

Message from the Manager City Manager, Greg Folsom November 2022 Update



Happy Holidays! Hopefully you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend as we head into this holiday season. I would like to encourage you all to shop locally in Suisun City as much as you can as your sales tax dollars support your public safety personnel, as well as almost everything else we do as a city. Your online purchases help as well.

This is a very exciting time for many reasons. The 2022 elections are over and the Council will be certifying the election at the next meeting on December 6th and swearing-in our newest Councilmembers. Congratulations to Jenalee Dawson and Princess Washington! In addition, two mayors will be sworn in, short-term Mayor Larry Brumfield, and full-term Mayor Alma Hernandez.

This is a bit confusing so I will attempt to explain. As you may recall, former Mayor Lori D. Wilson resigned from the Suisun City Council after winning the special election for Assembly that was held to fill former state Assembly member Jim Frazier's seat when he resigned mid-term at the end of 2021. Mayor Wilson's seat on the Council was scheduled to be up for election this year, but since the remaining members of the Council were unable to agree upon an appointee to the vacated Mayor's seat, the election code required us to run a special election for the remainder of former Mayor Wilson's unexpired term. However, in order to save on the cost of a special election, which would have been over \$100,000 and would only have resulted in a slightly longer short-term mayor, the Council decided to consolidate the special election with the general election. Larry Brumfield was the only candidate for the short-term election and Alma Hernandez was the winner of the full-term election. This is very similar to this year's state election for U.S. Senator in which Alex Padilla was on the ballot for the short-term and full-term seats. However, in that case Alex Padilla ran in and won both elections.

Both mayors will be sworn in on December 6th, but Mayor Brumfield's term will be ceremonial and will only last until Mayor Hernandez is sworn in a few minutes later. Council will then need to discuss appointing a successor to fill Mayor Hernandez' Council seat since her term does not expire until 2024 and she cannot hold that seat and the mayor's seat. I hope that helps to explain this very unique election situation. Congratulations to Mayor Brumfield and Mayor Hernandez!

Congratulations also to Councilmember Wanda Williams who chose not to run for her expiring seat on the City Council, but did run for District 3 Supervisor, which she won decisively, and

congratulations to former Mayor Lori D. Wilson who won her election for state Assembly! Suisun City is now well-represented at both the county and state levels!

City Council

City Council Meeting Highlights (November – 3 meetings):

- Public Hearing amending the Development Agreement on Almond Gardens.
- Public Hearing amending the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Lawler Commercial project on Anderson Drive.
- Quarterly Hearing for placing liens for unpaid garbage bills.
- Consultant budget amendment for the Hwy 12 Logistics project.
- Approved a funding agreement with Fairfield Suisun Sewer District for the Kellogg Resiliency Project.
- Accepted the quarterly Investment Report.
- Approved a dock maintenance agreement at the marina to be paid for through the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS), not general fund.
- Approved the Final Map for the Meridian West Subdivision.
- Discussion and Direction on a Median Master Plan.
- Follow up Discussion and Direction on Trash and Illegal Dumping.
- Development Services Department Showcase.

City Council Proclamations in November:

- 1. Proclamation for Alooma Temple.
- 2. Proclamation proclaiming November, 2022 as "Native American Heritage Month" in Suisun City.

Human Resources Special Projects

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program

• Framework and parameters of the City's proposed DEI Program have been established. Currently in the process of drafting a program outline to be shared with City leadership soon.

ADA Transition Plan

• 2021 Self Evaluation Complete and Executive Summary received. Identifies various programmatic and physical deficiencies. Department Head Meeting to Review ADA Transition Plan and next steps scheduled for 11/29/2022.

Safety Compliance Program / Safety Committee

Department Head Meeting to review Safety Program Requirements, identify gaps and draft new and/or updated policies that include Injury & Illness Prevention Program, Blood Borne Pathogens Program, Heat Illness Prevention Program, and Hazard Communications Program.

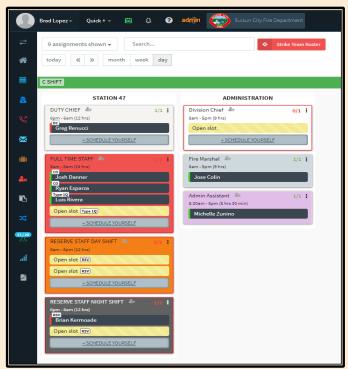
Employee Wellness

We have a group of employees who are dedicated to getting their steps in on their break time. Great going!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Engineers: Two candidates are currently completing backgrounds and medical. We are hoping to bring them on by December to staff the second engine.





