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Earth Day 2013



Earth Day promotes sustainability and environmental stewardship and is celebrated in more than 190 countries around the world. St. Helena residents, however, will not have to travel far to join in this global celebration. The City of St. Helena Parks Department, Kiwanis Club of St. Helena, Seventh Day Adventist Church and the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce are providing a host of activities in April for Earth Day 2013.

Sunday, April 14th

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mary Fryer Park

Activity: Dads and kids are moving and spreading safety surfacing at Mary Fryer Park playground.

Saturday, April 20th

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lyman Park

Activity: Kiwanis painting the gazebo.

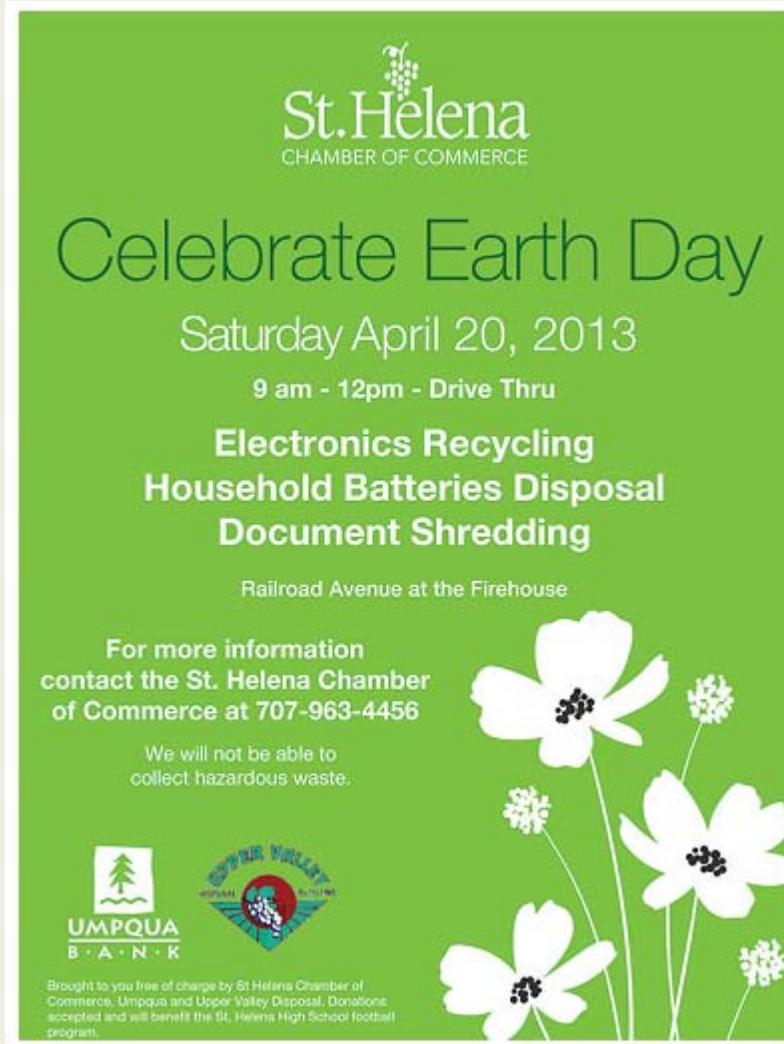
Friday, April 26th

8:30 a.m.

Jacob Meiley Park

Activity: Seventh Day Adventist Church weeding and spreading mulch and safety surfacing at Jacob Meily Park.

In addition to these Earth Day activities, St. Helena residents will have an opportunity to safely recycle or dispose of items that may be unsafe for an ordinary recycle bin. St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling and Umpqua Bank is hosting a community electronics recycling, household batteries disposal and document shredding at the St. Helena Firehouse (Railroad Avenue). Residents may bring their sensitive documents for safe disposal and can drop off computers and appliances.



For more information on park activities, please contact Parks Supervisor Jim Haller at jimh@cityofstheleena.org. For more information on the recycling event, please contact Chamber of Commerce CEO/President Pam Simpson at pam@stheleena.com.

St. Helena Outlook Forum



St. Helena City Manager Gary Broad and Finance Director Karen Scalabrini will present the state of St. Helena's economy at the first "Economic Outlook Forum" to be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 26 at

the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone.

