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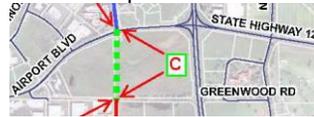
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Devlin Road Extension Begins

Construction has begun on the extension of Devlin Road, south of Airport Boulevard.



The contractor, Ghilotti Brothers Construction of San Rafael, is working weekdays between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Initial work has consisted of grading the new road alignment and installing sewer lines and storm drainage facilities. The project is about 15% done, and is expected to be fully

complete in December of this year.

Staff coordinated with PG&E on relocation of a utility pole in the construction area, resulting in a \$30,000 savings to the project.

The construction of the first segment south of Airport Boulevard, known as “Segment C,” is estimated to cost a total of \$2.5 million.



Funding will come from a combination of Traffic Mitigation Fees, which are collected from new development throughout the Airport Industrial Area, and direct contributions from the adjoining property owners. The latter are being financed through the creation of a Community Facilities District (CFD).



Crews install a sewer manhole

River Project Works to Protect Threatened Species

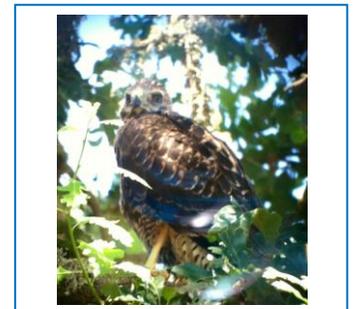
The Napa River Restoration project continues construction in the Rutherford Reach, a 4.5-mile stretch of the river from Zinfandel Lane to Oakville Crossroad.

Prior to this year's construction activities on the project, biological surveys for nesting birds were performed. Upon completing the final survey a Swainson's hawk nest was encountered. This hawk is listed with the State of California as a “threatened” species and is typically known to stay in more open grassland/

shrubland. This was the first known nest sighted this far north, which was a good sign the species is beginning to increase its range.

Upon consultation with California Fish and Wildlife, a 1/3-mile radius buffer zone around the nest tree (no construction activity) was recommended to minimize disturbance to the 2 adults and 1 chick (pictured). Also, a biologist monitored the nest daily to determine if construction activities outside of the buffer zone were disturbing the hawks. During the monitoring period the

proposed grading around the nesting tree was re-designed to preserve the nesting tree in place for possible future use. Monitoring continued for approximately one month, with the chick successfully fledging. The young adult is still sighted in the area as construction continues.



More Roads Preserved in Chip Seal Program

More of Napa County’s roads are receiving a chip seal, a low-cost surface treatment which extends their lives in a very cost-effective manner.

- Larkmead Lane
- Maple Lane
- Pachateau Road
- Pickett Road
- Scott Way
- Tucker Road

This month, Public Works crews installed chip seal on 5¼ miles of roads in the Calistoga vicinity. Treated roads include:

- Azalea Springs Way
- Bale Lane
- Evey Road
- Greenwood Avenue

The total cost of the project is estimated at just over \$150,000, and is funded with money contributed by the Board of Supervisors from the County’s General Fund.



Chip Seal

*Chips to the left;
oil to the right*



*(Above) oil being sprayed
(Below) chips being spread*

Oakville Crossroad Bridge Replacement Advances

The County has recently received word that the Oakville Crossroad Bridge Replacement Project has completed its “Section 7” process with NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Section 7 consultation by NOAA reviews potential impacts to endangered fish species and recommends appropriate mitigation measures. Now that this is complete, other regulatory agencies will be able to complete their related processes.

Several options are being considered.

This bridge, over the Napa River in the central part of the Napa Valley, was constructed in 1922. It is a concrete structure with two spans. Its total length is approximately 100 feet and its width is about 24 feet.

On August 20, the Board of Supervisors heard an update on the project. At that time, they asked Public Works to revise the current design of the rails (see photo) to be more aesthetically pleasing.

Construction on the bridge project is currently scheduled to begin in Spring, 2014. The work will be performed in two phases, demolishing and replacing the bridge one lane at a time. One lane will remain open to local traffic at all times, using a temporary traffic signal to alternate directions.



