



City Update



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City Housing Authority Director retires

After nearly 24 years with the Crescent City Housing Authority, Susie Mendez says it's time for her to travel and spend time with her family.

Mendez, 57, worked in a variety of positions with the Housing Authority for 10 years before becoming the director in 1997. Her last day was June 30.

The Crescent City Housing Authority administers about \$3.5 million of federal funds in rental assistance for low-income residents. The money comes from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The agency provides rental assistance for both the City and Del Norte County, and became a City department in 1965.

"When I first started with the Housing Authority, we had about 200 units," Mendez said. "Now we have about 600."

The agency has a two-week period every year when residents can apply for assistance. The Housing Authority then works from that list of names throughout the year. Mendez is especially pleased that the funds help all types of residents.

"The quality of housing has improved over the years," she said. "We have some nice developments for families, the elderly and the disabled."

The waiting list for assistance is six months to a year. In past years, the wait has been as long as two years.

"The Housing Authority in Crescent City has been able to meet the needs of low-income people at a



Susie Mendez

greater level and a more reasonable rate of time than other areas," Mendez said.

It is common for people to have to wait 3 to 5 years for rental assistance in other areas, she said.

"Everyone deserves a place to live, regardless of their situation," she said.

Mendez said she would miss the people she has worked with.

"I had a great staff who worked

really hard to make the program run smoothly," she said. "Rod Butler, the City Manager, has been very supportive."

Mendez and her husband, Frank, were born and raised in Crescent City. They have two grown children, one lives in Seattle, and one in Wyoming.

Mendez has relatives in Arizona, and she and her husband plan to travel and find the perfect place to relocate. Frank Mendez will retire in February after 20 years with the California Department of Corrections.

With no family left in Crescent City, Mendez said it's time to go.

"I'll miss the natural beauty of the area," she said. "I'll miss going to the beach. It's so easy to go and look out over the ocean. You can take your problems there and realize that they're not very big after all."

Megan Miller, a longtime Housing Authority employee, has been named interim director.

"Megan is a gifted individual who will do a great job," Mendez

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said.

Pool staff offers swim lessons, open swims

Summer is a good time to learn to swim at the Fred Endert Municipal Swimming Pool before families head to beaches and rivers.

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. for two weeks, for a total of six lessons each session.

Lessons are also offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at 4:30 and 5:15 p.m. for 2 weeks, for a total of four, 45 minute lessons. Lessons for all skill levels are available. Fees for each two-

week session are \$30 for children 6 and older, and \$35 for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years. Parent/child classes for toddlers with a parent in the water are also \$25 per session. Remaining lesson sessions are:

Session 4:
M,W,F Aug. 2 – 13
T,TH Aug. 3 – 12

Session 5:
M,W,F Aug. 16 – 27

Registration is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. All registration must be accompanied by payment and be

made before the first day of the session.

The pool also features open recreation swims from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are also family swims on Tuesdays 6 – 7:45 p.m. and open recreation swims on Fridays 6 – 7:45 p.m.

For a complete schedule, visit www.crescentcity.org and click on the pool link, or call 464-9503.

City Council and City commissions meetings schedule

Aug. 2	Monday	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City
Aug. 12	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City
Aug. 16	Monday	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City
Sept. 7	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City
Sept. 9	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City
Sept. 20	Monday	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City
Oct. 4	Monday	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City

CCPD's Scott promoted to lieutenant

Veteran officer was a CCPD Sergeant for past seven years

Garrett Scott began his career with the Crescent City Police Department as an Explorer when he was just 14.

After finishing school and police academy training, Scott was hired by the Ferndale Police Department.

However, since it was his desire to serve his hometown as a police officer, Scott took an opening with the CCPD in October of 1998.

In his tenure with the CCPD, Scott has served as a patrol officer, a Crescent Elk School Resource Officer, a firearms instructor, Field Training Officer, and for the past seven years, sergeant.

Scott recently completed the Leadership in Police Organization curriculum from the United States Military Academy and obtained his California POST Management Certificate in June.

