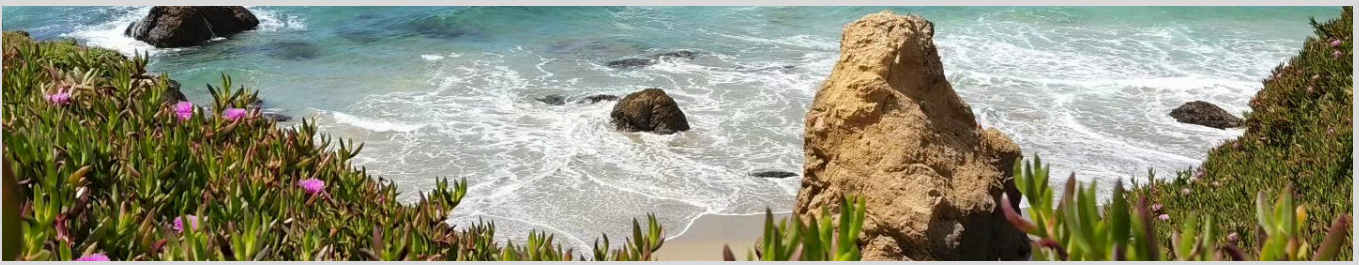




2025

Year in Review





MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dear Fort Bragg Residents and Business Owners,

Happy New Year—and welcome to 2026. I hope you were able to slow down over the holidays, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy what makes this place special—our coastline, our redwoods, and the strong sense of community that shows up here every day. On behalf of the City of Fort Bragg and City Council, thank you for the pride you take in our town and for the many ways you support one another and our local businesses.

Looking back on 2025, we made real progress together—but we also had some tough stretches. The recent winter storms hit our streets hard, and many of you have had to navigate potholes, rough road conditions, and repairs. We know the broadband construction has added to the disruption—torn-up sections of roadway, detours, and a harder time getting around for residents, visitors, and businesses. If you've felt frustrated, you're not alone. We've heard you, and we take those impacts seriously.

In 2026–27, we will prioritize repairing streets impacted by recent work and follow a clear plan to ensure street and sidewalk restoration meets the standard this community deserves. While the construction impacts are real, we believe the long-term payoff will be worth it: a locally owned broadband utility—built for Fort Bragg, operated here, and designed to deliver reliable, more affordable internet for residents and businesses, along with new economic development opportunities for our community.

Here are a few highlights from 2025:

Mill Site Planning and MOU

City Council directed a shift to a cooperative Mill Site strategy—pursuing a Master Development Agreement (MDA) and Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment as a practical path forward. Following the litigation stay, the City advanced Phases 1 and 2, combining decades of planning with new analysis by Economic & Planning Systems (EPS). We shared the Draft Mill Site Development Strategy at a public workshop and refined the illustrative plan through three community meetings.

We're continuing to work with Mendocino Railway to address long-standing issues, advance the Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) process and an MOU, and keep progress moving toward rezoning and a clear, community-informed future for the site. A Mill Site and economic development survey will be available in early Q1 2026 online and included with utility billing—your input will help guide next steps.

Downtown Fort Bragg and economic vitality

Economic development remained a central priority. The City's Economic Development Department continued supporting local businesses through our BEAR Strategy—Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention—while strengthening downtown vitality. In 2025, we expanded business tools and resources, strengthened programs like the Fort Bragg Business Boost Fund, and advanced façade improvement grants to reinvest in our commercial districts. We also made visible improvements downtown—adding wayfinding signage, expanding murals in the Central Business District, and enhancing beautification with hanging flower baskets.

We supported signature gatherings like The Longest Table and continued growing the City's events calendar including the Blues Festival, while advancing policies to activate downtown, including launching our Entertainment Zone framework. To address persistent vacancies, the City Council also approved a Vacant Storefront Registry Ordinance to bring focus and accountability to long-term vacant properties.

Housing: increasing supply and removing barriers

Housing remained a critical focus in 2025. The City applied for the State's Pro-housing Designation and advanced practical reforms to reduce barriers—such as waiving minimum parking requirements, expanding ministerial design review where appropriate, and streamlining processes to improve predictability and timelines.

City Council also approved two major housing projects: 86 new market-rate units and 45 affordable units—important steps toward expanding housing options for a range of incomes.

Municipal broadband: a utility built for Fort Bragg

In 2025, the City acquired Mendocino Coast Network (MCN)—bringing local broadband operations under community ownership and positioning Fort Bragg to operate broadband as a true public utility focused on service, reliability, and long-term community benefit. Construction is underway, and we are targeting completion of the primary broadband build by March 2026.

This \$16.9 million investment in Municipal broadband will support small businesses, enable remote work, expand access to education and telehealth, and strengthen Fort Bragg's competitiveness for business attraction and retention.

Improving service at City Hall

Inside City Hall, we focused on improving the customer experience and increasing efficiency. We increased our opening hours and created a Public Experience Liaison position to help residents and businesses navigate City services, and we continued implementing Accela to streamline licensing and permit processing. We also expanded plan-check and inspection capacity through 4Leaf to reduce delays.

In 2026, we will launch business license modernization to make applying, renewing, and paying online easier and more user-friendly.

Strong financial footing

Financially, the City maintained 30% General Fund reserves and invested over \$3 million into the Section 115 Trust to prepare for long-term pension obligations. To address challenges identified in the City's multi-year forecast, the City Council placed Measures T and U on the November 2024 ballot, and voters approved both measures with \$1.3 million of additional tax revenues—strengthening the City's ability to provide critical services and remain financially resilient. Our commitment to strong financial practices was also recognized through the GFOA Budget Award and Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Investing in our City team

None of this work happens without the people who show up every day—often behind the scenes—to serve Fort Bragg. In the last couple of years, we made a deliberate investment in our culture and in the long-term strength of our organization: expanding training and professional development, strengthening team building, and improving cross-department collaboration so we operate as one team with shared standards and shared purpose.

We also took concrete steps to support retention and stability through COLA adjustments and long-term labor agreements, while expanding wellness initiatives—because a healthy, supported team is essential to a high-performing City. Most importantly, we're building a culture rooted in our values: accountability, professionalism, respect, and continuous improvement.



Thank you to our City Council

I also want to recognize and thank our Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanna, and Councilmembers Lindy Peters, Scott Hockett, and Tess Albin-Smith— for their leadership and steady commitment to Fort Bragg. Serving on the City Council is volunteer public service, and it requires countless hours of preparation, community conversations, and difficult decision-making—often outside of regular work and family time. I'm grateful for the time they give, the care they bring to this work, and their dedication to doing what's best for our community.

