



## Message from the Manager

City Manager, Greg Folsom

September 2022 Update

Hello Suisun City! It's been a while since I put out a monthly update and I hope to make this a regular thing again. It has definitely been a very busy several years and we have made a lot of progress on a number of important items. Two items in particular I will call out and then we'll focus on more recent activity. First, we have really kick started development in Suisun City over the last several years. The Holiday Inn opened up downtown last year, followed by a new 76 Station/Fatburger on Walters and E. Tabor, Stiizy's Cannabis retail store at 521 Railroad Ave., and then 7-11 on the corner of Walters and Hwy 12. So far this year we celebrated the opening of the Solano Transportation Authority building downtown and the new car wash should be opening soon on Anderson Drive/Grizzly Island Road. I'll provide details on other projects in the works later in this update and more detail on overall development projects in a future update.



Secondly, I want to highlight the great strides we have made with the Fire Department. We have gone from a single engine with one paid staffer on the engine and only Basic Life Support capabilities, to two engines with two paid staffers on each engine and Advanced Life Support (Paramedic-level) capabilities.



### ***New Fire Chief – Brad Lopez***

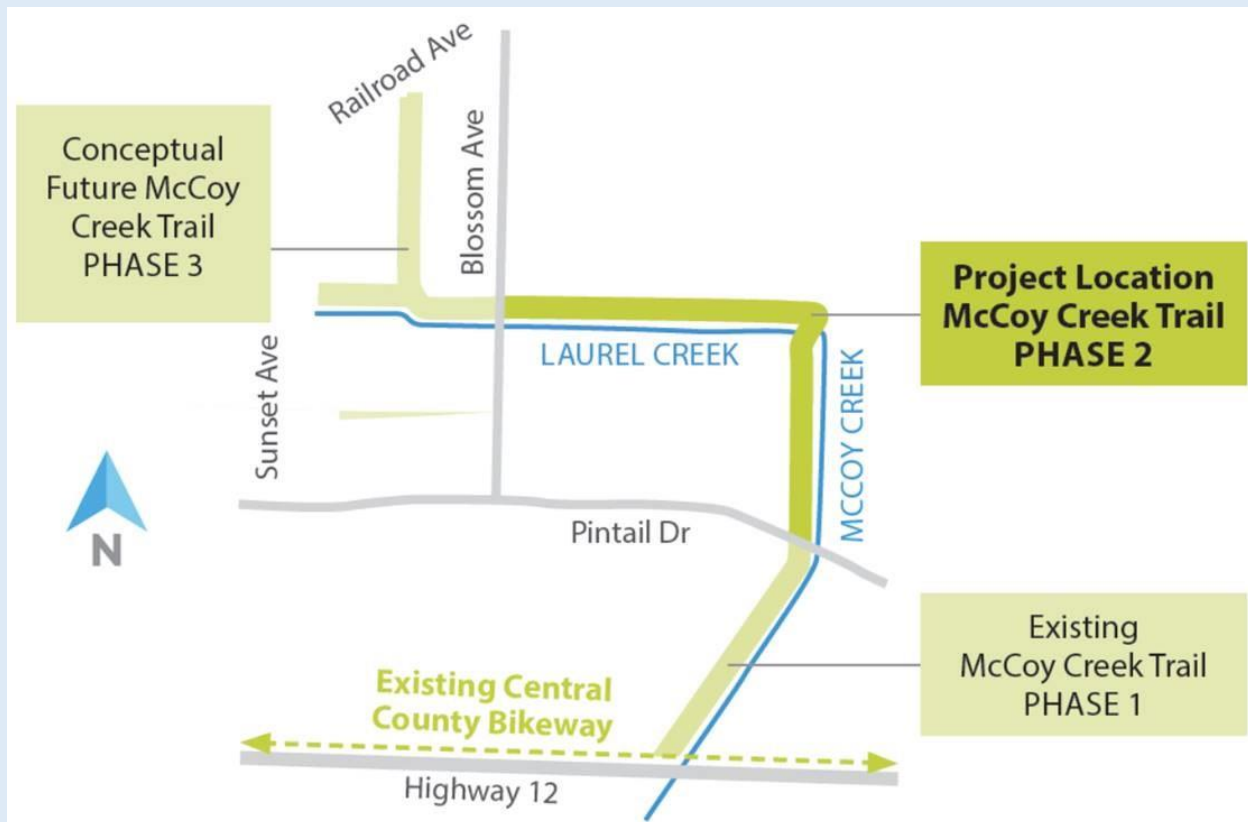
Suisun City is pleased to welcome Brad Lopez as our new Fire Chief. Chief Lopez started with Suisun City on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Lopez comes to Suisun City after having spent 30 years with the city of Winters Fire Department, the last three as Fire Chief. As a combination career/volunteer department, the Winters Fire Department and the Suisun City Fire Department have much in common. Be sure to say hello if you see him around town. Welcome aboard, Chief!

