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City Calendar

April
14— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
26— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

May
2— **Extra Garbage Pick-up Day**
11— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
24— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting
30— **Memorial Day—City Hall Closed**

June
8— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
28— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

July
4— **Independence Day - City Hall Closed**
13— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
26— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

August
10— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
23— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

September
5— **Labor Day - City Hall Closed**
14— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
27— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

October
3— **Extra Garbage Pick-up Day**
12— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
25— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

November
6— **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
11— **Veterans Day - City Hall Closed**
09— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
15— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting
24-25— **Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed**

December
14— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
27— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting
26— **Christmas- City Hall Closed**

January
02— **New Years Day—City Hall Closed**
11— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
16— **MLK's Birthday—City Hall Closed**
24— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

February
8— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
20— **Presidents Day—City Hall Closed**
28— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting

March
11— Daylight Savings Time Begins
14— 6 P.M. Planning Commission Meeting
27— 6 P.M. City Council Meeting
30— **Cesar Chavez Day—City Hall Closed**

The City's First Birthday Celebration held September 5th, 1954

Are you in this picture?

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDELEN

Our city continues to move forward. The Audit for this last Fiscal Year produced an Unqualified Opinion which is the highest rating by an Auditor that a city can receive.

The economic downturn has had an effect on our small Budget, just as it has had on other Cities, Counties and the State. We continue to run the City with a minimum of staff and we strive to increase revenue to support the services that you deserve.

In large part due to the respectful, harmonious, work environment our City Manager, Daniel Dawson, has established at City Hall, our Worker's Compensation Premiums are down 40% this year over last year.

By contracting our legal services out to the assistant City Attorney of Salinas, Mr. Chris Callahan, our legal fees have been reduced by $50,000 this last year.

You've probably heard about the ever-increasing and unsustainable pension costs that are threatening to bankrupt some California cities, and putting severe budgetary strains on others. The good news with regard to Del Rey Oaks is that when other cities and counties increased their employee's CALPERS benefits, Del Rey Oaks held the line and stayed with the basic CALPERS retirement formula- 2% at 55 years old for Public Safety Personnel; and 2% at 60 years old for all other City Staff. That means that our City personnel will retire at age 55 or 60 after thirty years of service, on 60% of their final salary. Just about every other city and county in California increased their retirement package to 3% at 50 years old for Police and Fire and 3% at 60 for miscellaneous employees. That means that the Public Safety employees in these cities and counties retire at 50 years old after thirty years of service with 90% of their final salary and many get free lifetime medical and dental benefits. Of course, these exorbitant CALPERS retirement benefits are unsustainable and are causing serious budgetary problems for those cities and counties. Del Rey Oaks, on the other hand, is in comparatively great shape with a very low unfunded retirement liability!

We've taken our old Fort Ord lands developer, Federal Development, LLC, to court to try to recover money it owes our City. Once the litigation with Federal is completed, I will let everyone know the details of the litigation and the outcome.

Please rest assured, before any development moves forward on our Fort Ord lands, all Del Rey Oaks residents will be given several opportunities to let your Planning Commission and City Council know just what type of development you would like to be built.

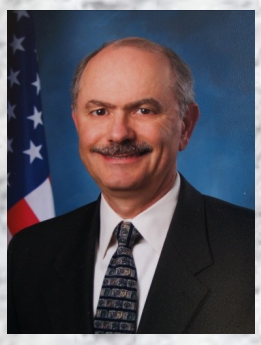
Lastly, our 1 cent Sales Tax initiative expires in 2012, which means we will need to put a proposed extension on the November 2011 Ballot. We will be putting the renewal of this tax on the ballot to augment our city's finances until the Fort Ord Land is developed. I hope you will support me and vote for the extension of this tax.

It's an honor to serve as your Mayor. Thank you for your support!

DEL REY OAKS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor
Jerry Edelen

Vice Mayor
Kristin Clark



Council Member
Dennis Allion

Council Member
Jeff Cecilio

Council Member
Mike Zuccaro

The City Council is comprised of five elected officials. Each Council Member is elected for a four year term and the Mayor is elected for a two year term. Every citizen in Del Rey Oaks is eligible to run for office and all of our Council Members each have experience in different walks of life adding to the expertise of the Council as a whole. The City Council meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Charlie Benson Memorial Hall, at Del Rey Oaks City Hall at 6 p.m.

