



## City Manager's Update

April 14, 2023

Greetings, all. The weather is glorious and the spring bloom spectacular. It's a great weekend to explore backcountry flowers. A few weekend adventure tips are linked [here](#) and more locally at [www.visitYOLO.com](http://www.visitYOLO.com).

### ***Don't Miss Out!***

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- ❖ April 18, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Kate Laddish and the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance will present emergency preparedness information, including how to create a plan and what to pack in a go bag, and what is needed to shelter in place. Go Kit starter bags will be given to attendees! To rsvp (and be part of the bag count!), click [here](#). Sign up for [Yolo Alerts](#) to receive County generated emergency notifications and health related alerts.
- ❖ April 19, Free Gardening Basics Class, from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. at the [Hanna & Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden](#) in Woodland. Pre-registration is required by calling 530-666-8429 or emailing [david.linebarger@yolocounty.org](mailto:david.linebarger@yolocounty.org).
- ❖ April 20, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., PG&E is hosting an interactive webinar related to wildfire prevention work. Click this link to join the webinar: <https://bit.ly/3T4yJN4> ; Call: 800-857-5089 >> Conference ID: 1357876
- ❖ April 28-29 is [Youth Day](#)! Duck Derby is Friday night at the trestle bridge and Saturday is the pancake breakfast and famous parade down Main Street from City Park. The parade takes a left on First Street and ends on Abbey. Activities and information booths will be at City Park through the afternoon.
- ❖ May 5 – 7, the Winters Theater Group is presenting an interactive performance of *Tony and Tina's Wedding* at Green River Taproom. Dinner is included. \$50 for general admission; \$45 for seniors. More information is [here](#).
- ❖ May 6, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., the "Garden Art Show" is scheduled at the Winters Community Library Teaching Garden. On display will be student drawings and ceramic art inspired by the pollinator teaching garden maintained by the Yolo Master Gardeners. Donations and art work sales will support the Kate Humphrey Kindness Scholarship Award Program's \$500 scholarship to a WJUSD graduating senior who will attend a 2 or 4 year college program or trade school. More information about the work of the UCCE Master Gardner Program is [here](#). The late Kate Humphrey was the much beloved art teacher at Winters High School who passed away in 2022. To apply for this inaugural scholarship, please click [here](#).



### ***Please Note:***

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- ❖ Meritage has been granted authority to work on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. They are catching up from the significant weather delays due to our extraordinarily wet winter and have buyers eager to move in.

- ❖ The long-awaited new EV charging stations in the First Street parking lot will be installed the week of April 24. They could not be installed until the Newt's Expressway undergrounding was completed; that project included a new transformer to power the EV charging stations.
- ❖ The week of May 1, Vintage Paving will install the final lift of asphalt for Newt's Expressway to complete alley improvements which began with the hotel construction and ended with utility undergrounding.
- ❖ The Winters Chamber of Commerce has issued its [2023 Chamber Guide](#), which includes an extensive listing of resources and information. I believe this will also be mailed to individual addresses.
- ❖ Hwy 128 remains closed past Pleasants Valley Road for emergency work. To monitor this closure, please click [here](#).



### ***Upcoming Council Meeting***

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The next meeting is this Tuesday, April 18. Items include initiating the annual City-wide Maintenance Assessment District levy process, appointing Melanie Ellison to the Climate Action Commission, and updating the Fire Captain classification description. Discussion items include an annual report on the General Plan, a cannabis grant application to fund the development of commercial cannabis regulations, and discussion regarding the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire Works Show. The meeting will be held in-person in the Chamber, Abbey Street entrance, or via Zoom for public convenience. The packet is available [here](#).



### ***Woot Woot!***

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Thank you to Courtney Casavecchia and the high school students who coordinated a successful Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, as part of the grand opening of Three Oaks Park! The morning was a great success.

A belated kudos to the parents, youth and Eagle Scout candidates who planted elderberries and other native plants at the Nature Park. It takes a village!

Finally, a huge thank you to retiring Fire Captain Art Mendoza for his 33 year career serving the Winters Fire Protection District and municipal Fire Department. Captain Mendoza lived by the philosophy of community first and has been instrumental in so many fish fries, shrimp feeds, Christmas toy deliveries, and community-based-mutual-aid- to-others efforts. He knows the region's rural road network like the back of his hand, training countless volunteers and cadets along the way. Art's legacy is imbedded in Winters Fire, and we thank him for his three decades of dedicated service.