The forum will examine St. Helena's revenue streams, including sales tax and Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT), and will feature presentations by five people.

Featured speakers include Mary Flynn from MuniServices addressing sales tax trends and economic analysis; Visit Napa Valley Executive Director Clay Gregory will give an analysis of Napa Valley's TOT and will discuss the typical visitor to the Napa Valley; and St. Helena Chamber of Commerce CEO and President Pam Simpson will discuss St. Helena destination marketing.

The St. Helena Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the the City of St. Helena to present the event.

For more information, please visit the Chamber of Commerce website at sthelena.com.

LAFCO Refuses to Act on City-County Service Study Request



The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County took no action at its April 1 meeting on the City of St. Helena's request to amend LAFCO's study schedule for municipal service and sphere of influence reviews. St. Helena had requested the scheduled north valley region study (including Yountville, St. Helena and Calistoga areas) be moved up by one year to FY 2013-2014 to provide St. Helena, its residents and businesses with an earlier understanding of the availability of future City services, namely City fire protection, City water and City sewer, particularly in the Highway 29 area south of the City.

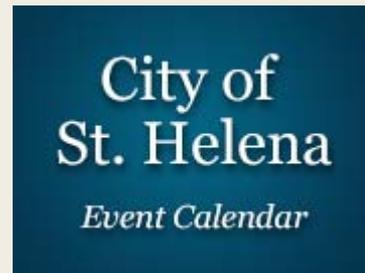
While LAFCO staff found the request "reasonable", a LAFCO Commission majority composed of Supervisor Bill Dodd, Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht and Alternate Commissioner Gregory Rodeno found no compelling reason to move up the study date.

Though the LAFCO study will remain in FY 2014-15, Fire protection service issues will surface in St. Helena's FY 2013-14 city budget, as Napa County has indicated it no longer intends to pay St. Helena to provide fire protection to county areas outside of the City. Napa County currently pays St. Helena \$68,000 and provides free dispatch for handling calls outside of the City limit—a total package worth approximately \$100,000. While a City-County contract for fire protection outside the City limits has been in place for decades, under the County-proposed agreement, City taxpayers would subsidize the cost of St. Helena Fire Department providing service to County properties.

Mutual aid would still exist between the two agencies even without a contract, however, the number of calls the St. Helena Fire Department responded to would drop from about 200 to approximately 50 annually. Because the Fire Department has a better ISO rating than the County, County properties might experience increased fire insurance costs without a City contract, mainly around Spring Mountain Road, Conn Valley Road and White Sulphur Springs.

For additional information, Please contact City Manager Gary Broad at garyb@cityofsthelena.org.

St Helena Businesses: Shine the Light on New Ways to Save Energy



Upcoming Events

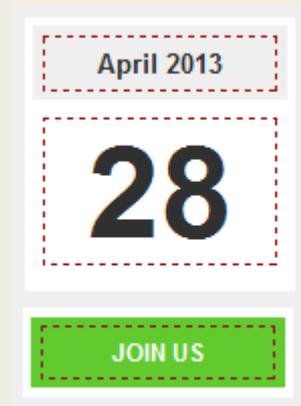
April 2013

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

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City Council Town Hall Meeting
St. Helena Public Library
Sunday, April 28th
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM



May 2013

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

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, May 14th
6:00 PM

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

Memorial Day Holiday
City Hall Closed
Monday, May 27th

City Council Meeting



LED lights are new, rapidly improving and have the “wow” factor. Questions abound about payback, light quality, and product reliability. Want to learn more? Attend this free workshop and get enlightened!

LED Versus Everything Else

May 3rd 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Napa County Historical Society
1219 First Street, Napa

Presented by Stan Walerczyk of Lighting Wizards. Refreshments and lunch will be provided for this half-day session. The class carries four hours of continuing education credit (AIA, NCQLP).

Registration is required.

Register at [PG&E Pacific Energy Center website](#). Once on the class website select "Napa" in the Location box, and click "Show Classes."

For additional information, please contact Napa County Energy Watch Project Engineer Bill Bennett at bill@sustainablenapacounty.org.

