



# The Acorn

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## Del Rey Oaks Welcomes New Businesses



Not actual logo

Del Rey Oaks Garden Supply is in the process of improving a portion of the former golf driving range at 899 Rosita Road and will soon be open. This business is owned by Mr. Mori who currently owns the very popular Seaside Garden Center, Green Valley Landscape and Lakeside Nursery. He is planning to offer small equipment, landscape material like mulch, soil and rocks, and of course lots of beautiful plants, trees and shrubs. We are very excited to have this new business at the en-



MONTEREY BAY  
ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

Monterey Bay Alternative Medicine opened April 17, 2015 at 800 Portola Dr. It is a medical cannabis dispensary and the first one in Monterey County. It's professional, highly secured, beautiful and owned by Lonna Lewis-Blodgett who, with loving care, has made it a showplace and an example of what can be done to educate their patients. We are excited to welcome this state-of-the-art facility to Del Rey Oaks! Find out more at [www.montereybayaltmed.com](http://www.montereybayaltmed.com)



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDELEN

Our city's economic condition continues to improve.

The Lawsuit we've been embroiled in with our former developer, Federal Development LLC has been settled. The settlement has, in turn, freed up our Fort Ord property for development.

The development firm, Monterey Peninsula Properties has expressed a strong interest in becoming our city's new Fort Ord developer and has purchased three small parcels from our city for \$3 million. They have also signed an option agreement to purchase our remaining Fort Ord property. These developments include a very upscale, revenue-generating, Recreational Vehicle Park on the far eastern edge of our Fort Ord Property; and a potential solar farm which would generate power (and income) for our city.

Public Workshops will be broadly advertised so that as many of our residents as possible can share their ideas for future development of the Fort Ord properties on South Boundary Road.

The \$1.5 million dollars in net proceeds, (50% of the \$3 million went to FORA) we've received thus far from our developer has paid off most of our outstanding bills. However, we still have a way to go to generate the revenue needed to really improve our city.

The ½ cent sales tax we passed this last November will help, as will the revenue generated from new city businesses- including the medical marijuana dispensary. If all goes well, many long-term pain sufferers will be helped. If difficulties arise, it will be shut down, since it operates under a revocable permit.

Our city has also led the way with the refurbishment of an armored rescue vehicle. This vehicle has cost our city nothing, and it is not equipped to be an offensive vehicle. It is basically a bullet-proof box on wheels designed to support all of the Law Enforcement Agencies in Monterey County by safely transporting police officers to the scene of hazardous active shooter situations.

This is a very exciting time in our city's history. We are at the very beginning stages of generating the revenue we need to insure our city continues to be one of the most desirable communities in which to live in the state and continues to remain financially viable.

At our recent Del Rey Oaks Strategic Planning Retreat, your City Council Team developed a mission statement for our city:

**The Mission of the City of Del Rey Oaks is to provide quality municipal services to those who live, work and visit our safe, small town in the Sun Belt of the Monterey Peninsula.**

I am committed to continuing to work on this mission and I thank you for your support. It is an honor to serve as your Mayor.



**YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Left to right: Councilmember Dennis Allion, Vice Mayor Kristin Clark, Councilmember Mike Ventimiglia, City Manager Daniel Dawson, Mayor Jerry Edelen, Councilmember Patricia Lintell, City Attorney Christina Trujillo



**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 meet one hour a month on average on the second Monday from 6:15-7:00 p.m. at Old Town Hall located in the park. They 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 and help your neighbors enjoy the city we all love, then come join in. They are always looking for new faces to join in the fun. For more information call David at (831) 809-1228 or email him at [david@carmel-cottage.com](mailto:david@carmel-cottage.com).



