



# The Acorn

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## Strolling Cows Cause Fuss in Del Rey Oaks

Four cows decided to play baseball in Del Rey Park yesterday morning.

But they turned the Del Rey Oaks city administration upside down and caused a flood of phone calls to Mayor Jim Doan, the Monterey Police and Del Rey Police Chief Al Schmeltz.

Mrs. R. W. Huxford, sister-in-law of the mayor, whose only experience with cows has been in the canned variety, finally saved the day by herding them into Work Memorial Park and locking the gate behind them.

The cows apparently tired of their hum-drum life of grazing in T. A. Work's field north of Canyon Del Rey road and set out to see the world.

### On a Stroll

Crossing into the park by way of a culvert under the road, the four bovine ladies strolled the length of the playground onto Angelus way.

Mrs. M. W. Mauk was the first to call the mayor.

"There's some cows down here," she said.

Doan called Schmeltz.

Then his phone rang four separate times with reports on the cows' progress.

Mrs. Huxford was the last to phone.

"Cows . . ." she started to say.

"Yes, I know," Doan replied and then the phone rang again.

It was the Monterey police with an "urgent message" for Schmeltz.

### On the Way

Doan, imagining a murder or an armed robbery, locked the office and went in search of Schmeltz, who was already on the way to capture the cows.

But Mrs. Huxford, tiring of the confusion, took matters into her own hands.

She and her son Randy herded them along Angelus way into

Work Memorial Park where she locked the gate on them.

Just then, Doan and Schmeltz arrived.

"Call the Monterey police," Doan shouted. "They have an urgent message for you."

Schmeltz radioed into Monterey on the patrol car radio.

"Some cows . . ." the voice over the radio started to say.

"We know," sighed Schmeltz.

Work's foreman, Gene Rodriguez, and three of his men then herded the cows back along their previous route and into the field where they began grazing again.

**Del Rey Oaks Circa 1954**

## First Prowl Car



(Herald photo.)  
Del Rey Oaks Police Chief Al Schmeltz accepts keys for the new city's first police car from Al Brown, sales manager for Roller Chevrolet Co. Sam De Mello, commissioner of public health and safety, officiated at the ceremony.

## Del Rey Oaks Beautification



(Herald photo.)  
Maribeth Phillips, 15-month-old daughter of Lt. and Mrs. George Phillips, helps Al Schmeltz plant the first in a series of 500 cherry trees in Del Rey Oaks. The trees will be planted at each property line and are expected to flower next year.

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDELEN

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I want to thank all of our citizens for the overwhelming support of the 1 cent sales tax add-on during last November's election.

The tax measure passed with an 85.68% approval rate. This is the highest approval rate of any tax measure in any municipality or county in California on record!! I believe your support of this measure reflects your collective pride in our city, your positive vision for our future and your trust in your City Council to be judicious and wise in investing the additional funds generated by this tax. Our city has struggled financially for years; but, we have now turned the corner.

We are now in the final stages of severing all ties to the former development firm of our Fort Ord property. Federal Development LLC has not honored its contractual agreement with us and we are almost at the end of the legal process of releasing this firm and bringing in a new developer. During the new developer selection process, we will ask for citizen input as to what type of development you'd like to see on our Fort Ord property. We envision a low density, revenue producing development so that we can maintain a lot of the natural environment there and also bring in additional revenues to modernize our infrastructure and substantially improve the quality of life in our city. The revenues generated will help us to upgrade our park; underground the power lines; and add sidewalks, street lamps, etc. Of course, these projects, and others will take time; but, we'll soon have the financial assets to move in this direction.

We are also in negotiations to sell/ lease the 17 acre site across from the Moose Lodge. Our goal is to substantially improve access to this location so that all of our citizens can enjoy the natural surroundings. We are not looking to commercially develop this site.

Finally, talks are also underway to put the old Golf Driving Range to better use and also provide additional revenues. Currently, three possible activities are being considered. As negotiations solidify, project status reports will be made during City Council meetings and will be posted in the city kiosks.

Before any agreements are finalized, they will be brought before the City Council for both citizen and council review, and approval.

Again, thank you for your support. I am honored to serve as your Mayor.

# 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 four 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 2013. 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:

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



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Time sure flies, doesn't it? It has already been 3 years that I have been your City Manager and I still learn something new almost every day!

The challenges faced by Cities and the State, in the toughest economic times since the great depression, have continued but we are seeing signs of hope. Sales tax revenue is up and we are fortunate that when Clementine's Kitchen went out of business, they were replaced by Stone Creek Kitchen a wonderful new store that includes cooking classes, something I sorely need! It remains challenging to provide the level of services you have grown to expect from your City staff, but through the strong volunteer spirit in Del Rey Oaks we are all making improvements to the City. I have been told by several of you residents that City Hall, with the new paint, siding and planter boxes, looks better than ever! The park and dog park continue to attract people from the surrounding areas and the Citizens Action Group continues to hold wonderful events for people of all ages!

