



# City of Fortuna

## Annual Consumer Confidence Report and Newsletter

### June 2013

*The City of Fortuna's mission is to be worthy of the public trust by providing timely, efficient, dependable and well-planned services to the community.*

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#### CONTACTS

EMERGENCY	DIAL 911
Animals – Lost or Found	Police Department, 725-7550
Building Permits	Building Department, 725-7600
Business Licenses	Finance Department, 725-7600
Burn Permits	Air Quality Control, 443-3093
Depot Museum	Parks and Recreation, 725-7645
Dog Licenses	Police Department, 725-7550
Senior and Disabled Bus Service	Parks and Recreation, 725-7625
Sewer and Water Problems	City Hall, 725-7600 (M-F, 8:00 to 5:00) Police Department, 725-7550 (nights and weekends)
Sewer and Water Service	City Hall, 725-7600
Streetlight Outages (Please be prepared to provide the pole number of the streetlight)	City Hall, 725-7600 or Submit a form through our website at <a href="http://friendlyfortuna.com">friendlyfortuna.com</a>

#### ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR CITY FACILITIES

City Hall – Administration, Finance, Personnel, Engineering, Building, Planning	621 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, Fortuna, CA 95540 (707) 725-7600
Police Department – Police Services, Animal Control, Youth Services	621 11 <sup>th</sup> Street (707) 725-7550 – Business Calls 911 – Emergency Calls
Parks and Recreation – Parks, Recreation, Museum, Skating	5 Park Street (Rohner Park) (707) 725-7620
Public Works – Water and Sewer	Wastewater Treatment Plant, 180 Dinsmore Dr. (707) 725-7630
Public Works – Streets and Maintenance	Corporation Yard, 190 Dinsmore Drive (707) 725-7615
River Lodge – Conference Facility	1800 Riverwalk Drive (707) 725-7572
Monday Club	610 Main Street (707) 725-7572

**Check out the City's website: [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com)**

## Consumer Confidence Report 2012

The City of Fortuna is pleased to provide you with the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report as required by the Safe drinking Water act. The City of Fortuna values our customers and wants to keep you informed about the quality of your water and our effort to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We hope this report will help our customers make informed choices that affect the health of them and their families. We are proud our drinking water meets or exceeds all state and federal standards.

*Este informe contiene la información muy importante con respecto a su agua potable. Si usted necesita una copia de este informe en español, por favor ciudad pasillo de Fortuna del contacto en 725-7600.*

*Often we take our water for granted. Providing safe drinking water is a very intricate business that takes a dedicated staff of professionals to maintain the system throughout the year. State and Federal law requires all water suppliers to provide information to their customers annually regarding the source and quality of their water. This report, called the Consumer Confidence Report, provides you with information about the location of your water source, what is in your water and how your water quality compares with State Standards and contaminant levels set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).*

### Definitions of Terms That May Be Used in This Report:

**MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level.** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in the drinking water. Primary MCL's are set as close to the PHG's (or MCLG's) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCL's are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal.** The level of a contaminant in the drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's are set by the EPA.

**PHG: Public Health Goal.** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHG's are set by the California EPA.

**PDWS: Primary Drinking Water Standards.** MCL's and MRDL's for contaminants that affect health along

*with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements.*

**SDWS: Secondary Drinking Water Standards.** MCL's for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWS's do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

**MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

**MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's are set by the EPA.

**TT: Treatment Technique.** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in the drinking water.

**AL: Regulatory Action Level.** The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units.** A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Variations and Exemptions:** Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L).

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

**ND:** Not detectable at the testing limit.

**ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L).

**ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L).

### About Our Water

The City of Fortuna provides water to approximately 11,939 individuals in our service area. The City's water distribution system includes 40 miles of waterline, 7 reservoirs which store a total of 7.5 million gallons of water and 8 pump stations which provide a constant supply of water to our 4,325 service connections.

The water being delivered to you by the City originates from groundwater sources known as wells, located on Eel River Drive between Drake Hill Road and Kenmar Road. These wells are known as Well #1, Well #2, Well #3, Well #4, and Well #5. Last year we produced approximately 418 million gallons of drinking water. An assessment of the drinking water sources for the City of Fortuna was completed in April, 2003. The source is considered most vulnerable to human and animal activity. In addition, the source is considered most vulnerable to these activities: mining operations (sand/gravel), recreational areas, automobiles (gas stations) and septic systems.

A copy of the complete assessment is available at the California Department of Public Health, Division of Drinking Water, 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 110, Redding, CA 96002, or you may view a copy on the web at: <http://swap.ice.ucdavis.edu/TSinfo/TSintro.asp>

### How Our Water is Treated

The City of Fortuna's water supply is being treated to raise the pH and make the water less corrosive to comply with State and Federal requirements for lead and copper. This treatment process makes the water less acidic by aerating and removing carbon dioxide gas which is naturally dissolved in the water.

Carbon dioxide is the same chemical that is added to beer and soft drinks to make it “fizz”. As required by the California Department of Public Health, after the water is aerated, it is then chlorinated to prevent any bacteriological contamination of the water.

