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Devlin Road Grand Opening

A 1,200-foot extension of Devlin Road in the Airport Industrial Area opened for traffic on January 9, completing an important connection for business park commerce and adding nearly ¼ mile to the Vine Trail.



The extension, a key part of the County's strategy to revitalize the local economy, closes a gap in Devlin Road between Airport Boulevard and Airpark Road to the south.

The project included a Class 1 multi-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians that will be incorporated into the Vine Trail.

The project was designed by TLA Engineering of Roseville. The contractor was Ghilotti Brothers of San Rafael.

The \$2.5 million project was funded by property owner contributions and Traffic Mitigation Fees.

Below: Project Manager Mallika Ramachandran, District 5 Supervisor Keith Caldwell and American Canyon Mayor Leon Garcia, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the roadway and trail.



New Home for Health & Human Services

The County has purchased the former Dey Labs property, owned by Mylan, Inc., in the Napa Valley Commons (previously the "Napa Valley Corporate Park").

The 25 acre site, known at the moment as the South Campus, has existing structures which will be put into service as the new location of the Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA).

There are also other areas which were formerly manufacturing, laboratory

and warehouse space, which will be leased to other parties to generate revenue for the County.

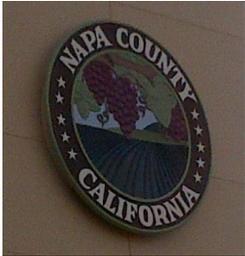
The purchase and remodel of the Mylan site will be much less costly than redevelopment of the current Old Sonoma Road campus, which had been in the works, and better meet the space needs of the Agency.

The County has retained the services of TLCD Architects, of Santa Rosa, to prepare the designs for repairing and improving

the space to meet the needs of the Agency. Construction of these tenant improvements is expected to take place in 2015, at which time the Agency will relocate from its current space on Old Sonoma Road.



Aerial view of South Campus



Administration Building gets a makeover

The Napa County Administration Building's new look is complete!

The building had its most-recent exterior treatment done in 1998. That finish had deteriorated and needed improvements to protect the structure and improve its appearance.

The contractor, Urban Waterproofing of San Rafael, recently completed the repairs and re-coated the entire

building. A new color scheme was selected which reinforces the form of the building, breaks down its scale and helps it relate better to its downtown Napa context. The selected colors are warm tones drawn from the surrounding neighborhood.

An additional feature of the project was the refurbishment of the much-beloved County

Seal, which was in great need of sprucing up after braving the elements for many years. A new sign plan included placement of dimensional letters reading "Administration Building" on the structure itself, above the entry.

*Pictured, at left:
New color scheme
Refurbished seal
New dimensional letters*

Library looking good, too!

The Napa County Library has added new exterior signage that features a new logo. The library logo was rebranded around two years ago, reflecting a modern touch.

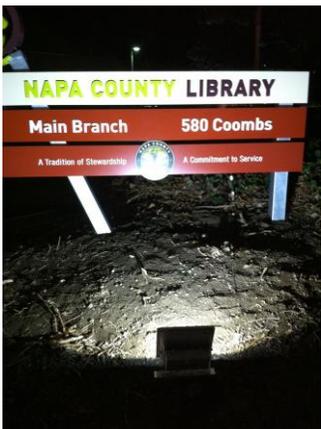
The old signs were weathered from decades of braving the elements. Additionally, they were revised to reflect the current name of the Napa County Library, (previously the Napa City-

County Library).

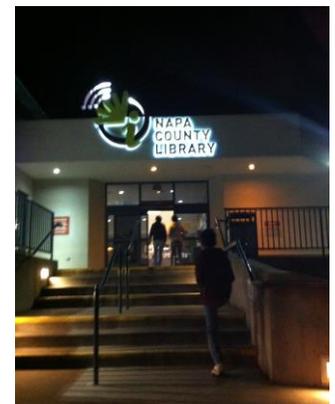
The Napa County Library is located at 580 Coombs Street in downtown Napa. It receives 1,800+ visitors a day that utilize all aspects of the programs and services offered by the library. The new signs at the parking lot entrances now tell library hours and provide the patrons better information.

The budget for the project was \$120,000. Funding

was provided by the library fund.



*New Library Signs
(above and right)*



New Corrections Facility Receives Grant Funding

Napa County's public safety agencies have been implementing a variety of programs to deal with the challenges of the State's "realignment" approach to housing offenders.

One program is the establishment of a "staff secure" jail inmate re-entry facility to house inmates and assist them

in transitioning back into the community by providing a number of cognitive behavioral programs, job and housing search assistance, and other programs and services.

The County recently was awarded \$13.87 million funding from the Board of State Community Corrections to fund the

design and construction of this facility. It will be located at the site which will also house the new County Jail, on Highway 221 just south of Napa State Hospital, and was incorporated into the Jail's Environmental Impact Report. Project design is scheduled to begin this year.

