



The Acorn

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The New Faces of Del Rey Oaks

As with any city, from time to time someone leaves for any number of reasons and their position must be filled. We are very fortunate to have filled our most recent openings in the Police Department and the Maintenance Department with very capable people who are fitting into our little city way of life extremely well.



Christopher Lawson joined us October 2015, jumped in feet first and hasn't stopped yet. He's been working one of our two night shifts so he is one of the officers out there patrolling while most of us are fast asleep. He's done an exceptional job of learning the ropes quickly.

As you know, Del Rey Oaks requires a unique set of skills. He has to be able to handle all facets of police work from patrolling, citations, arrests, investigation, and records just to name a few. Most cities have separate departments for all of that so our officers must have extensive knowledge of the law, policy and procedures.



Milton "ML" Carter joined us November 2015 and hit the pavement running. Again just like the Police Department, your Maintenance Worker has to be a "jack of all trades" i.e. electrical, mechanical, construction, carpentry, landscaping and more.

He's been diligently working to maintain the City including but not limited to the Park, all the City streets, keeping weeds at bay even with all the sporadic rain causing extra growth this year, maintaining all the City equipment, all the City buildings including City Hall, the Police Department, the Park buildings and the Maintenance Yard. We are a small town but for one person, it's a huge responsibility.

We are very happy to have both of these fine gentlemen as part of our Del Rey Oaks family. When you see them out and about, please welcome them to our small town.



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDELEN

Our City's economic condition continues to improve. Monterey Peninsula Partners, the developer of our planned upscale Recreational Vehicle Park near the Laguna Seca Raceway is currently completing the Fort Ord Reuse Authority review process. We don't expect any problems and when the process is completed, we expect construction to begin by Spring, 2017. This RV Park should provide a much needed boost to our local tourism industry as well as provide additional revenue to our city.

The Del Rey Oaks Alternative Medicine Clinic has been a great partner with our City. Our City stands to receive a projected annual \$250,000 Sales Tax. The owner, Mrs. Blodgett has contributed an additional \$50,000 to our City as a gesture of good will. The Blodgett's have been great partners and we have had no problems with this clinic, whatsoever. In fact, the clinic was recently selected as "Small Business of the Year" by the Monterey County Business Council!

Before our City Council approved the opening of this clinic, I was skeptical of the purported medical benefits associated with cannabis. However, after studying the issue and speaking with a number of people whom I respect highly and hearing from them how the drug helps them to deal with pain, shrink tumors and help with other ailments, I'm convinced we did the right thing. I've visited the clinic on a number of occasions and I've had customers come up to me with tears in their eyes thanking us for providing this service to them.

Our recently opened Del Rey Oaks Garden Center is also doing well.

At our City Council's last Strategic Planning Session, we identified 31 accomplishments that our City Council and Staff have made over this last year. You can find the list of accomplishments at:

<http://www.delreyoaks.org/userfiles/file/StrategicPlanningRetreatResults-04112016.pdf>

This is a very exciting time in our City's history. We are continuing to work hard to generate the revenue our City, located in the sunbelt, needs, to upgrade its infrastructure; and to remain the safest, most desirable community on the Monterey Peninsula.

Thank you for your support!
-Mayor Jerry B. Edelen

City Council

At our most recent Del Rey Oaks Strategic Planning Session the City Council and Staff reaffirmed the 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.

The Council and Staff meet every six months with a professional facilitator on communication, structure, accomplishments and deficiencies, and working diligently to improve your City government. They are a dedicated group who value our small community and work tirelessly to keep Del Rey Oaks the wonderful place it is. They each serve on the City Council as well as on many local agency boards representing you, the residents. These boards are important to the City because we are so small compared to Monterey, Seaside, Carmel, Pacific Grove and Marina that we can be left out or not receive our full share of these benefits. They are your voice in the community. Below is a list of the boards and who represents you on each board.



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

Agency

Representative

Association of Monterey Bay Area Government (AMBAG)
Community Human Services (CHS)
Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)
Monterey Bay Area Insurance Fund (MBAIF)
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)

Council Member Ventimiglia
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Mayor Edelen
City Manager Dawson
Council Member Lintell (PAC)
City Manager Dawson (TAC)

Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority (MPRWA)
Monterey Regional Taxi Authority (RTA)
Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD)
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA)
Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)
Northern Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement District
Seaside County Sanitation District
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)

Mayor Edelen
Vice Mayor Clark
Council Member Allion
Council Member Allion
Vice Mayor Clark
Jeff Cecilio (thru 01/02/18)
Council Member Lintell
Mayor Edelen
Mayor Edelen



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 4TH OF JULY, AND REPORT ANY DISCHARGES OF FIREWORKS TO THE DEL REY OAKS POLICE DEPARTMENT BY CALLING THE NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER — **831-375-8525**.

