



**City Manager's Update**  
July 26, 2023

Greetings, all. It's Fourth Friday this weekend. Come downtown for food, fun and music. FBI band will play from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Main Street. I see a grill outside; not sure what's cookin' but no doubt it will be good.

Just a reminder that Music in the Park is every Thursday evening, through August, beginning at 7 p.m. A big thank you to Oates Country Store in Vacaville and the [Winters Friends of the Library](#) for sponsoring July's music. The Downtown Business Association is sponsoring August's line up.

For more things to do, check out [Discover Winters](#) and [Visit Yolo](#).

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

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- ❖ On August 3, from 2 – 3 p.m. the US Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Vacaville Veterans hall, 549 Merchant Street, to present information about the [PACT Act](#), which extends VA health care benefits to veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances as far back as the Vietnam War. All veterans, survivors, and dependents are invited to learn how to apply for PACT Act benefits, and in some cases receive retroactive benefits. Coordinated by Representative Mike Thompson, to register click [here](#) or just attend. The PACT Act is the perhaps the largest expansion of health care benefits in VA history.
- ❖ The Police Department has received an order of gun locks, which are available free of charge in partnership with [Project ChildSafe](#). Stop by the Police Department, 702 Main Street, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to pick up a free gun lock.



***Please Note:***

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- ❖ PG&E has shared that they will be conducting gas meter maintenance throughout the Sacramento Division, including Yolo County, beginning in August, which will last through 2024 and into 2025. Work includes replacing a device attached to gas meters, which communicates usage back to PG&E's secure network. There is no cost to customers or interruption in service. The process will take less than 30 minutes; please be advised if you see someone at your gas meter. More information is [here](#).
- ❖ Tractor Parade planning has begun! If you want to be a vendor in the holiday market, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, please visit <https://winterstractorparade.com/> or contact the coordinator Steven Restivo at [info@winterstractorparade.com](mailto:info@winterstractorparade.com).
- ❖ The summer paving project has been pushed back due to scheduling issues with the contractor. Niemann Street should be paved prior to the school opening, likely on a weekend. Stay tuned for that information. The rest of the project area should start in September. More to come.



- ❖ The City Manager recruitment has opened. Please click [here](#) for more information, and share the link with anyone who is interested. The recruitment closes August 24. A first round of interviews will be held on September 13 with the City Council and a community panel, and the second round of interviews with the senior management team and the City Council is scheduled for September 18.

### ***Upcoming Council Meeting – August 1, 2023***

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We have a busy agenda for Tuesday's meeting. The link to the packet is [here](#). The consent calendar includes: rejecting a claim for a vehicle tow, establishing a Council ad hoc for street naming, amending the fire engineer job classification, approving an MOU with the WJUSD to add 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the After School Program, and approving an agreement with the Solano Community College District to host the fire academy. Council will receive two presentations, from Waste Management and Yolo Transportation District, and present certificates of appreciation to volunteers and major donors for the Fireworks Show. Discussion items include: accepting Walnut 10 public improvements, Main Street closure requests for Fall Festival, consideration of a safe storage of firearms ordinance, and selection of a voting delegate to the annual Cal Cities business meeting.

Just a reminder that there is no second meeting in August. The Council and team get to take a break. We'll be back in the saddle with regular meetings beginning September 5.



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

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A big thank you to Mark Rowan and the 7 volunteers who participated in picking up litter along Grant Avenue on July 22. Two outings resulted in 700 pounds of trash being removed from the right-of-way. To join Mark on another Beautiful Winters clean up effort, please email [winters.is.beautiful@gmail.com](mailto:winters.is.beautiful@gmail.com). Thank you, all, for helping to keep Winters beautiful and litter free.

Volunteers make so many contributions to the community, helping to make Winters a wonderful village in which to live, work, visit and play.