



The Acorn

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Welcome Jeanette to the City Hall Team!



Jeanette comes from a background of working with students and parents so she is an excellent fit at City Hall. She works part time in the City Clerk's office as an Administrative Assistant and is catching on very quickly which is no easy task.

Being a small City with a small staff we each are expected to know a lot about a lot of things. It can be overwhelming at first, but with time becomes an exciting and varied place to work. Most cities have separate departments with designated staff in each of those departments. They have to know one job and have plenty of time to practice those specific skills. Here at City Hall we do it all! This is a sampling of what we work on every day, and every day is different.

Building permits
Accounts Receivable
Planning Commission meetings
Historical Research
Code Enforcement
Annual Financial Audits

Police Reception
Accounts Payable
Answering phones and email
Park Rentals
Business Licensing
Public Relations and much more

Payroll Processing
City Council meetings
Plans review
Dog Park Licensing
Elections

We've been referred to as a "one-stop-shop" and we hope that you feel comfortable calling or stopping by to have your questions answered. We go all-out to always be kind, helpful and understanding in all situations. At times we are required to be firm, standing by the rules we are charged with following in the city's municipal code. We know the answers are not always what people hope to hear, but even then we do our utmost to translate all the legal lingo of a municipal code into plain English and explain sometimes complex rules and processes in a way that makes sense and doesn't sound daunting. We work with all types of people, with all types of questions, so we must be prepared to answer anything that might be asked.

You have an experienced team at City Hall with a variety of backgrounds and time with the City. We are a City Manager/Council form of government which means that we all work for you and are directed by the City Manager Dino Pick who is guided by the City Council.

Your City Hall Team

Dino Pick	City Manager/City Clerk/City Treasurer	2 years	6 months
Kim Carvalho	Assistant to the City Manager/Deputy City Clerk	17 years	10 months
Karen Minami	Deputy City Clerk	15 years	3 months
Jeanette Helgesen	Administrative Assistant		2 months



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.

Core Values

(not in priority order)

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



Alison Kerr
Mayor



Kristin Clark
Vice Mayor



Pat Lintell
Council Member



John Gaglioti
Council Member



Louise Goetzelt
Council Member



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KERR

Dear friends and neighbors,

In these increasingly divided times, it is even more important for neighbors to come together to consciously create and strengthen a sense of place, where we tap into what we have in common and collectively chart a path of cohesiveness. To accomplish that we need to create a wealth of both social and political interactions. So, when I ran for mayor, two of my goals were to 1) get more DRO citizens involved in our city's decision-making process and to 2) make those processes more transparent. I am so happy to see these goals starting to take hold!

In addition to our long-established Citizens Action Group and 2 year old Neighborhood Watch program, several Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committees have formed and are up and running. One has already spun off into a non-profit organization! The committees are starting to implement their ideas to enhance our quality of life. You will find examples of upcoming activities in this edition of the Acorn.

- ◆ Are you an artist? Have a story to tell? **The Mayor's Advisory Committee for Arts and Culture** is creating an Artist Registry to identify our community's visual and performing artists. The committee will collect and archive memories and stories from our long-time residents for our community to enjoy. Meetings are held at the Moose Lodge on the 4th Sat. of each month at 10:00 am. Contact droartsandculture@gmail.com for more information and to sign up for the Artist Registry.
- ◆ **The Mayor's Advisory Committee for Parks and Youth** is having a park clean-up day on Sat Sept 14 and is working with Sustainable Del Rey Oaks, Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program, and Save the Whales to create a Butterfly Garden. Please join us at one of our meetings, which are held at the Moose Lodge on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. Let me know if you'd like more information.
- ◆ **Sustainable Del Rey Oaks** has hit the ground running with taking the lead on the Butterfly Garden, recycling t-shirts into bags for homeless youth and coordinating with local businesses and the Citizens Action Group to purchase silverware that can be used for city activities, decreasing the use of plastics. More great things to come! If you want to get involved, meetings are at 6:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com for location.
- ◆ Hope to see you at the Del Rey Oaks Annual Picnic in the park on Saturday Sept 21, starting at 12:00. **The Citizens Action Group** organizes the annual picnic. They also put on the annual community garage sale, spring ice cream social and Santa's Workshop. Rumor has it something special is in the works for next summer. The CAG meets on the 2nd Monday at 6:15 in Old Town Hall at the park.
- ◆ **Neighborhood Watch** is a community-based organization where neighbors watch out for neighbors, helping to keep our neighborhood safe. Contact our Lead Daniella Colbassa at danicol225@outlook.com to sign up to be a block captain, receive safety information and how to get involved.

