

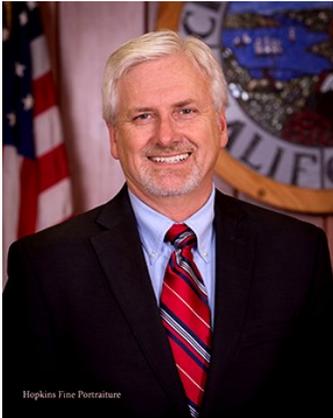
# EUREKA ENEWS

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## City Manager's Column



As we near the end of 2016, it seems to be a great time to provide an update on the City of Eureka's efforts to reduce homelessness in our community. For nearly a year, the City and Humboldt County have been primarily focused on the goal of "Housing First", to place houseless individuals and families in housing with support services to follow as a means to reduce homelessness. We launched the 30 in 60 campaign with the goal of housing thirty people in sixty days. This effort was successful and resulted in housing 73 people within the 60 day campaign. We also worked with Betty Chinn and the Greater Eureka Community Outreach Program (GECOP) in the creation of container housing for 40 people as a means of moving campers out of the Palco Marsh and the greenbelts. The containers, first located at the Mercer Fraser property at 3rd and Commercial and since relocated to the city owned parking lot on

Washington Street, provide safe, dry, housing, with staff resources to help prepare people for jobs and more permanent housing. Betty's program for individuals is for 90 days and the results have proven to be successful. The city provided \$75,000 in funding from Housing Successor funds-not general tax dollars, to be matched for the operation of Betty's Blue Angel Village. This funding will provide services for one year from November 2016 to 2017.

It has been an eventful year in addressing homelessness by providing solutions as well as addressing negative community impacts of illegal camping. On May 2, the city undertook a massive effort to remove the encampments along the waterfront that have existed for many years. This resulted in a great deal of displacement that was addressed by the Blue Angel Village, Eureka Rescue Mission, and through the creation of temporary rotating sleeping areas. These sleeping areas functioned on public property where tents could be placed at night and removed in the morning. The number of people using these areas ranged from 20 to 50, with others continuing to camp illegally on both public and private property throughout the area. A month ago, the city eliminated the temporary sleeping areas due to ongoing public safety issues related to burglaries, vandalism, and assaults in the vicinity of the sleeping areas.

2016 also saw a major improvement in reducing panhandling due to a new ordinance and enforcement that targeted safety concerns of panhandlers in the medians and in the intersections.

Solving homelessness and the impacts on neighborhoods and business will continue to be a top priority as we move into the new year. This is an issue that requires the continued collaboration with Humboldt County, social service providers, businesses, and the community. Together we can continue to make Eureka an even better place to live.

Sincerely,

Greg L. Sparks, City Manager



# December Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	<b>3</b> <u><a href="#">Holiday Crafts Bazaar</a></u> <u><a href="#">Tuba Christmas</a></u> <u><a href="#">Arts Alive</a></u>
4 <b>Motorcycle Toy Run</b>	5	6	7	8	9 <b>North Coast Dance Nutcracker Opening night</b>	10 <b>Trucker's Parade</b>  Hikshari' Volunteer Trail Stewards
11 <b>North Coast Dance Nutcracker</b>	12 <b>North Coast Dance Nutcracker</b>	13 <b>North Coast Dance Nutcracker</b>	14 <b>North Coast Dance Nutcracker</b>  Coffee with the Captains	15	16	17          <b>Cooper Gulch Volunteer Trails</b>
18	19	20	21 <b>Drive-by Live Nativity</b> →	22	23	24  <b>Christmas Eve</b>
25  <b>Christmas Day</b>	26 <b>City Hall Closed</b> →	27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>

**Volunteer Opportunity:** The Cooper Gulch Volunteer Trail Stewards Meet at the 10th and R Street parking lot (next to the Eureka Skateboard Park) in Eureka. Please bring gloves and eye protection if you have them. For more information contact Linda at (707)498-8086.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** The Hikshari' Volunteer Trail Stewards work on the trail the second Saturday of every month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We meet at the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Hilfiker Lane!

Eureka City Hall will be closed from December 26, 2016 thru January 2, 2017. This week between Christmas and New Year is a slow time of the year for business conducted in City Hall. Employees will be working during this closure or taking planned vacation time. Utility payments will be accepted through the website or at the drop box located outside of City Hall at the 6<sup>th</sup> street entrance. All other city offices will remain open including the Police Department, Adorni Center and Public Work's buildings. Citizens who are planning to do work during this time period should obtain permits prior to the planned closure.

# Business of the Month: *The Clarke Museum*

The Clarke Museum was founded by Cecile Clarke and was originally located at Eureka High School, as she was the history teacher there. Once the collection outgrew the space, Ms. Clarke purchased the old Bank of Eureka building on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and E streets and moved the collection down in 1960, with the original name of Clarke Memorial Museum in dedication of her parents.



*Be sure to check out the gift store as well to pick up Christmas gifts!*



The Clarke loves to feature locally made products in the gift shop, including food, jewelry, ceramics, baskets, textiles and history books. Some of the best sellers are Kay's Kozy Quilts hand-sewn items, Happy Woman jewelry, Joyce Norell's pottery, and Wiyot Tribal member Lillie Johnston's baskets. All are one of a kind, reasonably priced, and support local artisans.

The Bank of Eureka building is by far the Clarke Museum's most cherished artifact; it not only provides shelter for the museum's pieces but is also a beautiful example of Classical Revival building, constructed from local Mad River granite and marble from the Yosemite valley area. At the time of construction in 1911, the bank touted that the building was a "Grade A" fireproof building, as it was constructed with no wood, safe guarding people's money from fires which were very common at the time.

The Native American wing of the Museum, called Nealis Hall, was once the Liberty Theater. The theater hosted everything from vaudeville to movies, but fell into disrepair and sat empty for many years until George Mann, the owner of the theater, worked out an agreement to donate the land to the museum if the City agreed to build the wing. The City agreed to take on the project, and completed construction in 1979. Today this wing houses the Clarke's famous collection of local Native American baskets, regalia, and stoneware.

Fast forwarding to present day, the museum has 3 full time employees and 2 part-time employees, with dozens of volunteers who help with exhibits, building repairs, tours, and more. Volunteers at the museum are always appreciated, and are vital to the continued success of the museum.

The Museum's biggest accomplishment in 2016 was the successful completion of Phase 1 of the WWII Educational Memorial at the Arcata-Eureka airport, a \$25,000 project which brought together dozens of individuals and organizations together to make the vision a reality, though the cost of the project as well as ongoing expenses rests on the shoulders of the Clarke Museum.

