



## Message from the Manager

### City Manager, Greg Folsom

#### October 2022 Update

Hello Suisun City! How quickly one month goes by. I received positive feedback on the monthly newsletter so I'm glad that so many are actually reading this and find it informative. I'm open to ideas as to information that residents would find helpful in receiving.

So much has been happening in Suisun City this year. Events are back in Suisun City and October was an especially busy month! We have construction projects going on throughout the city with many more about to break ground or in the planning stages.

We have been hiring a significant number of new public safety employees as Council approved staffing for a second fire engine in the year's budget and we were able to fill some vacancies in the Police Department. Council also identified Code Enforcement as a priority in this year's budget and we hired our first employee dedicated to code enforcement.



We have also been investing significantly in technology to improve our efficiency, our transparency, and our ability to provide services to the community. The City of Suisun City now has a full-feature mobile app that provides all residents easy access to several City services, all at the palm of their hand. This interactive engagement tool allows City residents to connect electronically with City Hall for service requests, contact information, news, event calendars, and much more!

Use the "Report an Issue" section to report graffiti, potholes, and other issues directly to the correct city department right from your phone using GIS mapping. Learn about your city's elected officials, programs, and upcoming construction projects. Find parks, facilities, and points of interest along with information, phone numbers, maps, and directions. Stay informed on the latest happenings through the "News" and "Calendar" sections. The **MyCivic** application is available for download through the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Users can then select Suisun City as their city of choice.

## City Council

### ***City Council Meeting Highlights (October):***

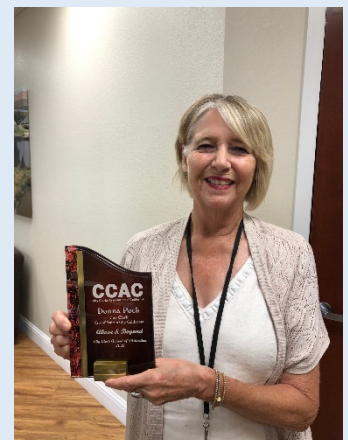
- Swearing-in and Badge Pinning of new Police Officers
- Public Hearings authorizing the sale of several properties downtown to Lionext for development
- Presentation by Humane Animal Services (HAS)
- Presentation of New Light and Air Unit by Fire Department
- Swearing-in and Badge Pinning of new Fire Engineers Luis Rivera and Chris Lujan
- Badge pinning of new Deputy Fire Chief Greg Renucci
- Discussion and Direction on Trash and Illegal Dumping (this will come back for further discussion)
- Finance Department Showcase
- Development Services Department Showcase

### ***City Council Proclamations in October:***

1. Proclamation proclaiming September 15 through October 15, 2022 as “Hispanic Heritage Month” in Suisun City.
2. Proclamation proclaiming October 9 - 15, 2022 as “Fire Prevention Week” in Suisun City.

### ***Deputy City Clerk Celebrates 42 Years of Service:***

Deputy City Clerk, Donna Pock, celebrated 42 years of service to the City of Suisun City this month. Earlier this year, Donna was recognized with a 2022 City Clerk Award of Distinction by the City Clerks Association of California for her exemplary work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond normal expectations to meet deadlines and provide outstanding service to Suisun City residents.



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### ***Fire Prevention Week:***

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Department hosted an open house in honor of Fire Prevention Week. The event was well attended by residents of Suisun City, as well as surrounding cities. Many compliments were received from guests who are already looking forward to next year's event. Events included live fire extinguisher training, firefighter combat challenge course, fire escape plan drawing table, static display of fire apparatus, rescue boats and rescue equipment.



### ***Employee Recognitions:***

The Fire Department's current firefighter staffing levels are: 6 Fire Captains & 3 Fire Engineers, with 3 Fire Engineers in the background process. During a recent City Council meeting, Chief Lopez held an official swearing in and badge pinning for two recent hires of Fire Engineers and recognized a promotion that occurred in early 2022. Due to COVID restrictions at the time, these recognitions were postponed.

Additionally, Greg Renucci was also recognized for his promotion to Deputy Fire Chief of Operations. Please join us in congratulating them in their achievements and well-deserved recognition



### ***SCFD 70<sup>th</sup> Halloween Parade:***

Suisun City Fire Department hosted its 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade downtown. This was a spooktacular event where many children of all ages and families joined in our parade walk followed by awards for best costumes. Special thanks to our Fire Department Staff and Volunteers who continue to make this tradition possible!





