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Judge declares lawyer will pay city legal costs

■ Judge says lawyer acted "in bad faith"

By Pat Hampton
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A superior court judge found an attorney's antics were "frivolous and in bad faith" when he drained city coffers by illegally serving a writ of execution June 18 at Westamerica bank and transferring \$575,228 into an escrow

account.

On Friday, July 17, Napa County Superior Court Judge Diane Price called William McKinnon's actions "bad faith and frivolous" when he put a lien on the city's two accounts and left a penny as the balance. Judge Price ruled that McKinnon will pay the city's legal and administrative costs of \$19,436 to clear up the mess he caused.

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Supes will hear Reverie appeal filed by Diamond Mtn neighbor

■ George Caloyannidis pays \$1,400 for appeal

By Amanda Rhodes
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Permit modifications are on hold at Reverie Winery on Diamond Mountain Road as a formal appeal packet has been accepted and a date set for a hearing by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

Calistoga resident George Ca-

loyannidis submitted the necessary paper work July 14 and paid the nearly \$1,400 in fees to appeal the decision made by the Napa County Planning Commission on June 17 to grant Reverie most of the permit modifications requested.

"From here on, we have to get a date," Caloyannidis, who has lived on Diamond Mountain Rd. for the past 16 years, said Tuesday regarding the possible appeal hearing.

Caloyannidis won't have to wait any longer to hear if his packet was

accepted.

"The hearing is set for Oct. 6," Supervising Planner Charlene Galina said Wednesday afternoon. She added that county staff are putting together a formal appeal packet that will be made available to the public.

Owner of Reverie, Norman Kiken, was granted the modifications to his winery only if he first conducted the necessary creek restoration that

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PAVING OVER HISTORY OR JUST A BAD ROAD?



PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

Public works crew Brandon Gray, Mike McCormick, and Travis Bounsall patch Washington Street by the firehouse.

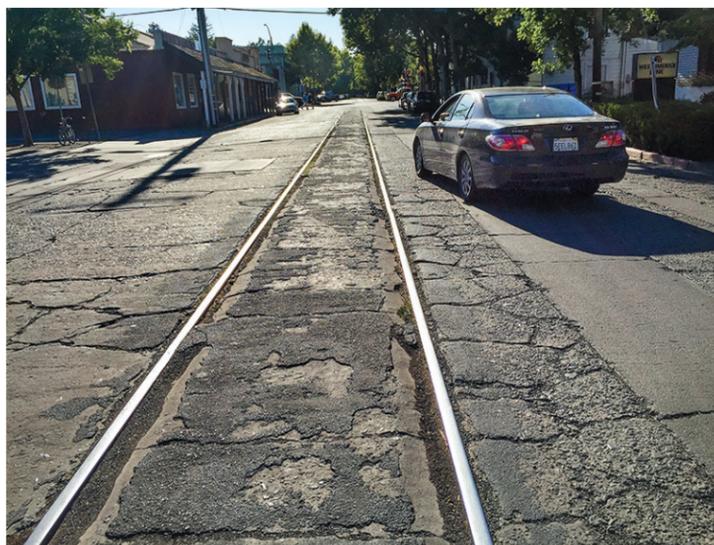
Report due soon on historic significance of railway tracks

By Pat Hampton
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Are the train rails that stretch 300 feet from Lincoln Avenue to Gerard Street historically important or just a nuisance to drivers and bicycle riders?

Planning and building director Lynn Goldberg is expecting a report soon from Sally Evans, a historic preservation specialist with a Sebastopol firm which was contracted by the city to complete an assessment on the historical status of the rails.

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K. Casey critically injured in car accident

■ Kristin Casey, champion of cats, the General Plan

By Amanda Rhodes
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Devoted citizen, wife, and animal enthusiast and former Calistoga Planning Commissioner Kristin Casey, 68, was involved in a car crash Tuesday afternoon that left her in critical condition.

Director of Communications and Marketing at Queen of the Valley Hospital Vanessa deGier confirmed Wednesday afternoon that Casey was in critical condition but could not comment further on her injuries.

According to officials, shortly before 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, Casey was driving her 2007 silver Toyota Prius northbound on State Route 29 just north of Diamond Mountain Rd. when her car drifted off the east roadway edge and collided with a tree.

California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Anna Paulson said in a report that it was unknown why the vehicle went off the road but people in a car behind her said there was no braking or slowing on Casey's part.

Paulson said that Casey sustained severe head injuries and was transported to Queen of the Valley Hospital. She was taken off life support on Wednesday and remained unconscious. Late

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Kristin Casey