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Del Britton Memorial Dedication

Community leaders from throughout Napa County joined St. Helena City Council and Planning Commission members, City staff and Britton family, friends and neighbors in Crane Park today to honor the late Delford Britton. Over 100 attendees joined in remembering Mayor Britton's legacy, as Crane Park Picnic Area 3 was dedicated as "Del Britton Memorial Grove" and two benches added to honor the City's five-term Mayor from 2005 to 2013. Speakers praised late Mayor Britton for his civic involvement, his tolerance for all opinions and his success in involving residents in community affairs.

Earlier that morning, U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, City staff and Britton family members attended a ceremony renaming Pine Street east from Main Street to the fire station as Britton Way.



Britton Way Street Dedication

During the street dedication (photos above), Public Works Director Ferons officially placed the new street sign at the corner of Main and Britton Way. At the picnic grove dedication (photos below), the Britton family had the honors of unveiling the two benches and sign for the newly named "Del Britton Memorial Grove".



Del Britton Memorial Grove Dedication

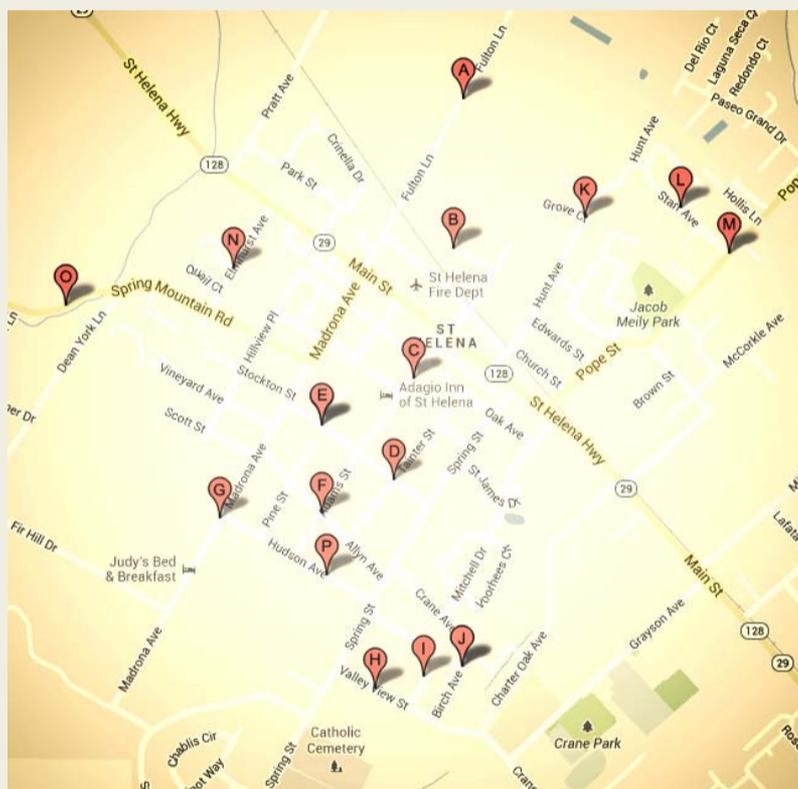


The streets of St. Helena are getting all new street signs. The Public Works Streets division has installed 55% of the 546 new signs. The majority of the west side and Main Street were completed on August 29th and the streets crew expects to have the east side completed by early next week.

The street signs were starting to show their age with some worn so badly that the original burgundy color had faded to blue (see left photo above). The new signs (see right photo above) are diamond graded prior to adding any lettering or logo, which makes the entire sign reflective, making them easier to read, and treated with an anti-UV protective coating to reduce fading. The new signs remains similar to the old in design with white lettering on a burgundy background.

For more information, please contact Street Supervisor Jim Burke at jimb@cityofsthenana.org.

[Interactive Street Repairs Map 2013](#)



Check out the link (click on image above) to the Public Work's new interactive map depicting the City street maintenance projects. The map was created for residents, business owners and visitors to determine what streets are being worked on and what work will be completed. Once Public Works confirms a focused schedule, we will be adding dates to that information so everyone may stay informed on the project and its progress.

In addition to our interactive map, Public Works staff will be placing door knob notices in neighborhoods/areas scheduled for repair a few days prior to commencement of work activities. Below are descriptions of the three different types of work activities that will be happening on various streets throughout the city.