The Clarke is also revitalizing the Outreach Program, hopefully with the aid of grant funding. The outreach program brings the museum to schools and senior centers who do not have the funding for a field trip to the museum. Items from the collection were selected and a presentation put together so that an engaging and thought provoking experience may be had by all.

The museum is also revitalizing its speaker series; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month is dedicated for either a presentation, workshop, or demonstration open to the public. The Clarke is a wonderful facility for talks and workshops ranging from local history discussions to earthquake/tsunami preparedness to demonstrations on topics such as hand quilting and Native American basket weaving. Make sure to sign up for e-blasts to hear about all the great events lined-up for 2017!

- *On 12/3 for December Arts Alive, the Scotia Band will make their annual trip to the museum, along with hot apple cider, and a raffle to help bring in the holiday cheer!*
- *On 12/10, from 12-3, the Clarke Museum is hosting an appraisal of Native American baskets. Coleen Kelley Marks and Bruce Pettit will provide informal appraisals (a verbal approximation of value) for \$15 per basket. No appointment is necessary. In addition, there will be a rummage sale of museum grade items, and all proceeds benefit the museum.*
- *Current exhibits include: Cars, Culture and Humboldt County in the 1950s, a look back at car culture in this region; Remembering the Korean War; Gun exhibit on military weapons, plains rifles, and Colts, Smith & Wesson, and Remington firearms; The Native American exhibits include: The Hailstone Collection of Native American Baskets, and The Hover Collection of Karuk Baskets; and in the Community Case for December is an exhibit on doll houses by Diane Bowers.*

The Clarke has something for everyone, please stop by for a visit in person, or check them out online at [clarkemuseum.org](http://clarkemuseum.org) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/ClarkeHistoricalMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/ClarkeHistoricalMuseum).



**Archaeology and Cultural Awareness Day brought together traditional Native American cultural practitioners and archaeologists to teach the public, with over 500 people attending!**



**Nearly 1,000 students annually take docent-led tours at the museum!**



# CLARKE MUSEUM

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***Please Become a Member or Renew Your Membership Today!***

***Help Support Our Rich History***

***A Letter from Ben Brown, Clarke Museum Director and Curator***

Dear Friend and Member of the Clarke Historical Museum,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Clarke Museum, and your membership that helps promote and preserve our rich regional culture and heritage. Good news! We have simplified the membership cycle. From now on, all memberships will expire at the end of each calendar year, and we invite you to purchase your 2017 membership today.

The Clarke Museum achieved many important milestones in 2016. With your support, and led by a strong Board of Directors, members, donors, and volunteers, the Museum completed Phase 1 of the WWII Educational Memorial at the Arcata-Eureka airport, a project four years in the planning, which brought together a dedicated group who contributed time and resources to make this \$26,000 vision a reality. The memorial, and the packed crowd in attendance at the unveiling, is a testament to the commitment this community has for honoring and learning from our local veterans.

Along with great exhibits, and many educational events, over 12,000 people visited the museum last year, including 1,000 students who received docent-led tours. We have another ambitious schedule of events and exhibits planned for 2017. The Clarke Museum is only as strong as the support we receive from the community. Established as a gift to the local community and all the visitors who come each year, your ongoing (or new) support as a member, volunteer, and donor honors Cecile Clarke for her vision, and all those who have donated items to make this an outstanding museum and historical gem that enriches this region.

You are an important part of this living legacy. Please renew your membership today, and consider giving a gift membership to friends and family. Thank you for supporting the Clarke Museum, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

***Wishing You and Your Loved Ones a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!***

## Get to Know a Zone District: RM-2500

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Welcome to the first installment of our fourteen part series “Get to Know a Zone District.” In this series, a staff-member in the Planner Division answers questions about each Zoning District in the City. This month we will be exploring one of our most flexible zones: RM-2500

What is RM-2500? What does it stand for?

Great question. The “RM” stands for “Residential Multi-Family”. The 2500 refers to the minimum lot area required per housing unit that can be built on the lot. A 5,000 s.f. lot could accommodate two housing units (a duplex). A 7,500 s.f. lot could accommodate three housing units (a triplex), and so on...

So this is the zone for duplexes?

You might say that. Perhaps a better way to think of the RM-2500 zone is as a “middle step” between the single-family residential RS-6000 zone and the full-on multifamily RM-1000 zone. In practice, most City average-sized lots in this zone would “max-out” at a duplex or triplex.

What about single family homes?

Single family homes are allowed here as well. The difference is that in this zone a property owner has the option to build to a higher density if they so choose (and the site allows).

What about commercial uses, like banks and restaurants? Could those go in this zone?

Not under the current rules. This zone is all about maintaining a peaceful, quiet, medium-density residential environment. However, in the coming months the City Council will be entertaining a concept proposed by staff that would allow some existing or previously-existing neighborhood-scale commercial facilities to be located in the RM-2500 zone under limited circumstances. Examples of existing neighborhood-scale commercial facilities include Pat’ Market, Handee Market, Brick-and-Fire Bistro, and Harris & K Market. Each of these existing commercial facilities was made “non-conforming” under the 1966 Eureka Zoning Code, though they have been allowed to continue since then as “grandfathered.” The current proposal would reverse the 1966 decision and allow these residential markets to continue under limited circumstances.

What about home-based businesses? I taxidermy small woodland creatures into medieval battle scenes and sell them online. Could I do that from my house in the RM-2500 zone?

Most likely, yes. There are certain home-based business types that are allowed in this zone. A person must get what is known as a “Home Occupation Permit” from the Development Services Department first, however. Not all businesses qualify; they must be low-key businesses that won’t disrupt the neighborhood. If the business creates addition noise, traffic, etc. it probably would not be allowed.

