

Taylor Day

From: Bob Tonnies [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Public Comments; [REDACTED] Donna
Subject: Fwd: Concern over garbage in front of our patio....Tuesday Night.. 26 Cans on N. Auburn Street

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To: GV City Council
Concerning: Garbage and right to enjoy our property
From: Bob Tonnies & Donna Alarie

Dear Council members, Donna and I have exhausted our efforts to get the garbage and resulting conditions abated. We just sent a string of emails and copied Council Woman Jan Arbuckle, so we hope she has shared this string of emails with you, started on October 3rd, 2022.. We also copied Robin Davies, Tim Kiser, Lillie Pilland and Craig Hamilton with the GVDA Board. The odor, the flies, the unsightly number of garbage cans, and all located in front of our patio. We have sent sufficient emails, with photos, explanations and possible solutions. Instead, the attached shows a GVDA Brochure signed by Tim Kiser, that garbage is to be placed in front of our patio. Even after sending the code which outlines our concerns, and why we need to enjoy our property, and not be inundated with garbage cans, flies, garbage odors, and such an unsightly mess. Please meet with us if necessary, but we need to sell our properties, and have a new owner make the best of our location. The folks who put the garbage on the street do not manage the garbage. It can sit on the street for days, lids open, placed on the sidewalks, etc. The garbage needs to stay in the alley with the business owners that created the garbage. It should not become our concern, or a problem that devalues our property, or limits putting the patio to it's best and intended use. Please abate this garbage issue as it is a public nuisance.

Sincerely

Bob Tonnies & Donna Alarie

- GV City Code, 9.28.010 - Findings and purpose.

A.

The city, pursuant to its charter and the constitutional and statutory laws of the state, is authorized to abate public nuisances and assess the cost of abatement against the parcel of real property on which the nuisance exists. The city is further authorized to impose criminal sanctions for maintenance of a public nuisance.

B.

A public nuisance causes the following:

1.

A reduction in property value;

2.

An obstruction to or interference with the comfortable enjoyment of the adjacent property;

3.

Adverse impacts on the aesthetic quality of property, giving the appearance of blighted conditions and a deteriorated environment; or

4.

Conditions which are injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare including, but not limited to, a harborage for rodents and insects, a dangerous attraction for children and potential for fire and health hazards.

(Ord. 651 § 3 (part), 2005)

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From: **Bob Tonnies** [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Subject: Re: Tuesday Night.. 26 Cans on N. Auburn Street

To: <info@downtowngrassvalley.com>, Grass Valley Tim Kiser <timk@cityofgrassvalley.com>, Gvda Libby New Promo [REDACTED], Robin Davies <rdavies@grassvalleychamber.com>, Donna Alarie [REDACTED]

Hi Tim... as we explained in our meeting with you this Tuesday, and this won't correct the problem. If you look at your garbage dump area, now officially designated, and the overflow of garbage cans, we're still surrounded by garbage. Garbage needs to stay in the Alley and managed by the folks responsible for the Garbage.

These are the photos the day after you changed our yellow loading zone to a red no parking zone. Garbage cans will still be in front of our gate, and Cars are now parking in the red zone. Garbage will be sitting on the street everyday of the week. We're trying to sell our property and everyone understands this is a serious nuisance, and our property rights and valuation need to be a priority. This is not our garbage. It's being placed 5-ft from our patio. We showed you the garbage juice and drippings when we met. The garbage, conditions, open containers, and now the flies are unbearable. Let alone the dumpster divers and creatures of the night. So...please have the folks generating the garbage use the Alley across the street...since it's where their garbage is stored and generated.