Repair activities defined:

- **Crack Seal**

Crack sealing and filling prevent the intrusion of water and incompressible materials into cracks into the street surface. Crack sealing is the placement of materials into working cracks. Crack sealing requires thorough crack preparation and often requires the use of specialized high quality materials placed either into or above working cracks to prevent the intrusion of water and incompressible materials. Crack sealing is generally considered to be a longer-term treatment than crack filling.

- **Microsurfacing**

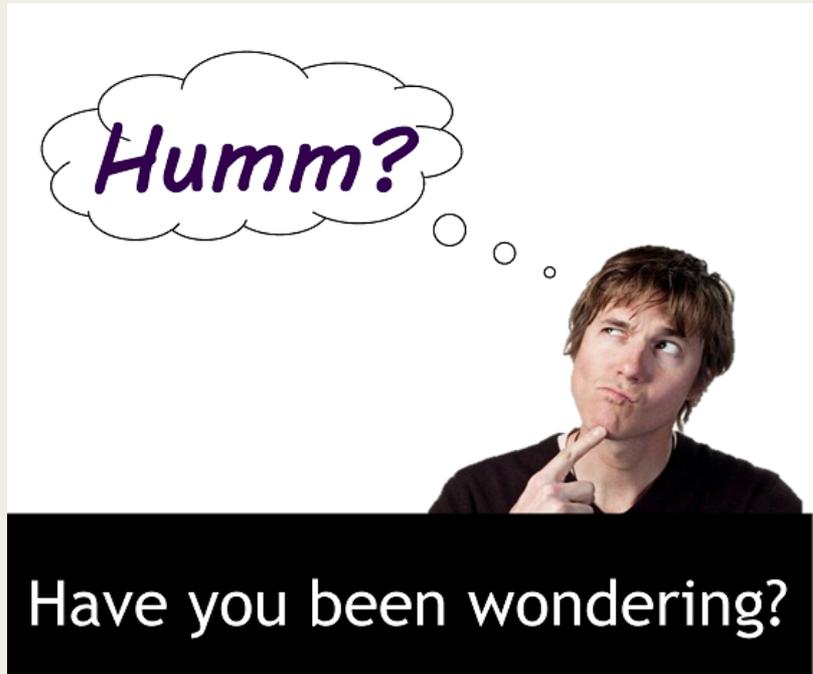
Micro-surfacing is a mixture of asphalt emulsion, graded aggregates, mineral filler, water and other additives. The resulting slurry material is a free flowing composite material that is spread via a spreader box over the existing road surface. The consistency of the micro-surface material allows it to spread over the pavement, wetting it, and forming an adhesive

bond to the pavement. The mixture then cures, by loss of water, into a hardwearing, dense-graded asphalt/aggregate mixture that is bonded to the existing pavement.

- **AC Overlay**

Asphalt Resurfacing or Overlay generally consists of grinding off selected areas of old asphalt either along the curb or within the street, patching any pot holes or badly deteriorated areas, placing a geotextile fabric for binding then placing and compacting hot mix asphalt pavement. Asphalt used for resurfacing is generally placed in 2-inch thick lifts. Street resurfacing can improve driving conditions and correct improper drainage and will last generally for 8 to 10 years depending on traffic, weather conditions and the strategy of treatments.

Public Works Update



Have you been wondering about all that paint on the streets at the south end of the City? The paint is part of the Underground Service Alert (USA) program. USA is a non-profit mutual benefit organization that links the excavation community and the owners of underground lines. USA marking is free for all homeowners, excavators and professional contractors who are digging, blasting, trenching, drilling, grading, excavating, or otherwise moving any earth. USA tags are placed with each utility owner, in our case the City, who then goes out and marks the known location of all of the utilities we own and operate; blue for water and green for sewer.

The USA markings you see now are for PG&E. With the underground project on Hwy 29, PG&E is installing a new 8" gas distribution mainline pipe. It is being connected to the existing east-west connections from the existing old transmission main that runs all the way up the valley.

