

SUISUN CITY Discovery



City of Suisun City

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City Manager's Message

City Under Construction



Almost anywhere you go in the City this summer, you will see major construction projects – both public and private.

In the last Discovery, we talked about the incredible private investments taking

shape in the Waterfront District.

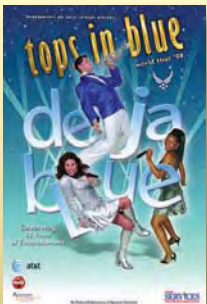
If you haven't seen the Harbor Square tower at Main and Solano Streets or the construction underway at the Hampton Inn and Suites site off Lotz Way, you really need to come down to see all that's going on.

In this issue, we feature public projects that are underway and recently completed to improve the vital infrastructure we rely on everyday, including

- \$1.2 million in street improvements;
- \$2.8 million railroad and street safety improvements at Sunset and Railroad Avenues;
- reconstruction of Goepp Park;
- installation of brand new street signs; and
- dedication of the new library.

We likewise can't miss an opportunity to showcase an amazing events season that is already underway!

We have hit our stride – pushing for the best we can offer for our community.



Top Air Force Group to Perform on Waterfront - See P3

\$1.2 Million Program to Address Worst Streets

City Council stressed need to address the “worst of the worst”

Nearly three dozen of the worst street segments in Suisun City will be repaired starting later this summer in the City's \$1.2 million 2008 Streets Improvement Program.

The program was developed after the City Council directed staff in October to put together a plan of attack to begin addressing the “worst of the worst” streets in the City. The thought at the time was that even if we couldn't reconstruct many of the streets because of the high cost of such work, we still needed to get started.

After months of wrangling with the challenge, Public Works staff uncovered an innovative approach to street repair that uses rubberized asphalt and costs roughly 15% of traditional overlay work (see inset on page 2). At the same time, Finance staff leveraged a partnership between the City and Suisun-Solano Water Agency to increase the number of street segments that could be upgraded. The City Council unanimously approved the new approach at its March 18 meeting.

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Building a Sense of Place

We all know where Suisun City is. But how many of the 87,500 drivers who traverse Highway 12 for business and pleasure know they've arrived in a “special place?” At City Hall, we hear too many stories about how the answer to that question is not at all what we want to hear.

So what are we doing about it? Plenty.

Concept designs for gateway monument signage, included in the current budget, were developed by a City Council ad hoc committee and unveiled just this month to the entire City Council.

The working concept (pictured above) is reminiscent of the giant winepress operator located on Highway 29 on the way into Napa – a singular image that you've arrived in the Wine Country. In Suisun City, our imagery harkens to the sea, and our roots as the main central Solano County shipping port of the mid-to-late 1800s.

The concept designs for our gateway monuments, which are proposed for the City's east and west entrances of the City along Highway 12, capture our historic, current and future ties to the water - all with an artistic flair. Smaller monuments are proposed for the Walters Road, Sunset Avenue and Cordelia Road entrances to the City.

These monuments will put Suisun City on every traveler's map, with a guidepost announcing, “You've arrived in a special place.”



Proposed design for gateway signs

4 Years of Street Upgrades

- 2008 RESURFACING PROJECT
- 2007 RESURFACING PROJECT
- 2006 RESURFACING PROJECT
- 2005 RESURFACING PROJECT



Street Maintenance Efforts:

2005-2008

2005: \$423,200

*19 streets slurry sealed
Emperor Overlay*

2006: \$416,330

*32 streets slurry sealed
Spoonbill Overlay*

2007: \$762,330

*70 streets slurry sealed
Chipman Lane overlay
Suisun Street repaired*

2008: \$1.2 million

34 street resurfaced

Addressing Worst Streets

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Public Works will use the rubberized asphalt pavement system that

- is a fraction of the cost of traditional asphalt treatments,
- adds 10 to 15 years to the life of even the most severely distressed streets and
- diverts thousands of used vehicle tires from California's landfills to resurface our streets.

