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Farewell Public Works Director John Feron



City staff and friends will enjoy one last hurrah with Public Works Director John Feron Friday at a good-bye luncheon at the Corp Yard. John is leaving at the end of October to take a senior civil engineer position in the private sector. At the October 22nd City Council meeting, John was presented a proclamation and received a standing ovation from the audience culminating eight years and six months of dedicated service with the St. Helena Public Works department.

John joined the City of St. Helena in May of 2005 as an Associate Engineer and was appointed Public Works Director/City Engineer on an interim basis in January of 2008. John was permanently appointed to the post in September of 2009.

John was responsible for the City of St. Helena's infrastructure, facilities and services which are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of the community. During his tenure he contributed to the high quality and highly efficient operation of St. Helena's public works systems and programs such as water, sewer, storm water management, flood control, streets and highways, public buildings and grounds, parks, water treatment and wastewater processing bringing the highest possible quality of life within a framework of environmental, social and economic responsibility.

Under John's directorship, the City built a \$30M flood control project, conducted a \$1M pavement restoration program, launched a water/sewer system efficiency program by repairing leaky underground pipes around town, contracted to buy water from the City of Napa and conducted a comprehensive study of St. Helena's water system culminating in the adoption of a new water policy.

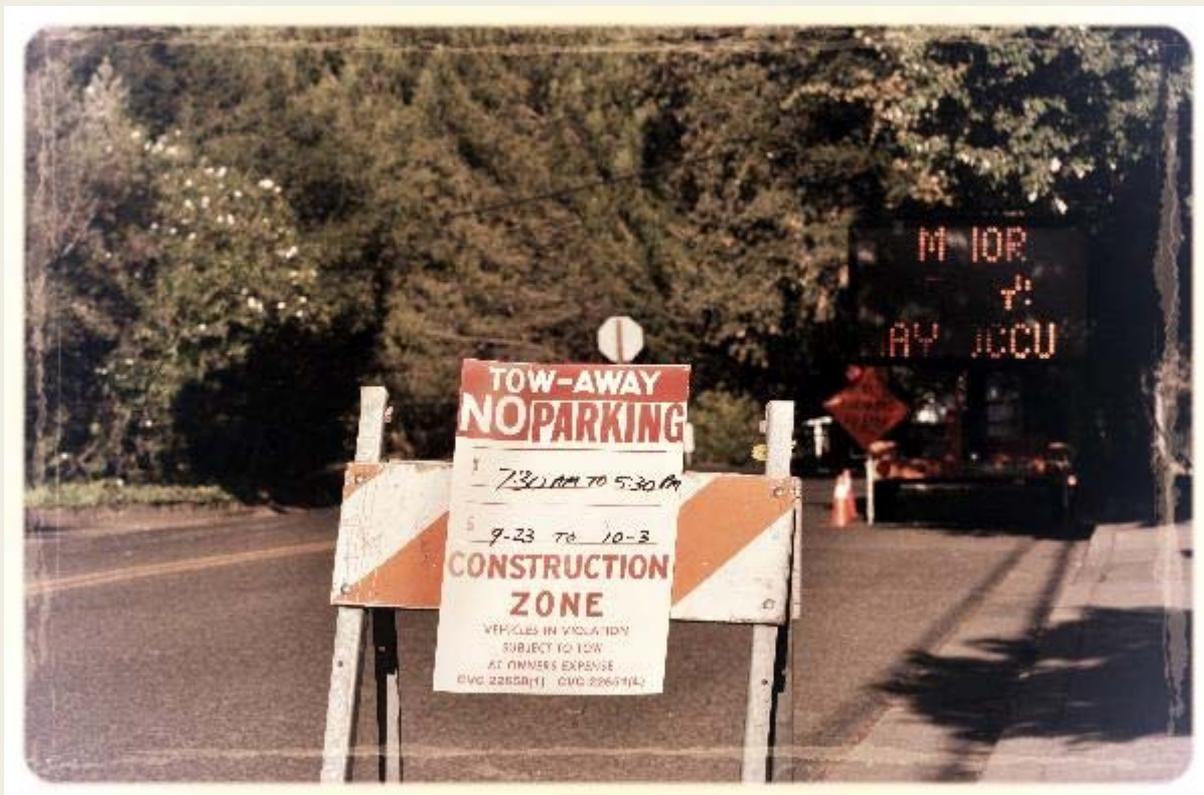
John has been a dedicated and conscientious employee, whose dedicated interest and devotion to duty have had a valuable effect of efficiency and morale in his department and within the City; his personalized services have been held in high regard and have played a vital role in the important work of the Public Works Department.