## ***PUBLIC WORKS***

There are a lot of projects and other things going on with Public Works. Here is an update on some of the more important ones:

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

The following activities have been completed to date on this project: erosion control device installation along entire project alignment, set-up construction staging area, clearing and grubbing from Blossom Avenue to Worley Road, and subbase preparations at the future bridge abutments and at the trail segment starting at Blossom Avenue to a point approximately 500 feet to the east. To date, the four 55' bridge piers necessary for installation for the pedestrian bridge of Laurel Creek have been installed along with the installation of approximately 1,000 feet of concrete trail between Blossom Avenue and Worley Road.

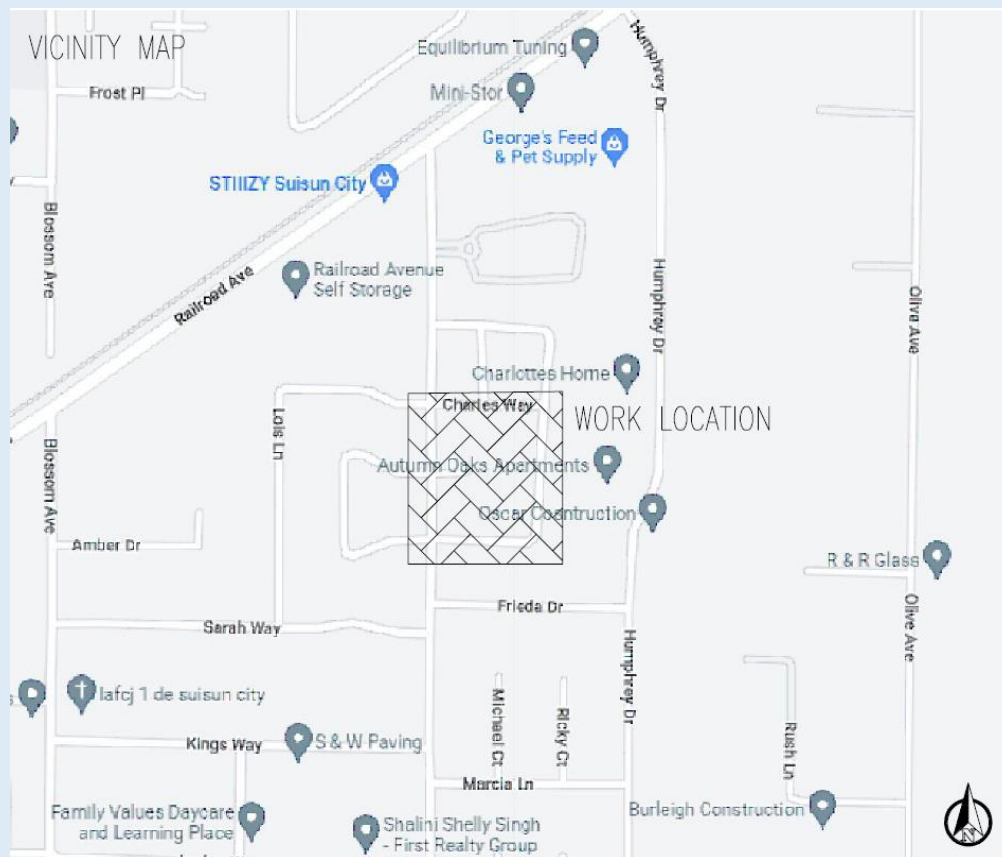


### ***ChargePoint EV Station Project – Park-N-Ride Parking Lot***

The two new electric vehicle (EV) ChargePoint charging stations were installed at the Park-N-Ride Parking Lot last week. However, some of the EV station connection parts were damaged in shipment and staff is waiting on the delivery of the replacement parts. Remaining work on this project also includes installing a new ADA-compliant curb ramp between the two EV charging stations. This curb ramp is scheduled for construction on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion of those two items, the EV charging stations will be connected to the ChargePoint software and opened for public use.

### ***PG&E Projects – City-Wide***

PG&E continues with its on-going project of installing new gas lines within Suisun City's streets, replacing the old gas lines that utilize outdated Aldyl-A gas piping with modern new piping. The general locations for the on-going PG&E projects are as follows: 1) Downtown/Old Town, 2) East Wigeon Way, and 3) Blossom Avenue/Canvasback Drive/Greenhead Way. The projects include PG&E coordinating with homeowners to replace gas service lines to each private parcel where needed. As part of PG&E's encroachment permits, PG&E will contribute funds towards future pavement resurfacing projects. The map below highlights project areas for the next round of work which is scheduled to start in January 2023 and will be on Philip Way and in the surrounding areas. PG&E's Customer Impact Representative is Butch Harris (707) 449-5865.