## **NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED 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.

# **Dog Park Basics!**

**We want everyone to enjoy the park and everything it has to offer,  
please help us by being a responsible dog owner**

- 1. Dogs are not allowed to be off leash unless within the fenced dog park area.**
- 2. If you are found with your dog off leash outside of the dog park you will be asked to put them on leash or leave the park. If you refuse you will be cited. This protects everyone enjoying the park.**
- 3. You must be in control of your dog at all times in or out of the dog park.**
- 4. If your dog digs a hole please fill it up.**
- 5. If your dog cannot get along with other dogs, please do not bring them to the dog park.**
- 6. Only vaccinated and licensed dogs are allowed in the park or dog park.**
- 7. The "Doggy Pot" bags are for everyone.**
- 8. Excessive barking is irritating to everyone; other dog owners, residents living near the park and city hall. Please DO NOT encourage barking!!!**



# Ice Cream Social

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm

Del Rey Oaks Park

Bring your Family and Friends  
Make-Your-Own Sundae

\$2.00 per Bowl - Donations Welcome

Sponsored by: Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group, [david@carmel-cottage.com](mailto:david@carmel-cottage.com)

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## A Message from your City Manager Daniel Dawson

I am honored to be your City Manager and as of this date, the longest tenured City Manager in the 7 Peninsula Cities. At almost 6 years I am reminded that the political whims can change City staff at will. You are all very fortunate that you have an excellent Mayor and City Council who see the value of a stable group of staff, committed to the Community and to a process of continuous improvement.

The Council held its' first ever, Strategic Planning Session, this year and created a Mission Statement for the City, which can be found in the Mayor's Section of this Newsletter. The teamwork and dialogue that went into this effort was outstanding and helped to clarify and put into an action plan, milestones for your City's future!

I am excited to see the progress in bringing economic development to the City. The Del Rey Oaks Garden Center is taking shape at the Old Golf Driving Range, and the Monterey Bay Alternative Medicine Dispensary at 800 Portola are both First Class operations that we can be proud to have in our City. Final planning efforts for the Del Rey RV Resort to be located out on South Boundary Road on the Former Fort Ord Property will position us to collect taxes on visitor serving uses, much like Transient Occupancy Tax, enabling us to provide improved and expanded services to the community.

The Dog Park Committee has done a great job and with the grant efforts put forward by Councilmember Ventimiglia, we are now in a position to make improvements based on community desires.

We have managed to hold the line on spending while seeking to develop new sources of revenue to ensure the long-term viability of the City. The one-time revenue we received from the sale of a portion of Fort Ord allowed us to pay off most of our debt.

Many thanks to the voters for passing the additional half percent sales tax measure on last November's ballot. We will see the results of that increased revenue in the coming months.

We welcomed a new waste hauling company, Green Waste Recovery, to our Community in May 2015. They are committed to more recycling, more education, and holding the line on rates for residential customers.

The staff that serves you here in Del Rey Oaks is one of the most dedicated and customer friendly that I have ever had the pleasure of working with and has actually shrunk by one position from 2009! Doing more with less has become second nature; a prime example is repainting and refurbishing the old Police vehicles rather than buying new model cars. The contract for fire services was changed from a "per call" billing method to an annual flat rate which resulted in substantial savings and better service. The aforementioned Waste Hauling Services Franchise doubled the franchise fee paid to the City while keeping residential rates flat.

I am proud to serve the Community, throughout the Peninsula and County as your advocate for services and public policy that will affect us all for years to come and as always I welcome your feedback, ideas and suggestions.

## A Big Thank You to Council Member Mike Ventimiglia "Dog Park Whisperer"

Council Member Ventimiglia volunteered to head up a dog park committee and organize a like-minded group of residents and non-residents who use the Del Rey Oaks Dog Park on a regular basis. Along with the Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group donation of \$220, he was also awarded a \$16,575 grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation to use for dog park restoration. He is currently rallying his group to get estimates for a higher perimeter fence, special access gates, and ground cover that is more durable under the punishment of all those paws. The City wants to thank Mike for all his hard work for our four-legged friends and their owners, after all we are dog owners too and we love our furry family members.



## FLASHBACK FILLER



Del Rey Oaks  
Police patrol car  
1974  
Plymouth  
Satellite

Pre-low profile  
light bars and no  
partition between  
the officer and  
their  
"passenger" in  
the back seat.

Clip and Save Alert!



Citizens Action Group

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, May 17th, 2015

2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Bring the family and enjoy ice cream and  
make-your-self sundays in the park

\$2.00 Donation Requested

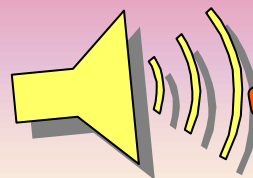
## *City-Wide Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast*

Take advantage of this HUGE and WIDELY-ADVERTISED garage sale organized by the Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group.

