

Message from the Manager City Manager, Greg Folsom July 2023 Update



I hope you are enjoying the summer so far. I actually caught Covid while on vacation in July, so please be aware that it is not gone and keep your guard up.

During my discussion in last month's update on the budget, I mentioned that Council had authorized a significant increase in police officer pay due to the continued loss of officers to other jurisdictions paying more. I'm very happy to report that we recently had four new officers start, including one lateral officer, so we are back on track to having a fully staffed department once these new recruits have competed their training.

July was significant for several other reasons:

- The Highway 12 Landscape Improvement Project began the week of July 10th.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1 road improvement projects also began the week of July 10th.
- The Suisun City Mobility Hub project began construction in July.
- The Downtown Suisun City Farmers' Market began July 15th.
- Take 5 Oil Change opened in July.
- Cllaimm Academy Childcare Center opened in July.
- The Lawler Residences (luxury apartments) opened in July.

In addition, the annual 4^{th} of July celebration on the Waterfront was a resounding success! Thank you to all who attended and all those city employees who had to work to put on the event and ensure safety for all who attended.

One of the biggest challenges that we face in Suisun City is dealing with homelessness. It is an increasing issue primarily because we lack the resources to provide alternatives for the homeless and because the laws around homelessness do not give cities many options. I will go into this in more detail in a future update, but I wanted to highlight a recent small victory. The City has been in litigation with a property owner regarding the property at Railroad and Sunset. Over the last year it has become a haven for homeless. Our litigation finally settled and the City now owns a portion of that property. After additional legal due process provided to the owners of an RV illegally parked on the property now owned by the City, we were successful in having the Sheriff's Office evict the squatters and we had the RV towed off the property on August 9th.

The Sheriff's Office also evicted the other individuals illegally squating on the privately owned property. We are in the process of fencing the City's property to permanently keep people off that property.

On August 10th, we participated in an appeals hearing with the property owner regarding their appeal of the code enforcement actions we have filed against them. We will be anticipating the results of that hearing and will hopefully be able to take additional actions to have that property cleaned shortly thereafter. Stay tuned for more updates on this, although it is likely to be an ongoing problem as the property owner and their attorney so far do not seem very agreeable to addressing the issues on their property.

City Council

City Council Meeting Highlights (July - 2 open meetings):

- 1. Presentation of Police Department Annual Report
- 2. Presentation of Fire Department Annual Report
- 3. Approved purchase of a vacuum truck for Public Works
- 4. Approved fencing project for vacant property
- 5. Approved updated salary schedule
- 6. Approved MOUs with city employee labor unions
- 7. Approved site plan for new office building downtown
- 8. Adopted a new Parks and Facilities Master Plan
- 9. Approved a mural for the new Starbucks

City Council Proclamations in July:

- 1. Proclaiming June as Parks and Recreation month
- 2. Proclaiming August 1st as National Night Out

Development Services Department

Dr. Nare Mixed Use

The City Council approved the Planned Unit Development for the Nare Mixed Use project at their July 18th meeting. The applicant has told staff to expect construction drawings for the building permit in approximately 10-12 weeks.

Meridian West

Construction of the sales office/model units is underway with building staff already conducting inspections.

Highway 12 Logistics Center Project

Staff review of the Highway 12 Logistics Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is underway and staff is estimating that the release of the Highway 12 EIR will occur toward the end of August.

Code Enforcement Code Update

Pickering Property

On Wednesday, August 9th, the RV was removed from the Pickering property (see image to the right). The tow company was awesome in their assistance. The driver was a prior employee and was extremely patient and helpful. Thank you, Legal Team, for jumping on the fly and smoothing the issue regarding the court order out with County Counsel. In addition to the RV, the Solano County Sheriff's Office completed a sweep of the homeless and there are no individuals on the Pickering property, and they have been instructed to stay off the property, or face trespassing violation through our local PD, although we would still need to get Pickering approval to enforce. Shout out to our local PD officers and our PW staff for helping us out in a pinch with mechanical issues and cleaning our Right of Way (ROW) property (see image below). The fencing



contractor is on-site installing the fence, but it could take the contractor up to one month to have the entire area fenced off.



