year. For the current fiscal year, overall our revenues are running a bit higher than projected, primarily due to slightly higher than expected sales tax revenues, higher Measure S revenues, and several annexations into our CFD #2 that brought in additional revenues. Annexation into CFD #2 is a requirement of all new development and it generates additional funds, based on the type of development, primarily for public safety.

On the negative side, our revenues from other taxes, primarily the cannabis tax, did not meet expectations and came in \$500k short of projections. This is due to some reduction in revenue from the existing cannabis dispensary, as well as the second dispensary not having opened yet. We are currently working with our second approved dispensary to get them opened as soon as possible.

Also in February, we met with the Measure S Oversight Committee to give them an overview of Measure S revenues and expenses through the end of December.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share a graph that comes from our third party sales tax consultant who works with us to make sure that sales tax and Measure S receipts are properly allocated to us rather than going to some other city or to the county by mistake (which happens more often than you would think). This graph shows Per Capita Sales on a quarterly basis and is one method of comparing how our city is doing relative to other areas in generating sales tax revenues (since sales tax revenues are based on overall sales).



As you can see from this chart, Suisun City generates per capita sales tax revenues significantly below Solano County, the Bay Area, and California overall. Essentially, we generate about 1/3 of the sales tax revenue per capita of the average California city. This is one of the reasons why Measure S is so important to our city as it helps fill the gap between what our regular sales tax generates and the funds we need to provide necessary services to our community. However, even with Measure S, which slightly more than doubles our per capita sales, we still generate less than the average California city does based on regular sales alone, which is why Suisun City struggles to generate enough revenues to maintain all our roads, put money aside for dredging, or pay more competitive wages.

While revenue generation is and has been a problem in Suisun City for many years, we do have a development plan in place to help generate more funds over time and I will go more into that next month.

City Council

City Council Meeting Highlights (February – 2 meetings):

- Resignation and presentation of award to Council Member Hudson for serving as a Suisun City Council Member.
- Contract award for State Route 12 Landscape Improvement Project.
- Executed Amendment #2 with State of California for Maintenance of State Route 12.
- Public Hearing for unpaid waste collection service charges.

- Mid-year budget adjustments.
- Provide direction on filling the council member vacancy created by Council Member Hudson's resignation.
- Presentation on Micro-transit.
- Presentation from the Public Safety Committee.
- Approve grant amendment for use of CDBG-CV1 grant funding.
- Amend class specification and salary for Housing Programs Manager.
- Amend class specification for Community Services Officer.
- Approve FY 21/22 year end budget amendment.

City Council Proclamations in February:

1. Proclamation proclaiming the month of February 2023 as "Black History Month."

Development Services Department

Housing/Safety Element

The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their February 28th regular meeting. At the meeting, they received a presentation from the City's consultant, PlaceWorks, and took public comments from all interested parties. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commission voted unanimously 5-0 recommending City Council approval of the proposed amendments. The next step is for the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission to discuss the compatibility of the proposed amendments with the Travis Air Force Base Land Use Compatibility Plan, which is required anytime the General Plan is proposed to be amended. The City Council will then hold a public hearing on March 21st to consider adoption.

Tractor Supply

The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their regular meeting on February 28th. The Commission received the staff's presentation from April Wooden, Contract Planner, and took all public comments. The Commission also received responses to specific project-related questions from representatives of the applicant. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commission chose to unanimously approve the project 5-0 with the addition of a small handful of conditions of approval relating to project design and compatibility of the proposed use with existing adjacent uses. Staff will now file a Notice of Determination which begins a 35-day challenge period for the environmental determination.

Suisun Logistics Draft Environmental Impact Report

Staff and our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consultant have completed the environmental analysis for the Suisun Logistics project. The document now enters into a screen check review internally to garner any comments or edits. Upon completing this group review and making necessary changes to the document, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) should be out for public comment by the end of the first quarter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Training

The Training and Operations Divisions are working in conjunction to have all 12 new and existing paid career members of the department participate in an in-house, week-long academy. Specific company training includes: administrative policies and procedures, apparatus positioning, EMS equipment and procedure, and wildland and structure firefighting strategy and tactics.

February Fire Department Statistics:



Structure Gear Donation:

Suisun City Fire Department donated a surplus of personal protective equipment (structure gear) to the Suisun Fire Protection District.



Good Character Youth Awards:

Chief Lopez, along with Chief Roth, attended the Good Character Youth Awards on February 15th at the Kroc Center. Local students were recognized for their outstanding achievements and leadership.



