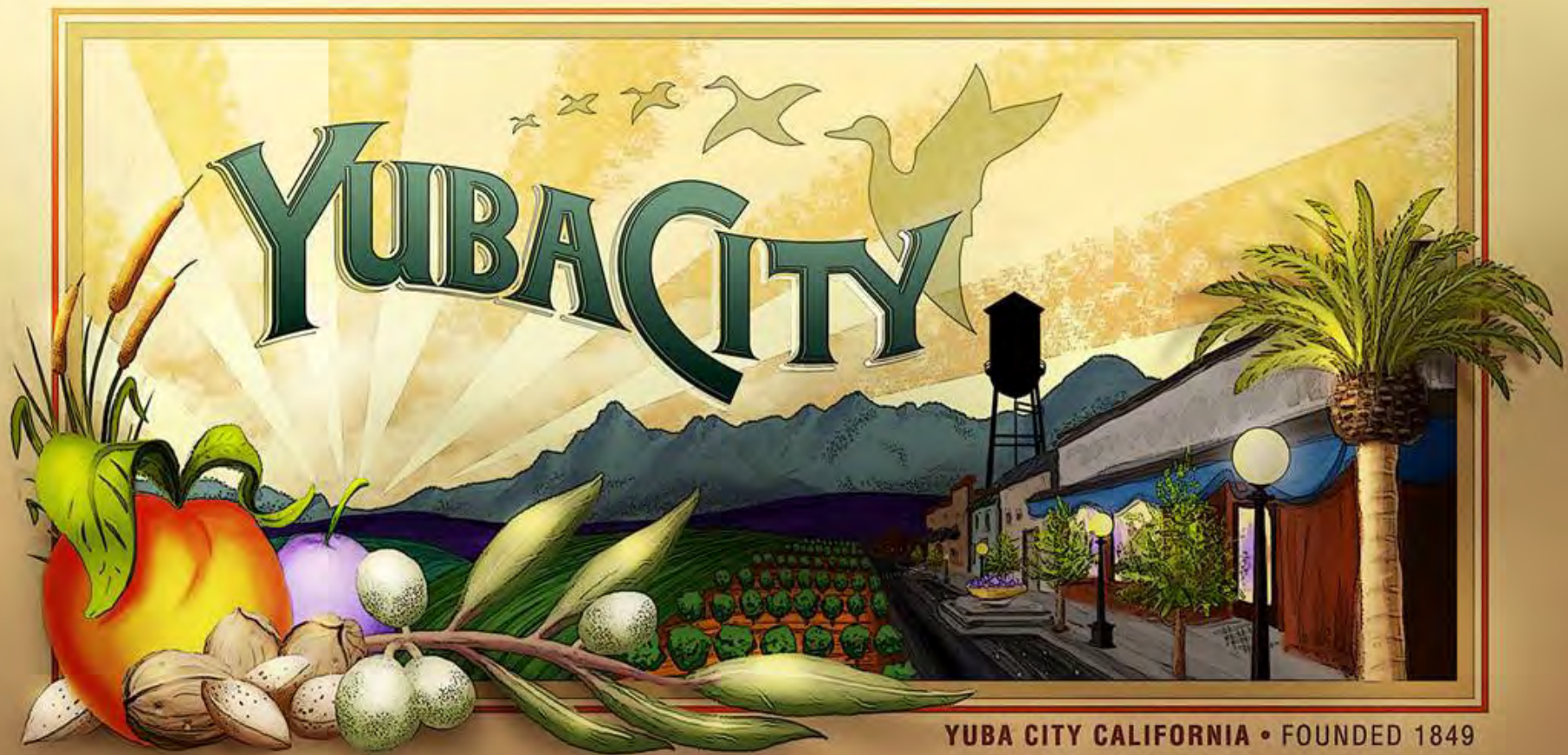




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Special Meeting City Council March 29, 2022 – 6:00 pm

Call to Order



General Items

1. Homeless Workshop

- Introduction/Purpose – Mayor Shaw
- Police Department – Officer Koski [Presentation](#)
- Fire Department – Chief Alexander [Presentation](#)
- Community Services – Robert Condrey [Presentation](#)
- Development Services – Eric Ball [Presentation](#)
- Public Works – Scott Chandler [Presentation](#)
- City Manager Comments
- Council Discussion