The deputy who works with the county's behavioral health and social services teams informed Chief Roth that he will be in that area this week and next week, trying to connect the homeless individuals out there with service options them to aet assistance. Chief talked to at least two

individuals who were interested in getting help and spoke with the deputy Wednesday morning. They are also working on finding shelter for a couple with a dog.

Finance

Below is the flyer that was sent to all customers. Since we have converted to the new accounting system (Tyler Technologies), the water bill format looks different. Customers do have to make some updates/changes if they had e-bills, online payments, etc.

This information will be available on our website, Facebook, and shared with all committees and commissions via email. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Finance Director Deol (ldeol@suisun.com).



WELCOME TO THE CITY OF SUISUN CITY'S NEW WATER BILLING SYSTEM

Enclosed is your new Water Bill. Please note that you have a new account number in the upper right-hand corner of your bill.

For online payments and auto pay, go to: https://www.suisun.com/Departments/Finance-Department/Pay-my-water-bill.

E-Bills will still send a physical copy to the service address. To opt out of the physical bill, you will need to change your preferences within the online portal.

Enter your new account number and follow the prompts.

Pay by phone is now available, call 1-877-374-3234.

If you use Bill Pay, please update your bank institution with your new account number.

Visit https://eyeonwater.com and create an account to monitor your water usage.

For assistance or billing inquiries, call City of Suisun City Water Department at

707-421-7320 or email us at waterbilling@suisun.com.

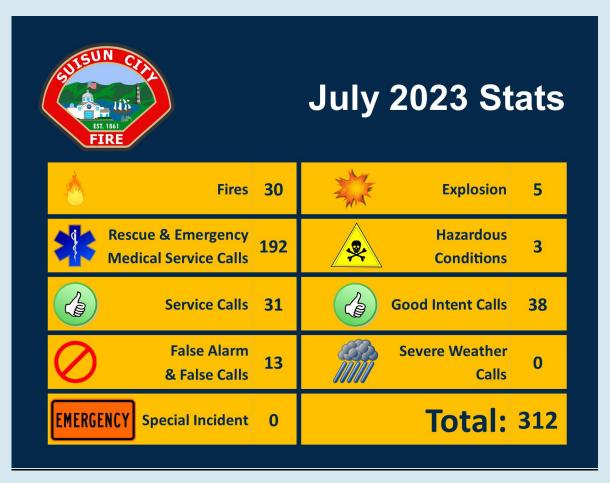


Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9AM-12PM, and 1PM to 5PM.

Closed on Friday.

Fire Department

Fire Department Statistics



Fairfield Independence Day Parade: Suisun City Fire Department participated in Fairfield's Independence Day Parade on the 4th of July. Mayor Alma Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Princess Washington, Councilmembers Jenalee Dawson and Amit Pal, City Manager Greg Folsom, and Fire Chief Brad Lopez rode on Truck 47 through the parade.



4th of July Activities: Suisun Fire Department upstaffed personnel and units for the 4th of July and City events. Staff spent the day engaging with community members downtown and staged resources across our city in preparation for the city fireworks show. Overall, a great success with minimal emergencies given the influx of people coming to our community to enjoy the festivities.



Police Department

National Night Out

Thank you to everyone who participated in National Night Out! This was a great turn out at Heritage Park with 12 additional neighborhood parties occurring throughout the city.



Command College Graduation

On 7/27/23, Commander Jeff Henderson graduated from the prestigious California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Command College and was presented his certificate by POST's Executive Director. Command College is a 14-month program designed to prepare law enforcement leaders of today for the challenges of the future.

The program focuses on:

- Development of strategic foresight needed to influence the future direction of law enforcement organizations.
- Strategies to identify emerging issues and provide a proactive response.
- Trend Analysis via the STEEP model (sociological, technological, economic, environmental, political).
- Methods and benefits of stakeholder engagement and information sharing to address pending community needs.
- Procedural Justice and the impact of social systems on a global society.