Reflecting on my second year as City Manager, I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to serve Fort Bragg. My family and I have called this place home for the past 12 years, and I feel lucky to live here, raise our kids here, and be part of a community that cares so deeply about one another.

What inspires me most is the opportunity in front of us—especially with the Mill Site redevelopment. It's a once-in-a-generation chance to thoughtfully address long-standing community needs: expanding housing options, strengthening our local economy, open space, improving public access and infrastructure, and shaping a waterfront that reflects Fort Bragg's values and our next chapter. Done right, this work can deliver real, lasting benefits for residents, families, and local businesses.

Thank you for your trust, your feedback, and your partnership. I will continue to lead with urgency, care, and accountability—and I'll keep pushing to ensure we're not only addressing today's needs but setting Fort Bragg up for the next generation.

With gratitude and optimism,

Isaac Whippy

City Manager



OUR MISSION

Fort Bragg is a small town nestled between the coast and the redwoods with a strong sense of community that seeks to preserve its environment while providing resilient public facilities and infrastructure and supporting a safe and vibrant economic, multi-cultural, and recreational experience for both locals and visitors alike.

OUR VISION

A California coastal destination with rich natural resources and rugged beauty, is transforming our future by weaving together our people, ecosystems, and economy to create community prosperity. We are making our mark in the 21st Century by creating climate-ready water and energy independence, housing and economic opportunities, accessible health care, community public safety, and education for all

OUR CORE VALUES

INNOVATION

Drives our city forward, encouraging creative solutions and continuous improvement by embracing new ideas and technologies to enhance quality of life.

COLLABORATION

Nourish civic pride and celebrates the diversity of our city and the meaningful municipal services that our residents and businesses rely on.

SERVICE-ORIENTED

Responsive to the public and to each other to demonstrate our genuine commitment to create a Fort Bragg that serves us today and readies us for a successful tomorrow.

FAIR & ETHICAL

Principles and practices, Fort Bragg promotes an inclusive community culture of unity and equality that openly invites everyone to enjoy our unique coastal enclave.

HONESTY & INTEGRITY

Emanate throughout our community to engender the trust, transparency, responsibility, and accountability that our citizens deserve.

CITY COUNCIL



108

Resolutions
Passed

29

Proclamations

17

Ordinances
Passed



Mayor
Jason Godeke



Vice Mayor
Marcia Rafanan



Councilmember
Lindy Peters



Councilmember
Scott Hockett



Councilmember
Tess Albin-Smith

CITY COUNCIL



PRIORITIZING COMMUNITY RESOURCES

THE MENDOCINO COAST HUMANE SOCIETY

On August 11, 2025, the **City Council approved providing \$40,000 from Police Asset Forfeiture Funds to the Mendocino Coast Humane Society**. With this support they can continue to provide intake, medical treatment, and adoption services for stray and surrendered animals!

Fort Bragg's cutest residents are always looking for volunteers, fosters, and those wishing to adopt.

Visit their website today:

<https://mendocinohumane.org/>



THE FORT BRAGG FOOD BANK



Mayor Godeke on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg proudly presented a **\$58,000 check to the Fort Bragg Food Bank**, following City Council approval on July 14, 2025.

This funding—made possible through the City's FY 2024-25 budget surplus—will strengthen food security services for Fort Bragg residents and help the Food Bank continue its incredible work serving families across our community.

A big thank you to the Fort Bragg Food Bank team for their tireless efforts in ensuring no neighbor goes hungry. For volunteer opportunities please visit:

<https://www.fortbraggfoodbank.org/>

CITY MANAGER

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

1. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Façade Improvement Grants are helping strengthen the look and vitality of our downtown by partnering directly with local businesses on exterior upgrades. Through this program, eligible property and business owners can apply for matching grants of up to \$25,000 to support improvements such as paint, lighting, signage, windows/doors, accessibility enhancements, and other curb-appeal upgrades that make storefronts more inviting. These reinvestments support small businesses, improve the overall streetscape, and contribute to a more vibrant, walkable Central Business District.

2. FORT BRAGG BUSINESS BOOST PROGRAM

The Fort Bragg City Council approved \$650,000 to establish the Fort Bragg Business Boost Fund—a revolving loan fund designed to help local businesses access affordable capital. Small and medium-sized businesses often face real barriers to financing, including high interest rates, strict qualification requirements, and limited traditional lending options. In today's economic climate—where costs are rising and credit markets remain tight—these challenges fall hardest on smaller enterprises. For many businesses, affordable capital can be the difference between expanding, maintaining operations, or closing their doors. The Business Boost Fund is intended to help fill that gap by providing a practical, local resource for businesses working to grow and remain resilient.

In 2025, the program began delivering results by assisting two local businesses with access to this fund—supporting reinvestment, stability, and job retention right here in Fort Bragg. This initiative also builds on the proven impact of the City's CDBG Business Assistance Program, which helped fund six local businesses, created or retained 13 jobs, and strengthened local economic activity.

Loan Program Details:

- Interest Rate: 2.5%–4% + Loan Underwriting Fees
- Repayment Terms: 2–5 years
- Loan Amounts: Minimum \$10,000 Maximum \$200,000

For more information/application

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smcormick@fortbragg.com

(707) 961 2823 Ext. 108
416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

3. DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION- HANGING FLOWER BASKETS



To enhance the look and feel of our Central Business District, the City also introduced hanging flower baskets along key downtown corridors. These baskets add color, warmth, and curb appeal—helping create a more welcoming, walkable environment for residents, shoppers, and visitors. It's a simple but visible investment that supports local pride and complements our broader downtown revitalization efforts, including murals, wayfinding, and façade improvements.

CITY MANAGER

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

4. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE- FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

To strengthen communication and partnership with our downtown community, the City launched a Downtown Business Roundtable in 2025 held on the first Wednesday of each month. This forum is designed as a listening session where business owners can share concerns, ideas, and on-the-ground feedback directly with City leadership and staff. The Roundtable helps us stay connected to real-time conditions downtown, identify issues early, and collaborate on practical solutions that support a vibrant and resilient local economy.

5. MURALS- PUBLIC ART



The City of Fort Bragg was proud to unveil the—The Gray Whale Mural in Kelp, designed by Larry Foster and painted by Marta Alonso Canillar—at North Coast Brewing Company in August 2025. This incredible piece became our largest mural to date and marked a major milestone in the City's Downtown Revitalization work.

This mural was part of our partnership with the Alley Arts Project to expand public art downtown—celebrating local identity, enhancing key corridors, and creating a more vibrant, walkable Central Business District.

