



City Manager's Update April 28, 2023

Greetings, all. Youth Day begins tonight with the famous duck derby. 800 rubber ducks are dropped from the bridge into Putah Creek at 6 p.m. (Final duck sales open at 5 p.m.) First ducks over the line win cash prizes for their lucky owners. Don't miss out on pancake breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club and Fire Fighters Association at the Community Center Saturday morning. Doors open at 7 a.m. Fuel up and watch the parade, which begins at 9:45. The route is on Main Street from City Park around on First Street to Abbey. The day concludes with a fair at City Park with activities, food trucks, and booths. This 85-year tradition is a spring highlight!



Don't Miss Out!

- ❖ May 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, the Yolo County Office of Education is hosting another community workshop for its Roadmap to the Future for public education. Free dinner and childcare provided. Come share your thoughts!
- ❖ Winters Theatre Company would like to invite you to "Tony and Tina's Wedding" at Green River Brewing and Tap Room. Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable theatrical experience. Buy your tickets today and get ready for a night of laughter, drama, and interactive fun! There will be three performances, May 5th and 6th ~ Doors open at 6:15, show begins at 7:00. Sunday May 7th ~ doors open at 5:15 and the show will begin at 6:00. For ticket information go to www.winterstheatre.org. Or call 530-795-4014 for more information.
- ❖ Just a reminder that 4th Fridays are back every month, with food, fun, and festivities down on Main Street in the closure area. Live music every Friday and Open Mic night every Saturday. Hang out with friends, meet your neighbors and enjoy good food and libations. Upcoming events are listed at www.discoverwinters.org.



Please Note:

- ❖ Beginning Monday, we will be able to provide building inspections Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Appointments are required by calling 530-794-6708. To speak with an inspector or the Building Official, it's best to call and schedule an appointment. Walk in counter time is still Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.; however, we are short staffed so for more complicated questions, please schedule a time in advance. Thank you for your patience.
- ❖ Contractors in Winters Highlands / the Hideaway will work on Saturdays most weekends. Winter weather and slower inspection times have caused significant delays for home construction; about 20 new families are eager to move in.
- ❖ Newt's Expressway will be paved next week. The EV charging stations in the First Street parking lot should be ready for business soon. Construction will wrap up next week.

COVID-19



Adults 65+ and immunocompromised persons are now able to receive a second bivalent mRNA vaccine dose against COVID-19. These boosters specifically target Omicron variants and help protect against infection severity. Boosters are available at Winters Healthcare and participating pharmacies.

Upcoming Council Meeting – May 2nd

Tuesday's Council meeting has several items on the agenda of potential interest. The Consent Calendar includes award of contract for summer pavement work and an updated job description for the Chief Building Official. A recruitment will open soon. Discussion items include updating the street name list for new roads, annual adjustments to City fees (no proposed adjustments to City pool fees), a recap of Council goal setting and priority projects; and a request to CalPERS to waive the 180-day waiting period to hire a retired annuitant to assist with the senior center project's grant administration. The packet is available [here](#).

There is also a closed session item to discuss succession planning for the City Manager position. I have decided to retire in the fall upon the completion of my contract term to spend more time with family who are scattered around the country and in Spain. Our goal is to create a soft landing as part of this transition so there is as little disruption as possible to the organization and by extension the community.



Woot Woot!

The Big Day of Giving is May 4; early giving is now open. Our local and regional non-profits rely on community contributions to support those in need, promote the arts, or whatever the cause might be. It takes a village in Yolo to uplift us all. To find an organization or cause that you might want to support, or if you already have a favorite, please click [here](#). And thank you to all who organize, contribute, donate time, and support the greater good. We are stronger and better together.

And a big shout out to 2nd grader Marjie Burke of Waggoner Elementary School for her 2nd place win in the K-2 Clean Air Art Contest category, sponsored by the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. This year's theme was "Clean Air is important to me because...." Way to go, Marjie. And if you'd like to showcase your work, please send a copy to Kathleen.trepa@cityofwinters.org. A round of applause to Marjie.