While we are certainly happy for John and for his deserved new role, we are all sad to see him go. We cannot express our appreciation enough for all he has done. John's moving on to bigger and brighter things will leave a gaping hole in the Public Works department. He has built trust and respect with his staff and the community and it will be a challenge to fill that hole.

We sincerely thank John for his dedicated service to St. Helena and the community in making this city a healthy and safe place to live and offer him our best wishes for happiness and success in his next endeavor.

To send a farewell message to John, please email him at johnf@cityofstheleena.org.

The Single Most Asked Question About the 2013 Street Repair Project



Now that the paving project is well under way with all of the actual grinding and resurfacing complete and crack-sealing and microsurfacing left to complete, the single most asked question is *“Why is Charter Oak Avenue East not being repaired this year? It is clearly the worst street in the City and it should be done right now.”*

The answer to that question/statement is two-fold:

The first part being, while it is one of the worst streets in the City, it is not clearly the “worst street in the City”. Using the Pavement Condition Index [PCI], which is the tool engineers use to rate the condition of the streets, Charter Oak Avenue has a PCI Rating of 21 (0 is bad, 100 is good). There are currently 43 streets in St. Helena with a PCI Rating of 21 or less, thus answering the first part that Charter Oak Avenue East is NOT the worst street in town.

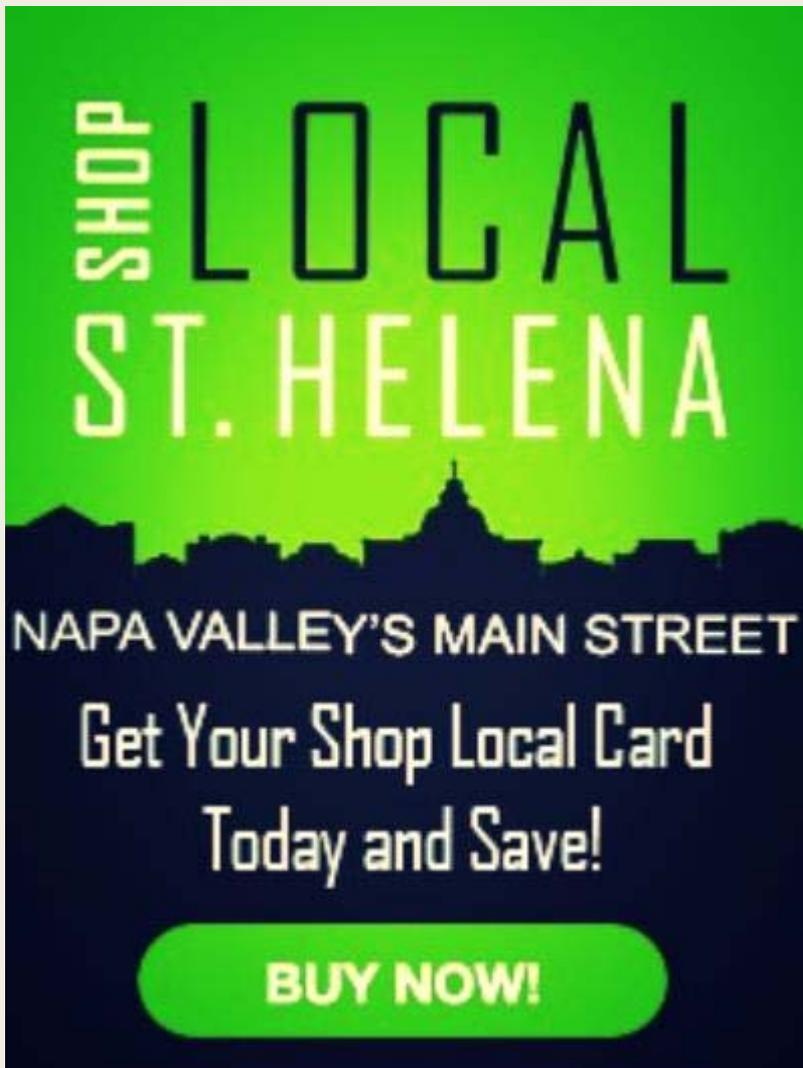
The second part being more relative to what people want to hear, why is the street not included in this year's project? As we evaluate the streets for the paving project, we need to consider many factors, only one of which is the condition of the street surface. We also need to take into consideration any work that is scheduled on, in or around any given street and what the impact might be if we were to pave a street in a particular geographic area. For example, while we all agree Charter Oak needs to be repaired, there is nothing more frustrating to a tax-payer than to see a street get paved, then cut open for utility or some other such construction. Such is the case with Charter Oak Avenue East. That area of the City has been heavily impacted by the underground construction project that is occurring on Highway 29/Main Street. In addition to the obvious traffic impacts that project is installing overhead utilities into the underground on the side streets that connect to the highway especially Charter Oak East. It is for these reasons the City deferred Charter Oak to the next season of paving repair. To let the underground work be completed and to let the City breath for a moment between heavy traffic impacts on our south entrance corridor.

