



# CITY WATCH

## CITY OF LAKEPORT NEWSLETTER

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### PARDON OUR DUST: Construction Updates



#### **Downtown Improvement Project Phase II:**

This significant infrastructure and beautification project in a three block area of Lakeport's Main Street is nearing completion. The new 12' wide sidewalks are the most visible evidence of change, along with the relocation of street lamps and accessible access to the store fronts.

Other improvements in this project included the installation of new curb storm drain inlets, new sewer and water piping, and new underground work by PG&E. The repaving of Main Street is scheduled for completion by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

New tree grates have been installed and new street trees will be planted during February and March of 2017.

City staff may be contacted for more information:

Kevin Ingram, Community Development Director, (707) 263-5615 x11.

The City Council and City employees appreciate the public's patronage of our Main Street businesses during this summer's construction, and we are grateful to the business owners, managers and staff who have endured disruptions in anticipation of a new and beautiful downtown.

#### **Bevins Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project:**

The project consists of pavement rehabilitation of Bevin's Street from Lakeport Boulevard to Martin Street. Repairs and paving commenced on September 29<sup>th</sup> and will be completed by the week of October 3, 2016.

Construction in the area will be performed from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am to minimize the impact of road closures on employers and business patrons in the area.

#### **Lakefront Revitalization Plan:**

The City of Lakeport is preparing a plan to address improvements along the lakefront area including visual and physical connections to the downtown. The plan will provide the community and elected officials with a road map for future improvements as well as encouraging reinvestment.

The lakefront area plays a critical role in the City of Lakeport's

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### THE CHIEF'S CORNER



Police Chief, Brad Rasmussen



#### **CITY COUNCIL PLACES MEASURE Z ON THE BALLOT**

On July 19th, the Lakeport City Council placed Measure Z, the Public Safety/Essential City Services Measure on the November 2016 ballot. If enacted by voters, Measure Z would generate approximately \$1.5 Million in annual revenue for essential city services, including the Police Department. Measure Z is a 1 cent sales tax and would not be applied to prescription medicine or food purchased as groceries.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS AND MEASURE Z**

The Great Recession and Sacramento's decision to dissolve redevelopment agencies seriously damaged Lakeport's finances. Given the highly competitive market for experienced police officers, the City has difficulty attracting, hiring, and retaining qualified officers. If enacted by voters, Measure Z would provide funding for, among other priorities, officer recruitment and retention.

For additional information on Measure Z, please visit the City website at: <http://www.cityoflakeport.com> or call the City Clerks' office at (707) 263-5615 x30.

#### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDED FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR AT LUSD**

In 2016 the City of Lakeport in partnership with the Lakeport Unified School District have worked together to fund a position for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

The Lakeport Unified School District has not had a School Resource Officer assigned to its campuses since October of 2012. Prior to October of 2012, the Lakeport Police Department provided a School Resource Officer to the school district dating back to 1995, but has been unable to do so based on staffing issues and budget constraints.

The placement of a Police Officer on the campus will enhance the safety of all students, staff and visitors on the campus. Additionally, past experience has shown that an officer can assist students and have a positive impact on their lives.

The SRO position is currently only funded for the 2016/2017 school year, but both agencies will be working together to seek funding opportunities to support this important resource into the future.

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identity while providing a wide range of recreation opportunities for residents and visitors and an important environmental resource for wildlife. With Downtown Lakeport and Main Street a block from water's edge, improving the visual and physical connections will reinforce

the importance between the business district and its proximity to the lake.

The Lakefront Revitalization Plan will take a practical approach by understanding existing land uses, current market conditions and community needs. A master plan will illustrate opportunities within the project area and address improving public access, redevelopment and reinvestment.

Public opinion on options for

this area have been solicited via two community forums held thus far, with additional public input sought via an online survey. As a result of this input, 4 proposals for the project area have been developed.

For more information please visit the City of Lakeport website and select Lakefront Revitalization Plan in the Hot Topics menu to view the proposals, or email [lakefrontplan@cityoflakeport.com](mailto:lakefrontplan@cityoflakeport.com).

A Draft Plan will be available by the end of October.

**PROJECT AREA**



C St. north to Clearlake Ave.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Shipwreck Day**

**When:** Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Library Park, Lakeport

**Description:** Wear your pirate garb and gear and come join the fun. There will

be a sidewalk sale, pirate bazaar, vintage treasures and fabulous junk! Plan to enter one or all of the fun contests. In addition, there will be special events for the kids. All ages welcome.



**Dickens Christmas Faire & Christmas Tree Lighting**

**When:** Saturday, November 26, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Where:** Main Street, Lakeport

**Description:** Plan to bring the whole family to the Arts & Crafts faire being held on Main Street. Shop at the many booths, enjoy the food from local vendors and stay for the Christmas Tree Lighting. Everyone is encouraged to dress in period costumes.



**City Wins National Awards for Financial Reporting**

The **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** has been awarded to City of Lakeport by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The **CAFR** has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive **spirit of full disclosure** to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate stakeholder to read the CAFR.

The City was also awarded the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for the FY2015-2016 Budget.

Both documents are available at [www.cityoflakeport.com](http://www.cityoflakeport.com).

**IMPORTANT NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION INFORMATION**

On November 8, 2016, Lakeport voters will be able to cast ballots for **three City Councilmembers**, along with **Measure Z, the Lakeport Public Safety/Essential City Services Measure**. The November 8th 2016 ballot is expected to be one of the longest ballots in recent history. Lakeport's local measures will be placed at the end of the ballot, so please be sure to read all the way through to vote on Lakeport's local candidates and issue.

If enacted by voters, Measure Z will generate approximately \$1.5 million for local public safety and other city services. Measure Z is a 1 cent sales tax that exempts prescription medicine and food purchased as groceries. The full text of Measure Z reads:

*To maintain/enhance general City services including: recruiting, hiring, retaining qualified police officers / improve neighborhood patrols, maintain response to property, burglary, violent crimes; repairing local streets/potholes; enhancing business attraction/youth recreational programs; keeping Lakeport's parks/pool safe / clean; shall the ordinance to enact a one-cent sales tax until ended by voters, providing about \$1,500,000 annually, requiring independent audits, citizens' oversight, all revenues controlled locally be adopted?*

Absentee ballots will begin going out the week of October 10th, 2016. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before November 8th, 2016. If you have question about your absentee ballot or are not currently an Absentee Voter and would like to become one, please visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/>.

Election Day is November 8. Polling locations are open between 7AM and 8PM. If you do not know where your polling place is, please call the **Lake County Registrar of Voters** during normal business hours at (707) 263-2372. If you have not yet registered to vote, you may register online by October 17th at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov).

