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# Council embraces clubhouse at park

■ \$9.5 million project could open by 2017

By Pat Hampton  
and Amanda Rhodes  
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The city council welcomed with open arms a proposal by the St. Helena and Calistoga Boys & Girls Club to build a 14,000 square-foot clubhouse on a one-acre parcel at Logvy Community Park.

The non-profit, headquartered in St. Helena, is proposing to build a facility on leased land that is currently occupied by the Calistoga

Community Garden and the Calistoga Dog Park. Both facilities, when approved by the city council in 2004 and 2013 respectively, were aware that their sites were temporary.

The city-owned property, located at 1401 North Oak St., would house the proposed facility that would include parking and exterior improvements, signage, a foyer, game and art rooms, kitchen, eating area, restrooms, technology

lab, academic/meeting room and a gymnasium.

Following a closed session on Tuesday, councilmembers directed city manager to begin negotiations for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the non-profit and the city to allow the BGCSHC to lease the land in exchange for a Joint Use Agreement, which would permit city and community use of the facility during non-club times.

Primary use of the facility would operate as a full-service Boys & Girls Club, with city and

community uses available during non-club hours. Normal club operating hours are Mon. through Fri. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. during the school year. During the summer and non-school days, hours would be Mon. through Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

According to executive director Jay Templeton, the BGCSHC would raise the necessary funds to build the facility and would provide the annual operating funds. Templeton said it would take two

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# Water use down 8.4% overall

■ Residential use  
down by 9.9%

By Amanda Rhodes  
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Calistoga’s overall water conservation efforts for the month of August resulted in an 8.4 % decrease in water usage from a year ago.

Public works director Mike Kirm said residential water consumption was down 9.9% while commercial water consumption was down 1.8% compared to use a year ago.

“It should be noted that the commercial sector was able to reduce their water consumption almost 2% from last year despite an overall increase in business and occupancy rates,” said Kirm. The occupancy rate for July 2014 was 11.7% higher than July 2013. “The ability of the commercial sector to serve the increased customer base, while at the same time reducing

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# Review of city staff salaries

■ Last study done in  
1999 says manager

By Pat Hampton  
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Is a salary range of \$39,480 to \$47,996 for a city account clerk comparable to that earned by other clerks in similar cities with the same job tasks? How about \$149,350 for a city manager? Or \$87,983 to \$106,944 for an administrative services director?

The city council is asking Emeryville consultant Koff & Associates to conduct a classification and compensation study to determine if Calistoga’s salary and benefits packages are in line with 10 comparable cities. The study is part of a memorandum of understanding agreed to between the city and two of the three labor unions as well as mid-management and department heads.

Administrative services director Gloria Leon said the study will

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## 50 YEARS AGO TODAY: THE HANLY FIRE

# Worst Fire in History

By Roy Enderlin  
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Special to the Tribune

For life-long Calistoga resident Roy Enderlin, the year 1964 was not one of fond memories.

His mother passed away at the Calistoga Hospital in February, frost damaged the grape and French prune crop in the spring, and record floods came at the end of the year.

Topping all of these tragedies was the horrific wild land fire that imperiled Calistoga that September.

### The fire’s origin

The fire began about noon on Saturday, September 19, 1964, in the foothills just below Mt. St. Helena and the Palisades.

It originated near a roadside tavern and restaurant called Hanly’s, located on the Highway 29 about three-quarters of the way up the mountain. Hanly’s had been a popular stop for travelers, founded years earlier by the parents of Herbert “Bud” Hanly, Calistoga’s mayor in 1964.

As the most familiar landmark on that stretch of highway, Hanly’s became the namesake for the fire.

The exact cause of the fire is debated. All agree it was started by a person, but who started it and how will probably never be known. Ira Blue, a Bay Area radio talk show host whose mother-in-law lived on Mt. St. Helena at the time, championed her belief that

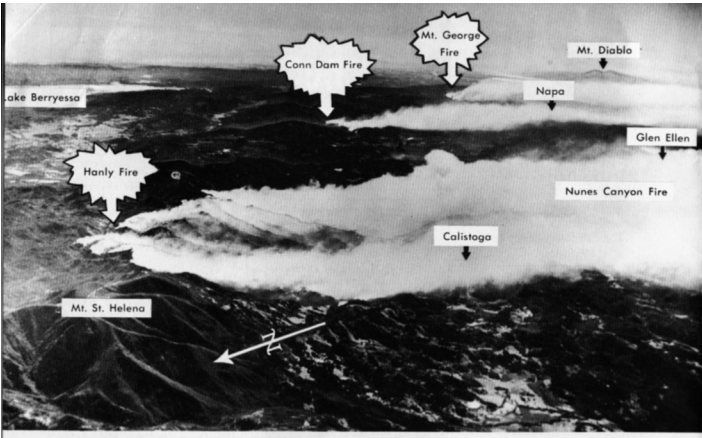


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**Calistoga rancher (above) Roy Enderlin, 89, looks at a photo of the fire that raged from Calistoga to Santa Rosa 50 years ago today. In all, about 52,000 acres burned (CalFire statistic). Over 150 homes in the path of the Hanly fire were reportedly destroyed, along with an equal number of outbuildings. One third of the lost homes were in the north-eastern Calistoga area.**

it had been started by drunken hunters firing tracer bullets at a gas tank. “That’s ridiculous,” argues Roy.

The Hanly fire was not initially thought to be a threat. It spread slowly on Sunday, but was considered to be essentially contained by nightfall. A



perimeter had been established, with the center of the fire being allowed to burn out as night approached.

It had been breezy all day, so fire planes (modified crop dusters carrying about 50 gallons) couldn’t spray water on the fire. Even so, the situation was

considered under control.

Then came the north wind after dark. Local electrician Arnold Enderlin (Roy’s brother) remembers working that night and stopping at the Calvert place on Greenwood Avenue

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