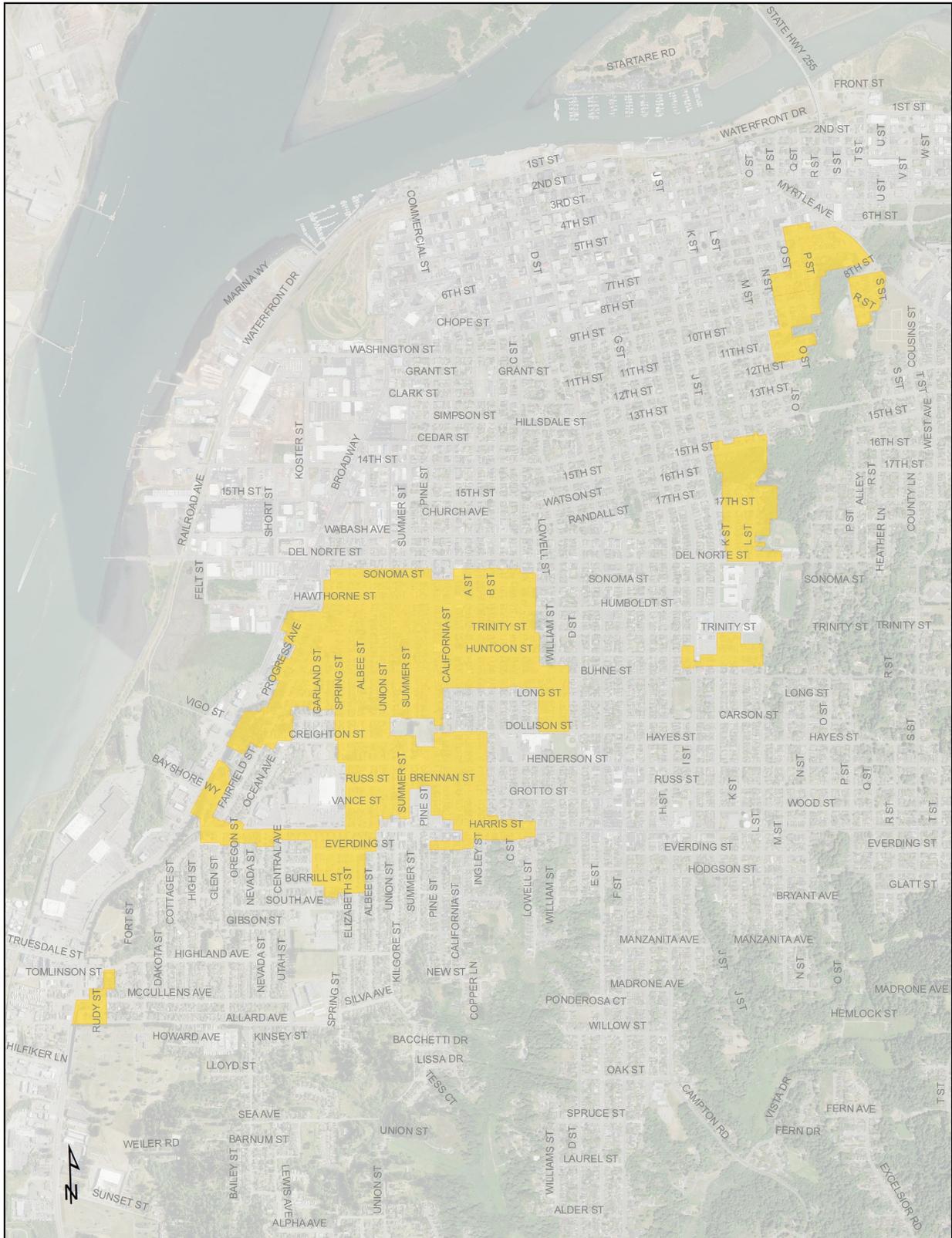
What about Mother-in-law units? Are they allowed in this Zone?

Yes, with some limitations. Mother-in-law units, or Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) as we call them, are permitted. But because second units (distinct from ‘secondary units’) are allowed, it might make more sense to build a second unit if you have the room. Benefits of second units over secondary units are that second units can be built taller (35’ vs. 12’) and larger (maximum square footage for an SDU is only 640 s.f.).

Where can I get more information about other zoning stuff?

The Development Services Department (and Planning Division) is open Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm (closed from noon-1:00) at City Hall. Stop by or call 441-4160 to speak with a planner.

## RM-2500 Zone Districts in Eureka





## news release

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Nov. 2, 2016

### Housing campaign exceeds goal

The 30-60 Housing First Campaign in Eureka has come to an end, and more than 70 people have been housed since August.

A joint venture between the City of Eureka and County of Humboldt, the campaign was launched Aug. 8, with the goal of housing 30 local homeless people in 60 days.

The goal was achieved in the first 38 days. By the 60-day mark the total of people housed more than doubled including 73 adults and children.

"So many agencies have worked together to make this happen," said Sally Hewitt, a senior program manager with the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). "It's very encouraging."

The 30-60 Housing First Campaign was a recommendation from Sacramento-based consulting firm Focus Strategies which specializes in helping communities use local data to develop a systems approach to reducing homelessness.

In March, the Eureka City Council and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors passed a joint resolution to collaborate on homeless issues and adopt the Housing First model, which prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold.

"The 30-60 campaign is a vital component of the overall success in reducing homelessness in the greater Eureka area," said Eureka City Manager Greg Sparks.

Sparks and Hewitt said local landlords and property managers and staff from Arcata House Partnership, DHHS, the Mobile Intervention & Services Team, Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center, Betty Chinn's Blue Angel Container Village, Eureka Police Department, Redwood Community Action Agency staff at the Multiple Assistance Center, as well as funds from Measure Z all contributed to the campaign's success.

The 30-60 Housing First Campaign has ended, but Hewitt said the city and county partnership will continue its effort to house the homeless, with a focus on engaging landlords.

"We've established some great relationships with landlords and property managers," Hewitt said. "If you have units for rent, we would still love to talk to you."

Landlords looking for more information about the program can contact DHHS Program Manager Jaclyn Culleton at 707-441-5526.

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Nov. 2, 2016

## 30-60 Housing First campaign data

The following agencies and organizations assisted people in finding permanent housing during the campaign.

- The Multiple Assistance Center: referrals to housing for 4 single adults and 1 couple with no children
- EPD/MIST: 2 single adults
- Comprehensive Community Treatment: referral to housing for 1 single adult
- CalWORKs Housing Assistance Program (with assistance from MIST on one household of 2): referrals to housing for 12 households consisting of 14 adults and 24 children
- CalWORKs Linkages program: referrals to housing for 1 adult with 1 child
- Blue Angel Container Village: referrals to housing for 3 single adults
- Betty Chinn housing program: referrals to housing for 1 single adult and 4 families, which included 7 adults and 11 children
- Arcata House Partnership Family Shelter: referrals to housing for 1 adult with 1 child
  
- 73 total: 36 adults, 37 children
- 13 people in households without children
- 60 people in households with at least one adult and one child
- 0 unaccompanied children

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## CITY OF EUREKA AWARDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The City of Eureka is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a State of California Community Development Block Grant (#16-CDBG-11139) in the amount of \$1,100,000. These funds will assist the City in providing homeownership (\$372,093) and Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation loans (\$558,140) to low/mod individuals. A general administration award of \$93,023 was also awarded. Low/moderate income is defined by CDBG as no more than 80% of the Humboldt County area median income, as established by HUD. Homebuyers must purchase “modest” homes located within the city limits of Eureka. The City maintains a long term commitment to the provision of housing for low/moderate income households, who might not otherwise be given an opportunity to purchase a home, as per the goals of the City’s Housing Element.

