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◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Celebrating 2 Years With GPN ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

This December marks the 2nd anniversary of Grant Park Neighbors. Since December 2018, GPN has been working with the Santa Cruz community to promote a safe and welcoming environment in the surrounding area of Grant Park. As we advocate for security, clean up, and improved operations; the neighbors, City, and County have responded with direct support to achieve our key accomplishments:

- Pump Track donated by Intl. Rotary Club;
- Adopt-a-Park partnership with City, just renewed for 2021;
- (pre-COVID) Park Picnics, more to come soon;
- Workshops including a Visioning exercise and Crisis Intervention Training;
- Expansion of the County's contract with Downtown Streets Team to include the Grant Park neighborhood;
- To be scheduled quarterly meetings with the County's Health Services Agency;
- "Brew Cruz" Fundraiser;
- Bi-weekly neighbors meetings held in Grant Park in person and via Zoom; and
- Monthly Newsletters.



Pump Track Ribbon Cutting



Vision Statement

Grant Park Neighbors will work with the Parks and Recreation Department, Santa Cruz City and County to promote a safe and welcoming environment for neighbors and the community to gather for recreational, leisurely, and family activities, and to enjoy the beauty of the park.

Zoom in the Park

Due to Santa Cruz moving back to the purple tier, the in-person meetings at the park have been **cancelled**. There are no upcoming meetings till after the holidays. Check your emails for more details and updates on meetings or email grantpark95060@gmail.com if you have any questions/concerns.

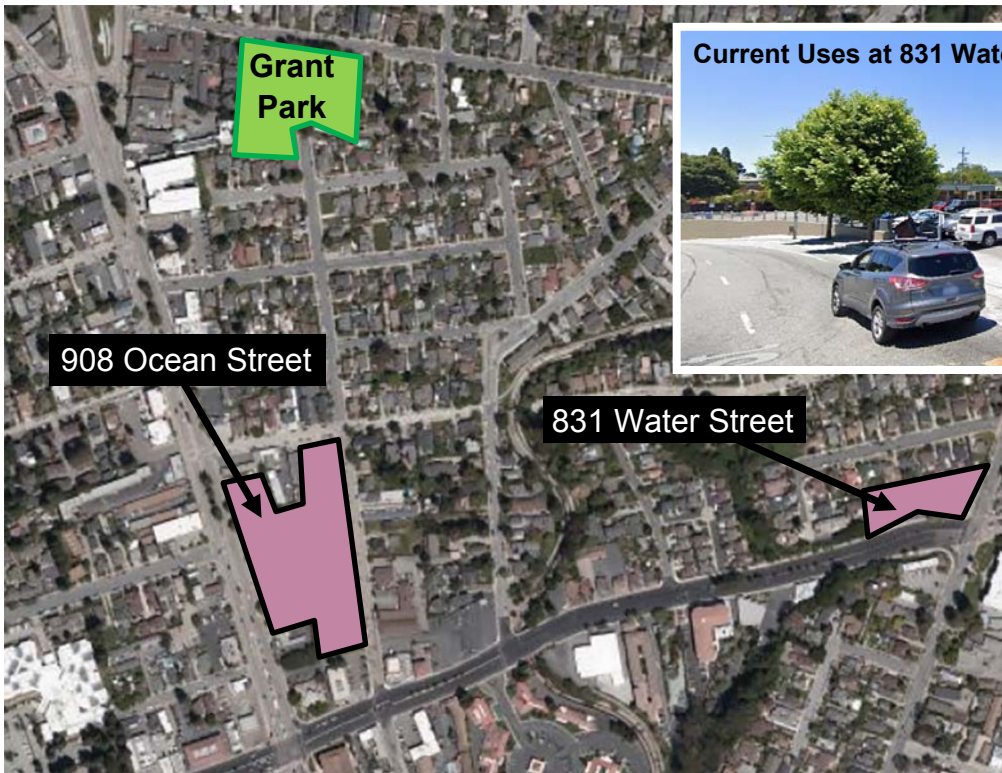
Grant Park Neighbors Raise \$ 515 to provide laundry services to members of Downtown Streets Team

In less than two weeks, members of Grant Park Neighbors came together to provide \$515 to be used by the Downtown Streets Team for laundry services throughout 2021! More details to come.

Join GPN and our emailing list by contacting:

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to receive information, details on events, news, and volunteering opportunities.



Project at 831 Water

On October 12, 2020, the planning department received a pre-application for a proposed mixed use development at the corner of Water Street & Branciforte Avenue. The application details the demolition of the commercial buildings onsite and construction of two, five story mixed use buildings that total 114,039 square feet that are planned to host 151 apartments.

The applicant is requesting a maximum State Density Bonus of 35% pursuant to providing a minimum of 11% of the base density units as affordable to Very Low Income households, however applicant may provide as much as 51% of units as affordable to households between 30% and 80% of Area Median Income. A community meeting is forthcoming in the near future; the Community Meeting date, time and how to participate will be provided once a date has been officially set. Information on the development has been taken from the City of Santa Cruz website at <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/planning-and-community-development/planning-division/active-planning-applications-and-status/831-water-street>.



Rendering from neighborhood north of 831 Water Street



Streetside Rendering of 831 Water Street

Environmental Lawsuit Filed Against the Ca. Dept. of Public Health & Harm Reduction Coalition

A broad group of Santa Cruz residents and civic leaders filed a lawsuit in the Sacramento County Superior Court against the Ca. Dept. of Public Health to protect the health and safety of the public, insure the integrity and success of the locally authorized Syringe Services Program (SSP) administered by the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency (HSA), and to demand a full environmental review of the unregulated program operated by the group known as the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC). The plaintiffs include a neighborhood organization, Grant Park Neighborhood Association Advocates, which is made up of seven founding members of the Grant Park Neighbors. The objective of the lawsuit is to stop HRC's operations and to recognize Santa Cruz County's HSA as the sole authorized county-wide SSP. *This description taken from press release provided by plaintiffs' attorneys.*