



Rohnert Park Mayor's Report

Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers Association

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Rohnert Park - Q3 2026 Highlights

- **Community-Driven Priorities**

- Presented Rohnert Park's refreshed citywide brand to the City Council on July 28, the result of a year-long process built directly on resident and staff feedback, including a new logo family, color palette, and accessibility-focused style standards.

- **Infrastructure That Delivers**

- Celebrated the reopening of the resurfaced Magnolia Tennis Courts on July 15 through a public-private partnership with the Rohnert Park Tennis Club and a \$60,000 USTA grant. The total project cost was \$120,000.
- Continued the Citywide Pavement Preservation Project, including slurry seals, crack sealing, striping, and curb ramp accessibility upgrades, with completion anticipated November 2026. The total project cost is 11 million dollars.
- Advanced construction of the new Public Works Utilities Administration Building at the City's Wastewater Pump Station, with completion anticipated winter 2026.
- Completed repair and replacement of aging casing and pump equipment at three groundwater well sites, restoring capacity that supplies roughly 30% of the City's drinking water.
- Completed solar canopy installations at the City Center Parking Lot, Callinan Sports & Fitness Center, and Spreckels Performing Arts Center, projected to offset up to 99% of energy usage at those sites.

- **Parks & Quality of Life**

- Restored the Girl Scout Hut at Alicia Park through a workforce-development partnership with the North Bay Construction Corps and North Coast Builders Exchange, giving 22 graduating seniors hands-on construction training.
- Celebrated the unveiling of the Student Peace Tile Project at Rotary Community Peace Park, featuring 240 community-created tiles built around the theme "Creating Peace and Hope in the World."
- Partnering with The Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library to relocate certain services temporarily this fall for interior improvements, with alternate programming planned at Burton Avenue Recreation Center and in Cotati.

- **Community Recognition**

- Held a Juneteenth Freedom Day celebration in partnership with Sonoma State University.
- Welcomed Natalia Fossi as the City's new Director of Development Services and Tracy Rankin as permanent Director of Human Resources.
- Welcomed three new Public Safety Officers — Roberto Balandran, Tyler Rowlands, and Craig "CJ" Engelstad — and welcomed back School Resource Officer Debbie Lamaison.
- Recognized Officer Grey for his commitment to traffic safety, honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at the 2026 Sacramento Law Enforcement Recognition Event.

- **Community Partnerships & Innovation**

- Opened the nomination period for City Council Districts 2 and 5 ahead of the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election, closing August 12.
- Launched a new six-part educational video series, beginning with How the Friendly City Elects Its Leaders, to help residents understand local government.

- Launched a new Projects in Progress webpage giving residents an easy, centralized way to track public works projects underway across the city.
- Partnered with Zero Waste Sonoma on a free E-Waste Recycling Collection Event set for September 18–20 at the Rohnert Park Community Center.
- Partnered with Emergency Prep Help to host a two-part emergency preparedness workshop series for older adults, providing practical training and City-funded emergency go-bags to help residents prepare for disasters.