### ***Light and Air Unit:***

Suisun City Fire Department showcased their new Light and Air Unit at the October 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The Light and Air Unit is an important new addition to the Fire Department for several critical reasons. It is a specialized piece of firefighting apparatus used by firefighters to provide supplemental lighting and the ability to refill Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) air bottles at the scene of an emergency. During prolonged emergencies, particularly structure fires, where firefighters must remain on air (wearing their SCBAs), these air bottles need to be replaced and refilled.



### ***FSUSD Special Olympics Soccer Event:***

On Friday, October 28, 2022, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) elementary school students participated in part one of the 7th Annual 2022 Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District/Special Olympics Soccer Event. FSUSD has partnered with Special Olympics Northern California to create a sports program to unify students with and without disabilities. This year, the event has been split into two days and spread out to two different locations. On October 28, Crescent Elementary School welcomed 120 students from Anna Kyle and Oakbrook Elementary Schools. Volunteers from the Crescent Elementary School Leadership class, Suisun City Fire Department, and Suisun Police Department were also in attendance to assist with running the various soccer skills stations.

The second part of this event will take place on November 3rd at KI Jones Elementary School and will host 160 students from Dover, David A. Weir Preparatory, and Laurel Creek Elementary Schools. These events provide attendees the knowledge, experience, and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote inclusion, acceptance, and respect for all students.

### **Code Enforcement**

#### ***New Code Enforcement Officer -Making an Impact!***

Our new Code Enforcement Officer, Jesiah Goree, is settling in and already making a difference. Mr. Goree comes to the city from the City of San Rafael where he worked as a Defensible Space Inspector. Mr. Goree is a resident of Suisun City and he knows first-hand the benefits of an active code enforcement program.



#### ***Residential Results***

At the most recent City Council meeting, a concerned resident approached the Council regarding a vacant house with an unrepairable garage. Jesiah inspected the home and was able to make contact with the listing real estate agent. Jesiah and the agent developed a plan to repair the

garage door, and within days a new garage door was attached to the house. Great to see voluntary compliance. A phone call and clear communication with the responsible party is all that was needed.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



### ***Commercial Results***

The Code Enforcement Division received a resident concern regarding a significant pothole in Heritage Park Shopping Center. After inspecting the site, Code Enforcement Officer Goree made direct contact with the management company, and in a day, the company was on site to make the necessary repairs. Another example of voluntary compliance all from a phone call and communication with the responsible party.

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## **Parks Recreation and Marina Department**

### ***Seniors:***

We are continuing to welcome new seniors each week and bingo participants have been especially kind to the new seniors. With October coming to an end, seniors will receive a new schedule for November. There will be several changes with activities, but it will be a month full of fun.

### ***Senior Karaoke Night:***

On October 27th, 40 seniors attended Senior Karaoke Night. DJ Glenn Snyder and his team led this fun night and did a spectacular job. At this free event, seniors participated in karaoke, listened to karaoke, and ate snacks including movie theater style popcorn, chips, and cookies. Some seniors even showed up in Halloween costumes and many seniors got up and danced during karaoke. Overall, it was a great night, and we are looking forward to hosting more events for seniors.



### ***HICAP:***

On Friday, October 28th, ten seniors attended the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) Medicare Annual Choices and Changes Seminar. The HICAP Program Manager, Frank Nelson, presented this free seminar and went over original Medicare Plans, Advantage Plans, helpful resources, and more. He answered many questions and also recommended meeting with a HICAP counselor individually. The seminar was recorded for those that could not attend in person and it will be posted on the website within the next week.



### ***Tap Dancing:***

Beginning Thursday, November 3rd, Tap Dancing with Cyndi returns but on a new day, Thursdays! In each class participants will learn a choreographed routine. This class will be offered for seniors from 10:00am-11:00am for \$2 per class and adults from 11:30am-12:30pm for \$10 per class.



### ***Cruisin' Suisun:***

On October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the Recreation, Parks, and Marina Department hosted the Second Annual Cruisin' Suisun Car Cruise & Car Show. The Car Cruise was on Friday night starting at the Suisun Waterfront. There were 40 cars that participated and cruised around downtown and residential Suisun City. The participants had fun and people enjoyed watching the cruise downtown.