Special thanks to Lia Wilson and North Coast Brewing Company for helping bring this vision to life. Looking ahead, the City plans to add three more murals in 2026, continuing this momentum and expanding public art in meaningful, visible ways.

CITY MANAGER

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

6. ENTERTAINMENT ZONE

Fort Bragg's Entertainment Zone (EZ) is an event-based tool to help activate downtown, support local businesses, and create a more vibrant, walkable Central Business District. The program was made possible through California Senate Bill 969, which expanded the ability for cities to establish designated entertainment zones tied to community events. Locally, the Fort Bragg City Council approved a downtown Entertainment Zone pilot on September 22, 2025, setting the framework for a well-managed program with clear boundaries and rules.

Importantly, Fort Bragg's EZ can only be activated when paired with other City-approved events, ensuring it is used intentionally and with appropriate coordination and oversight. When activated, the EZ operates Friday through Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The City launched the Entertainment Zone in November 2025, and the initial rollout was a huge success, demonstrating how thoughtful downtown activation can boost foot traffic and enhance the overall experience while maintaining clear expectations for safety and compliance.



CITY MANAGER



In May 2025, Fort Bragg hosted its inaugural **Fort Bragg Blues Festival**, bringing three days of live music and downtown energy to the community. Kicking off alongside First Friday, the festival helped activate the Central Business District—drawing residents and visitors into local venues, restaurants, and shops and creating the kind of lively, welcoming atmosphere that supports small businesses and community pride.



Building on our strong first year, the City is excited to welcome the Blues back with the Second Annual Fort Bragg Blues Festival, May 1–3, 2026, continuing the momentum and growing this event into an annual tradition on the coast.



CITY MANAGER

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS THE LONGEST TABLE

The Longest Table began as a simple, powerful idea that started in New York City—one evening each year, a long table is set in a public space and neighbors are invited to sit together, share a meal, and have real conversations. The goal is straightforward: reduce isolation and build connection—one seat at a time.

Here in Fort Bragg, we launched The Longest Table in October 2025, and the idea quickly took on a life of its own because it fits who we are. It became a meaningful downtown gathering where families, friends, and new faces sat side-by-side and were reminded that community isn't something we talk about—it's something we practice. It's meaningful because it creates space for belonging: you don't need an invitation, you don't need to know anyone—you just show up, and you're part of it. Moments like that—sharing a table, a laugh, a conversation—are what make Fort Bragg feel like home.



Looking ahead, the City is excited to bring back The Longest Table in 2026 and build on the momentum with a second gathering that continues strengthening connection and community in the heart of downtown.

HOUSING

OUR BIGGEST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN A DECADE



PERSPECTIVE FROM HARBOR AVENUE

In 2025, the City of Fort Bragg achieved major momentum on housing—advancing both market-rate and affordable projects while taking concrete steps to make it easier to build housing locally. The City approved an 83-unit housing development on South Main Street, with approvals secured from both the Fort Bragg City Council and the California Coastal Commission. This project represents the first new market-rate housing on the coast in decades and is an important step toward expanding housing options and increasing overall supply.

Hazelwood –Affordable Senior Apartments



North

South



The City also advanced 45 units on Hazelwood focused on senior and low-income housing, helping address the needs of residents on fixed incomes and strengthening housing stability for some of our most vulnerable community members.

HOUSING



PRO-HOUSING DESIGNATION & REDUCING BARRIERS

Increasing housing supply remained a top City Council priority in 2025, aligned with the City's 2024–2028 Strategic Plan goal of adding 200+ housing units by 2026. With Fort Bragg's growing appeal as a place to live, retire, and work—and a persistent shortage of both rental and for-sale homes—the City took concrete steps to reduce barriers, improve certainty, and accelerate housing approvals.

To support this work, the City used ARPA funding that was reallocated following a community priorities survey—dedicating 50% (\$800,000) toward housing-related efforts, including ordinance updates and the City's Pro-Housing Designation initiative. In October 2024, City Council directed staff to pursue Pro-Housing Designation through the State, a program that rewards cities for adopting zoning and land use practices that make housing easier, cheaper, and faster to build—and expands eligibility and competitiveness for state housing and infrastructure funding.

Key 2025 actions to qualify for Pro-Housing Designation included:

- **Parking reform to support housing feasibility (March 24, 2025):** City Council adopted an ordinance establishing density bonus law parking requirements for all multifamily housing projects, regardless of whether affordable units are included. This reduced regulatory burden and removed a common cost driver in multifamily development.
- **Keeping local codes aligned with State housing law (June 9, 2025):** City Council adopted zoning updates for both the coastal and inland codes reflecting new and evolving State requirements related to emergency shelters, group homes, low-barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, and updates connected to density bonus provisions.
- **More predictable approvals through objective standards + ministerial design review (June 23, 2025):** City Council approved changes requiring ministerial design review for multifamily housing and updated the Citywide Design Guidelines to include objective standards for multifamily projects—helping improve clarity, consistency, and approval timelines.

Beyond policy changes, the City also completed the technical groundwork needed to apply—reviewing and self-certifying compliance with key State housing and CEQA streamlining requirements, including timeframes under the Permit Streamlining Act and newer CEQA provisions that can reduce delay and legal risk for qualifying infill multifamily projects.

Why this matters: Pro-Housing Designation is more than a label—it's a pathway to resources. If awarded, Fort Bragg becomes eligible to pursue additional state funding opportunities and can receive priority points or processing in several competitive programs. The City is also positioned to apply for the Pro-housing Incentive Program (PIP) (Round 4), with applications due March 31, 2026, and to be more competitive for programs such as AHSC, IIG, and other housing and infrastructure grants.

Together, these actions reflect a clear direction: Fort Bragg is reducing red tape, increasing predictability, and using available funding strategically to support housing production and long-term community stability.

VISIT FORT BRAGG



THE LONGEST TABLE

Fort Braggs first ever longest table event took place this September and community connections were strengthened through a shared meal and open conversation.



THE MAGIC MARKET

The Magic Market was a spooktacular event this year including costume contests, Magical vendors and incredible live performances



ENTERTAINMENT ZONE LAUNCH PARTY

The first ever Fort Bragg Entertainment Zone included a launch party on Franklin street to celebrate this new way to connect with one another while supporting local businesses.



WINTER WONDERLAND

The annual tree lighting, Festival of Trees and Santa's arrival at the guest house made for a joyous night for all involved!

VISIT FORT BRAGG



THE FORT BRAGG BLUES FESTIVAL

The First Annual Fort Bragg Blues Festival was the biggest party of the year. Blues lovers from all over flocked to the coast to join our local aficionados in the largest music festival Fort Bragg has ever seen!



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Our annual fireworks show over the pacific ocean gathered the community under sparkling skies!



