

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Vintage House
264 1st Street E
Sonoma, CA 95476
Thursday, August 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Ariel Kelley (City of Healdsburg)

2. Roll Call

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of June 8, 2023

4. Public Comment

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Host City, City of Healdsburg, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting: rallan@healdsburg.gov.

5. Program

- A. Introduction of the new Clerk for the Mayors & Councilmembers Association of Sonoma County.
- B. Receive a report from Speaker pro Tempore of the State Assembly, Honorable Assemblymember Cecilia M. Aguiar on ACA 1, a measure to address thresholds for passing local bonds and special taxes.
- C. Introduction of the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) and the proposed 2024 regional affordable housing bond from MTC/ABAG Deputy Executive Director of Local Government Services, Brad Paul.
- D. Receive a presentation from Sandra Lowe on a statewide ballot measure to lower the threshold for passing Housing Bonds.

6. Reports

- A. Mayors' Report (report from Mayor of each city)
- B. Legislative Committee Report

7. Announcement(s)

8. Adjournment

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on October 12, 2023

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/s/ Raina Allan, Association Secretary

Upcoming 2023 Meetings

October 12, 2023 Windsor

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CITY OF HEALDSBURG

MAYOR'S UPDATE



August 10, 2023

Hometown Hero Banner Program: On July 4, 2023 the City of Healdsburg in partnership with the American Legion Post 111, Healdsburg Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, launched the Hometown Hero Banner Program. The new banners were unveiled on the Healdsburg Plaza during the 4th of July celebration. Thanks to our generous partners, the banners are free for the families.

Summer Movie Series: The City and Alexander Valley Film will kickoff the first movie in the summer movie series on August 18, 2023 with a showing of Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade. Join us on the Plaza with your blankets and chairs. The movie begins at sunset and food vendors will be there.

Stanley Cup in Healdsburg: On August 4, the Stanley Cup[®] was brought to Healdsburg by Bill Foley, Healdsburg area resident and owner of the 2023 Champion Vegas Golden Knights. The Stanley Cup[®] was displayed in the Healdsburg Plaza for visitors to enjoy.

Dollar Days: This summer our Community Services Department launched the Dollar Days Swim Program. This program allows families to enjoy admission to the Swim Center for just \$1 per person, with a maximum of \$5 per family.

Pickleball: In early June, the City completed a collaborative project with Healdsburg Unified School District to convert two under-utilized sports courts at the Healdsburg High School tennis complex into dedicated pickleball courts. These courts will be utilized by High School physical education classes during the school year, and when not in use by the School District, available community members through a monitored use program during school hours and open to the public when school is not in session.

Business License Automation: The City of Healdsburg has expanded its online services and is now accepting new business licenses and renewals online through a [new virtual system](#). Business owners no longer need to come to City Hall to file for a new application or renew their license. It can all be done from any inter-enabled device, the comfort of your home or your business.

Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance: On August 7, the City Council will consider the final vote to adopt a safe storage ordinance for firearms. The proposed amendments to Chapter 9.16 of the Healdsburg Municipal Code would require all firearms and firearm precursors as defined by the California Penal Code section 16520 to either be stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock.

Cannabis: The application period for cannabis dispensaries in Healdsburg closed on July 30. We received a strong response and are now beginning the evaluation process. The City Council intends to award licenses for two dispensaries sometime this fall.



City of Sonoma

MAYOR'S REPORT – August 10, 2023

BENCH DEDICATED TO LOCAL SONOMAN ADA LIMÓN U.S. POET LAUREATE – AUGUST 18

United States Poet Laureate and Sonoma native Ada Limón will join us for the unveiling of a bench in her honor on August 18th. Ms. Limón hails from Sonoma Valley and attended our local public schools. The City will honor her and our local bookshop, Readers' Books. The site of the new bench is in front of Readers' Books, an independent and local bookstore located just off the historic Sonoma Plaza where the Poet Laureate worked from 1991 to 1993 while attending Sonoma Valley High School. The bench will be engraved with a poem selected by Poet Laureate Limón. Additional information about Ms. Limón and her poetry and Readers Books area available at www.adalimon.net and <https://www.readersbooks.com/>.