DEL REY OAKS PLANNING COMMISSION

The Del Rey Oaks Planning Commission is appointed by the City Council for a two year term. Your Planning Commission Members are responsible for keeping the look and feel of Del Rey Oaks consistent with the standards set forth by the founders. All Del Rey Oaks residents are eligible to apply to be a Planning Commissioner. The next appointment will be in July of 2011. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Charlie Benson Memorial Hall, at Del Rey Oaks City Hall at 6 pm. Your Planning Commissioners are:

Andy Clarke, Chair Gale Weir, Vice Chair George Jaksha
Mike Hayworth Frank Lucido Jr Bill Thayer Scott Larson

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

Fireworks of any type are illegal in the City of Del Rey Oaks. The Fire Danger is just too great! Please enjoy the 4th of July, and report any discharges of fireworks to the Del Rey Oaks Police Department by calling the non-emergency telephone number – 375-8525.

A Message from your City Manager
Daniel Dawson

I have really grown to love this small city and the wonderful residents who call this home during the 2 years that I have been your City Manager!

The challenges faced by Cities and the State in the toughest economic times since the great depression have made it challenging to provide the level of services you have grown to expect from your City staff.

As a community predominantly made up of residences we have a very limited tax base from which we derive the revenues needed to provide Street Lighting, Parks and Street Maintenance, Police and Fire Services, Building Review and Inspections, and the Administrative needs of the City. The additional revenue brought in by Safeway via the taxable items (non-food items) has been a boost to the revenue stream and the 1% Add-On sales tax approved by you as voters has made it possible to remain a viable City.

The Fort Ord Development Area, once hoped to be the savior of Del Rey Oaks has been a drain on City finances during the past year due to litigation with a non-performing developer. As we approach resolution of these issues in the near future, you will all be encouraged to help select the very best project mix on the property, that will provide the greatest long term benefits for your City.

The current City Council and Planning Commission are among the most dedicated and caring group of public servants that I have ever had the pleasure of working with! We are well positioned to lead the City toward growth and prosperity that will keep this a small City while also ensuring economic vitality into the future.

I am delighted with the solid group of dedicated law-enforcement professionals that we have now assembled to provide excellent service and protection to our residents! The escalating gang activities and violence in surrounding areas has been diligently kept out of our City and this is a top priority! The resignation of Officers Russ Van Zanten and Ralph Topps were quickly followed by the hiring of Officers Matt Young and David Nguyen from our Reserve Officer ranks, we are very pleased with the service ethic that they both bring to the City.

The services that you all deserve and count on are provided by only 11 full-time employees here in Del Rey Oaks! Contrast this to, the City of Carmel with 3,876 residents and a workforce of 78 full-time employees, or Sand City with 298 residents and 18 full timers!

The press has been quick to expose the generous salaries and pensions in the public sector and have rightfully caused many people to question such unsustainable practices. You should know that your Public Servants in Del Rey Oaks have gone for years without salary increases, that I myself am the lowest paid City Manager in Monterey County and that our retirement plan benefits are the lowest in the County and State! Many Cities are adopting as a "Second Tier" reduced benefit level for new hires, the very benefit plans that DRO has always had!

Finally I want to thank all of you who make Del Rey Oaks the very heart of the Monterey Peninsula. The volunteer efforts of our residents, the Citizens Action Group, and Reserve Police Officers, enables Del Rey Oaks to survive and thrive, in good times and not so good times, thank you!

Del Rey Oaks Police Department Officers Promoted

Officer Matthew J. Young

Fourteen year veteran Del Rey Oaks Reserve Police Officer Matthew J. Young was promoted to full time status in a ceremony at City Hall on March 22nd, 2011. Officer Young joined the Del Rey Oaks Police Department in 1997 after successfully completing the Monterey Peninsula College Police Academy. Officer Young has worked every shift, special event and special assignment. He has been a valuable member of our reserve police force and we welcome him as one of our two most recent additions to the Del Rey Oaks Police Department following the departure of Officers Van Zanten and Topps.