“Know Your Zone” Is Live

Know Your Zone” has gone live. For more information please visit the Solano Office of Emergency Services website link provided here:

<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/oes/evacuation.asp>



Police Department

Homicide Investigation Arrest

On 2/23/23, SCPD detectives received information that a subject wanted in connection to the Long Street homicide was at a residence in the Green Valley area of unincorporated Fairfield. Investigators conducted surveillance on the residence and identified one of the main suspects in the investigation. After several hours of surveillance, a warrant was approved to enter the residence and take the subject into custody. The Sheriff's Department multi-agency SWAT team responded, and the warrant was served. The suspect in this incident was safely taken into custody, interviewed with regard to the events leading up to the homicide, and then booked into the Solano County Jail.

A subsequent filing meeting was conducted with the District Attorney's Office, and charges of assault with a deadly weapon have been filed against the suspect. This investigation is still ongoing at this time.

Stolen Bicycle

On 2/19/23, a young man named Andrew reported his bicycle had been stolen while he was at the In Shape gym. Officer Evans was the investigating officer and determined the victim in this incident had special needs. Ofc. Evans was able to tell the loss of the bike was significant, as the victim's family is disabled, and Andrew needed the bike to get around.

Ofc. Evans then enlisted her fellow officers and dispatchers to pool together funds for a new bike and bike lock. The bike was then delivered to Andrew with approval from his parents.

On Tuesday, 2/21/23, the PD received a written thank you note from Andrew's parents describing what replacing the bike meant to Andrew and the rest of his family. Andrew's parents also let us know that Andrew plays the bagpipes and would be honored to perform for us in the future.

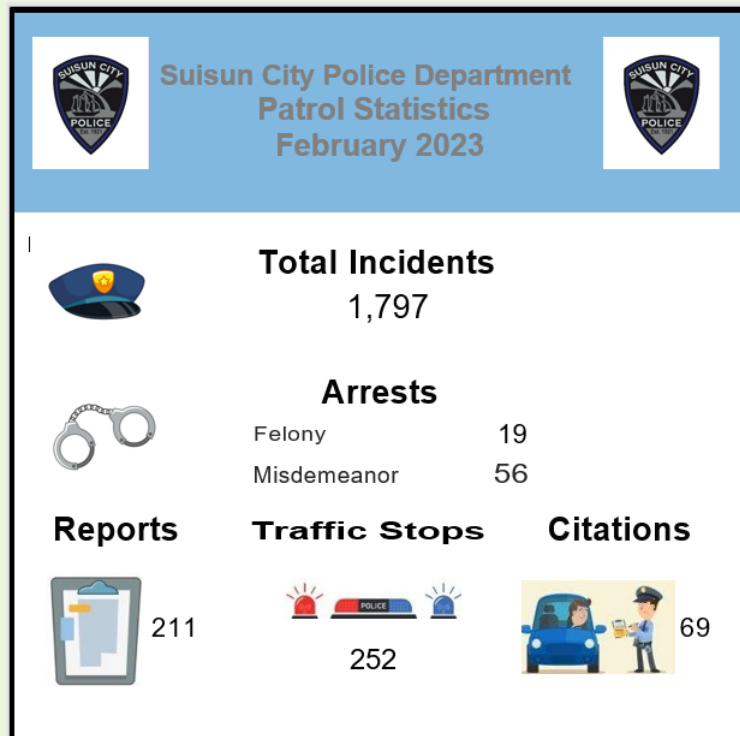
This initiative and outreach by Ofc. Evans is exactly why SCPD enjoys a great relationship with the community we serve. Kudos to Ofc. Evans and to everyone who chipped in to make Andrew's day better than it started.

Coffee with a Cop Event

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Coffee with a Cop event on Tuesday! It was a huge success, and as always, it was great meeting new members of the community.



February Department Statistics:



PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING:

Train Depot Bus Shelter & Street Light Project

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is the lead agency managing this Project and received approval from AMTRAK to begin work in February. The project work includes: installing two bus-type shelters (aka windscreens) on the rail user platform at the train depot and installing two decorative acorn-type street lights within the landscape strips behind the concrete rail user platform. The project is fully grant funded.

PG&E – Tree Trimming for Annual Compliance

Starting in late March, PG&E will begin their annual tree-trimming program. Most of the trees to be trimmed are private trees and PG&E will notify and work with the private property owners to complete this work. Traffic Control only Encroachment Permits have been issued for this work. If any City trees need to be trimmed, they will be inspected by the City prior to the trimming work commencing.