As the work on Hwy 29 is wrapped up, final tests are performed for the gas lines being served by the new main. When the new distribution main is "turned on", the contractor must do leak tests on the adjoining lines on Sulphur Springs, Vallejo, Crane, etc. Those tests entail drilling a 3/4" diameter x 12" deep hole at each service along the main and placing a "sniffer" in the hole to determine if there is a leak. When a leak is detected, it has to be dug up and fixed. The contractor tells us most of the leaks they are encountering out in the county areas are at the meters, which only entails taping and plumbing above ground work.

The overall goal of the effort is to provide a safer, more efficient gas distribution system by PG&E. All of this work is occurring on streets that are not being repaired this year.

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

[St. Helena Shuttle Schedule - Updated](#)



Upcoming Events

August 2013

St. Helena Farmers' Market
Crane Park
Friday, August 30th
7:00 AM - Noon

September 2013

Labor Day Holiday
Monday, September 2nd
City Hall Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, September 3rd
7:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market
Crane Park
Friday, September 6th
7:00 AM - Noon

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, September 10th
6:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market
Crane Park
Friday, September 13th
7:00 AM - Noon

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, September 17th
7:00 PM

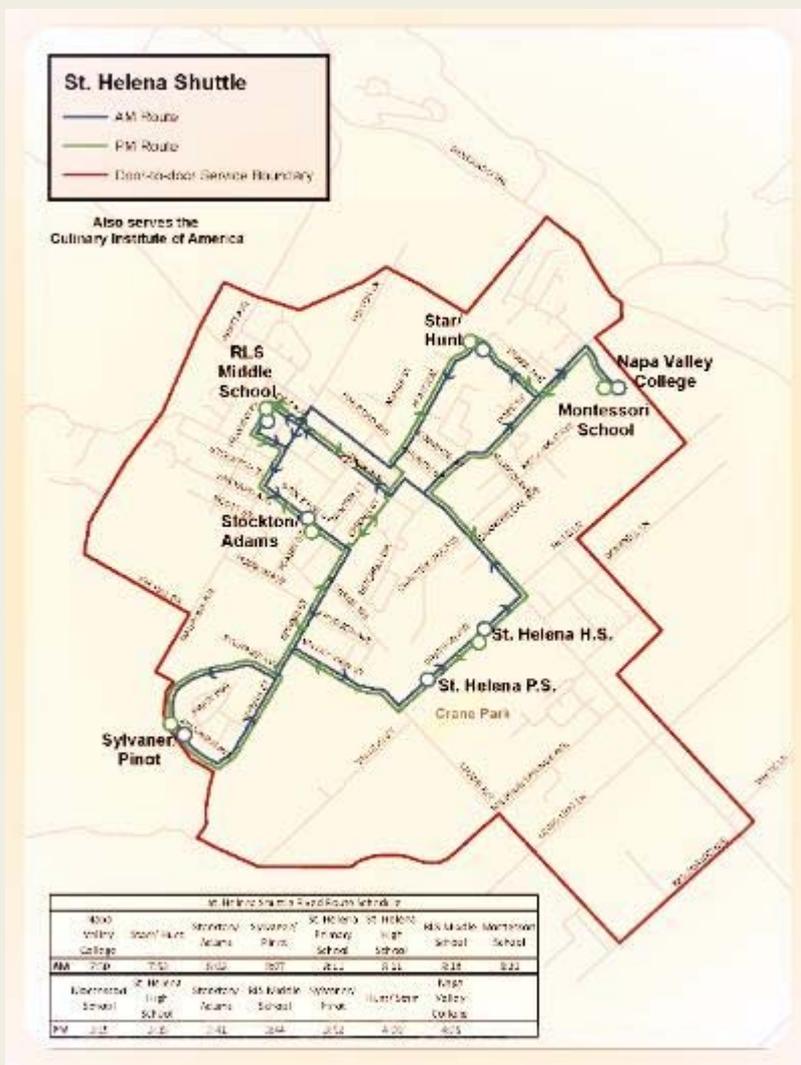
St. Helena Farmers' Market
Crane Park
Friday, September 20th
7:00 AM - Noon