Traditional road repair methods rely on a layer of asphalt that dries and cracks over time, requiring continual maintenance. The rubberized asphalt system uses a liquid binder made from recycled tires mixed with asphalt aggregate to create a durable and waterproof but flexible road surface that resists degradation over the long run.

"This technology allows us to use our money wisely and to accelerate the reconstruction of those streets in the most desperate need," City Manager Suzanne

Bragdon said. "Plus, we help address one of California's toughest environmental problems: disposal of discarded vehicle tires."

The aggressive expansion of the street repaving program follows the 2007 Program that had 70 street segments slurry sealed and more comprehensive repairs to Chipman Lane and Suisun Street.

The rubberized asphalt process also will let the City and SSWA quadruple the street segments upgraded through their unique water service upgrade partnership, which coordinates street resurfacing with water service connection upgrades.

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What Does \$824,000 Get You?

- *120,903 square feet of road improvement using traditional grind & overlay method.*
- *1,060,000 square feet of resurfacing using rubberized asphalt system*

Solving A Difficult Safety Problem

Sunset Avenue Railroad Improvements Coming

Frequent passenger and freight trains crossing an increasingly busy City street on aging safety systems was a potentially disastrous mix the City Council ordered be fixed quickly.

New signage and other enhancements were installed immediately to help inform drivers and pedestrians about the dangers of crossing the protected railroad tracks. Those temporary measures will be augmented this summer with \$2.8 million in permanent roadway and sidewalk safety improvements to enhance traffic flow as well as pedestrian access.

Specifically, the project includes:

- widening Sunset Avenue
- creating bike lanes
- sidewalks
- storm drainage improvements
- new coordinated traffic signals
- installing left turn lanes
- street lighting
- landscaping

Though managed by Suisun City Public Works staff, the Railroad and Sunset Intersection Project involves a close partnership with the City of Fairfield and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Originally, Suisun City was planning the safety enhancements while Fairfield was independently planning to install a 36-inch water line that ran under Sunset Avenue just south of the tracks. The Suisun City project was due to be completed first, but the Fairfield work would require major demolition of the street work to reach the water pipe.

Once the conflict was realized, the two cities partnered to complete both projects more quickly, for less money and without costly redundancies. The result will be a much higher quality streetscape at a lower combined cost for the two cities.



Top Air Force Group to Perform on Waterfront

“Tops in Blue,” the U.S. Air Force’s world-renowned musical revue, will come to the Suisun City Waterfront District on June 9 for one of only three California performances in 2008.

Tops in Blue will perform “Deja Blue - Fifty-Five Years of Tops in Blue,” a dazzling and entertaining show for the entire family as they have at military installations and community events around the globe.

Working in partnership with Travis Air Force Base Services, the City’s Recreation and Community Services staff is working hard to present this world-class event. When base officials were looking for a place to hold the event, they were invited to the Waterfront District and immediately loved the setting.

Tops in Blue will perform at 8 p.m. in Harbor Plaza on Main Street at Solano Street.

Go to www.suisun.com for more information.

Partnering with SSWA

SSWA and the City will replace 200 water services and resurface 12 street segments for the same cost that would have replaced 63 water services and 3 street segments.

The aggressive road resurfacing program targets most of the streets with a Pavement Condition Index rating of 0-25, the lowest possible on the scale. The actual project bids received for this work – targeted for July – will dictate the final number of street segments that will be resurfaced this year. Based on staff estimates, those streets anticipated to be resurfaced include segments of:

- Bald Pate Drive
- Barrows Drive
- Bering Way
- Canary Drive
- Gadwall Drive
- Golden Eye Way
- Green Wing Drive
- Humphrey Drive
- Javan Way

Where’s The Money Coming From?