The City was also awarded \$93,000 to conduct a “City of Eureka Strategic Plan to Create Manufacturing and Industrial Jobs.” The Strategic Plan will identify specific actions that the City can take to help existing business grow, opportunities to attract new manufacturing businesses, and other strategies to create high quality jobs. A range of industries will be analyzed for job expansion opportunities, including water-based manufacturing, fishing and aquaculture industries, niche manufacturing, artisans and crafting manufacturing, construction management services, specialty food manufacturing, regional co-packing and bottling, cooperative distribution cross-dock centers, and others. The Strategic Plan will also identify funding options for the proposed actions.

For more information or to be added to the City’s Housing Programs Waiting Lists, please contact the City’s Development Services Economic Development and Housing Division at 707-441-4209.

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## CITY PLANNER EARNS CERTIFICATION



City of Eureka Associate Planner Brian Heaton has earned his professional certification by passing the AICP exam this past November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a major accomplishment in the professional life of an Urban Planner. According to the American Planning Association, “AICP certification is the only nationwide, independent verification of planners’ qualifications.”

In order to be eligible to sit for the exam, Mr. Heaton was required to demonstrate a range of qualifications, including academic qualifications, work experience, and mastery of essential planning skills (through a pre-test). As a certified planner, Mr. Heaton will annually pledge to uphold the AICP Code of Ethics and will be required to earn professional credits through advanced professional education.

Brian moved to Eureka in late 2015 to take a position with the City as Assistant Planner. In October of this year he was promoted to Associate Planner. In his time at the City, Mr. Heaton has assisted dozens of Eureka residents to permit their home additions, worked with countless businesses to facilitate their development, coordinated design review applications, managed multiple historic preservation projects, and assisted with several significant improvements to the City’s zoning-related rules and regulations. One of Brian’s most significant projects was the facilitation of a new City ordinance associated with “Mobile Vendors” (a.k.a Food Trucks), which required multiple public meetings and significant coordination with many of the City’s food-related businesses.

Prior to his time in Eureka, Brian spent a year in Sweden where he picked up many innovative urban planning ideas. Prior to his European adventures, Brian served as a Planner in Idaho and Wyoming. In Idaho, Brian worked in the City of Rock Springs, a booming oil town that was brimming with new residential, industrial, office, and retail developments. Prior to his work experience, Brian received his Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Brian has made many significant contributions to the City in his short time here and is clearly destined for greatness. Over the course of the next year, he will be spending a significant amount of his time re-writing the City’s Zoning Code. Conveniently, Brian is a self-described “unapologetic code nerd” that loves urban planning and promoting development. If you would like to congratulate him on his newly earned certification or if you ever need help with a planning issue, feel free to call Brian at 707-441-4160.

**United Bikers of Northern California**  
**Humboldt County**

**41st Annual**



**TOY RUN**

**Sunday, December 4th, 2016**

**All motorcycles welcome**

**Leave Arcata Plaza at the noon whistle**

**RIDE TO EUREKA, COLLECT TOYS, 50/50 RAFFLE & LUNCH**

**Info: Vince (707) 834-4826 or Jeff (707)498-0698**

**Website: [www.ubnchumboldt.com](http://www.ubnchumboldt.com)**

**Please bring an  
unwrapped toy  
or \$5 donation  
For the children of  
the  
Eureka Rescue  
Mission**

## WHO'S NEW?

Eureka is dedicated to being a “business-friendly” city. This newsletter column highlights newly established businesses in commercial locations. Between October 7 and November 22 of this year, the City approved the following business licenses:

Business Name Or Type	Address
Robert's Barbershop	633 Commercial
Raliberto's Taco Shop	1039 4 <sup>th</sup> St
Pali Yoga	117 F St
Two Beauties	622 2 <sup>nd</sup> St
Casa Gonzalez	1134 5 <sup>th</sup> St
The Hammered Posy	1102 G St
A Perfect 10 Beauty Salon	138 W 7 <sup>th</sup> St
Tailwaggers II	615 3 <sup>rd</sup> St
Salmonid Restoration Federation	425 Snug Alley
R.A. Construction	2806 Summer St.
MedCure Services	4433 Broadway
Holly Welhoff	4 7 <sup>th</sup> St, Suite A
Young Forever Company	3300 Broadway
Zwerdling Law Firm	123 F Street, Suite C
North Painting	616 Madrone Ave
Hard Hat Café	1656 Union St
Surfside Burger Shack	445 5 <sup>th</sup> St
Jayz	3154 Nevada St
Cali's Creations	3154 Nevada St
Christina Maria Brown	622 2 <sup>nd</sup> St
China One Buffet	1835 4 <sup>th</sup> St
Body High	211 5 <sup>th</sup> St
Brother Property Management LLC	1126 McCullens Ave
Vista Del Mar	91 Commercial
Youtiful	2833 D St
Forever Young Beauty Salon	308 2 <sup>nd</sup> St
Lularoe Katrina Richter	3300 Broadway
Lularoe Caroline Holt	3300 Broadway
The Hairport	2754 E Street

Join us in congratulating these businesses. Please stop by their new locations and see what they have to offer!



## Today's Forecast: Preparedness With a 100% Chance of Safety

As we move in to the heart of Winter the single most important item to consider is being prepared. This will help keep you safe, warm, and cozy as it's blowing and raining outside.

With cold winter temperatures there is an increased use of fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters, and other alternative heating methods. There are an increased number of fires and other emergencies caused by heating appliances due to more usage. The following tips can help you maintain a safe home this winter.

Install a carbon monoxide detector. Malfunctioning or improperly installed heating appliances can leak carbon monoxide gas, as can generators. Outdoor heating appliances should only be used outside. Carbon monoxide fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors. If you have to use a generator for power, only run it outdoors and away from windows and doors. Also, do not refuel generators while they are running.

