

## Welcome to the City of St. Helena eNews

### St. Helena Fire Department 13th Annual Lobster Feed Raises Nearly \$155,000



The 13th annual St. Helena Lobster Feed was a huge success. There were 472 in attendance at this long awaited annual event. The Fire Department set out to raise funds for a new training ground at the Waste Water Treatment Plant site. The goal was set at \$150,000 and was exceeded by \$5,000, including a high bidder at \$23,500. The "Fund of Need" item was generously met with donations in excess of \$33,000 by many contributions from community members.



The Fire Department cannot express enough thanks to our community, residents and businesses

who contributed in many ways. In addition, we extend our gratitude to the numerous volunteers, their family members and staff who continuously show their dedication and devotion to our department and the St. Helena community.

For more information, please contact the Fire Department at [fire@cityofstheleena.org](mailto:fire@cityofstheleena.org).

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### Council Approves over \$850,000 in Road Repairs and Rehabilitation



**Spring Mountain Road - Proposed for Resurfacing**

The beginning of spring last week marked the start of construction for most projects and it was fitting that St. Helena kicked off spring season with City Council approval of \$850,000 in road repairs and rehabilitation throughout the city. At Tuesday's March 26th meeting St. Helena Council members unanimously approved a list of proposed streets that would be completed under the St. Helena FY 12-13 Street Repair/Rehabilitation Project. Council approved the list and authorized staff to go out to bid for approximately \$16,150 in crack sealing, \$132,865 in slurry sealing and \$709,504 in resurfacing of streets, which includes roads on both sides of Main Street. The Council cut nearly one million dollars from this year's budget to provide the needed roadway maintenance funding.

After a brief review and discussion Council approved the list as proposed by staff with an added caveat that the contractor(s) awarded the bid be required to cover cost of signage/banner with a message to the effect of "Beautifying Our Town: St. Helena Public Works Department, taking care of our streets". The approved list and map of streets can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

For more information, please contact Public Works Director John Ferons at [johnf@cityofstheleena.org](mailto:johnf@cityofstheleena.org).



### A Single Drop of Used Motor Oil Can Contaminate a Million Drops of Water



#### April Showers Brings May Flowers and Sometimes More

Rainy weather means an increase in stormwater pollution which equates to polluting the Napa River. St. Helena residents are reminded to continue to help reduce pollution during the rainy season.

The rainy season brings more than gray skies and flowers to St. Helena. It also brings an increase in water pollution. The rains cause built up pollutants to wash off streets and roads into local waters. Some of the major pollutants we're concerned about are motor oil, litter and pesticides. In the Napa County area, the State Water Quality Resources Board has seen evidence of increased pollution in the Napa River during winter months.

The good news is that St. Helena residents can help reduce water pollution during the rainy season by following a few simple tips:

- Check vehicles for leaks! Even a small leak can have a big impact. One drop of oil can contaminate a million drops of water. Recycle motor oil at the Fulton Lane facility.
- If you see litter, pick it up! A bottle or food wrapper on



#### Upcoming Events

##### March 2013

**Good Friday Holiday**  
City Hall Closed at noon  
Friday, March 29th

##### April 2013

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 2nd  
7:00 PM

**City Council Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 9th  
6:00 PM

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**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 16th  
7:00 PM

**City Council Meeting**  
Vintage Hall Board Room  
Tuesday, April 23rd  
6:00 PM

**Town Hall Meeting**

the ground is unsightly; when rains wash litter down storm drains, these items pollute local waters.

- Don't spray pesticides around the perimeter of your home, especially when rain is in the forecast.

For more information or tips on preventing water pollution, visit [BayWise.org](http://BayWise.org).

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### Bocce Ball Team Sign ups



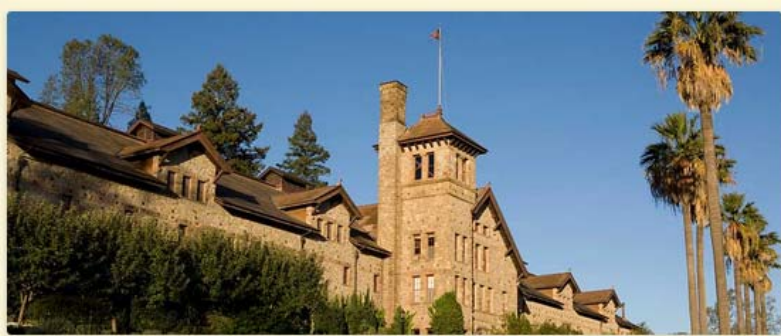
Bocce Team registrations started this week with night league filling quickly, which is now completely full and closed. St. Helena Recreation will continue to take new team registrations for Sunday league and Farmers' Market league until April 5th. Please note that a Captain's meeting will be held on April 23rd.

The City is pleased to report that construction on courts 2 & 3 started Monday, March 25th. Although the rain from last week set back the pouring of the concrete a day or two, the project is still on track to be completed by the beginning of April.

For more information, please contact Recreation Manager Haidi Arias at [haidia@cityofstheleena.org](mailto:haidia@cityofstheleena.org).

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### Event: bASH in St. Helena



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, and vote on the best food and wine pairing.

Appellation St. Helena, the Culinary Institute of America and the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce present **bASH**, featuring the wines of the St. Helena Appellation, and the culinary arts of our best restaurants and food purveyors.

Wineries and chefs collaborate to offer sips and savory bites from a variety of St. Helena restaurants, caterers as well as "rising star" students selected by the teaching staff of the Culinary Institute of America. Greystone Campus, 2555 Main Street, St. Helena. Join us on Saturday, April 13th from 6 pm to 9 pm.

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**Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Seeking Applicants - Application due April 1st**



Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) is seeking qualified applicants to serve on the Measure T Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC). To read the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Letter from the NVTA Chairman click [here](#). To go directly to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee application click [here](#).

For more information please contact NVTA Secretary of the Board Karrie Sanderlin at 707-259-8633 or email [ksanderlin@nctpa.net](mailto:ksanderlin@nctpa.net).

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