State of the City
Report to Residents
2019
Welcome to the State of the City

I am happy to be sharing with you highlights of what happened in 2018 and a preview of what is to come in 2019. I was pleased to have Mary Luros and Liz Alessio join the City Council in December. They have great energy and new perspectives. It was a positive campaign and we are lucky as a community to have citizens come forward and be willing to run. We are better as a community if we all are involved in supporting Napa. I applaud all of you who volunteer at schools, churches and nonprofits to make a difference.

Over 25 years ago, residents got together to create a plan to solve our flooding issues. It took years to get the right design and the right plan. This year we saw the results of the flood project. It kept Napa from flooding and in the most recent rain storm no local streets were closed. We have more to do, but we have come so far.

I am most proud this year of hiring Steve Potter as our new City Manager. He is a local who grew up in Napa and his unique background and problem-solving skills make him a terrific City Manager. He is building a staff team who are at the forefront of my law enforcement philosophy. I am proud of the work we did to connect law enforcement officers with the community and I look forward to increasing the level of interaction between the City staff and the community. I am a Napa native and have dedicated my life to making our community a better place for everyone to enjoy. I look forward to continuing to do so in this new role.

I believe that the only way we can truly serve our community is to be a part of it. I encourage city staff to serve on boards and to volunteer in the community as I do, serving on the board of directors of several nonprofits, attending functions and to volunteer in the community as I do, serving on the board of directors of several nonprofits, attending functions and interacting with our fellow residents. Above all, I am grateful for the privilege of working for all of you here in the City of Napa.

Steve Potter
City Manager, City of Napa

Kendra Bruno, our Waste Prevention Specialist, is a recycler extraordinaire. She also works hard to help our community by supporting the Napa Valley GiveGuide – a project of Napa Valley CanDo, which raised over $430,000 in 2018 for a variety of local organizations right here in our community. By sitting on the board, Kendra helps get the word out about this collaborative venture, which matches donors with local nonprofits!

In 2018 we welcomed the Napa Silverados to our City – our very own professional baseball team! In their inaugural season, they found a sports-loving community that embraces fun of watching outdoor sports and the camaraderie of cheering on the home team, and Silver Fever definitely caught on quickly. Our community looks forward to rooting for our very own baseball club for many years to come. Play ball!

Senior Center
Our seniors are a treasured asset and we are investing in the facility provided for their active lives. Programs will resume this summer, with even more offerings at the Napa Senior Activity Center, following the first stage of a two-part renovation of the facility at 1500 Jefferson St. The building, which opened in 1976, has been closed since October 2018 for a $2.3 million interior makeover that will include improvements to its entrance, kitchen and multi-use rooms.

Playground Fantástico
In order to meet current federal standards for safety and accessibility, the City made it a priority to replace and enhance this popular playground. In 2018, the City led various community outreach efforts to upgrade the playground to what you want today, with a goal of honoring the efforts involved in the original version, which was specifically created by and for our community, and unlike any other. Construction on the new play structures will begin this summer and be ready for children and families this fall.

Oxbow Commons
In addition to serving its purpose as part of the flood control project to prevent Oxbow District and downtown flooding, Oxbow Commons has become a popular gathering place for old and young alike. It has become a favorite spot for kids learning to ride a bicycle or families walking from downtown to the Oxbow District. It has also become host to some of the most popular community events in Napa, including Napa Lights the Valley, Earth Day, Night Bloom, Bike Fest, Napa High Instrumental Music Festival and the Napa Valley Jazz Festival. And it is a stellar location to watch the 4th of July fireworks!