SUMMER KICKOFF

The Summer Kickoff celebrated the arrival of sunny days and the start of summer vacation for local kids!



FIESTA LATINA

This annual celebration of Latinx culture (put on in partnership with the Latino Coalition) celebrates treasured traditions, while creating new memories for the community at large!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS– FRIENDLY POLICY CHANGES– BEAR STRATEGY

Advancing a Stronger Local Economy

In 2025, the City proposed a set of business-friendly policy changes—some adopted and others still in process—focused on making it easier for businesses to start, grow, and stay in Fort Bragg. These efforts were shaped through multiple City Council discussions and align with the City's 2024–2028 Strategic Plan priority to invigorate economic opportunity and community vibrancy. To strengthen this work, the City Manager created a dedicated Economic Development Department in July 2024, guided by the City's BEAR framework—Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention. Building on that foundation, the City evaluated targeted updates to address long-term commercial vacancies, improve zoning flexibility, streamline permits, and create a more supportive environment for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Key policy directions and actions reviewed with City Council included:

- **Zoning Code Modernization:** Exploring updates to land use tables to allow a broader range of business types across more zoning districts, simplifying permit findings, and increasing the number of viable locations for new and expanding businesses. The City also discussed consolidating commercial zoning districts to reduce complexity and better match market realities with available storefronts.
- **Support for Startups and Small Footprint Businesses:** Considering a “small startup” approach that would allow very small businesses (under 500 square feet) to operate in more locations—especially in areas with higher vacancies—helping activate underutilized commercial spaces and lower barriers for first-time entrepreneurs.
- **Permit Streamlining for Events (Limited Term Permits):** Reviewing improvements to the Limited Term Permit (LTP) process to reduce administrative burden, improve predictability, and support community events—potentially including a simplified pathway for smaller events and longer-term permits for recurring, well-established events.
- **Administrative Reform of Minor Use Permits:** Evaluating changes to make certain permits truly administrative, using clear checklists and objective criteria to reduce processing time and avoid unnecessary delays for low-impact uses.
- **More Flexibility for Legacy and Non-Conforming Businesses:** Considering amendments that would allow long-standing businesses more ability to expand within their existing footprint or parcel, provided health and safety standards are met—supporting retention and reinvestment without forcing businesses to relocate.
- **Fire Sprinkler Ordinance Review (In Process):** Initiating a thoughtful review of fire safety requirements with the goal of balancing public safety with the practical realities of rehabilitating older commercial buildings. Early concepts discussed included modern fire alarm monitoring options, retaining sprinkler requirements for new buildings, and refining triggers tied to higher-risk occupancies—work that remains ongoing.

Together, these policy considerations reflect a deliberate shift toward reducing red tape, increasing predictability, and supporting investment in downtown and commercial areas—all with the goal of growing local tax revenue, increasing business activity, and creating jobs while maintaining appropriate public safety and community standards.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EXPANDING CAPACITY FEE DEFERRALS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

In 2025, the City expanded its Water and Wastewater Capacity Fee Deferral Program to help small, locally owned businesses reduce upfront costs when opening, reinvesting, or expanding—while still protecting the financial health of our utility enterprise funds. Capacity fees ensure growth pays its fair share for infrastructure, but for small businesses they can be a major barrier at the front end.

Building on a successful downtown pilot, Council expanded the program beyond the Central Business District to include additional commercial zones (CG, CH, and CN), aligning with the City's Strategic Plan and BEAR economic development strategies. The program supports eligible local businesses across sectors such as food service, retail, arts, tourism, neighborhood-serving services, and low-impact artisan/light manufacturing.

Why it matters: By deferring—rather than waiving—capacity fees, Fort Bragg is lowering barriers for small businesses to occupy and improve existing commercial spaces, encouraging infill and adaptive reuse, supporting downtown and neighborhood activity, and strengthening local job creation and economic vitality. This approach helps make it easier for businesses to invest in Fort Bragg while maintaining the financial stability needed to keep critical water and sewer infrastructure on track.

Importantly, the program defers fees—it does not waive them. Deferrals are available for up to five years, secured through recorded agreements, and capped annually (recommended \$200,000/year) to ensure fiscal safeguards and compliance with SB 937.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MUNICIPAL BROADBAND UTILITY:

The City of Fort Bragg is building an underground, fiber-to-the-premise, broadband network that will be owned and managed locally for the community's benefit. This +/- \$15million project is supported with \$10.3 million in grant funds from the California Public Utility Commission and will result in increased reliability and speeds, while lowering prices. The goal of this initiative is to support economic development, education and healthcare.



The City's last-mile network will connect to the State's middle-mile infrastructure through a joint-build agreement – a significant step toward connecting rural Californians and closing the digital divide.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES:

The City is committed to the following actions

- 1st Wednesday Monthly Business Roundtable
- Tuesday ED Office Hours
- Business Loans and Grants
- New Business Welcome Letter
- Utility Business Assistance Program

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BLUE ECONOMY INITIATIVES

The City is participating in a regional partnership – **the Noyo Ocean Collective** – committed to investing resources to understand how blue economy opportunities could reinvigorate our economy. The World Bank defines the blue economy as “the sustainable uses of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystems. <https://noyooceancollective.org/learn/>

BEVRI Planning Initiative Progresses: The purpose of the Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Visioning, Resiliency and Implementation Plan is to create a roadmap for coastal resiliency within the harbor – balancing environmental stewardship with economic vitality. Our working waterfront is an integral part of local culture, and a valuable asset when considering future blue economy investment. Over the past year we’ve been gathering baseline data on existing social, economic, physical, and environmental conditions of the harbor and identifying blue economy opportunities and limitations. We are also identifying potential adaptation and resiliency measures, and a suite of potential projects, partners and funding mechanisms for implementation. <https://noyooceancollective.org/bevri/>

California Sea Grant: The City hosted California Sea Grant Mendocino Coast Extension Specialist for another year. Jami Miller has been taking the lead on an Aquaculture Feasibility Study, and part of the BEVRI Plan. This proof-of-concept analysis will help determine whether Pacific oysters, red abalone, purple sea urchin, and bull kelp survive and grow in Noyo Harbor. The results of this study will be coupled with information on regional restoration and commercial opportunities to determine which types of aquaculture operations are environmentally, economically, and socially feasible. <https://noyooceancollective.org/aquaculture-feasibility/>