Existing bridge



Current replacement rail style

Other bridges advancing, too

As Napa County nears completion on the Oakville Crossroad Bridge Replacement Project after many years in the works, it has become time to give attention to other local bridges.

are over 75 years old, the typical “design life” of such structures. As such, they are closely monitored through periodic inspections performed by specialists from Caltrans.

or major rehabilitation. Staff is taking advantage of special funding which is currently available, which will enable most of the projects to advance with 100% federal funding – no local match!

Public Works maintains 73 bridges, about ½ of which

Eight bridges have been identified as needing to begin the process of replacement

Napa County’s Bridge Program

REPLACE:

- Dry Creek Road/Dry Creek
- Soda Canyon Road/Soda Creek
- Hardin Road/Maxwell Creek
- Conn Valley Road/Conn Creek
- Berryessa Knoxville Road/ Eticuera Creek

REHAB:

- Loma Vista Drive/Soda Creek
- Larkmead Ln/Dutch Henry Creek
- Chiles Pope Valley Road/ Chiles Creek

Good and Bad News for Bikes on County Roads

First, the good news –from a recent newsletter of the Napa County Bicycle Coalition:

“We are genuinely blessed to have a great partnership with Napa County, and notably, with its forward-thinking Public Works Department. When a member suggests a place where more cyclist awareness signs are needed, we check it out, and then send the request to Napa County Public Works. Most recently, we forwarded a request for signage on Dealy Lane and Henry Road. The County agreed that in view of the increase of bicycle traffic in this beautiful corner of the

County, the signs are justified. Good news! They are in place. Thank you, Napa County Public Works.

“If you have a suggestion for a safety improvement (signage, potholes, brush incursion into a bike lane), let us know via email to info@napabike.org”

Now, the bad news – there have been several recent collisions, including a fatality, involving persons riding bicycles on Napa County roads.

The Coalition provided these suggestions in recent correspondence to the *Napa*

Valley Register, which are good advice to all who enjoy use of Napa County’s roads:

“In the meantime, each of us today can make a major improvement to the safety of our roads by changing the way we think about driving. Recognize that roads and streets are not just for cars.

“Make the decision to drive as if the law is: Hit a vulnerable road user (walker or biker), and you are at fault. You will be surprised at how cautiously you will drive. It may save the life of someone just like you and spare you the horror of taking another person’s life.”



New Share-the-Road signs Dealy Lane (top photo) Henry Road (bottom photo)

Vine Trail “Growing” in Two Areas

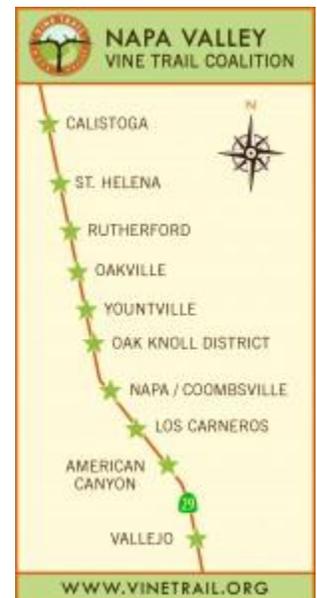
Napa County is working together with the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition on the implementation of the Vine Trail, a planned 47-mile multi-use trail which will extend from Calistoga to Vallejo when complete. Sections of the trail are designated by the “appellation” they pass through, for reference. Two of these appellations are current projects.

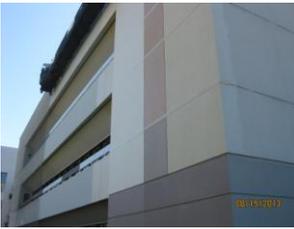
First up: the Oak Knoll segment of the Trail. This portion will extend from Yountville to Napa, completing a link between the existing “Yountville Mile” and the “Commuter Path” in

Napa. Since the Oak Knoll segment involves three jurisdictions, the lead agency for the project is the Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA). They have retained local consulting firm RSA to prepare the design for the project. Napa County Public Works is represented on the steering committee for the project, and will review the design and construction phases as they progress. Funding for the project is coming from a combination of federal and local sources.