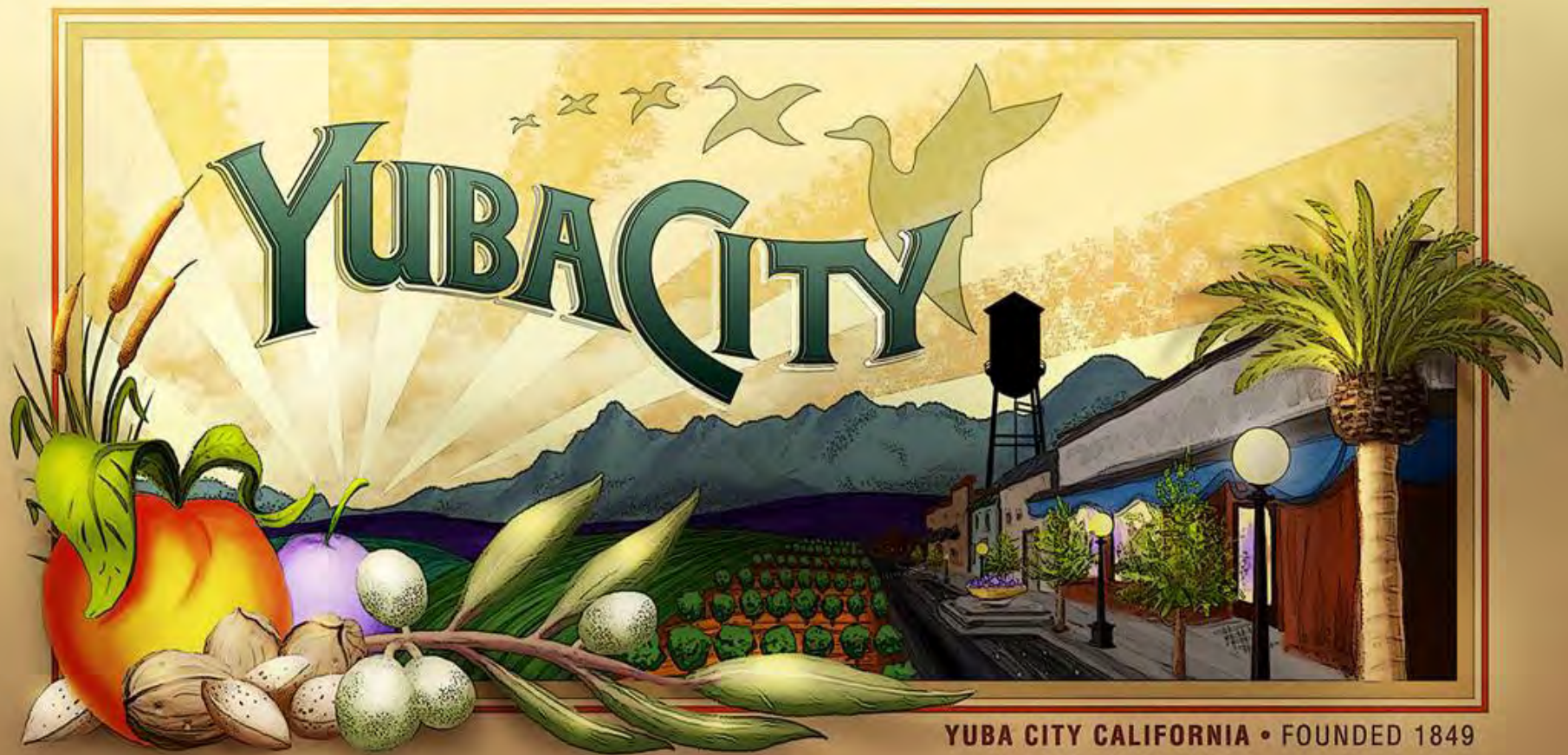
Public Communication

2. Appearance of Interested Citizens

Members of the public may address the Council concerning any item that has been described in the notice of the meeting

Adjournment





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Homeless Workshop

March 29, 2022

Overview of Hot Topics for Homeless Training

Outreach



Heart Team

Street Nurses

HOH

BW

REST program

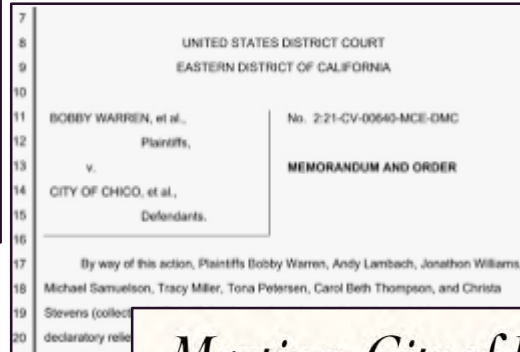
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Harmony Village

New Haven

Overnight Camping Area

Overnight RV Vehicle area



Martin v. City of Boise

Ninth Circuit Refuses to Reconsider Invalidation of Ordinances
Completely Banning Sleeping and Camping in Public.