The following day was the Car Show from 9:00am-2:00pm. A total of 88 cars including hot rods, muscle cars, lowriders, and more filled the Main Street Waterfront Parking Lot. It was a beautiful day at the waterfront with people of all ages admiring the classic cars, enjoying the vendors, and listening to live music performed by The Rhythm Method Trio. The awards were presented at 1:30pm and 8 people received awards. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the participants for coming to this event and supporting the RPM Department.



### ***In-Person and Virtual Prosperity Park Community Garden Meetings:***

On October 20th, the RPM Department hosted an in-person community meeting for the Prosperity Park Community Garden. Deputy City Manager Kris Lofthus, Recreation Supervisor Marvin Mora, and Melton Design Group (the contracted design firm for the project) were present. This meeting was attended by over 20 people, and included an overview and history of the project, presentation of the preliminary design, and an opportunity for attendees to give feedback. Attendees voiced their concerns over potential homeless presence, fencing to those whose homes are backed up to the garden, and gave ideas for additional amenities such as motion sensor lighting and



A virtual meeting for those who could not attend the in-person meeting was held on October 26th via Zoom. The meeting was attended by 15 people and included a recap of the feedback from the in-person meeting the week before, overview and history of the project, presentation of the preliminary design, and an opportunity for attendees to give feedback.



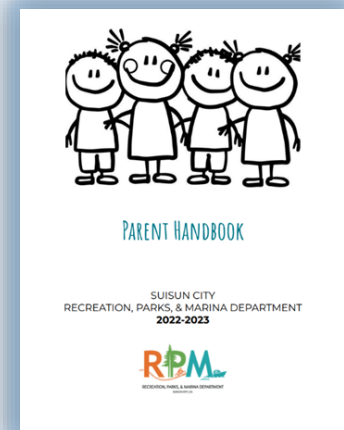
**Preschool:**

We are making strides in preschool. The RPM department is excited to welcome Diana Salt as the new Preschool Coordinator. Diana has more than 10 years of working experience in preschool settings and has her bachelor's degree from CSU, Sacramento in Child Development. Diana is excited to be a part of the RPM Team and looking forward to the return of preschool programs. The last couple of weeks she has been busy preparing for Preschool. As we prepare for the reopening of our preschool programs in the next couple of months, there has been lots of decluttering and deep cleaning happening. Our goal is to have the preschool classrooms ready by mid-December before program starts. We have a long list of interested families for preschool!



The rough draft for the Parent Handbook is completed. The handbook will include information regarding the preschool program for prospective families, and is designed to answer some of the common questions parents may have about the preschool program along with preschool's policies and procedures.

Registration for preschool will open in December. A preschool flyer is currently in the works and should be coming out soon. We are excited for what's to come for preschool!



### **Early Childhood Recreation Classes Funded by First 5 Solano:**

October's Mindful Music Drumming and Mindful Movement Yoga classes wrapped up last week and got rave reviews. Both classes will be back in February 2023.



## FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD RECREATION CLASSES

**PROSPECTIVE SCHEDULE FOR JAN-FEB 2022**

**January 2022**

- Movement w/Music (Wednesdays at 5:30pm)
- Tiny Athletes (Thursdays at 10am)

**February 2022**

- Mindful Movement Yoga (Tuesdays at 5pm)
- Mindful Music Drumming (Tuesdays at 6pm)

Suisun City Recreation is offering FREE 4-week long recreation classes at the Joseph Nelson Community Center for Solano County residents ages 2-4, such as T-Ball, Sports Medley, Dance, and Mindful Movement. Child(ren) are limited to only two total First 5 funded classes throughout the duration of this program (Sept 2022-June 2023). For any questions, please contact Marvin Mora, Recreation Supervisor at [mmora@suisun.com](mailto:mmora@suisun.com)

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REGISTRATION FOR JAN-FEB BEGINS

**12/7**

AT [SUISUN.RECDESK.COM](https://suisun.recdesk.com)

Registration for the January and February 2023 classes will open on December 7 at 9 am online. Classes are expected to fill up quickly, so all interested are encouraged to mark their calendars and create an online account at <https://suisun.recdesk.com/community> in preparation. The program is free for all Solano County residents ages 2-4, and thanks to the First 5 Solano funding, it will provide 20 free recreation classes for ages 2-4 between September 2022 - June 2023.