- *State Proposition 1B*
..... **\$451,200**
- *Suisun-Solano Water Agency*
..... **\$290,000**
- *State Proposition 42*
..... **\$191,000**
- *State Transportation Development Act. . . .* **\$200,000**

- Klamath Way
- Lassen Avenue
- Marcia Lane
- Pelican Way
- Ringneck Lane
- Scaup Lane
- Scoter Way
- Shoveller Drive
- Spring Street

- Tree Duck Way
- Wigeon Way
- Wesley Avenue
- Worley Road

Visit www.suisun.com for specific information about which segments of each street will be repaired.

Streets in the City/SSWA partnership include:

- Greylag Drive
- Hummingbird Lane
- Nadel Drive.
- Pheasant Drive
- Pochard Way
- Redhead Lane
- Rio Verde
- Ruddy Lane
- Seagull Drive
- Terry Lane
- Whooper Way
- Woodlark Drive



Sucking Up The Mud

Dredging Project Planned for Fall 2008



View of Pierce Island and waterways to be dredged

Mention scenic waterways to most people and they immediately conjure images of wildlife, kayaking, fishing and boating. But very few will come up with an activity vital to a living waterway – “sucking up the mud.”

Every five to eight years, City staff undertakes a dredging program to remove naturally occurring silt

that deposits along the bottom of Suisun City’s two main waterways – the Suisun Slough and the Whispering Bay Channel.

Dredging is necessary to preserve down to an 8-foot depth optimal for boat operations within City limits. With generally gentle tidal action and storm water run-off, most of the silt collects in the turns and low points of the boating channels and – over time – would make these waterways impassible.

Recreation and Public Works staff are working with an engineering firm to ensure Pierce Island is prepared to accept thousands of cubic feet of fresh bay mud and to process the required state environmental permits. The actual dredging work will go out for bid thereafter.

By the end of summer, preparations will be completed, permits will be in place and dredging bids accepted so the big dredging machinery can arrive in early fall to perform the work before spawning season gets fully underway. The law prohibits dredging activities during fish spawning seasons. ✨

Peddlers Need Permits



From time to time, individuals appearing to be itinerant door-to-door sales people come into Suisun City. Some are hard-working people representing legitimate products. Under Article V of the City Code, these merchants, peddlers or solicitors must have a with them a current City Solicitor’s Permit.

To protect yourself from scam artists, request to see the City permit of any person who presents themselves at your doorstep as a sales person. If you feel unsafe for any reason or if the permit does not look legitimate, decline to do business with them and close the door.

Call the Police Department at 707-421-7373 to report anyone you suspect of perpetrating a scam or looking for homes to burglarize or vandalize. If the person attempts to force his way into your home, call 911.

For more information, visit us online at www.suisun.com. ✨



Help Getting Around

The Waterfront District received new wayfinding signs throughout the area served by the Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District.

The signs – first proposed by the BID – are designed to serve as trailmarkers for visitors and patrons coming to the Waterfront District.

The large reflective signs direct pedestrians and drivers alike to areas of specific business activity, including dining, small shops, free parking, the boat launch, theater and Suisun Wildlife Center.

The wayfinding signs were funded through the Redevelopment Agency as a way to support the local business community and brand this portion of the City as the Waterfront District. ✨

Improving Your Neighborhood

Take advantage of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Program to upgrade your home’s appearance and the street appeal of your neighborhood.

The program’s first year is closing having committed nearly \$85,000 in matching grants that leveraged homeowner investment to improve fences, exterior paint, landscaping, garage doors and other upgrades.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Program launched in June 2007 to provide resources and incentives to residents to

- reinvest in their home and neighborhood
- develop partnerships between the residents and the City
- improve the safety, appearance, and value of homes and neighborhoods throughout the City.

This program provides one-time matching grants, up to \$2,500, to Suisun City homeowners to beautify and improve the curb appeal of their homes.

For more information on the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Program, visit www.suisun.com or call Alysa Majer at 707-421-7345.

New Release**Suisun City Library Opens in June*****Eight years of dreaming and hard work pay off.***

It took countless meetings, lots of adjustments and working outside the organizational box. But one of the state's few joint use libraries will open in Suisun City on June 25.

Like proud parents, hundreds of supporters will come out that day to celebrate!

