

# The Acorn

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## Some New and Not-So-New Faces at the Del Rey Oaks Police Department



Left to right: Officer Beatrice Pereda, Sergeant David Nguyen, City Manager Dino Pick, Chief Jeff Hoyne, Officer Noe Baza

#### It is with great pride that we announce some very important changes to the Del Rey Oaks Police Department.

Our first female officer, <u>Officer Beatrice Pereda</u> joined DROPD in August. She is an experienced officer with a focus on Neighborhood Watch and community involvement. She maintains a high standard of law enforcement matched only by her honesty and integrity. We are honored to have her representing the Del Rey Oaks Police Department.

<u>Sergeant David Nguyen</u> was promoted from the rank of Corporal after eleven years with the department. He has proven that he is hardworking, highly respected by his fellow officers and holds himself to a high standard of law enforcement. He is the epitome of a "good cop" and has more than earned his Sergeant stripes. Congratulations David!

<u>Chief Jeff Hoyne</u> has been hired as our fulltime Chief of Police after being a shared Chief with the Monterey Peninsula Airport District since September 2017. He accomplished a merger between the City and the Airport District for police services that no one else has been able to do. Del Rey Oaks Police Department is now stronger than ever with more officers, enhanced patrolling, unparalleled training and the strong leadership of Chief Hoyne.

Last but definitely not least we want to welcome <u>Officer Noe Baza</u> to the force. He may look familiar since he's been a manager at our Safeway for the past several years. He has been away from law enforcement for a short while but is excited to be back in uniform. He has worked in Monterey County law enforcement and has the reliability, trustworthiness and personality to be an excellent addition to the Del Rey Oaks team.

Congratulations to all and welcome to the Del Rey Oaks Team!



# Mission Statement

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.



# Vision Statement

Del Rey Oaks will be a unified city with interconnected, welcoming and thriving neighborhoods, parks and a vibrant downtown.



The City of Del Rey Oaks values...

**Fiscal Responsibility** 

Honesty and Integrity

Open Communication and Transparency

**Ethical Behavior** 

Responsiveness to Community Needs and Concerns

## **Del Rey Oaks City Council**



Jerry Edelen Mayor



Kristin Clark Vice Mayor



**Dennis Allion Council Member** 



Pat Lintell **Council Member** 



Louise Goetzelt **Council Member** 



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDELEN

On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrated the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our great city with our Annual City Picnic.

The picnic was organized and put on by our Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group (DROCAG)- a non-profit organization consisting of residents who freely volunteer their time to make our city a better place to live.

The Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group also organizes our Annual Holiday Party, city-wide Garage Sale, Ice Cream Social, and they arrange gift baskets for our elderly residents who don't have any family and deliver them during the holiday period.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these wonderful events, please contact the DROCAG President, Mr. David Kimball at <u>david@carmel-cottage.com</u>.

Our City Picnic this year was the best ever! Over 200 residents attended and enjoyed the warm, partly-cloudy day.

Our Del Rey Oaks Police Department, led so ably by Chief of Police Jeff Hoyne was present in force along with his department personnel. Displayed in the parking lot were the DRO police cruisers. Accompanying our veteran police officers were our two newest officers- Beatrice Pereda (our first female police officer) and Noe Baza. The Seaside Fire Department was also present with two of their Fire Engines. Their fire hose rolling competition for the children is always an enjoyable event.

Also present were information booths from Monterey One Water and the SPCA, with one cute puppy and one young dog for adoption

Dino, our City Manager, was unable to attend; however, his wife, Karen was present as was our City Attorney, Alex Lorca, and his family.

DROCAG members were very busy during the afternoon. Scott Donaldson, George Jaksha, and David Kimball set up and covered the picnic tables. Barbara Kimball, Dorothy Souza and Mary Ann Frapp spent the afternoon collecting money for the lunch, raffle tickets and DRO bags and t-shirts. Claudia Campbell and Kristin Clark helped where needed. Master Chefs Drew Webb and Renaldo barbecued delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. Julie Webb, Sandie Shelby, and Terri Neece served the food.

