

# City of Redlands

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## New Developments

The historic Santa Fe Depot, at 349-351 Orange Street, is locally designated as Historic Landmark No. 38. Property One LLC will



continue rehabilitation work of the building in the coming months. The scope of the rehabilitation includes restoration and/or repair of damaged materials; removal or replacement of non-historic period elements including a basement exterior door and concrete loading dock; removal, salvage and resetting existing brickwork paving on the north side of the building; structural improvements, below grade and to the roof; and installation of new period appropriate doors and transoms.

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## Wheels up!



## City's skatepark now open



Redlands newest recreation opportunity, a \$1.1 million skate park opened Jan. 26 to enthusiastic crowds and rave reviews. A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the Redlands Skatepark, in the southern portion of Sylvan Park, drew children, teens and adults on skateboards and bicycles, scooters and wheelchairs, as well as lots of onlookers.

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## Transit Village plan: Creating walkable neighborhoods

Imagine neighborhoods where residents can walk or cycle to local shops, where employees can live a short walk from work and after work can catch a train to some of Southern California's destination spots, or visitors can enjoy the entertainment and shops in Historic Downtown Redlands, attend the symphony or visit the University of Redlands all within a short walk of a train station.

The City's General Plan 2035, adopted in December

2017, articulates a vision for such transit-oriented developments and strategies to encourage compact, walkable neighborhoods centered around passenger rail stations coming to Redlands in the near future as part of the extension of the Metrolink San Bernardino line and the Arrow light rail line.

With three initial stations planned - the University station (adjacent to the University of Redlands campus), the

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# Redlands embarks on Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation

The City Council recently approved an agreement for design services with Parsons Water & Infrastructure Inc., an engineering design firm located in Pasadena, to perform an assessment of the City's existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and prepare an implementation plan for immediate and long term plant improvements.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant, originally built in 1962, treats an average of 5.5 million gallons of wastewater daily. It has had numerous upgrades over the last 50 years and much of the existing infrastructure has exhausted its useful life and requires rehabilitation to continue the treatment operations.

Parsons is a nationally recognized design firm with extensive experience in wastewater treatment plant design and operations.

Upon completion of a field assessment of the plant, design will begin and will be completed in 12 months. The City intends to conduct an independent peer review in order to ensure an efficient and effective design, providing best value for the customers.



## Firefighters use lifesaving skills to save colleague



Hurtado

Byers

On December 5, 2018, Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Hurtado and Engineer Brad Byers saved the life of their fellow firefighter while working their regular shift. Captain Mark Davis was eating dinner when he began choking on a piece of meat. He tried to clear the partial obstruction by coughing, but was unsuccessful, and the partial obstruction then became a complete obstruction. Captain Davis sudden-

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## SKATEPARK/From Page 1



Mayor Paul Foster, Mayor Pro Tem Denise Davis, Council Member Paul Barich and former Council Member Jon Harrison cut the ribbon, officially opening the Redlands Skatepark (top). Hundreds of people on skateboards and bikes enjoyed the facilities.

