

KEEP SCOTIA SAFE THIS 4TH OF JULY

Summer in California is officially underway and the warm temperatures bring increased outdoor activities, with the Fourth of July being no exception. Many Californians and tourists will be celebrating our nation's independence with fireworks, and Town of Scotia Company wants to stress the importance of fireworks safety and the State's zero tolerance against illegal fireworks.

"Every year fire departments across California respond to hundreds of fireworks-related fires that result in millions of dollars in damage," said State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover, CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal. "If you are going to use fireworks, check first with your local fire department to see if they are allowed in your area. If they are, use only where designated and only use fireworks that carry the State Fire Marshal's 'Safe and Sane' seal."

California has a zero tolerance for the sale and use of illegal fireworks. Illegal fireworks include sky rockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers and other types that explode, go into the air, or move

on the ground in an uncontrollable manner. It is illegal to sell, transport, or use fireworks that do not carry the "Safe and Sane" seal, as well as possess or use any fireworks in a community where they are not permitted. If convicted, a violator could be fined up to \$50,000 as well as sent to jail for up to one year.

"Even with a temporary cool down and rain in parts of Northern California, our fire activity remains significantly higher than average," said Chief Ken Pim-

lott, director of CAL FIRE. "With how dry conditions are, if fireworks are used illegally or in an unsafe manner, they can easily spark a fire or cause injuries; the consequences to our communities can be devastating."

Scotia Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Broadstock is asking Scotians to prepare for and help prevent wildfires by taking these actions:

- Check that fireworks are allowed in the area of use

- Make sure the firework has the State Fire Marshal "Safe and Sane" seal

- Purchase only from legitimate organizations authorized to sell

- Have a bucket of water, sand or garden hose available at firing site

- Read all instructions before use

- Dispose of used fireworks in water

- Never alter, modify or enhance fireworks

Make sure fireworks have proper clearance from flammable materials including dry grass and brush

For the safest Fireworks experience this year:

- Arcata 4th (Dusk) - Crabs Park

- Eureka 4th (Dusk) -- Old Town Waterfront. Arts Alive

- Ferndale 4th (Dusk) Gates open at Ferndale fairgrounds @ 7pm.

- Fortuna 3rd (Dusk) Newburg Park



Scotia Subdivision Development Phase I Coming to a Close

After years of planning, permitting, engineering, design-review and competitive contract bidding, Town of Scotia Company (TOS) is finally completing the first phase of a multi-million dollar infrastructure upgrade. The accompanying photos show the last stages of a facelift -- new pavement, sidewalks, ADA/

Wheelchair crossing ramps, curbs and gutters, etc. -- in the first part of town to be subject to this grand plan.

However, beneath the surface, unseen in the photos, lay even more significant improvements - - new drinking water mains, supply lines, meters and valves;

New dedicated Fire suppression hydrants and supply lines; new sewer lines, cleanouts, laterals and mains; new storm drains, street inlets and outfalls to the Eel River.

"Phase I" of the Scotia Subdivision approved by the County in 2010 runs roughly from the

huge Mill A buildings on the North, to the Upper Church Street neighborhood above the Scotia Elementary School on the South. In that area, essentially all the "lineal infrastructure" -- the wires, lines and pipes which deliver utilities, intersection crossing ramps and many of the walks, curbs and gutters -- have been properly realigned in the dedicated Right of Way. Essentially all the sub-surface lines have been replaced with modern materials; and rebuilt in keeping with current best engineering, design and construction standards.

"Phase I" includes some 34 residential home parcels, and a dozen commercial and industrial parcels, including the Scotia Shopping Center on Main Street.

The photos included here show the final steps of surface paving on Mill Street, Eddy, Mill Lane and Church Street. This week, work has further progressed on Main Street and First Street.

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After months of excavation and utility construction, contractors begin the final process of laying down pavement

