



April 19, 2017

To all Community Center Program Participants, Parents and Community Members:

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 4:00 p.m., a fight occurred between two adult males in front of the Community Center. During the incident, one of the men was stabbed in the arm. Healdsburg Police responded to the scene and immediately began searching for the suspect who fled north, away from the Community Center, and is still at-large. When the incident occurred, staff immediately initiated lockdown procedures at the Community Center. The injured man was taken to the hospital where he received medical attention. Neither man was associated with the Community Center, nor its activities, and the fight occurred outside of the presence of any children.

As a result of the lockdown procedures initiated by staff, the incident occurred outside of the presence of any of the children who were at the Community Center, and to the best of our knowledge, none of the children observed the incident or the scene. In order to ensure parents were able to pick up their children quickly and safely, staff identified an alternate pickup location to bring together parents and their children and brought in additional bi-lingual staff to provide information, answer questions and assist parents with picking up their children. The Community Center has resumed regularly scheduled operations today, security has been increased as a precautionary measure during the after school program, and additional support and counseling services will be available for Community Center program participants, their families and staff.

I want to acknowledge the work of our Community Services staff, Healdsburg Police, Healdsburg Fire, and Sonoma County Sheriff. Law enforcement quickly attended to the victim, narrowed in on a suspect, and identified a potential location of his whereabouts. They continue their search and we are confident that it will be only a short time before the suspect is found.

As we move forward, I want to assure you that providing Community Center program participants with a safe and secure environment will continue to be our top priority. If you have any questions regarding this incident, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Themig, Community Services Director, at 707-431-3116 or [mthemig@ci.healdsburg.ca.us](mailto:mthemig@ci.healdsburg.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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