Work will begin in the following areas:

- Blossom Avenue and 4540 Olive Road.
- Downtown Suisun City (east of Civic Center Blvd, Marina Blvd & surrounding locations).
- Downtown Suisun City (south of Cordelia Road on the west side).

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION:

The Maintenance Division does a lot of work throughout the city. Here is a snapshot of work performed during February:

- Monday and Thursday twice weekly trash runs and illegal dump pickups (approximately 186 trash cans).
- Monday and Thursday twice weekly trash runs in the LLD's.
- Mowed the parks per schedule.
- Addressed three illegal dumps on Humphrey Drive and one on Petersen.
- Completed the installation of the in-ground irrigation box on field 1 at the Sports Complex.
- Replaced faulty irrigation valves at Heritage Park.
- Replaced red traffic signal light at Main and Lotz.
- Responded to a downed tree at Sunset and Merganser. Removed the entire tree (Heritage LLD).
- Responded to a downed tree limb at Ashwood and Village (Heritage LLD).
- Responded to a downed tree along Highway 12 and removed the tree limb (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Removed broken tree limb at 1149 Potrero Circle (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Trimmed and cleaned up Charleston Drive from Bella Vista to Vandenburg Circle (Peterson Ranch LLD).
- Emptied the trash cans at the bus shelters throughout the city.
- Trimmed trees at Mike Day Park.

- Removed dead shrubs along Merganser (Heritage Park LLD).
- Weeded and cleaned along Anderson Drive (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Trimmed and cleaned up the Downtown North Basin Parking lot area.
- Cleaned sewer lateral at 1028 Armsby with a lot of tree roots.
- Removed graffiti at Pintail bridge.
- Removed homeless debris in the Downtown Plaza area.
- Repaired five (5) streetlights.
- Completed removal of dead shrubs on Village Drive - Heritage LLD.
- Completed the installation of the new channelizers at Old Railroad Avenue and Sunset Avenue.
- Completed the installation of the new channelizers on Walters Road at 7-11.
- Trimmed and cleaned up the Boat Launch area.
- Responded to a sewer backup at 517 Marina Boulevard.
- Responded to a sewer backup at 709 School Street.
- Trimmed trees and cleaned up the mini-park at Birchwood Court - Heritage LLD.
- Completed clean-up of the Linear Path - Heritage LLD.
- Trimmed and cleaned up in the downtown Plaza area.
- Completed the installation of a new irrigation box on field #2 at the Sports Complex.
- Completed the cleanup of the homeless encampment at the Lighthouse. Please see the photos below:



- Removed graffiti on the benches and tables at Lawler Falls Park - Lawler Ranch LLD.
- Filled in a pothole at 1134 School Street.
- Filled in potholes along Old Railroad Avenue at Humphrey Drive.
- Filled in potholes near the 50 block of Main Street.
- Completed the Montebello Drive Median Project. The project included prepping the median for concrete and stones, removed damaged curb and formed new curb, and completed the concrete and stones in the center median on Montebello Drive at Walters Road.
- Placed "sensitive area signs" in the Lighthouse area along the Promenade.
- Replaced the missing street light in the center median on New Railroad at Pepperwood – DC Electric contractor completed this job.
- Removed broken tree branch at the intersection of Lawler Ranch Parkway and Potrero Circle (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Picked up trash in the Library parking lot.
- Removed homeless encampment on Hwy 12 and Grizzly Island Road.
- Replaced the Lawler Ranch Park dog park gate latches in Lawler Park (Lawler Ranch LLD).

- Removed two (2) homeless encampments along the Waterfront Plaza.
- Pressure washed benches and surrounding area at the Waterfront Plaza area.
- Trimmed and cleaned up along Merganser Drive (Heritage Park LLD).



STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE:

You can find a link to the street sweeping schedule on our website under Public Works:

<https://www.suisun.com/departments/public-works/street-sweeping/>

Recreation, Parks, Marina & Arts

Seniors

February was full of fun activities. Bingocize is a new program that started in February, and it will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am-11:30 am. We are excited to offer this program for free thanks to sponsorship from Innovative Health Solutions. Instructor Juliana led the class through games of bingo and fall prevention exercises. One participant has been playing bingo for several months and was happy when he won for the first time on Tuesday.