**ONLY \$10 per household** gets you signs for your yard and advertising of this city-wide event. People come from all over just to attend this once-a-year community sale so get ready to sell, sell, sell!

Add a hearty start to this year's city-wide garage sale with a Pancake Breakfast in the park from 8 am—11 am ~ \$3 charge for pancakes and fixing's.

**Saturday, July 25th, 2015**  
~Garage sale starts at 8 am~  
Pancakes in the park  
from 8 am to 11 am



**Don't miss out!**  
**once-a-year event!**

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Citizens Action Group

# **Picnic *in the* Park**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

**12 pm - 3 pm**

**COME JOIN THE FUN**

Great fun and food for the whole family including music, games, face-painting and a barbecue you won't forget. \$4 donation appreciated.

# **Santa's Workshop**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

**Kid's and parents alike love this holiday activity, wherein the Old Town Hall is fully decorated and we help children of all ages (you too, Mom and Dad!) decorate cookies and ornaments for the tree and await a visit from Santa.**



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# General Information



**Boats, trailers, RV's, vehicles, work trucks parked on residential streets!**

*Parking a boat and trailer, RV, work truck(s) and anything you can drive may not be parked longer than 72 hours on any public street or right-of-way. If you see this happening please contact the police department at 375-8525 (non-emergency line).*

## Garbage Can Etiquette

*Be a kind and considerate neighbor, please set your garbage, recycling and yard waste cans at the curb Sunday evening for Monday pickup. After pick up they should be taken off the curb by nightfall. Green Waste 831-920-6707*

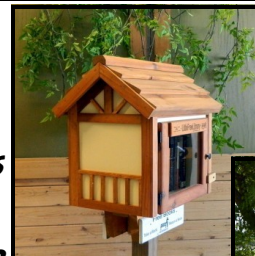


## Coyotes Spotted

*Please be aware that we are near wooded areas and the former Fort Ord so we have all types of wildlife. Please keep pets indoors during early morning hours and at dusk if possible. The city cannot do anything about them they are after all wild, so please protect yourself and your pets. Recent sightings: The Oaks Condominiums, along the creek and near the frog pond.*

## Monterey County Free Libraries—Est. 1912 Take a book • Return a book

*Coming soon! The Monterey County Free Libraries are coming to Del Rey Oaks. We will have two locations at the kiosk on Via Verde and at the kiosk on the Quendale/Portola island. Please enjoy this new service with your neighbors and thanks to Monterey County!*



## Stray, Surrendered and Found Animals

*If you find a stray animal, or have a pet you can no longer take care of, please contact us at 394-8511 during business hours or 375-8525 after hours for assistance, we will be happy to help.*



## Would you like to help shape the future of Del Rey Oaks for generations to come?

There are 3 Planning Commission seats that will be appointment at the June 23rd City Council meeting. The Planning commission consists of 7 residents of Del Rey Oaks that meet once a month (less if there are no projects submitted) and review any submissions from residents or businesses. Each member serves a 4 year term.

Some of the things you might hear are homeowners wishing to add on or remodel, businesses changing hands and needing a use permit, changing the use of a building, building something new (for example on our 360 acres of the former Fort Ord) or changing the appearance of the outside of an existing residence or business.

If you can look at a drawing or picture of what someone has planned and visualize the end product, can follow instructions, can drive by locations before each meeting to look at a proposed building site and be available the second Wednesday of each month you are a perfect candidate! You do not have to have any building experience but it doesn't hurt. You will be a member of the team working together to protect the integrity of the city, plan it's future and leave something beautiful behind for the next generation. Please submit an application, your city needs you!

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Del Rey Oaks City Council is currently receiving applications for **3 seats** on the Planning Commission. The term of newly appointed commissioners will then expire June 2019. In order to be appointed, a person must be a registered voter in the City.

The application form may be obtained at Del Rey Oaks City Hall City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or on the City website [www.delreyoaks.org](http://www.delreyoaks.org) under forms and downloads. Applications must be completed and received by the City Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

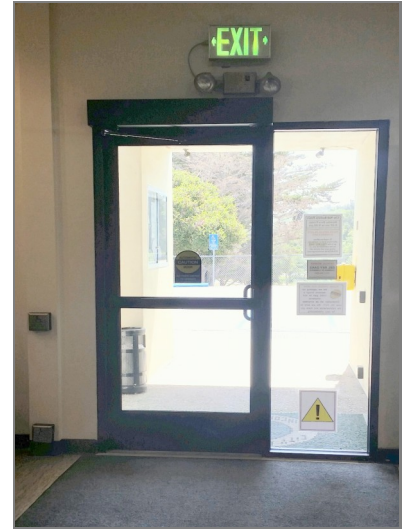
Review of applications and the appointment will be done at the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. Applicants should be available at the meeting.