The \$5.4 million, 10,000 square foot library resulted from the sheer will and tenacity of the City, the Redevelopment Agency, the School District and the Solano County Library to ensure Suisun City had a library befitting a growing community – and one flexible enough in design to double in size as demand requires it.

The Suisun City Library – officially located on the Suisun Elementary School campus and owned by the School District – will operate as a school library on week-day mornings, and as a Solano County public library in the afternoons, evenings and weekends.



The former library, located on the second floor of 333 Sunset, is closed to allow materials to be organized and moved to the gleaming new facility.

Starting June 25, Suisun City residents and students will benefit from the state-of-the-art facility they expect and deserve. ✨

Library Details

- Location: 601 Pintail Drive
- Opens: 1:00 p.m. June 25
- Features:
- 10,000 square feet – double the current library
- Adult and children's reading areas
- Secure school-hours entrance
- 26 public access computers, including 15-seat technology learning center
- 6-seat group study room
- Special teen area
- 70-seat community room, with presentation technology and after hours entrance.

**Coming Soon!****Dramatic Waterfront Vista Improved Traffic Circulation**

For some, it's the simple conversion of a private drive back into a public street.

But the new Harbor Center Drive will function as a terrific new entry point into the Waterfront District for visitors – some of whom may be experiencing Suisun City for the first time.

Framed with rows of trees, the new roadway will extend the stamped concrete and pedestrian feel of the Promenade from Sheldon Plaza in front of the Hampton Inn & Suites to Lotz Way, improving both public safety access and the visual linkage of Lotz Way to the Promenade.

The \$1.6 million project will re-establish a public roadway that existed before One Harbor Center was constructed as part of the initial redevelopment of the Waterfront District. It will include

- new and wider sidewalks
- decorative pedestrian lighting
- new street trees and tree planters
- traffic calming measures
- drainage modifications
- pavement striping
- crosswalks
- Americans with Disabilities Act ramps, and
- greater pedestrian access to the Marina and Sheldon Plaza.

The street work will proceed alongside construction of the new hotel, which is expected to open for business in early 2009. Utility work is already underway, with award of the balance of the project expected in July. ✨

Boats And Blue: Street Sign Upgrades For Every Neighborhood



The schooner image and distinctive blue color representing the City's waterfront heritage now grace every street corner thanks to this spring's street sign replacement program. The

new signs address serious public safety concerns, while building a sense of place.

Working with a City Council ad hoc committee, the schooner emblem and blue color scheme were selected as a uniform symbol of Suisun City's roots as a maritime port bringing Solano County produce to far-flung merchants.

Do Pintail, Shoveller & Scaup call to your Inner Duck Lover?

Then come on down to the Waterfront District and "Buy a Sign"

- When: June 7
- Where: Harbor Plaza booth during "It's a June Thing!"
- How Much: \$10 each (proceeds go back into Streets Fund)
- First-come, first-served.
- Quantity limited

Previously, Suisun City neighborhoods had a broad range of street sign designs and colors installed as subdivisions were built. Many of those signs were badly faded or otherwise unreadable.

The new signs act as an immediate and uniform symbol for residents and visitors alike that they are in Suisun City.

From a public safety perspective, the signs were designed with bold lettering in a highly reflective material to maximize visibility for police and fire units responding to emergencies.

The street signs project was funded through a \$125,000 state Workforce Housing Grant. ✨

Goepp Park's Facelift

Upgrading Another Neighborhood Amenity

Workers will start reconstructing Goepp Park this summer to improve the usability of the 30-year-old park and repair some safety concerns.

Public Works Department staff expect to ask the City Council to award the construction contract in early June on the project, estimated to cost up to \$900,000.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the Recreation and Community Services staff, conducted a comprehensive review of the park last year while preparing plans for a new 1,920 square foot preschool center adjacent to Dan O. Root Elementary School.

