



City of Fortuna

Annual Consumer Confidence Report and Newsletter

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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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WHO TO CONTACT

Animals – Lost or Found	Police Department, 725-7550
Building Permits	Building Department, 725-7600
Business License	City Hall, 725-7600
Burn Permits	Air Quality Control, 443-3093
Depot Museum	Parks and Recreation, 725-7645
Dog Licenses	Police Department, 725-7550
EMERGENCY	DIAL 911
Senior Bus Service	Parks and Recreation, 725-7625
Sewer and Water Problems	City Hall, 725-7600 (M-F, 8 to 5) 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

ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR CITY FACILITIES

City Hall – Administration, Finance, Personnel, Engineering, Building, Planning,	621 11 th Street (707) 725-7600
Police Department – Police Services, Animal Control, Youth Services	621 11 th Street (707) 725-7550 – Business Calls 911 – Emergency Calls
Parks and Recreation – Parks, Recreation, Museum, Skating, After-school program, Summer Fun	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 Drainage	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.sunnyfortuna.com

Consumer Confidence Report 2007

The City of Fortuna is pleased to provide you with the 2007 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 themselves 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.

About Our Water

The City of Fortuna provides water to approximately 11,456 individuals in our service area. The City's water distribution system includes 37 miles of waterline, 4 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 4,381 connections.

Water Sources

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 504 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 Department of Health Services, 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 State Department of Health Services, after the water is aerated, it is then chlorinated to prevent any bacteriological contamination of the water.

Reservoirs and Pump Stations

The 4 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. In addition, the City is currently working on 3 major construction 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 are from January 1 to December 31, 2007 unless otherwise noted.

Safe Drinking Water

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Department of Health Services 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. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

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 are not harmful to public health.

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.

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>

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 U.S. 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).



Table of Chemicals or Constituents Detected in 2007

■ COLIFORM BACTERIA

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS	HIGHEST # OF DETECTIONS	# OF MONTHS IN VIOLATION	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	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

■ DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCTS

CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Total Trihalomethanes TTHM (ppb)	2007	5.5	4.6-5.5	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids(ppb)	2007	1.9	ND-1.9	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	MCL	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Chlorine CL ₂ (ppm)	2007	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) 2006	40	ND	0	15	2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm) 2006	40	590	0	1300	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	LEVEL DETECTED	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Gross Beta Particle Activity (pCi/L)	2006	0.82	0.82	15	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Barium (ppm)	2005*	180	290	1000	2000	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	2005*	0.15	0.15	2000	1000	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum and fertilizer factories
Nitrate (ppm)	2005*	2.4	2.4	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	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)	2005*	180	180	NONE	NONE	Generally found in ground and surface water

*Because many constituents are not tested on a yearly basis, this report may also include sampling data from previous years. Only the most recent detected constituents are reported, and no data is included that is more than 9 years old.

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 scaled to form on plumbing fixtures and cooking utensils.

HOW YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR WATER PROVIDER:

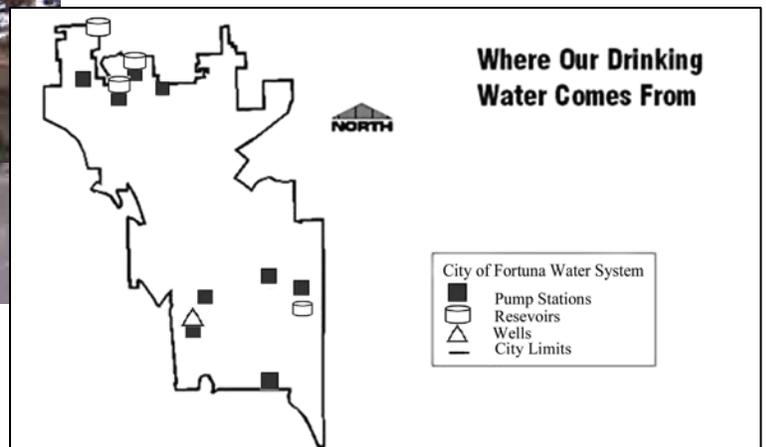
City of Fortuna, Public Works Department, 180 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540 ■ (707) 725-7650 or (707) 725-7630 ■ FAX (707) 725-7651