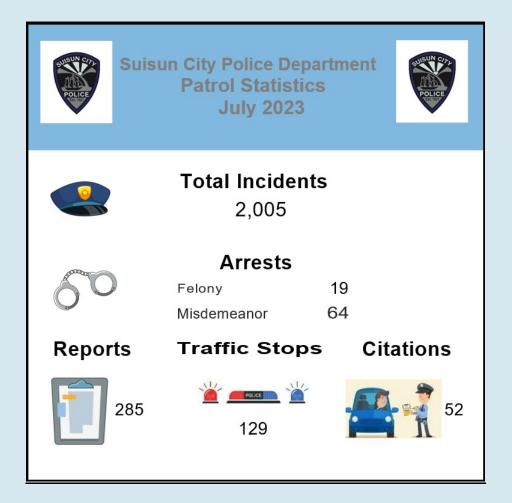
The primary goal of the Command College is to provide sitting law enforcement leaders a course with a focus on futures forecasting and innovation. The program is presented at a master's degree level, based on student-centered adult learning theories, placing accountability and responsibility for success on the student.

Congratulations Commander Henderson!





Police Department Crime Statistics



Public Works

Kudos from Catalyst Kids

Public Works Maintenance Staff, Juan Cortez, and Tevita Salt, recently completed a clean-up around the Catalyst Kids' building, per their request. The Catalyst Kids were so happy with their work that they made a "thank you" banner and took a wonderful photo. The Catalyst Kids is a before and after school program located in a portable building in Geopp Park servicing Dan O. Root School.



PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING

McCoy Creek Trail Phase II Project

As of Monday, August 7^{th} , the rebar and concrete pour for the bridge deck has been completed. The contractor anticipates completing the project on time. Per the contract and the contract change orders, the deadline to complete the project is October 27, 2023. The two current critical path items on the contractor's schedule are as follows:

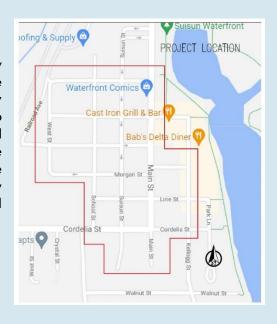
- Re-design of the foundation footing the monument sign which is made of granite. The contractor was not able to secure a stone matching the size in the contract documents. The alternative stone is slightly larger and requires a new foundation design.
- Paving at the three trail crossings, which are located at Pintail Drive, Worley Road, and Blossom Avenue. The work involves replacing the structural section of the roadway, which includes the asphalt, base, and subbase layers. The paving subcontractor's contract with the prime contractor only includes the paving layer. The contract between the two parties is currently being discussed for an amendment.

Bridge Deck Concrete Pour:



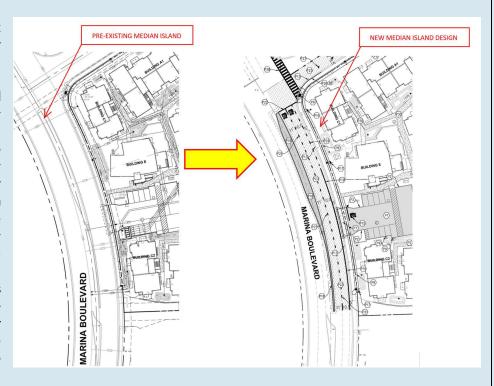
PG&E Project

Last year PG&E completed gas main replacements on a few of the project's street segments (see map to the right). The remaining work on the main gas line will be starting shortly on segments of Sacramento Street, School Street, Solano Street, West Street, Morgan Street, California Street, and Cordelia Street. Gas main work is anticipated to be completed by November 2023. Work will then begin on the gas services to the houses through the end of January 2024. Restoration of pavement and sidewalks is anticipated after all gas services to the houses have been completed.



Marina Village Apartments

The new 5-foot-wide sidewalk that was conditioned for installation alona Marina Boulevard and Buena Vista Avenue fronting the Project will be completed soon. The new sidewalk along segment Marina Boulevard will be opened in time for the new school year, specifically for students who travel to and from the nearby Crystal Middle School. However, the sidewalk segment along Buena Vista Avenue will remain closed for safety reasons as there is still exterior work on the buildings along that street that needs to be completed before the sidewalk segment can be opened up to foot traffic.



Victorian Harbor A Column & Masonry Wall Painting Project

This Project started as of Tuesday, July 25^{th} . The Project will patch and paint all columns within Vic Harbor A and will paint the section of sound wall between Lotz Way and Bay Street which is exposed with no vegetation attached to the wall. This Project was a request by the residents within this LLD. Vic Harbor A has sufficient funding available to cover the cost associated with this Project.