New to town? Come to a meeting and meet your neighbors. Been here a while? I'll bet there is something that resonates with your talents and interests that I hope will inspire you to get involved. All are welcome!

An Inside Look

Another critical part of the participation process is to understand *how our city government* works. Let's take a look. The Monterey Regional Airport Board's possible request to construct a North Side Road is a good example.

The city's official stance is that we do not support a North Side road. The Circulation Element of our 1997 General Plan states "The City will not support the potential north side access from Highway 218 and Del Rey Gardens Drive or any airport access road through the City of Del Rey Oaks." Additional goals, policies and programs in the General Plan related to the relationship with the Airport address traffic level of service (LOS), expansion, air quality, wetland protection from runoff, and noise.

Anyone can ask for a General Plan amendment through an application process, which includes a fee for associated studies and staff time. As of September 1, we have not received a General Plan amendment application from the Airport. If an application and fee were to be presented to the city, nothing will happen quickly or without opportunities for you to be a part of the following process:

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1. A thorough battery of studies would be conducted, then reviewed. Studies may involve potential noise, traffic and environmental effects upon Del Rey Oaks. Part of the fee the airport would pay is used for these studies. The city's land use and environmental planner will conduct the surveys and analysis. This would take anywhere from 2 - 4 months.
2. There would be a public meeting about these study results.
3. These study results would become the basis for consideration for a vote on the General Plan amendment by the Planning Commission. All meetings are public and are announced.
4. An appeal can be made on the Commissioners vote. In which case, the decision would then go to the City Council for a public vote.

I am hearing loud and clear resident concerns about the possibility of the North Side Road; from emails, postcards, my monthly *What's On Your Mind?* meetings, and one-on-one conversations with neighbors. There were also two well attended public meetings with Monterey Regional Airport staff and consultants at City Hall, as well as the recent Monterey Regional Airport Board of Directors meeting where a dozen of our residents spoke against the road and expressed concern about fire hazard due to the lack of maintenance of overgrowth, dried shrubbery and trees along the airport's north side border.

Your continued involvement in the Airport discussion as well as all of the other items facing our city is important. Citizen community service and contributions to the well-being of our city are the cornerstone for a healthy community. Your council's job is to make sure residents and businesses alike are informed about and connected to the work we are doing on your behalf. My hope is you will get involved, stay informed and take advantage of the various opportunities to participate in making all aspects of our city inclusive and truly representative.

We are doing better ... together!

Alison Kerr

A New Point of View

Del Rey Oaks hosted the Mayor's Meeting in July which rotates through all the cities, giving each city a chance to host in their respective locations throughout the year. Mayor Kerr wanted to do something different from past meetings in Del Rey Oaks. She wanted to be out in the sunshine and have it in the park. City staff made all the arrangements for Stone Creek Kitchen to prepare and deliver lunch to the park. While we know many important topics are discussed at these meetings, from all the smiling faces in the picture, it appears that everyone in attendance enjoyed the new location.





POLICE

DEL REY OAKS

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Sign Up to Receive Text Message Alerts From Del Rey Oaks Police Department – Text **DelReyOaksPD** to 888777 –

DEL REY OAKS – The Del Rey Oaks Police Department is announcing the rollout of a text message alert service for all residents of Del Rey Oaks. This text alert system will allow people to receive critical information and updates directly on their cell phone or electronic device.

This alert system is a Community Engagement notification system that ties into Facebook and Twitter to send out local information about events or emergencies.

Del Rey Oaks wants you to be safe and informed during emergencies in your area. Alerts may include public safety threats, dangerous weather and traffic advisories.