Technology Improvements: We have transitioned to a new web-based scheduling framework that enables a more efficient and effective way to manage firefighter shift scheduling. Kudos to Division Chief Bellerive and Engineer Chris Lujan for getting this new system implemented!

Fire Prevention

"Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries": Daylight savings occurred on November 6, 2022. This is a great reminder to change your batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Statistics

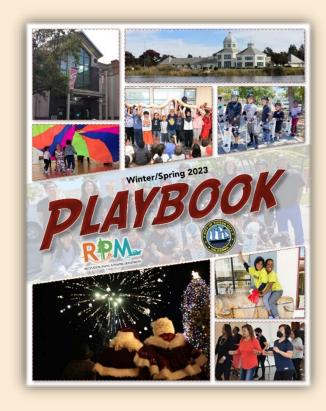
November 2022 Stats		
Fires 12	Explosion 0	
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Calls 211	Hazardous Conditions 5	
Service Calls 25	Good Intent Calls 24	
False Alarm & False Calls 12	Severe Weather Calls	
EMERGENCY Special Incident 0	Total: 289	

Recreation, Parks, Marina & Arts

Winter/Spring 2023 Playbook

The Winter and Spring Recreation Guide is out, and copies are available at the Joseph Nelson Center. The electronic version is available at: https://wgdesigngroup.com/clients/SC-Rec-

Guide/. The RPM Department's Playbook covers December 2022 – May 2023, and features all of the holiday offerings. There are many exciting programs and events happening in the coming months, including Christmas on the Waterfront this Saturday, December 3rd, the free Senior Holiday Luncheon at the Nelson Center on December 16th, the Menorah Lighting on the Waterfront on December 22nd, long-awaited return of the preschool programs, 2023 First 5 Solano funded recreation classes, senior programs, and an updated parks and facilities map. The RPM Department is working tirelessly to provide fun and quality offerings to the community, and we hope that everyone will participate.



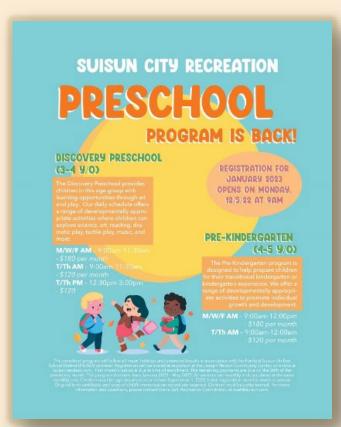


Preschool

It has been quite exciting this week as many new faces have been stopping by the preschool office to inquire about the preschool programs. On the left is a sneak peek of what the flyer will look like.

Registration for preschool will open on Monday, December 5^{th,} at 9:00 am. Families will be able to register online at https://suisun.recdesk.com/community or in person at the Joseph Nelson Community Center.

Families with children ages 3-4 will have the option to choose from M/W/F AM classes, T/TH AM classes, or T/TH PM classes. The options for children ages 4-5 will include M/W/F AM or T/TH AM classes.



After School Program

This previous week in the after school program was the big minimum day week where the kids were in program for over six hours a day. The kids had new games to play, and staff planned extra projects to keep them engaged. They also got to spend more time outside playing group games. All sites had a marshmallow building competition to see who could build the tallest tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks. The week ended with a movie day with popcorn and a dance party.

Seniors

On Tuesday, November 22nd, volunteers from Liberty Church began cooking for the Senior Thanksgiving Lunch Delivery. They partnered with RPM staff for plating and delivering meals on Thursday, November 24th. Their team of friendly volunteers work so hard in the kitchen, and we appreciate them. With their help, over 60 seniors received a free Thanksgiving meal.

Coming up on Friday, December 16th, is the Senior Holiday Luncheon from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Nelson Center. This free event will include lunch, raffle prizes, and pictures with Santa. We currently have over 40 reservations and are expecting over 100 by the reservation deadline on Monday, December 12th. Seniors can reserve a seat in person, online, by phone, or by email.