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

You may attend the City of Fortuna Council meetings which are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 P.M. These meetings are located in the City Hall Council Chambers at 621 11th Street, Fortuna, CA 95540 ■ (707) 725-7600 ■ FAX (707) 725-7610 ■ You may also access the agenda on the web at www.sunnyfortuna.com

Should you have questions regarding this report or would like information concerning your water supply, please contact Bruce Gehrke, Environmental Services Director, at 725-7650. If you would like to request additional copies of this report, please contact us at 725-7650 or 725-7630 or you may access it on the web at www.sunnyfortuna.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.
- **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.

CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS EXPERIENCE CRIME REDUCTION – ADOPT A BLOCK

Although efforts are made on a daily basis by City employees and members of the public, some areas of Fortuna are not as clean as others. According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, urban litter reduces:

- * Property values and increases urban decay
- * Tourism and community pride
- * Revenue for businesses in littered areas
- * Funds for other efforts due to increased cost for cleanup
- * Concern for obeying the law resulting in increased crime, gang and drug activity

If we work together, we can decrease the amount of trash and polluted storm water that flows into the Eel River without treatment. A few potential benefits of litter reduction in Fortuna include:

- Participants are actively involved in keeping sunny Fortuna cleaner, and this could lower our crime rate.
- Increased water quality because fewer harmful materials are floating around where they could harm people or fish, and assists the City in Clean Water Act compliance. (see www.humboldtstormwater.com)
- An increase in the amount of materials which are recycled, which provides economic and environmental benefits to our community, along with helping the City to comply with AB 939.

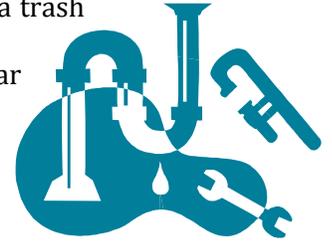
If you're interested in keeping your area of Fortuna a little tidier, please call the City's Adopt a Block program at 725-1464. We need your help to decrease litter along City streets, open spaces, creeks, park areas, bus stops, corners, sidewalks, alleys, public parking lots, and storm drains. Thank you for your assistance to our community.

SEWER BACKUPS CAN BE A DRAIN

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, while decreasing the operating efficiency of wastewater services.

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.
- Cooking oil option #1 - carefully place it in a lidded container (for example, a used plastic bottle), then transport to the Eureka Community Recycling Center the next time you head to the big city. They have a Footprint Recycling tank there for the collection of used vegetable oil, which is then recycled into biodiesel.
- Cooking oil option #2 - carefully place it in a lidded container and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.
- Cleaning you sink with baking soda or vinegar may assist in keeping the pipes clear of blockages.



Slide over to “**Let's Tackle the Grease in the Kitchen,**” to watch a greasy video:

www.p2ric.org/video/details_videoclip.cfm?chapter_id=234

Fortuna City Hall

621 11th St., Fortuna CA 95540 (707)725-7600



INFORMATION FOR MAKING WATER PAYMENTS

Finance Office window hours 7:30a.m. – 5:15p.m. Mon – Fri

After hours payment drop box located in front City Hall parking lot.

Phone number with voice mail 725-7600, for making payment arrangements

24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

Payment methods accepted: cash, check, or money order.

Visa or MasterCard Accepted for

Utility Bill Payments Only!

For faster service, please bring both sides of your water bill when making a payment.