If any member of the public has questions regarding the process, they should contact the City Clerk or City Manager at 394-8511, or stop by the Del Rey Oaks City Hall, 650 Canyon Del Rey Road, Del Rey Oaks, CA.

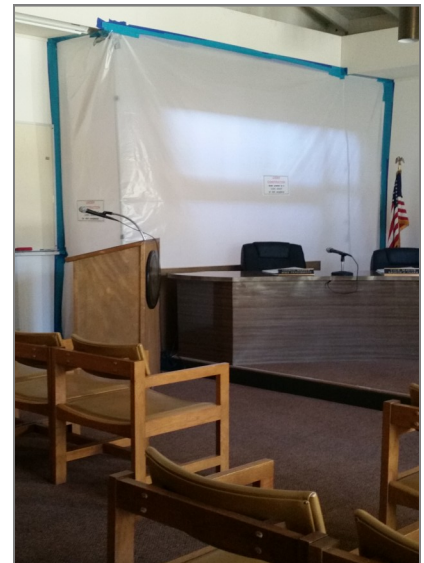


# City Hall Gets ADA Facelift all thanks to a State CDBG Grant

In 2014 the city applied for and received a grant to do some much needed renovations to bring us into compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act. Last year we updated our parking lot and entrance to City Hall putting in two required disabled accessible parking spaces and front door to city hall.



This year the City is remodeling the City Hall restrooms and a small portion of the council chambers creating a ramp that leads up to the dais. If you've ever applied for a grant then you know the massive amount of time, paperwork and scheduling that goes into it! Therefore we'd like to thank Deputy City Clerk Karen Minami for going the extra mile (or two) for handling this process on top of her regular duties. She's done a great job!



# Storm Water

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. Note: Dates may change due to weather or unforeseeable mechanical issues if this occurs sweeping will be rescheduled to a future date based on availability.*

<p><b><u>May 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>6</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>13</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>17**</b>   <b>Ice Cream Social 2-4 pm</b></p> <p><b>25</b>    Memorial Day—City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>26</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>June 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>3</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>10</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>23</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>July 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>1</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>3</b>     Independence Day (observed)—City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>10</b>    6 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>23</b>    6 p.m. - City Council Meeting</p> <p><b>25**</b>   <b>8-11 am Pancake Breakfast/8 am Community Garage Sale</b></p>
<p><b><u>August 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>5</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>12</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>25</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>September 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>2</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>7</b>     Labor Day — City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>9</b>     6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>20**</b>   <b>Annual Picnic 12-3 pm</b></p> <p><b>22</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>October 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>7</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>14</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>27</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>November 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>1</b>     Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour</p> <p><b>3</b>     <b>Election Day</b></p> <p><b>4</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b> 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>11</b>    Veterans Day - City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>17</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p><b>26-27</b> Thanksgiving -City Hall Closed</p>	<p><b><u>December 2015</u></b></p> <p><b>2</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>6**</b>    <b>2-4 pm Santa's Workshop Old Town Hall</b></p> <p><b>9</b>     6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>15</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p><b>24-25</b> Christmas—City Hall Closed</p>	<p><b><u>January 2016</u></b></p> <p><b>1</b>     New Years Day—City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>6</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>13</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>18</b>    Martin Luther King Day - City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>26</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>February 2016</u></b></p> <p><b>3</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>10</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>15</b>    Presidents Day - City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>23</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>March 2016</u></b></p> <p><b>2</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>9</b>     6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>13</b>    Turn Clocks forward 1 hour</p> <p><b>22</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p><b>31</b>    Cesar Chavez Day - City Hall Closed</p>	<p><b><u>April 2016</u></b></p> <p><b>6</b>     <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p><b>13</b>    6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p><b>26</b>    6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>

**\*\*All items in red are Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group sponsored events**

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