Marina

The marina staff performed their daily dock walks and regular maintenance. This week it included installing a new spring on the fuel pump hose reel, starting to repaint/weatherproof all the wood located on the docks, and cleaning debris around the Harbor Masters Office.

Christmas on the Waterfront

Save the date! Christmas on the Waterfront will be Saturday, December 3rd, 2:00pm-8:00pm in downtown Suisun City's Harbor Plaza and Sheldon Plaza. Starting at 2pm, the event will have retail and food vendors, pony rides, amusement rides, and a petting zoo. Starting at 2:30pm on Harbor Plaza stage there will be live music, featuring The Time Bandits band. The lighted boat parade starts at dusk, Santa will arrive by boat to Harbor Plaza at 6:15pm. The tree lighting and fireworks will begin approximately at 6:30pm. The event will continue with pictures with Santa from 6:00pm-8:00pm and Christmas Carolers.



Police Department

Proactive Traffic Enforcement

Over the past week, SCPD patrol officers conducted proactive traffic enforcement when time was permitted. As a result of the traffic stops conducted for moving violations, officers issued seven citations to different drivers who were driving without a license. Additional citations were issued for stop sign and speed violations.

Proactive traffic enforcement is shown to be a key factor in reducing the number of collisions on roadways, and our staff want to ensure our roadways are as safe as they can be. Proactive traffic enforcement reduces injuries resulting from collisions, reduces costs associated with property damage, and reduces the amount of available time officers have to spend on other concerns in our community, as traffic collision investigations can sometimes require several hours of cumulative work by our staff.

***Merchant Meeting with District Attorney Abrams ***

On Monday, 11/28/22, Chief Roth attended a forum held by the District Attorney's Office on combating retail theft in Solano County. The event brought out many local business owners and corporate representatives of businesses operating in Solano County. The forum provided training on retail theft prevention and ended with a question-and-answer period. Our own Mayor Elect Hernandez also attended and provided some valuable input.



Statistics

SCPD Patrol Statistics

11/01/22 to 11/30/22:

Total Incidents Calls for Service Officer Initiated Incidents Traffic Stops Other OIA Incidents Bus/Building checks	2205 1295 910 385 525 254
Veh/Ped Check	94
Total Officer Reports Cancelled Collision Criminal Criminal Collision Information Online Report Purged/Sealed X Converted Unclassified Reports	292 2 16 168 6 92 4 0 0
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests Misdemeanor Arrests Adult Juvenile Felony Arrests Adult Juvenile Juvenile	112 91 87 4 21 21
Citations Infraction Misdemeanor Unclassified	98 32 37 29

Development Services Department

Marina Village Apartments Pedestrian Access

Staff has been working with the site Superintendent over the past couple of weeks to solidify a safe and efficient pedestrian pathway along Buena Vista Avenue and Marina Boulevard. As detailed in the images below, the south side of the street on Buena Vista is closed (see Photo

Image #1). Via visible signage, pedestrians have been directed to use the sidewalk on the north side of Buena Vista. Unfortunately, the south side of Buena Vista remains blocked and unavailable due to trenching along the property boundary (see Photo Image #2). Access along Marina Boulevard remains open, and the Superintendent pushed back the fencing to accommodate more pedestrians (see Photo Image #3). The open passageway on Marina is tight, but it can function to allow two pedestrians to walk side by side easily.

Photo #1 Photo #2 Photo #3



Planning Commission

There was a special Planning Commission meeting Wednesday, November 30th to consider a Site Plan/Architectural Review application to locate approximately 13,500 square feet of portable storage unit space at 621 Railroad Avenue (southeast corner of Railroad Avenue and Worley Road). This request was approved by a unanimous vote.

Cannabissary

The applicant for a proposed retail cannabis dispensary on the west side of Humphrey Drive and south of Railroad Avenue has begun drafting public notification for their upcoming Good Neighbor meeting. At present, the applicant is looking at setting the meeting for some time in middle of December. At the same time, the applicant is having their consultant prepare a traffic analysis for the proposed project which is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. Staff will continue to work on processing the entitlements and once the complete package of information has been provided to staff, public hearings will be scheduled.

PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING

SB 1383 - Required Route Reviews - Starting Monday, November 14th

A requirement of the new SB 1383 program is that the City or its designee conduct periodic route reviews each year. Cycling through all routes within one calendar year. Only a small percentage of a route will be reviewed by the newly hired "Lid Flippers". Republic Services' Recycling

Coordinator will also be in the field with the Lid Flippers for audits for the first couple of years. Lid Flippers will be checking carts at the curb prior to the carts being "tipped" into Republic's trucks. Once debris is put into the Republic Services' carts, it becomes the property of Republic Services. The new SB 1383 updates to the Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance also sets out provisions for route reviews.

The goal of the first year of the route reviews is to help educate customers on how to properly sort their debris based on the new recycling requirements from the State. The first year will include an educational tag. The last two months of 2022 and the full year of 2023 will not include any contamination fees or other fees. Starting January 1, 2024 a Republic Services Contamination Fee and possibly a Violation Fee from the City are possible for those accounts that are found to be in violation of the new sorting requirements. Republic Services is making a big push for the rest of this year and all of 2023 to educate customers on the do's and don'ts. Staff has posted outreach messages on Facebook and Nextdoor.com alerting residents.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) Project – HSIP Cycle 10 Grant

The City has secured a total of \$249,800 in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 Grant funds for the City's Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) project. The Cycle 10 funds cover design and construction. They also augment the Transportation Development Act Article 3 (TDA 3) Grant allocation of \$50,000 for this project. No local match is required for either grant program.

The project will construct RRFBs, high visibility crosswalks, concrete bulbouts, and signage at the following three (3) pedestrian crossings:

- 1. Golden Eye Way at Shoveller Drive fronting Suisun Elementary School
- 2. Harrier Drive fronting the entrance to Dan O. Root Elementary School
- 3. Pintail Drive at Crane Drive fronting Goepp Park and Dan O. Root Elementary School

The project is currently in the design phase and is on schedule to enable construction is to begin at the start of the 2023 construction season in June 2023. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

Traffic Signals Improvement Project – HSIP Cycle 10 Grant

The City has secured a total of \$1.515M in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 Grant funds for the City's Traffic Signal Improvements Project. Cycle 10 funds cover design and construction. The project will improve the hardware and software at all eleven (11) signalized intersections in the City. The project is currently in the design phase and is on schedule to allow construction to begin at the start of the 2023 construction season in June 2023. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

State Route Highway 12 Landscape Improvements Project

This project is currently out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for November 16th. The project is funded by a Clean California Grant allocation in the amount of \$2.15M. No local match is required. In general, the project will include the following improvements:

- Provide landscaping and irrigation at eastbound State Route 12 on and off ramps at Civic Center Boulevard.
- Eradicate weeds in median from Marina Boulevard to Walters Road, plant new oleanders, and will include new irrigation.
- Repair damaged fence segments from Marina Boulevard to Walters Road.
- If bids are received within the Engineer's Estimate and funding allows, this project could include providing landscaping and irrigation along the north side of State Route 12 between Marina Boulevard and Village Drive, within available strips from the curb to the sound wall.
- If bids are received within the Engineer's Estimate and funding allows, this project could include replacing the existing chain link fence along the north side of State Route 12 between Marina Boulevard and Village Drive with welded wire fence with wood posts and rails.
- If bids are received within the Engineer's Estimate and funding allows, this project could include painting the k-rails along the Central County Bikeway that borders State Route 12 at McCoy Creek.

Green Infrastructure Project

This project is currently in the design phase and is on schedule to begin construction in 2023. The design and construction will be funded by a Clean California Grant allocation in the amount of \$893,270. No local match is required. The goal of the project is to clean storm water runoff and capture trash from the Park N Ride Lot and from the areas of State Route 12 in close proximity to the project site. Improvements will be made between the eastbound State Route 12 off ramp at Civic Center Boulevard and the easterly perimeter of the Park N Ride Lot, and will include the following improvements:

- Irrigation and landscaping
- Bio retention areas
- Two full trash capture devices

The project will complement the State Route 12 Landscape Improvements Project.

PG&E Gas Line Upgrade Project

PG&E continues with their on-going projects within Suisun City limits to install new gas lines with modern piping as replacement for the old existing gas lines that utilize outdated Aldyl-A gas piping. The general locations for the PG&E gas line upgrades are as follows: 1) Downtown/Old Town, 2) East Wigeon Way, and 3) Blossom Avenue/Canvasback Drive/Greenhead Way. These

projects include PG&E coordinating with homeowners to replace gas service lines to each private parcel where needed.