Defense Language Institute students from our partner unit, the 314<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron helped in many ways – lifting and moving the heavy picnic tables, helping with food service, and breaking down after the event – their youth and muscle power really helped.

Sandie Shelbie's table decorations were beyond belief – She personally decorated at least 20 pumpkins which attendees were welcome to take home.

Terri Neece made beautiful raffle baskets. Terri also organized the entire picnic and purchased the food.

For the children there was a bounce house, balloon man, and face painter. Ron Fucci supervised our city tractor which served as a jungle gym for kids to climb on.

To top it off resident Frank Lucido's band performed throughout the picnic. They were great! The music was perfect and the band's performance made the picnic that much more festive.

A very special thanks to the DROCAG President- Mr. David Kimball. His leadership of the group has taken his group's support of our city to new heights!

If you didn't get the opportunity to attend the Community Picnic this year; please put it on your calendar for next year. This event is not to be missed!

## Be an Active Participant in Your City

Please join Del Rey Oaks in our effort to get you timely information. We use Facebook, Nextdoor, local bulletin boards, mailers and the City website to post notices about upcoming meetings and information.\*

#### **Facebook**

<u>www.facebook.com/cityofdelreyoaks</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/Del-Rey-Oaks-Police-</u> <u>Department</u> our Police departments new page.

#### <u>Nextdoor</u>

<u>www.nextdoor.com</u> register and search Del Rey Oaks to participate.

#### **Website**

<u>www.delreyoaks.org</u> you can sign up for automatic notifications on our email list. You can also contact us directly through out online form. If you'd like to receive a mailed copy of agenda's that's the way to let us know. Please send a request using the form or call us directly at (831)394-8511.

#### **Bulletin Boards/Kiosks**

You can always check the **5** local bulletin boards/kiosks as well for the most recent announcements. They are located at on <u>Rosita Rd</u> near the Church, <u>Via Verde</u> near the stairs to the park, <u>Quendale/Portola island</u>, in the parking lot of <u>Del Rey Oaks Park</u> and at <u>City Hall</u> right outside the front door.

\*Do not use Nextdoor or Facebook to ask urgent questions, call City Hall at 394-8511, Police non-emergency 375-8525 and <u>in an emergency always call 9-1-1</u>. Nextdoor and Facebook are tools only and should not be

Thank you to Reverend Bob from Church of the Oaks for always starting our City Council meetings off with positive words of inspiration.

#### Church of the Oaks NACCC

Rev. Dr. Robert Hellam

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## **Short Term Rental Update**

Following several public workshops and Council meetings on Short Term Rentals (STRs), the City passed an ordinance which went into effect August 1<sup>st</sup> and will start being enforced on November 1st.

The term "Short Term Rental" is defined as the rental of a room, a portion of a home or an entire house for less than 30 days at a time. In the city there are two types of short term rentals. A "Home Share" which is an owner occupied home in which a portion of the home is rented for less than 30 days at a time. A "Whole Home" is a non-owner occupied home where the entire home is rented for less than



30 days at a time.

Short Term Rentals will regulated be legal, and taxed. On November 1, 2018 the City will begin enforcing the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Staff has the application streamlined for your convenience. Please call Karen at City Hall 831-394-8511

or email at <u>kminami@delreyoaks.org</u> to start the application process or with any questions or concerns.



Iverson's Tree Service donated wood chips to cover the large triangle at the corner of Rosita Road and Angelus Way. We like to make Del Rey Oaks as beautiful as we can and wood chips go a long way in helping us to accomplish that. It's still a work in progress but the wood chips are a definite improvement as we continue to work on that corner.

# 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. The next event will be held:

> Date: October 11, 2018 Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: Starbucks Stone Creek Shopping Center



As we approach the end of 2018 you will be seeing more road work completed. The majority of Carlton Drive will be reconstructed and it is marked in blue on the map above. Spring of 2019 will usher in a long awaited reconstruction of all the cul-de-sacs along Portola Drive, the majority of Saucito and the "dog-leg" of Via Verde. All of the streets in these projects were in the worst condition and with funding finally available we are excited to get them done.