California Coastal Accelerator: This year, the City of Fort Bragg was invited to participate in the California Coastal Accelerator initiative, which seeks to advance high-impact coastal resilience projects and support key leaders in five coastal communities: Oceanside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Alameda, and Fort Bragg.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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PCOR Initiative: The City continues to support the statewide Pacific Coast Ocean Restoration (PCOR) initiative. PCOR is “a network of partners aimed at catalyzing, coordinating, and implementing marine restoration efforts to recover critical rocky reef and kelp forest habitat, and associated species in California”. This effort includes funding the development of curriculum at Mendocino Coast College for a workforce development pilot program. <https://noyooceancollective.org/rocky-reef-restoration-workforce/>



North Coast Kelp Fest: Bull Kelp (*Nereocystis luetkeana*) grows up to 60 feet in one season, to reproduce and be washed away by winter storms each year. Bull kelp forests are the foundation of our nearshore rocky reef ecosystem and in recent years this ecosystem has collapsed. The second annual North Coast Kelp Fest was held in October, bringing art, science, food and film together to learn about the kelp crisis and restoration efforts taking place. The kick-off event at Fort Bragg’s Town Hall showcased regional blue economy efforts to date – followed with a First Friday kelp themed art walk, and a closing event at North Coast Brewing to unveil Fort Bragg’s largest mural yet, Grey Whale in Kelp. <https://www.northcoastkelfest.org/whats-up-with-kelp>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your City. Your Impact. Your Time to Shine. ☀️

The City of Fort Bragg has launched a NEW Volunteer Platform with Volunteer Central—and we're looking for neighbors ready to roll up their sleeves and make a difference! From helping at Events 🎵 to planting in our parks 🌳 to supporting community programs 💙—there's a spot for EVERYONE.

Here's how it works:

Create your profile online.

Choose the opportunities that match your skills and interests.

Get ready to be part of something bigger.

We're kicking off a busy season of events and projects, and we'd love to see YOU on the volunteer team! 🙌

📱 Sign up now: <https://volunteer.fortbraggca.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the City of Fort Bragg Volunteer Central website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: RETURN TO OUR WEBSITE, SIGN UP, LOGIN, HELP, and CALENDAR. The main header features the City of Fort Bragg logo and the text "City of Fort Bragg Volunteer Central". To the right, a section titled "Get Involved!" asks "Are you committed to creating a meaningful impact in our vibrant city?" and includes a photo of volunteers working in a field. Below this, a banner image of a street scene contains the text "Get Involved, Make a Difference." and a "VOLUNTEER NOW" button. A blue bar below the banner announces the "City Parks Cleanup Event - 4th of July Weekend" with a "SIGN UP HERE" link. The bottom section is divided into two columns: "Recent Programs" and "Recent Opportunities".

Recent Programs

- Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County
- Mendocino Coast Humane Society
- Flockworks

Recent Opportunities

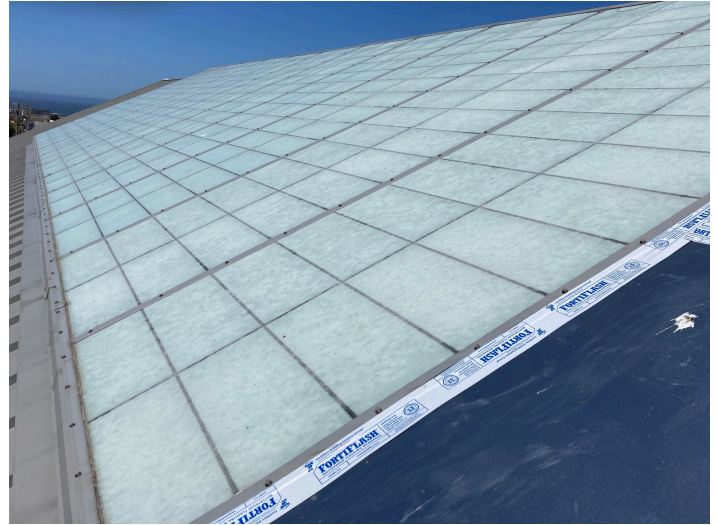
- Flexible
Join the Green Crew! Help Keep Fort Bragg's Parks and Landscapes Thriving
City of Fort Bragg Events

PARKS & RECREATION

CV STARR

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The CV Starr has so many accomplishments to be grateful for this past year. The completion of replacing the North Side Skylights is huge. Since 2020 we have been trying to find a company who could take this project on. A special THANK YOU, to Carlos Hernandez for making this project happen. There are also two very big projects in progress as we come to the close of 2025 - HVAC replacement for the Natatorium and the Solar project taking place in our parking lot. These projects along with the skylights will create a more energy efficient and financially sustainable facility.



TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS:

Like others, the CV Starr has had its challenging moments, this past year. As the Center operates 7 days a-week, staffing can be challenging at times. We have been without two of our team members in maintenance for several months. During this time, everyone, from Supervisors to front desk staff to lifeguards have stepped up and pitched in to fill the void. Having everyone pitch in to help has strengthened the working relationships among departments. It has also given each of us a better understanding of what the other departments do. Seeing co-workers go out of their way to help each other is truly something to be grateful for.



PARKS & RECREATION

CV STARR

COMMUNITY IMPACT:

The CV Starr is most proud of the partnerships we have established with the Noyo High and Light House School, along with the partnership we created with Every Child is a Swimmer Foundation. Our partnership with the schools was made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, the grant was for the "Underserved Youth Wellness Program". This Grant has allowed staff to work with both the Noyo High and Light House students two times a week. Staff and students work side by side to learn the proper use of gym equipment and body mechanics. The students are also working with staff in the Competition pool to learn proper swimming strokes and various skills needed to become a lifeguard.



Partnering with Every Child is a Swimmer foundation has allowed us to offer FREE swim lessons to all families, who qualify. Several families have taken advantage of this program, and we hope more will in the coming year. Our second-grade swim program is in its 38th year. Tessie Branscomb continues to teach swim lessons to all 2nd graders in our community. Throughout the year second grade classrooms are brought to the Starr Center during school hours, where they each receive 2 weeks of free swim lessons. These fundamentally swim lessons are critical living here on the coast.



To close out the year, The CV Starr partnered with Parents & Friends to bring the 2nd annual Oktoberfest festival to the community and then partnered with several Community groups to bring the annual Trunk-or-Treat to over 1200 children.





SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The C.V. Starr Community Center has partnered with Every Child a Swimmer to offer scholarships for our swim lessons for 100% OF THE COST!

APPLY IN ADVANCE OR GIVE US A CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Applicants must meet a criteria for scholarship approvals.