Homeless



Enforcement

Education

The PIT (Point in Time) Count

According to the most recent 2019 PIT count, 519 unsheltered live in Sutter County.

The PIT count does not disaggregate out Yuba City homeless from Sutter County homeless.

Officer Koski has regular contact with approximately 75 homeless who sleep in business doorways and on private property.

Homeless

Two Separate Populations...River bottoms and City of Yuba City

River bottoms



Homeless

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In
the
City
of
Yuba
City

Yuba City



Homeless

Common Behaviors Among the Homeless in Yuba City

-they typically stay within the same area; they can't travel too far

-they stay in the same area because they know where to get their food, money, and know where to sleep

-they can't plan for tomorrow; they survive for today

-some tend to be hoarders having one or more carts

-some only have the clothes on their backs

-they don't shower or wash their clothes regularly

-they have severe or chronic mental health issues and drug/alcohol addictions

In
the
City
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Yuba
City

Advocates

H.E.A.R.T.
Team

Outreach

Street
Nurses

Housing

Hands of Hope
Better Way
Harmony Village
New Haven
Rest Program
14 Forward

Overnight Camping
Area
RV Overnight
Camping Area

Clean up after yourself



Education



Remove camping debris left behind

Motion activated lighting

Landscaping and Signage

Lock water, electrical, and WIFI access

Lock dumpsters and dumpster access

Marking vehicles to be towed

Move locations when asked without being hostile

Provide information on where and how to obtain drug/alcohol services



Legal Issues

Martin v. City of Boise

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Enforcement



Penal Codes and Yuba City Municipal Codes

8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 BOBBY WARREN, et al.,
12 Plaintiffs,

No. 2:21-CV-00640-MCE-DMC

13 v.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

14 CITY OF CHICO, et al.,
15 Defendants.

17 By way of this action, Plaintiffs Bobby Warren, Andy Lambach, Jonathon Williams,
18 Michael Samuelson, Tracy Miller, Tona Petersen, Carol Beth Thompson, and Christa
19 Stevens (collectively "Plaintiffs"), who are homeless individuals, seek injunctive and
20 declaratory relief preventing Defendants, the City of Chico ("City") and the City of Chico
21 Police Department ("Police"), (collectively "Defendants") from enforcing various

YUBA CITY		POLICE DEPARTMENT	
(530) 822-4660 1545 POOLE BLVD., P.O. BOX 3447, YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA 95992 WWW.YUBACITY.NET		BRIAN BAKER CHIEF OF POLICE	
LETTER OF AGENCY Trespass Arrest Authorization			
Business Name:			
Business/Property Address:			
Business Phone:		Business Fax:	
I am the: (select one of the boxes below)			
Business Owner ()		Owner's Agent ()	
Person in lawful possession of the property ()			
Name:			
Recently I have experienced problems at my business/property: (Select all that apply)			
☐ Urinating ☐ Defecation ☐ Littering ☐ Drinking ☐ Illegal Lodging			
☐ Other			
This activity affects me in the following way:			
The Property is : (select one)			
Apartment ()		Business ()	
Private Home ()		Vacant Lot ()	
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Address:		Phone:	
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Emergency Contact, Not Owner or Owner's Agent (name):			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Signature:		Date:	

To Date...

162 businesses have signed the
Trespass Arrest Authorization Form





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Local Enforcement Action

30-day Admonishment



Camping/Trespassing Arrest

YCPD



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Local Enforcement Action

Drug and Alcohol Use Arrest



Property Abatement



Let's Look At the Most Recent Abatement Project in the River Bottoms

Property Abatement Partners...

Bains Towing and Recovery

Yuba City

- Public Works
- Code Enforcement
- Police

Levee District #1

At the end of 3 weeks...

-5000 man hours

-700 cubic yards of debris

-103 vehicles, RVs, travel trailers, motorcycles

Yuba

-Sher

-Code

-Enforcement

HEART Team

Yuba-Sutter California Highway Patrol

Progress In Yuba City and Sutter County

Before...



After...



Progress In Yuba City and Sutter County

Before...



After...



Facts and Figures

Union Pacific Railroad Property
(between Gray Ave and Clark Ave)

Total time: 7 hours Estimated cost: \$462

Feather River Bottoms
(south of Shanghai Bend Rd.)