Regards... Bob Tonnies & Donna

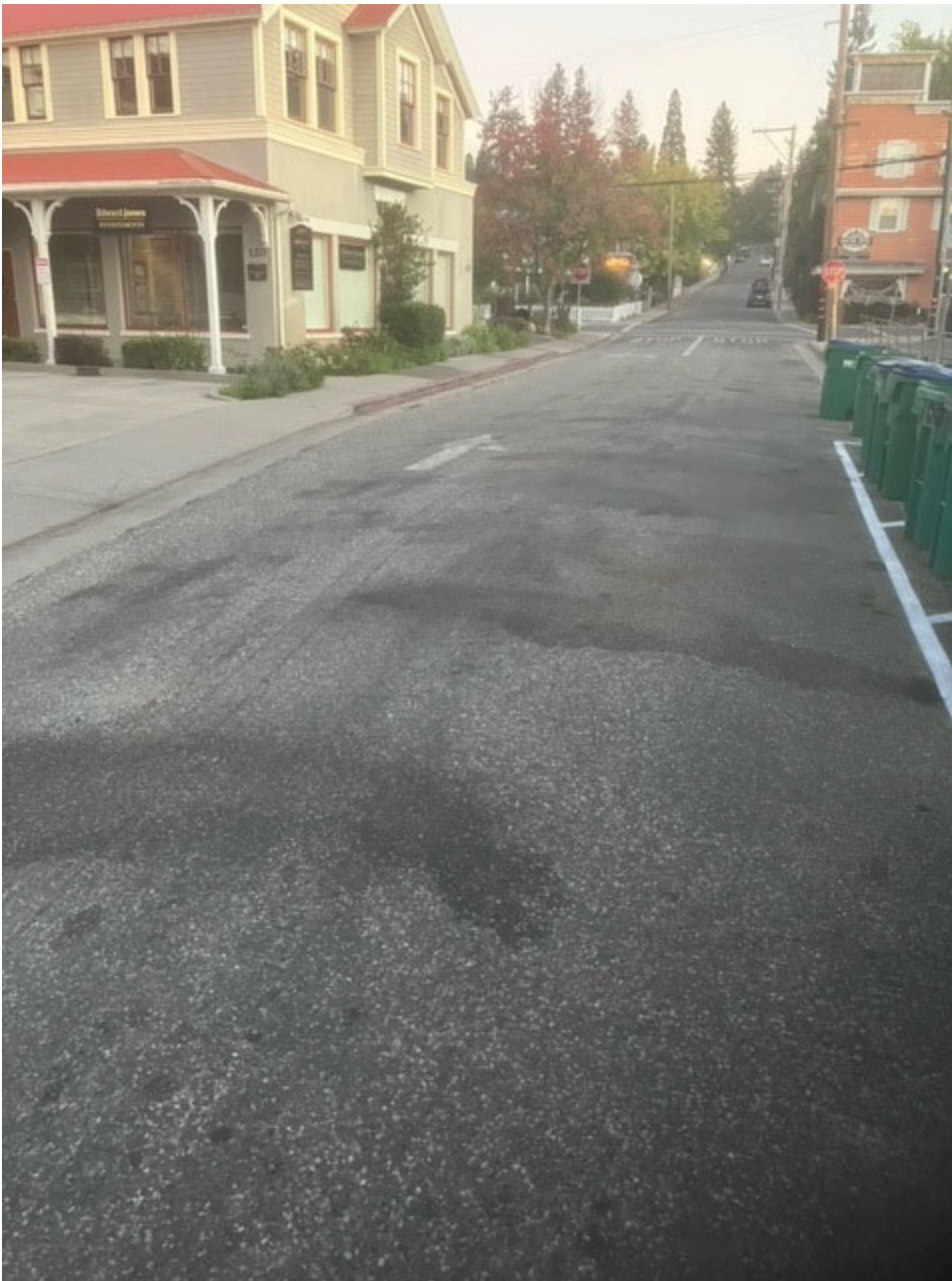















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On Oct 6, 2022, at 9:24 AM, Grass Valley Downtown Association <info@downtowngrassvalley.com> wrote:

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N. Auburn Street Waste Can Placement

 [Redacted]

SUBJECT: GARBAGE, RECYCLE, and/or
GREEN WASTE CAN LOCATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 2022

To whom it may concern:

If you place your waste bins (garbage, recycle, and/or green waste) on the section of North Auburn between Main and Richardson, please place your bins in the newly designated area on North Auburn (see photos below).

Millenium Smoke Shop and Elixart, please place your bins closer to the intersection of North Auburn and Main Street in the street near the old steel doors.

Waste Management is working with the City to address the number of cans in front of any one property. This is a trial to try to make things work better for everyone. Please make every effort to place bins in these new locations.