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 the decision to utilize an open trench method in Downtown/Old Town 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 several unmarked and abandoned utility lines and the ensuing coordination with the appropriate utility company. PG&E has also been coordinating with the developer of the Meridian West Subdivision.

Once pipe installation is completed for 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. PG&E will also contribute funding 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 scheduled 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 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*

#### **SB 1383 – Residential Food Waste Pails**

With passage of SB 1383 the City updated our ordinances on garbage collection. Organic wastes must now be separated from regular garbage in order to meet methane emission reduction targets. Organic wastes that go to landfills emit greenhouse gas and other pollutants. Last year the City revised our franchise agreement to implement SB 1383. As a part of that revision with Republic services, they are to provide organic waste pails to every customer. Republic Services has alerted the city to an unexpected hurdle that has come up with Customs and the importing of the pails. Their updated tentative schedule is to have all pails delivered to residents by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ***DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

##### ***Zip Thru Carwash (1281 Anderson Dr.)***

Fire Department performed final fire sprinkler system inspection. Pending completed As-Built construction plans for final project approval. Look for grand opening soon!

***Tractor Supply (Highway 12 behind USPS)***

The environmental consulting contract was authorized by City Council at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and a kickoff meeting was held this past week. The applicant has resubmitted the development application to staff with comments from departments due by Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Subsequently, the applicant has submitted an application for a fence variance as part of their entitlement package.

***Cannabissary (Humphrey/Railroad)***

The development application for a third cannabis dispensary has been resubmitted as of this week. The application includes new construction of a dispensary on property located along the west side of Humphrey Drive and south of Railroad Avenue. Staff will review the resubmittal and prepare a letter determining the completeness of the application within 30 days of receipt.

***Marina Storage (next to Marina Shopping Center)***

Staff has sent out a solicitation to approved list of environmental consultants to prepare proposals for the project. Proposals are due back to the staff by the end of the day on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

***Element 7 (300 Railroad Avenue)***

The executed development agreement has been provided to staff for recording. Additionally, staff had a meeting with the applicant last week and it is expected that tenant improvement plans will be submitted to the city for permit review within the next two weeks.

***Parcel 11 (Lotz Way in front of One Harbor Center)***

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.

***Olive Tree Ranch (Olive Ave. south of E. Tabor)***

Staff received proposals to complete an environmental analysis for the property and have shared the recommended proposal with the applicant. The applicant is trying to work through a couple of things on the site layout and design end prior to having the environmental work move forward. Ultimately, the City Council will need to authorize the execution of a contract with the selected consultant.

***Henley Apartment Complex (313 Sandy Lane)***

Performed plan review and provided comments for repairs sustained from significant fire.

***Take 5 Oil Change (Walters/Hwy 12)***

Performed resubmittal plan review. Plans approved by FD.



## ***Housing Element Update***

A Joint City Council/Planning Commission held a meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the draft prior to submission to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The public review period will remain open until September 16<sup>th</sup>. The document will then be provided to the State of California within a couple of weeks.

## ***PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT***

### ***Seniors***

On Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, the last Dinner Dance of the Senior Special Events series kicked off at 5:30 pm. 80 seniors enjoyed a fun night out with friends, family, and loved ones. Seniors were eager to get in the door at 4:45pm and over 20 seniors stayed until the last song was over at 9 pm.



On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 90 seniors attended the Senior Health Fair at the Joseph Nelson Community Center. This event was in the Banquet Room from 10:00am-2:00pm and it was busy throughout the event. Many seniors were eager to get in the door early in the morning while others stopped by later in the day.



A total of 21 vendors were in attendance. Many vendors located in Solano County were in attendance, but there were a few that traveled longer distances as well. Each booth was



decorated beautifully and had plenty of literature, snacks, and freebie items such as pens and bags. The Touro C.A.R.E.S. M.V.P. booth, which provided flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and test kits, was very popular. Other vendors including Illumination Mortgage, Ole Health, ApexCare, and more reported a great turnout.

Overall, it was a great event and both vendors and seniors were happy to be there. It was nice to welcome seniors to the event and provide the opportunity to connect with various organizations. Many familiar faces and new faces were in attendance. This Health event has even brought in some new seniors who have already joined us for bingo this week, and we hope to see those new seniors in other programs as well.

### ***I Art Suisun***

The I Art Suisun event on September 17<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Great job by the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission for putting this together and creating an amazing first time event. There were many incredible arts and crafts vendors, great entertainment, art exhibitions, and fun for the whole family. Hopefully this will become an annual event in Suisun City.