PRIDE CELEBRATION AND ART INSTALLATION

Pride Month in Sonoma kicked off with a vibrant celebration of our LGBTQ+ community at the inaugural Sonoma Valley Pride event on June 1st! Three flags representing Pride flew from City Hall and welcomed the over 200 gathered. A lineup of remarkable speakers included Rabbi Steven Finley, Police Chief

Brandon Cutting and representatives from the community who shared their stories, insights, and visions for an inclusive Sonoma. The Sunflower Café hosted a reception after the inaugural Pride Walk around the Plaza. As part of the revolving art program in the Council Chambers and in celebration of Pride, four local lesbian artists displayed their work beginning in the month of June through August. We recognized the exhibition with a reception for the public.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The City entered into an agreement with the De Novo Planning Group to provide consulting services, thereby initiating an update to our General Plan. The City's General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 2006 and encompasses a time frame from 2006 – 2020. Since 2006, the Housing Element has been regularly updated and re-adopted on the cycle prescribed by the State. Besides updating the Circulation Element in 2017, none of the other elements have been comprehensively revised since 2006. The final General Plan is slated to be completed in 2025.

CHASE STREET BRIDGE GROUNDBREAKING

On June 19, 2023, the City held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Chase Street Bridge Replacement Project. This six-month project will replace an existing structurally deficient bridge as defined by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) along Chase Street over Nathanson Creek. The replacement of the bridge is needed to provide a safe and adequate creek crossing for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. There will be two vehicle lanes, with shoulders and sidewalks on both sides of the lanes. The bridge will be replaced with a single span 53' wide, 30' long concrete bridge with 12' high abutments. This project is partially funded with a federal grant. www.sonomacity.org/chase-street-bridge



NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JENNIFER M. GATES, AICP



Jennifer M. Gates joined the City of Sonoma as the new Community Development Director on June 22nd. Jennifer brings over 18 years of diverse government experience with a focus on planning and historic preservation. Prior to joining the City of Sonoma, Ms. Gates held several notable positions, including the Planning Manager of Policy and Housing at the City of Encinitas, where she was responsible for the development of implementation policy including SB 9, objective design standards, expedited permit process for housing developments, cannabis regulations, and short-term rental regulations, to name a few. She also coordinated the development of the City of Encinitas' Sixth Cycle Housing Element with an on-time adoption by the City Council and certification by the State, which is now being implemented. Most recently, she was the County of Marin's strategic projects manager where she worked with County departments to implement performance management measures, a new electronic agenda management system and a comprehensive fee update.

ONLINE PERMITTING

The City of Sonoma has expanded its online services and is now accepting permits and applications through a new [virtual permit system](#). Applicants no longer have to download and fill out forms, as the online system streamlines the entire permitting experience. Users can access the system from any internet-enabled device with just a few clicks, eliminating the need for manual paperwork. This user-friendly interface guides applicants through the necessary steps, providing clear instructions and ensuring that all required information is provided. The system simplifies the administrative processes and enhances the overall applicant experience.



City of Rohnert Park – Mayor’s Report - Events & Updates

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SAVE THE DATE



Stones in His Pockets

August 25 – September 10, 2023, at the Spreckels Performing Arts Center

When small town Irishmen Charlie and Jake are hired as extras in an epic American movie that invades their scenic County Kerry village, chaos ensues as they begin to discover that their romanticized Hollywood dream isn't quite what it seems. Marie Jones' Olivier Award-winning comedy is a rollicking, poignant tale brought to life by two actors portraying a colorful cast of dozens. For tickets call (707) 588-3400 or online at <http://www.spreckelsonline.com>



Hello Dolly!