According to CCPD Chief Doug Plack, the new lieutenant will lead a team of police employees in the delivery of police services, and ensure consistency is maintained with regard to the Mission, Vision and Values of the Crescent City Police Department and Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving philosophy for years to



CCPD Chief Doug Plack officiates in the swearing in of Garrett Scott to the position of Lieutenant. Scott's wife, A'Ilisa, watches and waits to pin on her husband's lieutenant badge. Below: Chief Plack congratulates Scott.

come. The lieutenant will also have the responsibility and authority to assure that community concerns and needs are identified, surveyed, researched, and addressed in a complete and timely manner, and that other department management staff, pertinent City of Crescent City staff, and City Council members are kept informed where appropriate.

He said Scott will insist on good, accurate analysis of problems that will hold the supervisors accountable for proper actions.

Most importantly, Plack said, Lt. Scott will fully understand and support departmental philosophies, policies, and procedures and always demonstrate a professional and "command" presence. He is above reproach, and demonstrates high standards in his personal life

whether to conduct a nationwide search, or conduct a process internally," Plack said.

"For me, the decision was easy, in that I wholeheartedly believed we had an individual already working for the department that had proven he had the work ethic, drive, and determination, as well as the loyalty to the City and other required attributes, and that he could fill all the responsibilities and demands necessary to the position. That individual was Sergeant Garrett Scott."

Scott – who also is working to complete his college degree – and his wife, A'Ilisa, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Morgan.

as well as his professional life.

"When a decision was made to fill this position, we had to decide

Transportation projects completed, projected

Five year summary recently presented to City Council

The City of Crescent City has taken on numerous transportation improvements in the past five years. Below is a summary of those jobs completed and future projects as presented to the City Council by Eric M. Wier, Crescent City Utilities Director and Associate Engineer at a recent Council meeting.

2005 – 2010

Project Summary

Pacific Avenue –\$200,000
Harding Avenue –\$160,000
5th Street (J to K) –\$175,000
Northcrest / Wilson-\$275,000
Harbor Trail – \$935,000
9th Street (H to L) -\$260,000
Microsurfacing – \$420,000
5th Street
(A –Wendell) \$108,000
H Street Pedestrian
Improvements - \$150,000
A Street to Front Street (Re-
Alignment) \$275,000
Total 5 year Transportation
CIP Costs = \$3 Million

2005 -- Pacific Ave Overlay and Pedestrian Improvements

- *Project Limits
(A Street to H Street)
- *Scope of Work:
Joint Project between
City and County
- *Overlay Approximately 11
Blocks
- *Reconstruct numerous
Access Ramps and
Driveway
- *Funding Source: RSTP
- *Contractor: Granite
Construction
- *Final construction amount:
\$200,000



Construction on Fifth Street included overlays and pedestrian improvements.

2006 -- Harding Street Rehabilitation & Pedestrian Improvements

- *Project Limits:
Northcrest Drive to City
Limits
- *Scope of Work: Overlay
approximately 5 blocks,
reconstruct 12 access
ramps
- *Funding Source: STIP
- *Final construction amount:
\$160,000

2007 -- Fifth Street Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvements

- *Project Limits:
J Street to L Street (Hwy.
101 South)
- *Scope of Work
Reconstruction, overlay of
2 blocks, numerous
pedestrian improvements
- *Funding Source: RSTP/
General Fund
- *Contractor: Granite
Construction
- *Final construction amount:
\$175,000

Construction improves streets, walkways

2008 -- Northcrest / Wilson Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvements

- *Project Limits: Northcrest Drive (Hwy. 101 to Harding Ave.) Wilson Ave. (Hwy. 101 to Northcrest Drive)
- *Scope of Work: Roadway rehabilitation (7 Blocks) Numerous pedestrian improvements
- *Funding Source: STIP
- *Contractor: Hemmingsen Construction
- *Final construction amount: \$275,000

2008 --Harbor Trail North Pedestrian Bridge

- *Scope of Work: Pedestrian bridge and trail improvements, parking lot, restroom.
- *Funding Source: Coastal Conservancy/RSTP/ various others
- *Contractor: Hemmingsen Construction
- *Final construction amount: \$935,000



9th Street before and after



2009 – Ninth Street Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvements

- *Project Limits: 9thStreet (H to L Streets)
- *Scope of Work: Roadway rehabilitation (4 blocks), 472 tons of AC (0.1' overlay), 85 Tons of AC (digouts) pedestrian improvements, 12 access ramps, 1300 linear feet of curb and gutter, 7500 square feet of sidewalk and driveway
- *Funding Source: RSTP
- *Funding Amount: \$260,000
- *Contractor: Tidewater Contractors
- *Final construction amount: \$258,000