Officer David V. Nguyen

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2011 Clean - Up Day is Del Rey Oaks October 3rd

On your regular pick up days of Monday, May 2nd and October 3rd you may leave up to seven additional bags or seven 32 gallon garbage cans in addition to your regular garbage. Make sure bags and cans are secure at the curb with your regular garbage by 6:00 a.m. NO bulky items (such as furniture, water heaters or refrigerators) unless you have made arrangements with Waste Management at (831) 384-5000 and NO Hazardous waste!

I WKH LWHPV \RX¶UH WKURZLQJ DZD\ DUH UHDVDE ing a yard sale with your neighbors for extra cash. Also, check if any of the items are approv out with your recyclables. Remember, reusing is another way of recycling.

Waste Management now offers smaller trash cans for easier handling. Call 384-5000 for information.

Annual Coastal Cleanup Day

On Saturday, September 17th, 2011, Save Our Shores will coordinate Annual Coastal Cleanup Day for both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. Everyone in the Monterey Bay community is invited to come make history with Save Our Shores, or learn about Event-Sponsorship today!

International Coastal Cleanup Day is the single largest volunteer event on the planet. Volunteers in over 100 countries around the world work together to remove hundreds of thousands of pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways before it enters our oceans. In 2010, 6,043 Save Our Shores volunteers removed 14,612 lbs. of trash and 4,760 lbs. of recycling from beaches and waterways within Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties in just 3 short hours. In California, 80,312 volunteers banded together to cleanup 953,476 lbs. of trash and 146,646 lbs. of recyclables, for a total of 1,100,122 pounds (results via http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/101910_release_update.pdf).

Get Involved in Annual Coastal Cleanup Day 2011!

Become a Site Captain in 2011:

The overall success of Annual Coastal Cleanup Day depends on the leadership of our Site Captains. Being a Site Captain is a rewarding way to be an environmental leader in our community with minimal commitment. You'll attend a brief information and training session in early September, and then arrive early on Coastal Cleanup Day to set up your cleanup site, sign-in your volunteers, and hand out cleanup materials. Whether you are a regular beach cleanup participant or this is your first time, participating in Coastal Cleanup Day is exciting and easy. For more information contact andrew@saveourshores.org.

What to Expect as a Volunteer:

Volunteers arrive at their site at 9 am ready to get to work! Pre-registration is encouraged and saves you time, but is not mandatory. You can register onsite with a Site Captain upon arrival. Pre-registration occurs on the Cleanup Site pages above. Please Note: For river cleanup sites, it's a good idea to wear close-toed shoes or rubber boots that can get wet as well as bring garden gloves or heavier duty gloves that will help protect your hands.

At the cleanup: a Site Captain will sign you in, distribute cleanup supplies, and provide a safety briefing. We are committed to reducing the environmental footprint of this event - Bring Your Own reusable bags, buckets, gloves, and reusable water bottle.

Find more Bring Your Own ideas from the http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd28.html.

"It is estimated that it requires about 10,000 kilograms of oil, or about 67 barrels, in energy and raw material, to produce the amount of plastic bags used during the 2009 California Coastal Cleanup Day."

-California Coastal Commission

SCUBA Divers: If you are interested in participating in a SCUBA cleanup, sign up through Aqua Safari here...

Kayak Cleanups: If you are interested in participating in a kayak cleanup, contact andrew@saveourshores.org.

Venture Quest Kayaks will be leading a kayak cleanup from the Santa Cruz Wharf. Kayak Connection will be running a kayak cleanup at the harbor down to the pleasure point kelp beds. Both are donating a set amount of kayaks so come participate for free!

For School Groups:

Annual Coastal Cleanup Day provides an opportunity for in-class education about marine conservation and hands on activities for your students to put their new knowledge to work! One thing we know for sure is that kids care about the ocean and its many critters.

There are 2 ways for School Groups to get involved:

1. Have us come out to conduct a Marine Conservation presentation in your classroom where students will learn the importance of healthy ecosystems and how they can get actively involved in their community to prevent plastic pollution.

