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Street repairs top list of spending priorities

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

The city says its number one priority in the next five years is repairing its crumbling streets and sidewalks – an issue staff and council members say is the complaint they hear most from residents.

During a budget update and goal setting workshop on Tuesday, the council agreed with City Manager Dylan Feik’s recommendation to spend about \$1.3 million a year for the next five years to upgrade city roadways, only 30 percent of which are considered to be in “good” condition.

“That’s the complaint I hear the most,” said City Councilman Jim Barnes. “When are you going to fix the damn streets?”

“Me too,” echoed councilman Gary Kraus.

Providing for the upgrades and longterm maintenance of city infrastructure, including sidewalks and streets, is an established goal of the City Council. An additional \$500,000 a year needed to

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Government employee communication on personal devices ruled public record

By Claudia Aceves
Tribune Reporter

Calistoga city employees could be required to disclose any work-related emails and text messages on their personal devices after the state’s highest court ruled these types of communications are part of the public record.

The California Supreme Court on March 2 ruled that government employees, including those who work for local municipalities, must disclose upon request emails and text messages communicated through personal cell phones, computers and accounts if the conversation included topics of city business.

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Seismic requirements pose problems for downtown

By Kim Beltran
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Unreinforced masonry buildings are extremely vulnerable during an earthquake but Calistoga City Council members are concerned about a new threat to not only the buildings – many of which

are historic icons – but the businesses housed within them.

Some owners of these old stone buildings, faced with the substantial cost of seismic retrofitting, are electing instead to sell them or leave them vacant. In one case, a building owner inquired about simply razing his build-

ing and replacing it with a new structure. Another indicated that doing the work would result in a significant hike in rents, alarming long-term business tenants who would likely be forced to relocate.

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Jimmy Yant (center) and his children James and Megan catered the traditional St. Patrick’s Day dinner held last Friday at the Community Presbyterian Church as a fundraiser to help with building repairs.

Dinner raises \$3,000 to help with repairs

By Pat Hampton
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A small pot of gold was found at the end of a St. Patrick’s Day dinner when 55 guests left \$3,000 in the coffers of the Community Presbyterian Church after enjoying a traditional meal of corned beef

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Irish feast for ‘Green Church’



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA ACEVES

Calistoga Fire Capt. Joe Russo leads a CPR life-saving class at the Calistoga Fire Station on Sunday, March 12. The classes are part of the reason the city was recently declared a ‘Heartsafe Community.’

Calistoga declared ‘Heart Safe’ city

By Claudia Aceves
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Calistoga was named a Heartsafe community at last week’s City Council meeting for training 425 community members how to conduct hands-only CPR.

The Napa County Heartsafe Community Project (NCHCP) is a local effort to improve cardiac arrest care response from community members that could help save lives in cardiac emergencies before medical responders arrive.

The county initiative to train locals how to do hands-only CPR and use automated external defibrillators (AEDs) formally began in 2015, said Sean Vincent of the Napa County EMS Office, who came

to last week’s City Council meeting to bestow the honor, along with signs proclaiming the designation.

Calistoga firefighters Joe Russo and Jaime Orozco, with the help of local paramedic Caroline Upton, initiated the process of having Calistoga designated as a Heartsafe community.

“We are very excited to be a part of a program that reinforces the American Heart Association’s chain of survival in a coordinated effort between the community and its emergency responders to save lives,” Russo said. “Together we can all make a difference.”

Russo coordinated and instructed the many CPR classes and events, and Orozco worked on the Heartsafe application. Upton was there to assist dur-

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