2009 – Microsurfacing Project

- *Scope of Work: Place Microsurfacing on 150 city blocks, place a rejuvenation seal on 35 blocks and striping
- *Funding Source: Prop 1B / RSTP
- *Contractor: Valley Slurry Seal
- *Estimated construction cost: \$415,000

2010 – Fifth Street Rehabilitation (A Street to Wendell)

- *Scope of Work: Street Rehabilitation, pedestrian improvements
- *Funding Source: ARRA
- *Contractor: Hemmingsen Construction
- *Estimated construction cost: \$108,000

2010 -- H Street (Front to Eleventh)

- *Scope of Work: Pedestrian improvements
- *Funding Source: ARRA
- *Contractor: Danco Builders Northwest
- *Estimated construction cost: \$150,000

2010 -- A Street to Front Street Alignment

- *Scope of Work: Roadway Realignment, rehabilitation, pedestrian improvements
- *Funding Source: RSTP
- *Anticipated bid date: September, 2010
- *Estimated construction cost: \$275,000

A Street / Pebble Beach Rehabilitation and Pedestrian Improvements

- *Scope of Work: Roadway reconstruction and rehabilitation, pedestrian improvements
- *Funding Source: STIP
- *Anticipated Bid Date: To be announced
- Estimated construction cost:



\$635,000

Harbor Trail Bridge



Local Fire Academy students graduate

Fire training for 29 students

In June, the Del Norte Fire Training Academy training course where 29 certificates.

The training consists of nearly 400 handling, practice burns and response

“Some of these people have dreams Steve Wakefield said. “But a lot of they can be volunteer firefighters. It’s

Most of the fire instructors are Dept. and Crescent Fire Protection

“For the first time we had students county,” Wakefield said. “That includes



Consortium finished a six-month Fire students earned Firefighter One

hours of classroom training, hose time to actual emergencies in the area.

of careers in firefighting,” CCVFD Chief them go through all this training just so amazing.”

members of Crescent City Volunteer Fire District.

representing every department in the Crescent City Fire, Crescent Fire, Fort

Dick Fire, Smith River Fire, Gasquet Fire, and Klamath Fire.”

The academy offered specialized training in auto extractions, hazardous material response and structural fires.

The Crescent City Volunteer Fire Department had had four firefighting graduates in this class, Daniel Borges, John Aguiar, Blaine Hurley and Jennifer Hurley.

Project message from Rod Butler: City Manager

The sound of construction equipment at work is music to the ears of any city manager.

The wastewater treatment plant upgrade project is winding down, but the project site is still a beehive of activity. Street improvements on Fifth Street between A and Wendell were recently completed, and construction crews are still at work installing new sidewalk access ramps on H Street from Front Street all the way to Eleventh Street. The City also recently completed its first ever “micro-surfacing” project, involving dozens of streets throughout the City.

Let me thank all of our residents, visitors and business owners for their patience while the work on the streets was in progress. We appreciate your flexibility as we waited for the right weather conditions to begin the project and coordinated many details with the private contractor who performed the work. While we have received many positive comments and words of thanks regarding the micro-surfacing project, some have asked “What happened to Front Street?”

The answer is that we didn’t want to spend the money on micro-surfacing Front Street because its condition is so bad, that it needs to be totally reconstructed. We believe that the City will be able to move forward on the long-awaited Front Street reconstruction project in the next 24 months. The City Council has approved a conceptual design for the project after much public input, and our staff is now working on the next steps, which include securing funding for the completion of the final design and specifications, and identifying the funding for the actual construction work, which is estimated to be in the range of \$3 million.

We did have the contractor (Valley Slurry) place a rejuvenation seal on Front Street. This is actually a sealant that is placed over the road surface to prevent further deterioration from vehicle traffic and the elements. It rejuvenates the surface of the road and slows down the oxidation and decay of the asphalt surface. It usually extends the life of a road by one to three years, and our decision to use this process on Front Street should buy the City enough time to get started on the real repairs to the street, which will be completed through the reconstruction project.

The decision not to do a full micro-surfacing of Front Street allowed more work to be done on streets throughout the City that were better candidates for micro-surfacing, meaning that they are still in good enough condition to have their useful life extended by seven to ten years through the placement of the additional sealant and chemicals on their asphalt surface.