Vine Trail receives major funding boost

The Napa Valley Vintners (NVV) and Visit Napa Valley (VNV) announced recently they will each provide \$2.5 million in funding toward construction of the Napa Valley Vine Trail, a pedestrian and bicycle path spanning 47 miles from the Vallejo Ferry Building to Calistoga. The combined \$5 million contribution provides 40 percent of the local funding needed to build the hiking and biking trail.

"The entire Vine Trail Coalition and our 30 community organization

board members are so thankful for the generosity and support that NVV and VNV are providing today," said Chuck McMinn, executive director of the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition (NVVTC). "We now have \$7.5 million of our \$12 million local fundraising goal in hand. This will be used to complete the Vine Trail from South Napa to Yountville within the next two years, inviting residents and visitors to experience our county in a healthy new way."

The goal of the Napa

Valley Vine Trail is to provide a healthy, safe, scenic, free and family-friendly hiking and biking trail for Napa County locals and visitors.

Napa County Public Works is proud to be partnering with NVVTC to implement numerous segments of the trail. The segment from Napa to Yountville mentioned above is currently undergoing plan review, and construction is anticipated to begin this Summer. In addition, funding has been donated specifically for the segment from Calistoga to Bothe State Park, which is now about to enter the design phase.



Clay Gregory (Visit Napa Valley), Chuck McMinn (Vine Trail), Linda Reiff (Napa Valley Vintners) and April Gargiulo (Vine Trail Founders Circle chair) celebrate Premier Partnership, helping fund the Vine Trail to improve community health and safety for both residents and visitors.

Things are shaping up at NBRID

The Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID) recently completed its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrades, which went "online" in November, 2013. Numerous improvements to the facilities were included in the project. The Design-Build team, Western Water Constructors and Summit Engineering, and operations staff, Phillips and Associates, are commissioning the WWTP.

The District also recently

completed its Wastewater Storage Ponds project. The new ponds increase available storage capacity by approximately 19 million gallons.

Finally, construction of a new water treatment plant (WTP) was completed in December 2013. After several site visits from the Drinking Water Division of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in December and January, NBRID received a temporary operating permit. The official start-up date for the new plant was January 15, 2014.

The final operating permit is expected by the end of February, after the completion of a few minor adjustments to the water treatment plant, including installation of additional sampling taps and flow meters, fine-tuning, and completion of the backwash waste water system.



New WWTP



**New ponds (above)
New WTP (below)**



Making our Roads Safer

Public Works has completed safety improvements on three busy County roads!

First: on North Kelly Road, a project to improve safety at a curve involved replacing damaged guardrail and installing additional warning signs. The total project cost \$27,200 and was

completed by Mid State Barrier of Stockton in the Fall.

Next: on Wooden Valley Road, the project also involved guardrail replacement, along with roadway striping. Also completed by Mid State Barrier, this project's total cost was \$218,000.

Finally, a radar speed feedback sign is being installed by Roads crews on Deer Park Road. The total cost of this project is \$28,000.

Funding for all three projects was provided by Federal High Risk Rural Roads (HR3) funds.



Hillcrest Drive at St. Andrews Drive Completed landscaping



Sidewalk area Landscaping in progress

Silverado Streets Spruce Up

The Silverado Community Services District has been renovating outdated landscape islands throughout the community over the last three years.

The district, which serves the residential community surrounding the Silverado Resort and Country Club northeast of Napa, is

responsible for many functions, including maintenance of the lighting and landscaping in the common areas of the community.

Past years' improvements included installing lighting and renovating landscaping at the community entrances.

This year, we recently completed renovating the island at Hillcrest Drive and St. Andrews Drive and is near completion of the landscape areas along the sidewalks on Hillcrest Drive. The work is being performed by Joaquin's Landscape for about \$33,000.

SR 29 Project Reaches Major Milestone

The dust is settled, the trenches closed, power services are underground, and the tops of utility poles have come down. A celebration was held December 12 to mark the completion of Phase 1 of the SR 29 Utility Undergrounding Project.

Representatives of Napa County, the City of St. Helena, PG&E, AT&T, Comcast Cable, and contractor Underground Construction gathered to acknowledge the completion of the phase

involving all the "in-road" work (and its associated traffic disruptions).

At the celebration, each of the partners expressed appreciation for the cooperation of all the agencies, residents and businesses in the area, and the traveling public.

Those gathered then witnessed the "topping" of the final pole. Poles throughout the four-mile stretch of SR 29 and its side streets had the electric cables replaced with new ones in the new

underground conduits, so these cables have been removed and the tops have been cut off.