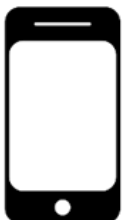
Information is key, and we strongly encourage you to sign up to receive text message alerts directly from Del Rey Oaks and Monterey County EOS.

Systems such as these have been used throughout the Country to assist with local community based events or emergencies. Register now to receive text message alerts directly on your mobile phone or other electronic device.

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REMEMBER, WE CAN'T ALERT YOU IF WE CAN'T REACH YOU.





the arts plural noun

Definition of the arts

: painting, sculpture, music, theater, literature, etc., considered as a group of activities done by people with skill and imagination

The Arts are something we can all appreciate. Whether it be visual, written, spoken or in another form. There is something for everyone. We have discovered some very talented artists living right here in DRO. We are featuring two of those artists in this Fall edition of The Acorn. We hope more people will start submitting their art for future editions. While we can't guarantee every submission will be featured, we would love to see what our talented residents are capable of. All submissions should be sent to info@delreyoaks.org, Attn: Editor

The Garden Thieves

My husband dropped the pit into the compost pile.
Spindly, but determined, by late winter,
a tree no one had planted.

Spring transformed it into an enormous blossom,
scent impossible to ignore. Come early summer,
small green knobs that July turned pink and orange.

Another week till pie.
Early this morning, not just a few,
but the entire tree,

empty. All thirty-four ripe peaches
gone. The nearby ground strewn
with pits picked clean.

How stealthily thieves entered the garden
in the night. I can see it now—
a family of raccoons scaling the fence

balancing on the wispy branches:
their furry bodies, sharp tiny teeth,
juice running down nimble paws.

Were they too busy with their find,
indulging in delight, usurping hunger,
to even glance at our window?

Patrice Vecchione, from *The Knot Untied*

Patrice Vecchione is a poet, nonfiction writer and collage artist who is interested in art as a part of our Del Rey Oaks community because art lifts the spirit and brings people together.

"Fantasist"



"Hitchcock"



Raven Cook is an emerging artist who is interested in making art more accessible to the community.

When asked where Raven gets her inspiration she stated "My grandfather and dad are both artists themselves, they have always been super encouraging of my interest in art. I have been painting since I was two and started painting on a more serious level when I entered high school, four years ago. I get a lot of my inspiration and ideas for my artwork from nature, listening to old rock music, reading books, flipping through art magazines and watching old movies."



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: Thursday, December 5th, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: To be determined

Public Noticing

At City Hall we hear quite often that someone didn't know about a meeting after it's already happened. We thought this might be a good time to make sure everyone knows all the ways to stay informed. We have a protocol we follow prior to every meeting whether it be City Council, Planning Commission, Architectural Review, Strategic Planning, or the host of other special meetings such as Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Transition Plan, Airport Road Workshop, Housing Element Study Session or Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway information. There are lots of ways to stay informed and in the know.

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| 1. Sign up via our website for a notice subscription | 4. Follow us on Facebook |
| 2. Check the City Bulletin Boards | 5. Check the website regularly for urgent events |
| 3. Follow us on Nextdoor | 6. Request to be on our mailing list |

That being said, this is the process by which we notice every meeting. Each of the following locations get a copy of or a link to the meeting agenda and packet with all the information needed to know what's coming up.

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| Post to the Website the entire Packet | Send out email blast to all subscribers (link to website post) |
| Post to Nextdoor (link to website post) | Mail out an agenda to everyone on our mailing list |
| Post to Facebook (link to website post) | Post agendas in each of the city bulletin boards (5 total) |



Bulletin boards are located at:
 City Hall, Via Verde at Durbin, Rosita by the church, Quendale/Portola Triangle and in the park.

Per the Brown Act, the website, bulletin boards and mail must be posted 72 hours prior to regularly scheduled meetings; and 24 hours prior to special meetings.

We go above and beyond by including Nextdoor, Facebook and email blast via our website. We always post much earlier than the 72 hour requirement. In most cases we post 120 hours prior to a regular meeting and 48 hours prior to a special meeting.

If you have any questions about how to register on our website or if you would like to be added to our mailing list please call and we will be glad to help. City Hall 394-8511.