The City Council and staff are committed to continued investment in our streets and roads, and we plan to budget funds for additional phases of micro-surfacing work and other improvements in the years to come.

I would like to thank our entire Public Works Department for all of their hard work on these projects.

Last year’s completion of the Fred Endert Municipal Pool renovation and Harbor Trail Bridge, the upcoming completion of the wastewater treatment plant upgrade, and this year’s street, road and sidewalk work demonstrate that Crescent City is a city on the move, improving the appearance of our town and investing in critical infrastructure.

Crescent City Water and Sewer Rates compare favorably with other North Coast Communities

With Crescent City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade project nearing completion, there’s still a lot of talk around town about the ways that the project will impact the community in the years ahead. The project had a price tag of over \$42 million and may be the largest single public works project ever completed in Del Norte County. Some local residents have asked how Crescent City’s water and sewer user fees compare to those charged in other communities along the North Coast. A market

survey conducted last year by the City shows that when water and sewer rates are combined, the fees charged in Crescent City compare very favorably to those charged throughout our region.

When viewing the results of the survey, keep in mind that many of the communities surveyed are still facing the need for major upgrades to their water and wastewater systems which will require them to raise rates charged to their users in the years ahead. In 2007 Crescent

City stepped up to the plate, secured a loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF), followed the requirements of Proposition 218 and implemented the wastewater rate increases necessary to pay back the SRF loan over time, and proceeded to get its project done in compliance with State and Federal requirements. As you’ll see in the survey results, Crescent City has the lowest water rates on the North Coast!!!

Comparison of Water and Wastewater rates for North Coast Communities

Agency	Water*	Sewer*	Total
City of Brookings	\$25.74	\$48.27	\$74.01
Crescent City (inside)	\$12.38	\$56.70	\$69.08
McKinleyville CSD	\$17.50	\$18.32	\$35.82
City of Arcata (inside)	\$24.62	\$35.60	\$60.22
City of Arcata (outside)	\$35.28	\$35.60	\$70.88
City of Eureka	\$34.41	\$34.84	\$69.25
Humboldt CSD	\$27.05	\$31.40	\$58.45
City of Fortuna	\$31.22	\$64.02	\$95.24
City of Rio Dell	\$36.05	\$58.38	\$94.43
City of Fort Bragg	\$53.61	\$57.08	\$110.69
City of Willits	\$57.50	\$47.25	\$104.75

*Rates are based on 800 cubic feet of water used.

Be careful with what you dump in storm drains

City officials would like to remind residents to be cautious in what they dump or otherwise allow to run into storm drains.

Storm drains are only designed to carry rainwater and run off to the bay.

Other liquids and contaminants flow right along with the water.



Rainwater does not need to be treated before it is discharged, so it goes straight to the ocean.

The Solid Waste Authority and Earth Day volunteers have marked many of the storm drains with signs that read, “No dumping, drains to bay.”

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CITY OFFICIALS: 377 J Street, Crescent City CA 95531 (707)464-7483

- **Mayor:** Kelly Schellong
- **Council members:** Dennis Burns, Kathryn Murray, Charles Slert, Donna Westfall
- **Deputy City Clerk:** Robin Patch

CITY STAFF / DEPARTMENTS:

- **City Manager's Office:** 464-7483, City Hall, 377 J Street, City Manager: Rod Butler.
- **Public Works Department:** 464-9506, City Hall, Director: Jim Barnts.
- **Central Services:** 464-9565, 900 10th Street, Director: John Cochrane.
- **Building Inspection/Code Enforcement:** 464-9506, City Hall.
- **Crescent City Police Department:** 911 / 464-2133, 686 G Street, Chief: Doug Plack.
- **Crescent City Volunteer Fire Department:** 911 / 464-2421, 520 I St., Chief: Steve Wakefield.
- **Finance Department:** 464-7483, City Hall, Director: Ken McDonald.
- **Crescent City Housing Authority:** 464-9216, 235 H Street, Interim Director: Megan Miller.
- **Fred Endert Municipal Swimming Pool:** 464-9503, 1000 Play St. Manager: Matt Hildebrandt.
- **Planning Department:** 464-9506, City Hall.
- **Water Department:** 464-6517, City Hall.