



# The Acorn

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## New Chief of Police, a Promotion and a new Reserve Officer



Left to Right: Top Row: Commander Bourquin, Interim Police Chief Belcher, Reserve Officer Baum. Bottom Row: Officer Lawson, Reserve K-9 Officer Laurits, Corporal Nguyen and Reserve K-9 Officer Salopek



Chief Jeff Hoyne

Interim Chief of Police Steve Belcher has left the City in good hands after aiding the department in the transition from old school to the advanced standards required in all police departments today. No small undertaking! He has implemented new protocols, additional training and standard practices that have been previously overlooked. As Interim Chief of Police he was tasked with bringing on a new Chief. Chief Jeff Hoyne joined the City on October 2, 2017. He has been the Chief of Police for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District and is now splitting his time between the two agencies under a mutual agreement between the City Council and the Airport District Board.

Sergeant Bourquin has been promoted to Commander and is running the day to day operations of the department. He has earned those stripes after 22 years with Del Rey Oaks Police Department and has proven that he is more than ready for the additional responsibility.

A new addition to our Police Department is Reserve Officer Kyle Baum. He is currently working with his Field Training Officer, Corporal Nguyen and learning about the city, residents and neighborhoods. If you see him out and about please welcome him to Del Rey Oaks.

There are lots of good things happening in the Del Rey Oaks Police Department and of course an officer is only a few minutes away when you need them. Call 831-375-8525 for non-emergencies and of course, 9-1-1 in an emergency. We are here to protect and serve the citizens of Del Rey Oaks.

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDELEN



We are currently experiencing one of the most important transitional periods in our city's history.

Gone are the days when some city employees forgot that their primary duty was to serve our residents, sought to ignore residents' requests, and sought to undermine the City Council's attempt to address those requests.

Our new City Manager, Dino Pick, has assembled his new Management Team and has made incredible progress towards refocusing his team on responding to our residents' needs.

Our Interim Chief of Police Steve Belcher has a California state-wide reputation for joining police departments with "issues" and resolving these issues. His tenure with our city has been no different. He has made many major improvements and our police department is now in compliance with California State Law Enforcement Standards. He is currently transitioning in our new Chief of Police Jeff Hoyne.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Chief Hoyne was sworn in as Chief of Police for BOTH Del Rey Oaks and the Monterey Peninsula Airport District- a huge advantage to both our city and the district. Both our organizations will experience cost savings and we will have greater flexibility in assigning personnel and we will have access to greater resources in serving our resident's needs.

Last month, Sergeant Bourquin earned a well-deserved promotion to Police Commander. His professionalism and dedicated service to our residents is universally acknowledged and much appreciated.

We have totally eliminated the unresponsive tone of the past at City Hall. Going forward residents will be encouraged to engage City Hall, "Adopt a Traffic Island", beautify their common areas, submit ideas to improve the quality of life in our city, and express their ideas freely and without fear of retribution at City Council meetings.

Dino Pick will elaborate later in this issue of the Acorn on the major revenue increases we are beginning to receive. Suffice it to say, at the end of this fiscal year, we will have built the first budget reserve in our City's history! And, we will have sufficient funds to begin slurry sealing our streets this Spring. This is just the beginning.

**Our city's future has never been so bright!**

### Del Rey Oaks City Council



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Council Member

***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.***



## A Message from City Manager Dino Pick

It has been a busy and productive first six months serving our community. Interim Police Chief Steve Belcher spent four months making important changes in our Police Department including finding a new home for the Mine Resistant Armored Personnel (MRAP) Vehicle with another agency. We are fortunate to have Chief Jeff Hoyne assume duties as Chief of Police of Del Rey Oaks. He also serves as Chief of the Airport Police. This collaboration has already provided us with more depth in our police department as we serve our City. I expect this collaboration to grow and offer us increased capabilities and efficiencies as we look at combining departments then providing contract police services to the Airport. Sergeant Chris Bourquin was promoted to Police Commander acknowledging the incredible contribution he makes to our department and City. Finally, we have a new Officer in our ranks with the recent swearing in of Officer Kyle Baum. He looks young, but is highly capable, extremely motivated and brings a very positive fresh perspective to our Department as we serve the Community.

Our Public Works staff have been working diligently to keep our park, trails, and stairway easements clear and looking good for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors. This includes beautifying our entry way signs with flowers donated by Del Rey Oaks Garden Center. We do not have the resources to do all we would like to beautify the City so I am pleased to report an exciting partnership with the Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group (CAG) and various volunteer groups. This Adopt-an-Island program has resulted in the adoption and beautification of public spaces such as our traffic islands and the results are fantastic. Take a look at the island at Portola/Quendale or at the end of Los Encinos. The pride shows. Some of the volunteers are from our new partner unit from the Defense Language Institute, so I'd like to thank the young airmen of the 314<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron for their help. If you are interested in adopting an island please contact City Hall or the Citizen's Action Group for more information. Finally, an aspiring Eagle Scout has been working to replace damaged timbers on the tables in our park, clear trails, and install owl boxes in the woods surrounding the park. He will be back to paint the tables once the wood cures.