Thanks,

Tim Kiser, P.E.
City of Grass Valley
City Manager
T (530) 274-4312
F (530) 274-4399

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Failure is not fatal;
It is the courage to continue
that counts"
– Winston Churchill***

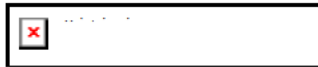


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From: Thomas Gabriel Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project – Benches/Planters and Tree Grates

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Hey folks,

Excited to hear that more seating and beautification efforts are being added to GV downtown! Trusting yall will pick out some beautiful tree grates, wish I could make it tonight.

-Tom Watson

Taylor Day

From: Mark Reilly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Support for Public Benches on Mill Street

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Dear City Council Members,

After reading comments from the last City Council meeting, I am writing to say I strongly support permanent public seating on our reimagined Mill Street.

As a resident of downtown Grass Valley, who frequents downtown businesses at least once a day, I haven't seen any abuse of public seating on Mill Street since it was closed to automobile traffic. Instead I've seen families, friends, and individuals use the seating to meet with others, people watch, enjoy their food or drink purchase, or rest during their shopping trip.

As an architect and Urban Planner, I want to add that public seating is a key component of good Placemaking and is essential to transform a closed Mill Street into an engaging, vital, vibrant, and usable public space.

I strongly encourage City Council to vote "YES" to include public seating in the Mill Street redesign.

Sincerely,

Mark Reilly, Architect
118 Conaway Avenue
Grass Valley, Ca 94945

Taylor Day

From: Bob Tonnies [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Public Comments; Bob Tonnies; Donna
Subject: Fwd: Sent to Officer Kimbrough Sept 2021.... Fwd: Vandalism, Lighting, and Garbage in front of our property

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From: Bob Tonnies [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 8:12 AM
Subject: Sent to Officer Kimbrough Sept 2021.... Fwd: Vandalism, Lighting, and Garbage in front of our property
To: [REDACTED], Donna Alarie [REDACTED]

To: City Council Members
From: Bob Tonnies & Donna Alarie
Concerning: Garbage Cans in Front of our Property, and other issues surrounding our property

Thank you all for reviewing our attempts to get rid of the garbage cans, and try to get needed attention to our section of the Downtown. We have attached just one of the many emails from a year ago, September of 2021, To Officer Kimbrough. We need someone to understand our needs, and addressing the decline taking place in our backyard. Donna and I have been addressing this with all departments, Police, GVDA, Chamber, Community Development and Tim Kiser. Officer Kimbrough tried and told us he hit a dead end, and advised that we present the GV City Codes, which we have done. The Codes are there to protect us. Code (9.28.010) addresses the Public Nuisance aspect relating to garbage. We have listed the 4 Specific concerns in Code 9.28.010. We are also concerned on the volume of food waste, as Pete's puts out 20 garbage cans per week. If for no other reason, the odor and flies cannot continue and need to be addressed immediately.

1. A reduction in Property Values
2. An obstruction to or interference with the comfortable enjoyment of the adjacent property
3. Adverse impacts on the aesthetic quality of property, giving the appearance of blighted conditions and a deteriorated environment
4. Conditions which are injurious to the public health, safety and general welfare including, but not limited to, a harborage for rodents and insects, a dangerous attraction for children and potential for fire and health hazards.

We will be sending you additional correspondence, in our continued effort to get this condition abated. The solution carries no burden, or exposure to our neighbors, as it only requires the neighbors creating the garbage to keep it in the Alley behind, or next to their businesses. Our neighbors behind Brewery building have around 20 garbage cans that WM just backs up to and loads. They're not rolled out to the street. We have sent photos, used arrows, and have only worked to create a solution that does not put the exposure of garbage and conditions we are being subjected to. No parking spaces are lost, no pedestrian traffic impeded, no flies or rodents, and no visual eyesore currently being created.

Unfortunately, Tim Keiser has now sent out a flyer through the GVDA, creating a permanent garbage can drop off in front of our patio. Mr. Kiser painted our yellow drop off zone to a redzone, and created a garbage can area. There are a minimum of 4 garbage can pickups, so there are garbage cans in front of property all the time. Our Patio is intended for a new occupant to use for dining and classified as a food serving area. It complicates our disclosure forms as we are selling our property. Creating a Garbage Can drop off zone, will create a nuisance worse than it already has become. The smell, open lids, unsightliness, and abundance of flies are an obvious nuisance, and surely will devalue our property. We

have made some wonderful improvements to the neighborhood, and creating an area garbage dump site defeats our efforts.