The new pipe installation uses a trenchless method often referred to as directional boring. In Downtown/Old Town, PG&E has elected to utilize open trenches to install the gas lines. The reason for this decision for the Downtown/Old Town area is due to poor pavement conditions on the side streets and the high possibility of discovering unmarked and/or abandoned utility lines in this older part of the City. The Downtown/Old Town project has taken much longer to complete than initially scheduled due to the stop-and-go nature of discovering a number of unmarked and abandoned utility lines and the ensuing coordination with the appropriate utility company. PG&E has also been coordinating with the Developer building the Meridian West Subdivision on the old Crystal School lot.

Once pipe installation is completed in each of those three general locations, PG&E will remove the Underground Service Alert (USA) paint markings, replace impacted sidewalks and curbs/gutters from joint to joint, and backfill/pave over the open trenches, potholes and bore pits. Pavement, sidewalk and curb/gutter restoration will be in compliance with the City's sidewalk, concrete curb/gutter, and pavement restoration details. P&GE will also contribute funds towards a future City resurfacing project equivalent to slurry sealing the length and width of impacted travel lanes or parking spaces.

Project locations #2 and #3 are anticipated to be completed in mid-November 2022. PG&E's project schedule in Downtown/Old Town has been severely impacted for the reasons detailed above. PG&E's new target date for completing the Downtown/Old Town is sometime in the first half of 2023.

Public Works Maintenance Division:

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

- 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 Petersen Road and Humphrey.
- Irrigation repairs at Montebello Park.
- Installed new storm drain lid at 80 Rodondo Ave.
- Mowed the parks per schedule below.
- Mowed turf in the Vic A LLD.
- Mowed Turf in the Lawler Ranch LLD.
- Mowed turf in the Petersen Ranch LLD.
- Mowed turf in the Vic D LLD.
- Weeded, trimmed, and cleaned up Denverton Curve.
- Completed the weeding, trimming, and clean-up of the median along Sunset.

- Completed the weeding, trimming, and clean-up of the median along New Railroad.
- Started the trimming along the south side of Railroad.
- Weed, trim, and clean up in the Victorian Harbor LLD's.
- Checked Christmas tree lights and gathered all Christmas event cords.
- Cleaned out all the storm outfalls in Lawler Ranch.
- Cleaned out all storm drain outfalls in Petersen Ranch.
- Trimmed and cleaned up Geopp Park.
- Completed irrigation repairs at Montebello Park.
- Repaired potholes on Old Railroad Ave.
- Storm Water MRP crew training.
- Responded to and repaired a reported trip hazard at 743 Monte Carlo.
- Responded to a malfunctioning traffic signal at the signal on Walters at the entrance to Walmart.
- Trimmed trees along Little Rock Circle that were blocking the sidewalk (Peterson Ranch LLD).
- Cleaned-up the Waterfront/North Basin Parking Lot in preparation of the Halloween parade and set out No Parking signs.
- Continuous irrigation repairs along Sunset Ave (Heritage LLD).
- Completed irrigation repairs at the Boat Ramp.
- Removed graffiti in Heritage Park.
- Trimmed trees along Bella Vista.
- Irrigation repairs at Montebello Park.
- Repaired pothole by Chevron.
- Repaired sign on Sunset Ave.
- Weed, trim, and clean up entrances (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Installed new 4G Calsense irrigation controllers in the following locations: Waterfall Park, Lawler Ranch Park, and McCoy Creek Park (Lawler Ranch LLD).
- Completed installing security doors in both Heritage Park restrooms.
- Trimmed and cleaned-up the Boat Ramp area.
- Trimmed and cleaned-up the North Basin Parking Lot.
- Removed graffiti at the Geopp Park play structure.

PUBLIC WORKS MOWING SCHEDULE:

We regularly get asked about the mowing schedule for various parts of the city. During the growing season, the following is the typical (sometimes things change) mowing schedule:

- Mow the following areas on a weekly schedule:
 - Monday Hall Park
 - Monday Geopp Park
 - Tuesday Downtown
 - Wednesday Heritage Park

- o Thursday Sports Complex
- o Friday Montebello Park

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/

Have a great December – Happy Holidays!

Greg Folsom City Manager