The list of streets for road repairs was determined at a regular City Council meeting which are always open to the public and was well attended by many citizens concerned with road repairs. At the meeting, the public works director presented the PG&E under grounding work that is being done all along Hwy. 29 to remove the unsightly poles and put all lines underground. Since they are not done with the area, and Charter Oak will be dug up again for roadwork by PG&E and AT&T, it was clear that we could not pave it now only to have it destroyed by those agencies' work within a year's time.

Charter Oak will remain on the top of the list since we all realize it is a high priority, but must be done after the agencies have completed their construction work on it, or it will be ruined right after repaving is done. You may view an interactive, dynamic map of the project by clicking [here](#).

For additional information, please contact Senior Management Analyst Kathy Robinson at kathyr@cityofsthelelena.org.

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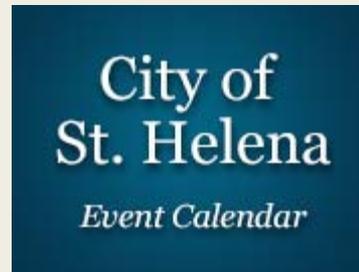


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To use your Cheers! VIP/Shop Local card, simply show your card to the vendor you visit. Enjoy! Please check the website frequently as the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce will continue to add business promotions and special offers.

For more information contact St. Helena Chamber of Commerce CEO/President Pam Simpson at pam@sthelelena.com.

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Upcoming Events

October 2013

St. Helena Farmers' Market
Crane Park
Friday, October 25th
7:00 AM - Noon

November 2013

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, November 5th
7:00 PM

Veterans Day Holiday
Monday, November 11th
City Hall Closed

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, November 12th
6:00 PM

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

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, November 19th
7:00 PM

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, November 26th
6:00 PM

Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 28th -
Friday, November 29th
City Hall Closed

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One of the two affordable for sale units at Magnolia Oaks are in escrow. The buyer is a third generation resident from St. Helena and a local business owner on Main Street.

Four of the ten affordable for rent apartments have been rented to eligible low-income households. All of the tenants currently work in St. Helena, at the following businesses:

- one tenant at Ogeltree Welding
- one tenant at Zumwalt Ford
- one tenant at White Hall Winery
- one tenant at a St. Helena art gallery

In an effort to rent the remaining six two-bedroom units, the property manager has reduced the rents from \$2,149 to \$1,995 a month. These units are available to households whose income does not exceed 120% of the area median income or \$88,440 a year for a family of three.

One of the market rate units with an attached rent restricted granny unit, is currently in contract with an estimated closing date in mid- November.

For more information please contact Interim Planning Director Greg Desmond at gregd@cityofstheleena.org.

Pharmaceuticals & Sharps Collection

City of St. Helena
1480 Main Street
St. Helena, CA 94574
(707) 967-2792
www.cityofstheleena.org

Police Corner



Don't be stopped by our Police Department.

Activity of Note and Prevention

Week ending October 11th

- 1 Hit and run in parking lot of Library (unknown suspect)
- 6 Citations for driving without a license
- 20 Moving traffic citations issued
- 19 Parking citations issued
- 208 Incidents logged
- 22 Reports written

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FREE!

THE EVENT IS FREE AND ANONYMOUS

Pharmaceutical & Sharps Collection Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



All household-generated
pharmaceutical waste
(TABLETS, CAPSULES, INHALERS, AND LIQUIDS)
including **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**
are accepted.