Please consider our requests, and have the folks who generate the garbage, manage it, instead of rolling it out on the street in front of our property. We can't let it continue so we are seeking your assistance. We will be glad to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Bob Tonnies and Donna Alarie

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Tonnies [REDACTED]
Date: September 28, 2021 at 6:28:21 PM PDT
To: jherrera@gvdp.net, anorris@gvdp.net, [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Vandalism, Lighting, and Garbage in front of our property

Thank you John & Autumn for meeting with us today. We are forwarding our email and photos sent to Sgt. Kimbrough on Sept. 7th. We have been filing complaints with the city since this all started, and endlessly since March of 2020.... Over a year & a half. This should have been corrected long ago, and we appreciate your concern on our behalf. We own the property adjacent to the garbage cans, and City Parking lot. Our attached email details our position.

We are grateful... Bob & Donna
C:925-939-4500
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Tonnies <call4500@gmail.com>
Date: September 7, 2021 at 9:00:48 PM PDT
To: "Grass Valley Sgt. Dan Kimbrough" <dkimbrough@gvdp.net>, [REDACTED]
Subject: Vandalism, Lighting, and Garbage in front of our property

Officer Kimbrough, Thank you and Officer Duncan for meeting with us. My wife Donna and I have a right to enjoy our property, but the conditions we are being exposed to make that impossible. The photos attached are better than words.

1. Without lighting and patrols, the parking lot is unsafe. You have enough police reports of vandalism and drug use to validate our complaint. The lack of lighting has turned the parking lot into a campground and tailgate party. We have sent an endless number of emails to Tom Last and Tim Keiser, yet nothing is done.
2. The stairs are a safety hazard especially with inadequate lighting.
3. 20-30 garbage cans in front of our property, blocks the sidewalk, our driveway, and not only creates an unsightly mess, but obviously would upset any property owner having neighbors put their garbage in front of your property. We can't enjoy our property, and no one respects our concerns, or right to enjoy our property. It must stop...
3. The garbage truck loads the garbage in front of our property and you saw the huge staining on the street and curbing from garbage juice dripping and never cleaned up....

Until it rains...!

4. Beer bottles, canisters used to get high, and the remains of tailgate partying are an endless eyesore. Public consumption creates a serious problem for everyone.

In closing, We have tried to bring change by numerous requests of increasing the lighting on N. Auburn and the parking lot. Also, Stop making our property a garbage dump. We have presented a reasonable solution to The city, where Waste Management does a rear load and picks up the garbage cans from neighboring properties. It eliminates the garbage cans on the street and sidewalks. It's their garbage, and their responsibility, not ours. We will be glad to meet with Chief Gammelgard. Donna and I have a right to enjoy our property, and most importantly feel safe in our home. Our vehicles have been hit twice in the parking lot, and as we reported today, an attempt to siphon gas.

It is clear to everyone there is a serious problem. No one cares enough to correct or prevent what everyone can see is escalating to a more regretful scene for the downtown. Imagine staying at the Courtyard, or going to breakfast at Southpine, or parking in the Parking Lot at night. We need someone who cares about our neighborhood. Thank you for your time to meet with us.

Bob Tonnies
925-939-4500























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From: Wyeth Harry [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment: Dark Sky Lighting

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Grass Valley is not doing a good job of promoting what is commonly called Dark Sky Lighting. The term means simply requiring outdoor lights on streets, parking lots, and public areas in general to be shielded so that light shines downward and not upward or sideways. Many municipalities, including Tucson, Sedona, and Flagstaff, Arizona, Ketchum/Sun Valley, Idaho, and Paso Robles, California have laws on the subject. In particular, Tucson is a big city with almost no lighting visible except from underneath.

Some areas of Grass Valley have very poor dark sky lighting: Dorsey Drive, the roundabout at the foot of E. Main St., the new lights in the Target parking lot, and the new walkway on the path to Chapa De IndianHealth. Good areas are the Raleys parking lot, Timberwood Estates, parts of the Briarpatch parking lots, and Nevada City Senior Apartments.

