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## **FREE Wifi for Main Street St. Helena**



The St. Helena Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Valley Internet and VINO Visit to launch Phase One of free wifi for Main Street St. Helena.

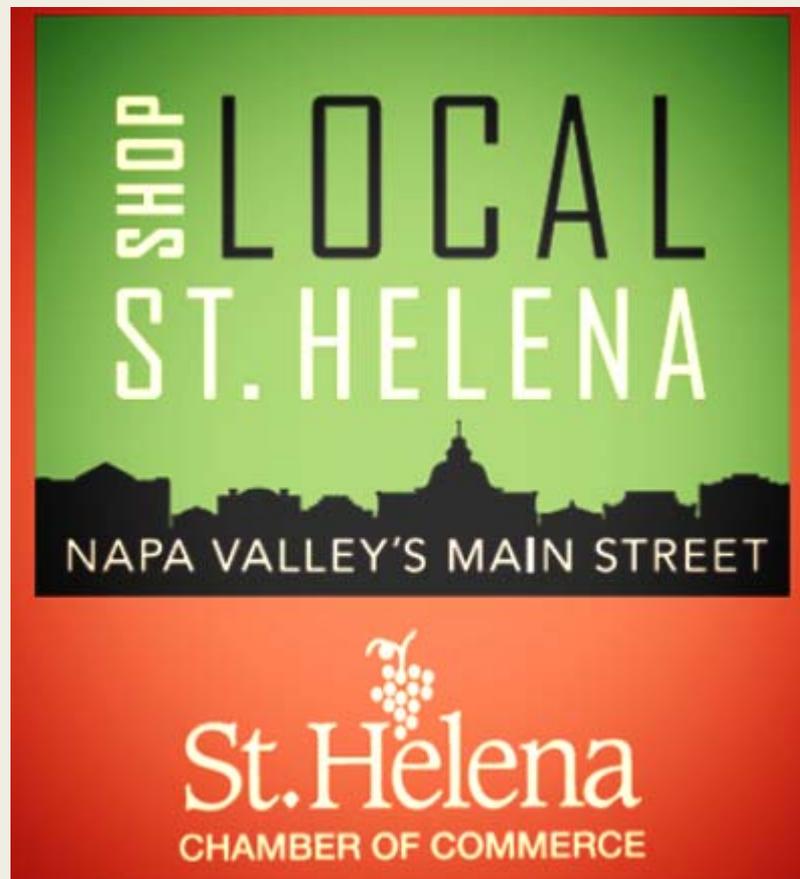
Valley Internet, a full service business-class Internet Service provider, is providing free internet service to downtown shoppers at key locations. The first phase serves Main Street from Rianda House to Farmstead. Curbside customers and window shoppers can easily access wifi by selecting 'St Helena FREE Wifi' in their mobile settings. Phase Two will place routers inside buildings on Main Street for complete coverage inside and out.

St. Helena businesses also benefit from the promotional opportunities offered on landing pages found once users access the wifi. Ads can be timely and offer click-through links to the businesses' websites.

Valley Internet is providing the service at no cost to the Chamber and Main Street indefinitely. "We couldn't be happier to be partnering with Valley Internet," said Simpson. "This is a solid provider whose offer is extremely generous."

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**The Chamber Says "Put Your Money Where Your House Is!"**



St. Helena is an extremely generous town. Many of us are committed to charities and non-profits in St. Helena and around the Valley. As part of St. Helena Chamber of Commerce fundraising efforts, they continue to look to St. Helena wineries, restaurants, retailers and other establishments as donors to the Chamber's efforts. They generously respond to many requests for donations each year. These business leaders and their employees are our neighbors who overwhelmingly give back more than we really know.

St. Helena is also committed to mom and pop shops. There is a prohibition on formula restaurants and the community is not interested in seeing the town made up of chain stores. St. Helena is committed to preserving the integrity and unique small town character of St. Helena. This is why we must recognize what we have, give thanks for the amazing town in which we live, and spend our time and money in our local establishments.



Join the Napa Valley Vintners, and the Chambers of Commerce of American Canyon, Napa, Yountville, Calistoga and St. Helena in a joint Eat, Shop, Drink, Local campaign. Think before you hit that "Buy Now" button on your computer and consider shopping locally.

Show our neighbors; the local merchants, chefs, vintners, grocers, theatre owners and business leaders, your appreciation and support.