## **Reservoirs and Pump Stations**

The 7 City owned reservoirs and 8 pump stations are inspected on a daily basis. In addition to inspections and maintenance of the reservoirs, City staff regularly lower and fill these reservoirs to ensure the freshest water is available to customers. The City has recently completed one major construction project and is currently working on two other major projects designed to insure a safe and reliable drinking water system into the future.

## **Cross Connection Control Program**

The Cross Connection Control Program protects the public water system from contamination due to backflow. A backflow condition is created when water from the consumer’s plumbing flows back into the City water mains. The California Department of Health Services and Fortuna City Code both require backflow prevention assemblies to be installed at all actual or potential sources of contamination. Such sources of contamination include hospitals, mortuaries, fire sprinkler systems, sewage treatment plants and customers with their own water system such as a well. These assemblies are required to be tested annually to ensure proper operation.

## **Water Quality Monitoring Results**

The City of Fortuna routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to state and federal laws. The data in the following tables (pg. 4) are from the most recent sampling for these constituents.

## **Description and Origin of Drinking Water Contaminants**

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the

land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances from the presence of animals or from human activity.

## **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

■ **Microbial Contaminants:** Such as viruses and bacteria that may come from septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, wildlife and wastewater treatment plants.

■ **Inorganic Contaminants:** Such as salts and metals that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

■ **Pesticides and Herbicides:** May come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

■ **Organic Chemical Contaminants:** Can include synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agriculture application, and septic systems.

■ **Radioactive Contaminants:** Can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## **Safe Drinking Water**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA and the California Department of Public Health set water quality standards and establish testing methods and monitoring requirements for water utilities. These agencies also prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems and require utilities to give public notice whenever a violation occurs.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the

U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Primary drinking water standards are set to protect public health from substances in water that may be immediately harmful to humans or affect their health if consumed for long periods of time. The primary drinking water standards are defined by maximum contaminant levels (MCL’s) for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and surface water treatment requirements. Secondary standards govern aesthetic qualities such as taste, mineral content, odor or clarity. These standards specify limits for substances that may influence consumer acceptance of the water and do not affect health at MCL Levels.

## **Important Health Information**

### **Especially Important for Vulnerable Population**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at their website at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>



## 2012 Table of Chemicals or Constituents

### ■ COLIFORM BACTERIA

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS	HIGHEST # OF DETECTIONS	# OF MONTHS IN VIOLATION	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Total Coliform Bacteria	4	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. Coli	0	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or E. Coli	0	Human and animal fecal waste

### ■ DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS

CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	Average Level Detected	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Total Trihalomethanes TTHM (ppb)	2012	4	1.6-7.1	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids(ppb)	2012	0.4	ND-2.1	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	MCL	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT	
Chlorine CL <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	2012	0.4	0.0-0.8	4.0	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment

### ■ LEAD & COPPER TESTING RESULTS

LEAD AND COPPER	# OF SAMPLES	90th PERCENTILE	# OF SITES EXCEEDING AL	AL	PHG (MCLG)	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Lead (ppb) 2008	31	3.2	1	15	2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm) 2008	31	0.45	0	1.3 mg/L	17	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

### ■ CONSTITUENTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

CHEMICAL OR CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	Average Level Detected	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Gross Beta Particle Activity (pCi/L)	1999	0.88	0.88	15	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Barium (ppb)	2005	180	180	1000	2000	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	2005	0.15	0.15	2.0	1.0	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum and fertilizer factories
Nitrate (ppm)	2012	13	13	45	N/A	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits

### ■ CONSTITUENTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

CHEMICAL OR CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Chloride (ppm)	2005	12	12	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Manganese (ppb)	2005	30	30	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Sulfate (ppm)	2005	14	14	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids TDS (ppm)	2005	230	230	1000	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Iron (ppb)	2005	32	32	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Turbidity (NTU's)	2005	0.24	0.24	5	N/A	Soil runoff

### ■ ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS

CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	Average Level Detected	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	PHG	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Sodium (ppm)	2005	12	12	NONE	NONE	Generally found in ground and surface water
Hardness (ppm)	2009	160	160	NONE	NONE	Generally found in ground and surface water

## FLUORIDE

The City of Fortuna **does not** add additional fluoride to the water supply. Fluoride is a naturally-occurring trace element in groundwater and at low levels, helps prevent dental cavities. The U.S. Public Health Service considers optimal levels of fluoride to be 0.7 to 1.2 ppm for drinking water. The City's average fluoride level of 0.15 ppm is considered to be lower than optimal for helping prevent tooth decay. You may want to consider consulting your dentist about ways to prevent tooth decay.

## SODIUM

We recognize that the addition of sodium to drinking water may be of concern to some customers. In 2005, after treatment, the water contains approximately 12 ppm of sodium. The U.S. EPA considers servings of less than 35 ppm to be very low sodium. The Food and Drug Administration states that most American adults tend to eat between 4,000 and 6,000 ppm of sodium per day; There is currently no drinking water standard for sodium.

