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Congratulations! St. Helena Public Library Second in Library Journal Best Small Library in America

Last month the *Library Journal* (LJ) announced that the St. Helena Public Library placed second in the 2014 Best Small Library in America, finishing behind Pine River Library, Colorado and tying with Bertha Voyer Memorial Library in Honey Grove, Texas. The St. Helena Library is the only library in California to ever be named as a finalist for this prestigious award.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funds the *LJ*'s annual award to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of libraries serving populations under 25,000. As a finalist, the library receives a \$10,000 cash award and conference costs for two library representatives to attend the 2014 Public Library Association conference and award celebration. Library Director Jennifer Baker and Library Trustee Chair Bonnie Long will travel to the conference to be held in Indianapolis in mid-March. The award funds will be used to enhance those library projects and programs recognized by the award which included our nationally recognized program series, outreach and partnership efforts, and services to Spanish speakers.

Staff from the library also plan to present a workshop at the California Library Association conference this fall titled *It's*

not easy being small—or is it?! wherein they will give tips to big and small libraries on how regardless of size they can make the most of their resources and opportunities to serve their communities.

Congratulations to Library Director Jennifer Baker and the staff of the St. Helena Public Library on this wonderful achievement!



Water Conservation Tips

Shut off Sprinklers



St. Helena was one of the first communities to respond to the statewide drought emergency and the beneficial rains by turning off their automatic irrigation systems. The City, along with the California [Department of Water Resources](#), urge residents, businesses, and public agencies to continue conserving our precious water supplies by leaving those sprinklers shut off through the end of March. Recent rains may not have ended the drought, but they have saturated our soils – and your plants’ root zones. There is no need to water again until the soil is dry 4 to 6 inches deep or plants appear stressed. Despite the high temperatures expected mid-month, trees, shrubs and lawns naturally need less water during winter’s short days. Those needs may easily be met by late-month storms.

The [Save Our Water](#) campaign provides a great resource for all things irrigation in their “[Sprinklers 101](#)” section at www.saveourh2o.org. Those having trouble programming or turning off their automatic controllers can find links to product manuals published by major manufacturers.

When the rainy season has truly ended, customers can create a customized watering schedule using [Sprinkler Times](#), a free online tool and smartphone app available from the City of Napa. It is easy to use and generates a monthly base schedule tailored to your site, including recommended watering days per week, start times per day, and station run times. A reminder email prompts you to adjust the schedule monthly to avoid waste. Details on all water-saving opportunities can be found at the City of Napa Website hub: www.cityofnapa.org/water.

Toilet Retrofit



The City has declared a Phase II water emergency. Under these restrictions, any newly-approved development is required to be water neutral. This requirement dictates that the development cannot use more City-delivered water in the future than its property used in the past. This applies to new homes, remodels or additions adding new bedrooms, and businesses expanding their use. Water neutrality can generally be achieved through retrofitting existing water fixtures in the building. At times, an applicant must identify offsite retrofits to achieve the net-zero increase in water use. These

retrofits have been achieved by replacing older 5 and 7 gallon toilets in higher volume uses such as restaurants, schools, businesses and hotels.

If you have older toilets that could be retrofitted with a new 1.3 gallon water-efficient toilets, click [here](#) to download the application. For more information, please contact Senior Management Analyst Kathy Robinson at kathyr@cityofstheleena.org.

Water Meter Monitors Now Available to Water Customers



Now you can monitor your water usage from the comfort of your living room! The Orion Water Meter Monitor is a remote receiver and display, which will allow you to monitor your water use as well as displaying the current reading of your water meter.

There are two time intervals that you can monitor. One interval could be the current month or billing cycle and the other could be a day in which a lawn is being watered. The remote receiver has a range of approximately several feet and has a magnet built into the case to allow mounting the unit on the refrigerator. Range varies on line of site from the home to the meter.

The Orion Water Meter Monitor is available for purchase at City Hall for \$75.60. The City is now also offering a payment plan of \$6.30 per month for a 12 month period, which will be added to your monthly water bill.

The meter monitor will give you the ability to easily track your water usage, so you can conserve and reduce your water use. For more information, please email the St. Helena Water Department at water911@cityofstheleena.org or call (707) 968-2745.

Bell Canyon Reservoir Level

Rainfall (Year runs July 1-June 30. Yearly Normal is 35.08")	
Year to Date*	12.20"
Normal to Date*	28.81"
March Rainfall*	0.88"
Normal March*	4.32"
Wettest March*	16.83" 1991
Driest March*	0.05 1923

**Source St. Helena Star March 13, 2014*

Bell Canyon Level	
This year ending 03/10/ 2014	79.0%
Last year ending 03/11/2013	89.1%

Low reservoir levels still make conservation critical.

