

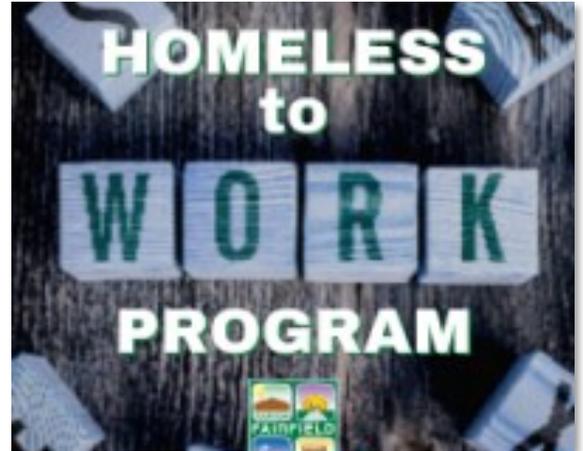


Quality of Life -

Homeless Services

Homeless to Work RFP

Homeless Services has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified and experienced organizations to submit a written proposal to develop and implement a pilot Homeless to Work Program. This Program would provide those who are experiencing homelessness with temporary time-limited employment opportunities to build experience, skill development, and supportive services to transition into being self-sufficient, to gain employment, and stable housing.



This Program is intended to assist five to ten homeless individuals with temporary shelter, meals, case management, and linkage to resources, in exchange for volunteer work experience within Fairfield, CA. The homeless individuals will work under the direct supervision of the successful Proposer. The RFP for this program was released on October 21, 2020 and can be found on our City's Homeless Services webpage. Electronic proposals must be submitted to QOL@fairfield.ca.gov by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020.



Homeless Services to explore Navigation Center

At the October 20, 2020 Fairfield City Council meeting, the Homeless Services Division was given direction to begin exploring the option of converting the current 310 Beck Avenue Homeless Shelter into a Navigation Center, such as the model in Placentia, CA. Navigation Centers are an essential piece to the Continuum of Care in permanently reducing homelessness. Typical Navigation Centers provide a one-stop safe place for homeless individuals, couples, and families to connect to shelter, essential services, and housing assistance. Staff will begin researching Navigation Center models, partnerships, and opportunities with the current operator at this location.



Quality of Life (Continued) -

Housing Services Department

The City is proud to announce that Meta Housing Corporation has initiated the grading phase of the **One Lake Family Apartments** in the northwest corner of Lake Drive and Vanden Road in the city of Fairfield. **The project will feature 190 units of affordable housing** restricted to households earning 50%-70% of the Area Median Income for Solano County.



The development will consist of one 4-story midrise, elevator served building with a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom units ranging from 550 to 1050 square feet. Amenities will include a community room, exercise room, picnic area, tot lot, central laundry facilities, and a computer room.

Over the last couple of months City staff has helped the developer obtain building permits, resolve over \$6 million dollars of gap financing and complete development processes to assure this important project is delivered to the Fairfield community. Construction is expected to be completed by November 2022.

Community & Economic Development -

Building Safety Division:

This week, the Building Safety Division would like to highlight a couple exciting projects and the experiences of the developers going through the plan review and permit process. One of the projects was **plan reviewed, approved, and issued in less than 24 hours!**



About a month ago, the Community Development Department was approached by a local developer on behalf of the Solano Food Bank. The Solano Food Bank is the eighth largest food bank in the nation and needs to expand their distribution operations here in the City of Fairfield and are under very tight timelines to expand their operations. They serve Contra Costa and Solano Counties with distributions as far north as Oregon during disaster relief. The Assistant City Manager set up a meeting with the Building Safety Division and the developers to explore plan review options and provide expected timelines for their proposed tenant improvements. They were informed of the PASS program option and another program not yet implemented due to plan review staff availability. This latter option provides an opportunity for certain types of tenant improvement projects to schedule an appointment with the Building Safety Division and the developer's design team to perform an in-person, real-time plan review. While this program has not been implemented, the Building Official offered this option as it was an ideal project to pilot the program.