## HARDNESS

Water in the City of Fortuna is considered to be moderately hard at an average detected level of 180 ppm. Water that is too soft, below 30 ppm, can be corrosive to plumbing pipes and water that is too hard, above 300 ppm, causes scale to form on plumbing fixtures and cooking utensils.

## HOW YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR WATER PROVIDER:

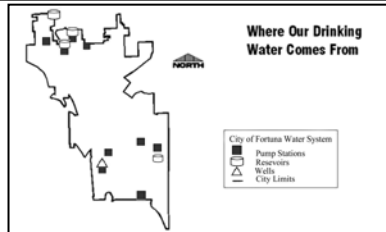
City of Fortuna, Public Works Department, 180 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540 ■ (707) 725-7650 ■ FAX (707) 725-7651

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

You may attend the City of Fortuna Council meetings which are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 6:00PM. These meetings are located in the City Hall Council Chambers at 621 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Fortuna, CA 95540 ■ (707) 725-7600 ■ FAX (707) 725-7610 ■ You may also access the agenda on the web at [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com)

Should you have questions regarding this report or would like information concerning your water supply, please contact Mike Flockhart, Public Works Director, at 725-1469. If you would like to request additional copies of this report, please contact us at 725-7650 or you may access it on the web at [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com)

We encourage you to make this report available to tenants, employees and students, as they will not receive a copy unless they are City of Fortuna water customers.



## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT STORM WATER?

### Did you know that the sewer system and storm drain system are two separate systems?

Indoor plumbing is part of our sanitary sewer system that flows to the treatment plant on Dinsmore Drive. Water that flows down impervious surfaces like driveways, streets and outside areas goes into a storm drain and then directly to the nearest creek, affecting fish and wildlife habitats, downstream recreational areas and drinking water supplies.

### What is Storm Water Pollution?

It includes many types of harmful materials including debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants that are carried by water through the storm drain system to creeks, the Eel River and ultimately the Pacific Ocean. Anything that enters a storm drain system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use. That polluted storm water runoff can have adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.



### Where does storm water pollution come from?

Storm water pollution has many sources. One of the most common is the illegal dumping or spilling of wastes directly into storm drains, like pouring used motor oil or paint directly into a storm drain. From the storm drain, water flows directly into the nearest waterway-garbage, toxins, and all.

- **Debris** such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, cigarette butts, etc. - washed into creeks and rivers can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life, including salmon.
- **Green Waste** such as grass clippings, leaves or pruning's should be kept out of the storm drain as well as the creeks. Green waste should not be stored on the creek bank. When these materials break down in our creeks or river they use up oxygen depriving fish and other aquatic life of the oxygen they need to live and grow. Green waste adds nutrients that contribute to algae blooms that further deplete oxygen and can sicken swimmers and their pets.
- **Household hazardous wastes** like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Recycle or properly dispose of hazardous products in your home. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.
- **Residential car washing** is permissible under Fortuna's storm water ordinance, but it can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm drain system. Consider using a commercial car wash that treats its wastewater, purchasing an environmentally safe detergent, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- **Pet waste** can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into our river.

## STORM WATER QUALITY TOP TEN

### **Top Ten Tips to Maintain Storm Water Quality in Fortuna:**

1. Repair fluid leaks in automobiles and equipment immediately, even minor ones.
2. Tarp your load when hauling materials in an open truck bed so you don't lose anything.
3. Seal leaking dumpsters and outdoor storage containers to prevent pollutants from coming in contact with rain and entering a storm drain.
4. Check the weather before you fertilize; Never use fertilizers before a large rain event.
5. Clean spills with absorbents, rags, or a mop. Please don't rinse onto pavement.
6. Sweep and dispose of yard debris and greenwaste so it doesn't end up in the storm drain.
7. Adjust sprinklers to not water the sidewalk or street.
8. When landscaping, use erosion control methods on bare ground or plant grass seed as soon as possible to prevent soil loss.
9. Cover any materials stored outside to prevent exposure to rain water.
10. Paved areas which are kept free from excessive leaks, stains, litter and sediment are less likely to allow pollutants to flow into a stream.

## 2013 ECONOMICAL GREEN WASTE OPTIONS IN FORTUNA

Did you know that keeping green waste (grass clippings, branches, leaves, weeds, pine needles, flowers, etc.) out of your trash can save money?

**Curbside collection in Fortuna\*:** Eel River Disposal (ERD) has a curbside green waste collection program for recycling yard materials and clean wood scraps. Every two weeks, Mondays only, the 68 gallon green waste carts are emptied. If you are ready to subscribe to this service, call 725-5156.

**Burning:** Call the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District at 443-3093 for your annual permit to burn piles of dry natural *vegetation* outdoors.

**Compost:** Green waste can be piled up in a corner of your yard, and after the materials decompose, you will have a good soil amendment. If you want a compost bin, the City currently sells them for \$55. Composting green waste, and your vegetarian food waste, can reduce your garbage volume by 25% or more.

**Green waste drop-off\*:** Recycling green waste and clean wood at Eel River Disposal (ERD) is about 44% cheaper than throwing it away.

**Mulch:** Have you mulched lately? Grass clippings, leaves, and pine needles can be used as mulch, and help to suppress weeds, conserve moisture, and reduce erosion.