Earlier this year we opened the bidding process up for the estates portion of Carlton (marked in blue) and Monterey Peninsula Engineers came in with the lowest bid. They have scheduled the work for the week of October 9th with notices already hand delivered to the affected residents. After the first of the year we will be going out to bid for the streets marked in green. City staff has diligently worked to get these streets on the project list, and now that plan is coming to fruition. We are all looking forward to having well maintained streets throughout the City. We've all waited through some very lean financial times and most of all you, the residents have been so patient. Thank you! We hope you are as excited about these improvements as we are.



## A Message from City Manager Dino Pick

As Fall approaches there is much to share with our wonderful community. First, after months of planning and negotiation with the Airport District, City Council has approved a contract to provide police services to the Airport. I am very pleased to announce that the City has hired Chief Hoyne to be our full-time Chief of Police. He will implement the agreement, which will increase the size of our Police Department from 6 to 11 officers, provide a higher quality of police service to both the City and the Airport, and save the City more than \$250,000 per year.

Our residents have banded together to form a Neighborhood Watch Program, and our Police Department has facilitated and supported it, as it continues to build momentum and positive energy. Our City team will continue to work closely with our residents to keep our community safe.

We finished paving many of our streets this Summer. It was the first time in decades that many of them had been paved. The \$175,000 project was completed on time and under budget, returning approximately \$25,000 to the City's General Fund. The streets we paved first were those in fair condition, whose life could be extended by 10-15 years with a relatively inexpensive slurry seal. That is why we were able to pave as many streets as we did for less than \$175,000. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during paving. In fiscal year 2018-2019, City Council appropriated \$1.2 million to reconstruct some of the City's worst streets, which will be more expensive to repair due to their condition. The portion of Carlton Drive that winds through the Estates will be paved in October, then in the Spring of 2019 we will reconstruct and pave all the cul d' sacs along Portola, Carlton Place, Saucito Avenue, and a portion of Via Verde.

Council approved a Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance in May following two well attended public workshops. The public input allowed an ordinance tailored to our City's needs. The ordinance went into effect in late July, after which staff mailed each residence in the City a letter outlining the licensing process for whole home and home share short term rentals. The City is currently issuing licenses and will begin enforcing the Ordinance on November 1, 2018. This ordinance essentially regulates what was already happening in our City, while providing additional controls that our residents desired to help protect the safety and character of our neigborhoods, and provides revenue with which to do it.

The City continues to lead in energy conservation. The City was awarded two Platinum-level Beacon Awards for energy conservation and GHG emission reductions. The City enrolled in PG&E's Solar Choice program so 100% of our power solar. Staff continues to develop options to place solar panels on City Hall to reduce our need for PG&E provided solar, this will reduce the City's power bill while continuing to maximize our use of renewable energy. The City held a solar open house in June to promote energy efficient upgrades to residential and commercial properties. Finally, Staff held a productive public workshop in late June to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of staying with PG&E, joining Monterey Bay Community Power, or joining King City Community Power. City Council directed staff to develop a comparison between the three options for our residents to review and comment upon. Staff is developing the terms of the King City Community Power agreement so it can be compared with the MBCP agreement and PG&E's terms. City staff are also awaiting a decision from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that may influence the viability of CCAs.

The Transportation Authority of Monterey County (TAMC)-led Highway 218 Corridor Study con-

ducted with the Cities of Del Rey Oaks and Seaside is proceeding with the development of project concepts that can compete for grant funding to make 218 safer for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. The \$150,000 study has taken input through City Council meetings, a bus/walking tour of the corridor, several public workshops and through an online survey. Find the latest information on this important study at:

http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/highway-projects/218-study/.