For more information, please contact Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Pam Simpson at [pam@sthelena.com](mailto:pam@sthelena.com).

## Access St. Helena Milestone Celebration!



The dust has settled, the trenches are closed, power services are underground, and the tops of utility poles are coming down. It's time for a well-earned Milestone Celebration marking the successful work of "Undergrounding - Phase 1."

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 12, 1:30PM-2:00PM, Rain or Shine (downpour does cancel)

**WHERE:** In St Helena on Mills Lane (east of Highway 29, just north of the Grayson intersection)

**WHO:** Representatives from the cooperative team – Napa County, City of St Helena, PG&E, Underground Construction, AT&T, Comcast. Open to the public. (Boots & Jeans recommended, plus umbrellas if needed.)

**THE MILESTONE:** Watch live as the crews top the project's very last power pole. Take a close-up look at an already-"topped" utility pole. Plus hear from project leaders what's ahead in 2014 and beyond

**PARKING:** Plenty of grass/roadside parking along Mills Lane

**CONSIDER COMING EARLY FOR LUNCH!** The Access St Helena team invites you to show your appreciation to the local restaurants whose patrons braved the cone zone during Phase 1 Undergrounding. Extend your thanks by planning your lunch (before or after) with:

- Cindy Pawlcyn's Wood Grill: 707-963-0700 (641 Main St, St Helena)
- Farmstead Restaurant: 707-963-9181 (738 Main St at Charter Oak East, St Helena)
- Golden Harvest Chinese: (61 Main St, St Helena)
- Azteca Market Grocery & Taqueria (789 Main St, St Helena)

Click [here](#) to download a printable invitation. For more information, please contact Public Liaison Shannon Kuleto at [Shannon@accessstheleena.org](mailto:Shannon@accessstheleena.org).

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## Public Works Capital Projects Update



### **Water Projects**

- **Tank 1A Construction** (CIP Project No. W-83)  
While the roads in St. Helena began rehabilitation this fall, the City has been quietly building a 1.4 million gallon concrete water tank on the hillside next to the Water Treatment plant. In 2009, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) expressed concerns about the viability of the City's current water storage Tank 1 due to severe

## City of St. Helena Event Calendar

### Upcoming Events

#### December 2013

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

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

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

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 24th  
*Cancelled*

**Christmas Holiday**  
Tuesday, December 24th -  
Wednesday, December 25th  
*City Hall Closed*

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### Police Corner



*Don't be stopped by our Police Department.*

### Activity of Note and Prevention

#### **Week ending November 1st**

- 2 Drunk driving arrests (Napa residents)
- 1 Possession of illegal substance & probation violation arrest (SH resident)
- 1 Petty theft arrest (SH resident)

corrosion. In a 2011 annual inspection, CDPH issued a mandate that Tank 1 be re-coated and/or rebuilt by September 2014. Operationally there was no feasible way to take Tank 1 off-line to rehabilitate it and still produce water within current health standards. In addition to the operational challenges, CDPH would not approve of a plan that would rely on only groundwater and contract water during the rehabilitation of Tank 1.

The solution was construction of a new tank, Tank 1A, next to the existing tank to allow for normal uninterrupted operation of the water treatment plant. Once Tank 1A is constructed and put into service, Tank 1 will be rehabilitated and put back into service. Once Tank 1, Tank 1A and Tank 2 are all in service the City will have approximately 5 million gallons of clean water storage. With demands approaching 4 million gallons a day in the heat of the summer, 5 million gallons in storage will provide 25% more than daily demand.



The photos above show the rising of the massive falsework framing which is necessary to provide temporary support for building the dome roofing and for the erection of the precast wall panels. Once the erection of the wall panels begin, the crane hooks onto the lifting inserts that are cast into the panels. During this tilt-up construction, the lifting crane operates from select positions to minimize the distance between panel casting beds and the final position of the panels.

As the tank construction progresses, the City will continue to provide updates and pictures as we near completion of the tank. For more information, please contact Senior Management Analyst Kathy Robinson at [kathyr@cityofstheleena.org](mailto:kathyr@cityofstheleena.org).