For the next phase of work, AT&T will be installing its new underground wires and making connections, allowing for complete pole removal. Caltrans will then initiate a separate project to install a center turn lane in the corridor, which extends from Charter Oak in St Helena, to Galleron Lane south of the city.



"Pole topping" ceremony



The Art of Project Management



Steve Lederer
Director of Public Works

What do glass balls have to do with project management?

No matter your job title, you are a project manager. You don't think so? If you are in charge of building a bridge, resurfacing a road, installing solar panels or applying for a grant to build a new jail, it is clear that you are a project manager. But less

obvious, if you are planning a training program, setting up an accounting process, responsible for keeping a building clean or planning a family gathering, you are a project manager, too. It is the single most important thing that we do. There are many aspects of being a project manager, and I'd like to periodically make use of my space in this newsletter to discuss some of these different aspects.

When you are a project manager, you may need to track thousands of details on any given project. Some are

critically important, others less so. You can't keep track of all of them at the same level. So, how do you prioritize? Many years ago a naval officer, whose name has long escaped me, offered up the "Glass Balls Theory of Project Management." It goes like this:

"As project managers, we all juggle many balls. It is inevitable that a juggler may drop a ball now and then. The trick is to know which balls are rubber and which are glass. If a rubber ball is dropped, it bounces once or twice; you can reach down, pick it up, and keep juggling.

The View from Here...

However, if you drop a glass ball, it shatters into pieces, you cut your feet on the shards, you fall off balance such that other balls will be dropped and you can't pick it back up."

The moral of the story: Project managers must be aware of and juggle all aspects of the project. They are ultimately responsible for all of them. But it is just as critical to understand which items can't be dropped (the glass balls) and which ones have more flexibility.

So how does one know?
Maybe a topic for next issue...



Big Turnaround for Up-Valley Hazardous Waste Collections

Stories of hazardous waste don't often have a positive ring, but residents of the cities of Calistoga, St. Helena, Yountville and surrounding areas of the County are responding quite positively to renewed efforts to rid local homes of household hazardous waste (HHW). Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA), the public entity responsible for all recycling and waste handling in the area, has seen a positive turnaround recently in its HHW program. Before that, residents of the area had been without HHW

collection events for three years.

In 2009, UVWMA had to suspend its HHW program when the downturn in the economy reduced the local landfill and agency revenues. A small increase in landfill fees enabled UVWMA to reestablish its semi-annual HHW collection events. This year, the agency is hiring a licensed hazardous waste handling firm to hold two events in up-valley communities.

UVWMA held its first event of the year in October, at

the Calistoga Fairgrounds. Residents of the UVWMA area delivered over 270 carloads of HHW to the event, dropping off a variety of pesticides, paints, solvents, cleaners, batteries, motor oil and filters, and fluorescent lamps. Dave Briggs, Environmental Resource Specialist for UVWMA and Napa County Public Works, noted that there is good reason for a sustainable program of HHW collection. "HHW materials may make up only a small portion of the overall waste stream but

they are potentially the most problematic – they can contaminate soil and water, cause fires or explosions, or poison children or pets when stored or handled improperly," said Briggs.

UVWMA will hold its second collection event of the year on April 12, 2014 at the composting and recycling facility by Rutherford Grove Winery in St. Helena. The event will be free of charge to residents of up-valley communities.

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Making Money Out of Thin Air

Well, out of the power of the sun, actually!

Photovoltaic (electric energy from solar panels) installations have been completed now for several months at the Animal Shelter and the Homeless Shelter, the first of many in the County's overall program.

Between October, 2013 and January, 2014, the Animal Shelter produced 22,181 kWh of electricity, and the Homeless Shelter produced 14,378 kWh, both in line with original expectations for the facilities. This has resulted in a savings of \$more than 6,000 in power bills!

Not only are we saving money on electric bills, the installation came in under budget! The two facilities saved about \$40,000 on the installation, out of a total budget of just under \$500,000.



Which County am I in?

Thanks to a major recent project by our neighbors in Sonoma County, it is now much easier to tell!

Col. J.T. Kingsbury established the line between Napa and Sonoma counties in 1877. Iron stakes were set each mile along the 52 miles of the line.

Since its establishment over 130 years ago little has been done to maintain the monumentation and as a result few of the original stakes remain.

Sonoma County put together a project to restore the monumentation of the line,

employing 18 local survey firms in the process! Records of these surveys have recently been completed and are to be recorded soon. This will be an incredibly valuable resource to property owners in the vicinity in both counties.

About Napa County Public Works..

The Department of Public Works is dedicated to sustaining health, safety, quality of life and protection of natural resources by providing and maintaining public

facilities and services in partnership with the community and other public agencies for current and future residents, workers, visitors and animals of Napa County.

Public Works values...

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Service
- Teamwork

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