Project is now in the punch-list phase as all columns and sections of the masonry wall included in this Project have been prepped, primed, and painted. Staff will be walking all columns on the punch list as well as the masonry wall to ensure the job is completed per specifications. The project should be completed shortly.





PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION:

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

Public Works Crew continues to work with two (2) people assigned to "Streets," five (5) assigned to "General Landscape," four (4) full-time people, and one (1) part-time person assigned to "LLD Maintenance."

- 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.
- Addressed two (2) illegal dumps on Humphrey and Petersen Road
- Mowed the following areas on a weekly schedule.
 - Monday Hall Park 178,450 sq. ft. = 4.10 acres Completed
 - Monday Geopp Park 199,430 sq. ft. t = 4.51 Completed
 - Tuesday Downtown 144,031 sq. ft. = 3.3 acres Completed
 - Wednesday Heritage Park 270,000 sq. ft. t = 6.20 acres -Not Completed
 - Thursday Sports Complex 313,596 sq. ft. = 7.1 acres Completed
 - Friday Montebello Park 274,724 sq. ft. = 6.3 acres Completed
- Repaired hot water faucet at the new Train Depot for the new café owner.
- Weeded and cleaned up Bella Vista from Blue Jay to Walters.
- Responded to a possible sinkhole at 601 Emperor Drive.
- Responded to a large crack along The McCoy Creek Trail Phase 1 walking path.
- Repaired hole in fencing around the Lawler House.
- Repaired water leak in the Plaza area.
- Tuned off irrigation to Hall Park for a Library event.
- Mowed and weeded the South side of Highway 12 (Highway 12 Corridor) from Grizzly Island Road to Walters Road (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Performed irrigation checks and repairs at Heritage Park common area (Heritage Park LLD).
- Completed 26 USA requests.
- Cleaned, weeded, and trimmed in the Peterson Ranch LLD (Charleston and the Walking Path).
- Tree removal from right-of-way at 1763 Dover Circle (Peterson Ranch LLD).
- Removed broken tree limb at Waterfall Park (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Performed irrigation checks and repairs (Vic D LLD).
- Repaired pothole at 515 Suisun Street.
- Completed 11 SID patches on the following streets: Cackling, Decoy, Humphrey, Eider, Honker, Silk Oak, and Muscovy.
- Cleaned, weeded, and trimmed the Downtown area in preparation for the July 4th event.
- Set up for and clean up after the July 4th event.
- Mowed city-owned and maintained vacant lots (Lotz at Marina east side, Civic Center Lot, Denverton Curve Lot, and Boat Ramp Lot).
- Cleaned-up homeless encampments on the 34-acre lot (NW corner of Marina Blvd. & Hwy 12).
- Cleaned, weeded, and trimmed Victorian Harbors LLDs.
- Weeded and cleaned up Petersen Road from Fulmar Dr. to Walters Rd. (Walmart TZ#6).

- Repaired 19 streetlights
- Weeded and cleaned up Petersen Road from Fulmar to Walters (Walmart TZ#6).
- Removed 60 yards of trash and debris at the lot on the corner of Sunset Avenue and (Old)
 Railroad Avenue.
- Filled ponds at Waterfall Park so that aerators can be turned back on and address algae growth (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Repaired multiple broken sprinklers along the Walking Path (Petersen Ranch LLD).
- Repaired faulty irrigation controller (Vic D LLD).
- Mowed weeds along the north side of Old Railroad Avenue.
- Removed broken tree branch from 735 Bay Street (Vic A LLD).
- Replaced broken manhole cover at Walters and Pintail.
- Put up 5 National Night Out banners.
- Addressed six (6) illegal dumps on Humphrey, Petersen Road, Worley Rd., Hummingbird Dr., Hwy 12 Bike Path, and Harbor Park
- Removed broken tree limb at Waterfall Park. This means the aerators should be able to be turned back on. Solitude Lakes has been notified (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Performed irrigation checks and repairs (Vic D LLD).
- Cleaned up the newly purchased right-of-way (ROW) on the east side of the lot on the corner of Sunset Avenue and (Old) Railroad Avenue and installed temporary fencing around the property.
- Repainted the school markings at Crystal School and Crescent School.