On the River
The downtown boat dock on Napa’s Riverfront is managed by Tideline Marine Group, the City of Napa’s contractor for commercial activities such as kayak and paddleboard rentals. Tideline ran its first two charter boat trips from Napa last year and will begin river excursions on the catamaran Kestrel this year.
First Street Napa
• Makers Market, featuring locally/regionally crafted artisan goods
• NapaStäk, which features a variety of food-related products and a coffee bar with limited food service
• Macbella, an upscale boutique featuring exclusive-to-the-U.S. European brands and designer products
• Toy B Ville, a classic toy store that bursts with quality and selection of the best educational toys, moved from its former location to First Street Napa

Downtown Napa
• Monday Bakery, an artisan bakery run by a CIA graduate with a focus on seasonal ingredients and partnerships with local purveyors
• Calamity Jane’s Trading Co., honoring our agricultural community with western-style clothing and gifts for the wine country life

Century Center
• Year Round Farmers’ Market
• Napa Sport, CREAM, Chetuphon Thai Bistro, Napa Valley Velo and NakedWines.com headquarters
• Southside Café will open its third location and KVON/KVYN Radio will move its radio station there this spring

New additions
• Vista Collina Resort, 145-room resort, featuring a food and wine center with cooking classes and demonstrations and the Village, with nine tasting rooms

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Art after Dark
Original artwork created by local and international artists was displayed at approximately 16 locations in Downtown Napa, the Oxbow District and other places within the City of Napa as part of the free annual nine-day Napa Lighted Art Festival, a celebration of creative arts and technology, where light becomes art. This year locals enjoyed the addition of the Napa Lantern Parade, an illuminated community parade featuring homemade lantern creations, and Night Bloom, featuring Napa Valley’s majestic hot air balloons lighting up the sky at Oxbow Commons. Local high school students from New Technology High School also contributed to the festival with an installation of their own, as well as lantern templates for the Lantern Parade.

RAD District
Napa’s first art district, designated as Rail Arts District (RAD), is transforming a semi-industrial stretch of our city into a contemporary cultural corridor. The two-mile-long outdoor art gallery is a collaborative of everyday citizens, business leaders, city officials and artists who believe in the generative nature of public art. In 2018, RAD commissioned artist Allison Tinati, known as “Hueman,” to create a large-scale mural to cover 2,700-square-feet of corrugated iron on the south and west façades of the CIA at Copia building. Using more than 100 cans of spray paint, she crafted an abstract interpretation of “food as art,” drawing inspiration from the CIA’s gardens.

Visual and performing arts played a major role this past year and our town came alive with art and music. Many experiences were offered at no cost to those choosing to take a stroll to enjoy the artwork.

Art Walk
Designed to enhance the public environment and promote the understanding and enjoyment of public art by inviting regional artists to exhibit their art in downtown Napa on a temporary basis, Napa Art Walk is a collaborative project presented by the City of Napa and Arts Council Napa Valley. The 2019-21 Art Walk will feature a dozen different artists.

Live Music
In addition to regular performances at Blue Note Napa, JaM Cellars Ballroom and Uptown Theatre, Napa played host to:
- The inaugural Third Thursdays at Five concert series in Oxbow Commons
- Inside & Out Music, a free music crawl featuring live music in 35 venues, which took place four times this year
- The 8th annual Napa Porchfest, which featured dozens of bands and soloists who took over porches and lawns one Sunday afternoon in July
- The enormously popular annual BottleRock Napa Valley Music Festival

The Arts in Napa

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Where Our Dollars Come From

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Where Dollars are Spent

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There is a critical shortage of housing and rentals, and home prices continue to increase, exceeding what low- and even moderate-income households can afford. Employers report difficulties recruiting and retaining employees due in part to rising housing costs in the region.

What We’ve Done So Far...

New Policies

Over the past several years, the City of Napa has implemented policies to increase affordable and workforce housing, including:

• Making excess public land available for affordable housing
• Streamlining the approval process for housing projects (with a special emphasis on affordable projects)
• Allocating General Funds for affordable housing
• Increasing the affordable housing impact fees charged for both residential and non-residential development.
• Amending the City’s Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance to make it easier to create second units
• Fast tracking/prioritizing applications for affordable housing
• Partnering with County of Napa to leverage local housing funds

These policies have helped to secure approvals of approximately 170 affordable units approved in the past year alone.