Information about Fortuna's SEWER Charges with the Rate Increase beginning 7/1/08



Residential sewer charges are based on the amount of water used. What that means is, the more water you use, the more you will pay for sewer. The base amount for residential sewer will be \$ 36.02 for 450 cubic feet of water or less. If you use more than 450 cubic feet of water you will be charged \$8.00 for every 100 cubic feet of water over 450. (1 CUBIC FOOT = 7.48 GALLONS)

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 rate WILL NOT be charged on the amount of water used during the Summer months but instead will be based on an average from your Winter months' water usage. If you're 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 include November through April and the Summer months are May through October.

**Saving water during the WINTER months will lower your bills
ALL YEAR ROUND!!!**

NEW WATER RATES FOR 2008 – 2009

Base Rate \$22.20 (Base usage is 500 cubic feet in Summer and 250 cubic feet in Winter)
Usage over Base will be charged at \$1.64 per 100 cubic feet



Fix your Leaks!

It is time to fix those leaky faucets and running toilets!
With the Sewer rates being 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 little food coloring into the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, there is a leak and repairs are needed.

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



CodeRED, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The Fortuna Police Department is pleased to announce that the department now has access to CodeRED, an emergency communications network. The CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high volume – high speed communication service available for mass emergency notifications. CodeRED employs one of a kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high-speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

For example, if there was a hostage situation, natural gas leak, or other emergency affecting a portion of, or the entire city, the Fortuna Police Department would be able to use CodeRED to call the citizens in the affected areas. Phone calls would be placed to all residences with listed and unlisted phone numbers. Data is available immediately as to if the call was answered by a person, an answering machine, or no answer. CodeRED's unique mapping feature allows subscribers to access a map of their community to select the area to receive the emergency message.

For those residences where a cellular phone is the primary phone and no landline exists, CodeRED will not call your residence. Those persons must contact the Fortuna Police Department and have the cellular number entered into the CodeRED system.

HOMELESSNESS IN FORTUNA

The Fortuna Police Department has received an increased number of reports from concerned citizens and property owners regarding the issue of individuals who are transient or homeless. Primarily these reports involve subjects who stand in highly visible areas with signs requesting financial aid or who actively panhandle asking for money. These reports also involve trespassing and/or camping on public or private property within or near Fortuna's city limits.

Fortuna is not used to seeing this type of activity and some feel that unkempt individuals holding a sign or asking for money in Fortuna is a crime. Unless some legal conditions are met, such as being on private property, aggressiveness, or blocking one's path, simply asking for money is not considered a crime and is considered freedom of speech. It is unfortunate that there are people who find themselves in these situations, whether by circumstances or by choice.

Fortuna has limited resources for the truly homeless. The police department wishes we had the answers and resources to effectively deal with this situation. We strive to respond to all calls, however small, involving the homeless and transients. We try to enforce the law fairly and equally. We do not wish to tread on or be over officious with anyone's civil rights, or place our officers and city at risk of litigation. The police department can deal with the issues on a case-by-case basis. Some of the things we can do are to educate our well-intentioned citizens that giving money directly to these individuals, who often use the money for alcohol, drugs and cigarettes rather than food or shelter, is not the answer to their problems. Giving money to the Food Bank or other social services would better ensure the people who really need the assistance receive it.

Citizens need to be willing to follow through with complaints against aggressive panhandlers and trespassing on private property, which lead to arrests, rather than making delayed reports when they return home after an incident or after the suspect is gone or not wanting to get involved. Property owners should post their property, reduce attractive nuisances before camps are established, and continually monitor the property to prevent the situation from continuing.

By building awareness, taking a stand, being vigilant and by working together, we can at least minimize the impact the transient and homeless population has on our community.

FORTUNA PARKS & RECREATION
5 PARK STREET ~ FORTUNA, CA 95540 ~ (707) 725-7620
website: www.sunnyfortuna.com
email: 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 Parks 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.



Excel After School

This program runs throughout the school year, except holidays. All youths in grades 1-8 may be enrolled. Hours of program start after dismissal of school until 6:00 pm. The program is held at South Fortuna, Fortuna Middle School, Ambrosini, Toddy Thomas, and Cuddeback. Featured activities include games, arts & crafts, sports, homework and more.

