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## City cracking down on Foothill speeders

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The Calistoga Police Department, at the request of the City Council, has stepped up efforts to deter speeding drivers on Foothill Boulevard after receiving complaints from residents living along the busy thoroughfare.

Police Chief Mitch Celaya reported Tuesday night that his officers have stepped up patrols along the route between Lincoln Avenue and Petrified Forest Road. In addition, he said, the city has ordered six new radar signs that, in addition to posting the speed limit, tell drivers how fast their vehicle is traveling. If the vehicle speed is over the posted limit, that number flashes to remind them to slow down.

"I've increased the expectations for my staff to be out there and conducting more traffic enforcement than we have in the past," Celaya told council members Tuesday.



"Enforcement is, unfortunately, what drives individuals' behavior."

Complaints about speeding on Foothill, which doubles as State Highway 128, are not

new but recent pleas for help from resident Sheila Allen seem to have spurred the city to action.

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**Foothill Boulevard resident Sheila Allen, shown above watching traffic from the end of her driveway, first approached the City Council last month asking it to take action against a constant barrage of speeding drivers.**

## District Oks installation of video cameras on campuses

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Security at Calistoga's two school campuses will tighten even further with the installation this summer of new, outdoor video cameras in key locations.

Calistoga Joint Unified School District trustees on Monday night approved a \$123,805 contract with AVF Systems Inc. for the installation of 14 new, state-of-the-art cameras at Calistoga Elementary School and 15 at the junior/senior high school campus on Lake Street.

The district is calling the project phase two of its security systems upgrade. Phase one, which included the installation of indoor cameras and electronic door locks at Calistoga High School, was implemented in 2016.

"They worked out well for us and we have an opportunity to

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## Sister restaurants Veraison and Johnny's get new chef, menus

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Like the color changing process of grapes from which it takes its name, Calistoga's Veraison restaurant is transitioning to a new menu under a new executive chef.

Taylor Lee Jones, formerly the restaurant's sous chef, and the family that owns it, said they have moved away from the French cuisine-based menu of the past to one that is more representative of the Napa Valley.

"We're surrounded by some of the best ingredients in the world. Now we won't be tied to just one cuisine," said Dan Kaiser, who with his parents,

Rick and Theresa, and wife, Carolina, co-owns Veraison and its sister restaurant and sports bar, Johnny's.

Diners at Veraison can now find new pasta offerings and dishes made with seasonal vegetables as well as different seafood options, including charred octopus, grilled gulf shrimp and black cod. To satisfy the carnivore cravings, there is roasted chicken breast, duck breast, pork belly and skirt steak.

"I'm looking forward to a bit more Italian-inspired dishes," Jones said. "There will be more

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**Taylor Lee Jones, new executive chef at sister restaurants, Veraison and Johnny's, takes a taste of one of his newest salsa creations. Jones has shifted the menu from primarily French cuisine to a menu that is more representative of Napa Valley ingredients.**

PHOTO BY CLAUDIA ACEVES

## PG&E generators go on May 20; officials explain PSPS to county

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A collection of very large and very loud diesel generators – installed to power Calistoga and environs while PG&E repairs major transmission lines in the region – will not fire up again until May 20, a company spokeswoman said this week.

Meanwhile, PG&E officials were in Napa Tuesday talking to county supervisors about the potential for widespread power shutdowns during

the coming wildfire season.

The 14 shipping container-sized generators, located at a PG&E substation at the city's northern border on Highway 29, caused an uproar late last month when they were turned on for the first time.

The utility company had announced that it would be installing and using the generators while making major transmission line repairs

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## May 15 forum: Grant Street improvements

■ **Meeting to explain next steps Wednesday at Community Center**

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Community residents are invited to get the facts about planned improvements to Grant Street straight from the source this Wednesday.

Beginning at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, Calistoga mayor Chris Canning – aided by acting city manager Mike Kirm and councilman Gary

Kraus – will discuss the city's scheduled plans for improvements to Grant Street, beginning with the reconstruction of the deteriorated roadway from Garnett Creek Court to the city limits at Myrtle Dale Road.

In addition and in conjunction with that project, the city plans to add a five-foot asphalt pathway on the west side of Grant from Centennial Circle to Greenwood Avenue, a distance of about 1,056 feet.

The pathway part of the plan may be somewhat controversial because 13 property

owners along the route have an obligation to pay for costs associated with installation of the pathway, estimated to be a total of about \$90,000, according to acting city manager Mike Kirm.

As a condition of the city approving parcel maps for those 13 properties, the owners of the parcels signed deferral agreements that they would pay for their share of the pathway improvements when the city was ready to proceed with installation.

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