### ***After School Programs & Upcoming Camps:***

We are currently taking registration for our upcoming Fall Camp of 2022. Fall Camp will take place November 21<sup>st</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30am – 6:00pm at the Joseph Nelson Community Center. Youth will enjoy fall art projects, small and large group games and even archery lessons. While this camp is not funded through the partnership with the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District like our fully attended After School Camps are, we anticipate that many families will use this program to bridge the gap for those that work the week of Thanksgiving and need childcare that is fun for the kids. Registration for Fall Camp is available at <https://suisun.recdesk.com/community> or at the Recreation departments' front desk, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.



## **Police Department**

### ***New Officers:***

Three new officers were sworn in at the October 4th City Council meeting in front of a standing room only audience of friends, family, community members, and public safety staff. The new officers are Frankie Khantigna, Alvin Cangco, and Mark Cardinalli. Each of the new officers had a loved one pin their badge on their uniform.

According to Police Chief, Aaron Roth, "We are pleased to welcome Officers Khantigna, Cangco, and Cardinalli to our Suisun City family. Our Police Department continues to attract quality recruits like these officers and I hope they will serve our community well for years to come."



### ***October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month:***

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Suisun City Police Department wore pink patches to bring attention to this great cause. Breast Cancer Awareness month is an effort to reduce the stigma of breast cancer through education on symptoms and treatment, as well as to call attention to treatment options available.



### ***Inspire Event at the Kroc:***

On Tuesday, October 4th, members of the Suisun City Police Department participated in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District's event *Inspire: Dreams Start Now*.

Our team was able to engage with students and provide tools that can help them start working on a path towards their dream professions. The team provided a series of law enforcement related activities to inspire confidence and facilitate conversation.

### ***Coffee with a Cop:***

On Thursday, October 5th, McDonald's hosted SCPD's National Coffee with a Cop Day event. Chief Aaron Roth and members of the Suisun City Police Department met with residents to discuss issues of concern on an informal basis. Thank you to McDonald's and to everyone who stopped by!





### ***Fleet Week:***

The Suisun City Police Department Marine Unit assisted the U.S. Coast Guard with ensuring the safety and security of spectators and event participants during San Francisco's Fleet Week. SCPD's primary mission was to enforce the security zones that were established for the event in the San Francisco Bay. Numerous Military, Law Enforcement and Fire Department agencies participated in the effort, and SCPD spent three days assisting during the event. SCPD's assistance was paid for using grant funding already awarded to the PD for the Boat Program.



### ***Stolen Vehicle Arrest:***

On October 14th, officers received an alert from the License Plate Reader camera system of a stolen vehicle driving in the city. The vehicle was located by Officer Cardinalli at E. Tabor, just east of Walters Road. A high-risk style car stop was initiated, and two suspects were safely detained without incident. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of narcotics. He was booked into the county jail. The vehicle was released to the victim.

### ***National Walk to School Day:***

National walk, bike and run to School Day was on Wednesday, October 12th. Officers had fun walking with the Suisun Elementary School students and staff while cheering them on!





### **Trunk or Treats:**

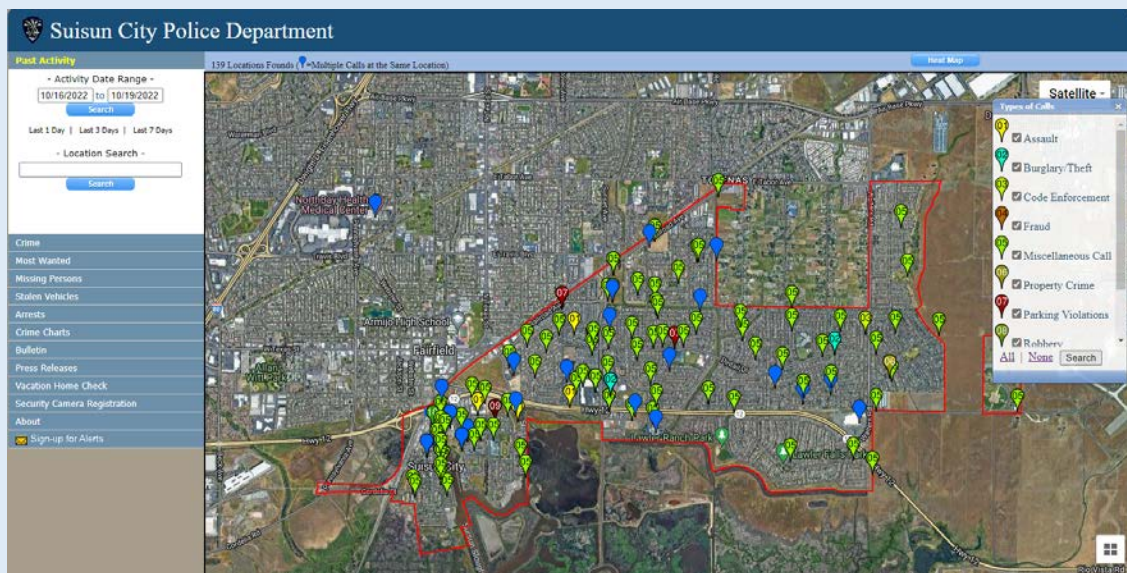
During this past week, SCPD staff participated in several Trunk or Treat events held at the schools and churches around Suisun.