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, September 24th
6:00 PM

St. Helena Farmers' Market
Crane Park
Friday, September 27th
7:00 AM - Noon

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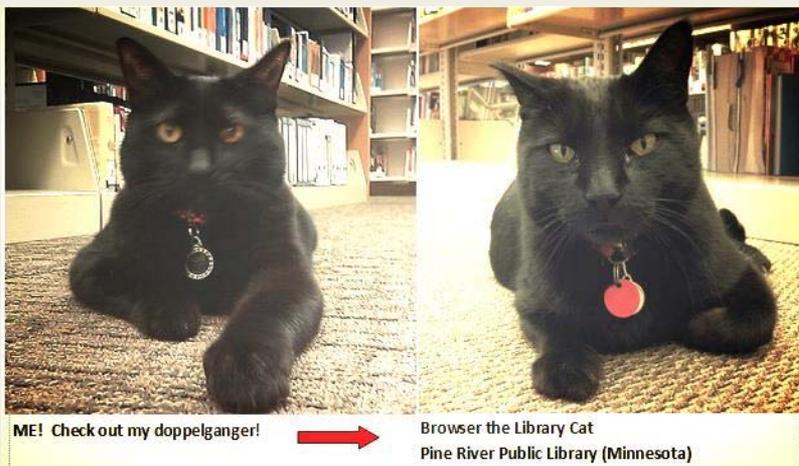
Changes to the St. Helena AM and PM schedule were made effective August 22nd. The changes have no negative impact on current riders and will benefit the many students who live at Stonebridge apartments. Click on the image above to download a copy of the new schedule.



Special Notice: VINE Transit, American Canyon Transit, St. Helena Shuttle, Yountville Trolley and Calistoga Shuttle will be closed Labor Day, September 2, 2013. Operations resume September 3, 2013.

For more information, please visit www.ridethevine.com.

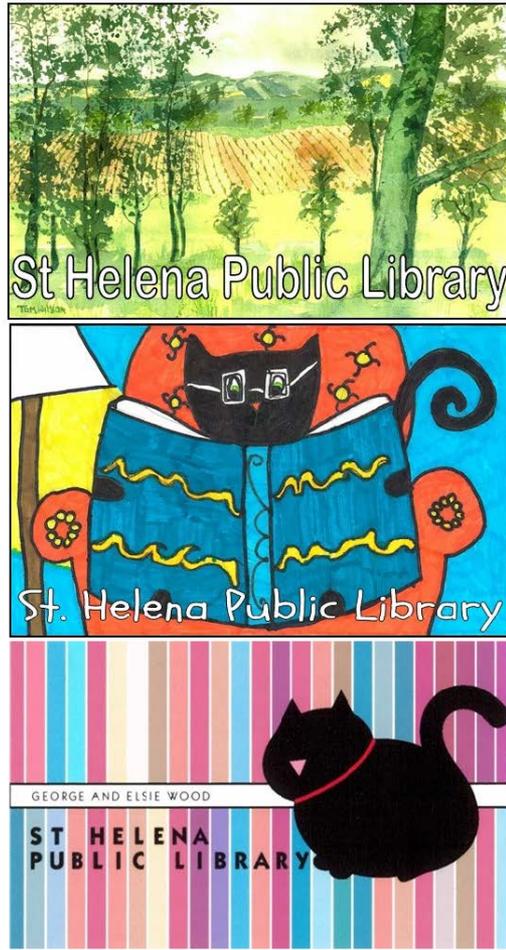
St. Helena Library News



From Kitty Korner

Many of you know Miss Elsie the Library Cat. But did you know that she is world famous on Facebook? Elsie has gathered a following of over 4,000 fans online, including people from all over the world and even several other felines. One in particular happens to be another library cat. Browser the Library Cat makes his home at the Pine River Public Library in Minnesota. A black cat also, he could easily be mistaken for Elsie if he ever stepped into our building. Several of Elsie's Facebook friends have suggested an online romance may develop between the stacks but the two have not yet communicated directly and Elsie is technically in a relationship (albeit an "open" one) with Aragon who plays Lord Tubbington on the hit TV-show *Glee*. All three cats maintain Facebook pages and we highly encourage you to "friend" them so you can keep up with their activities.

The winners!



NEW LIBRARY CARDS ARE IN! Tired of the way your old library card looks? Come on into the library and pick from one of three new designs. Your new card will also have a new number, so if you've memorized your current number, a new card is not for you! Anyone getting a new card may pick their design. The three artists who won our library card design challenge will be exhibiting some of their work in the library during November, details to follow.

For more information, please contact Library Director Jennifer Baker at jennifer@shpl.org.

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