

Mayor's Updates

3/11/2025

- 🌿 Joined neighbors and Santa Cruz County partners for a successful community cleanup! Grateful for the teamwork in keeping our neighborhoods beautiful.
- 🙌 Met with the inspiring Teen Action Council, shared my journey in public service, and collaborated on vision boards at the Youth Leadership Mixer. Excited to support their future initiatives!
- 🎉 Attended the SCCDP Annual Awards Dinner—congratulations to all the honorees for their outstanding contributions!
- 🍷 Stopped by Silver Spur and had the pleasure of welcoming one of the fantastic owners to Watsonville!
- 🚀 "Mayor on the Move" video series continue! This month, we're highlighting La Michoacana A Pedir de Boca and Foreverfly.



- 🏆 Honored to attend the Second Harvest Food Bank Awards Dinner—congratulations to Hunger Heroes Vinita & Diana for their dedication to fighting hunger! And to our City of Watsonville Employees, thank you for your fundraising efforts. **You raised 29,194 meals!**
- 🏠 Thank you to everyone who joined our Community Meeting on Homelessness! Special thanks to Dr. Robert Ratner for sharing valuable insights.
- 🍏 Visited Santa Cruz Cider Company, a fantastic women-owned business! Presented a proclamation to Nicole & Natalie and connected with local women vendors and Pajaro Valley Shelter Services in celebration of International Women's Day.
- 🎓 Applications are now open for our summer in the city internship program! High school juniors & seniors can earn \$1,000 and 5 elective credits—apply now!
- 📈 Proud to share a nearly 14% drop in crime in 2024, with an overall 33% decrease since 2020. We are addressing recent gang-related activity which is deeply troubling for us, and we want to assure our residents that the safety of our community remains our highest priority. Our Police Department is actively investigating these cases and working diligently to prevent further violence. You can call **(831) 471-1151** to report suspicious activity.