Total time: 80 hours Estimated cost: \$5,280

Feather River Bottoms
(water side of levee east of D.A. office)

Total time: 25 hours Estimated cost: \$1,650

Feather River Bottoms
(east side of the river at Y.C. sewer ponds)

Total time: 100 hours Estimated cost: \$6,600

Lynn Way
(east end at levee)

Total time: 10 hours Estimated cost: \$660

KMART

Total time: 7 hours Estimated cost: \$462

Home Depot

Total time: 8 hours Estimated cost: \$528

UPCOMING

Increase mental
health and drug
addiction outreach
services

Work with District
Attorney's office to
enforce
consequences

Create an RV and
vehicle overnight
parking location

Municipal code
additions for
trespassing and
nudity

Establish a
Homeless Court

Historical Statistics of Transient Calls for Service

Understanding how the statistics were determined:

- the total number of calls for service were counted
- then the number of transient calls were extracted from the total number
- a 30-minute call time was used to determine the cost for each service call
- each call had two officers responding
- the median salary from the officer's salary schedule was used to determine the cost of transient calls

Historical Statistics of Transient Calls for Service

January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020

46,742=calls for service

2,721 transient

5.8% of all

Estimated
Cost

\$179,5

September 1, 2021-February 28, 2022

24,547=calls for service

2,096 transient calls

8.5% of all calls

Projected calls for service for 2022: 45,960
Projected transient calls for 2022: 4,146
Projected cost for 2022: \$273,636

Cost

49,880=calls for service

3,870 transient calls

7.7% of all calls

January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

7,660=calls for service

691 transient calls

9% of all calls

January 1, 2022-March 2022



The City of Yuba City is working to provide a thriving business atmosphere for business owners and their customers. We are a strong and caring community and together we will succeed.



Yuba City Fire Department



Presentation By:
Jesse Alexander, Fire Chief

Incident Response

Data from May 4th, 2021 to March 16th, 2022



Total Fire Response: 757

Fires: 124

- Structure Fires: 2
- Grass & Brush Fires: 45

Medical Aid Response:

410

Total Fire Loss: \$305,973

Percentage of Total

Call Volume: 8%



Structure Fires



Vegetation Fires



Rubbish Fires



Vehicle Fires





EMS

Narcan (Naloxone)

- Blocks opioid receptors in the brain
- First 60 days of 2022:
 - 36 Incidents
 - Estimate 72 doses
- \$124.50 for 2 pack of 4mg
- Cost for 60 days: \$4,482





Access Problems





Hazards



Health & Safety of Personnel

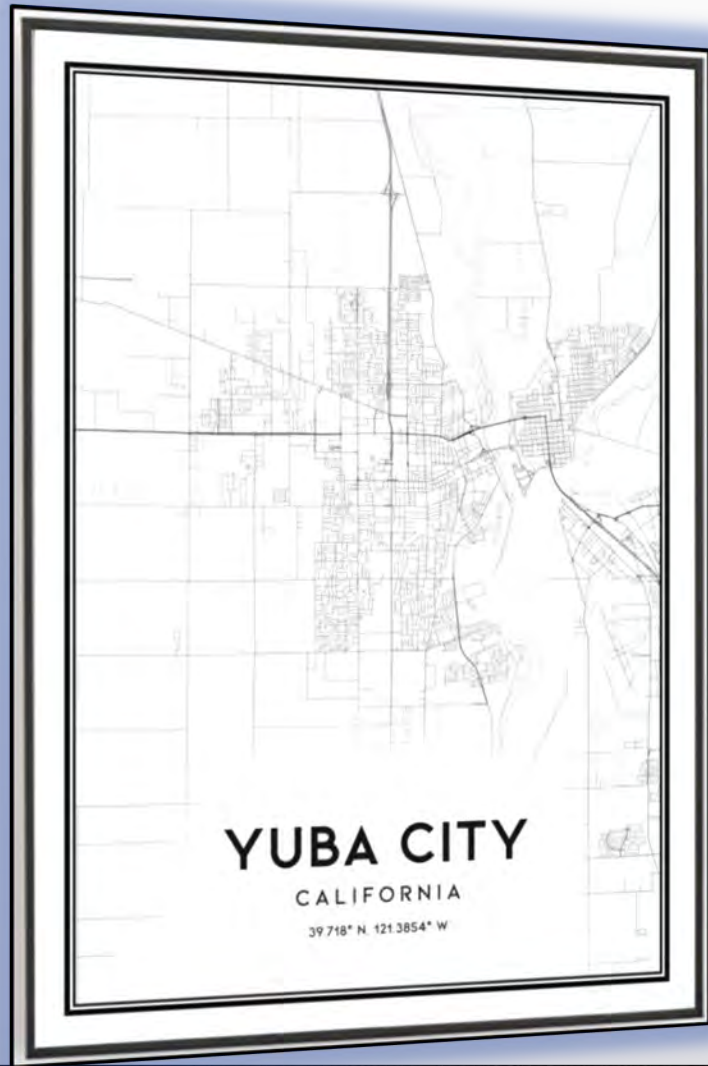
- Smoke Conditions
- Biological
- Blood Pathogens
- Violence