A Message from City Manager Dino Pick

Another six months has passed in the blink of an eye! Your City staff continues to perform for the community. Please join me in welcoming Jeanette Helgesen to our team! Jeanette is a part time employee, who has hit the ground running helping Kim and Karen. So our City team of 15 ½ is stronger and more capable than ever. Our small team successfully handled a significant workload that included an Air-port inquiry about a General Plan Amendment, FORA transition, Housing Element update, a ro-bust City Council agenda, and the largest streets project in the history of the City. The team did this while improving our parks, keeping us safe, and connecting with the community through face to face meetings like Coffee with the City Manager, public workshops and through email and social media.

- The City **reconstructed many of our worst streets** including the **cul-du-sacs along Portola and Quendale, Suacito Avenue and Carlton Place** delivering the project on time and under budget.
- Our Public Works Supervisor, **Ron Fucci**, made numerous wonderful **improvements to our park** including **new picnic tables**, new retaining wall for the **children’s playground**, **new volleyball net and posts**, **refurbished grills** and a **renovated baseball field**.
- The **Airport District** asked about a process to amend the City’s General Plan for a **north side access road** to support their master plan. **The City is on the record opposing the road because it violates our General Plan**. The City held **two public workshops** to inform our community about the request and defined the process for the Airport to formally submit a request. They have not done so.
- The legislation to extend the Ft Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) for 2 years failed to pass. This means that **FORA will cease to exist on June 30, 2020** and as a practical matter, the **FORA staff is rapidly shrinking in size**. Our small City staff will take on significant workload in the next 10 months to negotiate agreements to protect the City after FORA is gone.

Staff made significant progress to implement the will of your City Council as expressed in the Strategic Plan. **The City Council unanimously approved:**

- Increasing the City’s **Economic Uncertainty Reserve to \$525,000**.
- Establishing a **trust fund** with an initial investment of **\$150,000** to fully fund the City’s retirement pension liability.
- Join **Monterey Bay Community Power** based on it successfully growing into a fiscally sound, well managed organization with excellent renewable energy offerings for residents and businesses.
- The City’s first **two-year budget** that continues a fiscally conservative approach to pay-off City debt, build a reserve, and invest in critical infrastructure and services.
- **Leasing the former Public Works building** to a cannabis business that has successfully operated in the City for two years and is growing rapidly.
- The renegotiated terms to pay off our FORA loan at 0% interest applied retroactively **saving the City approximately \$200,000 in interest**.
- A scope of work to allow staff to arrange for **third party compliance inspections and audits of our Cannabis businesses** given the dynamic nature of this sector.

The Transportation Authority for Monterey County (TAMC) is working on several important projects that impact our City.

TAMC is working on the **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** for a **bicycle and pedestrian trail** through our City commonly referred to as the Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway (FORTAG). **The EIR for the \$12.6 million dollar project** should be **available for public comment in late calendar year 2019**. The project will help solve long-standing safety issues by:

- Redesigning the crossings at Fremont/218 and the merge lane by the Safeway driveway
- Building a safe alternative to walking on 218 that winds through our neighborhoods and parks
- Building an underpass that connects our dog park to Frog Pond
- Redesigning the intersection of Carlton/218 to make it safer
- Redesigning Carlton Drive

TAMC completed the **Highway 218 Corridor Study**, which is available online at <https://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/highway-projects/218-study/>. The Study recommends a number of safety improvements along our main thoroughfare that can now compete for funding at the County, State and Federal level.

The City held a productive **Study Session on the transition of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA)** to inform our community of the various components of a transition, which will take place on June 30, 2020. These include:

- Development of an **agreement with the Marina Coast Water District** concerning the provision of potable water to the Del Rey Oaks properties.

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- Development of an **agreement with the Marina Coast Water District** concerning the provision of potable water to the Del Rey Oaks properties.
- The Development of a Joint Powers Authority to oversee the **Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)** and a means to fund the HCP endowment.
- The **transition of funding and project management** of the **South Boundary Road** project to the City.

Staff will bring these issues to Council and the public for updates and action as they are ready. It will be a busy period for the City team as FORA's sunset approaches.

Our public safety capability continues to improve!