Early in my career as an officer with Humboldt Bay Fire I had the unfortunate opportunity to respond to a multi-casualty incident at a single family residence involving an entire family who was suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. The call originated as a routine medical call but as the firefighters were treating the patient with the worst signs and symptoms, the firefighters began to develop headaches and dizziness. We removed all people from the residence to fresh air. We then monitored the atmosphere with our monitors and found that the carbon monoxide levels were several times higher than safe limits. Eight people in this family were transported and treated for varying levels of exposure to the gas. Upon further investigation, it was found that a brand new furnace had been installed improperly causing the carbon monoxide levels to elevate. As the temperatures dropped, the furnace was being used more and more until the levels began to affect the health of the occupants. If they had only had a carbon monoxide alarm, they could have avoided a very close call. An alarm would have sounded and indicated the levels were unsafe, most likely triggering the occupants to contact the fire department or Pacific Gas and Electric. Fortunately for the family, because they called for the medical aid, we were able to identify and eliminate this silent killer from their home.

To help avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and to aid in lowering heating bills, have your furnace inspected annually to ensure that it is in good working condition. Maintain a 3 foot separation between things that can burn and heating equipment, including checking floor heaters to make sure they are not covered by floor coverings or other combustibles. If you are using portable space heaters as a source of heat, install and use them according to the manufacturer's instructions. Extension cords shouldn't be used for an electric-powered space heater. Remember to keep young children away from heaters and stoves—especially when they are wearing pajamas or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.

The Greater Eureka area has a higher rate of floor furnace fires than other areas of California as these types of heating appliances are more common here. The causes of floor furnace fires that we at Humboldt Bay Fire have responded to are due to combustibles being placed on or too close to the floor furnace. Many people believe that when the thermostat to the appliance is turned all the way down the appliance is off. This is incorrect. When the thermostat is all the way down, it is simply in the lowest temperature setting. Even if it's set low, colder temperatures at night can cause the furnace to come on. If there are area rugs or other materials over it or nearby, this can lead to a fire. Always keep combustibles at least three feet from the grate of the furnace.

If you have a fuel burning appliance, such as Kerosene, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide, and only use the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. Refueling should be done outside of the home. Kerosene heaters should never be filled while the heater while is operating or hot. Follow manufacturer's instructions. In this area many people still utilize wood to heat their homes. If you have a wood stove, have the stove and flue inspected and cleaned annually. Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly with proper clearances. Always keep a screen in front of the fireplace opening and keep combustible materials away from the fireplace or stove. When starting a fire only use paper or kindling to start the fire and never use flammable liquids in the fireplace or stove. To avoid a buildup of creosote, use only dry, seasoned wood in a fireplace or wood stove. Artificial logs should not be used in wood stoves. When you clean your fireplace or woodstove, allow the ashes to cool before disposing of them in a metal container. Every year we encounter fires caused by ashes being disposed of in paper bags or plastic containers which will melt.

Additionally, here are a few more general safety tips. First, if you can avoid going out in inclement weather do so. However, if you must go out, plan for additional time to get there as the roads may be slick. If you encounter flooded roads, don't try to drive through the water. Vehicles can be swept away with just a few inches of flowing water. Higher water can also cause a vehicle to stall. Always remember to drive with your headlights on in poor weather to make your vehicle more visible.

On those windy days, limbs and debris may blow and can also make high profile vehicles more unstable or difficult to drive. Power lines, cable and phone lines may also come down in higher winds. Never approach a down line as it may be energized. Energized lines can look the same as de-energized lines.

If you have any questions about these safety tips, please give us a call at Humboldt Bay Fire at 441-4000 and we will be happy to help you prepare.

## Humboldt Bay Holiday Safety Tips

It seems that every year Christmas preparation arrives all too soon. Although it is early November, Humboldt Bay Fire and the National Fire Protection Association would like to offer everyone some Christmas tree safety tips as we enter in to this holiday season. We've also included some tips specific to our furry friends and how to keep them safe during the holidays.

Christmas trees can be a significant fire hazard if not properly selected, installed, maintained, and disposed of. Every year in America Christmas trees account for 250 fires annually, resulting in 14 deaths, 26 injuries and more than \$13.8 million in property damage.

The most important thing you can do to keep your tree safe is to keep it watered and green. A dry tree ignites easily and grows rapidly. On the other hand a well-watered tree is much harder to ignite and has limited fire growth.

When you bring your tree home cut off an inch of trunk at the base and place the tree in a sturdy stand that covers the base by at least 2 inches of water.

The most common causes of Christmas tree fires are shorts in electrical lights and extension cords or open flames from candles, lighters or matches. Use proper size extension cords, inspect light strings and extension cords and throw them out if they are damaged, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strings that can be strung together.

NEVER use candles or open flames on or near Christmas trees or decorative vegetation.

### Christmas trees

#### Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

#### Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

#### Lighting the tree

Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

#### After Christmas

Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)



## Holiday Pet Safety

### Christmas trees

- Anchor trees securely. Climbing cats and dogs with wagging tails can knock over your tree.
- Hang breakable, glass ornaments well out of reach. The small glass and metal fastenings can be stepped on or even swallowed by your pet.
- Keep tinsel, ribbons and garland out of pets' reach, especially cats that are intrigued by them. These can become lodged in their intestines, cause obstructions and lead to surgery or death.
- Clean up pine needles frequently. They can be toxic when eaten by your pet.



Prevent your pet from drinking water in the tree stand if you have added preservative chemicals.

### Holiday house plants

Although they add a warm touch, many plants can harm your pets. Keep these potentially dangerous bloomers well out of reach.

- Lilies can be deadly to cats, and many types can cause cats to have kidney failure.
- Poinsettias, although not as toxic as people often think, can upset your pet's digestive system.
- Mistletoe, especially the berries, is highly toxic, can cause stomach upset and has the potential to cause fatal heart problems.



Holly can cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea and lethargy.

### Lights, candles and fragrance

- Keep lights and extension cords safely secured or covered to deter chewing, which can lead to electric shock or even electrocution. Better yet, invest in pet-proof extension cords, or spray with products such as Bitter Apple or Chew Stop.
- Candles can be fragrant and enticing to pets. But they can be a fire hazard if knocked over by an excited pet, and the fumes can be harmful to birds.
- Liquid potpourri and sachets, popular during the holidays, can be very dangerous. Exposure can cause skin or oral damage to your pet and may cause illness or death.