The other area of activity is at the north end of the Napa Valley. The Vine Trail

Coalition has received a generous donation specifically for advancing the design of the Calistoga segment, which will extend from that city to Bothe’ State Park. It is hoped that by completing the design with this funding, the project will be “shovel ready” for potential future construction funding grant sources. The County is taking the lead on this project, as the work is primarily in the unincorporated area. The first area of activity is to reach agreement with Caltrans on the approach to aligning the trail within the right-of-way of State Route 29/128.





Administration Building:
*exploration of
new color scheme*

County Administration Building Gets a Facelift

The Napa County Administration Building is getting a new look!

The building had its current exterior treatment done in 1998. The exterior finish has deteriorated since that time and needs improvements that will protect the structure and improve its appearance.

Urban Waterproofing of San Rafael has been selected to perform these improvements and re-coat the entire

building.

A new color scheme has been selected to reinforce the form of the building, break down its scale, and to help it relate better to its downtown Napa context. There are a number of locations in downtown Napa where multiple colors are used on buildings to articulate from, the historic courthouse across the street being a notable example.

The colors which have been selected are warm tones being drawn from the surrounding neighborhood.

The contract included a requirement for a “mock-up” of the various color schemes prior to final installation, resulting in the patchwork of colors seen here.

Photos of the final color choices and completed job will appear here next issue!

Solar Power:



Greenwood Fire Station



Roads Corporation Yard

Lots of news in the world of County facilities! Let’s dive right in:

Solar Power

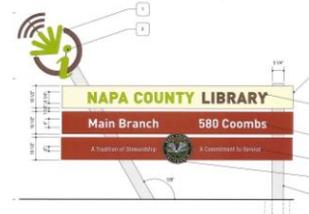
The County has completed installation of solar panels on four buildings, out of seven facilities in the current project. These join the Sheriff’s Office, 5th Street Garage and Juvenile Justice Center with solar power.

The Animal Shelter and the Homeless Shelter are generating power already. The Animal Shelter’s electric bill was reduced from an average of \$1,500 to only \$19 during the first month the panels were in operation.

Greenwood Fire Station and the Roads Yard are new installations (pictured).

Library Wayfinding

Public Works is coordinating with the Napa Library to develop a new signage



program to help customers find the Library, and help them find their way around when they get there. The new design is shown below left.

Jail Security System

Work is nearing completion on Phase I of the Jail Security System project, which mainly consisted of the construction of a new control room and associated improvements.

Phase II will consist of replacing and upgrading various components for the security system, which are nearing the end of their useful life. These components include controllers, cameras and intercoms. The total cost of the project is nearly \$2.2 million, coming from a combination of State and County funds.

Probation

The reception window for the



Probation Department has been rebuilt to comply with current codes, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The total cost of the project was just over \$40,000 which came from local funds.

Napa County Airport

In August, airport staff completed re-striping of Runway 18L-36R.

Runway 18L-36R (pictured below) is the smallest of the airport’s three runways with use limited to daytime only for aircraft weighing 12,500 pounds or less.



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Vets' Memorial Dedicated at Monticello Cemetery

The Monticello Public Cemetery District was established in 1936. The District contracts with the County for its day-to-day administration, and is governed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Cemetery is located on Spanish Flat Loop Road in the Lake Berryessa area.

The initial burials in the current public cemetery facilities were reinterments by the Army Corps of Engineers of those persons who were buried in the original District Cemetery and in isolated sites surrounding the town of Monticello. The reinterments were necessary due to the impending flooding of the town and surrounding areas when construction of the

Monticello Dam resulted in the creation of Lake Berryessa.

For several years the District's Advisory Committee had been expressing the need to commemorate the 42 veterans buried in the cemetery, but for budget reasons and other priorities, the District had been unable to fund this project.

CeCe Short, an active member of the District Advisory Committee, donated her time and conducted fundraising events within the District. She also negotiated the price with Napa Marble and Granite Works to be able to complete this project.