• Cleaned up the homeless encampment at New Railroad and Sunset Ave.





Heritage Park Soccer Field Update:

- Public Works replaced dead areas with sod and expects the fields to be ready for play in August.
- Due to the high summer temperatures as of late, a higher-than-normal volume of water is being put on the turf to try to keep it healthy through the high temperatures.
- Staff is visually inspecting the turf twice daily to make sure the sod is taking and the other areas remain green and weed-free
- The two brown spots outside of the field area, at each corner of the Park have had their irrigation repaired and staff is working to get the areas to green back up. This generally takes at least three weeks to begin to see improvements.





BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Lot 37 Fencing Project

The contract for installing permanent fencing around the newly purchased right-of-way (Lot 37) on the southeast corner of Sunset Avenue and Old Railroad Avenue has been awarded to Morgan Fence Company. They have begun the fence installation.

Safety Facilities Security Gate Project

This Project continues to move forward in the design phase. The city has received 30% plans and will be meeting with the architect to review and discuss them.

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

July Revenue Summary

The month of July turned out to be a great way to start the new fiscal year for the Recreation Department.

Community Parks and Joseph Nelson Community Center Rentals: July saw an increase in activity, with 36 rentals between local parks and the Nelson Center. These rentals generated a revenue of \$28,181.

Combined Performance: When we consolidate the revenues from rentals and program revenues, our Recreation Department generated a total of \$73,058 in July. This achievement demonstrates the effectiveness of our strategies and the commitment of our team.

As we progress into the new fiscal year, we will continue to explore new opportunities for growth and improvement.

ROOMS	<u>OCCURRENCES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Banquet</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18,918</u>
<u>Kitchen</u>	1	<u>285</u>
Room A	4	<u>640</u>
Room B	1	<u>556</u>
Room C	<u>4</u>	<u>500</u>
Rooms A/B	<u>6</u>	<u>2,761</u>
Rooms B/C	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
All Meeting Rooms	<u>3</u>	<u>3,347</u>
Room 1	<u>3</u>	<u>744</u>
<u>Parks</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>429</u>
-	SUBTOTAL	\$28,180
Lambrecht Rentals	<u>34</u>	<u>4,788</u>
<u>Lambrecht Snack Bar</u>	1	<u>1,222</u>
-	SUBTOTAL	<u>\$6,010</u>
Recreation Classes	<u>73</u>	<u>5,298</u>
<u>Preschool</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3,375</u>
Summer Camp	<u>19</u>	<u>30,195</u>
_	<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>\$38,868</u>
_	TOTAL	<u>\$73,058</u>



4th of July Celebration

We hope everyone had a fantastic time celebrating Independence Day at our community's 4th of July Celebration event! The festivities were a resounding success, with an overwhelming turnout from our community. Here's a recap of the memorable moments that made this event truly special. The event kicked off with performances by talented community acts including Line Dancers, Train 4 Life Karate demonstrations, and Motion Dynamics Dancers. The celebration continued with performances by our live bands that got everyone on their feet, dancing and singing along. Children and adults enjoyed the excitement of the vibrant carnival rides and attractions. Laughter and cheers filled the air as families enjoyed thrilling rides, played games, and indulged in tasty treats from the food vendors. The colorful lights and joyful atmosphere created a true sense of carnival magic and provided unforgettable experiences for all attendees. As the sun began to set, anticipation built for the grand finale of the event—the breathtaking

waterfront fireworks show. The sky was painted with a mixture of vibrant colors, illuminating the night and leaving spectators in awe. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended, participated, and contributed to the success of our 4th of July event. We hope that this event has brought our community closer together and created lasting memories for all.



Parks Make Life Better Event

On Saturday, July 22nd, Suisun City RPM Department hosted its first annual 'Parks Make Life Better' event in celebration of July as Parks and Recreation Month. The event was attended by nearly 300 people and featured a bike rodeo from Solano Transportation Authority, a kid's yoga session from RPM Department instructor Kathryn Silveria, Zumba sessions from KROC Center instructors, and resources from a multitude of community-based organizations.





The event was planned by Solano Moves, a subcommittee of Solano County Public Health's Education Department. It includes representatives from various local agencies and community-based organizations including Suisun City RPM. All parties involved agreed that this event was a massive success and look forward to making it an annual event for the group.