Sharps must be in puncture resistant containers. Please consolidate meds in ziplock bag if possible.

Pharmaceuticals
and Sharps

QUEEN OF THE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

1000 Trancas Street, Napa • Front Parking Lot

Pharmaceuticals
ONLY

YOUNTVILLE REGIONAL OFFICE

(Napa County Sheriff)
1950 Mulberry Street, Yountville

Pharmaceuticals
ONLY

NAPA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1535 Airport Blvd., Napa

Pharmaceuticals
ONLY

AMERICAN CANYON POLICE DEPT

911 Donaldson Way, American Canyon

*This event is open to all
Napa City and County residents*

*Sponsored by: City & County of Napa, Napa Recycling & Waste Services, Napa
County Recycling & Waste Services, Napa Sanitation District, Drug Enforcement
Administration and Queen of the Valley Medical Center.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services
(707) 253-4471

www.NapaSanitationDistrict.com • www.NapaRecycling.com

California Department of Public Health
www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Pages/default.aspx

YEAR-ROUND DISPOSAL OPTIONS You can dispose of household-generated
pharmaceutical waste (**NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**)
or sharps free of charge at locations listed on reverse

PLEASE!

No drugs down the drain! • No sharps in the trash!

YEAR-ROUND OPTIONS FOR MEDICATIONS AND SHARPS DISPOSAL

It is against the law to leave any material at these locations after hours.

Home-generated only – no business wastes

MEDICATIONS AND SHARPS:

NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- **Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**
889A Devlin Road, American Canyon
Every Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
- **Clinic Ole** (*3 locations-call for hours*)
Napa: 1141 Pear Tree Lane, 254-1770
St. Helena: 661 Main St, 963-0931
Calistoga: 911 Washington St, 709-2308

MEDICATIONS ONLY:

NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- **Family Drug**
1805 Old Sonoma Rd, Napa, 707-224-7807
- **Kaiser Permanente**
1675 Permanente Way, Napa, 707-258-2500

SHARPS ONLY:

- **Napa County Dept of Public Health**
2344 Old Sonoma Road, Bldg G, (707) 253-4270
Mon–Fri, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM
- **Napa County Animal Shelter** (*Animal sharps only*)
942 Hartle Court, Napa, 253-4382
Mon–Fri, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM; Sat 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

• **Other**
PERSONAL PHYSICIAN: Contact your personal physician. He/she may accept your sharps as a courtesy to you.

MAIL BACK PROGRAMS: There are companies that provide sharps mail back services. Each service has different procedures and fees so it is important to verify the packaging and mail back process.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO PUT SHARPS IN TRASH



SHARPS (needles, syringes with needles, disposable lancets) should be transported in an approved sharps container, obtained from a physician or pharmacy. A tightly sealed, leak and puncture resistant container with lid (*bleach bottle, coffee can etc.*) is an acceptable alternative. Please label container as "sharps." **Sharps transported in plastic bags or paper bags or other non-puncture resistant containers will be refused.**

For more information on how to properly dispose of syringes, lancets and other sharps, please contact Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services at 253-4471 or visit www.NapaRecycling.com.

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St. Helena Recreation - Youth Basketball Sign-Ups 2014



The Upper Valley Sports League is now accepting registration for the upcoming Youth Basketball League of Winter 2014. This volunteer-run Youth Soccer program is an opportunity for 4 to 13 years olds to build self-esteem and have fun in a cooperative

play environment. This league is designed for both the beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Participants will learn the basic skills: dribbling, passing, shooting, offense and defense to use them in game like situations.

Season Starts: January 6, 2014.

Cost: \$60 (Age 4 & 5 - Little Hoopsters)

Cost: \$80 (Ages 10 - 13) Grades 5th - 8th (includes team jersey)

In-Person Registration: will be at the Carnegie Building during the dates and times below.

Fridays, October 25, November 1, 8, 15, & 22 - 3pm - 6pm

Evaluations: Mandatory basketball evaluations for all participants will take place on December 7th at RLS New Gym. Times are shown below per division. After evaluations are taken, teams will be formed and matched to a volunteer coach. Volunteer coaches are needed. If interested, please contact Haidi at 707-963-5706.

Divisions:

U6, U12, & U14 – Sign up with the Recreation Department (Ages 4&5, 10- 13)

U8 & U10 – Sign-up with the Boys & Girls Club (Ages 6 – 9)

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