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## City Manager's Newsletter

May 20, 2016

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### Upcoming Events

May 31:	City Council Meeting	4 p.m., City Hall Rotunda
June 14:	City Council Meeting	4 p.m., City Hall Rotunda
June 28:	City Council Meeting	4 p.m., City Hall Rotunda

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## **LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Podcasting at the Library – Manga, Anime, and Games (MAG) Podcasting** is a group of middle school students from the César Chávez Library who get together to talk about their favorite latest and greatest things in terms of technology and books. This week the boys explore their favorite hobbies: Manga, Anime, and Games. In this episode, the kids review the free mobile strategy



game for Android and IOS: Clash Royale. To listen to this podcast visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70jXONhScO4>

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Salinas Housing Initiatives Wins 2016 Award of Merit** – The City of Salinas 2014-2015 Housing Initiatives was selected for an Award of Merit in the category of Public Outreach, in the 2016 Awards program of the California Northern Section of the American Planning Association. The Initiatives process included the Housing Element Update, Five Year Consolidated Plan, Alisal Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The Initiatives were coordinated by the City's Community Development Department (Special Projects and Housing Divisions). Veronica Tam and



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Associates, and MIG Inc. were consultant team members. Community partners included East Salinas Building Healthy Communities, Monterey County Health in All Policies Initiative, and Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action.

By combining the budgets for community engagement among the four update processes, the City was able to design and implement a comprehensive program of six bilingual interactive workshops, community surveys (online and on paper), and stakeholder interviews.

Letters of support for the award were written by the Paul McDougall, Housing Policy Manager of the State Department of Housing and Community Development; Barbara Mitchell, Executive Director of Interim Inc. (permanent supportive housing for people with psychiatric disabilities) and Gloria J. Moore, Salinas realtor and resident who participated in nearly all of the community workshops and



Community Housing Initiative Workshop at Maria Torres Gil Community Center

public hearings. The Awards ceremony will be held in San Francisco in June. The award application will be forwarded for consideration in the 2016 State Chapter awards competition.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**East Market Street Repairs** – With the onset of dry weather, the Street Maintenance Division is hard at work attacking pavement damage on some major thoroughfares. The lean years have resulted in damage to our roadways, due to deferred maintenance. Starting in late January, East Market Street, between Sanborn Road and Towt Street were subject to repair work totaling 1,300 tons of asphalt being applied from January 26 to April 21.



The current project on East Alisal Street started on May 2 from Front Street to Madeira Avenue. To date, 550 tons of asphalt repair has been accomplished. With the assistance of Measure G funds, this work will be ongoing.



**Natividad Creek Skate Park Drinking Fountain** – Recently, users of the Natividad Creek Skate park found a new drinking fountain installed for their use. The drinking fountain had been out of commission due to vandalism. The replacement was funded by Measure G and was a project of Parks Maintenance. The users of the skate park requested the replacement of the fountain as usage at the park had increased. The drinking fountain was unveiled at the Big Sur Land Trust “Take It Outside” event on May 8.



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