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# City of Fortuna

Annual Consumer Confidence Report and Newsletter

*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	Depot Museum 725-7645
Dog Licenses	Police Department, 725-7550
Fortuna Transit Service	Transit Office, 725-7625
Parks and Recreation	Parks & Recreation Office, 725-7620
Sewer and Water Problems	City Hall, 725-7600 (M-F, 8:00 to 4:00, closed 12 -1) 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, Building, Planning	621 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, Fortuna, CA 95540 (707) 725-7600 (M-F, 8:00 to 4:00, closed 12pm to 1pm)
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, Streets and Maintenance, Engineering	180 Dinsmore Drive (707) 725-1471
River Lodge – Conference Facility	1800 Riverwalk Drive (707) 725-7572
Monday Club	610 Main Street (707) 725-7572

## Consumer Confidence Report 2015

The City of Fortuna is pleased to provide you with the 2015 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 12,000 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 4,280 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 395 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/TSinfo.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 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.

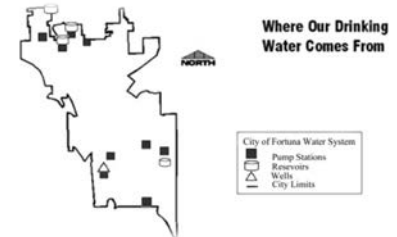
### Important Health Information

#### 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>



### 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.

### 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)

## 2015 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	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	Average Level Detected	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	MCL	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Total Trihalomethanes TTHM (ppb)	2015	12	4.7-17	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids(ppb)	2015	1.3	1-1.8	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

CONSTITUENT	SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	MCL	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT	
Chlorine CL <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	2015	0.4	0.0-0.8	4.0	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment

### ■ LEAD & COPPER TESTING RESULTS(Done every 2 years, results below from 2014)

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 (ppb) 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)	2015	0.26	14	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 (MCLG)	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

*Should you have questions regarding this report or would like information concerning your water supply, please contact Doug Culbert, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, (707) 725-1476. If you would like to request additional copies of this report, please contact us at (707) 725-7600 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.*

**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

**With California still experiencing severe drought, on February 2, 2016 the State Water Board adopted an extended and revised emergency regulation to ensure that urban water conservation continues in 2016. The regulation extends restrictions on urban water use through October 2016. We are still in a Stage 2 water shortage with new restrictions added addressing outdoor watering, which is now only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays until the Governor's order is lifted. For more information about other prohibitions in the WSCP you can find it on the City's webpage at: <http://www.friendlyfortuna.com/documentcenter/view/206>**

**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 green waste 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.



**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 prunings 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.

**PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS**

Have you ever poured hot bacon grease into a can? Did you notice how it solidified? This also occurs in your drainpipes... 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)**

These 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.

**RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING**

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

1. There are 2 convenient CRV bottle/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.

**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.



**FORTUNA CITY HALL**

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

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm

Closed from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

**City Council Meetings:** First and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall. You can watch live on channel 10 or watch a replay. Replay schedule can be found on [accesshumboldt.net](http://accesshumboldt.net). Videos links can be found 2 days after the meeting on the City’s website; [friendlyfortuna.com](http://friendlyfortuna.com). Agenda packets are online the Friday before each Council meeting.

**Electric Car charging stations are now available! They are located across from City Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**INFORMATION ABOUT MAKING WATER/SEWER PAYMENTS**

**The City Of Fortuna 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.

**We accept MasterCard, Visa, debit cards, cash, check or money order.**

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 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.

**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!**

**For additional convenience after hours, there is a payment drop box located at the exit of the City Hall parking lot and inside the lobby.**

You may also pay your utility bill online a [friendlyfortuna.com](http://friendlyfortuna.com)

During business hours, customers may also call (707) 725-7600 to pay with a credit card.

Payment arrangements can be made by leaving a message, 24 hours a day.



**IT’S 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.

**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, studen 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'S LEASH LAWS**

**Fortuna's Spring weather is upon us which brings us out into our community with family and our pets. Just a quick reminder that the City of Fortuna has leash laws that keep all of our pets safe from automobiles, bicycles and/or unpleasant interactions with other animals and citizens unprepared to deal with a romping black lab or curious terrier.**

**The Fortuna Municipal Code states:**

**6.12.010 Generally.**

A. It is unlawful for any person to cause or permit or allow any dog or dogs, owned, harbored, controlled, or kept by him to roam or run or stray away from the premises where the same is or are owned, harbored, or kept, at any time, except in the custody and control of the owner or some responsible person, thereunto by the owner duly authorized.

**B. In addition, all dogs shall be kept on a leash not to exceed eight feet in length in all areas of the incorporated city not on the owner's premises.**

C. It shall be the duty of the animal control officer to impound any dog found running at large at any time contrary to the provisions of this section. (Ord. 76-362 § 5).

