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City Purchases Affordable/Workforce Housing Property



The City of St. Helena is pleased to announce the purchase of the property at 684 McCorkle Avenue as a potential site for a future affordable/workforce housing project. Development of this site for affordable/workforce housing would increase local affordable/workforce housing opportunities and help the City achieve local and regional housing goals.

The 23,000 square foot property, which includes the cottage pictured above and several accessory buildings, is designated for high density development in the City of St. Helena General Plan, with an allowable density of 16.1 to 28 units per acre. It is also zoned high density, permitting multiple-family dwellings, apartments and dwelling groups containing four units.

The City's General Plan lists the property as one of the 4 high density Key Housing Sites in St. Helena with a potential unit capacity of 9 to 15 units.

The City paid \$700,000 for the property, consistent with an appraised valuation. \$525,000 of the purchase price was from the City's Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fund with the balance a General Fund loan to this fund. The City will receive an additional payment to the housing fund of \$750,000 at the time that the Grandview Hotel receives building permits.

The City has been seeking additional opportunities to increase the number of affordable/workforce housing units in the community, including prior Council consideration of a property on Fulton Lane, which would have required a general plan amendment and rezoning.

For more information, please contact City Manager Gary Broad at garyb@cityofstheleena.org.



Approximately 25 residents gave up two hours of a beautiful Sunday afternoon on April 28th to join the City Council and staff in an unfettered discussion of City affairs in a Town Hall meeting at the St. Helena Library. The open and spontaneous dialogue between the groups touched on a number of items from large to small, including the following:

- Adding a picture of Greystone to the City website.
- Ideas to enhance the economy of St. Helena
- The need for replacement street signs
- Ideas to increase availability of water
- Street tree selection in the downtown

The Council will be hosting two more Town Hall meetings later in 2013. Watch your eNews for future announcements on times and places.

For more information, please contact City Clerk Delia Guijosa at cityclerk@cityofstheleena.org.

Library Announces Design Our New Card(s) Challenge!



During the month of May, the St. Helena Public Library is inviting the public (all ages) to submit artwork for new library card images. The public will be invited to vote for the winners in June. More than one design will be selected for printing and at least one design will feature Elsie the Library Cat.

Speaking of Elsie, the library will also be sponsoring a campaign to support "We Care Animal Rescue" in the month of June. During June, which is National Pet Adoption Month, the library will accept donations of pet food and toys in lieu of fines. No minimum amount is required, but donations must be new and unopened. All food and toys will be donated to this local animal shelter. An additional "bonus" of a free book from the Book Sale shelf will be gifted to individuals who adopt a rescue pet in June.

For more information, please visit www.shpl.org. To download the Design Our New Card entry form click [here](#).

National Public Works Week May 19th - 25th



St. Helena celebrates National Public Works Week by raising public awareness and recognition to the City's various public works services and activities. The hard working Public Works staff ensure we have water, sewer, roads, drainage and parks to meet our needs. Thank you to the tireless work and dedication of St. Helena's public works professionals.

For more information on National Public Works Week, visit the [American Public Works Association](http://AmericanPublicWorksAssociation.org) website or contact Senior Management Analyst Kathy Robinson at kathyr@cityofstheleena.org.



Upcoming Events

May 2013

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, May 10th
7:00 AM - Noon

City Council Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 14th
5:00 PM

Click [here](#) to access City Council Agendas

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, May 17th
7:00 AM - Noon

Planning Commission Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 21st
7:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, May 24th
7:00 AM - Noon

Memorial Day Holiday

City Hall Closed
Monday, May 27th

City Council Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 28th
6:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, May 31st
7:00 AM - Noon

June 2013

Planning Commission Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, June 4th
7:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, June 7th
7:00 AM - Noon

City Council Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, June 11th
6:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, June 14th
7:00 AM - Noon

Planning Commission Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, June 18th

General Capital Projects

- **Wappo Park/Pope Street Bike Trail** (Project No. C68): The multipurpose trail construction was completed by Harold Smith and Sons on April 29, 2013 with a new sidewalk connecting the college to the Pope Street Bridge and a paved bicycle/pedestrian trail to Wappo Park.

Streets Projects

- **Highway 29 Channelization** (Project No. R19): The undergrounding project has completed 11,000 of the 15,000 linear feet of joint trench along Highway 29. The contractor, Underground Construction Company, has three crews working daylight hours only at present. The mainline trenching will continue through the Inglewood Drive area to Zinfandel with day crews working southbound and northbound until they meet. The asphalt restoration work in the City has been completed. Sidewalk restoration from Vidovich to Grayson has been completed. The section of new gas main from Mee Lane to Zinfandel Lane will be activated in May. The contractor is boring the final 900-foot section of gas main from Charter Oak West to the Sulphur Creek Bridge; the boring operation saves the street from trenching activities and allows the contractor to leave more of the highway open. The contractor expects the mainline trenching to be completed in June. PG&E wire pulling between the underground vaults/boxes has begun and will continue for the next six months; expect to see a small crew set up at boxes with large spools. Some streetlight installation work will also commence in May in the areas of the undergrounding project. Night work has ceased for the time being. Day work continues in areas where a continuous two lanes can be provided. Remember to slow for the cone zone for your safety and the safety of the workers in the trenches.

Wastewater

- **Charter Oak Sewer and Water Main Replacement** (Project No. S51 & W67): Additional electrical assembly required the schedule for the pump installation at the Corporation Yard to be pushed to the first week of June. Following pump installation, the Corporation Yard will have a working sewer pump station. With that addition, Gott's Roadside is installing a line to connect it's sewer to the new sewer pump station to eliminate its septic system.

For more information regarding any capital improvement projects, please contact Senior Management Analyst Kathy Robinson at kathyr@cityofstheleena.org.

St. Helena First Time Homebuyer Affordable Housing Available!



Two 3-bedroom homes with above garage detached granny units located in the Magnolia Oaks Subdivision are still available for purchase through the City of St. Helena's First Time Homebuyer Affordable Housing Program.

The homes will be priced at \$469,825. To determine if you qualify for this unique opportunity, you must attend the following workshop.

Date: Tuesday, May 28th
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Carnegie Building, 1360 Oak Avenue, St. Helena

The workshop is presented by the Housing Authority of the City of Napa and the City of St. Helena. To download the flyer and application click [here](#).

For more information, please contact Interim Planning Director Greg Desmond at gregd@cityofsthelelena.org or call the Housing Authority at (707) 257-9254.

Current City Board Openings



Citizen participation in local government plays an important and active role in the City of St. Helena. The City Council is seeking participation from its diverse and widely experienced citizens and encourages all citizens to apply to the following committee openings:

- **Planning Commission - two vacancies.**
- **Parks and Recreation Commission - one vacancy.**
- **Library Board - two vacancies.**
- **Tree Committee - one vacancy.**
- **Climate Protection Task Force - two vacancies, one alternate.**

Applications may be submitted until June 3, 2013. The City Council will approve the selection of committee members.

For more information, please contact City Clerk Delia Guijosa at

7:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, June 21st
7:00 AM - Noon

City Council Meeting

Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, June 25th
6:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market

Crane Park
Friday, June 28th
7:00 AM - Noon

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