The City installed four radar speed signs on Portola Avenue, similar to those on Carlton in late March. Council also directed staff to assess the feasibility and conducting environmental review of limiting traffic at Carlton near Plumas to pedestrians, bicycles, public safety and mass transit vehicles. Staff continues to work with our Traffic Engineer on the Environmental Review. Staff will assess the ability of our larger Police Department to control speeding on Carlton and Portola starting in mid-October. The City is also awaiting the results of a TAMC grant request to support design and construction of a bike/pedestrian path along Carlton. Should grant funding become available, the potential exists for reconfiguration of Carlton to meet residents' concerns. Council also directed staff to redesign the intersection of Work and Carlton and return for approval. Staff identified the need for the redesign of this intersection as part of the TAMC 218 corridor study to leverage the funding available through that grant. Staff contemplates holding additional traffic calming public workshops once the results of increased police enforcement are known.

Your City staff continues to reach out in various ways to share information and listen to residents. The City held an Open House in Old Town Hall in June. We continue to post notices of events or public service notices online, and we have started a monthly coffee with the City Manager that moves from business to business and varies times to allow residents with various schedules to attend if they choose. I thoroughly enjoy speaking with all of you and hearing your concerns.

Your City staff continues to work with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority to install the public infrastructure on our Fort Ord parcel to allow for future development. Whitson Engineers is currently conducting biological surveys of the South Boundary Road area to allow for construction in 2019.

The City and Airport reached an agreement to move the RV storage lot that is adjacent to City Hall onto Airport property. The move will take place in October. Staff looks forward to engaging the public regarding what could be done on that City parcel.

The City's revenue outlook is bright. Council approved the first financial reserve in the City's history last month. In addition to the financial reserve Council will consider paying down City debt and the establishment of a Section 115 trust to reduce the City's unfunded health care and retirement cost liabilities. This will happen as we continue to make important and long overdue investments in roads, parks, and public safety. While our revenue outlook is healthier than ever, it is mostly from cannabis tax, which is a dynamic and volatile sector of the economy. Therefore, your City Staff continues to develop and diversity revenue streams to ensure the long-term economic stability of Del Rey Oaks.

Your City team thoroughly enjoys serving our wonderful community. I also want to thank all of you again, who selflessly volunteer your time to serve, whether on Council, Planning Commission, the CAG or in various ways helping beautify our City and put on wonderful events. Thank you!

**Dino Pick** 



# **A Message From Chief Hoyne**

Hello everyone! I just want to take a minute a tell you about some of the things that are currently happening in your Police Department. I also wanted to make sure everyone knows that it is *truly* a time of tremendous and exciting change here in the City and at the Police Department! As many of you have probably heard, we are about to undergo a historical transformation and expansion.

#### **Police Services Contract**

On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Monterey Peninsula Airport District Board of Directors and the Del Rey Oaks City Council both approved a Police Services Agreement that will combine both of the Airport and City police departments. This will result in a Del Rey Oaks Police Department that will grow from 5 and a half full-time officers (including a half-time contract chief), to ten officers and a full-time chief. Additionally, the department will increase its reserve officer staff from 4 reserve officers to 6 reserve officers. The new Del Rey Oaks Police Department will not only patrol the City of Del Rey Oaks, but as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, will also provide contract law enforcement services at the Monterey Regional Airport.

Hundreds of hours of planning, research, and logistical work went into this effort, and many hours still remain to implement all of the new changes. Some of the necessary tasks include(d); preparing budgets and contracts, crafting resolutions, hiring and training new staff, promoting supervisors and building organizational charts, training officers in airport related law enforcement and security procedures, procuring equipment, reorganizing offices and facilities, obtaining regulatory approval from California POST and the Transportation Security Administration, developing patrol deployment plans and schedules, editing policy manuals, and many others too numerous to list.

This endeavor was a team effort that included the entire City staff and their Airport counterparts. I want to thank Deputy City Clerks Kim Carvalho and Karen Minami for their tireless efforts and continuing work involving the administrative work required to hire numerous new officers, conduct HR related training, and develop and oversee the invoicing and billing this contract will require. Also, the Del Rey Oaks City Council deserves special recognition for their guidance and support of the city staff during this effort. We are very excited to make this a successful partnership, and a model for providing more effective, efficient, and professional law enforcement services to the City and the Airport!