### ***Park-It Market Program***

The Park-It Market program will return on Fridays from 11:00am-12:30pm. This program was last offered in June, and we are happy to offer it again. This program provides a beautiful display of free produce for Soul Line Dancing participants. Food is Free Bay Area is an organization that provides high quality, fresh, and free produce for people all over the Bay Area. This organization has teamed up with Innovative Health Solutions, which sponsors the Soul Line Dancing class, to see the benefits for seniors participating in both programs.



### ***Free Early Childhood Recreation Classes sponsored by First 5 Solano***

Thanks to funding by First 5 Solano's Annual Grants Program, Suisun City Recreation is offering a free series of recreation classes for Solano County residents ages 2-4. Staff has established agreements with three different local contractors to put these classes on: Motion Dynamics Dance, CARE4EM, and Air Blair Athletics. Classes offered include T-Ball, Sports Medley, Toddler Drumming, Toddler Yoga, Ballet/Tap, and Toddler Music Movement. The program will provide 20 free recreation classes for ages 2-4 between September 2022 and June 2023, which would create a following for Suisun City RPM Department to be a hub for toddler and preschool aged recreation programming.

Registration is now open, and the response has been amazing! As of September 7<sup>th</sup>, all September classes are filled. The Mindful Movement Yoga class only has a few spots remaining. The program will take a break in December in respect to the Holiday Season, and then resume in January 2023. The community is excited for these classes!



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **\*\*\*Operation Clear Track\*\*\***

This week is Rail Safety Week, and SCPD participated in Operation Clear Track to help promote railway safety. Patrol officers participated by contacting people near our rail crossings and handing out informational flyers. Below is an excerpt from the Clear Track Web Site:

*"During Operation Clear Track, hundreds of local, state, federal and railroad police organizations are stationed at grade crossings across the country to distribute safety materials to motorists and pedestrians and reinforce the importance of crossing and trespass laws as well as participating in virtual rail safety messaging."*

### **WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR RAIL SAFETY WEEK?**

**Every 3 hours in  
the United States**

A PERSON OR VEHICLE IS HIT BY A TRAIN.

**More than 2,100  
people are  
injured or killed**

ANNUALLY IN CROSSING AND TRESPASSING  
INCIDENTS IN THE NORTH AMERICA.

**More than 50%  
of collisions  
occur**

AT CROSSINGS EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTS  
AND/OR GATES.



**\*\*\* City Officer Initiative/Traffic Enforcement\*\*\***

During the past week, SCPD has been able to conduct several foot patrols and homeless encampment contacts during the hours we have had additional coverage due to the City Officer Initiative outlined in previous updates. This week's activity has resulted in several encampments being moved from public areas, as well as several traffic enforcement stops initiated for "moving" violations.

Additionally, SCPD brought in extra staff to conduct a traffic enforcement detail on 9/21/22. This traffic enforcement detail was conducted through-out the city and specifically in our neighborhoods. The focus was on targeting Primary Collision Factor (PCF) violations, such as speeding, unsafe lane change, following too closely and stop signs/light violations, just to name a few.



The team of Officers provided education and enforcement as it relates to “moving violations” and keeping the community of Suisun City safe. Below is the total activity for this operation:

- Total citations issued - 24
- PCF violations - 14
- Unlicensed/suspended drivers - 7
- Verbal warnings – 10
- Felony arrest – 1
- Towed vehicles – 6

**\*\*\*30x30 Initiative\*\*\***

SCPD is proud to announce we've joined the 30x30 Initiative by signing the [#30x30Pledge](#)! We are joining the movement to advance women in policing and support the success of women officers in all ranks while increasing female officer staffing to at least 30% by 2030 (it's currently 27% at SCPD). More information on the 30x30 initiative and the benefits associated with the initiative can be found here: <https://30x30initiative.org>



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### ***Halloween Parade***

The Suisun City Fire Department will be hosting the annual Halloween Parade on the waterfront on Monday, October 31. More details will be out soon on the Fire Department’s Facebook page.

### ***Fire Department Open House***

In honor of fire safety week there will be an open house at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come out between 11am and 2pm to learn more about the Fire Department and fire safety.



Station 47  
621 Pintail Dr.  
Suisun City

## **Suisun City Fire Department**



**2022 Open House**  
**October 15th, 2022**  
**11am - 2pm**

**In honor of Fire Prevention Week  
the fire department is opening  
the doors to the public**

- ❖ Free Popcorn
- ❖ See the Fire Engines
- ❖ Meet Your Firefighters
- ❖ Learn about Fire Safety
- ❖ Firefighter Obstacle Course Challenge

**For more  
information call  
(707) 421-7205**

**Proclamations in September:**

1. Proclamation proclaiming August 25, 2022 as “The Touro University of California 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration” in Suisun City.
2. Proclamation proclaiming September 17 through 23, 2022 as “Constitution Week” in Suisun City.

Have a great October – Happy Halloween!



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