



# Welcome to the City of St. Helena eNews

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## Almost One Hundred Bid Farewell to St. Helena's Beloved City Clerk After 36 Years of Service



Delia Guijosa took a job with City Hall when Lowell Smith was Mayor. Thirty-six years, 11 months, eight mayors, five city managers and two promotions later, St. Helena's City Clerk has retired.

While her official day of retirement begins April 15th, the celebration began on Friday, April 4th at the St. Helena Fire Hall where nearly one hundred fans gathered to toast her accomplishments and retirement.

Delia was recognized by former mayors, councilmembers, city managers for her years of valuable and dedicated service and culminated in testimonials from State Senator Lois Wolk and U.S. Representative Mike Thompson read aloud to Delia by Mayor Ann Nevero.

In a tearful address to all those who gathered to celebrate her, Delia recounted her time in St. Helena, "I've had a long run with the city of St. Helena. My family moved here when I was five, I attended all three local schools and graduated from St. Helena High. Many wonderful things happened here in St. Helena. I grew up here, got married, moved to Napa, but I still called St. Helena my home because I spent most of my time here. Fortunately my mother owned and lived in the house that I was raised in, her home here was our home. On council meeting nights I would stay the night in St. Helena, it was convenient — sometimes meetings would go until 1 in the morning."

The celebration continued through the evening with a live Mariachi band as Delia mingled with all her friends, family and coworkers. It was a joyous evening to remember and celebrate the 36 years of dedicated and personal service that Delia provided to the community of St. Helena. Congratulations on your retirement Delia Guijosa!

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## **Community Workshop City of St Helena Housing Element Update**

***Tuesday, April 29, 2014  
Fire Department Training Room  
1480 Main Street(entrance on Railroad Avenue)  
St. Helena CA  
7 pm to 9 pm***

A Community Workshop on the City of St. Helena Housing Element Update has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the Fire Department Training Room from 7 pm to 9 pm. The purpose of the workshop is to provide residents and interested persons an opportunity to talk about needs and strategies for housing in St Helena. State law requires the city to adopt its updated Housing Element by January 2015.

The Housing Element is part of St. Helena's General Plan and provides goals, policies, programs, and strategies for addressing local housing needs. Your feedback and comments will help to shape possible housing strategies in St. Helena and help to reflect the ideas and set the vision for our community.

Information on the workshop is available for review at St. Helena's Planning Department. Questions regarding the proposed housing element workshop should be directed to Greg Desmond, Interim Planning Director, at (707) 968-2749 or [gregd@cityofstheleena.org](mailto:gregd@cityofstheleena.org). Information on the workshop will also be posted on the city website: [www.cityofstheleena.org](http://www.cityofstheleena.org).

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## **Arts in April: Appellation St. Helena bASH 2013**

Join Appellation St. Helena for their new and expanded public event, celebrating St. Helena and its tradition of fine wine and great food.

***When:***  
*Saturday, April 19, 2014, 6pm - 9pm, General Admission*

***Where:***  
Culinary Institute of America, 2555 Main Street, St. Helena

***What:***  
-Taste a wide range of wines from St. Helena Appellation wineries.  
-Sample food and wine pairings created by St. Helena restaurants, caterers and food purveyors as well as by student chef teams from the Culinary Institute of America.  
-Vote on the best food and wine pairing.

For more information, please visit <http://ashpresents.appellationstheleena.com/>, or to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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## **Countywide Transportation Workshop**



**Attend a community workshop to discuss the Napa Countywide Transportation Plan!**

*Vision 2040: Moving Napa Forward* is the process currently underway to prepare a long-range transportation plan for Napa County. The plan will set policy and spending priorities for the county's transportation system over the next 25 years (through the year 2040). Toward this end, the Countywide Plan will analyze future transportation conditions countywide and recommend a set of projects and programs to address the county's transportation needs.

*Vision 2040* is being led by the Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA). The process will address all aspects of the transportation system, including local streets and roads, freeways, public transit, walking and bicycling. Particular attention will be paid to the transportation needs of low-income communities.

NCTPA is relying on the public's involvement to help shape the Plan. The first major opportunity for Napa County residents and others to be involved is a series of community workshops taking place around the county the week of April 21, 2014 (see below for details). At the workshops, the public will have the chance to learn more about the project, voice their transportation needs and concerns, and share their ideas for improving the transportation system.

**April 24, 2014 (Thursday)--St. Helena**

6-8 pm  
Carnegie Building, 1360 Oak Avenue  
St. Helena  
Vine Route 10

For more information about *Vision 2040*, please visit [www.nctpa.net/articles/26](http://www.nctpa.net/articles/26) or contact Eliot Hurwitz, NCTPA Manager of Planning, at [ehurwitz@nctpa.net](mailto:ehurwitz@nctpa.net) or (707) 259-8782.