## **Del Rey Oaks First Female Officer**

Additionally, the City of Del Rey Oaks reached another milestone when it hired the first female police officer in the City's history. Officer Beatrice Pereda was sworn in as a police officer on August 27, 2018. Officer Pereda is an experienced officer and came to our department after working for the City of Livingston, California. Officer Pereda is progressing quickly through the Department's field training program and is a welcome addition to the agency. Officer Pereda brings many valuable skills to our department, including her fluency in Spanish, and her experience managing social media at her last department. Officer Pereda should finish her field training and begin solo patrol sometime in October. Along with Officer Pereda's hiring, the city is poised to hire two full-time Airport police officers, and two additional full-time officers to bring staffing up to our new authorized levels necessary under the new Police Services Agreement.

## **Crime Statistics and New Strategies**

There have been several times in the past year when I have been asked about the crime rate in the City of Del Rey Oaks or have seen posts and comments on social media about the "increase" in crime here in the city. After studying the available data from numerous sources (crime statistics online are not necessarily accurate, even on government websites) one thing is readily apparent, the crime rate in Del Rey Oaks is very low. Additionally, crime statistics over the course of the last several years show that crime has remained steady, without any significant increases or decreases. It is slightly higher some years and slightly lower some years. As of September, our 2018 statistics show that if things continue to trend as they have the first three quarters, 2018 will show a reduction in overall crime in from the last couple of years, including both property crimes and crimes against people.



## Citizens Action Group

Thank you to the Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group for another fun filled Annual Picnic In The Park!







SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2018 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.



Start your holidays off right! Come see Old Town Hall decorated for the holidays. Children of all ages (you too, Mom and Pad!) can decorate cookies and ornaments for the tree and await a visit from Santa. It's a fun family event!

Call David at (831)809-1228 or email him at davidclarkekimball@gmail.com

# Neighborhood Watch

On a glorious Sunday afternoon in Del Rey Oaks more than 40 residents, police officers and firefighters gathered for a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Portola Dr. The meeting focused on home security and fire safety, but it was also an opportunity for neighbors to meet and socialize while enjoying some tasty food and drink.

The Del Rey Oaks Neighborhood Watch Program was established this year by Daniela Colbasso and a group of concerned citizens motivated to partner with Del Rey Oaks PD in an effort to reduce various types of neighborhood crime. Unfortunately, we have experienced situations in our city that call upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Being vigilant and involved can make a difference and send the right message – that the citizens of Del Rey Oaks look out for, and take care of each other!

Not only does Neighborhood Watch allow citizens to help in the fight against crime, it's also an opportunity to bond together. The Neighborhood Watch Program draws upon the compassion of average citizens by asking them to lend their neighbors a hand. At this meeting, Officer Kyle Baum and Chief Jeff Hoyne offered some tips to help the police department deter crime:

- Simply lock the doors and windows to your house and cars.
- Put a bell or noise making device on your outside gates.
- Turn-on lights near your porch and outside doors at night.

• Install motion-activated security lighting around your home's perimeter. Burglars will avoid well-lighted homes.

- Install surveillance cameras at strategic points around your home, and/or get a video doorbell system.
- Install a monitored alarm system.
- Place yard signs and window decals to indicate that your home is equipped for optimal security.
- Close your window coverings at night.
- Clear items from windows and entrances that may shield a burglar form view or that can be used for climbing such as high shrubs, trees, outdoor furnishings, etc.
- If a home in your neighborhood is vacant for long periods of time, ask a neighbor to turn on lights periodically, open and close window coverings, etc. and make the home look "lived in".
- Contact DRO PD to increase presence around vacant homes during patrols. They can do this when you
  go on vacation too!