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MENDOCINO COMMUNITY NETWORK (MCN)

MUNICIPAL BROADBAND (MCN)– LOCAL OWNERSHIP, COMMUNITY IMPACT



In July 2025, the City of Fort Bragg acquired MCN to serve as the foundation for a City-owned fiber-optic internet service provider (ISP). The project timeline includes completing fiber construction by March 2026, followed by customer transitions to the new fiber network in summer 2026. The City’s goal is straightforward: deliver reliable, affordable internet that is locally controlled and community-owned—so Fort Bragg has service we can count on and a digital future shaped here at home.

For a rural community like Fort Bragg, this investment is about far more than faster speeds. A modern fiber network supports economic development by helping local businesses compete, attracting new entrepreneurs, and making downtown and industrial areas more viable for investment. It also expands opportunities for remote work, allowing residents to live here and work anywhere—helping families stay in the community while building careers. Reliable broadband strengthens access to telehealth, making it easier for residents to connect with specialists and services without long-distance travel. And it enhances education, public safety, and overall quality of life—helping close the digital divide and ensuring our community can thrive in a modern economy.

With construction on track to be completed in March 2026, we’re looking ahead to an exciting milestone: launching Fort Bragg Fiber and transitioning customers to the new citywide fiber network in Summer 2026.

To sign up/stay connected:
<https://www.mcn.org/signup/>

FIBER PLANS			
PLAN NAME	MONTHLY RATES	SPEED	IDEAL FOR
Fiber Breeze (Low-Income qualify)	\$40	500 Mbps	Everyday browsing, Zoom calls, HD Streaming
FiberCore	\$50	1 Gig	Multi-device homes, 4K streaming, remote work
FiberBlaze	\$70	2 Gig	Multi-device homes, 4K streaming, remote work Power users, online gaming, smart homes
FiberEdge	\$90	5 Gig	Creators, professionals, heavy upload/download households. Advance tech use. Constant, high-volume data flow
FiberUltra	\$110	10 Gig	Maximum performance for businesses & future-ready homes

MENDOCINO COMMUNITY NETWORK (MCN)

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

2025 was a year of transition, adjustment, and integration for Mendocino Community Network. On July 1, MCN was acquired by the City of Fort Bragg, positioning the organization for long-term public ownership while maintaining uninterrupted service to the community.

Following the acquisition, MCN transitioned operations into City systems and methods. This included transfer of ownership, onboarding staff into City procedures, aligning job descriptions, and addressing employee priorities such as benefits, leave policies, and union considerations. MCN also completed a full reset of financial operations, including establishing new bank accounts, ACH and credit card processing, and transitioning vendor payments to City methods.

A major, time-sensitive effort involved ensuring that customers receiving terrestrial internet service outside city limits completed required LAFCo documentation. Despite the scale of this effort and firm deadlines, all affected customers were successfully transitioned without service disruption.

MCN maintained stable operations across its service portfolio, including Fusion and Comptche DSL, Open Air fixed wireless, Open Air X-Press, Digital Voice, email, and hosting. The introduction of Open Air X-Press allowed customers who could not be served by traditional Open Air to remain with MCN, and also provided meaningful speed improvements for Fusion customers at the end of long lines where service had been slowest.

Network improvements included: deployment of Open Air connections using low-latency millimeter-wave technology, a network redesign in the Boat Yard shopping center that improved reliability and speed, as well as the installation of a new firewall to better protect MCN's co-location facility. Late-year storms caused isolated infrastructure challenges, but response planning and staff preparedness minimized downtime.

MCN continued to support the City's fiber project by participating in construction-phase meetings, coordinating with vendors on fiber electronics and customer equipment, securing power at the headend, and preparing operational systems. Technical training for staff is scheduled to begin after the new year.

MCN is also preparing a pre-signup and waiting list for fiber service, allowing residents and businesses to register interest and help ensure an efficient and equitable rollout as construction progresses.

MENDOCINO COMMUNITY NETWORK (MCN)

COMMUNITY IMPACT

MCN's community impact is reflected not only in large infrastructure efforts, but in many small, everyday actions that improve quality of life across the Mendocino Coast.

From helping families maintain reliable internet so they can remain close to ill loved ones, to enabling households without cell service to stay connected through Digital Voice, to upgrading service for small businesses as they grow, MCN provides essential services that support residents, businesses, and community institutions. Individually these efforts may seem modest, but together they represent significant and ongoing community benefit.

MCN continues to serve rural customers, remote workers, small businesses, emergency services, and schools. The City's acquisition of MCN has been positively received, as residents recognize the value of a locally owned and accountable internet provider as fiber service becomes available in Fort Bragg.

Digital Voice services continued to expand in 2025, including adoption by customers who receive internet service from other providers. This has allowed customers to retain landline-style service with modern features at lower cost, improving affordability and reliability.

MCN also responded proactively to increased phishing and email security threats by educating customers and issuing alerts. Direct access to trusted local staff helped spread awareness quickly and reduce risk.

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

MCN's team of approximately eight to nine staff members supports thousands of customers and a diverse range of services. Staff are highly cross-trained and routinely take on multiple roles to ensure continuity and reliability.

Despite the complexity of the transition to City ownership and increased workloads, the team maintained service quality, professionalism, and a strong sense of community stewardship. Leadership continuity was strengthened during the transition, no staff departures occurred, and MCN emerged stable and well-positioned for the future. As one staff member noted, even during a stressful and uncertain transition, the work remained grounded in the right mission: delivering affordable, reliable, locally accountable connectivity for the Mendocino Coast.

MENDOCINO COMMUNITY NETWORK (MCN)

BROADBAND DIRECTOR



On September 22, 2025, the City of Fort Bragg proudly welcomed its newest team member — Sage Statham — as he took his Oath of Office. Sage joins the organization as the City's first Director of Broadband and Digital Infrastructure!

City Manager Isaac Whippy has hired Sage to assist in launching Fort Bragg's new municipal broadband initiative, a critical step toward expanding high-speed internet access and strengthening the community's digital infrastructure.

While this is Sage's first time working for the City, it's not his first experience with MCN. He began as a technician with MCN in 1997 and later served as its Manager for nearly a decade, bringing a wealth of knowledge and leadership to this new role.



PUBLIC SAFETY



CHIEF ERIC SWIFT

On December 1, 2025, The City of Fort Bragg and the Fort Bragg Police Department welcomed our new Chief of Police, Chief Eric Swift! Chief Swift brings a wealth of experience, strong leadership, and a commitment to community-centered policing. Chief Swift had been serving as the City's Interim Chief during a period of transition while the City conducted a competitive recruitment process that included community engagement, such as public input opportunities and meetings with finalists.

Chief Swift brings 20+ years of law enforcement experience, including prior service as a Major with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office (Georgia), a Lieutenant with the Napa County Sheriff's Office, and more than a decade in various roles with the Santa Rosa Police Department.