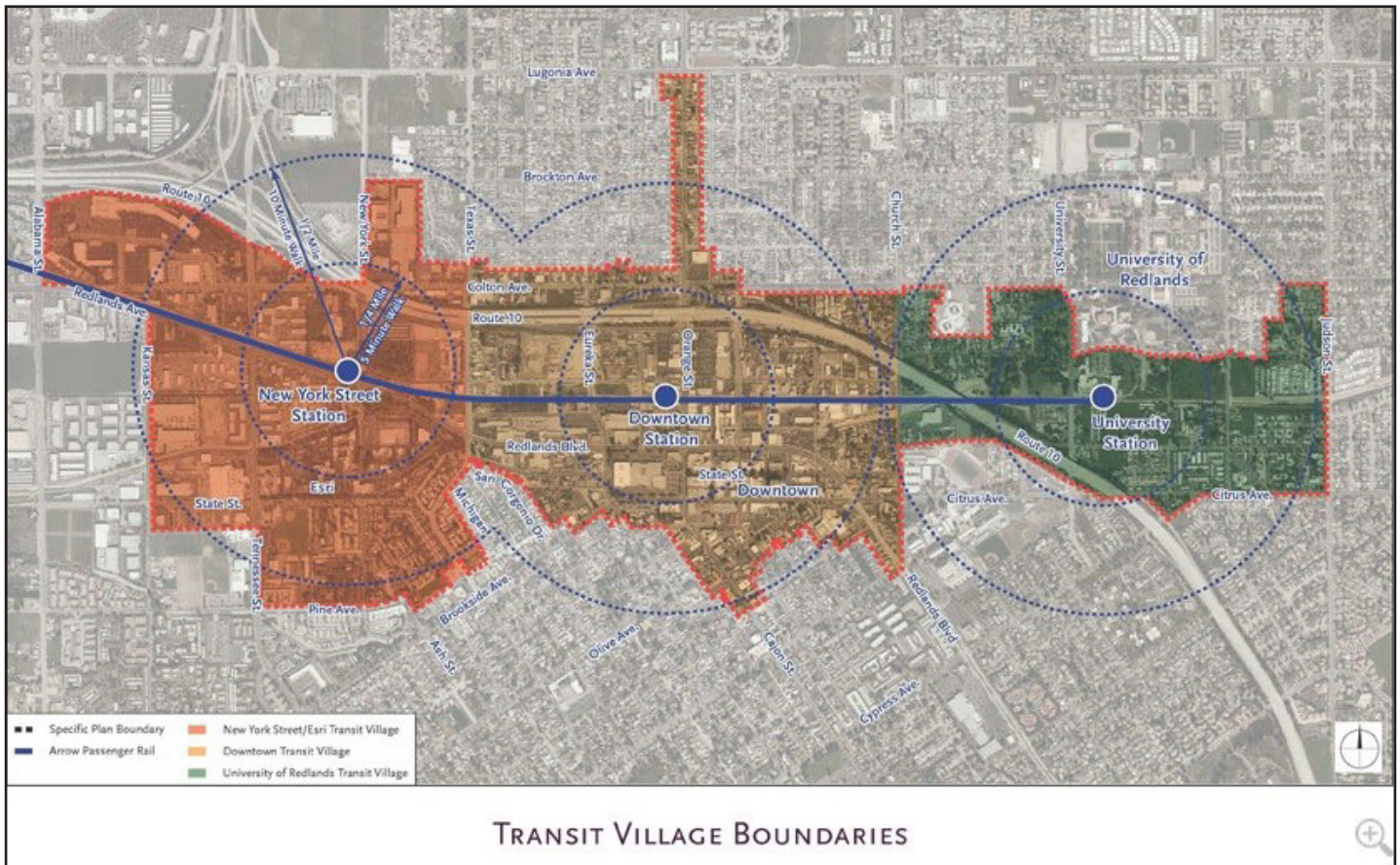


In addition, attendees enjoyed live music, open skating, scootering and beginner clinics, a bounce house and outdoor activities for all ages.

Following review and recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission, on April 17, 2018, the City Council awarded a contract to Three Peaks Corp. for construction of the Redlands Skatepark in Sylvan Park, west of the Redlands Lawn Bowling Club. The completed project cost approximately \$1.1 million, which included funds earmarked from the City's sale of the Nevada Palmetto Groves and \$127,000 in private donations raised by two community groups, Friends of Redlands Skatepark and SK8 Park.

City staff and design representatives held three public workshops, attended by approximately 250 people, to solicit design input and sought additional input through social media. The park consists of a 15,000-square-foot, in-ground skate park, with both street and bowl type skating and landscaping amenities.

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Downtown Redlands station (at the historic Santa Fe Depot), and the New York Street station (near the Esri campus) – City of Redlands staff are currently developing the Transit Villages Specific Plan. In 2017, the California Department of Transportation awarded the City a \$600,000 grant to prepare the Transit Villages Specific Plan, and the City hired the renowned urban design firm of Moule & Polyzoides Architects and Urbanists to prepare the plan.

The goal of the plan is to create walkable neighborhoods, with a mix of residential and commercial development in close proximity around each station, where people can take advantage of nearby transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections that reduce dependency on automobiles and transform existing vacant and underused industrial and commercial properties.

## **Community Outreach Process**

In creating the Transit Villages Specific Plan, the City has reached out to engage the public in a collaborative process, similar to the public engagement process used to develop the General Plan Update. A series of community workshops were held to gain community

input on what should be included in the Transit Villages Specific Plan.

Through a series of three “Discovery Workshops” and three “Alternatives Workshops” held between November 2018 and February 2019, City residents and others have already provided tremendous input and insight into their desires for future development in the village areas. There was a great deal of support expressed for the concept of limiting growth in peripheral areas of the City while creating new zoning that concentrates new development in the Transit Village areas, consistent with the goals expressed in the City’s General Plan.

On Jan. 4, 2019, the City Council held a study session with the consultant for a project update. The meeting video and presentation are available at the City’s homepage. City staff also provides a booth for public information at the Downtown Market Night on select Thursday evenings.

A final series of three “Draft Plan Workshops” (one workshop for each village) will be scheduled in April and May. Check the project website at <https://redlandstransitvillages.org> for updates or to sign-up for email announcements and future meeting reminders.

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## **FIREFIGHTERS/From Page 2**

ly stood up at the dinner table and signaled to his crew that he was in trouble. Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Hurtado and Engineer Brad Byers jumped into action and began to assess what needed to be done to help Captain Davis. Once Engineer Byers confirmed Captain Davis was choking he removed his jacket while Firefighter/Paramedic Hurtado began to perform the Heimlich maneuver. Engineer Byers then ran to the truck to retrieve Advanced Life Support gear in case the obstruction could not be cleared with the Heimlich maneuver. After three attempts, Firefighter/Paramedic Hurtado succeeded in dislodging the obstruction with the Heimlich maneuver. Captain Davis and all of the Redlands Fire Department are extremely grateful for the actions taken by Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Hurtado and Engineer Byers to save Captain Davis' life.



# **POSTAL CUSTOMER**

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Esri is starting construction on a new three-story, 110,479-square-foot professional/administrative office building with subterranean and surface parking on a 3.58-acre site at the southwest corner of Park Avenue and New York Street.

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Renovation work is anticipated to start at Redlands Packing Plant, at 330 3rd Street. Renovation will include a full seismic retrofit, fire sprinklers, alarm and life safety systems, new roof, all new utility services, mechanical, electrical and plumbing, a new freight elevator, restored façade, exterior boardwalk

and storefronts, exterior landscaping and courtyard – all done in an historically-sensitive way, according to Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Proper-

ties. Once completed, the project will feature many retail spaces and counter-style dining establishments with central communal dinner areas and limited exclusive seating.

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A new 48,224-square-foot hotel with 123 guest rooms is under construction on a 2.7-acre vacant lot located



**WoodSpring Hotel**

at 1700 Orange Tree Lane. The project is owned by WoodSpring Hotels. The overall construction includes parking lot and related site improvements such as landscaping.

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Beazer Homes recently obtained building permits for two model homes for Tract 19956. The overall construction for the tract will consist of 40 single-family homes. The project is located east of Wabash Avenue, north of Highland Avenue and south of Citrus Avenue.