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PUBLIC SAFETY

New fees to pay off fire station

Nursing care facilities face higher charges due to call volume

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Two months after turning station, Napa leaders are lining up its funding.

An ordinance approved by service fees Napa charges developers in a plan to help cover Browns Valley Road and Laurel Street, where construction began in mid-October.

The changes, Napa's first future projects are expected to

nursing-care centers that officials say place the heaviest load of service calls, especially medical calls, on firefighters.

Napa estimates the total earth on Browns Valley's first fire cost of the Browns Valley fire housing will see a 22 percent rate station at \$7.1 million, including construction, land, design new office space will pay \$317 per and equipment. The station is the city council on Tuesday will intended to shorten response overhaul the fire and paramedic times in west Napa not only for fires but also for medical emergencies, eliminating the centers for residential medical the cost for Fire Station No. 5 on time lag of sending trucks and personnel from Station No. 1 more than double and possibly downtown.

Through the fee increases,

since 2008, will increase costs cover a 20-year, \$4.8 million for some types of projects, cut loan with \$600,000 interest, the rate for multifamily housing the portion city officials say will and sharply raise the expense for cover the cost of protecting a growing number of homes and businesses

> New single-family houses will be charged at \$656 each, a 7 percent increase, while multifamily cut to \$589 per unit. Builders of 1,000 square feet, a 92 percent

> But the most radical change will affect developers building care, for which impact fees will rise by far more.

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One of 60 piles, which will make up the foundation of Fire Station No. 5 on Browns Valley Road, is set into the ground on Wednesday afternoon. The piles will range in depth from 50 to 60 feet.

SHARING THE SPIRIT



Leslye Dellar, who has volunteered at Phillips Elementary School for about three years, works with a student on a writing assignment.

From Fish Story to storytime: Dellar volunteers in school

Learning to read sets a child on a life path leading to success

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This story is part of the Regispeople making a difference in their communities.

Plenty of people know Leslye Dellar from her career in the restaurant industry.

Leslye and her husband Mi- morning a week at the school. chael Dellar are two of the founders of Lark Creek Restaurant group, which formerly operated Fish Story in downtown restaurants.

However, in one Napa classroom, Dellar is known for something totally different — and arguably even more important.

For the past 20 years, Dellar has volunteered as a reading tutor—the past 10 in Napa classrooms, and most recently at Phillips Charter Elementary

have a good life and good health, extra support and encourageyou definitely need to help people that aren't quite so lucky," she said. "You need to give back."

For about three years now, Dellar has worked with first grade students at Phillips helping them learn to read.

ter's annual holiday series about classroom with them," she said. answer to a lot of our problems." "I feel like I'm really accomplishing something there. I enjoy it so much. The kids are so

Dellar currently spends one room, she said.

work on their morning message," which includes some writing and then math problems. Then Napa. She's also known for Dellar sits with students while her flower arrangements at the they read, helping them sound Dellar paused to think. out words when necessary.

"Our students cheer every Monday when Mrs. Dellar The teacher is with them all the walks into the classroom," wrote Sheri Blades, first grade teacher more of a disciplinarian." Dellar at Phillips school. "They are so doesn't have to take on that auexcited to have her special attention."

24 students in my class but she with them," said Dellar. also has a few students who she "If you are lucky enough to works with individually to give

Even those that have moved on to the next grades remember Dellar fondly, greeting and hugging her in the hallways, said Blades.

Education is very important 'It's wonderful to be a in a to her, Dellar noted. "It's the

> Dellar has also been known to bring snacks and supplies for the students. It's natural to provide extras for the teacher and class-

"I know from having two "The first thing they do is daughters that are teachers that a lot of that stuff comes out of their own pocket."

When asked why the kids seem to appreciate her so much,

"I guess because I'm different from their parents and teachers. time and she has to be a little thority role.

"Maybe they get as much out "Each year she helps support of it as I do because I love being

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Serious money issues plague Upvalley town

St. Helena voters OK half-cent sales tax to stabilize city finances

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ST. HELENA - The yearstarted with one more disastrous financial revelation in the city of St. Helena, which spent much of 2016 trying to regain its fiscal footing.

However, 2016 ended on an optimistic note in St. Helena with the overwhelming passage of a sales tax measure that city officials say is a first of many steps toward stabilizing the city's finances after years of mismanagement.

The latest example involved the city's double-billing of grants related to its old flood

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project, which happened under the oversight of city staffers who later left St. Helena. While investigating previously discovered financial irregularities, current city officials uncovered case after case in which the same expenses had been charged to two separate funding sources: a grant from the state Department of Water Resources and a loan from the State Revolving Fund.

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TRIBUTES

Supervisors say goodbye to colleagues

Praise for Luce who lost re-election bid

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beberling@napanews.com Napa County supervisors said

lingering "goodbyes" to Supervisors Mark Luce

and Keith Cald-Attorney Gary Lieberstein. bid for a sixth

term in November to challenger Ryan Gregory. On necht, who on election night

Tuesday, for the last time in his 20-year Board of Supervisors







Caldwell Lieberstein

well and District career, he voted on county de-

But first, the Board thanked Luce lost his the former Chevron environmental engineer for his public service.

Supervisor Brad Wagenk-

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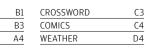
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