**6.12.020 Dogs under four months.**

All dogs under four months of age shall be confined to the premises of or kept under the physical restraint by the owner, keeper, or harborer, and such restraint shall continue until a period of 30 days has elapsed after vaccination of the particular dog with an approved anti-rabies vaccine. (Ord. 76-362 § 6).

**FORTUNA PARKS & RECREATION & FORTUNA TRANSIT**

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

Website: [www.friendlyfortuna.com](http://www.friendlyfortuna.com) ~ Email: [kreford@ci.fortuna.ca.us](mailto:kreford@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 4:30 pm.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS & CLASSES**

**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 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 available.

**ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS (18 & UP)**



**Youth Basketball**

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

**Public Roller-skating at the Firemen's Pavilion**

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 is provided or you can 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.

**Weight Watchers**

Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday afternoon at the Recreation Hall located in Rohner Park. Weigh-ins start at 11:45 and the meeting is from 12:15-12:45. Come join Andrea and learn how to live a healthy life style.

**Results Fit Camp**

4 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.

The classes and activities described run continuously throughout the year. Call for more information. 725-7620

**Adult Softball Leagues**

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

**Pickle Ball**

This game is a fun, easy to learn, all skill levels welcome. Mon & Wed, 9:30am-12:30pm at the Fireman's Pavilion in Rohner Park. Fee \$3

**Adult Basketball Leagues**

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

**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.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS & OTHER RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

- Income Tax Help
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Humboldt Adult Soccer League
- Fortuna Art Council
- Fortuna Horsehoe Club
- Eel Valley Little League & T-Ball
- Eel River Valley Babe Ruth Baseball
- Fortuna Minor League Baseball
- Fortuna Pistol Club
- Redwood Genealogical Society
- Relic Accumulators
- Redwood Amateur Radio Club
- Native Daughters of the Golden West
- American Legion 76er's
- Humboldt Youth Soccer League
- Eel River Valley Youth Football League

**FORTUNA 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 to 4:00 pm. The Fortuna Senior Transit is a reservation & dispatcher based system, which means you call dispatchers to schedule the times **you** need the bus, as well as one scheduled trip to Eureka each month. Call 725-7625 starting at 8am (M-F), for questions, to schedule reservations and return trips.



**FORTUNA DEPOT MUSEUM**



Come find your place in history at the Fortuna Depot Museum, in Rohner Park near downtown Fortuna. One hundred years ago, Fortuna's train depot was at the center of community life. Every Sunday afternoon, townspeople gathered at the depot to share news and gossip and watch the arriving passenger trains, northbound from Shively and southbound from Eureka. Slated to be demolished in the early 1970s, the depot was rescued by the City of Fortuna and moved to Rohner Park. Today the museum in the old depot building celebrates and explores the history of Fortuna and the Eel River Valley.

In addition to year-round displays, 4-6 seasonally changing exhibits ensure that there is always something new to see at the museum. The depot museum hosts numerous local history presentations. Upcoming s at the depot museum in 2016 is a presentations by local historian Jerry Rohde on Friday, July 8 at 7:00, "Humboldt Headlines: 1900 to 1930." Stories told that night will include the great Fortuna bank robbery of 1922. On Sunday, July 11, the museum hosts the awards presentation for the first annual "Eel River Valley Thirty Day Photo Challenge," co-sponsored by the Fortuna Depot Museum and the Multi-Generational Center. In 2016 the depot museum launches its latest book, *Mills of Humboldt County*, with book-signings July 16, 17 and 23 and a book talk July 21 at 6:00.

Northwestern Pacific Caboose #11, built in 1909 and donated to the Depot Museum in 2006, is a favorite with young visitors to the park. The museum's "Hands-On" area for kids includes antique school desks and typewriters, a stereoscope viewer and slides (the original 3-D) and a "dress-up" vintage clothing collection. Visitors can also try out the museum's train whistle and learn the meaning of different whistle signals such as 2 long blasts, 1 short and 1 long, meaning "train is coming to the crossing."

The museum's Reference Room provides a wealth of resources for local history and genealogical research, including 35 Fortuna Union High School scrapbooks from the 1920s to the present and a collection of FUHS *Megaphone* yearbooks. At the Depot Museum gift shop you can buy numerous local history publications along with railroad memorabilia and train toys (including your very own train whistle).

Depot Museum hours are 12:00—4:30 (7 days a week in June, July and August and Thursday through Sunday from September through May). Admission is free.

For more information call 725-7645, email [fortunamuseum@ci.fortuna.ca.us](mailto:fortunamuseum@ci.fortuna.ca.us) or visit [friendlyfortuna.com](http://friendlyfortuna.com). New museum volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, contact curator Dr. Alex Service at the museum. You, too, can be a part of Fortuna history!