Your City staff continue to reach out in various ways to share information and listen to residents. The City held an Open House in Old Town Hall, continues to post notices of events or public service notices online, and we have started a monthly coffee with the City Manager that we will move from business to business and vary times to allow residents with various schedules to attend if they choose.

We held a productive public workshop with a highly qualified traffic calming engineer concerning traffic calming on Portola/Quendale and Carlton. The next workshop is scheduled for November 2, from 5-7 pm to refine concepts before presenting an option to Council for approval. We are aiming for construction of whatever is decided in the Spring.

Your City staff is heavily engaged with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority to install the public infrastructure on our Fort Ord parcel to allow for future development. These infrastructure projects include the reconstruction of South Boundary Road, and the extension of power, sewer, and water utilities down South Boundary. We will keep the public informed of progress.

The City's revenue outlook has never been better. We recently received our first tranche of Measure X revenue, and will begin receiving new State transportation funds through Senate Bill 1 to help with road maintenance. Our Cannabis tax is providing revenue that will allow roadwork, debt service and allow us to form the first reserve in the City's history. The City received a \$146,000 FORA grant to cover costs associated with caring for the Fort Ord parcel. As a result of this revenue outlook, you will see road slurry work in the Spring and traffic calming work on Portola/Quendale and Carlton.

Thanks to all of you who are volunteering your time to serve, whether on Council, Planning Commission, the CAG or in various ways helping beautify our City and put on wonderful events. It is a pleasure to serve our community and I appreciate the interactions I've had with each of you!



# Adopt-an-Island A Great Success Story

Del Rey Oaks started an Adopt-an-Island program many years ago, but until just recently it didn't seem like the idea was going to go anywhere. That's changed! We now have several islands that have been adopted and are starting to really look beautiful. In our last Acorn we featured the island located at the end of Los Encinos. Since then there has been a transformation of the island at the intersection of Portola and Quendale as well. Everyone that has volunteered has done an amazing job and we couldn't be more thankful! There are still a few islands looking for caregivers, please contact City Hall at 394-8511 if you'd like more information.

## Portola Quendale Island



## Los Encinos Island





# Open House

The City held an open house on August 11th for anyone interested in talking to city officials and staff about anything they like. Mayor Edelen and City Manager Dino Pick gave a short presentations on topics such as future developments planned by the Transportation Administration of Monterey County (TAMC) that will effect the City regarding traffic on Hwy 68 and Canyon Del Rey as well as general happenings at City Hall and throughout the city in general. We invited the public to have an open dialog about concerns, ideas, suggestions and to give everyone a chance to have a face to face conversation with City Officials and staff. It was a great event and lots of good information was exchanged. As well as residents, city officials and staff it was also attended by the Seaside Fire Department, the City Building Inspector Joe Headley, the City Attorney Alex Lorca and representatives from the Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group (DROCAG). This has become a regular event so if you are interested in attending the next one, just look for the flyer that will be hand-delivered to your residence giving the date and time of the next open house. A special thank you to the **DROCAG** for delivering the fliers to every home in Del Rey Oaks! None of this would be possible with their help.





## LET'S GET SOCIAL

Please join Del Rey Oaks in our effort to get you timely information. We are now actively using Facebook, Nextdoor.com, the City's Application and the City website.

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofdelreyoaks/>

### Nextdoor

[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) register and search Del Rey Oaks to participate

### Website

[www.delreyoaks.org](http://www.delreyoaks.org)

### City App

You can download the app by scanning the QR code with your phone or search City of Del Rey Oaks in Google Play or iTunes. Get the latest information on meetings and police bulletins delivered right to your phone.


## Keep in Touch

### City of Del Rey Oaks



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## Traffic Calming Workshop

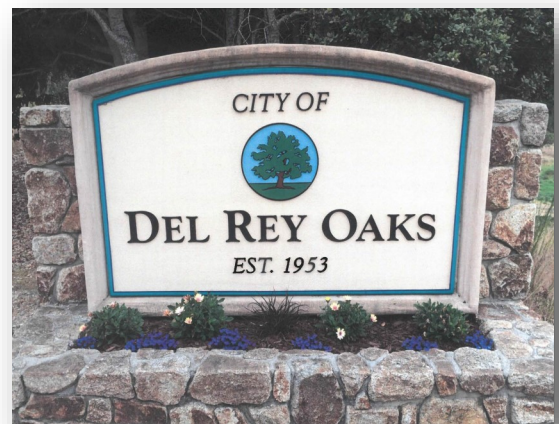
The City held a traffic calming workshop in September to receive input from residents on their concerns and ideas about calming traffic specifically on Portola Drive, Quendale Avenue and Carlton Drive. We reported on the measures taken on Carlton in the last Acorn. We reported on the traffic calming measures taken on Carlton in the last Acorn. These changes were met with some acceptance and some discontent. That's why we are taking a different approach. The City held a traffic calming workshop in September to receive input from residents on their concerns and ideas about calming traffic specifically on Portola Drive, Quendale Avenue and Carlton Drive. The traffic engineer discussed various means of calming traffic. The public had an open forum to speak directly to the engineer about their concerns and then received excellent feedback from the engineer on what can and cannot be done. It was a valuable exchange of information and everyone walked away feeling like they'd accomplished something.