It's a good idea to walk around your homes perimeter and imagine assessing it from an intruder's point of view. How easy or difficult would it be to get into your home? How many devices do you have that send a clear message to criminals that your house is protected? Is your home security signage in clear view to the average passerby? Burglars generally prefer to do their jobs with as little effort as possible. They also like to get in and out of a home as quickly as they can. If a home is equipped with multiple security devices and it's clear that the occupant has focused on fortifying the house as securely as possible, a burglar is likely to view the home as too much of a risk to try and enter.

One of the most important aspects of the Neighborhood Watch Program is the establishment of Block Captains. We are looking for volunteers to assist with function. The responsibilities of a Captain are quite minimal:

• Identify a group of houses to represent and act as a spokesperson for the group.

• Establish and maintain contact information (text, email or phone number) that group members can use to contact residents in an emergency.

- Keep members informed about area crime and disorder.
- Help to recognize unusual or suspicious activities in your area.
- Serve as liaison with the Del Rey Oaks PD.
- Organize crime prevention activities, e.g., watching homes when residents are away.

The Seaside Fire Department was also on hand at the gathering to discuss fire safety and provided the following tips:

- Emergency preparedness is all about pre-planning.
- Practice your escape plan with ALL members of your household to include pets. Opening a window and climbing to the ground can be more difficult than you think, even in a non-emergency situation.
- Make a plan that includes two safe ways out of every room.
- It is a good idea to keep a pair of shoes/slippers, eyeglasses and a flashlight by your bed at night.
- Keep portable heaters at least three feet from everything.
- Extinguish candles before you leave a room or go to bed. Unattended candles are a major source of fires each year.
- A fire grows very quickly and there is usually no time to gather belongings, so maintain important documents in a fire safe box.
- First responders want to know your list of medications. They will immediately go to your refrigerator to look for medications and other important documents. This is critical when you can't speak for yourself, when you are confused, in pain or scared. The Vial of Life program is FREE and will help organize this important aspect of preparedness. Go to VIALOFLIFE.COM

The Seaside Fire Department sponsors a Smoke Detector Installation Program. As part of the program, fire department staff will install the detector for FREE. You may qualify! Call the Seaside Fire Department at 899-6790 for more information.

Also, be on the lookout for smoke alarm promotional discounts tied to National Fire Prevention Week October 7th-13th.

Our Neighborhood Watch Program takes a proactive, community-oriented approach to crime prevention that works with our police department to provide an "extra set of eyes and ears". The program in Del Rey Oaks has been a huge success thus far and we're confident it will only grow. Everyone is encouraged to join! Please contact Daniela Colbosso at <u>danicol225@outlook.com</u> if you'd like to be a Block Captain or if you have any questions and/or suggestions. We'd love your feedback for future topics to make these gatherings useful for all of us, or suggestions on how we can grow our program.

The next Neighborhood Watch gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st in the parking lot at the entrance of the Del Rey Oaks Garden Center. Time will be published later. Please join us!



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While crime has remained steady over the last 6 years of data that we focused on researching, we know that ANYONE who is a victim of crime understands that crime rates mean nothing when you have been victimized. The Del Rey Oaks Police Department is focused on reducing our already low crime rate in the coming months and years, and working hard to solve crimes that occur in the city and hold those who committed them responsible. Several strategies will be put in place at the Del Rey Oaks Police Departlice Department over the next year to help achieve these goals.

Most notably, we are looking at increasing the amount of neighborhood patrols to a level not possible before. Historically the department has fielded one patrol officer per shift, meaning only one officer was available in the city to patrol neighborhoods, answer calls for service, and handle administrative tasks. The City's new law enforcement services contract with the Monterey Peninsula Airport District will allow the Department to virtually double the amount of neighborhood patrols. Instead of only one officer on -duty and available for patrol at any given time, the city will now have access to at least two officers for neighborhood patrol 24 hours a day. All at a cost savings to the city.