For your meeting on October 11, I request that your Council require your Planning or other department to look into the issue and the possibility of local requirements on the matter, and report back to the public. I will be present to answer any questions.

Thank you.

HARRY WYETH
[REDACTED]

Taylor Day

From: Barbara Rivenes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 12:35 AM
To: Taylor Day
Subject: Tuesday GV meeting Pioneer Energy agenda item

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To: City Council members,

My name is Don Rivenes. I live at 108 Bridger Ct Grass Valley. As Chair of Nevada County Climate Action Now we would like to express our support for the Agenda item recommending joining the CCA of Pioneer Community Energy. This is an opportunity to save Grass Valley citizens money on their electricity bills, but also to reach the goals of the Energy Action Plan to reduce significantly greenhouse gas emissions. An option of the CCA exists for all citizens to sign up for 100% renewable energy. As a member of the Grass Valley Energy Action Plan Working Group I look forward to working with the CCA to offer more incentives for reaching our EAP goals.

Don Rivenes

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Taylor Day

From: Margie Stevens [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Public Comments

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City Council Members,

I attended the 9/27/22 meeting, when the Baseline request for tennis court usage was voted on and passed. I have a few concerns, I hope will be addressed before the usage permit is activated.

1. Definition of "non peak hours".
2. Signs installed at the park with days/usage hours so there is no confusion.
3. Process of how membership in the club will be verified and monitored over the year.

Thank you,
Margie Stevens

Taylor Day

From: Doramey Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:56 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: How to bring an issue up with City Council?

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Hello,

I live at 416 W Main in Grass Valley. I've lived at this location for about 2 years and have lived in Nevada County since 1985.

The stretch of road I live on has had a lot of speeding (very high speeds up to 60 mph. maybe more). On an issue that affects the whole town, neighbors lately have also been purposely blasted with thick black smoke from diesel trucks (a newer trend also known as "rollin' coal") while walking down the sidewalk or trying to relax in their front yards.

I have a petition signed by the majority of the neighbors on our block addressing both of these issues, and I would like to submit it and see what we can do to try and solve these issues.

I have been trying to figure out through your website how I may raise these issues but it's got me confused on where to start.

Thank you for your time,
Dustin Rogers
[REDACTED]

Taylor Day

From: Greta Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:08 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Very disappointed

Hi all,

I was very disappointed in your decision regarding the Baseline group. You were misled by them. After the meeting, one of their members stated that the only reason they formed a club was so that their group could get reservations. They have no interest other than subverting a system that has worked here and across the country for many decades.

As for the comment about across-the-board reservations, there are a number of issues that need to be resolved: how will it be administered, who will collect the court fees each time, how far in advance can a reservation be made (typically one day to three or four days), how will people who aren't knowledgeable about the reservation system react when they get bounced from a court before they have played an hour, and many more issues.

Greta Watson

Taylor Day

From: Joanna Calabrese [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Comment on GV Downtown Streetscapes Improvement Project

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Hi dear GV Council,

I am writing to advocate for the expansion of public benches in downtown GV. I believe that additional seating would facilitate more connection and a stronger community here in Grass Valley, and ultimately result in greater public safety and wellbeing.

I moved here 3 years ago from the SF Bay Area and I live in downtown GV at 214 Lloyd Street. I have noticed that, unlike when I lived in the city and in Nevada City, I do not find myself frequenting downtown as much as I expected, in part because there are few public places to hang out and meet people. I have to go to a business in order to use their seating. I just end up not going. Even when there are farmers and holiday markets, I don't hang out as long as I expected and connect with people because there is nowhere to sit.

I am a psychologist and former urban planner. I know from studying social psychology (the law of reciprocity) and urban planning that when you give people something (ie. create public goods), people feel taken care of and they give back, people invest. I trust that more seating would not only facilitate a boom to businesses in downtown GV, but also create a space for us to mingle and meet our neighbors and feel more safe and at home in our amazing town.

Thank you sincerely for considering my comment.

Joanna Calabrese
Resident
214 Lloyd Street, Grass Valley