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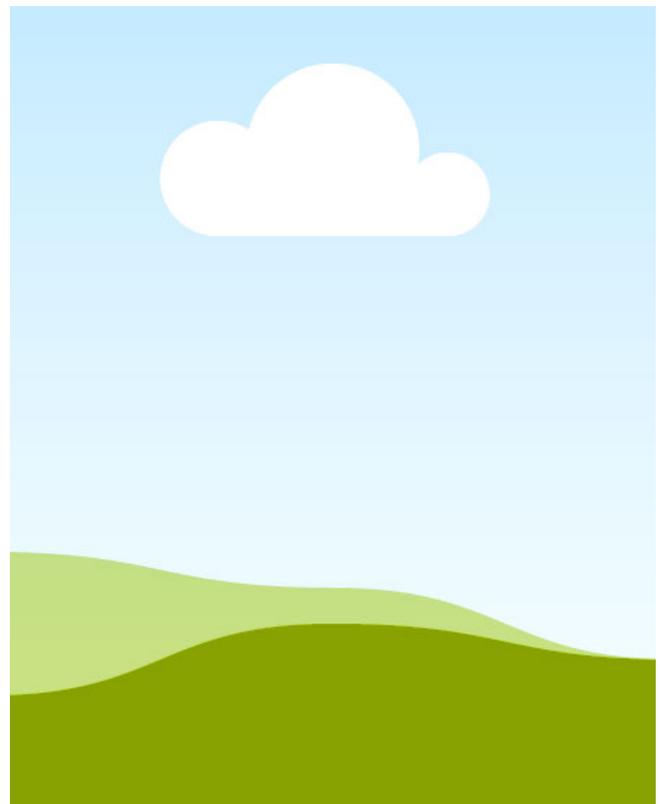
DIXON'S DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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FAREWELL TO CITY ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOE LEACH

The City of Dixon said goodbye to Joe Leach, City Engineer Public Works Director this month. April 2 was Joe's last day in office before his new position with the City of Richmond. During his tenure with Dixon, Joe had the opportunity to be involved with the Wastewater Treatment Facility, assuming the water system operations, Pardi Market Phase I, Hall Park All-Weather Field, multiple community developments and commercial developments, onboarding of new staff to include a Water Division and Public Works Director, and so much more. We will remember Joe for his positive attitude and boisterous laugh. We can still hear him saying, "Hands up for the ride" or "Closer than we've ever been before." Joe will truly miss our community, he said so himself, and we'll miss him too. We wish him the best on his next endeavor and know he'll be following the Dixon Insider on his train ride into his new office.





HAVE YOU SEEN THE DIXON BUNNY AROUND TOWN?

Did you follow the Dixon Bunny? Last month's contest was for the kids, and we hope you had as much fun as staff did participating. This contest was a time to explore the town with your kiddos and find out where the Easter Bunny visited. We tried to keep the locations kid friendly and included some fun locations that they may frequent. This contest was similar to the last two we had, in that we posted pictures of the Bunny over a couple of weeks and at the end of the posts (10 for this one) we asked the public to post their list of each location during a specific time. The first three submissions with the most correct locations won Easter baskets full of goodies for the kids. The Bunny last month visited Walmart's Easter aisle, Dixon Dance Studio, Ramtown Karate, Conejo Park, McDonald's, Baskin Robbins, Dutch Bros, the Fire Department, Dixon Skate Park, and Tremont Elementary School. Thank you to all who participated and be on the lookout for our next contest!

DRAFT GENERAL PLAN 2040 REVIEWED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL

BY: RAFFI BOLOYAN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

On March 9, 2021, the Dixon Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Dixon General Plan 2040. A General Plan is a City's blueprint for growth and development and looks out 15-20 years. It contains goals, policies and actions to implement the policies and goals. The City's current General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 1993. This current update process began in 2014, and has taken some time to get to this point. The Planning Commission reviewed the document, along with the associated Final Environmental Impact Report, and asked numerous questions about all facets of the plans. The Commission also accepted and considered both written and verbal public comments that were submitted. Ultimately, after deliberation, the Commission recommended approval of the Draft Plan to the City Council, with 7 changes, modifications to or new policies/actions.



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The Draft General Plan will now be scheduled for final review and action by the City Council. The Council is tentatively scheduled to review the Plan in late April to May at a regular Council meeting. The actual date for City Council meeting will be set soon, so please check the web site listed below for updates. The Staff Report for the City Council meeting will be uploaded to the web site, once available, but you can currently review the Staff Report to the Planning Commission, the Draft General Plan 2040, Final EIR and the previously published Draft EIR at www.cityofdixon.us/438/General-Plan-Update. A great place to start is with the staff report, which will give you the overview, and then you can go from there...

Feel free to provide your comments on the Plan to the Commission, and you can submit those ahead of time to citycouncil@cityofdixon.us or email the Contract Planner, George Osner at gosner@cityofdixon.us

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

BY: LARRY BURKHARDT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER

Because employers draw their employees from areas that typically cross multiple jurisdictional boundaries, effective economic development at its most basic level is conducted regionally. That is why the City of Dixon is an active member of the Solano EDC, a public/private partnership serving the various stakeholders involved in economic development. These include not only local and county government, but business, education and non-profits. Each of these sectors are dependent on a strong economy for their own success.

At the Solano EDC's recent virtual Annual Meeting, Vice Mayor Jim Ernest presented the audience with an update on Dixon's progress. His report highlighted the strong development activity occurring in Dixon, including its strong housing construction, two newly-approved senior assisted living facilities, two approved hotels, the financial assistance provided to local companies during the pandemic, the willingness of the community to invest in itself as witnessed by the completion of the total remodel of John Knight Middle School, and the strong interest in industrial land in the NE Quadrant. His message was clear: Dixon is clearly in the sights of those looking to provide quality development and jobs to our community.