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- 3 Citations for driving without a license
- 16 Moving traffic citations issued (3 speed)
- 32 Parking citations issued
- 160 Incidents logged
- 20 Reports written
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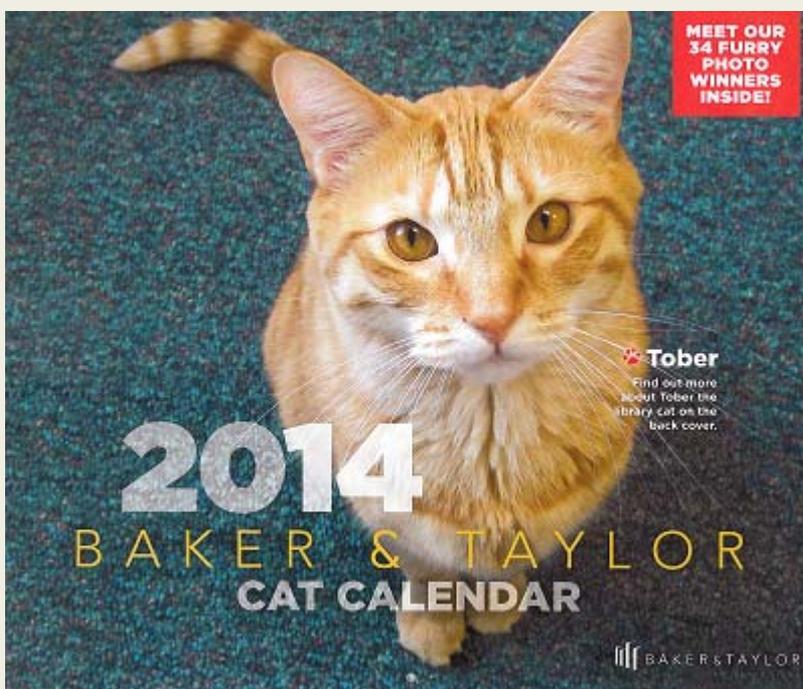
- One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six Christmas tree fires.
- More than half (56%) of home candle fires occur when something that can catch on fire is too close to the candle.
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 11% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

Click [here](#) to download a printable Fire Smart Tips for Christmas lights.

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**Elsie the Library Cat Featured in 2014 Baker & Taylor Cat Calendar**



Elsie gets celebrity status again! She is one of 34 cats featured in the

**SEE MORE ADORABLE AND FEARLESS FELINES ON BAKER & TAYLOR'S FACEBOOK PAGE!**



**Elsie**  
ENTRANT | **Jessie Baker**, St. Helena Public Library (St. Helena, CA)  
Elsie is a working library cat and has 3,600 fans on Facebook. She greets staff on the morning and welcomes library visitors.

**Odette**  
ENTRANT | **Lisa Thiel**, FDS County Library System (Petaluma, CA)  
Odette was left on the side of the road as a kitten. She was found, but with some attention and love she has become a great cat.

**Gracie**  
ENTRANT | **Jenny Peterson**, Springfield Public Library (Springfield, CO)  
Gracie is friendly and funny, and makes friends with everyone she meets.

**Melody**  
ENTRANT | **Leslie Doms**, Covadonga Park (Petaluma, CA)  
Melody is friendly, devoted to her human family, and she has a fancy head butt.

**Ira**  
ENTRANT | **Karen DS**, Forest Park Public Library (Forest Park, GA)  
Ira enjoys high jumping, shadow chasing and tail walking. He stops talking up with a good book with his owner.

**Charlie Barley**  
ENTRANT | **Lorella Sheffeld**, Bristol District Library (Bristol, UK)  
Charlie rules the house. He loves napping around the house looking for things to get into, and getting to go outside.

**Hellana**  
ENTRANT | **Bill Hammond**, Palm Harbor Library (Palm Harbor, FL)  
Hellana is quiet and sweet. She has a special way about her and is much more intuitive than her other cat house mates.

**Roamin**  
ENTRANT | **Karin Reaman**, Beavercreek (NY)  
Roamin was found abandoned when he was left in a sack and the cat did not think he would survive, but after a lot of TLC, he has become a large, healthy feline cat.

**Dennis**  
ENTRANT | **Robert Davidson**, 2000th Public Library (Beavercreek, OH)  
Dennis is the welcome mascot for our local public library. He will outside the door whenever all of our patrons and bring for head scratches and belly rubs.

Be sure to "like" her celebrity status on her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ElsieTheLibraryCat>.

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