Community & Economic Development (Continued) -

The developers and their design team chose to go through the pilot program and have the in-person plan review. The design team got to work on the plan and they scheduled an appointment date based on when the plans would be complete and ready for review. On Monday afternoon, October 19, the Building Safety Division and the Fire Department met with their design team and performed the plan review. They worked together to “red-line” additional clarifications on the plans and were able to approve the project, which was issued the next morning. This expansion of the Solano Food Bank is anticipated to bring an additional 12-15 new jobs to the City of Fairfield and increase the ability to serve those in need. The developers and design team were very complimentary about the process and were excited to be able to begin construction immediately. A special thanks to the Fire Department and Petya McInnes for making this possible!

Second, as previously mentioned, the One Lake, 190-unit, 4-story apartment complex had chosen the City’s newly adopted expedited plan review process (the PASS program) for the plan review of their project. The program guarantees a plan review turnaround of 10 calendar days or less. They are happy to report that this project met those expectations with all the various internal departments completing their reviews within eight to nine days and the developer received their comments within the 10-day period. Feedback from the design team was very positive regarding the ease of the program process and they were amazed that we were able to turn around such a large project in 10 days. They stated this was the fastest initial plan review they had ever experienced. In addition, the developer expressed similar feedback, highlighting that the best part was knowing the timelines and process transparency. The Building Safety Division would like to express their appreciation to Fire, Planning, Public Works, and Interwest Consulting Group, in making this a successful program.

Public Safety -

Support Services Division



Administrative Services Bureau

The Active Killer Team continues to collaborate with allied agencies and stakeholders to provide active killer instruction. The benefit is enormous, with having everyone on the same page during a critical incident. Educating our stakeholders about our response will no doubt assist us when/if disaster strikes.



Community Services Bureau

The Traffic Unit co-hosted a two-week POST Motor Officer school. Graduates were officers from Dixon, Vacaville, Concord, and Brentwood Police Departments.



Public Safety (Continued) -

Operations Division

Investigations Bureau

This week the Investigations Bureau handled a child abduction case. The child was abducted in Fairfield from the child’s guardians and immediately taken to another state. Detectives worked with multiple agencies in both California and Texas, recovering the child and making three arrests related to the case within 12 hours. The child was safely taken into the custody of Child Protective Services in Texas.



In the early evening of October 13, the Investigations Bureau handled an attempted murder case this week involving a Good Samaritan attempting to yell at a couple who were physically fighting. The victim’s intention was to break up their fight; however, the male suspect pulled a firearm and fired multiple rounds toward the victim, hitting his vehicle. **On October 14**, detectives were able to arrest the suspect the next day and book him into Solano County Jail.

Promotion Announcements:



Deputy Chief John Sturdee



Battalion Chief Nick Eisan



**Fire Captain
Rian Lathrop**



**Fire Captain
Ashley Burruss**



**Fire Engineer
Josh Thoming**



**Fire Engineer
Brian Blausner**



Public Safety (Continued) -

Paramedic Internship Completion

Congratulations to Fire Reserve Matt Sherman for successfully passing his paramedic internship. Over the course of the last three months, Matt has performed 600 hours of training and over 150 calls for service under a paramedic preceptor. He is now officially prepared to take the national registry paramedic exam to become a licensed paramedic in the state of California.



Organizational Stability -

Fairfield Municipal Utility Bills

Due to the Governor's Executive Order to restrict water shutoffs during the COVID-19 pandemic, many customers experiencing financial hardship have gotten behind on their water bills, but they have continued to receive water service. Utility staff have been actively reaching out to these customers to help them develop payment plans that can fit within their budget to avoid a future water shutoff. Any Fairfield water customers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to call Fairfield Municipal Utility at (707) 428-7346 or email them at fmua@fairfield.ca.gov to discuss payment