Projects Completed in 2018

In 2018, we saw construction of a significant number of affordable and market rate units, including:

• The first Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity home was built in the Napa Valley.
• The City’s first-time homebuyer program assisted four low-income families purchase homes.
• The Housing Authority received awards of 16 additional Section 8 vouchers, which include 11 vouchers for households of disabled persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and 5 for homeless veterans.
• The City’s Junior Unit Initiative Program approved four participants in 2018; one unit is currently under construction.
• The City provided 24 emergency repair grants and loans to help low-income homeowners make improvements to their homes and 8 first-time homebuyer loans.

In November 2018, with the support of Visit Napa Valley, the official tourism organization for the Napa Valley, the City adopted a voter-approved 1% increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to support affordable and workforce housing. This new tax is charged to hotel visitors and is expected to generate approximately $2.1 million per year in new revenue for affordable and workforce housing.

What to Expect This Year...

Currently Under Construction

• In collaboration with Burbank Housing Development Corporation and the Gasser Foundation, Stoddard West on Gasser Drive includes 49 low- and very low-income rental units and one unit for a homeless family. The project is expected to be ready for occupancy this summer.
• Napa Creek Village on First Street will have 48 units of rental housing, including 8 affordable units, 6 low-income units and 2 median-income, which are expected to be completed in Summer 2019.
• Napa Courtyards on Coombsville Road will include 19 very low- and low-income rental units and is expected to be completed this summer.

Other Projects in the Works

• Vista Grove, a private development, will have 27 single-family detached homes, many of which will incorporate accessory dwelling units and/or junior accessory dwelling units. It was approved by City Council in 2018.
• In collaboration with Burbank Housing Development Corporation, Redwood Grove on Redwood Drive will have 34 affordable for-sale homes. It is expected to break ground in 2019.
• Manzanita Family Apartments on Soscol Avenue, a 51-unit affordable rental project, submitted for building permit approval in 2018. Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, the project’s nonprofit developer, is currently in the process of completing the project’s financing, which would allow the project to begin construction in 2019.
• Napa Valley Wine Train owners are developing plans for between 30 and 50 units of multi-story “workforce” rental housing to be built on company-owned land on Soscol Avenue west of the Soscol Gateway Transit Center.
• The Pacific Hospitality Group has acquired a site on Old Sonoma Road and is currently working with nonprofit Cantas on a proposed affordable rental project.

Addressing Homelessness

The City and County have historically partnered to address the needs of homeless individuals and families. As a part of this collaboration, Abode Services was brought in to help provide outreach to our homeless here in Napa and they provide services such as connections to shelter or housing and referrals for services. Since Abode began providing housing support to homeless in Napa in July 2017, Abode has assisted 177 homeless to become housed. Many of the homeless individuals were either reunited with family or housed without ongoing support.

Last year, the Hope Center was closed and services for the homeless moved to the South Napa Shelter. More services, including housing-focused services, are now being offered to clients at this location. By utilizing a coordinated entry system to connect individuals with services, Abode is serving more high-needs people than before.
Repairing our Streets & Sidewalks
In 2012, Napa County voters passed Measure T, which will generate almost $500 million over 25 years to pay for maintenance, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of local streets, roads, and sidewalks county-wide. Measure T went into effect July 1, 2018, when Measure A (the Flood Control Project) expired, so there will be no increase in taxes for our citizens. Instead, the existing half-cent sales tax will shift from supporting flood control to supporting street maintenance. Work started in mid-2018 on several projects now nearing completion including:
- Troyer Avenue: paving and minor concrete work from State Route 29 to Jefferson Street, and concrete work (sidewalk, curb ramps) from Dry Creek Road to Linda Vista Avenue
- Westwood Neighborhood Phase 1: asphalt overlay and concrete work on Kilburn Avenue, Bryan Avenue, Chelsea Avenue, Bremen Court and Bancroft Court

Year 2 Projects: 2019-2020
- Phase 1 of Trancas St. (SR 29 to Jefferson St.): asphalt overlay, traffic signal improvements and minor concrete work
- Troyer Ave. (Jefferson St. to East End City Limits): concrete work
- Soscol Avenue (Central Ave. to La Homa Dr.): asphalt overlay and traffic signal
- Westwood Neighborhood Phase 2A: Concrete improvements
- Main St./Lincoln Ave. intersection: Traffic signal improvements

Street Resurfacing
The City of Napa’s Local Streets Paving Program, which has a goal of repaving 140 miles of city streets in 14 years is at the half way point. At the same time, crews are in the neighborhood paving as they address damaged sidewalks and tree issues. Additional help will be brought in to assist with high traffic streets in need of repair.