The review identified a number of needed improvements, including

- removal and replacement of trees;
- redesign and construction of walkway;
- grading and replacement of turf area;
- reconfiguration and upgrade of irrigation system;
- construction of two new half-court basketball courts near former tennis court;
- replacement of two softball/baseball backstops; and
- redesign of storm drains.

In addition to making the park facilities easier for the community to use, the work also will provide a safer route for school children.

A state grant of \$337,164 will be used to pay for the work with the balance from the City's Park Development Fund.

The park reconstruction is expected to be completed by December. ✨

Goepp Park Timeline

Project to Bid: April 2008

Project Award: June 2008

Construction: June to November 2008

Park Rededication: Spring 2009

Bikes, Bikes, Bikes!

City wins \$900,000 grant for new safe school route

The City's commitment to a network of safe, dedicated bike routes got a big boost this Spring when we won the largest available Safe Routes to School Grant for a bike path along the south side of Highway 12 between Grizzly Island Road and Driftwood Drive.

The \$900,000 grant, awarded by Caltrans, was among only 139 awarded by the program statewide this year, and the only Bay Area request to be fully funded.

This new grant is in addition to \$1.4 million grants the City already received to build a new McCoy Creek bike trail and to extend the Central County Bikeway from Marina Boulevard to the Waterfront District. These projects are going to bid this month.

The safe routes project will be an 0.8-mile concrete path, separated from traffic, along the south side of Highway 12. It will provide a bike and pedestrian link between Crescent Elementary School in Lawler Ranch and Crystal Middle School.

Currently, children walking or riding their bikes from Lawler Ranch to the middle school must cross Highway 12 twice - each direction - on their round trip from home to school.

The grant, which will pay for design and initial construction for the new bike route, was coordinated with the Fairfield-Suisun School District, Caltrans, the state Department of Fish and Game, and the Solano Transportation Authority. An additional \$400,000 in federal grant money is being sought to fully fund the project, which is slated for construction in 2010.

Meanwhile, Public Works staff will issue calls for bids this month to construct the \$1.4 million McCoy Creek and Bikeway Gap Closure projects, with work underway this summer.

These key elements of the City's bike network are funded with Caltrans and Bay Area Air Quality Management District grants designed to fund innovative projects that give residents meaningful transportation alternatives.

Watch all the bike route construction over the coming months, then dust off your helmet, oil your bike chain and get ready to ride beautiful Suisun City. ✨

Waterfront Events 2008

4th of July

11:15-12:15	Alive Music Orchestra
2:30-4:00	Pointlyss Sisters
5:30-7:30	California Cowboys
8:00-10:30	Time Bandits
TBA	Dance Troupes

Friday Nights at the Waterfront

11-Jul	Evolution (A salute to Journey)
18-Jul	Inner Soul
25-Jul	Bayou Boys Band
1-Aug	Graydaze
8-Aug	California Cowboys
15-Aug	Pointlyss Sisters
22-Aug	Tom Rigney & Flambou

Saturday Night at the Movies

12-Jul	Bee Movie
19-Jul	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
26-Jul	Surf's Up
2-Aug	Goonies
9-Aug	The Water Horse
16-Aug	Back to the Future
23-Aug	The Golden Compass
6-Sep	High School Musical 2
13-Sep	Ratatouille
20-Sep	Pirate's of the Caribbean at World's End
27-Sep	Happy Feet

The Waterfront Jazz Series

13-Jul	Alive Music Orchestra
20-Jul	Dalt Williams Quartet
27-Jul	Ted Schafer's Jelly Roll Jazz Band
3-Aug	Dream Door
10-Aug	Dave Rocha Jazz Group
17-Aug	Outta Nowhere
24-Aug	Second Planet
7-Sep	Reality Check
14-Sep	Delbert Bump
21-Sep	Blusion
28-Sep	Jerry Macchia Band



June 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It's a June Thing"

Diablo Jet Ski Action.

June 9, 8 p.m.

Tops in Blue

The U.S. Air Force's world-renowned musical revue.