Divers Repair Intake Sluice Gate in Bell Canyon Reservoir



On April 4th, a four-man crew of specialist divers working beneath the surface of Bell Canyon Reservoir completed the removal of intake gate and associated appurtenances at elevation

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

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385 in Bell Canyon Reservoir. The divers from North Coast Divers Inc. discovered the cause of the intake gate failure in earlier inspections of Bell Canyon and Lower Reservoir completed in October 2012. Bell Canyon was built in 1965 with very little information about the configuration of the intake control gates. In the absence of those detailed as-built drawings, the October dive was necessary to perform an underwater inspection to document details of submerged intakes and use to prepare a repair plan.

Using underwater burning gear and various tooling, the entire gate structure was removed and recovered to the surface. A temporary patch was secured to the tower intake opening preventing flow into the tower at elevation 385 until the replacement control gate is installed. The gate will be prefabricated and installed this spring or early summer.

For more information, please contact Senior Management Analyst Kathy Robinson at kathyr@cityofsthelena.org.

Department of Public Works Capital Project April Update



General Capital Projects

- **Wappo Park/Pope Street Bike Trail** (Project No. C68): The multipurpose trail construction has begun. The grading is complete with construction of the concrete sidewalk connection ongoing. The weather has contributed to some delays in paving and concrete construction. Staff still expects a completed project by May 31, 2013 with a new sidewalk connecting the college to the Pope Street Bridge and a paved bicycle/pedestrian trail to Wappo Park.
- **Crane Park/Bocce Court Rehabilitation** (Project No. 37): The scheduled rehabilitation of two bocce courts has increased to a four-court rehabilitation due to savings created by a public/private cooperation with the parks department providing the demolition labor, greatly reducing the outsourcing cost for consultants and contractors. Work is scheduled to be complete before the bocce season begins.

Streets Projects

- **Main Street/Grayson Avenue Signalization** (Project No. R05): Design Plans for the signal at Grayson and Highway 29 were completed by traffic engineer Kimley-Horn & Associates in April 2012 and submitted to Caltrans for plan approval. Caltrans comments have been incorporated into the planset and are being resubmitted for approval this month. Construction is expected to begin as early as late summer 2013.
- **Road Repairs** (Misc. Project No.s): Public Works staff is preparing the necessary bid packages for a comprehensive series of road repairs estimated at \$858,519, ranging from crack sealing for roads that are starting to show signs of wear to all-out resurfacing for some of the very worst roads. Proposed is complete resurfacing of a segment of Spring Mountain Road north of Elmhurst Avenue, Pope Street between Main Street and Allison Avenue, Hunt Avenue east of June Lane, and Madrona Avenue between Hudson Avenue and

Spottswode. Less expensive crack sealing and slurry sealing are planned for roads that haven't deteriorated enough to require complete repaving. Bids expect to be awarded in phases starting in May.

- **Highway 29 Channelization** (Project No. R19): As mid-April approaches, the undergrounding project has completed 10,000 of the 15,000 linear feet of joint trench along Highway 29 with 5,000 feet of that trenching done in March. The contractor, Underground Construction Company, has three crews working with over 80 personnel on site and has completed over 150 days with no major safety incidents. The mainline trenching is now clear of the St. Helena city limits and will continue the last mile from Lewelling to Zinfandel with day and night crews working southbound and northbound until they meet. The restoration work to complete trench paving in the City will begin the week of April 15 with some paving at night. Sidewalk restoration from Charter Oak Avenue to Sulphur Springs will commence the last week of April. The section of new gas main from Mee Lane to Zinfandel Lane will be activated on April 22. The final 900-foot section of gas main from Charter Oak West to the Sulphur Creek Bridge will be bored the last week of April. 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 will continue in areas where only two lanes exist. 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): Harold Smith and Sons completed all work on the Charter Oak Avenue sewer and water main replacement in early October including the final asphalt patching of the trenches. The City Streets crews have readied the pump station in the Corporation Yard for the installation of the new pumps in mid-May.

Water Projects

- **Tank 1A** (Project No. W83): Site work for the new water tank site has been underway for several months. Grading is generally complete with the contractor now focusing on the underground utility work prior to tank construction. The tank will begin to take shape in early summer.

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

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