Estimated Cost for 10 Months

- Avg of 1-hr per call
- OES Apparatus Rates
- Fully burdened Engine Company
- Market rate of Narcan
- Not accounting for emergency call back
- Not accounting for multiple hour incidents
- Not accounting for EMS supplies (Minus Narcan)

Per Month: \$26,181

Total: \$261,819



Homelessness Impacts

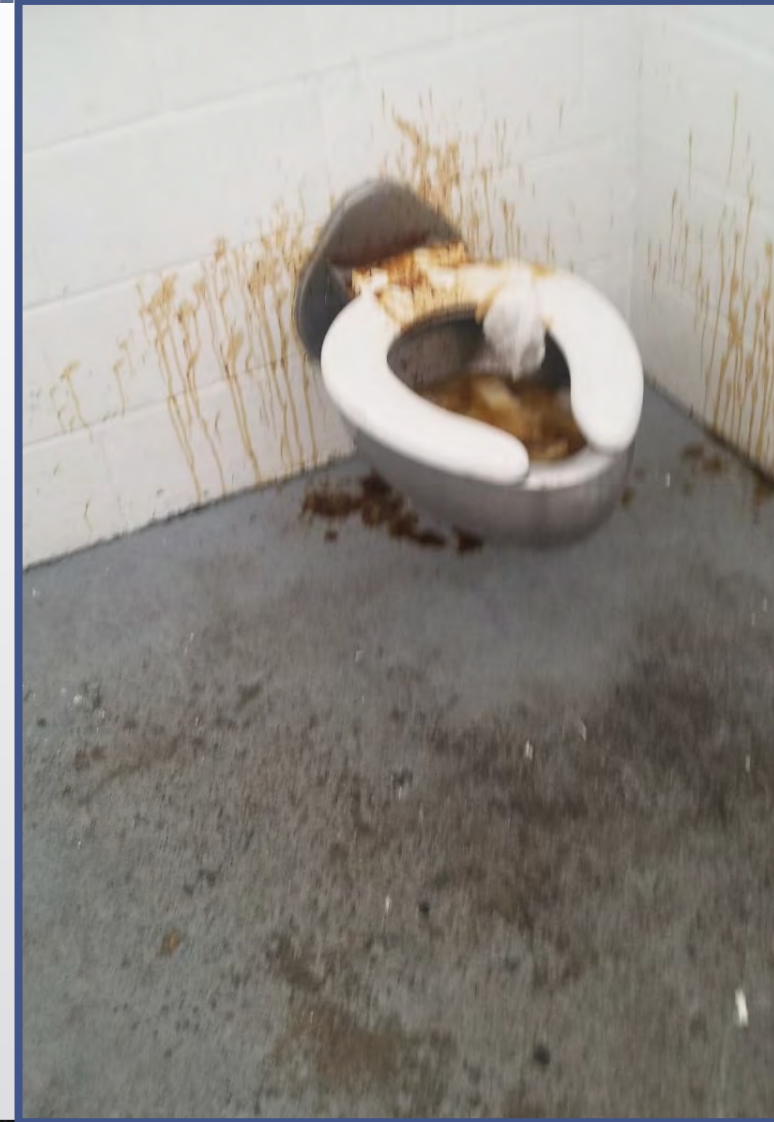
Parks Department



Sam Brannan Park

#1 Concern with Homeless

- o Health Hazards
 - o feces
 - o urine



Sam Brannan Park

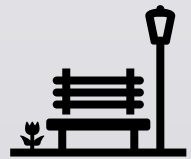
Drugs & Homeless

- o Health Hazards
- o needles



Sam Brannan Park

- o Increased vandalism & park maintenance
- o Increased homeless population this year



Sam Brannan Park

Trash & **MORE** trash from our daily repeat offenders

- o Parking area congested



Sam Brannan Park



o Congregation at parks with restroom facilities and BBQ's



Plumas Street/Tower



Plumas Tower

- Daily graffiti & vandalism
- Tampering with the irrigation system

Plumas Street

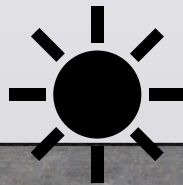
- Employee's have been hit & spit on by the homeless while working on Plumas St