June 14

Flag Day

Come celebrate Flag Day in rock 'n' roll style with the Air Force's "Mobility"



June 29, Noon to 4 p.m.

Making All Your Dreams Come True Bridal Show

Dazzling fashion shows, dozens of wedding professional vendors. See left for details



July 4, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Independence Day

Celebrate America's birthday at Solano County's best Fourth of July event.



July 11 through Aug. 22

Friday Nights at the Waterfront

See left for details

July 12 - Sept. 27

Saturday Night at the Movies

See left for details

July 13 - Sept. 28

The Waterfront Jazz Series

See left for details

July 26

Diablo Jet Ski Races

More jet ski action!



Saturday Aug. 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August Fest

Microbrew beer, Live music, Theater performances, Unique arts and crafts



Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6-9 p.m.

National Night Out

Suisun City's award-winning community celebration that urges residents to get to know their neighbors



Sunday, Aug. 17

Harbor Bike Races

Professional and top-class amateur cyclists tearing up the Waterfront District on a fast, flat circuit course. Various divisions and races.



City Hall Hours Expanded

Concerned about providing additional service for commuters and busy residents, the City Council voted on May 6 to expand City Hall hours open until 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. City Hall will continue to be open until 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

Starting June 1, all City Hall services – from water bill payments and business licensing to building permits, plan checks and Housing Authority assistance – will be available into the evening all year long.

While City Hall is closed each Friday, bill payments and other City services will be available at the Nelson Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as the Police Department from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit us online at www.suisun.com for electronic water bill payments and information any day of the week.

Visit us online

For more information about anything going on in Suisun City, visit www.suisun.com



We've added a number of features, including:

- Online bill payment for water bills
- Enhanced events schedule
- A news and information blog to which you can subscribe

We continue to add features and update content on a regular basis. If you haven't visited www.suisun.com lately, you are missing out!

Recycling Household Hazards

Don't store toxic and dangerous waste materials in your home or garage. These items are not only messy, but can be dangerous to people and the environment.

Drop off batteries, used motor oil, latex paint and antifreeze at the Solano Garbage BOPA facility.

Location: 2901 Industrial Court, Fairfield

- Hours: 8 am – 4 pm weekdays;
8 am-2pm Saturdays
- No appointment
- 5 gallon limit per month

For solvents, fertilizers, furniture strippers, medicines, hair color, oven cleaners, adhesives, bleach, kerosene, insecticides and other household hazardous waste, plan on bringing it to a Household Hazardous Waste event:

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays monthly

How: By appointment only, call 439-2817

- Limit: 15 gallons or 125 lbs per trip

Detailed information about where and how to recycle and what constitutes household hazardous

waste can be found in the Recycling Guide section of the yellow pages or online at www.recycle-guide.com. For general information, call City Recycling Coordinator Alysa Majer at 707-421-7340. Para informacion en espanol, 800-280-6208.

Home electronics, appliances, televisions and computer monitors can no longer be thrown in the regular garbage. These items, classified as electronic waste, must be disposed of separately.

To dispose of your e-waste for free

- Watch for a special disposal event or
- Goodwill Industries, 180 Grobriic Court, Cordelia, 707-864-0884 or

For a small fee, bring materials to

Freon Free, 409-D Railroad Avenue, Suisun City; 707-429-9013. Pick-up service is available.

Portero Hills, 3675 Potero Hills Lane, Highway 12 east of Suisun City, 707-729-9600.



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Housing Authority. 707-421-7330

Community Development Dept. . 707-421-7335

Public Works Department 707-421-7340

Redevelopment Agency 707-421-7309

Water Information. 707-421-7325

Marina/Harbormaster. 707-429-2628

Recreation 707-421-7200

Senior Center. 707-421-7203

Other Numbers

Solano Irrigation District (pipeline breaks)
707-448-6847

PG&E (24-hour emergency line) . .800-743-5000

City Hall Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesdays 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays closed

City Meetings

City Council 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Parks & Recreation 1st Wednesday

Planning 2nd & 4th Tuesday



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