We look forward to working together to continue building trust, safety, and collaboration throughout Fort Bragg as we move into 2026!

PUBLIC SAFETY

NEW OFFICERS-



Officer James was sworn in on September 5th, Officer James was officially sworn in with the Fort Bragg Police Department after successfully graduating from the Butte College Law Enforcement Academy. When asked what inspired him to pursue this path, Officer James shared that he is the first in his family to enter law enforcement, grounded in the strong morals and standards needed to serve his community. On December 10, 2025, Officer James completed his field training and is now acting as a solo level officer.



Officer Martinez was sworn in on July 21, Officer Martinez has a long history with the department and previously held the position of Community Services Officer prior to being sponsored through the police academy by the City of Fort Bragg. Officer Martinez graduated from the College of the Redwood Academy on July 10th and completed her field training program in September of 2025.



Officer Pacheco began her Field Training in January of 2025. She completed her training in May of 2025 and has been performing as a solo level officer since! Officer Pacheco began as a community services officer and was later sponsored through the academy as a police recruit! Amanda is a local and has been living in the Fort Bragg area for the last 24 years. Amanda attributes her passion for law enforcement to her grandfather.

PUBLIC SAFETY

PROMOTIONS-



On January 21, 2025, Officer Frank was promoted and sworn into the rank of Sergeant. Prior to his promotion, Sergeant Frank received several accolades including the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Century Award in 2022 and the MADD Award in 2023. He was nominated for Officer of the Year in 2022, received the Chief's Award in 2023, and completed his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. In 2025, he was again recognized by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) for his outstanding working keeping the roads safe.



On September 12, 2025, McLaughlin was promoted to the rank of Commander with the department. McLaughlin has proudly served with the Fort Bragg Police Department for over 20 years. McLaughlin began his career with The Fort Bragg Police Department as a Police Cadet, sworn in as a Community Service Officer in 2006, promoted to Patrol Officer in 2008, and rose to the rank of Sergeant in 2015.



GRADUATION/TRAINING:

On September 10, 2025, Sergeant Welter successfully graduated the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI) for Supervisors! The primary focus of this course is to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making in California law enforcement front-line supervisors.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CARE RESPONSE UNIT

PROP 47

The Care Response Unit (CRU) continued implementation of the Proposition 47 Grant program throughout the year, expanding services along the Coastal Mendocino County corridor from Albion to Westport. Through partnerships with the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, and the Mendocino Presbyterian Church, CRU conducted consistent weekly outreach initiatives in Mendocino Township, strengthening coordinated community support.



In 2025, Proposition 47 funding supported five individuals in Transitional Housing. This program provides stability for justice-involved people exiting long-term homelessness while offering a foundation to pursue sustainable income through employment or Social Security benefits. To further community involvement, Proposition 47 established a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) in 2024 to host public meetings and gather local input. Throughout 2025, the LAC faced challenges meeting regularly due to scheduling conflicts and difficulty reaching a quorum. Looking ahead to 2026, CRU will potentially open an application period to recruit new LAC members, with the goal of revitalizing community engagement and expanding opportunities for collaboration.

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

The Extreme Weather Shelter provided supplemental emergency shelter to 638 individuals from January to December when local housing resources were at capacity. Funding remaining from the 2024-2025 season operations was carried forward into the 2025-2026 season, allowing CRU to expand program capacity by implementing a volunteer model. This initiative reduced staffing costs for weekend shelter operations, enabling available funds to be reallocated to extend the life of the program and increase access to supplemental shelter for additional individuals.

In addition, CRU supported program applicants seeking temporary shelter while awaiting placement in stable housing options, including Hospitality House, permanent housing, or longer-term facilities better suited to their medical or behavioral health needs. Following initial intake, CRU continued outreach efforts to assist applicants with developing housing plans and connecting to service providers, with the goal of securing appropriate services to help resolve homelessness.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CARE RESPONSE UNIT

PROJECT RIGHT NOW

This new round of Project Right Now marks an important step in expanding the Care Response Unit (CRU) with our impact on schools, students, and families. Project Right Now has been making meaningful progress by building strong lines of communication with four different schools to better understand and respond to their students' needs. Through conversations with schools' staff, we have begun to address those needs by connecting students with appropriate resources and supports. We have also established a consistent presence on campus by holding open office hours, delivering classroom presentations, and assisting students with research projects. These efforts have helped us build trust with students, increase awareness of the program, and ensure that support is accessible and responsive to what students are experiencing in real time.

In addition, Project Right Now has prioritized family and youth voices by making them a central part of the program's development. Through our Pan Dulce and Plática meeting, we successfully brought parents into the conversation and created a space to learn what families want from the program while also helping them understand its goals and key components. Alongside this, we launched a Youth Advisory Board that allows us to meet directly with students, gain their insight, and incorporate their ideas about how the program can better support their classmates. Together, these efforts ensure that Project Right Now is shaped by the voices of our students and community to strengthen our impact.

FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT POST AUDIT

The Fort Bragg Police Department received their POST 2025 Audit review provided by: Lisa Holton POST Region 1 Manager Law Enforcement Consultant. The audit concluded the following:

Agency Roster:

"All personnel have been appropriately documented in EDI (Electronic Data Interchange)"

Selection Standards:

Background files were examined and determined to be in compliance with "established selection standards".

"Overall, the files were professionally assembled and well written".

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department continues to champion responsible fiscal management, operational efficiency, and exceptional public service. In FY 2025–2026, the Department made critical advancements in long-term financial planning, process modernization, and revenue enhancement—each aligned with the City’s 2024–2028 Strategic Plan.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS & INITIATIVES

Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study

- A comprehensive Utility Rate Study is underway—marking the first update since 2014—to evaluate long-term rate sustainability and ensure the continued reliability of the City’s water and wastewater enterprise systems.

Smart Water Meter Replacement Project

- Successfully completed a grant-funded changeout of all residential and commercial water meters to smart meters. Early leak detection technology enabled the City to save 250,600 cubic feet of water by notifying customers of leaks in real time.

Process Improvement & Technology Modernization

- Moving to electronic document management to eliminate paper and efficiently store documents.
- City is collecting over 70% of utility payment through automated process.
- Over 800 customers have elected e-statements (paperless).

Transition MCN Finance Functions

- Transitioned MCN Accounts Payable and Payroll functions to the City Finance Department

Staff Development & Organizational Growth

- Two Employees Springbrook Software training to improve system efficiency.
- Three employees attended the 2025 GFOA Annual Conference to stay informed on best practices in government finance.