September 29–October 15, 2023, at the Spreckels Performing Arts Center

A musical extravaganza that continues to dazzle audiences of all ages. Meet professional matchmaker, Dolly Levi, as she cajoles, schemes, and charms her way through life, using her unmatched skills to furnish a happy ending for all. Features classic songs such as "Put on Your Sunday Clothes", "It Only Takes a Moment", "Before the Parade Passes By" and, of course, "Hello Dolly!". For tickets call (707) 588-3400 or online at <http://www.spreckelsonline.com>

HAPPENING AROUND ROUNERT PARK

Capital Improvements Around Town

Investment in city infrastructure has been a top priority in recent years. These updates are part of our Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which are projects that often involve major renovations, replacements, and additions. On July 11, 2023, the Rohnert Park City Council approved four additional capital projects and changes of funding for two existing projects. The City Council also approved a five-year Capital Improvement Project through fiscal year 27-28. Some of these projects include improving Sunrise Park court and facility, calming expected casino traffic, and assessing the building condition of 62 city-owned facilities. Other upcoming projects include sidewalk replacements, downtown site conceptual design, a trail to Crane Creek Regional Park and much more! Learn more: <https://bit.ly/43A5e9l>.



National Night Out – Free Public Safety Festival



Date: August 2nd, 2023
Time: 4pm-7pm
Location: 500 City Center Drive -Rohnert Park

Join the Rohnert Park DPS for the annual public safety event designed to entertain the entire family. Come meet police and fire personnel from several agencies, tour emergency vehicles, and receive swag. The family fun event will have free food, children's activities, and safety resources at booths hosted by your local City departments and organizations that serve and protect our community. We cannot wait to meet you!

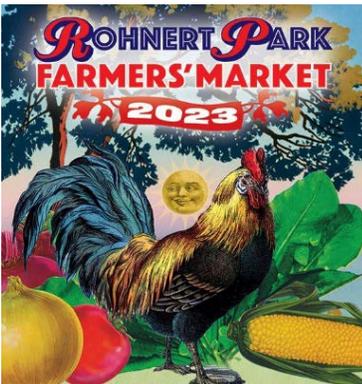
Sonoma County- Out of the Darkness -Suicide Prevention Walk



Join us on September 23, 2023, in supporting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in their "Out of the Darkness" walk to fight suicide at Sonoma State University. As mental health calls for service are on the rise, and our agency cares deeply about our community members' safety, this walkathon is just one way to make a difference locally.

To register for the event, volunteer, be a sponsor, or donate to suicide prevention programs, please visit the event website at <https://bit.ly/3XDlgy7>.

Party on the Plaza & Farmers' Market



Come party with us every Friday from June 2nd to August 25th from 5pm to 8pm at the City Center Plaza.

Enjoy an evening of family, food, farmers, and live music!

Click [here](#) for more information.

ROHNERT PARK CELEBRATIONS

Juneteenth Luncheon: Celebrating Freedom and Honoring Progress



The City of Rohnert Park and Sonoma State University Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted their first annual joint Juneteenth Celebration commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. We had a special program to acknowledge the remarkable achievements and contributions of African Americans in Sonoma County by honoring two distinguished individuals who made significant impacts in our community: Kirstyne Lange, President of the Santa Rosa-Sonoma County Branch of the NAACP and Petty Officer Terrence Young of the United States Coast Guard. Their dedication and leadership embody the spirit of progress that inspires all of us. Thank you so much to Graton Rancheria and Everette & Jones for their support and partnership for this event.

Rohnert Park Hosts Cal Ripken Regional Baseball Tournament



The City of Rohnert Park had the honor of hosting the Rohnert Park Cal Ripken League 8U PSW Regional Tournament.

It was a week full of baseball, as ten teams split into two pools of five and played each team in their respective pool over the course of five days.

Great job to all the teams that came out and competed!



Rohnert Park Jubilee Celebration



Rohnert Park held their 2nd Annual Jubilee: Honoring Yesterday; Celebrating Today! The fun included an Inflatable Fun Zone featuring the All-New 8-man Meltdown, Hoppy Horses, Vertical Rush, and more! There was cornhole, an 8-person video gaming on a giant outdoor movie screen! There were traditional family games which included sack races, and tug-a-war. We also had a sensory space in the garden room that included quiet space with sensory activities. There was amazing food and goodies from the best food vendors: Kona Ice, Lucky Pop, Smackin' Soul Food, Jam's Joy Bungalow, Sole Azteca, California Concessions, Pezcow-Maria Machetes, Reggae Rastastyles, Pasta King, Damn Hot Dogs & Dave's Gourmet Ice Cream.