Holiday BREAK Programs

Recreation programs during school holidays featuring arts and crafts, cooking, games, skating, movies and much more! 7:30 am to 5:30 pm 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.

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.



Summer Swim Lessons (TENTATIVE)

Children 4 years and older are picked up by bus from Rohner Park and Toddy Thomas School and taken to Scotia Pool for swimming lessons. Several consecutive 2-week sessions are offered, enabling children to enroll in more than one session and progress to higher skill levels. Sign ups begin in May and are ongoing throughout the summer months. Partial low-income grant funding is available.

Youth Basketball

Registration begins in December for grades 1-4. Teams play Saturday mornings at the Firemen's Pavilion and Fortuna Middle School starting in February, and the league runs for six weeks. A T-shirt is provided to each child who enrolls



Basketball Camp

A one-week session is held during the summer at Fortuna High School. Camp stresses fundamentals, offensive techniques, and defensive techniques. Camp is held for boys & girls ages 6 - 14. Fee includes camp T-shirt, basketball and passes to a High School basketball game.

Volleyball Camp

A one-week session is held at Fortuna High School during the summer for girls in grades 6 - 12. Camp stresses fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Fee includes camp T-shirt, volleyball and a season pass to the FUHS Volleyball High School games.

Fusuikan Martial Arts for Youth

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Firemen's Pavilion. Ages 5 - 12 welcome.



~ ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS (18 & OLDER) ~

Adult Basketball Leagues

Teams begin forming in January and February with play beginning in March.

Adult Softball Leagues

Teams begin forming in April and May with play beginning in June.

Co-Ed Softball Leagues

The first 8 teams will be accepted. Play begins in August for 6 weeks.

Men's Basketball Open Rec

Play is 3-on-3 half-court during January–March at the Fireman's Pavilion in Rohner Park. Evening hours. \$1 drop-in fee.

~ CLASSES OFFERED ~

Dog Obedience

Taught on Wednesday 6 pm at the Firemen's Pavilion for six weeks. Varied skill levels to match the skill and age of your dog. Several sessions held per year. Call for start dates and prices.

Redwood Aerobics Program – RAP

Supervised healthful exercise for those with a history of debilitating illness or sedentary life style. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 4:30–6 pm at the Firemen's Pavilion. Physician's referral required. Co-sponsored by Redwood Memorial Hospital and Fortuna Parks & Recreation.

Watercolor

Taught on Wednesdays 9:30 am to Noon at the Rohner Recreation Hall. Check with Park Office for start dates. Several classes held during the year.

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 & Thurs at Firemen's Pavilion. Classes are one hour. Call 725-8735 for more information.

Pilates:

Pilates is a safe, sensible exercise system that will make you look & feel your very best. Call 725-6906 for questions & registration information. Instructor provides equipment. Space is limited so sign-up now!

Digital Scrapbooking:

This Class is held at the Rec Hall in Rohner Park. Call the Park Office for class information. Bring your laptop or use the instructors. Learn how to: get your pictures out of your computer and into your life, create your own digital storybook, for yourself or as a gift, and have fun while learning!

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 other 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	Girl Scouts of America Brownie Troop	Redwood Genealogical Society
Eel River Valley Babe Ruth Baseball	BSA Troop #7	Redwood Region Gymkhana Riders
Fortuna Minor League Baseball	Humboldt County 4-H Club	Relic Accumulators
American Legion 76er's	Senior Softball	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Humboldt Youth Soccer League	Humboldt Adult Soccer League	Redwood Amateur Radio Club
Eel River Valley Youth Football League	Fortuna Art Council	Native Daughters of the Golden West
Income Tax Help	Fortuna Horseshoe Club	Community Blood Bank
Take Off Pounds Sensibly	Fortuna Pistol Club	Craft-T-Crafters

