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# Castroville

★ NEWSLETTER ★

JAN 2024



Best of Business

**MAGNOLIA  
FILLING  
STATION**

Runner-up Business

**STEIN INSURANCE**

**Light  
UP**  
Castroville

The City of Castroville and the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all participants who joined in Light Up Castroville. This growing celebration of lights is fast becoming a fun Christmas tradition in our beautiful historic community.

*Thank you all for making Castroville brighter during this holiday season.*

Best of Residential

**MIKE &  
MISTI  
KINNETT**

Most Creative

**TERRY  
GROFF**

*Country Lane Christmas*

Cutest Scene

**STACEY  
GORMAN**

*Reindeer Land*



**Castroville Area  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE INVITES YOU TO

# Castroville Dreamin'

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, KIDS AND ADULTS, ITS TIME TO GET TOGETHER.

IT'S TIME TO GET TOGETHER FOR A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION, AN INTERACTIVE GATHERING WHERE THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY IS SHAPED BY YOU.

LET'S CELEBRATE CASTROVILLE'S ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT PATTERNS AND DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE AND HELP DETERMINE THE WAY CASTROVILLE WILL LOOK, FEEL, AND FUNCTION IN THE FUTURE.

**ELSASS HALL, 1201 FIORELLA ST**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

**10-11AM, 1-2PM, OR 6-7PM: OPEN STUDIO & TABLE TALKS: HELP DREAM UP WHAT CASTROVILLE WILL CARRY FROM THE PAST, WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND WHAT WILL DEFINE ITS FUTURE.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

**10-11AM, 1-2PM, OR 6-7PM: DOWNTOWN DREAMIN': HELP DESIGN AND IMAGINE WHAT A DOWNTOWN FOR CASTROVILLE COULD BE BY DRAWING AND SHARING IDEAS.**

**7-8PM: CLOSING PRESENTATION**

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MORE INFORMATION AT  
[castroville.mysocialpinpoint.com](http://castroville.mysocialpinpoint.com)



## Regional Park Needs Volunteers

Saturday, January 20, 2024  
Saturday, February 17, 2024  
Saturday, March 23, 2024

Castroville Regional Park  
(Sign in at the Pool)

8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
OR 8:00 AM – 10:00

### MAIN PROJECTS:

- Work on hiking trail extension
- Work on hiking trail re-route
- Landscape work in the Butterfly Garden
- Landscape work in the Botanical Garden
- General Trail Maintenance
- Other, as determined!

### WHAT TO BRING:

Gloves and hand pruners, if you have them. Even if you cannot come, you can help by forwarding this email to everyone you know and by telling everyone you see. You can also donate a case of water.

For more information, call or text Helen at 830-931-4176 or email at [lazyh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lazyh@sbcglobal.net)

## RATE INCREASE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 10

Increasing electric, gas, sewer, and water rates in Castroville is crucial for the health of our community. These essential services are the backbone of a functioning and sustainable city. We have held off on this adjustment until we had no other choice. These rates allow us to keep up with the costs of inflation that we are currently experiencing. This adjustment will also enable us to invest to ensure a reliable and efficient supply of electricity, gas, clean water, and proper sewage treatment. This investment is vital for public health, as it helps prevent disruptions in service, reduce the risk of contamination, and maintain the overall well-being of our residents.

The Castroville City Council approved water, sewer, gas and electric rate increases on November 14, 2023. The new rates became effective on January 01, 2024. These new rates will be on your utility bill for February 10, 2024.

Contact us at 830-931-4090 or send questions/concerns to [customerservice@castrovilletx.gov](mailto:customerservice@castrovilletx.gov) for additional information.



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