**Pollution prevention:** Please do not pile your green waste in the street, on storm drains, or on creek banks as this material may harm our creeks.

\*note – only clean, unpainted, untreated wood can legally be accepted.

## MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

On July 1, 2012, the State of California enacted the Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law. This law mandates that businesses generating four or more yards of waste per week and multifamily communities of five or more units recycle. Recycling helps our environment by keeping material out of landfills; it conserves raw materials by reusing products, packaging, and other discards. Recycling saves money because the fees are less than disposal costs. With single stream container's recycling is easy, all your recyclables except Green Waste go into one container for easy pickup. Green Waste containers are available for your lawn clippings, garden pruning's, and other natural untreated wood. Cardboard bins are available in a variety of sizes if you have a large amount of cardboard to recycle on a regular basis. You can call 725-1466 for more information on the new Mandatory Commercial Recycling Law. Call Eel River Disposal and Resource Recovery at 725-5156 for more information on your recycling choices.

## RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

Recycling for the residents of Fortuna is as easy as 1 2 3.

1. There are 2 convenient CRV bottle and can buy back locations in Fortuna, 965 Riverwalk Drive open 7 days a week and 1797 West Smith Lane open Friday thru Monday
2. Curbside recycling is available for plastics, glass, paper, cardboard and tin cans in one convenient 68 gallon tote as well as another tote for Green Waste. These are picked up weekly on an alternating schedule. You can also bring these materials to the Transfer Station at 965 Riverwalk Drive if you prefer.
3. We now have a convenient, easy way to recycle both oil and latex based house paint in Fortuna.. Eel River Disposal and Resource Recovery, 965 Riverwalk Drive is an approved drop off location. Individuals can bring in 25 gallons of liquid paint in the original container with a portion of the original label per day at no charge, businesses are limited to 27 gallons of oil based liquid per month with no limit on latex paint. All containers must be leak proof.

Call Eel River Disposal and Resource Recovery at 725-5156 for more information on these programs.

## PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS

Have you ever poured hot bacon grease into a can? Did it sizzle? Did you notice how it solidified? This also occurs in your drainpipes... and can attract vermin! When excess grease, fats, and oil build up in your sewer pipes, it creates issues, for you and our wastewater treatment system.



**FATS, OIL, and GREASE (a.k.a. FOG)** can pollute our creeks and choke our sewers. You can avoid plumbing expenses by trapping your FOG in a sealed container (like a small plastic tub) - after it's cooled off - and place it in the trash. Please call the City at 725-1479 if you have any "FOG" questions.

Simple tips to prevent greasy blockages at home:

- Never send dairy products, fats, oil, grease, or greasy foods down the garbage disposal, interior drains, or storm drains.
- Cleaning your sink with baking soda or vinegar may assist in keeping the pipes clear of blockages.



### **FORTUNA CITY HALL**

**621 11<sup>th</sup> St., Fortuna CA 95540 (707)725-7600**

**Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am to 5pm**

### **~GENERAL INFORMATION~**

The Fortuna City Council holds their Meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 6p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. City Council Meetings are televised live on public access television Channel 10 and are replayed periodically. The replay schedule can be found at [accesshumboldt.net](http://accesshumboldt.net).

Council Meeting video links can also be found on the City's website; [friendlyfortuna.com](http://friendlyfortuna.com). Those videos are available approximately 2 days after the meeting. Council Agenda packets are also available online by the Friday before each Council meeting.

You can sign up to receive notifications from the City about meetings, events, jobs, and special postings by following the "Email Sign-Up" link on the homepage of [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com).

### **~INFORMATION FOR MAKING WATER PAYMENTS~**

The Finance office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

**THE CITY OF FORTUNA NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AND ELECTRONIC CHECKS FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS ONLINE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. We also now offer the option to receive your water/sewer bill electronically; registering for this service is fast and easy. To register, go to the City's website, [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com) and look for the "Online Utility Payments" link.**

**If your service is scheduled to be shut off due to non-payment or if there has already been a disruption to your service, DO NOT make your payment online. Please call (707) 725-7600 to pay by telephone or make your payment directly at City Hall, 621 11th Street.**

For utility payments we accept Mastercard, Visa, debit cards, cash, check or money order.

For additional convenience, there is a payment drop box located at the exit of the City Hall parking lot. During business hours, customers can also call (707) 725-7600 to pay with a credit card. Payment arrangements can be made by leaving a message, 24 hours a day.

Utility bills are due on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. Late penalties will be applied to any past due balance after the 25<sup>th</sup> of the following month and a **15 DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO INTERRUPT SERVICE** will also apply. All customers have until **10:00am** of shut off day to make a payment or call to make payment arrangements. Once service has been disconnected we **WILL NOT** be able to make payment arrangements and will require payment of the delinquent balance, a reconnect fee and any deposit if applicable to reinstate service.

Water and sewer rate schedules as well as utility billing and payment information may be obtained at City Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at (707) 725-7600.