FORTUNA SENIOR TRANSIT



The City of Fortuna offers transportation within the city limits to seniors (50 and older) or if you have a disability which prevents you from driving. Two buses operate Mon. - Fri. between 8:30 am & 4:00 pm and one bus operates on Saturday between 9:00 am & 3:30 pm. Cash fare is \$1.25 each time you board the bus or you can purchase a card for \$20, which is good for 20 trips. 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 8th Street. In 1976 as part of the nations Bicentennial Celebration the city relocated the depot to Rohner Park and converted it into a Museum. The depot houses intriguing memorabilia from railroad, logging, farm, kitchen, and war eras, keeping alive the history of Fortuna and the Eel River Valley. Come see our newly redecorated rooms: Rohner Room, kindly donated by Frank Rohner, learn the history of the Rohner family & Rohner Park; Reference Room, research the history of Fortuna & surrounding areas, view tapes of historical significance; Train Room, nothing but trains, trains, trains. 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
FortunaRiverLodge.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. It's 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.



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. The Monday Club is available for small meetings and socials. Please call 725-7572 for more information.

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CITY OF FORTUNA
2008 SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS
 For the latest information on community events, call
 the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce at 725-3959,
 or visit SunnyFortuna.com

Farmer's Market Tuesdays, May 20 – October 21, 2008 10 th & Main Streets	From 3 pm till closing. Fresh local produce, live plants, local products, flowers, and much more! The market changes weekly, so plan to visit often.
Fortuna Rodeo Week July 14-20 Throughout Fortuna	Enjoy a week of activities: chili cookoff, firemen's games, parade, and carnival. Friday night family night. Saturday Cowboy Mixer and Dance. Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday. Best BBQ in the west on Sunday. Traditional family fun!
Fortuna Redwood AutoXpo July 25-27 Throughout Fortuna	Start with the Cruise and Sock Hop on Friday night, and 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 23 Rohrer Park	Sun and suds in the heart of Fortuna. Local breweries, plus California and Oregon brews. Live music, home brew demos, and a separate children's play area.
Concert Series Starting September 13 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 4 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. Food and fun for all!!
Police Department Open House Saturday, October 7 South Fortuna Elementary	Bring your family down to City Hall and meet the men and women who keep the friendly city safe. See demonstrations by Zorro, the police K-9. Tour the police department.
River Lodge Holiday/Craft Faire Sunday, November 23 River Lodge Conference Center	This has become an annual affair! Get started on your holiday shopping, or find something special for yourself. Stop and relax at Café Court. Free.
Redwood Village Open House Thursday, December 4 Redwood Village Shopping Ctr	Fire truck rides, live nativity scenes, carolers, elves, refreshments and more. Special sales and drawings for great gifts. Bring the kids to visit with Santa.
Electric Lighted Parade and Downtown Open House Friday, December 12 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 14 River Lodge Conference Center	Delight to the music of the season performed by ensembles, choirs, and bands featuring local performers. Wealth sale and refreshments. A holiday tradition in the friendly city.
Christmas Home Tour Wednesday, December 10 Throughout Fortuna	Take a peek at the holiday decorations in some local homes. Watch for locations to be announced.
2009 SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS	
8 th Annual Bridal Faire – January 11, 2009 Riverlodge Conference Center	Gift Registries, Photographers, Florists, Caterers, Bakeries,
34 th Annual Daffodil Spectacular, March 28 & 29, 2009 Riverlodge Conference Center	Springtime in Humboldt means Daffodils! More than 600 varieties will be on display.
City Wide Yard Sale June 6, 2009, Main St.	Rummage, Collectibles, Antiques & More 407-9494 for details
Art and Wine in the Park Sunday, June 7, 2009, Rohrer Park	Sample fine wines from local vintners and around the world. Browse and shop in the fine arts area and craft market. Enjoy the VFW BBQ. Relaxing family entertainment.

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