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).



Monterey Bay Alternative Medicine (MBAM)

1 Year Anniversary!

Can you believe it's been a year since MBAM, Monterey County's first medicinal marijuana dispensary opened at 800 Portola Drive? We can't!

What a success story it's been too. We can't begin to tell you how many people tell us what a benefit it is to have MBAM here on the Peninsula. No more driving all the way to Santa Cruz!

MBAM has succeeded beyond our imaginations and has been a huge asset to our City. Lonna Blodgett has been a great business owner and have created a business that is respectful of everyone living and working in Del Rey Oaks. They strive to be good neighbors and a positive influence in Del Rey Oaks. We congratulate them on a successful first year and wish them many more.

Church of the Oaks NACCC

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Sunday Morning
Worship 10:30 A.M.





A Message from your City Manager Daniel Dawson

I am honored to be your City Manager and I continue to be amazed and delighted at the strong sense of Community here in Del Rey Oaks!

Strategic Planning Sessions have helped the Council and Staff focus on the needs of the community and the commitment to continuously improving the financial viability of our city. The Mission Statement for the City and Strategic Objectives are posted on the Website.

The Del Rey Oaks Garden Center has become a very nice addition to the City and we are looking forward to seeing improvements in the Public Trail that starts at the Garden Center and travels to Safeway, thus providing a safe route to pedestrians and bicycle riders as opposed to walking or riding along Canyon Del Rey Rd. The Monterey Bay Alternative Medicine Dispensary at 800 Portola just celebrated the 1 year anniversary and has become a valuable community member as well!



City Manager Daniel Dawson, Councilmember Mike Ventimiglia, Planning Commissioners Alice Green and Scott Donaldson join MBAM in celebrating the 1 year Anniversary.

The Monument RV Resort at the Former Fort Ord Property on South Boundary Road has been introduced via a Ballot Initiative process and was approved by the City Council in May!

The Dog Park Committee has done a great job and with the Grant efforts put forward by Councilmember Ventimiglia have resulted in another great community asset! Thanks to all in the community who made this happen!

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.

The DROPD Patrol Cars

As with any car, Del Rey Oaks patrol cars age, mileage increases and the cost to repair them goes through the roof. Some become too expensive to operate. We have recently had to take two cars off line. In the spirit of Del Rey Oaks Police Patrol cars, here are just a few of our cars through the years.



The new look
Del Rey Oaks
Police Patrol Cars 2015
Ford Interceptor



A Collaborative Effort

As we approach the one year anniversary of Del Rey Oaks Garden Center opening we want to update you on their success and coming additions. As you've noticed, they are getting in more and more plant varieties, landscaping materials and their latest addition, beautiful pots and planters.

Coming soon: As part of their lease agreement, they have started working on a walking path from the Garden Center to Safeway. The path will be finished very soon and will be accessible from the Garden Center from Dawn to Dusk.

We are thrilled to offer this alternate route between Rosita Road and Safeway. We hope you take advantage of the new path and enjoy a safe and scenic walk taking you far from the hustle and bustle of Highway 218/Canyon Del Rey.



BEWARE OF COYOTES AND BOBCATS!

Both coyotes and bobcats have been seen around Del Rey Oaks over the last several years and we have put out multiple warnings but it's always good to be reminded especially since we've had very recent sightings in the neighborhoods.

PLEASE keep your small pets, especially cats, indoors. We know many people can't keep pets indoors 100% of the time, so if you must let them outside be especially careful during dawn and dusk hours and keep an eye on them. We have had multiple missing cats reported and it coincides with these sightings. We know this is upsetting but by working together we can keep our furry family members safe.



Citizens Action Group

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Have you ever considered being a part of the big picture? Then the Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group needs you. It's 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 the second Monday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Old Town Hall. 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. They are always looking for new faces to join in the fun.

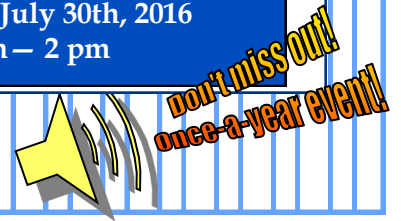
For more information call David at (831) 809-1228 or email him at david@carmel-cottage.com.