### **~INFORMATION ABOUT FORTUNA SEWER CHARGES~**

Residential sewer charges are based on the amount of water consumed. What this means is, the more water you use, the higher your sewer cost will be. The base amount for residential sewer is currently \$38.75 for 500 cubic feet of water or less. If you consume more than 500 cubic feet of water you will be charged \$8.61 for every 100 cubic feet of water over the allowable 500. However, in the **SUMMER** you are **NOT** charged extra sewer for the water used to irrigate your lawn and garden.

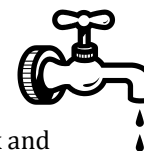
The rates include a provision for summer sewer charges to accommodate the people who water their lawns and gardens. The summer sewer cost **WILL NOT** be charged on the amount of water used during the summer months but instead will be based on an average from your previous winter months' water consumption. If your average winter usage is 500 cubic feet of water and your summer usage is 1500 cubic feet of water, your summer sewer bills will be based on the 500 cubic feet **NOT** the 1500. The only time this will not apply will be if your winter average is more than your actual usage. The computer will automatically use the lower number to calculate your charges. The winter months are November through April and the summer months are May through October. Conserving water during the **WINTER** months will lower your bills **ALL YEAR ROUND!**

**~INFORMATION ABOUT FORTUNA WATER RATES~**

Base rate for water is currently \$23.04. Allowable base usage is 500 cubic feet in the summer months and 300 cubic feet in the winter months. Usage over base will be charged at \$1.90 for every 100 cubic feet of water used over the appropriate base usage allotments.

**~IT IS TIME TO FIX THOSE LEAKS~**

It is time to fix those leaky faucets and running toilets! With the sewer rates based on the amount of water that is consumed, now is the time to take care of that extra water you will be charged for. Even small leaks can waste significant amounts of water. A faucet dripping one drop per second will waste 2700 gallons per year. A constant drip can go through as much as 100 gallons a day! Check for toilet leaks; a leaky toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons per day. Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank, if the color trickles into the bowl there could be a leak and repairs could be needed. Please note that 1 Cubic Foot of water is equal to 7.48 Gallons.



**FORTUNA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 ~ 621 11<sup>TH</sup> ST. CA 95540~  
 (707)725-7550 or 911 in case of emergency

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM DOBBERSTEIN**

The Fortuna Police Department emphasizes professionalism, integrity and fairness. It is our goal to work with the citizens of Fortuna and other agencies in an effort to improve the overall quality of life in our community. The Fortuna Police Department currently has 24 full-time employees and many volunteers that are each committed to providing the highest level of police, parking, code enforcement, and animal control services. We are guided by a community oriented policing philosophy and stress the importance of working as leaders in our community and building relationships based on trust. I am extremely proud of the men and women that comprise the Fortuna Police Department. Historically, crime statistics in Fortuna are lower than the statewide average for comparable cities. This trend is due to strong community support and the outstanding efforts of Police Department staff. Together, in partnership with the community, we will continue to make the City of Fortuna a great and safe place to live, visit and do business.

**INTRODUCING FORTUNA'S CRIME MAP**

The Fortuna Police Department now has a new way for the public to stay informed about crime in Fortuna. The Fortuna Police Department now has an online crime map called RAIDS Online ([www.FriendlyFortuna.com/CrimeMap](http://www.FriendlyFortuna.com/CrimeMap)) that maps and analyzes crime data, alerts Fortuna citizens about crimes in their area, and allows the Fortuna Police Department to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur.

Fortuna citizens can now view a map and grid with all of the crimes in their area and sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email a breakdown of recent crime activity. RAIDS Online automatically syncs with the departments records system to keep crime information updated online and in the mobile app. RAIDS Online geocodes the crime data, then displays all of the incidents on a map, grid and analytics dashboard along with some basic information about the incidents, including the type of crime, location type, block-level address, date and time.

In addition to the website access, RAIDS Online Mobile empowers citizens to better understand crime trends and lower crime in their area. Recent crime incidents are displayed on a map or listed in a grid. Users can click on an incident for more information or display a hotspot map based on the crimes that are currently in display. Users can also sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email any recent crime activity on a daily, weekly or monthly schedule. The app makes all of this information accessible anywhere from a user's mobile device. The RAIDS Online Mobile app for the iPhone/Pad is available for FREE on the App Store. Anyone can visit Fortuna's crime map at: [www.FriendlyFortuna.com/CrimeMap](http://www.FriendlyFortuna.com/CrimeMap)





## WETIP



Do you know of someone engaged in Illegal activity in Fortuna?

The Department has partnered with WeTip to offer a toll free hotline and Internet site that allows callers to make anonymous crime tips, 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.

The basic purpose of WeTip is to provide an absolutely anonymous crime reporting resource to residents, students and businesses throughout the City of Fortuna. Callers to WeTip may also be eligible to receive a cash reward if their information results in an arrest and conviction. Callers who want the reward are given a fictitious name and are told to check back every few weeks to check on the status of the case. Once there has been a conviction, the caller will be told where to pick up their case reward with no questions asked.

Since implementing this program, several crimes have been solved and several callers have been rewarded.

To report criminal or suspicious activity through the WeTip Hotline, call 1800-78-Crime or visit [www.FriendlyFortuna.com/WeTip](http://www.FriendlyFortuna.com/WeTip).