Seniors also played regular Bingo, enjoyed Tai Chi and Painting. and participated in the youth Presidents Camp Animal Show. Several seniors participated and were able to pet the various animals brought by Mr. Kevin. Animals in the showcase included a baboon, an 8 ft boa, a 17-year-old female alligator, a tortoise, and other smaller amphibians.



LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO BE MORE ACTIVE?

Bingo + Gentle Exercises = BINGOCIZE®

Bingocize® is a health promotion program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercises (seated or standing). Come play bingo and meet new people while learning about techniques to reduce falls and increase cognition. Bingocize® is exercise for your body, mind, and spirit.

JOIN THE FUN!!

Come Join the FUN!

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays,
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2/21-4/27

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Suisun City, Ca 94585

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“Heart Your Parks” Event at Heritage Park

On Saturday, February 25th from 12 pm-2 pm, Suisun City Recreation hosted the first “Heart Your Parks” event at Heritage Park. The event was a collaborative effort by Solano Moves, a subcommittee of Solano County Public Health’s Education Department, and included Suisun City RPM Department, Innovative Health Solutions, Kroc Center, Solano Transportation Authority, Solano County Library, and Solano County Office of Education. The event was to acknowledge Heart Health Month and to encourage people to get outside and explore Solano County parks such as Heritage Park. The event featured group Zumba, yoga, and exercise sessions, as well as community partner tables giving out



information, free food, healthy living tips, and other valuable resources. Reported attendance was over 70 people, which is considered a major success due to the cold and rainy weather that day. Recreation Supervisor Marvin Mora is a regular attendant and contributor to Solano Moves, and hopes that Suisun City can do more collaborative events and programs geared towards promoting wellness in the Suisun City community.



After School Programs

The youth spent time in February working on Valentine’s crafts. They had the opportunity to make 3D Valentine’s Cards, heart sun catchers, and watercolor cards. They also learned about and participated in activities regarding influential African American individuals, groups, and events.



Memorial Bench

A memorial bench was placed at the Lambrecht Sports complex in honor of long-time city employee, Pete Dominguez. We are waiting for the dedication plaque to arrive and be placed on the bench to complete the project. If the family chooses to they can have an unveiling at a future date.

February Revenue Summary

February is traditionally a middle of the pack month compared to others. This February, individuals utilized our facilities for 69 paid events. This includes parties both indoor and outdoor, trainings, church services and sports practices or games. These rentals or leases took place at the Joseph Nelson Community Center, Lambrecht Sports Complex and other Community Parks for a total of \$24,172. Our in house recreation programs, individual after school programs at the schools and break camps totaled \$15,920. This brings the total for the month of February to \$40,092.

ROOMS	RENTALS	AMOUNT
BANQUET	6	\$8,802.00
A,B & C	2	\$2,500.00
KITCHEN		\$0.00
ROOM A	1	\$650.00
ROOM B	0	\$0.00
ROOM C	10	\$2,200.00
ROOMS A/B	2	\$2,605.00
ROOMS B/C	2	\$1,700.00
CLASSROOM 1	3	\$840.00
PARKS	1	\$75.00
Lambrecht Rentals	42	\$4,800.00
Lambrecht Tournaments	0	\$0.00
		\$24,172.00
PROGRAM	OCCURENCES	AMOUNT
Lambrecht Snack Bar	0	\$0.00
Recreation Classes	52	\$3,227.00
Youth Camps	1	\$2,100.00
After School	32	\$10,593.00
		\$15,920.00
	TOTAL	\$40,092.00

Junior Giants Commissioners' Camp

Recreation Supervisor Marvin Mora and Recreation Coordinator Fernando Pantoja attended the Junior Giants Commissioners' Camp on Wednesday, February 22nd, at Oracle Park in San Francisco. The in-person event was attended by Commissioners of Junior Giants from all around Northern California (and even Oregon and Nevada), and included in-depth reviews of roles, responsibilities, adopted registration software for the program, and featured a keynote speech from Giants CEO Larry Baer. Marvin and Fernando will serve as Co-Commissioners for this year's Suisun City Junior Giants program, and both are looking forward to the summer.



Now Hiring

Suisun City RPM Department is hiring for a variety of part-time positions, including Marina Attendant, After School/Camps Attendant, Facility Attendant, and Preschool staff. Those interested are encouraged to apply through the City's CalOpps page. This is an exciting time for the RPM Department as we look to expand our team.

Have a great March – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Greg Folsom
City Manager

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