## Coffee with the Captains



*When: Wednesday December 14th 8:00 to 10:00 AM*

*Where: Coast Central Credit Union 2650 Harrison Avenue*

*Free Admission: All are welcome!!*

*Come join us for a cup of coffee! We want to hear and address your concerns and brainstorm ideas we can use to work together to make our neighborhoods safer.*

*Contact Suzie Owsley at 441-4371 or [sowsley@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:sowsley@ci.eureka.ca.gov)*

### SPONSORS:

Thank you to **Coast Central Credit Union** for hosting this event.

*Belonging Never Felt Better™*



## Youth Classes

### Kids Improv/Theatre Class – Intro.

Ages: 7-12 yrs.

Youth ages 7-12 will learn the basic tenants and skills of theater arts, including: blocking, projection, mime, enunciation, body work, character development and introductory production skills. Kids with little to no experience on the stage will learn to be comfortable in front of an audience. Additionally, kids will be empowered with a strong foundation in the theater arts, thus making it easier to become involved in scholastic and community theater.

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Resident Fee	Non-Res Fee	Location
128	1/23-3/6	Mon.	5:30-6:30pm	\$45	\$46	Ryan Center
No 2/20						

### Kids Improv/Theatre Class – Intermediate

Ages: 7-12 yrs.

Youth ages 7-12, with previous theater classes or performances, are encouraged to join this class to further hone their skills. This class will work more intensely with improv skills (escalating, “Yes, and...”, etc.). Students will work with one, long monologue throughout the class and perform it for their friends and family during the final class. Classes will primarily focus on games, with time set aside for monologue work. Some homework will be given.

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Resident Fee	Non-Res Fee	Location
129	1/23-3/6	Mon.	6:30-7:30pm	\$50	\$51	Ryan Center
No 2/20						

### Youth Intro to Production Workshop

Ages: 8-12 yrs.

This class is intended as a general introduction to the work, skills and effort required to put on a play. Students will work together for five weeks to put on a small, one-act play for their parents and friends. The sixth week of class is reserved for the performance. Youth will audition for a role, with all participants being cast fairly. Students will then work to memorize lines and blocking, while focusing on the basics of theater skills (projection, blocking, stage direction, etc.) Play may include: The Princess and the Pea, Stone Soup, etc... \*\*A small snack will be provided\*\*

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Resident Fee	Non-Res Fee	Location
134	1/24-3/7	Tues.	5:30-7:30pm	\$55	\$56	Ryan Center

## Youth Sports

### Toddler Soccer

Ages: 2-3 yrs.

Dribble, pass, shoot & score! Youngsters will learn basic techniques of the world's most popular, fast-moving game. It's a real kick! Classes are non-competitive and run in a friendly and nurturing environment where parents, family and friends are encouraged to cheer and support participants.

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Resident Fee	Non-Res Fee	Location
130	2/3-2/24	Fri.	10:15-11am	\$35	\$36	Adorni Center
131	2/3-2/24	Fri.	11:15am-12pm	\$35	\$36	Adorni Center

## Family & Youth

### Holiday Ceramics Workshop – NEW

Ages: 4+

Get creative this holiday season and give the gift of handmade pottery! Learn the basic technique of hand built pottery and have fun making unique gifts for your loved ones. Six inspiring projects will be available for students to choose from!

This class is \$45/adult and \$15/youth attending with an adult. To register a youth for this class, parents/guardians will need to contact the Adorni Center at 707-441-4248.

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Resident Fee	Non-Res Fee	Location
302	12/10 & 12/17	Sat.	1-4pm	\$45	\$47	Ryan Center

## LAST SHOT!



Final deadline for **ALL GRADES** to sign up for Eureka's Hoopsters Youth Basketball Program is **DECEMBER 16th**.

**PLACE:** 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka  
**CALL:** The Adorni Center 707-441-4248  
**DATE:** December 16th

Join our very popular and exciting Hoopsters Youth Basketball Program! This program is designed to teach the fundamentals of basketball in a low competitive environment while creating opportunities for kids, grades 3rd-12th, to improve their athletic skill and build self-confidence in a safe, secure and supervised environment.



## F.U.N. Play Center

The F.U.N. Play Center is a play group hosted Eureka Parks & Recreation in partnership with First 5 Humboldt. This play group is designed to provide a space for families of children age 0-5 to come together and interact in a safe and supportive environment with an emphasis on healthy first play experiences for small children. Activities focus on fine & gross motor skill development, group cooperative play and community building through field trips supported by the C.A.F.F. (California Alliance with Family Farmers) and Harvest of the Month programs. This is a free community program with donations accepted. See monthly calendar for dates & times. **For more information call 441-4374.**

Like us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/funplaycenter](http://www.facebook.com/funplaycenter).



## Party Packages



**Throw the best birthday party ever!**

**Amazing Birthday Party Experiences!**

- Roller Skating Party at the Eureka Muni
- Skate Park Party at the Eureka Skate Park
- Theme Party at the John Ryan Youth Center

Parties includes up to 25 people, activities, tables, chairs, decorations, hosts—and more!

**Call 707.268.1844 for all the details and to schedule your party!**

# FACILITY RENTALS

## Celebrate with us!

### It's easy to reserve a park or facility!

Indoors or outdoors, gazebo or garden, dance floor or shaded redwood grove! From weddings to birthdays, family celebrations to reunions, company picnics to fundraisers, banquets to group meetings and more! Big or small, we handle it all!

**Eureka Recreation...expect a great rental experience!** For more information on facilities, parks and ball fields available for rent or to make a reservation please visit [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com), email [lmeyash@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:lmeyash@ci.eureka.ca.gov) or call 441-4241.

Adorni Center



## ADORNI CENTER

1011 Waterfront Drive  
Gym, Kitchen & Conference Room

A spectacular indoor waterfront facility, the Adorni Center is the perfect choice for a wedding, reception, fundraiser or celebration of any kind. Let us help make your dreams a reality at this gem on Eureka's waterfront!

## EUREKA PARKS

With a wide variety of parks around the city, there's a park suitable for your next event. From family reunions to company picnics, weddings under the redwoods or community events on the waterfront, Eureka has a park that is a perfect fit. Both **Carson Park** and **Sequoia Park** have group picnic areas with barbeques available for rent. Are you looking for a fun, creative approach to build camaraderie in the workplace? Bring your team to one of the ball fields for a company softball game. Choose from Kennedy, Hartman or Cooper Gulch **Ball Fields**. Looking for a



Sarajo McQue PHOTOGRAPHY Cooper Gulch Ball Field

special place to get married? Be surrounded by dahlias in the **flower garden gazebo** or redwoods in **Windstorm Meadow** at Sequoia Park. Want to have a community event for Earth Day or a music festival? There's no place better than on the waterfront at **Halvorsen Park**. With gorgeous bay views and plenty of open space, there is room for any large event. **Renting a ball field, tennis court or area of a park gives you exclusive use of that area for your event.**



Halvorsen Park

## MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

1120 F Street

The Municipal Auditorium is one of Humboldt County's largest venues. Built in 1936, this historic building is the perfect location for a concert with a maximum capacity of 2,300 yet versatile enough to host an indoor sports clinic.