### **FORTUNA PARKS & RECREATION**

**5 PARK STREET ~ FORTUNA, CA 95540 ~ (707) 725-7620**

**website: [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com)**

**email: [park@ci.fortuna.ca.us](mailto:park@ci.fortuna.ca.us)**

The Parks & Recreation Department offers many activities and works with local nonprofit groups to provide other leisure activities. You can sign up for events and activities at the Park Office in Rohner Park weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. If you have questions, need to know the cost, or need more information, please call 725-7620.

#### ~ YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLASSES ~

The classes and activities described below run continuously throughout the year. Call for more information.

**Public Roller-skating at the Firemen's Pavilion** Fridays and Saturdays 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Skates are included in admission price and personal skates or rollerblades must be checked by staff.



**Private Skating Parties at the Firemen's Pavilion** Private skating parties with skating staff provided. Music provided or bring your own. Skating games, basketball, sock-hockey, or dancing is also available.

**Semi- Private Skating Party During Public Skate at the Firemen's Pavilion** Rent a table during Public Skating on Friday or Saturday and receive 2 free skate passes. You may bring in outside food. Purchase a punch card from the Park Office to save money or pay at the door prices.



**Holiday Break Programs** Recreation programs during school holidays featuring arts and crafts, cooking, games, skating, movies and much more! 7:30am to 5:30pm weekdays. Bring a lunch, snack, coat, and sturdy shoes. Weeklong programs with discounts for entire week prepayment and sibling discounts, half-day rates are also available. Programs offered during Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, President's Week, and Spring Break. Sign your child up at the Park Office in Rohner Park. Pre-registration is required.

**Summer Fun** This 10 week program offers supervised youth activities including skating, biking, water fun, crafts, movies, field trips and more, for ages 4-14, June through August. Morning and afternoon hours are available. Discounts offered for multiple week and sibling enrollments. Sign-ups begin in May at the Parks & Recreation Office in Rohner Park. Partial low-income grant funding is available.



**Youth Basketball** Registration begins in December for grades 1-4. Teams play Saturdays at the Firemen's Pavilion and Toddy Thomas starting in February, and the league runs for six weeks. A T-shirt is provided to each child who enrolls.

#### **Volleyball Camp**

Held during August at the Fortuna High School from 5 – 8pm. Girls grades 2 to incoming freshman are invited to participate. Shirt included in fee. Individual prizes will be awarded throughout camp to enforce leadership, hustle, dedication & teamwork. The camp will focus on skills of the game needed to be successful. Registration & Liability Release forms may be picked up at the Parks & Recreation Office or downloaded from our website.

#### **ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS (18 & OLDER)**

**Adult Basketball Leagues** Teams begin forming in January and February with play beginning in March. Games played at Fortuna High School.

**Adult Softball Leagues** Teams begin forming in April and May with play beginning in June. Games played at Newburg Park.

**Co-Ed Softball Leagues** Teams begin play in August and play into October, after regular softball league ends. Games played at Newburg Park.

**Men's Open Rec** Drop-in basketball offered January–March at the Fireman's Pavilion in Rohner Park. Evening hours, drop-in fee applies.

## CLASSES OFFERED

**Ballet:** Classes offered by Trinity Ballet Academy. Director Greta Leverett offers classes for ages 4 – 8. Class is held in the Firemen’s Pavilion Wednesday afternoons. Call Greta at 442-9725 or 839-1816 for more information.

**CPR:** Class is taught by Rus Brown, American Heart Association Instructor and Assistant Chief in Fortuna. Refresher class is 2 hours in length and initial class is 3 hours in length. Space is limited so sign up now. Please call Christina at the Park Office at 725-7620 for more information or class dates.

**First Aid:** Class is taught by Rus Brown, American Heart Association Instructor and Assistant Chief in Fortuna. Class is 4 hours in length. Space is limited so sign up now. Please call Christina at the Park Office at 725-7620 for more information or class dates.

**Get Fit Baby:** A fitness & defense class for moms. You want to work out but don’t want to leave your baby? Bring your baby with you. Cardio, circuit training, resistance bands and kicks. Do martial arts movements while toning your body and learn self defense. Classes held at the Firemen’s Pavilion in Rohner Park on Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9am – 10am. Contact Kalee Giacomini at 834-6535 for more information.

**Let’s Dance:** Instructor Nelly Galeana offers a class which reunites all kind of dance routines from Latin and International Rhythms. Exercise without noticing. . Class taught on Wed at 6:30pm at the Rec Hall. \$4 fee. Bring a towel & water. For more info, please contact the instructor at 725-6129.

**Results Fit Camp:** 8 weeks of challenging, fun packed, hands on, personal fitness instruction along with nutrition coaching regardless of age, size or fitness level. Exercise includes hikes, running, walking, calisthenics, sports drill, band & tubing exercises and much more. Mon, Tues, Wed. & Thurs at Firemen’s Pavilion. Classes are one hour. Call 725-8735 for more information.