Recognition & Financial Health

- Received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City’s FY 2024 Budget, reflecting the City’s commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in financial reporting.
- Increased General Fund reserves to 30%



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



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Development
Permits

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHAT WE DO:

Review building permits and development projects, ensure safety through building codes and inspections, guide long-term planning and zoning, support housing and community improvement efforts, provide information and help residents navigate the permit process, and so much more!
2025

WHO WE ARE:

Isaac Whippy- Acting Director
Sarah Peters- Associate Planner
Valerie Stump- Assistant Planner
Maria Flynn- Permit Technician
Lisi Horstman- Administrative Assistant

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Code
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Code
Enforcement
Cases

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Planning
Commission
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Business
Licences

20

Sign
Permits



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Code enforcement activity in 2025 remained complaint-driven, with most cases initiated upon receipt of a complaint. During the year, the City adopted several updates to the Fort Bragg Municipal Code related to code enforcement, including the Recovery of Enforcement Fees Ordinance and the Vacant Property Ordinance. The City also contracted with 4Leaf to assist with field enforcement activities and to leverage its expertise to improve local regulations and internal enforcement policies.

In 2025, The City proudly launched its Entertainment Zone, creating an open-container area in the Central Business District. The Entertainment Zone is designed to bring people together and energize our downtown. If you are interested in enacting the Entertainment Zone, call the Community Development Department (CDD) 707-961-2827 X111 today to learn more.

Planning Commissioners appointed David Jensen as Chair and Richard Neils as Vice Chair. Commissioners made decisions on 11 Planning Permits and 7 Ordinance Amendments for updates to both the Inland and Coastal Land Use and Development Code.

Ordinance Amendment topics included:

- Pro-Housing Parking Regulations
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Emergency Shelters
- Pro-Housing Design Review



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



The Community Development Department (CDD) is streamlining the permitting process to make it faster and more convenient for you! Applicants now have the flexibility to choose where their permits are routed—either directly to the County Building Department or to 4 Leaf, Inc. This added option helps reduce delays, improves efficiency, and ensures your projects move forward without unnecessary hurdles.

By offering multiple routing choices, CDD is committed to delivering a smoother, quicker experience for all your permitting needs. The City of Fort Bragg is launching a new online permitting platform powered by Accela, designed to make applying for permits simple, efficient, and accessible from anywhere. This modern system streamlines the application process, improves transparency, and gives you real-time updates—so you can spend less time on paperwork and more time on your project. CDD is committed to delivering a faster, smarter, and more convenient permitting experience for our community! For more information on when Accela will be available for your next project email cdd@fortbraggca.gov



WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026—DREAM IT. PLAN IT. BUILD IT. LET THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GUIDE YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AS YOU SHAPE YOUR FUTURE.

PUBLIC WORKS

2025 ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FACILITIES

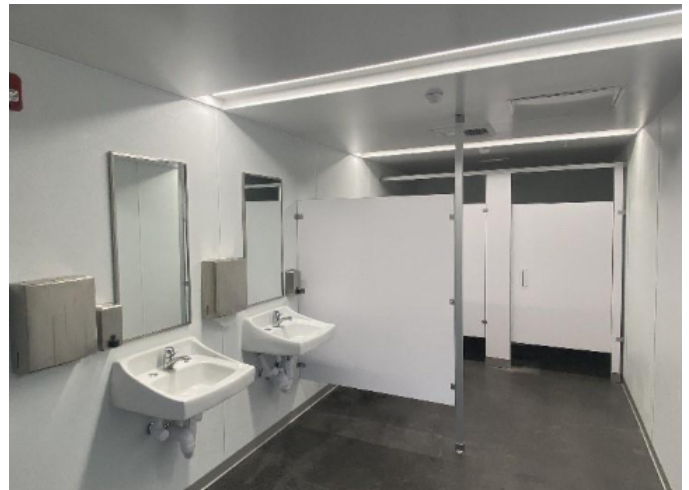


EV Charging Stations (Police Department) – Completed installation of four EV charging stations with six charging arms to support the City's electric patrol vehicles.



Town Hall Retrofit & Bathroom Remodel –

Replaced windows and exterior molding, repaired moisture damage, updated storage and A/V areas, and retrofitted restrooms to improve accessibility and visibility for public use.



City Hall Flooring Update – Installed durable Gemcore SPC flooring throughout public areas, enhancing safety and aesthetics.

Facilities Camera & Police Department Access Control – Upgraded security systems to improve monitoring and access management.

City Hall Roof Replacement – Replaced the aging roof to protect critical infrastructure.

Fire Station Roof Replacement – Completed roof replacement to ensure facility resilience.

PUBLIC WORKS

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES



Bainbridge Park Enhancement Project – Completed surfacing for the Wiggly Giggly Playground and reopened this area to the public. Construction is still underway on exciting new features, including two artificial turf soccer fields, a stage pavilion, bathroom remodel, furniture, and landscaping — improvements that will transform Bainbridge Park into a premier community destination.

STREETS

2025 Pavement Project – Resurfaced 7.2 miles of city streets with slurry seal, patching, and ADA curb ramp upgrades.

Stop Gap Paving Project – Completed patch paving on severely degraded street segments not scheduled for near-term improvement, extending roadway life.

CV STARR CENTER

Skylight Replacement – Replaced southern skylight panels and serviced northern panels, improving natural lighting and facility safety.



PUBLIC WORKS

STORMWATER

North McPherson Street Emergency Stormdrain Repair –

Replaced a collapsed 30inch clay pipe with CHDPE pipe, preventing further infrastructure failure ahead of winter.



WASTEWATER

Biosolids Feasibility Study – Completed study recommending the KomlineSanderson paddle dryer as the most feasible option for achieving Class A biosolids, reducing hauling costs, and ensuring regulatory compliance.

WATER

Distribution System Master Plan – Delivered an asset management plan with accurate mapping and prioritized projects to guide future improvements.

Water Meter Replacement Project – Replaced water meters installed in 2007 with new units that measure water more precisely, improved leak detection, and allowed remote control for timely service response.

Water Treatment Plant Rehab Project –

Completed rehabilitation of the treatment plant, including upgrades to filters, clarifiers, and piping, lining of raw water ponds, and demolition of an obsolete clarifier to improve reliability and efficiency.



PUBLIC WORKS

INNOVATION HIGHLIGHT



Oneka WavePowered Desalination Buoy – Partnered with Oneka Technologies to pilot California’s first wavepowered desalination buoy off the Fort Bragg coast. This project provided a drought resilient, renewable source of drinking water without fossil fuels. It was innovative because it harnessed the natural energy of ocean waves to produce freshwater. The buoy was planned for deployment in 2026, positioning Fort Bragg as a leader in sustainable water innovation.