Municipal Auditorium

## Facility Rental Process

- Reservations must be made at least (2) weeks in advance of desired date of use for ball fields & City parks or (2) months in advance for the Adorni Center, Halvorsen Park & the Municipal Auditorium.
- Reservations will be accepted up to (1) year in advance.
- All rentals require a security deposit, rental fees, liability insurance and staff fees, if applicable.
- Liability insurance is required for some rentals. Insurance packets are available upon request.

## City Parks Available for Rent

### Carson Park

- Group Picnic Area
- North Ball Field
- South Ball Field

### Cooper Gulch

- North Ball Field
- South Ball Field

### Eureka Skate Park

### Halvorsen Park

### Hammond Park

- Tennis Courts

### Hartman Ball Field

### Highland Park

- Tennis Courts

### Kennedy Ball Field

### Sacco Amphitheater

### Sequoia Park

- Duck Pond Picnic Area
- Group Picnic Area & Cook Shack
- Gazebo
- Field
- Windstorm Meadow

### Sequoia Park Garden

- Gazebo



# Eureka Municipal Auditorium

## Public Roller Skating

**Saturday**

**Dec.  
3rd  
&**

**10th**

**6:00PM-8:30PM**

**ASK US ABOUT OUR PARTY PACKAGES!**

### **ADMISSION**

**(Includes Skate Rental!)**

**17 & UNDER- \$4.50**

**18 & OVER- \$5.25**

**1120 F St., Eureka**

For more information contact

(707)268-1844

hray@ci.eureka.ca.gov

[www.eurekaparksandrecreation.com](http://www.eurekaparksandrecreation.com)



# ECO-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY TIPS



## 1 Recycle Wrapping Paper

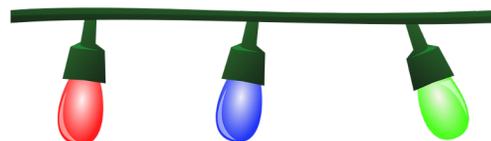
Most clean and dry paper is recyclable. This even includes all those holiday cards!

## 2 Recycle LED Lights

LED lights cannot be recycled locally, but are accepted by a few **mail-in recyclers**. You can find them online at:

[Holiday LEDs](#)

[Christmas Light Source](#)



## 3 Buy Local Food

Fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy all flourish here! Look for local products at your grocery store when shopping for your special celebration.



## 4 Special Event Carpooling



Choose to carpool to your special event with friends and family!



## 2 EASY WAYS to Recycle Your Christmas Tree in Eureka!



**Boy Scouts**  
Troop 129



**Humboldt Waste Management Authority**

**SAT. JAN 7TH OR SAT. JAN 14TH**

**DEC 26TH-JAN 16TH**

\$5  
Pick Up Fee

*Contact for Pick Up*  
[Eurekatroop1129@gmail.com](mailto:Eurekatroop1129@gmail.com)  
707-633-8213

Free Drop Off at  
1059 W. Hawthorne St.  
Eureka



Have a Question? You can reach us by email, phone, or facebook!  
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## Adult Classes

### CPR/First-Aid/AED Training Certification Class for Child & Adult

Ages: 16 yrs. & up

The Adorni Center will be offering monthly CPR/First-Aid/AED Training Certification Courses for child and adult. Space is limited. **Pre-registration is required.**

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Fee	Location
520	1/14	Sat.	7:45am-3pm	\$50	Conference Room,

### Adult Ceramics

Ages: 18 yrs. & up

Get your creative juices flowing with this fun, interactive pottery class where students will have the opportunity to hand build, wheel throw, learn glaze application and decorative techniques, and enjoy a relaxed environment to socialize. This class is open to all skill levels. Class fee includes materials.

Register online at [EurekaParksAndRecreation.com](http://EurekaParksAndRecreation.com) or in person at the Adorni Center.

Course #	Dates	Day	Time	Resident Fee	Non-Res Fee	Location
205	2/6-3/22 No 2/20 & 2/22	Mon. & Wed.	6:30-8pm	\$75	\$76	Ryan Center

## Sequoia Park Zoo



### Holiday Hoorah: Zoo Member Celebration

WHEN: December 10, 2016 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join this Zoo members appreciation party (Zoo members only – Join TODAY!) Enjoy a storewide discount of 20%, delicious treats, fun activities and Santa!

### Conservation Lecture: Understanding the Humboldt Marten

WHEN: December 14, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Lecture by Keith Slauson, Research Ecologist at Pacific Southwest Research Station, USFS

More information will follow.



## 2017 Women's Winter/Spring Volleyball League

- Team Registration deadline December 21<sup>st</sup>
- \$325/team + \$10 Non-Resident Fee  
(for any players outside of Eureka City limits)
- Tuesday & Wednesday night games
- 12 Game Season runs January—April

*For more information call 707-441-4245.*



## 2017 Men's Winter/Spring Basketball League

- Team Registration begins December 1<sup>st</sup>
- \$625/team + \$10 Non-Resident Fee  
(for any players outside of Eureka City limits)
- Monday, Thursday & Friday night games
- 12 Game Season runs January—April

*For more information call 707-441-4245.*

# Parks & Recreation Department

## Adorni Community & Recreation Center

At the Adorni ...

**Recycle plastics HERE and help us get a FREE park bench!**



If we collect 500 pounds by Christmas, we get a park bench. Please help us - and help make the community better at the same time.