Town Center

Town Fountain

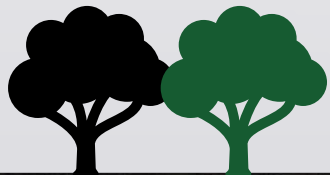
- Bathing in the town fountain
- Vandalism to fountain bowls & sitting areas
- Increased maintenance



10th Street Bridge

Vandalism to
irrigation valves &
turf maintenance

- o We have to screw the
valve box lids down in
order to prevent
tampering & disabling
the valves



Greenwood Park



o Expanding to neighborhood Parks

Cost

- Cost to repair irrigation systems

- \$2500 parts

- \$3500 labor

- Homeless camp removal

- \$3500 labor

- Graffiti Removal

- \$250 GRS Graffiti Remover/
Paint

- \$250 Labor

Yearly Financial Impact
on Parks:

≈ \$10,000



Thank you!

Rob Condrey

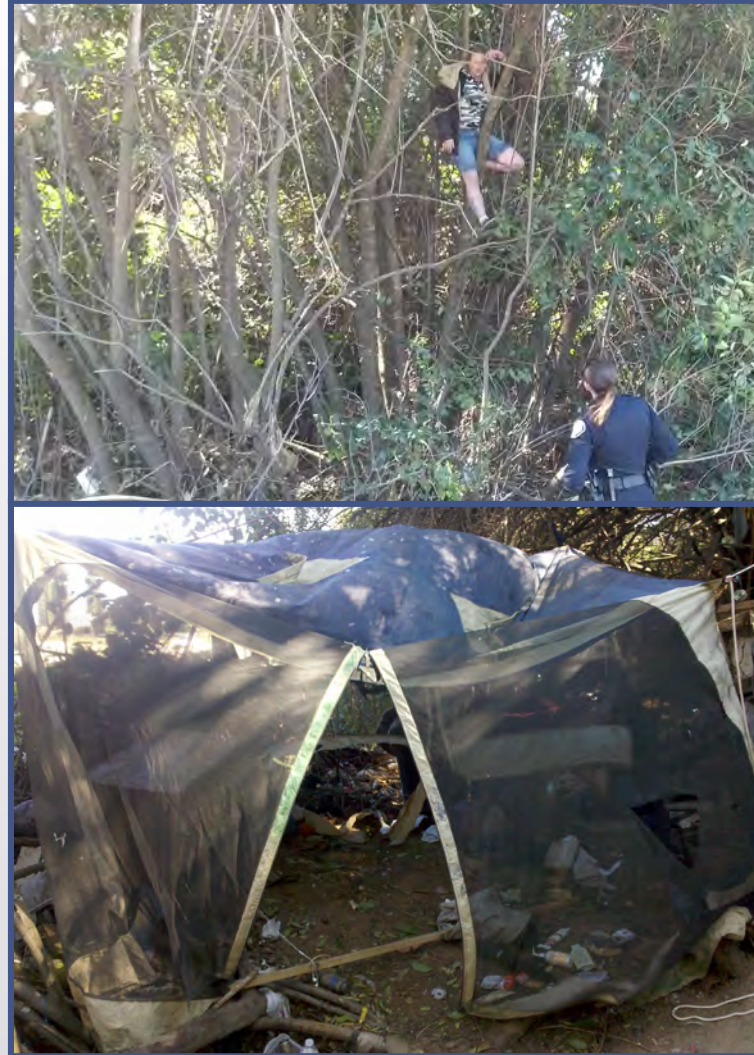
Park Rules Signage

- o Plumas Tower
- o Youngs Park
- o Veterans Park
- o Plumas Fountain



Collaboration with Public Works & P.D.

- 10th Street Bridge Clean Up Project
- Plumas Tower
- FRP





Homeless Workshop



Eric Ball, Code Enforcement Officer
March 29, 2022

A Day in the Life

- *Code Enforcement has become a major cog in the homeless camp clean-up efforts*
 - Abandoned camp removal
 - Abandoned homeless property removal
 - Abandoned homeless shopping carts

A Day in the Life

- *At least 50% of my current work week is dedicated to tracking and removal of abandoned homeless camps, trash, etc.*
 - Partnership with Homeless Liaison Officer (YCPD)
 - Partnership with Deputy Andre Licon, Sutter County Sheriff
 - Locate, assess, and prioritize camp locations for mitigation