**Zumba:** Class taught by Sarah Jones. She has been certified since 2007. Her class is taught on Tues & Thurs at 6pm at the Rec Hall. Cost is \$5. This will be a great class for meeting new friends & exercising at the same time. Contact the instructor at sarahzgold@gmail.com

We Are On The Lookout For New Class Ideas. We Would Like To Expand Our Leisure Class Offerings! Is There A Class You Would Like To See Offered Or A Class You Would Like To Teach? Bring Your Ideas To The Park Office.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS & OTHER RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The Parks & Recreation Department works with many other clubs and non-profit organizations to provide sports and leisure activities. Call the Parks Office to find out how to become involved in any of the following activities:

Eel Valley Little League & T-Ball  
Eel River Valley Babe Ruth Baseball  
Fortuna Minor League Baseball  
American Legion 76er’s  
Humboldt Youth Soccer League  
Eel River Valley Youth Football League

Income Tax Help  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
Girl Scouts  
Humboldt Adult Soccer League  
Fortuna Art Council  
Fortuna Horseshoe Club

Fortuna Pistol Club  
Redwood Genealogical Society  
Relic Accumulators  
Redwood Amateur Radio Club  
Native Daughters of the Golden West



## FORTUNA SENIOR TRANSIT

The City of Fortuna offers transportation within the city limits to seniors (50 and older) or disabled (any age). Two buses operate Mon. - Fri. between 8:30 am & 4:00 pm and first Saturday of each month. The Fortuna Senior Transit is a reservation & dispatcher based system, which means you call dispatchers to schedule the times **you** need the bus. Call 725-7625 starting at 8am (M-F), for questions, to schedule reservations and return trips.

## FORTUNA DEPOT MUSEUM

Fortuna’s Depot Museum is located in Rohner Park. The depot was originally built in 1893 and located at the foot of 7th Street. As part of the nation’s Bicentennial celebration the city moved the depot to Rohner Park and converted it into Fortuna’s museum of local history. The museum’s grand opening was held on July 4, 1976. Exhibits feature railroads, logging, fishing, farming and ranching, local Native American culture, a general store, and the daily lives of those who for generations called Fortuna “home.” Other highlights include the Rohner Room, dedicated to the Swiss immigrant family who donated much of the land that became Rohner Park, and Northwestern Pacific Caboose # 11, built in 1909 and donated to the museum by the Noble family in 2006. Visitors are welcome to use the local history research materials in the Reference Room, including a complete set of Fortuna Union High School Megaphone yearbooks from 1906 to the present. Winter hours: Noon-4:30 pm, Thursday - Sunday. Summer hours: Noon-4:30 PM, 7 days a week. No fee. Prearranged tours are available by calling 725-7645.





**RIVER LODGE CONFERENCE CENTER**

1800 Riverwalk Drive  
Fortuna, CA 95540  
707-725-7572  
www.friendlyfortuna.com

River Lodge is the City’s beautiful, award-winning conference center. Perfectly situated overlooking the Eel River and Coastal Mountains, it provides a perfect setting for any event. Weddings, conferences, reunions, celebrations, seminars and retreats are just a few of the family, community and business events held at River Lodge.

The Lodge has over 12,0000 square feet of space and accommodates groups of various sizes. Its rustic architecture, lobby gallery, gift shop, panoramic views of the Eel River, excellent service, on-site parking, commercial kitchen and state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment are just a few of the features that make the River Lodge the perfect location for any event.

The River Lodge is home to Northern California’s largest and most diverse heather garden, including more than 400 different varieties of heath and heather. This spectacular garden is a collaboration of the Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire, the Fortuna Garden Club, and the City of Fortuna.

Be sure to visit the gift shop. Stocked with a wide variety of local artisan’s wares, shoppers will be sure to find that special gift. Enjoy the works of art such as paintings, cards, photography, metal work, pottery, redwood gifts, jewelry and much more. If you need information, stop in to the visitor center, both are located in the lodge.



**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE**

The 2013 River Lodge Holiday Craft Faire is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2013, 10am to 4pm and Sunday, November 24, 2013, 10am to 3pm. This year marks the 12th year for the River Lodge Conference Center Holiday Craft Faire. There will be over 30 booths featuring quality, handmade crafts and fine art by the exhibitors. Nothing is imported. While you’re at the faire, you can enjoy refreshments at the Cafe Court! Artist/Crafter applications for participation are available on the website.

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIVER LODGE BRIDAL FAIRE**

The 2014 River Lodge Bridal Faire is scheduled for Sunday, January 12th at the River Lodge Conference Center in Fortuna. Over 30 vendors reserve space to offer brides-to-be information and samples of their wares. Future brides looking for that last vendor and those just starting the planning process are sure to find valuable resources to help them on their way. Plan to attend from 1:00-4:00pm, Cost \$10 and take part in taste sampling, the cake cutting, and raffles. Call 725-7572 with any questions.



**FORTUNA MONDAY CLUB**

610 Main Street  
Fortuna, CA 95540  
(707)725-7572

The Fortuna Monday Club, originally a literacy club formed in 1906, was built in 1929. The Monday Club was a women’s group dedicated to

improving the quality of life in the community.