We have now hired the engineering firm of Kimley-Horn to develop and present two options for each street at the next workshop based on public input from the first workshop. Kimley-Horn engineer Frederik Vantor will then refine the plan to a recommended option for each street for City Council approval.

The next Traffic Calming Workshop is scheduled for **November 2nd from 5-7 pm** at City Hall. This is a good step in the right direction and the process if working. Please join us.

## Thank You Del Rey Oaks Garden Center

Del Rey Oaks Garden Center donated plants to beautify the two Del Rey Oaks monument signs at the entrances to the City.




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## COFFEE WITH THE CITY MANAGER



In an effort to promote citizen engagement and transparency in government, Del Rey Oaks City Manager Dino Pick invites you to join him for  
**“Coffee with the City Manager”**.

This program is aimed at enabling a relaxed conversation in a comfortable environment with residents and business owners to discuss topics of their choice. In addition to topics brought up by residents and business owners, Dino will provide updates on key city initiatives.

All Coffee with the City Manager events are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in scheduling your own Coffee with the City Manager event, please contact City Hall at 831-394-8511.

**Date:** NOVEMBER 1, 2017  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Place:** STONE CREEK KITCHEN

## Santa's Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, 2017  
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.



# Eagle Scout Project By Nicholas Southern

Over the past few months you may have noticed some extra work being done in and around the park. This is all thanks to **Nicholas Southern**, a high school senior who has been volunteering his time to the city to earn his Eagle Scout Rank. He has devoted a great deal of time, energy and funds to the City in ways we otherwise could not have accomplished. We want to thank Nick for all his hard work!

Clearing out the path in the green belt that runs along the Arroyo Del Rey Creek and sifting through the playground sand and bark to get weeds, grass and debris removed.



Installing two owl boxes, one on either side of the park which give our feathered predators a place to call home. The owls will also help control the squirrel population in the park.



Replacing broken wood on the picnic tables with pressure treated wood which, after curing he will paint, making the picnic tables almost new again.



# Volunteers Abound

On page 4 you saw two islands that have been adopted and have been transformed into beautiful landscapes with a lot of hard work.

A late addition to the Acorn comes from a portion of an island that is being worked on. This time at the corner of Rosita Road and Angelus Way. The City kiosk signs are a place where the city posts notices of upcoming meetings and events. There are 5 located through out the city and at this location a group of volunteers got together to pull weeds and create a path to the sign as well as weather proofing the wood. It was a productive day and it shows! Great job!!!





# Del Rey Oaks Annual Picnic

The Del Rey Oaks Annual Picnic was held on Saturday, September 16th with great attendance and a whole lot of fun. We had face painting, live music, hose rolling contests and great food just to name a few. We are taking this opportunity to especially thank **Frank Lucido and the First City Crew** who donated their musical talents, the **Monterey County Free Library Book Mobile**, our amazing **Seaside Fire Department** and a huge thank you to the **Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group**, you are the heart and soul of the annual Del Rey Oaks Picnic and you are the reason we look forward to this every year. We can't wait to see what's in store for 2018!







## CITY OF DEL REY OAKS 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 style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November 2017</u></b></p> <p>1 <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p>5 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour</p> <p>7 <b>Election Day-Old Town Hall</b></p> <p>8 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>11 <b>Veterans Day - City Hall Closed the 10th</b></p> <p>23-24 <b>Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed</b></p> <p>28 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December 2017</u></b></p> <p>3 <b>2-4 pm Santa's Workshop Old Town Hall</b></p> <p>6 <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p>13 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>25-31 <b>Holidays - City Hall Closed</b></p> <p>26 No City Council Meeting this month</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>January 2018</u></b></p> <p>1 <b>New Years Day - City Hall Closed</b></p> <p>3 <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p>10 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>15 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Hall Closed</b></p> <p>23 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>February 2018</u></b></p> <p>7 <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p>14 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>10 <b>Presidents Day - City Hall Closed</b></p> <p>27 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March 2018</u></b></p> <p>7 <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p>11 Turn Clocks forward 1 hour</p> <p>14 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>27 6 p.m. City Council Meeting</p> <p>31 <b>Cesar Chavez Day - City Hall Closed Friday the 30th</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April 2018</u></b></p> <p>4 <b>Street Sweeping*</b></p> <p>11 6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting</p> <p>24 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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