



Town of Yountville | November 2021 Newsletter

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We bid Farewell to Sandra Liston, Planning and Building Director

On October 5, 2021, Mayor Dunbar presented Sandra Liston a proclamation recognizing her 14 years of service to the Town upon her retirement.

Sandra's career in Yountville started on September 17, 2008, when she took a position as Associate Planner with the Town. She was promoted to Planning and Building Director on January 7, 2014. Throughout her tenure, Sandra became involved in multiple projects that shaped the Town as we know it today. She was involved in the 2014 Town Hall Seismic Retrofit project and lead the effort to obtain historical designation for Town Hall which once served the community as Yountville Grammar School. She was involved in the certification of two Housing Elements, the creation of the Climate Action, Bicycle and Pedestrian plans. She spearheaded the nearly two-year long Envision Yountville General Plan Update and was instrumental in the development of several local businesses, including R+D Kitchen, North Block Hotel, RH Gallery, the JCB Tasting Salon, Stewart Cellars, Hestan Vineyards, Handwritten Wines, and Priest Ranch. She was also involved in major renovations of The French Laundry and Hotel Yountville.



Throughout her tenure, Sandra implemented process changes for various planning and building permit applications, created the Employee parking Management Program, and provided guidance to the Zoning & Design Review Board for close to 140 meetings.

The Town of Yountville Council, staff and community members hosted a retirement recognition for her at Yountville Community Center on October 14, 2021 to thank her for her many accomplishments and contributions to Yountville.

Online Budget Book

Have you used the Town's new online Budget Book? If not, you should! The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Book is now available for viewing and this year it is interactive! Visit www.townofyountville.com/budget to check it out. And while you're there, you should check out the Town's Transparency Portal which shows visitors in real-time how money is being spent. Visit the Finance Reports page on the Town's website and click on the [Town of Yountville Transparency Portal link](#).



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Water Conservation Efforts - Only a Drip in the Bucket!

The Town's required goal to reduce water use by 20% has not been met. For the month of September, Town customers were only able to reduce water use by 7.27%. If we continue at this rate, the Town will likely move into the more restrictive Stage 3.

Some examples of Stage 3 Water Restrictions include:

- Residential and commercial customers would be assigned tight water limits (currently homes are allowed 450 gallons of water per day) with penalties for going over
- All automated irrigation becomes prohibited and must be turned off
- Residents and businesses would be restricted from washing personal vehicles and driveways, hosing hardscape areas, and planting new plants or grass

Currently, the Town is providing courtesy notices of violation to current water restrictions such as watering on the wrong allowed day, letting water runoff into the street, or for excess water use which can happen with automatic irrigation systems even if used on the correct allowed day. Residents receiving a blue courtesy door hanger are welcome to contact Town staff to help understand the situation for the notice.

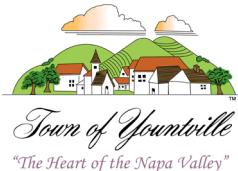
The Town is recommending evaluating outdoor landscaping. For those with grass turf backyard, the Town recommends replacing with a collection of drought-tolerant landscaping and hardscape. The Town's Cash for Grass program can offset the cost of replacing turf. For more information, visit <https://www.cityofnapa.org/585/Cash-For-Grass>.

Residents with landscape or park median strips (space between the street curb and sidewalk) MUST be irrigated with drip irrigation. The use of traditional overhead sprinklers is now prohibited. The Town is also monitoring water usage on all commercial and residential accounts to identify potential leaks. If a leak is noticed, utility holders will be notified and given time to fix the leaks. Failure to fix the leaks could result in fines. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Eye on Water to get up-to-date information on home or business water usage. Visit <https://eyeonwater.beaconama.net/signin> to create a free account and to receive information about your water use.

Please, do your part to help the Town conserve water. Let's get to that 20% water conservation rate to avoid the need to impose fines and penalties to water wasters in our community.



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