- Our Police Department made **several arrests as a result of excellent investigative work** to bring criminals to justice who have perpetrated crimes in our City. Our ability to follow up and bring cases to closure is directly related to the **increased size** of the Department and the **talent and training of the officers** in it, starting with our Chief.
- Our community is participating in the **Neighborhood Watch Program** and **CERT** program, which will improve our security and ability to deal with disaster as a region.
- Our Police Department completed outfitting the **Electric Vehicle** acquired with an Air District grant. It has already proven useful in patrolling our former Ft Ord property.

Improving communication and outreach.

- Council directed staff to form a **Parks and Recreation Commission** to bring a structured public process that **invites community input** on our park, the upcoming FORTAG trail, Work Memorial Park and potential parks on the former Fort Ord property and the 17 acres.
- The City is nearly finished **redesigning our website** to be more contemporary, provide better functionality, and possibly make our Council and Planning Commission packets paperless.
- I continue to enjoy meeting with residents at **Coffees with the City Manager**, joining the Mayor in **meetings with our businesses**, and **attending Citizens' Action Group and other volunteer group meetings**.

Addressing the housing shortage and updating the General Plan.

The **Governor and State Legislature** have made it clear that solving **California's housing shortage** is a top priority. Staff is making excellent progress, as directed by City Council, to **update the City's Housing Element**. Staff held a **public workshop on June 6th** to solicit input on the Housing Element. City Council held a **Study Session on September 4th** and the **Planning Commission discussed it on September 11th** and submitted it to the Department of Housing and Community Development in Sacramento. **Our goal is to have it adopted by December 31, 2019.** This will make the City eligible for State planning grants to allow us to implement the Housing Element. This will help the City meet our portion of the regional affordable housing needs and address the overall shortage of housing stock in the region.

Sustainable development of the City's properties.

- The City Council **approved an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement** with Oak Ridge Development, LLC for the 235 acres of the City's former Fort Ord property that will require the developer to fund a **public outreach process, development of a specific plan** for the project, and conduct **environmental review**.
- Council decided to **not proceed** with either project proposed for the **17-acre parcel**.
- The City secured a commitment from the FORA board to fund **\$7M** for the redesign and construction of South Boundary Road and supporting utilities. **South Boundary Road will begin construction in mid calendar year 2020** and project management will transition from FORA to City staff as FORA sunsets in July 2020.

The City continues to explore ways to improve our sustainability programs.

- We continue to participate in PG&E's **Solar Choice** program and have retrofitted all street and City lights with **efficient LEDs**.
- The City joined **Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP)** because it is very **financially stable** and **liability is assessed on a per capita basis**.
- The potential also exists to compete for a **power generation project** on and for our Fort Ord property through MBCP, which could provide a solid alternative to PG&E.
- The City continues to work with the Regional Storm water Working Group and Sustainable Del Rey Oaks to **reduce pollutants** entering our **waterways and the Marine Sanctuary**.

Thanks to our dedicated Public Works employee the City was able to remove dried grass and branches from the Frog Pond and along our City easements to **reduce fire danger**. Staff is already beginning to look forward to the rainy season by clearing the creek and storm drains to reduce danger of flooding.

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The time continues to fly for our small but able team. It continues to be a distinct pleasure to serve this Council and community. I want to thank all of you who selflessly give of your time and energy to improve our community. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

Dino Pick

City Road Projects Update

The City has hit some milestones in its effort to bring our streets into better condition. We have one project left which will be completed in the Spring of 2020. In the map below all the areas in pink were slurry sealed in the fall of 2018 as they were the least damaged roads and could be more easily repaired. By contrast, the green sections were completely redone earlier this year and were the worst condition of all our streets and required total reconstruction. It was an extensive process for which we are very thankful to the residents who worked with us to get those streets done. Last, but certainly no least are the blue streets. They will be done in the spring of next year. Rest assured, we will give those residents plenty of notice to plan accordingly.