**RIVER LODGE CONFERENCE CENTER**

1800 Riverwalk Dr. Fortuna, CA 95540 707-725-7572 www.riverlodgeconferencecenter.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 12,000 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 Humboldt Handmade Gallery. 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.

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

The 2016 River Lodge Holiday Craft Faire is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2016, 10am to 4pm and Sunday, November 20, 2016, 10am to 3pm. This year marks the 15th 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.

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

The 2017 River Lodge Bridal Faire is scheduled for Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 and raffles.

Call 725-7572 with any questions. Vendor applications are available on the website.

**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 (River Lodge) for more information

**CITY OF FORTUNA  
2016 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, June 5 <sup>th</sup> – October 25 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> & Main Streets	From 3 pm til closing. Fresh local produce, live plants, local products, flowers, and much more!
Fortuna Fireworks Festival July 3, 2016 Newburg Park	Free annual community event. Activities and fun for the whole family ending in a fireworks spectacular.
Fortuna Rodeo Week July 11-17, 2016 Throughout Fortuna	Enjoy a week of activities: chili cookoff, firemen'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 AutoXpo July 22-24, 2016 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.
Flynn Creek Circus August 11-14, 2016, Newburg Park	"All Human Spectacle" Pushing traditional circus arts to an innovative edge. Radically inspiring audiences by demonstrating disciplined artistic and athletic risk.
Hops in Humboldt Saturday, August 27, 2016 Rohner Park	Sun and suds in the heart of Fortuna. Local breweries, plus California and Oregon brews. Live music.
Back to School Fashion Show Humboldt County Fair Grounds	Fortuna businesses participate in an Eel River Valley fashion show at the Humboldt County Fair Grounds. For more information visit <a href="http://fortunabusiness.com">fortunabusiness.com</a>
Apple Harvest Festival Saturday, October 1-2, 2016 6 Locations Throughout Fortuna	Annual celebration of the fall apple harvest. Hayrides throughout town, orchard BBQ, live music at 4 locations, street sale, lots of children's activities, great food, and family fun for everyone.
Police Department Disaster Fair Saturday, October 1, 2016	Bring your family down to Rohner Park. View and tour various safety vehicles and a Helicopter!
Grave Matters & Untimely Departures Sunday, Oct 30, 2016 Masonic and IOF Cemeteries/Rohnerville Rd.	Catch spellbinding stories of both the obscure and the infamous buried in Fortuna's cemeteries. Tours start at 1:30p.m. with the last tour leaving at 5:30 p.m.
Core Area Trick or Treat October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2016	Trick or Treating in the downtown shopping centers from 3:30 pm to 5:30. The fun continues in redwood Village Shopping Center and Strongs Creek Plaza from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
Humboldt Ice Rink November 13 <sup>th</sup> 2016- January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 Newburg Park	Ice rink open to the public Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup> Annual River Lodge Holiday Craft Faire Sat. & Sun., Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	2 DAY SHOW Get started on your holiday shopping with <i>quality, handmade crafts</i> . Enjoy the Café Court. Free admission.
Strongs Creek Plaza Open House Thursday, December 1, 2016	Special sales and drawings for great gifts and refreshments. Bring the kids to visit with Santa in the Fire Truck.
Kids Free Holiday Movies December 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2016. 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>
Garden Club Christmas Home Tour Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Monday Club and throughout Fortuna	Take a peek at holiday decorations in some local homes. Watch for locations to be announced.
Redwood Village Hosts the Al Gray Electric Lighted Parade and Downtown Open House Friday, December 9, 2016, 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 11, 2016 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.
<b>2017 SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bridal Faire – January 8, 2017 River Lodge Conference Center	Gift Registries, Photographers, Florists, Caterers, Bakeries, Coordinators, Formal Wear, Beauty & More
Redwood Comedy Festival January 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Featuring a 2-day comedy festival with over 40 Comedians in beautiful Fortuna. <a href="http://redwoodcomedyfest.com">redwoodcomedyfest.com</a>
Home Based Business Expo Sunday, March 5, 2017 River Lodge Conference Center	The Home Based Business Expo is to help expose some of Fortuna's 170+ home based businesses. Hosted by the Fortuna Business Improvement District.
42 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Daffodil Spectacular, March 25- 26, 2017, River Lodge Conference Center	Springtime in Humboldt means Daffodils! More than 600 varieties will be on display.
City Wide Yard Sale June 3, 2017, Main St.	Rummage, Collectibles, Antiques & More Call 407-9494 for details
Farmer's Market, Tuesdays, June 6 <sup>th</sup> - October 27 <sup>th</sup> 2017 10 <sup>th</sup> & Main Street	From 3 pm til closing. Fresh local produce, live plants, local products, flowers, and much more!
Art and Wine in the Park Sunday, June 11 2017, Rohner Park	Sample fine wines from local vintners and around the world. Browse and shop in the fine arts area and craft market.