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**Napa County Resource Conservation District Workshop**

***Saturday April 12th and  
Sunday April 13th, 10 am- 4 pm***  
**Napa CNPS Native Plant Sale**

Come to Skyline Park to check out over 200 native plant species available for purchase. There are also native plant experts available to assist with choosing the right plant for your growing conditions.



For more information, visit <http://www.napavalleycnps.org/index.php/native-plant-sales>.

***Saturday, April 19th***  
**Earth Day Napa Festival & Cleanup**

Kick off your Earth Day weekend by coming out and helping clean up trash along the Napa River and throughout downtown Napa!



**Napa River and Community Cleanup, 9-11am**  
For more information call Stephanie at 252-4188 x111 or visit [www.naparcld.org](http://www.naparcld.org).

Then head to the Earth Day festival and join the celebration! Food, live entertainment and hands-on activities for the whole community!

**Earth Day Festival, 11 am - 4 pm in Veterans' Park, Downtown Napa**

For more information about the festival, visit [www.earthdaynapa.com](http://www.earthdaynapa.com).

***Saturday, April 26th, 9 am - 1 pm***  
**St. Helena Earth Day Spring Clean**

The St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling, and Umpqua Bank will host the annual Earth Day event in St. Helena. The Spring Clean event is free, but donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to the St. Helena Football Program.



At the St. Helena Fire Station, you can drop off:

- E-Waste ~ anything with a cord
- Household batteries
- Documents to be shredded



**Upcoming Events**

**April 2014**

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 1st  
6:00 PM

**City Council Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 8th  
6:00 PM

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

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 15th  
6:00 PM

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 18th  
City Hall  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Open  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Closed

**City Council Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 22nd  
6:00 PM

**May 2014**

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, May 6th  
6:00 PM

**City Council Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, May 13th  
6:00 PM

- Pharmaceuticals ~ collection of pharmaceuticals will take place at the St. Helena Police Station drop-off site only. Five minute parking will be reserved for this drop-off.

For more information, please call the St. Helena Chamber at 963-4456 or email [info@sthenana.com](mailto:info@sthenana.com).

**Sunday, April 27th**  
**Bay Friendly Garden Tour**



This year's Bay-Friendly Garden Tour features 12 gardens in the Valley that provide inspiration for creating beautiful low-impact landscapes.

Highlights include:

- \* Drought-tolerant gardens with habitat, heritage oaks, and spectacular views
- \* Chickens, honeybees, composting, orchards, and vegetables
- \* Lawn-free outdoor entertaining spaces, rain barrels, and more
- \* "Beat the Drought" Workshops

Learn more and purchase tickets for the tour at:  
<http://BayFriendlyGardenTour.brownpapertickets.com>

Sponsored by City of Napa Water Division, County of Napa, and Napa County RCD

*Want to VOLUNTEER to be a garden greeter and gain free entrance to the 12 gardens for three hours?*

Volunteer shifts: 10 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm  
Location: Napa, Yountville, St Helena

To volunteer: Call 252-4188 x116 or email [frances@naparcd.org](mailto:frances@naparcd.org)  
Please indicate the following items:

1. Would you like to volunteer in the morning or afternoon?
2. Gardens are in or near Napa, Yountville, St Helena. Are you unable to volunteer in any of these towns?
3. What size of a t-shirt would you like?
4. Contact Email address and phone number?

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**Bell Canyon Reservoir Level**

<b>Rainfall</b> (Year runs July 1-June 30. Yearly Normal is 35.08")	
Year to Date*	15.79"
Normal to Date*	31.6"
April Rainfall*	1.01"
Normal March*	2.10"
Wettest March*	8.43" 1926
Driest March*	0.0" 2002

*\*Source St. Helena Star April 10, 2014*

<b>Bell Canyon Level</b>	
This year ending 04/07/ 2014	<b>94.8%</b>
Last year ending 04/08/2013	<b>86.1%</b>

Please still conserve water.

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**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, May 20th  
6:00 PM

**Memorial Day Holiday**  
City Hall Closed  
Monday, May 26th

**City Council Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, May 27th  
6:00 PM



Saving Water Links

**Calculate Your Water Use at Home**  
Use our handy calculator to find out how much water you use inside and outside each day!

**Saving Water, Inside & Out**  
It's easy to save water at home. Learn new ways to conserve indoors and outdoors.

**Build a Beautiful Water-Wise Garden**  
See gardening tips and photo galleries with interactive garden and plant images.



Please visit the State of California website for other useful conservation information at [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org).

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For any questions relating to the City's water

emergency, please email  
[water911@cityofsthelena.org](mailto:water911@cityofsthelena.org).



**Questions?**

Call City Water Shortage  
Hotline  
**(707) 968-2627**

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