Skate Session

On Saturday, July 15th, non-profit organization Skate Like a Girl led a free skate session for 14 participants ages 6-13. Participants had a blast, and this will hopefully create the first of many skate offerings to the community from our partnership with Skate Like a Girl. There will be another session on August 26th for a \$6 participation fee.



Suisun Waterfront Certified Farmer's Market

On Saturday, July 15th, the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce hosted the first Suisun Waterfront Certified Farmer's Market. This is a brand-new event



that will be every Saturday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Sheldon Plaza. Nearly 15 vendors participated including growers, artisans, retail vendors, and information vendors. Overall, the hosts were happy with the first event, and they are excited to see the event grow. On July 29th, there was a grand opening ceremony for the market. To learn more about the market, please reach out to Yolie@fairfieldsuisunchamber.com.

Junior Giants

The Junior Giants (JRG) season wrapped up on Friday, July 28th! As a thank you, RPM staff held a 'water after party' for participants after each division's game. JRG players were greeted with slip-n-slides, water slides, and other water fun. This was meant to celebrate the season and to send good vibes as the students prepare to return to school. The season was an overall success, especially considering the last-minute drop out of a Junior Giants representative to assist the league. The league served over 150 total participants, and we are looking at ways to improve the program for next year.





Training on Working with Children with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities

On Friday, July 7th, training was provided to after-school, camp, and preschool staff on supporting children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in childcare programs. The training session was led by the local communication organization Special Care Services. The session included education on autism, crisis prevention institute (CPI) techniques,

and from an overall perspective, supporting all students (regardless of ability or disability) in a group setting program. The training was part of the 'Social Recreation Grant' awarded to the RPM Department by North Bay Regional Center (NBRC).

This training is a precursor to our very first Camp Chaos by the RPM Department from Aug $1^{st}-3^{rd}$ but is also meant to give our program staff the necessary tools, knowledge, and techniques for serving all populations within our programs. According to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data, 1 in 22 children in California are



diagnosed with autism, so thank you to NBRC and Special Care Services for giving our staff great and necessary training!



Camp Chaos

The first-ever 'Camp Chaos' program in Suisun City is underway at Lambrecht Sports Complex! The program is happening thanks to a grant from North Bay Regional Center and in partnership with Special Care Services. Camp Chaos is a summer with intellectual program for youth developmental disabilities (I/DD) and holds a higher camper-to-staff ratio. It is aimed at providing I/DD youth with opportunities to socialize, participate in activities, make new friends, and do so with ample support. Campers are having a blast, and the RPM Department looks forward to continuing this partnership and making this an annual offering to the I/DD population.

Seniors

On Thursday, July 27th, we had two special events for seniors. In the morning, the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired provided 8 free eye exams. Then, at night we hosted the Summer Dinner Dance. This event was free, and 130 seniors joined us. Thank you to Ohana Hawaiian BBQ for



providing delicious food including BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, and rice. DJ Glenn Snyder was back by popular demand and kept many seniors dancing until the very end. Overall, seniors loved the food and had a great time at the event.

Marina

Marina Update

The Sea Scout Ship Makai visited Suisun City Marina for two nights and docked at the guest dock. They visit Suisun City every summer and enjoy the waterfront events. Sea Scout Ship 700 (Makai) has been serving the youth of San Francisco Bay for over 65 years. Sea Scouts are a part of the Boy Scouts of America program. Instead of hiking or camping, Sea Scouts go sailing and cruising. The Makai ship is a 65-foot power boat, and the Makai began its life as a US Navy Torpedo Retriever. She now serves as the Makai's main vessel and is operated by the Sea Scouts under the supervision of adult leadership.



Marina staff successfully completed the monthly fuel tank inspection, ensuring adherence to the stringent guidelines outlined in our Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan. Additionally, staff took the initiative to enhance safety measures by installing new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) diamonds on the fuel tank enclosure. Lastly, staff installed a Very High Frequency (VHF) radio on the harbor boat. The addition of this radio will significantly enhance communication capabilities, allowing for effective coordination and improved response times in case of emergencies or operational needs.

Have a great August!

Greg Folsom
City Manager