A Day in the Life

- After a camp site is abandoned
 - Communicate with private property owners to remove abandoned items on their property
 - Coordinate with Sacramento Regional Conservation Corp Team and/or Public Works Staff to remove abandoned items on public lands
 - SRCC work is paid for through a Calrecycle grant that City Staff received (\$250,000 for use within a two year cycle)
 - This grant cycle will end this June with no new grant in place to keep SRCC working with us
 - Or load items in my work vehicle and dispose them

Recent major clean-up project

City owned property within Sutter County's jurisdiction on the east side of the Feather River

City of Yuba City and Sutter County
Departments involved:

- Yuba City Police Department
- Yuba City Code Enforcement
- Yuba City Public Works
- Sutter County Sheriff's Department
- Sutter County General Services
- Sutter County Road Department

Other agencies and departments
involved

- HEART Team
- CA Department of Fish and Game
- Yuba-Sutter CA Highway Patrol
- SRCC Team
- Holt of California
- Bains Towing and Recovery
- Every tow company on rotation with local law enforcement agencies

Scope of Work

City Property East of Feather River

- Approx. 15 large camp locations
- Approx. 25 homeless individuals
- Approx. 100 vehicles removed
- Approx. 700 cubic yards of debris removed
- Over 5,000 man hours worked



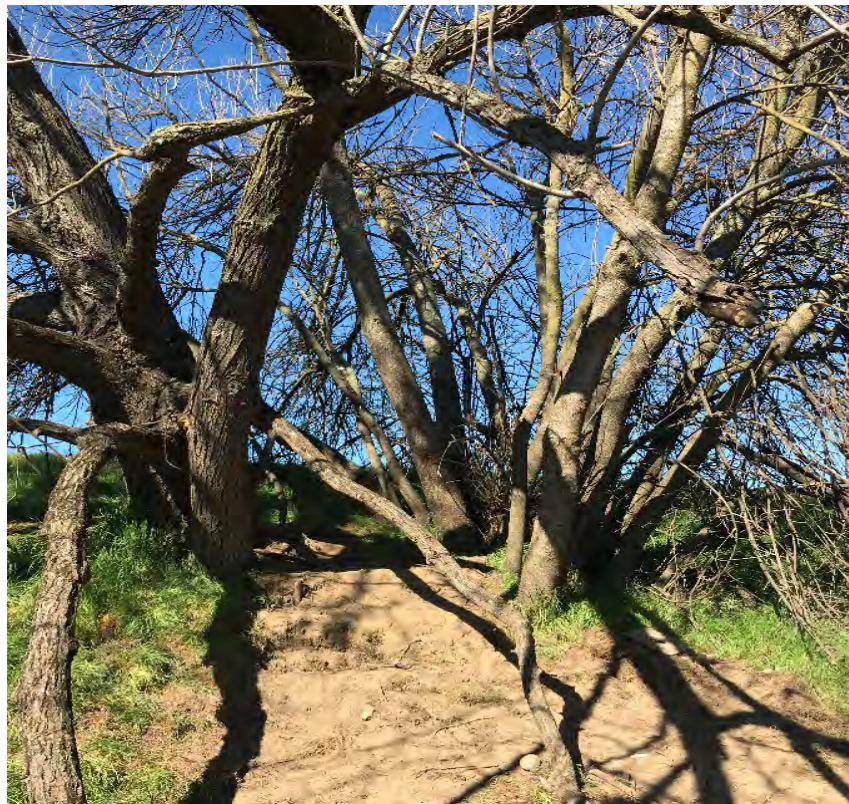






Challenges & Obstacles

- Insufficient funding and staff to deal with all the varying types and numbers of our homeless population
- Limits on locations scope for cleanup within the CalRecycle grant for Conservation Corp Team work, grant funding limited.
- Private property issues
- Insufficient resources for rehab and mental health services
- Insufficient permitted camp spaces within walking distance of current homeless population locations
- Lack of any warming/cooling facilities during inclement weather
- Recidivism











Approximate Annual cost of Code Enforcement / Various clean-up

- 1/2 time Code Enforcement Officer
 - \$40,900
- SRCC Team (six young adults and a team leader)
 - Approx. \$125,000

*Note: Does not include other City resources Public Works, PD, etc.

Opportunities for Improvement

Prioritizing Resources -

- Helping Homeless Individuals
 - 1) Warming/cooling stations
 - 2) Minimize distances to legal campsites and shelters
 - 3) Increase availability and access to rehabilitation and mental health services, etc.
- Helping Businesses / Private Property Owners
 - Additional staff dedicated to homeless intervention, funding, etc.
(Homeless Liason(s), Code Enforcement, Outreach staff)
- Keeping our City Clean / Attractive
 - Additional staff dedicated to quickly remove debris.
 - Working to provide resources to private property owners to quickly cleanup areas.
(Dedicated beatification crews, ongoing funds needed for outsourcing cleanup - SRCC, etc.)