We know these road repairs have been a long time coming and thanks to you voting in Measure X, we and many other cities on the peninsula have been able to accomplish road work that would otherwise not have been done. By voting in Measure X, we as a county are now able to leverage those tax dollars into more money via grants. These grants give all cities the ability to fix long-neglected roadways. As we drive around the peninsula, we are reminded of just how long it's been since we saw our roads looking this good. While it's a hassle sitting in the traffic from the construction, the end product is beautifully manicured roadways, safer bike and pedestrian travel and a smooth ride to our destinations. Del Rey Oaks is no different, our streets look and feel so much better and we look forward to finishing the last phase of our road projects in 2020.



A Message from Your Chief of Police



Hello!

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer! The Police Department has had a busy one, providing our regular services to the City and the Airport District in addition to our efforts to upgrade and improve our facilities and equipment, increase our training, and provide more professional service. A few of the highlights from the summer:

- Members of our staff received training in numerous areas including; the California state mandated Aviation Security Course to better serve the Airport, firearms instruction, background investigation, FBI-LEEDA leadership course, crisis intervention, traffic accident investigation, Field Training Officer, Records Management, Evidence Management and others. We have a very strong focus on training which will help us field the most professional staff possible to serve the City.
- Our department offices are being upgraded and organized. This includes our entire police station, our locker room facilities, the evidence processing and storage area, and our storage building. We are also cleaning up and organizing around our building and giving it a more professional image.
- The department took delivery of, and outfitted for use, a new all-electric ATV with grant resources from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District and FORA. This vehicle will allow us to patrol remote areas of our FORA property for crime, health and safety, environmental, and fire risk issues. Several officers will be attending training on law enforcement ATV use in October.
- Del Rey Oaks has a very low crime rate, and we work hard to keep it that way. When crime does occur, we aggressively investigate them in an effort to hold those that commit them accountable. Our new Patrol Detective procedures are being developed to assist in these efforts. The department has been following up on recent criminal cases and has made several arrests for crimes in the City. In addition, information from our investigations has assisted several other agencies in identifying suspects and making arrests in their jurisdictions.

I'd also like to take some time and provide you with some information regarding parking regulations in the City of Del Rey Oaks. One of the topics we receive the most inquiries about are the parking regulations in our city. Parking regulations are covered under two separate regulatory documents; the California Vehicle Code and the Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code. Either of the codes are enforceable on public roadways in the City. Private property parking regulations (except public safety related parking regulations such as fire lane laws and handicapped parking) are by and large enforced through the municipal code. I have included a brief outline of the parking violations we come across most in the course of our duties and the applicable Municipal Code violations. Please take a moment to look them over, and if you have any questions, feel free to give us a call so we can answer them. Please keep in mind, we prefer education over enforcement, and will generally try to work with a resident to address parking needs in special circumstances.

Common Del Rey Oaks Parking Ordinances

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| 10.08.010 | It is unlawful to stop, park or leave standing in a roadway more than 18 inches from the curb, in load zone unless unloading passengers or materials, in roadway |
| 10.08.020 | It is unlawful to park, stand or leave a vehicle along red curb markings (fire lane); yellow curb markings between (0700 0 2200 hours) except to load/unload passengers or freight; white curb markings for more than 10 minutes (between 0700 – 1900 hours); green curb not more than 20 minutes (0700 –1800 hours) except on Sundays and holidays. |
| 10.12.040 | Commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds GVW are prohibited in residential areas. |
| 10.12.050 | Commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds GVW are prohibited in from being parked, stored or maintained on any parcel in residential district. |
| 10.16.010 | Nuisance declared. Cannot store an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle on private or public property (CVC 22660) |

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- 10.16.060** Unlawful to park, store or permit any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle any vehicle or private or public property for more than ten days unless in connection for a licensed dealer or junk yard.
- 10.20.010** Cannot park or store a vehicle in front, rear or side yard except on a improved driveway or in an approved garage.
- 10.22.020** Cannot park a camper, boat trailer, recreational vehicle on any street unless vehicle is used for active "construction related activity" (between 0700 – 1900 hours); or for loading/unloading of boat, trailer or recreational vehicle for not more than 48 hours, or owned/operated by water, gas, electric or public utility and used for emergency services.

Let's Plant 100 Oaks in Del Rey Oaks!

The Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group has partnered with Del Rey Oaks Gardens to provide **FREE Oak Trees to Del Rey Oaks citizens!**

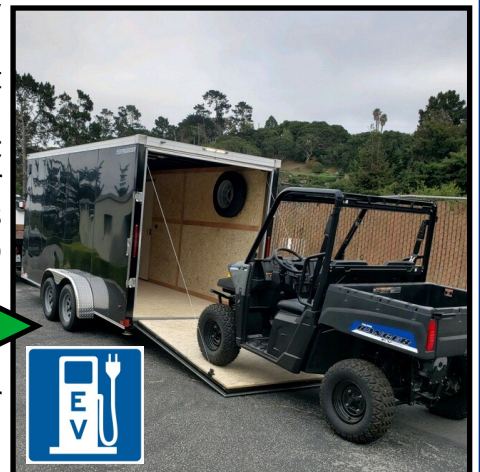
- Oak Trees define our city and have been disappearing at an alarming rate
 - Help restore these beautiful trees by picking up a **FREE** voucher at City Hall and redeeming it at the Del Rey Oaks Gardens center
 - Each voucher is good for one 5-gallon sized Oak Tree (nearly **\$40 value**) and residents are allowed up to 3 vouchers per household
 - Beautify our city, increase your home value and help the environment
 - Please help achieve our initial goal of planting **100 Oaks!**



"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

DROPD Growing Greener One Step at a Time

The Police Department received an Electric Vehicle (EV) through a grant in exchange for destroying an old gas guzzling police cruiser. This EV is all terrain and has come in very handy on our Fort Ord property where it's small and nimble and can navigate any type of terrain we throw at it. It was on display at National Night Out in Seaside in August. This is a far cry from the MRAP that use to take up a third of the parking lot behind the Police Department and this is extremely useful for the Police and Public Works getting onto our property where homeless have been known to set up camp.



Congratulations DROPD for a step in the right direction!



Citizens Action Group



Annual City Picnic

SATURDAY September 21st, 2019 from 12 pm—3 pm

Trek on down to the park on Sunday, September 21st for some small town fun. Games, music, exhibits, history, the fire department hose rolling contest and much more! BBQ lunch available. It's a great way to enjoy your park and visit with friends and neighbors. It's a popular event and the weather is usually perfect for a warm fun day in the sun! This year, bring your own refillable water bottle, water stations will be available.

Santa's Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2019 from 2 pm - 4 pm

Start your holidays off right! Come see Old Town Hall 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. It's a fun family event!



Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY, MAY 17th, 2020 from 2:00—4:00 pm

Ice cream's yummy for your tummy! Join your neighbors in celebrating summer by meeting at Old Town Hall in the park for "make-your-own" ice cream sundaes. Pile your bowl high with ice cream, and lots of delicious toppings. Indulge in this sweet, creamy summer treat. To help reduce our waste, we suggest bringing your own reusable bowl and spoon! (\$2 donation is requested)

Annual Community Garage Sale

Saturday, July 25th, 2020 from 8 am—2 pm

Cluttered closets, bedrooms and garages? OH MY! Next year's Annual Community Garage Sale will be Saturday, July 25th from 8-2. It's become more and more popular every year! This year's event was hugely successful and we can't wait until next year. Look for the announcement again in the Spring Acorn to get involved.



Protect Your Home and Neighborhood

As the temperature rises so will the fire danger. As we all saw last year, fire can be deadly. If you follow these simple rules it will greatly reduce your fire risk and will help protect your home and neighborhood from wildfires. The Fall Acorn is also a good time to check the status of your smoke/carbon monoxide detector batteries.



Defensible Space is your property's front line defense against wildfire. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending your property. 100 feet of defensible space is required by law.*



ONE LESS SPARK
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

*For more information on creating defensible space and legal requirements visit

READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG

TWO ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

ZONE 1: 30 feet of Lean, Clean & Green

- 1 Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- 2 Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- 3 Keep tree branches 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.

ZONE 2: 30-100 feet of Reduced Fuel

- 4 Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- 5 Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- 6 Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.

Use Equipment Properly to Keep from Sparking a Wildfire

- 7 Mow before 10 a.m., and never on a hot or windy day. String trimmers are a safer option (vs. lawnmowers) for clearing vegetation.



