



## **City Manager's Update**

October 6, 2023

### ***The Next Chapter!***

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We wish the best for City Manager, Kathleen Tropa, who has retired and is moving on to the next chapter of her life. Kathleen played a pivotal role in Winters progress for past three years. She will be missed. Joe Gorton, a retired city manager, has temporarily taken the reins until our new City Manager joins us in November.

### ***Please join us in welcoming our new City Manager, Jeremy Craig!***

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After a national recruitment conducted by Bob Murray & Associates, the City of Winters City Council has selected Jeremy Craig to serve as their next City Manager. Out of 24 applicants from over six states, five candidates were invited to participate in interviews with the City's leadership team, a panel of community members, and the City Council. The City Council approved an employment agreement and announced the appointment of Mr. Craig during their October 3, 2023 City Council meeting.

Mr. Craig comes to the City of Winters with thirty years of public accounting, municipal government, and private industry experience, having recently served as the City Manager for the City of Vacaville. He previously served as the Assistant City Manager and Finance Director in the City of Vacaville and held positions in the cities of Dixon and Napa, California. Jeremy is a Certified Public Accountant and received his Master of Business Administration from Webster University and his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from Southeast Missouri State University.



Mayor Bill Biasi shared the excitement of the City Council in welcoming Jeremy to the City of Winters. "We interviewed several very qualified candidates and the Council agreed that Jeremy would be a great leader for the City of Winters who can work well with staff, businesses and community members. He brings a wealth of experience."

Outside of work, Jeremy enjoys spending time with his family, volunteering in the community, and officiating youth sports. He is an avid reader, golfer, cook, and wine enthusiast. Jeremy expressed his appreciation of the City Council's selection: "Growing up in a small town myself, I really appreciate the community spirit I have witnessed in Winters that makes it such a great City and I look forward to working with the City Council, community, and great team of employees at the City to protect and grow that sense of community in the coming years." Jeremy's first day as Winters City Manager will be November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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

- ❖ The Yolo County Library will be hosting bilingual events every Thursday and Saturday in October. For this week Thursday Oct. 5 Health Resource Fair @ 6pm Visit with various community organizations to learn about the resources available to you and your family. Children's activities and food (while supplies last) will be provided. Saturday Oct. 7 Folklórico Juvenil Danzantes Unidos de Vacaville @ 5pm Enjoy a performance by Folklórico Juvenil Danzantes Unidos de Vacaville, followed by a dance demonstration and the history of Ballet Folklórico. Culture sharing activities and dessert will be provided after the performance.



- ❖ October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month! The Winters City Council recognized Thriving Pink with a proclamation at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting. Thriving Pink is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping those in Yolo County impacted by breast cancer to thrive by providing a compassionate network of support and resources in partnership with the community. We are volunteer-driven and the leading nonprofit in Yolo County which focuses on serving and supporting the local breast cancer community. More information on how to get involved and upcoming events is available on their website at <https://www.thrivingpink.org/>



- ❖ On October 20<sup>th</sup> two Winters Highschool students will be hosting a Pink Out Game at the football game. For more information on their event visit their Instagram page @whspinkout24. By connecting with them, one will be able to fill out a Google form, order their attire and pick it up at the Pink Out varsity football game taking place on Oct. 20 at Dr. Seller's field.
- ❖ The Winters Police Cadets will be raffling off two Winters themed baskets to raise funds for the program. Basket # 1, the "Winters Basket", includes gift cards, local snacks/foods, and fall Winters essentials. Basket # 2 is the "Winters PD Officer Survival Basket". This basket is made up of some of the things that keep our police officers running, including coffee, candy, gift cards to our favorite spots, as well as Winters PD patches and T-shirts. Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 5 for \$20. You can purchase tickets and check out the baskets October 14th at our Public Safety Festival, or at the Winters Police Department office at 702 Main St, Winters CA 95694. All purchases at community events must be made in cash. For questions or more information about this fundraiser email [tips.winters@winterspolice.org](mailto:tips.winters@winterspolice.org) or call 530-794-6725.



- ❖ Save the date for the 2023 Winters Public Safety Festival! This event is a fun way to meet the agencies and resources Yolo County has to offer. The FREE Festival will be held at 700 Main St at the Winters Fire Department from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday October 14th. This kid friendly event will be filled with games, free goodies, and special demonstrations from our emergency services agencies.

- ❖ The Youth Day Committee will be hosting a planning meeting at Round Table Pizza on October 25th @ 6:30 PM. These events are only possible with community volunteers and participation. You can get involved by attending the meeting the next meeting, sending a message to the [Winters Youth Day Facebook page](#) , or email [info@wintersyouthday.com](mailto:info@wintersyouthday.com) for more information!



**Please Note:**

- ❖ Planning for the 2023 Tractor Parade and Holiday Festivities are underway. Go to <https://winterstractorparade.com/> for more information.
- ❖ Public Works has locked the gates to the Little League Baseball fields to allow the grass to come back from overuse. The fall is the only time staff can make repairs to the field and get the grass to grow back before little league starts up again at the end of January. Staff is also working on a plan to resod the infield.
- ❖ The Winters Fire Department will be hosting a training with other regional fire departments on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at the PG&E Gas Safety Academy located at 1 PG&E Way, Winters, CA 95694. Do not be alarmed if you notice an increased fire personnel presence in the area.
- ❖ Please see the below revised slurry seal scheduled map for the Winters Street Rehab Project. A slight change in dates has been made for the slurry seal phase of the project. Dates have been moved from the start date Monday 10/9 to Tuesday 10/11.

Date	Street Name	Beginning Location	Ending Location
Tuesday, October 10, 2023			
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Martinez St	Railroad	Almeria Dr
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Malaga Ct	Martinez	End
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Almeria St	Niemann	Mermod Pl
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Rosa Pl	Mermod	Hemenway
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Mermod Pl	Rosa	Almeria Pl
Tuesday, October 10, 2023	Hemenway St	Anderson	Rosa
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Wednesday, October 11, 2023			
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Almeria St	Mermod Pl	End
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Lenis Ave	Mermod	Hemenway
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Mermod Pl	Hemenway	Rosa
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	First St	Grant	Abbey St
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	First St	Main	Wolfskill St
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**City Council Meeting**

The Winters City Council will not hold a meeting on October 17, 2023. The next regular meeting will be November 7, 2023.

**Woot Woot!**



Thank you to everyone who stopped by Steady Eddy's for National Coffee with a Cop Day! ☕ We had some awesome conversations and loved meeting you all.



A special thank you to Steady Eddy's for partnering with us and hosting this event.



Another wonderful Festival de la Comunidad is in the books. A little rain didn't stop the festivities and we hope a good time was had by all who attended. A huge shout out to all the volunteers who put in many hours to make the event the success that it was.