### **Catalytic Converter Thefts:**

Recently, there have been several reports of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles. During the early morning of October 21st, three victims reported their vehicle's catalytic converter were taken during the night. SCPD continues to be on the lookout for such activity and when staffing allows, officers conduct traffic stops during the early morning hours for vehicle code violations to make our streets safer and to further efforts in deterring such thefts.

### **Crime Mapping:**

Just a reminder that SCPD posts all our incident location data (except domestic violence and other protected information) at <https://scpd.crimegraphics.com>. This information can also be found by going to the portal on the Suisun PD website. This allows anyone to search incident data by location and date. Below is a snapshot of the crime map from 10/16/22 to 10/19/22. A comment brought up this week by a community member saying the Daily Republic only shows an average of three incidents a day and that would not be an accurate reflection of the number of incidents SCPD responds to. We are reaching out to the Daily Republic to determine how they receive which calls to publish when they create their police blotter. We occasionally post reminders about our mapping information to our social media sites, and we will be sure to post this again very soon. This is a great tool for our community to see what is going on in our city.





## Development Services Department

### ***Parcel 11 (Dr. Nare):***

The buyer/applicant has submitted a development application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property along Lotz Way (just outside of One Harbor Center). The application is being processed and the transaction to sell the property is moving forward. Documents are being executed to sell the property along Lotz Way outside of the One Harbor Center office building to Dr. Preeti Nare. Escrow is expected to close this month.

### ***Marina Storage:***

Staff is in receipt of the response to the CEQA solicitation for the proposed project. Staff is reviewing the proposal and will send to the applicant. An item will ultimately need to be scheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement.

### ***Zip Thru Carwash***

This project is now open! We wish Zip Thru Carwash great success!



### ***Tractor Supply:***

Staff continues to process the entitlement application for the proposed project. Additionally, the environmental consultant is underway with their work and currently coordinating with the applicant on project details to make sure that the project is accurately represented. The hope is for the majority of the environmental work to be in draft form by the first of the year.

### ***Blossom Avenue Apartments:***

On October 5th, Suisun City elected officials and other VIPs welcomed another new project with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Blossom Avenue Apartments, a new, market-rate, apartment community that will be developed by Red Tail Multifamily Land Development, LLC. The



project will be gated and fenced and will include 180 units ranging up to 3-bedroom units, as well as a clubhouse and a small park area for residents and their pets. Construction is anticipated to take approximately eighteen months to complete and is expected to open to new residents in mid-2024.



This is the third new residential development groundbreaking in Suisun City in the last thirteen months with several more expected soon. These projects, as well as the commercial projects under construction or planned, will be welcomed additions to our community.

