

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS NOV. 1



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one hour Saturday
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Rancho residents vote to contribute to generator costs

By Pat Hampton
Tribune Publisher

By an approval vote of 128-2, residents in the Rancho de Calistoga Mobilehome Park agreed to a pass-through maintenance increase to pay for the operating costs of a commercial generator that will power homes during PSPS events in 2021 and beyond.

The homeowners association put the charge to a vote in the 182-space park last month, said homeowner association president Vinny Pasquariello. "Overwhelmingly, everyone wanted the generator," he said. "We're tired of being without power."

The power unit comes from a collaboration between the City of Calistoga and park owner HCA of Novato. City manager Mike Kim said the city applied for and received a \$300,000 Public Safety Power Shutoff Resiliency Grant from the state's Governor's Office of Emergency Services earlier this year. Some \$50,000 was allocated to install a generator at the High Street water pump station, leaving \$250,000 available for other PSPS projects. In February the city council and HAC started talking about how to power the senior citizens park during power shut-offs, even though it is a privately held business.

"We recognized that the community was comprised of a vulnerable senior population living on a fixed income, and some had medical needs," said Kim. "We wanted to help, but the city council wanted the park owners to have some skin

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With the cancellation of the annual Halloween parade, the Dwyer and Stone families celebrated the season early last weekend, dressing as zombies and dancing through downtown Calistoga to Michael Jackson's Thriller. Meanwhile, four-year-old Sebastian Martinez had his Spiderman costume on Oct. 23 as he walked with his mom, Fabiola Martinez, near Pioneer Park. "He hasn't removed his costume for three days," she said. "Halloween is a week away and I don't think I can get it off him. At least he's wearing a mask."



Scaring up some Halloween fun

County recommends following CDC guidelines for holiday

From Tribune Staff

COVID-19 killed Calistoga's 2020 season of parades, including the annual Halloween Parade that usually begins at Calistoga Inn, where Mike and Rosie Dunsford host a social with free hot-dogs, cookies and hot chocolate.

Instead of a parade and traditional door-to-door trick or treating, several organizations have come

together to host a Calistoga Drive Thru Trick or Treat tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m.

Sponsors Calistoga Parks and Recreation, Boys & Girls Club of Calistoga, UpValley Family Centers, Calistoga Chamber of Commerce, CHS After-Class Enrichment (ACE) and Calistoga Parent-Teacher Organization encourage

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Planners OK apartments, table Mt. View patio problem

By Kim Beltran
Tribune Editor

The Calistoga Planning Commission on Wednesday OK'd a request from For the Future Housing for what amounts to an extension of previously-approved documents for a 78-unit, 100 percent affordable housing apartment complex on Lincoln Avenue.

But it was a request from Mt. View Hotel owner Michael Woods to make permanent an outdoor dining patio that caused commissioners some consternation. In the end, after a lengthy discussion about options, they continued Woods' request in

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City notified of \$375,000 in awarded grants

By Pat Hampton
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The city is on the cusp of receiving \$875,000 in grant funds that will address a variety of community needs, the city's Planning and Building director Zach Tusinger said this week.

Four of five grant applications have been confirmed, he said this week, adding that the city is awaiting word on a \$500,000 grant for the city's housing rehabilitation program "but we have every reason to

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Tim Martin retiring after 26-year career in Calistoga



By Pat Hampton
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After 26 years of service to the Calistoga Police Department – almost half his lifetime – Sgt. Tim Martin is turning in his official department uniform, firearm and handcuffs for good. He gets to keep his silver badge No. 115.

Martin is retiring just before the end of the year around Dec. 26, said Police Chief Mitch Celaya.

"It is challenging to try to capture all that Tim did over his career or truly describe in words his experience, skills and contributions to the city and the community," Celaya said.

Martin graduated from the Santa Rosa Police Academy in 1987 and began his career as a Reserve Officer in Vallejo from 1991 to 1994. In November of 1994, Martin was hired as a contract officer for the CPD. He was promoted to a permanent police

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Vote Centers open tomorrow through 8 p.m. Election Day

From Tribune Staff

Napa County's nine Vote Center locations open tomorrow morning and remain open daily through Election night on Tuesday.

The Calistoga Community Center will serve as the local Vote Center where residents may drop off their completed ballots for collection and counting, or go for assistance with issues like registering to vote or replacing lost or damaged ballots.

Hours at the Vote Centers will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday



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Calistoga resident Mitzi Mishler places her 2020 election ballot in the one and only official Napa County drop box in Calistoga, located on Fair Way next to the Cal Mart parking lot.

and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day.

In addition to the Vote Center, ballots may be deposited in the

official Napa County drop box on Fair Way near Cal Mart or sent via U.S. mail. Mailed in ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3.

Sgt. Tim Martin is retiring at year's end after working for the Calistoga Police Department for 26 years. He said Calistoga is a down-to-earth community that takes care of its own.