



City Manager's Update

January 28, 2022

Greetings, all.

COVID-19

- ❖ COVID case rates were down slightly this last week in Yolo County, which is good news. Fingers crossed they continue to decline.

Please Note:

- ❖ Last weekend the Winters community experienced its own overnight crime spree related to stolen tools and valuables from mostly unlocked vehicles; work trucks were targeted. One window was smashed to steal a toolbox left on the seat. And one unlocked truck was stolen when the thief found the keys inside; it was recovered in Vacaville. These were crimes of opportunity. Please lock house and vehicle doors, and do not leave valuables in vehicles in plain sight, even in our beloved town of Winters.
- ❖ Yolo County is seeking applicants to fill 5 at-large vacancies on its Community Services Action Board (CSAB). The CSAB mission is to combat poverty by promoting health, stability and self-sufficiency and meets the second Tuesday of every other month from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Applicants must represent the low-income population or work for an organization serving this community. For more information, please visit the CSAB webpage [here](#) or apply [here](#).
- ❖ The Fire Department's monthly newsletter is posted [here](#).

Don't Miss Out!

- ❖ Congratulations to Anona Gallery at 14 Main Street! They are having a soft opening this Friday, January 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please help support a local artist and swing by to say hello. Public art, galleries, and creative spaces lift our spirits, and help grow our local economy.

Did You Know?

- ❖ A 2.0 earthquake occurred Tuesday evening in South Sacramento. While a small one, it is a reminder that we are in earthquake country. On [April 19 1892](#), the Allendale area outside of Winters was the epicenter of a 6.4 earthquake, and two days later a 6.2 quake. Information on how to prepare for an earthquake, or another disaster, is available [here](#).
- ❖ The City hosts Free Tax Return Preparation services provided by the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation at the Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Street. Mark your calendars for:
 - Mondays 9:30 to 12:30 AM on February 7 and 14, March 14 and 28 and April 11.
 - Please call (530) 505-1220 to set up an appointment.

Upcoming Council Meeting

Our next meeting is February 1st. There are only several consent calendar items on the agenda: final adoption of the State mandated Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, a resolution authorizing the submittal of grant applications to CalRecycle to support recycling programs, and the [FY 20-21 Annual Comprehensive Finance Report](#), which has been posted on the City's website. The agenda will be posted [here](#). Please remember to sign up for an eAlert to receive a link to the agenda packet when it is posted.



Woot Woot!

This has been a “hair on fire” few weeks for the City team (ok me). Staffing shortages have caused interruptions and disruptions in multiple departments as they have across the community in many businesses. I will admit it has been challenging, so I want to give a huge shout out to all the employees and volunteers who work for and support the city. People are pulling together; flushed and feverish employees are remoting in to keep work moving along; they are coming in off paternity leave to staff Fire trucks; they are saving lives and trying their best when ambulances are elsewhere because of call volume and staffing shortages. Consultants are doing staff work to meet deadlines because of overload, and volunteers are trying to keep projects moving forward despite a harried city manager. This small and mighty team and our partners are working so very hard for you and each other. A huge thank you to the Winters team and shout out to everyone doing their very best during challenging times.