Thanks to those who voted overwhelmingly to extend the 1% add-on Sales Tax Measure for another 5 years! 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 has been stalled 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 to provide the greatest long term benefits for your City.

Your 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!

As I reported to you last year, 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 65 full-time employees, or Sand City with 298 residents and 18 full timers! We are a dedicated team of "Multi-Taskers"!

Many thanks to 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!

# Old Town Hall

Old Town Hall is now available for rent! It has been beautifully refurbished with hardwood floors, new double-paned windows and fresh paint inside and out. Consider renting Old Town Hall for your next birthday party, bridal shower, meeting, baby shower or any event you want to have in a nice cozy setting.



Old Town Hall is located at the entrance to our beautiful Del Rey Oaks Park and is available to rent. Please call 394-8511 to ask about available dates.



## 2012 Clean-Up Days are Del Rey Oaks May 7 and October 1

On your regular pick-up days of Monday, May 7th and October 1st 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 secured and at the curb with your regular garbage by 6:00 a.m. Please **NO** bulky items (such as furniture, water heaters or refrigerators) unless you have pre-arranged a pick up for a large item with Waste Management at (831) 384-5000 and **NO** Hazardous waste!

If the items you're throwing away are reusable, consider donating them to local charities, or holding a yard sale with your neighbors for extra cash. Also, check if any of the items are approved to be set 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.**



Citizens Action Group

# 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social

**SUNDAY, MAY 6th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Come out to the 2nd Annual Del Rey Oaks Ice Cream Social! Indulge in an ice cream sundae with all the trimmings and get acquainted with your neighbors in front of Old Town Hall in Del Rey Oaks Park. A \$1 donation is requested per sundae.**



# Community Garage Sale

**SATURDAY, JULY 28th from 8:00 am - 2:00 p.m.**

**This is an excellent opportunity to find a new home for your unwanted treasures. Folks will come from far and wide, and right around**

**the corner to check out your finest goods.**

**Register with Garage Sale George or**

**one of his crew to get your official**

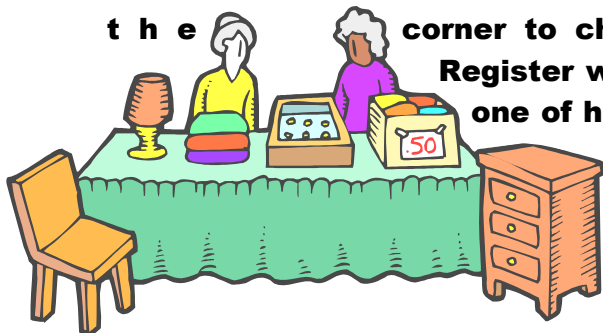
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**selling tips. More**

**information will be**

**provided as we get**

**closer to the date.**



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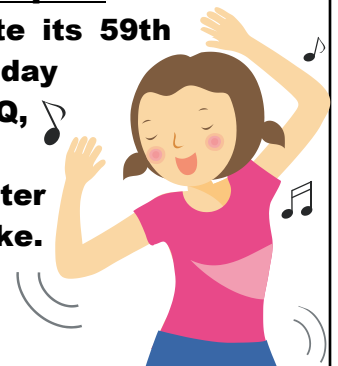


Citizens Action Group

# Annual Picnic in the Park

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

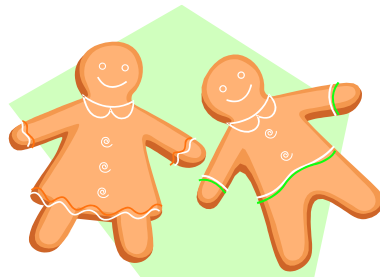
This year Del Rey Oaks will celebrate its 59th birthday! Don't miss this year's birthday festivities complete with BBQ, bounce house, entertainment, raffle prizes, games, fire fighter demonstration and birthday cake. Come join in the fun!



# Santa's Workshop

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

This free event is a holiday tradition for many locals. Kids young and "not so old" are invited to make some crafts, decorate a cookie and sit on Santa's lap.



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## Citizens Action Group

The Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group is made up of Del Rey Oaks residents that care about the future of the city and love making it a beautiful and fun place to live. They volunteer only one hour a month on average and meet the third Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall to discuss ideas and upcoming events such as the community garage sale and annual picnic. If you would like to be part of this worthwhile group they are always looking for new faces to join in the fun. For more information call Denise Wood at 831-521-377 or email at [delreyoakscag@yahoo.com](mailto:delreyoakscag@yahoo.com).

