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HOOPS SEASON BEGINS

Eight boys', girls' teams in Duffy
Tournament tonight, tomorrow

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Calistoga holiday season kicks off tonight in Pioneer Park

■ Holiday Village tonight; 50th annual Christmas Faire all day tomorrow followed by Lighted Tractor Parade tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

Santa's Calistoga-based elf crew has been frantically prepping for the city's weekend holiday season kickoff, which begins this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Pioneer Park with Holiday Village and its North Pole Wine Garden, Tree Lighting ceremony, photos with St. Nick and other family-friendly activities.

Tomorrow morning, beginning at 9 a.m., the park will be the site of the 50th Christmas Faire, a makers/artisans/crafters market with carolers, local fare and festive libations for all to enjoy.

These activities, of course, are precursors to the main event – Saturday night's 25th annual Lighted Tractor Parade, a colorful nighttime feast for the senses featuring 50 entries of unique tractors, floats and farm equipment bedecked in sparkling lights and Christmas-themed decorations.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. and travels along Lincoln Avenue from Stevenson Street to Cedar Street.

The Calistoga Chamber of Commerce and volunteers from Calistoga Wine Growers, Calistoga Art Center, UpValley Family Center, Bothe Napa Valley State Park, Brannan Center and Celebrate Napa Valley have teamed up to decorate Lincoln Avenue and create a weekend of fun-filled activities for young and old alike.

At tonight's Holiday Village, from 4 to 7 p.m., Santa will make an appearance and there will be a photo booth with holiday-themed props. Word on the street is that the tree lighting – moved to Pioneer Park this year – will take place at 5 p.m.

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PHOTO BY CLARK JAMES MISHLER

Volunteers helping place Christmas trees and decorate Lincoln Avenue on Wednesday included, left to right, Susanna Kraus, Peggy Berlin, Ed Tapper, Dave Hagberg, Diane Barrett, Edie and Dick Englehard, Barbara Lencioni, Phillipe Therene, Bev Barnes and Gerry Turgeon. Not pictured are Cathy Keag, Jim Barnes, Steve Patel, Luis DeJesus and Daniel Rodriguez.



Lighted Tractor Parade Grab your spot!

The parade begins at 7 p.m. at Stevenson Street and travels along Lincoln Avenue to Cedar Street, where it ends after about an hour. Some veteran parade watchers had already staked out their viewing spots in front of real estate office NextHome in the Valley on Wednesday, four days ahead of the event.

Council to consider gas station ban, food waste ordinances on Tuesday

■ Will also hear water supply update and consider adoption of a payment plan for \$275,989 in parking fees for Mt. View Hotel

By Kim Beltran
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The Calistoga City Council at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday will consider the adopting of two Municipal Code ordinance amendments – one that bans the construction of new gas stations in town and one that sets regulations for mandatory organic waste disposal.

Council members will also hear an update on the city's water supply and drought conditions as well

as consider adopting a payment plan for the collection of in-lieu parking fees from the Mount View Hotel, which requested and was granted permission to permanently convert 13 parking spaces along its eastern frontage between Lincoln Avenue and First Street to outdoor dining space.

The gas station ban ordinance originated with the city's Green Committee, created to help the city fight reduce its carbon emissions

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Endurance runners take on Palisades, Mt. St. Helena



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Endurance runner Ronald Quintero toasts the photographer as he passes an aid station during the Napa Valley Endurance Run across Calistoga's Palisades.

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The aid station table was stacked with snacks, water and energy bars that offered a moment's respite to runners jogging down from the Palisades crags on what looks like a deer trail during the fourth annual Napa Valley Endurance Run last Saturday.

Starting at Logvy Park with bib pick-ups at 6:30 a.m. and races at 7:30 a.m., 140 entrants chose one of four courses that would take them up the Oat Hill Mine Road Trail for a 10k (6.21 miles), 21k (13 miles), 35k (21.75 miles) or the bruising 50k (31.07 miles) that summits Mt. St. Helena and includes the return trip.

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