Main Street Pedestrian Bridge
The pedestrian bridge over Napa Creek located at the north end of Opera House Plaza has been replaced allowing a safe creek crossing so you can enjoy a jog or walk downtown. Additionally, the existing solid waste/recycling trash enclosure will be expanded to accommodate the increased recycling efforts.

During their annual holiday breakfast, our Public Works, Utilities and Parks and Recreation Departments raised over $400 to donate directly to Meals on Wheels and help our neighbors right here in Napa that are in need. Looking out for our neighbors and helping our community and helping our neighbors right here in Napa that are in need. Looking out for our local community and helping where we can is one of the best parts of public service!

Main Street Streetscape
The Main Street Streetscape Project will create an improved pedestrian environment along Main Street between Second and Third Streets. The project, which is expected to be completed in mid-May, includes reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, curb ramps, street intersection changes (pedestrian scramble), and all associated utility relocations. This project will create opportunities for outdoor dining along widened sidewalks and offer some of the best views of the eastern hills.

First/California Roundabouts
First Street and California Boulevard, Second Street and California Boulevard, and Highway 29 northbound on off ramps at First Street will all be reconfigured with roundabouts to relieve existing and future traffic congestion, improve traffic safety and traffic operations, and minimize queues and delay for all three intersections. Installing roundabouts will also save millions of taxpayer dollars as the First Street Overcrossing will not need to be replaced. Demolition and grading are set to begin this spring, with work scheduled to wrap up in December 2020. The intersections will remain open for most of the construction duration with only occasional detours and intermittent road closures.

Capital Improvement Projects
City staff completed permitting and design of the $3.2M Freeway Crossings Project to replace water mains damaged in the 2014 earthquake, and
- Directionally drilled four water mains under Highway 29 at Third St., Pine St., Laurel Ave., and Old Sonoma Rd.
- Installed 2,000 linear feet of 12-inch and 16-inch water mains, each pulled through a host pipe

Crews also completed installation of Online Particle Counters at Lake Hennessey Water Treatment Plant:
- Increased pretreatment water quality monitoring capabilities

Crews continued emergency response efforts related to water distribution:
- Performed emergency repair of 54 leaks in the distribution system
- Maintained two temporary portable pumps to provide 350 customers affected by the October 2017 Atlas Fire with uninterrupted water service
- Worked through the FEMA process for recovery funding and issued the Request for Proposals for Design-Build of two pump stations destroyed in the 2017 Atlas Fire

Last year, we constructed the Third Street Water Main, a $1.25M Capital Improvement Project:
- Replacement of 2,600 linear feet of 6-inch water main with 12-inch water main
- Installation of new water main from California Boulevard to Seminary Street
- Improved flow to downtown

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Fire Prevention
Did you know? The City of Napa Fire Prevention Division is responsible for oversight and administration of fire prevention related programs for the City of Napa and the City of American Canyon Fire Protection District. Last year, between the City of Napa and the American Canyon Fire Protection District, the Fire Prevention Division performed 1,471 annual fire and life safety checks, 870 construction inspections and 1,371 project plan reviews.

Fido Bags Save Lives of Pets
When firefighters pull a family pet out of a fire, the dog or cat is often passed out from smoke inhalation. The Fetch Foundation donated six Fido Bags to the Napa Fire Department last year, which contain two special oxygen masks that can fit over a pet’s muzzle and provide them with life-saving oxygen, as well as animal friendly first-aid supplies including burn sheets, bandages, saline, collapsible water dishes, protective restraints and heavy-duty gloves most likely to be used in cat rescues.