Ownership of the building was transferred to the Fortuna Concert Series in 1994 and then transferred to the City of Fortuna in 1996.

In keeping the same charm, recent improvements were performed including: new roof, new front porch, ADA access, complete electrical upgrade, resurfacing of the hardwood floor, new oak flooring on the stage, interior paint, window & door replacement, new heating system and a complete remodel of both restrooms including ADA improvements. All of this work was made possible by a donation from the Fortuna High School Class of 1937. In addition, the Fortuna Rotary Noon Club donated monies for the purchase of new stainless steel appliances and flooring for the kitchen. This year we had the building painted. The Monday Club is available for small meetings and socials. Please call 725-7572 (River Lodge) for more information.



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## CITY OF FORTUNA 2013 SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

For the latest information on community events, call the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce at 707-725-3959, or visit [friendlyfortuna.com](http://friendlyfortuna.com)

Farmer's Market, Tuesdays, May 21 – October 29, 2013, 10 <sup>th</sup> & Main Streets	From 3 pm til closing. Fresh local produce, live plants, local products, flowers, and much more!
Fortuna Rodeo Week July 15-21, 2013 Throughout Fortuna	Enjoy a week of activities: chili cookoff, fireman's games, parade, and carnival. Friday night features Quad races, Saturday Cowboy Mixer & Dance, Rodeo on Saturday & Sunday. Best BBQ in the west on Sunday. Traditional family fun!
Fortuna Redwood Auto Xpo July 26-28, 2013 Throughout Fortuna	Start with the Cruise and Sock Hop on Friday night, then enjoy the car show, swap meet, arts and crafts boutique, antique show, cars, cars and more cars! Antique tractors and farm equipment on display. Sunday BURN OUT contest.
Hops in Humboldt Saturday, August 24, 2013, Rohner Park	Sun and suds in the heart of Fortuna. Local breweries, plus California and Oregon brews. Live music.
Concert Series Starting September 14, 2013 Monday Club	A variety of musical presentations presented at the beautifully remodeled Monday Club the second Saturday of each month, September through May (excluding December).
Apple Harvest Festival Saturday, October 5, 2013 Throughout Fortuna	Annual celebration of the fall apple harvest. Hayrides throughout town, orchard BBQ, live music, apple pie contest, farmer's market, street sale, lots of children's activities.
Police Department Disaster Fair Saturday, October 5, 2013	Bring your family down to the Police Dept. on 11 <sup>th</sup> Street. View and tour various safety vehicles and a Helicopter!
Grave Matters Sunday, Oct 27, 2013 1-6 p.m.	Hosted by Fortuna Cemetery district. Come enjoy stories of the past and learn Fortuna's history at Fortuna Sunrise Cemetery.
12 <sup>th</sup> Annual River Lodge Holiday Craft Faire Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 23 & 24, 2013 River Lodge Conference Center	2 DAY SHOW Get started on your holiday shopping with quality, handmade crafts and fine art by the exhibitors. Stop and relax at Cafe Court. Free admission.
Kids Free Holiday Movies Dec. 7th & 14th at 10 a.m.	Kids can watch select Holiday Movies free at the Fortuna Theatre. Ticket information available at <a href="http://fortunabusiness.com">fortunabusiness.com</a>
Redwood Village Open House Thursday, December 12, 2013	Fire truck rides, carolers, refreshments and more. Special sales and drawings for great gifts. Bring the kids to visit with Santa.
Strong's Creek Plaza Open House Tuesday, December 5, 2013	Special sales and drawings for great gifts and refreshments. Bring the kids to visit with Santa in the Fire Truck.
Electric Lighted Parade and Downtown Open House Friday, December 13, 2013 Throughout Fortuna	Parade of lighted trucks, floats and other vehicles goes from Redwood Village Shopping Center to downtown. Join the downtown merchants for refreshments and entertainment. Enjoy the strolling musicians and stop by and see Mr. and Mrs. Claus!
Christmas Music Festival Sunday, December 8, 2013 River Lodge Conference Center	Delight to the music of the season performed by ensembles, choirs, and bands featuring local performers. Wreath sale and refreshments. A holiday tradition in the friendly city.
Garden Club Christmas Home Tour, Wednesday, December 11, 2013 Monday Club and throughout Fortuna	Take a peek at the holiday decorations in some local homes. Watch for locations to be announced.
<b>2014 SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bridal Faire – January 12, 2014 River Lodge Conference Center	Gift Registries, Photographers, Florists, Caterers, Bakeries, Coordinators, Formal Wear, Beauty & More
39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Daffodil Spectacular, March 22 & 23, 2014 River Lodge Conference Center	Springtime in Humboldt means Daffodils! More than 600 varieties will be on display.
City Wide Yard Sale June 7, 2014, Main St.	Rummage, Collectibles, Antiques & More 407-9494 for details
Art and Wine in the Park Sunday, June 8, 2014, Rohner Park	Sample fine wines from local vintners and around the world. Browse and shop in the fine arts area and craft market.
Fortuna Fireworks Festival July 3, 2014, Newburg Park	Free annual community event. Activities and fun for the whole family ending in a fireworks spectacular.