Earlier this year, CeCe informed the District and the

Advisory Committee of the successful completion of her efforts. The memorial was crafted and installed at the cemetery.

On May 24, a dedication ceremony was held at the cemetery, featuring remarks by Supervisor Bill Dodd, who also read a letter from Congressman Mike Thompson. Other speakers included Pastor Bob Lee and of course, CeCe Short, whose vision made the memorial a reality.

The Travis Honor Guard presented the colors and a gun salute. Other supporters of the event include the Trancas Steak House, Sal's Flowers, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce and numerous residents of the District.



The memorial



The dedication ceremony

Free Recycling Options – Don't Trash Napa County!

There have been numerous reported recent incidents of illegal dumping along Napa County roads. While some of the culprits have been apprehended and are being prosecuted, some cases remain unsolved.

Public Works wants to remind everyone that there are FREE options now available for many of the materials which are routinely dumped. Anything with a cord, including household appliances large and small, computers and electronic devices can be taken to the Recycling and Composting facility year round for free. The City of Napa just started a program called **Recycle**

More, where City residents only can have anything with a cord picked up at their curb at no charge by calling Napa Recycling and Waste Services for an appointment.

Every year, residents in the City of Napa and customers of Napa County Recycling and Waste Services receive a coupon in their November bill for one free "dump" for bulky items (broken furniture, mattresses, etc) at the Recycling Facility. Check these coupons for details.

The coupons are meant for items that can no longer be used. Residents are strongly encouraged to donate useable items to local thrift stores and non-profit

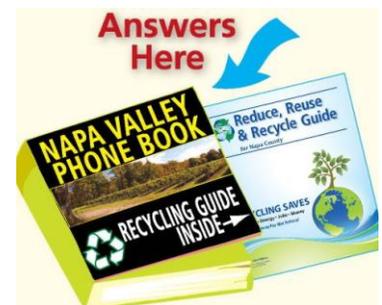
organizations.

Both the City and County also provide coupons in bills for free drop off of up to 19 tires every year.

The litter that trashes our roads is sometimes "unintentional" from blowing out of truck beds. Please keep your truck beds free of loose debris!

The Recycling Facility is located at 820 Levitin Way off Tower Road from Hwy 29.

Information about recycling and reuse options for many items is available in the Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Guide found in the local phone book yellow pages under "R."



For more information:
www.NapaRecycles.org

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Now Pay Water and Sewer Bills Online!

Customers of the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID) and the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) can now pay their bills online!

LBRID serves the community known as Berryessa Estates at the north end of Lake Berryessa. NBRID serves the community of Berryessa Highlands at the south end of

the lake. Both receive water and sewer services from these Districts, which are operated by Napa County Public Works.

Since their inception, these customers paid their bills by mailing or bringing their payments to the Department office in downtown Napa.

As of July 22, payments may now be made through the

County website. Customers will be asked to provide their 4-digit account number, easily found on their bill, in addition to their credit card information.

Please go to:
[www.countyofnapa.org/
PublicWorks/](http://www.countyofnapa.org/PublicWorks/)
and follow the link for
Water/Sewer Bill
payment.

Let Them Eat Cake!

Well, not cake exactly, but the "clients" of the Animal Shelter will be eating well, thanks to the generous donation of two local businesses!

Pet Food Express and WellPet have given the Shelter a donation of animal

food in the annual amount of \$40,000 to feed all the dogs and cats housed at the Shelter. Pet Food Express makes monthly deliveries to the Shelter to supply the animals with Wellness brand animal food. This will be an ongoing donation.

The Animal Shelter has approximately \$16,000 in its budget to purchase animal food, and this savings will be directed to other operating needs at the Shelter.



About Napa County Public Works..

The Department of Public Works is dedicated to sustaining health, safety, quality of life and protection of natural resources by providing and maintaining public

facilities and services in partnership with the community and other public agencies for current and future residents, workers, visitors and animals of Napa County.

Public Works values...

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Service
- Teamwork

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