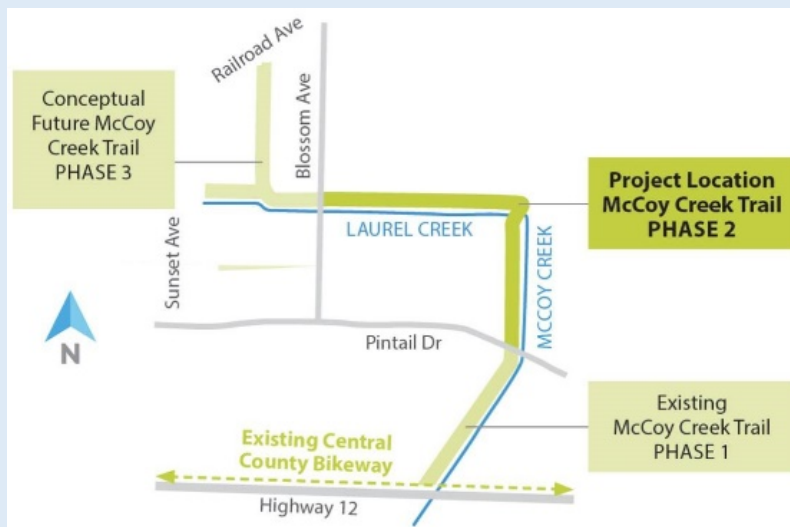
#### ***Housing Element Update:***

The draft Housing Element was sent to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on October 4th. The City's consultant, PlaceWorks, will be following up with HCD staff in the next week to attempt to schedule a preliminary meeting with them to discuss the document. The intent is to have this meeting toward the latter part of November.

## **PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING**

#### ***McCoy Creek Trail Phase II Improvement Project:***

To date, the bridge abutments and concrete walls have been completed. These improvements are on the critical path schedule and their completion is important to meeting California Department of Fish & Wildlife permit deadline. The contractor's schedule includes completing the following improvements by the end of the week: Rip rap along channel embankment fronting the bridge abutments, backfilling against the bridge abutments, hauling additional soil at the north end of the bridge (the grade elevation in this area will be raised about 2.5 feet), and trenching around the bridge abutments for the preparation of block wall installation.



#### ***Asphalt Rubber Cape Seal & Traffic Calming Project:***

The remaining work on this project was completed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) on Whispering Bay Lane fronting Crystal Middle School were installed on October 5<sup>th</sup> and are devices that complement the other improvements (concrete curb ramp, the high visibility crosswalk which replaced the pre-existing standard crosswalk, new roadway striping, and curb ramp upgrades) completed at this location. These improvements will be paid for by Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant funds.

#### ***Public Works Maintenance Division:***

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

- Irrigation repairs at Heritage Park.
- Irrigation repairs at the Sports Complex.
- Cleaned up broken glass in the street at Civic and Almond.
- Responded to a broken water line at Driftwood (Vic A).
- Responded to a sewer complaint at Driftwood (no city side clean out).
- Cleaned up trash along the bike path from Village Dr. to Sunset Ave. (Heritage Park).
- Repainted the crosswalk on Lotz way.
- Repainted the crosswalk on Driftwood and Port.
- Removed and repainted the STOP sign on Brookside and Rodondo.
- Cut weeds and cleaned up Walters center median from Bella Vista to East Tabor.
- Irrigation repairs along Blossom Ave. (Blossom LLD).
- 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.
- Continuous irrigation repairs along Sunset Ave. (Heritage LLD).
- Trimmed and cleaned-up the Boat Ramp area.
- Trimmed and cleaned-up the North Basin Parking Lot.
- Set out No Parking signs for the Halloween Parade/event.
- Removed graffiti at the Geopp Park play structure.
- Completed multiple USA requests.
- Addressed two (2) illegal dumps on Petersen Road and Humphrey Drive.
- Repaired damaged GFI outlet in the Waterfront Plaza.
- Clean-up of the Pickering Lot (Sunset & Old Railroad).
- Weed, trim, and clean up along Blossom Avenue (Blossom LLD).
- Continuous irrigation repairs along Sunset Avenue (Heritage LLD).
- Completed the irrigation repairs and adjustments for the new Heritage Park soccer fields.
- Removed illegally dumped washer on Humphrey Drive.
- Removed illegally dumped tires from Old Railroad Avenue.
- Weeded, trimmed, and cleaned up Bella Vista from Blue Jay to Walters.
- Irrigation repairs at the Sports Complex and Montebello Park.
- Weed, trim and clean-up at Patriot Park and Independence Park (Petersen Ranch LLD).
- Continued installing security doors at the Heritage Park restrooms.
- Continuous irrigation repairs along Sunset Avenue (Heritage LLD).
- Completed the irrigation repairs and adjustments at the Heritage Park soccer fields.
- Trimmed and cleaned up in Hall Park.
- Removed illegally dumped mattress on the Pickering Lot.
- Started the trimming and clean up at Geopp Park.

Public Works Crew continues to work with three (3) people assigned to “Streets,” six (6) assigned to “General Landscape,” and four (4) assigned to “LLD Maintenance.”

**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*
  - *Thursday - Sports Complex*
  - *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 November – Happy Thanksgiving!

*Greg Folsom*

*City Manager*