Homeless Workshop



Scott Chandler, Deputy Public Works Director - Maintenance
March 29, 2022



Negative effects of Homelessness on City departments and staff

The safety and well being of staff is the highest priority. Employee hazards include:

Human waste with an increased risk of becoming ill from waterborne diseases.
Bodily injury including sprains, strains, and back injuries.

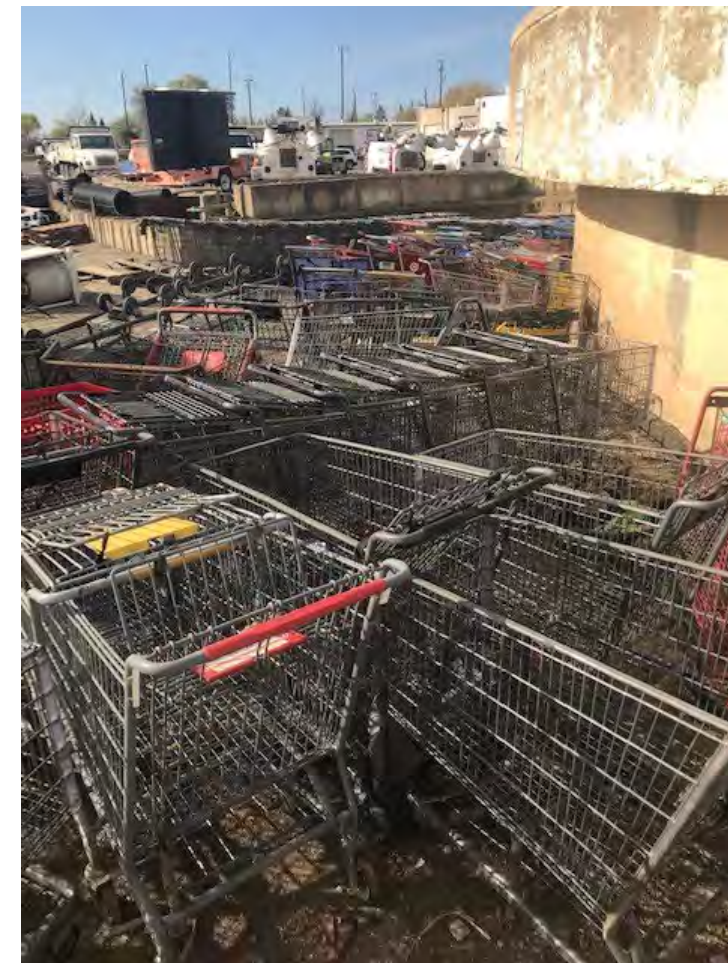
Exposure to blood borne viruses including HIV and Hepatitis C.
Current concerns powdered fentanyl.



Negative effects continued

Continuous retrieval of shopping carts and other household items including:

- Couches
- Mattresses
- Portable commodes



Negative effects continued



- Inconvenient when scheduled work gets put off due to assisting with encampment clean-ups.
- Staff feels that the community views them in a negative light.
- Staff hears typical stereotypes.

Negative effects continued

- Property owners get upset when scheduled work takes longer than expected.
- As an example, this resident was unable to utilize sidewalk, front door access, and a section of their driveway.





Negative effects continued

- Training of new employees has been hindered.
- Difficult for new hires to gain experience providing City services such as paving, concrete work, crack-sealing, etc.



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Negative effects continued





Additional Costs

Streets and Electrical Divisions

- Estimated Streets costs - \$98,800 annually (wages, vehicles, etc.)
- Special projects (Yuba County Ponds) will make the yearly average higher in some years. For example, \$20,000 per week that we spent in Yuba County because more equipment and manpower was needed.
- Estimated Electrical costs \$20,000 annually (wages, vehicles, etc.)



Suggestions Moving Forward

There is no “one size fits all” solution to homelessness.

Staff suggestions include:

- Hire a full-time, two (2) person “beautification crew” that could assist our Code Enforcement Officer and Homeless Liaison Officer to proactively remove blight as seen.
- Schedule regular Citywide Clean-up efforts, with participation from several divisions/departments.



Suggestions Moving Forward continued

- Hire an additional Homeless Liaison Officer to assist in moving transients along before they become established “dig in”.
- Look for more programs (State/Federal) such as the conservation crews that the Code Enforcement Officer has been working with.