As a part of our new policing plan for the City, the Del Rey Oaks Police Department is also starting a Patrol Detective program (supervised by a police sergeant) that will be tasked with the thorough and professional follow-up of serious crimes committed in our city. Our patrol detectives, whose primary assignment will be in patrol, will receive California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission approved training in basic and advanced investigative functions and will be called upon to take over serious or complex investigations when necessary. This will hopefully increase the amount of crimes we solve, and bring closure and peace of minds to our residents who have been victimized. Also, with more officers on patrol, quicker follow-up, and a higher clearance rate, we hope to see our crime levels stay low and hopefully decrease. More on this in the coming months.

#### We're Just Getting Started

With all of this in mind, please realize we are just getting started. We have officers to hire and train, facilities and equipment to improve, policies and procedures to update, and a new police services contract to implement! All of our staff have been working very hard to make these changes go smoothly. We are excited to provide better service to our City and to provide excellent police services to the Airport District in the coming months. With that in mind, don't hesitate to call us if you need anything.

Be safe! Jeff



## What Goes Where

Recycling is Changing in Monterey County

"DID YOU KNOW? There is an App for smartphones, as well as a website called: "What Goes Where?". This provides guidance on how to recycle materials in Monterey County. First, enter your zip code to connect to your hauler and city specific information. (Del Rey Oaks is zip code 93940 and our hauler is Green Waste.) Then, enter the name of the material you want to recycle. If the item you are asking about isn't on the list, there is a simple way to suggest adding the item. Go to http://whatgoeswhere.info/ to use the website and/or to download the App."



## **Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM

Join us at the kiosk on Rosita Road on the corner of Rosita Road and Angelus Way across the street from 860 Rosita Road

The Fire Department will be giving a demo on Fire Extinguishers

Please bring a goody for the food table, drinks will be provided.

It would be nice to know, but not necessary, if you will be attending. Please RSVP to Pat Lintell at 394-1596



## **Gutters and the Street Sweeper**

Seaside County Sanitation District, with whom we contract for street sweeping, as required to meet Storm Water Regulations, is asking all residents for their help. Please move your vehicles off the street, clean up all dirt and plant material that is spilling off your property and into the city gutters, and trim any low hanging branches prior to the first Wednesday of each month.

The sweeper has been running into some problems both with spreading dirt all over the streets and not being able to get close enough to the curbs. Many people think the sweeper is there to clean up every speck of dirt but in fact the sweeper is there to pick up larger items and clean up toxic substances (cigarette butts, plastic, oil, etc.) so they don't end up in the storm drains. The more obstacles in the way, the less they can clean and if there is a lot of dirt spilling out into the gutter, it will get picked up and spread out into the street. It's simply too fine to be picked up by the sweeper. That's why after the sweeping sometimes the streets look grey and dirty. Thank you for helping us keep our oceans clean by doing your part to help Seaside County Sanitation District.



# MONTEREY REGIONAL Stormwater Management

As our rainy season approaches we would like to remind you that 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.).

<u>ALL</u> storm drains flow <u>directly</u> 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. <u>Only rain should go into storm drains</u>.

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 measureable 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 any one 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).

## 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.

October 2018		November 2018	
3	Street Sweeping*	7	Street Sweeping*
10	6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	14	6 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
21	Neighborhood Watch Meeting	22- 23	Thanksgiving City Hall Closed
23	6 p.m. City Council Meeting	27	6 p.m. City Council Meeting
December 2018		January 2019	
5	Street Sweeping*	1	New Years Day City Hall Closed
9	Holiday Party in the Park	2	Street Sweeping*
12	6 p.m. Planning Commission Meet- ing	9	6 p.m. Planning Commission Meet- ing
None	6 p.m. City Council Meeting	21	MLK Day City Hall Closed
24-31	Holidays: City Hall Closed	24	6 p.m. City Council Meeting
February 2019		March 2019	
6	Street Sweeping*	6	Street Sweeping*
13	6 p.m. Planning Commission Meet- ing	13	6 p.m. Planning Commission Meet- ing
18	President's Day City Hall Closed	26	6 p.m. City Council Meeting
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\*\* All items in red are Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group sponsored events

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