Sponsored by:  
**E.C.O. EUREKA**

**Adorni**

**Membership**

**slashes 20%**

**from all**

**community class**

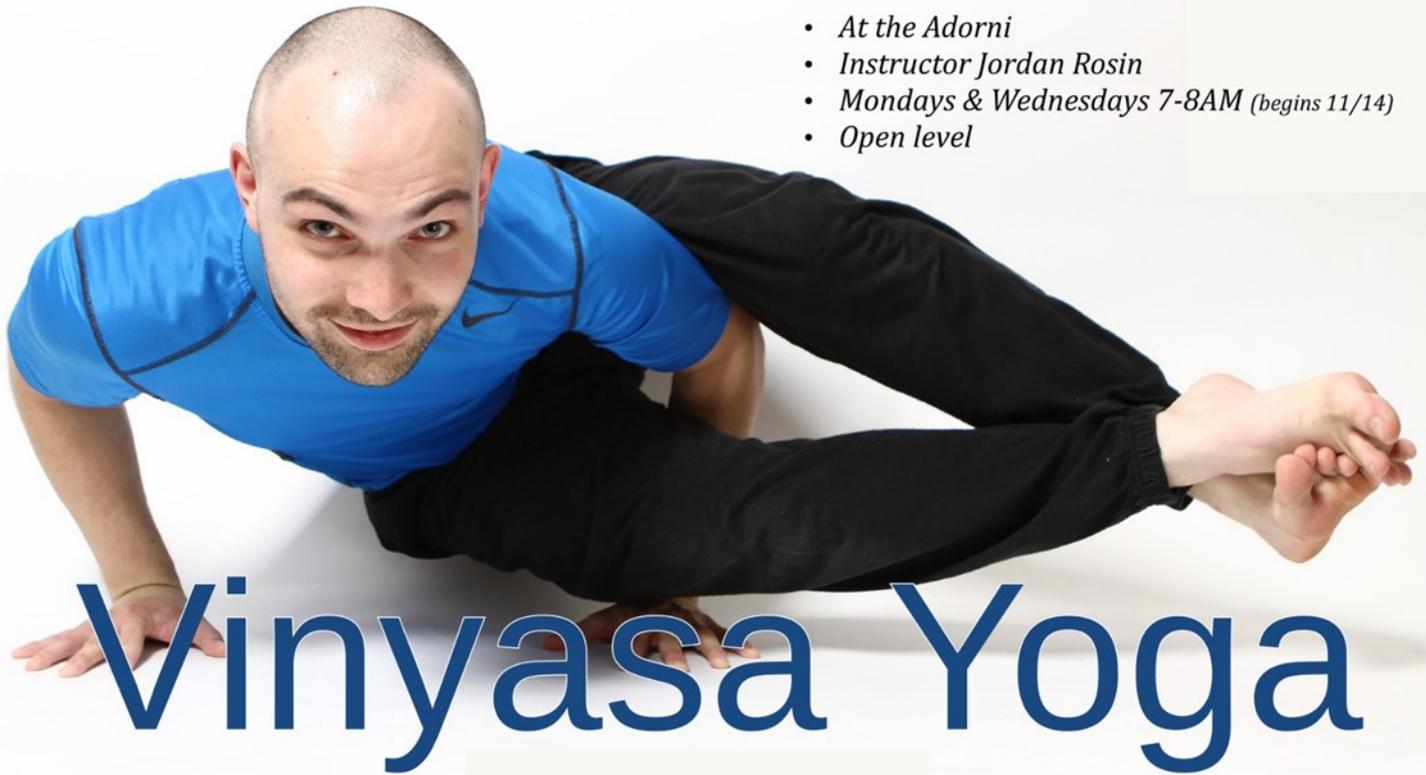
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Join Today!

- *At the Adorni*
- *Instructor Jordan Rosin*
- *Mondays & Wednesdays 7-8AM (begins 11/14)*
- *Open level*



## Ever wonder where Santa picks up HIS gifts?

(At the Adorni Center Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar.)



- *40th Annual!*
- *Saturday December 3 • 10AM to 4PM*
- *FREE admission*
- *Everyone who attends gets a FREE raffle ticket!*

**FREE**

# Personnel Department

## City of Eureka Employees



<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Pamela Long	Administrative Technician	PW-Engineering	11/16/2016



Tyler Burdick	Maintenance Worker	PW-Corp Yard	11/01/2016
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Michele Carlson	Permit Specialist	PW – Building	09/10/2002	10/25/2016
Terry Christensen	Police Prop. Spec.	EPD	12/02/1974	11/02/2016
Brittany Grout	Police Officer	EPD	03/01/2016	10/28/2016



Thank you to all our departing employees!

Your service to the City of Eureka will be missed!

# Notices:

Position	Emp. Type	Salary	Closing Date
Police Officer	Full-Time	\$48,324.00 - \$61,848.00 annually	Continuous
Police Cadet	Full-Time	\$32,700.00 - \$41,868.00 Annually	Continuous
Assistant Planner	Full-Time	\$46,152.00 - \$56,100.00 Annually	12/9/2016
Maintenance Worker I/II - Parks Division	Full-Time	\$27,874.32 - \$39,264.00 annually	12/9/2016

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Personnel Department.

Email: [jschoonmaker@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:jschoonmaker@ci.eureka.ca.gov)  
 Jobline: (707) 441-4134  
 Website: <http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov>  
 Personnel: (707) 441-4124

## BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Notice is hereby given that applications will be accepted for appointments to the following city boards and commissions until the vacancies are filled:

### BOARD/ COMMISSION:

Board of Appeals	1 Vacancy
Historical Preservation	1 Vacancy

Applications may be obtained by phone or in person from the Mayor's Office, City of Eureka, 531 "K" Street, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 441-4144, or may be downloaded from the City Clerk's website, listed below.

In order to be eligible for appointment to any board or commission, a person must be a qualified registered elector of the City of Eureka, the Humboldt Community Services District or Humboldt County Service Area No. 3, or an owner of a business located within the city limits of the City of Eureka. The mayor shall make the appointments with the approval of a majority of the Council. Appointments of qualified non-city residents will require a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Council for confirmation.

Members on Boards and Commissions shall be willing to serve as a civic responsibility and without compensation. No member of any board or commission shall hold any paid office or employment in the city government.

Applications will be accepted until filled. For more information, call the City Clerk at (707) 441-4175, or go to: <http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/>.



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### MAYOR

Frank Jäger

### CITY COUNCIL

Ward 1, Marian Brady  
 Ward 2, Linda Atkins  
 Ward 3, Kim Bergel  
 Ward 4, Melinda Ciarabellini  
 Ward 5, Natalie Arroyo

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Greg L. Sparks, City Manager  
 Pam Powell, City Clerk/ IT  
 Cyndy Day-Wilson, City Attorney

### DEPARTMENTS

#### Building/Public Works/Engineering

Brian Gerving

#### Development Services

Rob Holmlund

#### Finance

Wendy Howard

#### Humboldt Bay Fire

Chief Bill Gillespie

#### Parks and Recreation

Miles Slattery

#### Human Resources

Gary Bird

#### Police

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