City Still Seeking Volunteers for Water Advisory Board



Opportunity knocks for you to have a role in the City's Water Shortage Emergencies

The City Council is seeking members for a Water Advisory Board established for the purposes of granting permits for the use of water, exceptions to water conservation measures or for water connections otherwise prohibited, and for hearing appeals.



Upcoming Events

March 2014

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, March 18th
6:00 PM

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, March 25th
6:00 PM

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

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

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, April 15th

The Board will be comprised of one city council member, one planning commissioner, one winery customer, and two members of the public at large, one of whom shall be solely a residential customer. The Director of Public Works is an ex officio member of this board. Unless the city council otherwise directs, the board will disband when the water emergency is no longer in effect. The Water Advisory Board shall have access to all records in the possession of the City's Water Enterprise necessary in its judgment to perform its duties, including customer records. The Board shall maintain the confidentiality of individual customer records unless the Board determines by resolution that release of such information is necessary in the pursuit of its duties.

Interested parties are encouraged to fill out an application from the City's website www.cityofsthelena.org or click [here](#) to download the application. **Please apply by March 19th to be considered at the March 25th Council meeting.**

For more information, please contact City Clerk Delia Guijosa at cityclerk@cityofsthelena.org.

For any questions relating to the City's water emergency, please email water911@cityofsthelena.org.



Questions?
Call City Water Shortage Hotline
(707) 968-2627

2014 St. Helena Bocce Registration



Registration Information: Spring/Summer Night League begins **March 24th and ends March 25th** for all priority teams, which are all teams that played in the 2013 Bocce Season.

Flat Fee: \$400.00 per team.

In-person registration at the Carnegie Building Monday, March 24th - 9 am - 5 pm.

Farmer's Market League: Registration begins **March 24th and ends April 4th**

Flat Fee: \$225.00 per team. New teams are welcome to register during this time for the Farmer's Market League, and must register for Sunday night. Registration begins March 26th and ends April 4th.

For more information on St. Helena Bocce please visit our new city website at www.cityofsthelena.org/parks-recreation/st-helena-bocce/ or call the Recreation Office at 707-963-5706.


Napa Countywide Transportation Plan Citizens Advisory Committee Application

6:00 PM

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, April 22nd
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.

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1480 Main Street



The Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) is seeking eligible applicants to serve on the Napa Countywide Transportation Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The Countywide Transportation Plan is the long range (25-year) planning document that will prioritize projects and inform the regional transportation plan and other federal/state planning and funding programs.

NCTPA is a joint powers authority (JPA) established in June of 1998. The JPA is made of Napa County and the Cities and Town located in Napa. The work activities of NCTPA are defined by the joint powers agreement and overseen by the Board of Directors made up of elected officials from the respective member agencies, and an ex-officio member from the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC).

NCTPA serves as the countywide transportation planning body for the incorporated and unincorporated areas within Napa County and is responsible for programming State, Federal, and certain local funds for transportation projects within the County. NCTPA is further charged with coordinating short and long term planning and funding within an intermodal policy framework in the areas of highways, streets and roads, transit and paratransit, and bicycle improvements.

NCTPA also operates the Napa VINE transit services, serves as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority, Green Business Coordinator, Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Napa sub-regional coordinator, and van pool coordinator (in partnership with Solano County).

The Napa Countywide Transportation Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet on a quarterly basis beginning in April 2014 and will be tasked with reviewing and providing recommendations on elements to be included in the final plan. Eligible applicants must commit to participate in all meetings (anticipated to be four meetings) and serve on the committee until the final plan has been adopted by the NCTPA Board, expected in May/June 2015.

Ideally, the CAC will be made up of (17) Committee members who are residents of the County of Napa and possess the following credentials:

- One member representing the City of American Canyon*
- One member representing the City of Calistoga*
- One member representing the City of Napa*
- One member representing the County of Napa*
- One member representing the City of St. Helena*
- One member representing the Town of Yountville*
- One member representing a Chamber of Commerce*
- One member representing the Agricultural industry*
- One member representing the Wine industry*
- One member representing the Hospitality industry*
- One member representing Transit interests*
- One member representing Environmental interests*
- One member representing Active Transportation (bicycle/pedestrian, etc) interests*
- One member representing Goods Movement (Trucking industry)*
- One member representing the Senior and Disabled community*
- One member representing the Hospital/Medical/Health industry*
- One member representing Land Use/Development*

To apply, please click [here](#) to submit the application online.

The application deadline is close of business on March 7, 2014.

For more information, please direct any questions to NCTPA Secretary of the Board Karrie Sanderlin at ksanderlin@nctpa.net or (707) 259-8633.

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