Welcome Police Chief Robert Plummer
Chief Plummer was sworn in as the new Police Chief for the City of Napa on July 30, 2018, after a 27-year career with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Chief Plummer’s easy going and approachable nature make him a natural fit for our community. He is quick to strike up a conversation with locals and visitors alike to share his vision of how policing should be approached in a community like Napa. “My policing philosophy is centered around community engagement,” says Plummer. “We can reduce crime and improve quality of life in Napa if the police and community work together. My expectation is that all officers will exit their patrol cars and engage the community during their shift.”

Preparados
Fire Prevention Inspector Erick Hernandez is a special individual and he recently shared some life stories to a class of students at Napa High School. Erick shared his journey to the United States as a child, his path to public service, and his commitment to the community- and answered their questions. Erick says, “Talking about yourself can be difficult but I was happy that I had that experience with them. The same time that they are learning, I am also learning that it is all about giving back to our community.” “It’s amazing what influence we can have with our students and community if we spend a little time just listening and communicating with them.” Erick is also the head of Preparados, Napa’s Spanish language disaster preparedness program which is similar to the Community Emergency Response Team training which is also offered locally.

Looking Back: 20 Years of Flood Control
Since 1862, there have been 22 serious floods on the Napa River. Since the Oxbow Bypass was completed in 2015, there has been no serious flooding in local streets here in Napa despite some periods of substantial rainfall that would have caused flooding in past years. Here is a timeline of how the successes of the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project came to be.

1965
Flood Control Act of 1965 authorizes flood control on the Napa River.

1977
Proposals go to voters in 1976 and 1977 and both are rejected.

1986-1995
The Flood of ‘86 made us realize we could no longer ignore the problem and needed the right project for Napa. The community comes together to create the “Community Coalition for a Napa River Flood Management Plan” – which included local citizens, federal, state and regional environmental agencies, staff and elected officials from the City and County of Napa, the Army Corp of Engineers and several consulting firms.

1997
Voters approve the plan for a “living river” and a wet/dry bypass – we are on our way!

2002
Wetlands are reborn and the Third Street Bridge opens.

2008
Flood wall (Riverfront Promenade) is constructed in downtown Napa and Veterans Park is reimagined (amphitheater is a catch basin for high waters).

2013
Construction of culverts and terraces in Napa Creek are complete.

2015
Napa River Dry Bypass – or the Oxbow Bypass, as it is also known – is complete.

2017
Flood waters flow into the Oxbow Bypass for the first time – and local streets remain open and unflooded.
General Plan

This year, we roll up our sleeves and get to work on updating the General Plan by creating a vision for the next 20 years. The General Plan formalizes the long-term vision for the physical evolution of Napa and outlines policies, standards, and programs to guide day-to-day decisions concerning the City’s development.

Much has changed in the city since the last updated General Plan was completed in 1998. We have seen flood control improvements, acquisition of more open space, new development in downtown and elsewhere, and changes to how we go about our daily lives. We have also seen demographic, technological, economic, and transportation conditions change in this same time period. The updated General Plan will take into account Napa’s cherished past and vibrant present to build an even more livable, sustainable, and inclusive community for our future. It will outline the City’s physical evolution plans for land use, housing, transportation, community facilities, parks and recreation, historic resources, health and safety, economic development, and many more aspects we need to plan for.

Community Participation

At the heart of the process is community participation. From the initial visioning through the adoption of the plan, the voices of Napa residents are integral to achieving the best plan to address the future of Napa. To assist with the update, the City has established an advisory committee comprised of 15 members of the general public, including Napa residents, business owners, representatives of neighborhood groups, and other community stakeholders who have a broad interest in long-range planning issues facing Napa.

Updating the General Plan is an important and unique opportunity for our community to define its vision for the future, clearly articulate goals and priorities, and put in place policies that will guide development and community investment through the year 2040. We would like to see everyone participate!

Community input is one of the most important components for charting our course through developing our General Plan.
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