City-Wide Garage Sale

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 yard signs AND advertising. People come from all over just to attend this once-a-year community event so get ready to sell, sell, sell!

Saturday, July 30th, 2016
8 am – 2 pm



Picnic *in the* Park

Sunday, September 18, 2016

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 4th, 2016
from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Kid's and parents alike love this holiday activity. Come see Old Town Hall fully decorated for the holidays. Children of all ages (you too, Mom and Dad!) can decorate cookies and ornaments for the tree and await a visit from Santa.



(831)809-1228 email: david@carmel-cottage.com

72 Hour Parking

Lot's of people own trailers, campers, extra vehicles for work and home. The City Municipal Code is clear, you may not park any of these on a Public Street for longer than 72 hours without moving it AND they cannot be parked in such a way as to impede the flow of traffic or visibility. We get a lot of complaints about cars, trailers, RV's, boats and work trucks parking on City Streets for well over the 72 hour limit. We will give you a warning but if it continues you will be cited and your vehicle could towed.

We have a waiting list for RV our storage below City Hall so call us at 831-394-8511 and we would be happy to add you to our list. There are also several storage lots on the Peninsula. In the meantime you can also try SafKeep Storage in Del Rey Oaks at 831-920-4248, the City of Monterey 831-646-3860, Airport



Storage
831-241-5922 or
Spreckels
RV Storage
at 831-455-2996.



Garbage Day

Please set your garbage, recycling and yard waste cans at the curb Sunday evening for Monday pickup. Be kind to your neighbors and don't take them out too late at night or too early in the morning. No one likes to be awakened by the sound of garbage cans rolling on pavement.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR CANS IN
NO LATER THAN MONDAY NIGHT

Garbage cans being left out after pickup become a traffic hazard and are unsightly.

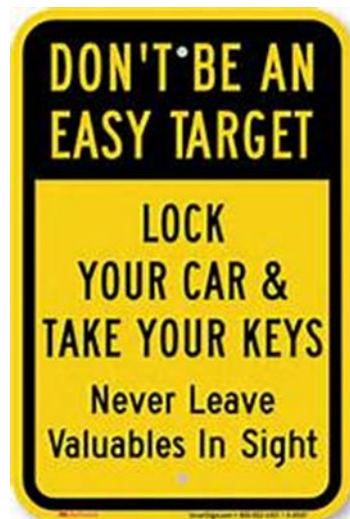


Car Theft

Please lock your car doors whenever you park your car whether on the street, in your driveway or in a parking lot such as Safeway, Stone Creek Shopping Center or The Oaks Condominiums. An unlocked car is an open invitation for someone to go through it, steal your belongings or even your car itself.

All the Peninsula Cities have been experiencing an increase in these types of thefts. Burglars walk down a street or through a parking lot trying car doors as they walk by, all it takes is one open door and they're in, don't let it be you!

We are a small town with a very active police force but we can't be everywhere at once so protect yourself and your belongings, lock your doors!



Home Businesses

All home-based businesses are required to have a City Business License and a Home Occupational Use Permit (HOUP).

Having a home business is convenient but part of having one is also taking into consideration the effect it has on your neighborhood. The two most important requirements for a home business are:

1. To not increase traffic to your neighborhood.

This means no employees or clients at your residence.

No exceptions.

2. No sales of any type from your residence.

This means you may not have anyone come to your residence to buy anything. No exceptions.

These Use Permits are for the office portion of your business only. Anything that increases traffic to your street is not an allowed home occupational use. Please keep this in mind when considering a home business or maintaining your HOUP from year to year.

Street Light Problems

As you may or may not know all city street lights are maintained by Pacific Gas and Electric. Some of the cul-de-sacs can be very dark when a light goes out or doesn't stay on consistently. If you notice a street light out, flickering or cycling on and off please call us at city hall to report it.

Here is the information we need in order to report a light problem to PG&E.

- ◆ Closest street address to street light.
- ◆ Nearest cross street
- ◆ Pole number (usually metal numbers about 10' from the bottom of the pole.
- ◆ What the light is doing i.e. out, cycling on and off, damaged, etc.
- ◆ If there are any obstacles near the pole that will make it difficult for the worker to access the light.