2. Organize a campus, neighborhood or beach cleanup any time from September 13- 24, or have your students participate at one of our many cleanup sites locations on Annual Coastal Cleanup Day, September 25th. Please note: Students will need a Cleanup Waiver Form signed by a legal guardian to participate. Download here. Contact lauren@saveourshores.org to discuss all of the above.

Businesses as Ocean Stewards: Sponsor Annual Coastal Cleanup Day 2011!

The natural beauty of the Monterey Bay area is at the foundation of our community. It brings thousands of visitors to our coasts each year and inspires our unique culture and environmental awareness. Citizens, visitors and businesses all have to pitch in to protect our beautiful beaches, rivers and sloughs - and we need your help. Read more about Event -Sponsorship at http://www.saveourshores.org/what-we-do/documents/Event-Sponsorship_000.pdf.

Annual Coastal Cleanup Day is the perfect opportunity to show the community that your business cares. Get involved: ask your employees to participate together at one of our many cleanup sites on this one day in history.

Sponsor Annual Coastal Cleanup Day: The success of this event depends on the support we receive from local governments and businesses. Sponsors receive logo recognition and thanks in our promotional materials, advertisements, and on our website. Contact emily@saveourshores.org to Sponsor Annual Coastal Cleanup Day. If you would like to provide in-kind sponsorship of some sort, please also be in touch.

Save Our Shores Presentations: Inspire your employees and increase your business' participation in this long-standing community tradition through our educational presentations to businesses and their employees prior to Annual Coastal Cleanup Day. These presentations provide valuable information on marine debris and the importance of participating in this international event. Presentations are fun and vary in length, content and activities to fit your needs.

Storm Water Concerns

The City of Del Rey Oaks is a member of the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP).

One of the regional permit responsibilities is to monitor all urban runoff and storm water that goes into the Monterey Bay for pollutants , and to prevent urban runoff pollution of the storm drain system (oil, carpet cleaning wastewater, auto detailing soaps and rinse water, restaurant wash down, pesticides/fertilizers from landscapes, etc). ALL storm drains flow directly to Monterey Bay; they do not go through a treatment process prior to draining to the bay. Only rain should go into storm drains.

Del Rey Oaks is also responsible for overseeing the implementation R I W K H & L W \¶ V D storm water program , with assistance from our regional program manager, and to comply with the storm water regulations, best management practices, and measureable goals as outlined in our adopted storm water plan.

You as our residents have a crucial role in our Storm Water Program . These include:

- Report any foreign liquids or solids that you see in the City gutters, storm drains or streets to the Police Department at 831 -375-8525. Some examples would be paint, fuel, concrete, sewage & debris, including litter, etc.
  If you see any liquid coming out of a manhole, report it to the Police Department.
- Please keep the gutter in front of your home free of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
- Do not change the oil or other fluids of your vehicle in the street.
- Move your vehicle out of the street on street sweeping day (Usually the first Wednesday of each Month).

Old town hall being moved into its current location at Del Rey Oaks Park November 20, 1954

What City Hall Hears About Most!

Their signs are still up and the sale was two weeks ago!

Remove garage sale signs, balloons, and party signs immediately after your event is over: They are an eye sore and they need to be taken down as soon as possible. Be considerate, remove your signs promptly.

There are loose dogs running around the neighborhood!

The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part: It is unlawful for any person owning or having charge, care, control of any dog, whether licensed or vaccinated or not, to suffer, allow or permit any such dog to run at large in any public street, etc.

I'm tired of looking at my neighbors garbage cans!

The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part:

It is unlawful for any persons to allow garbage or refuse container(s) to remain at the curb for a longer period of time than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of collection, or for a longer period of time than twenty-four (24) hours after collection.

There is a car parked on the street that has not moved for weeks!

The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part:

No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours.

I'm tired of looking at that huge mobile home parked across the street!

The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part: A use permit is required to store a recreational vehicle on a residential parcel of land in the City.

There is illegal construction going on down the block!

Please call City Hall (394 -8511) to find out if you need a permit before you begin construction, remodeling, or making structural improvements to your property. These permits are issued for your protection. A permit will require that our building inspector checks construction to make sure that it conforms to the Uniform Building Code and that the Contractor has a business license and proper insurance.

CITY OF DEL REY OAKS DIRECTORY

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