## Del Rey Park Planting Day - Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.



Volunteers are needed to help create the Del Rey Park Demonstration Garden. This beautification project is a joint effort by the City of Del Rey Oaks and the Citizen's Action Group. A variety of California native plants, drought tolerant perennials, succulents and ornamental grasses will be planted as a sampling of what you may want to plant in your own yard. Bring a shovel and work gloves. No experience necessary, all are welcome. Any questions please contact Denise Wood at 521-3777 or [delreyoakscag@yahoo.com](mailto:delreyoakscag@yahoo.com).





# Residents Complaints and Concerns

There is an RV parked on the street and it never moves!



**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 and RV's may only park on improved driveways.

Why are my neighbor's garbage cans out for a week?



**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.

My neighbor's dog never stops barking! It's waking me up and I have to work in the morning!



**The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part:** It is unlawful to keep any dog which by reason of its barking, howling, yelping or other noise habitually disturbs the peace any person.

Did my neighbor get permission to cut down/trim that tree?



**The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part:**

Any person desiring to remove, cut down, destroy, alter, relocate, prune and/or trim, or otherwise undertake activities which could inflict damage to an oak or other significant tree, shall first obtain a tree permit from the City.

There is construction going on down the block, did they get a permit? Call City Hall



**(394-8511) to find out if you need a permit before you begin any construction or repairs!** 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.

Can I put concrete or one of those metal grates or on my driveway approach? My car bottoms out.



**The Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code states in part:**

All driveway approaches shall not obstruct or endanger the normal and customary pedestrian and vehicular traffic and the normal flow of water. They are very dangerous for kids on bicycles. Call City Hall for plans.

# Storm Water Concerns








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

One of the regional storm water permit program responsibilities is to properly manage urban runoff and storm water that drains into the Monterey Bay via the storm drain system, and to prevent pollutants entering the storm drain system (oil, carpet cleaning wastewater, auto detailing soaps and rinse water, restaurant mat and trash area wash down, pesticides/fertilizers from landscapes, etc).

**ALL storm drains flow directly to either the Monterey Bay or other water bodies throughout the area; they do not go through a treatment process prior to draining to the sea water bodies. Only rain should go into storm drains.**

Del Rey Oaks is also responsible for implementation of the City's annual storm water program, with assistance from our regional program manager, and compliance with the State's storm water regulations utilizing best management practices (BMPs) to meet measurable goals 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 you see in the City gutters or streets, or entering the storm drain system to the Police Department at 831-375-8525. Some examples would be paint, fuel, concrete wash off, sewage & debris, including litter, etc. Also report anyone you see dumping fluids or sweeping lawn debris/leaves into storm drains.
-  If you see any liquid coming out of a manhole, report it immediately to the Police Department.
-  Please keep the gutter in front of your home free of leaves, pine needles and other debris, minimize the usage of pesticides or fertilizers, and minimize lawn irrigation to prevent runoff and water waste.
-  Do not change the oil or other fluids of your vehicle in the street and ensure your car does not leak oil onto the street (if parked on the street)
-  Move your vehicle out of the street on street sweeping days (Usually the first Wednesday of each Month).



# DEL REY OAKS CITY CALENDAR

\* *Street Sweeping Day - Move vehicles off street before 6 a.m. or night before.*

## April 2012

- 4** *Street Sweeping\**
- 11** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 24** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## May 2012

- 2** *Street Sweeping\**
- 7** *Extra Garbage Pick-up Day*
- 9** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 22** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 28** Memorial Day—City Hall Closed

## June 2012

- 6** *Street Sweeping\**
- 13** 6 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting
- 26** 6 p.m. - City Council Meeting

## July 2012

- 4** Independence Day - City Hall Closed
- 5** *Street Sweeping\**
- 11** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 24** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## August 2012

- 1** *Street Sweeping\**
- 8** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 28** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## September 2012

- 3** Labor Day - City Hall Closed
- 5** *Street Sweeping\**
- 12** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 25** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## October 2012

- 1** *Extra Garbage Pick-up Day*
- 3** *Street Sweeping\**
- 10** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 23** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## November 2012

- 4** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7** *Street Sweeping\**
- 12** Veterans Day - City Hall Closed
- 14** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 22-23** Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed
- 27** 6 p.m. City Council

## December 2012

- 5** *Street Sweeping\**
- 12** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 18** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 24-26** Christmas - City Hall Closed

## January 2013

- 1** New Years Day - City Hall Closed
- 2** *Street Sweeping\**
- 9** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 21** MLK's Birthday - City Hall Closed
- 22** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## February 2013

- 6** *Street Sweeping\**
- 13** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 18** Presidents Day - City Hall Closed
- 26** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting

## March 2013

- 6** *Street Sweeping\**
- 10** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13** 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
- 26** 6 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 29** Cesar Chavez Day - City Hall Closed

# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS DIRECTORY

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