You can call us directly at 394-8511 and either Kim or Karen will be happy to put a report into PG&E for you.

Repairs generally take about 2 weeks but can be longer during busy times like during storms, so please be patient. If you see that it hasn't been fixed within 2 weeks, please call us again so we can update our request to PG&E. PG&E recently informed us we will have LED lights by this Summer!



Phone Scams

The Internal Revenue Service says it's seeing a surge in phone scams and our Police Department is confirming this on a local level. It's hard to know what exactly con artists are thinking when they target their victims. But now, we know what they are saying.

As an example taken from "A Real-Life Tax Scam: This Is What IRS Phone Fraud Sounds Like" by Aarti Shahani, Tech Reporter, NPR Business Desk. The "IRS Agent" will tell you that his office has audited your taxes from "2009 to 2014" and there's been a miscalculation. You owe money. They tell you local authorities with an arrest warrant will come to your home any minute now. Your property will be seized, and you are facing federal imprisonment of up to five years.

The IRS says it doesn't call about outstanding taxes without first mailing you a bill. If you receive a call like this do not give them any personal information.

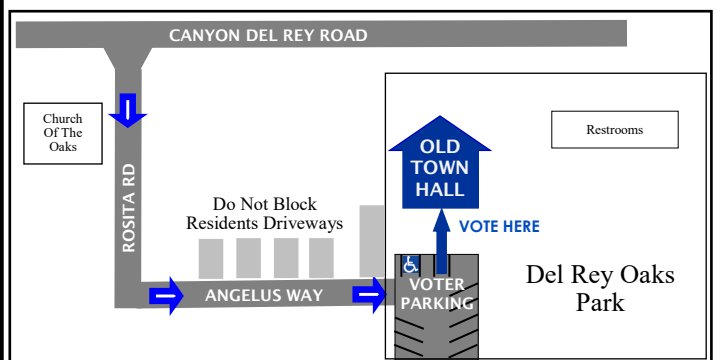
The best strategy is to hang up and call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040!

New Voting Location

Del Rey Oaks City Hall has been your polling place for a long time but starting this June you will no longer go to City Hall to vote. Your new voting location will be at:

**Del Rey Oaks Park
Old Town Hall
999 Angelus Way**

The elections department has chosen the new location because of parking capacity and safer access from Canyon Del Rey Road.





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><u>May 2016</u></p> <p>4 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>11 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>15** <i>Ice Cream Social 2-4 pm</i></p> <p>24 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p>30 Memorial Day—City Hall Closed</p>	<p><u>June 2016</u></p> <p>6 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>7 <i>Election Day-Old Town Hall</i></p> <p>8 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>28 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>July 2016</u></p> <p>6 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>4 Independence Day City Hall Closed</p> <p>13 6 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>26 6 p.m. - City Council Meeting</p> <p>30** <i>8-2 Community Garage Sale</i></p>
<p><u>August 2016</u></p> <p>3 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>10 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>13 Open House—Safety First Old Town Hall 1 pm <i>(date & time tentative—check kiosks/website for updates)</i></p> <p>23 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>September 2016</u></p> <p>5 Labor Day — City Hall</p> <p>7 <i>Street Sweeping*</i> Closed</p> <p>14 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>18** <i>Annual Picnic 12-3 pm</i></p> <p>27 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>October 2016</u></p> <p>5 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>12 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>25 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>
<p><u>November 2016</u></p> <p>2 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>6 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour</p> <p>8 <i>Election Day-Old Town Hall</i></p> <p>9 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>15 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p>11 Veterans Day - City Hall Closed</p> <p>24-25 Thanksgiving -City Hall Closed</p>	<p><u>December 2016</u></p> <p>4** <i>2-4 pm Santa's Workshop Old Town Hall</i></p> <p>7 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>13 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p>14 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>25-26 Christmas—City Hall Closed</p>	<p><u>January 2017</u></p> <p>2 New Years Day—City Hall Closed</p> <p>4 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>11 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>16 Martin Luther King Day- City Hall Closed</p> <p>24 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>
<p><u>February 2017</u></p> <p>1 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>8 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>20 Presidents Day - City Hall Closed</p> <p>28 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>March 2017</u></p> <p>1 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>8 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>12 Turn Clocks forward 1 hour</p> <p>28 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p>31 Cesar Chavez Day - City Hall Closed</p>	<p><u>April 2017</u></p> <p>5 <i>Street Sweeping*</i></p> <p>12 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>25 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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