VERTICAL SPACING

Large trees do not have to be cut and removed as long as all of the plants beneath them are removed. This eliminates a vertical "fire ladder."



HORIZONTAL SPACING

Create horizontal spacing and vertical spacing between plants, the amount of spacing will depend on how steep the slope is and the size of the plants.

City Improvements

Lots of work has been done throughout the City from street repairs, park enhancements and everything in between. The pictures below are a visual of some of the park improvements recently completed. The grass has been reseeded and it starting to look really good. We hope you enjoy all the improvements.

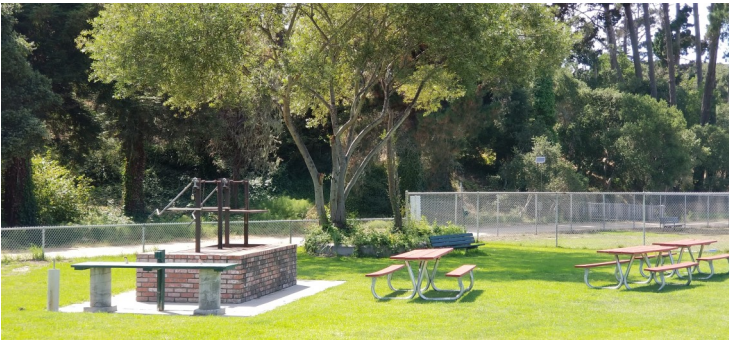
New "Beach" Volleyball Court



Basketball courts refurbished with new poles, backboards and nets, painted courts with regulation keys.



BBQ pits have new grills and new tables



Baseball field has new bases, fence toppers, freshly painted dugouts and bleachers.



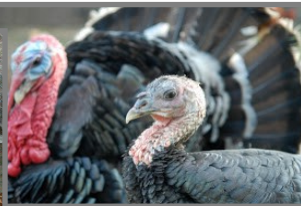
Dog park has new picnic tables



Please Don't Feed The Wildlife

We are getting more and more reports of our native and not-so-native wildlife destroying people's cars, yards and even harming pets. They know there is free food being left out and while they are mostly cute they cause harm to our neighborhoods. Thousand's of dollars in car repairs from chewed wires, rat infestations, feces and dead pets are all that remains after these cute little monsters get fed in our yards by caring residents who just don't realize how bad it is.

PLEASE don't leave out food for them. They will find their own which is how it should be.



A Message from Your Public Work Supervisor



Greetings everyone,

It's been a very busy and productive summer for the city and the Public Works department.

We continue to make amazing improvements throughout the city to ensure the safety of all our residents, as well as those who visit our beautiful and extremely friendly city.

As many of the residents on Brae and Altura streets experienced, we had two Cal-Am water main failures which caused minimal damage due to the quick response of City hall staff relaying this information promptly to the Public Works department, in which we were able to identify and inform Cal-Am, as well as Del Rey Oaks Police Department. All of our departments were on scene within seven minutes. This type of team work is extremely important for all the safety of our residents, and this is what we strive to accomplish daily.

As of our last newsletter, I advised our residents of the work being conducted throughout the park. I am pleased to inform you that the park is really becoming an absolutely beautiful and safe area for all to enjoy. Thanks again to everyone for your continued patience through this process. We have replaced all of the park tables due to safety issues associated with the old tables. These tables had become rusted at the support legs and cross members, which would have failed to support the table for much longer.

We purchased ten new park tables that are absolutely awesome and make the park safe and that much more aesthetically pleasing.

We also were able to thin and balance all of the trees throughout the park. These trees had become hazardous, and had several branches break due to the imbalance of these trees, as well as the weather. The trimming of these trees will allow for a healthier tree in the future as they continue their growth cycles.

The barbecue pits had become old and no longer would elevate nor descend properly, furthermore, the grates had been damaged due to age and use over the years. These barbecue pits have all been upgraded with new grates and lever systems. I hope everyone enjoys and is able to utilize these new and improved barbecue pits.

Public works has also been diligently working on the park irrigation systems. It has been a challenge due to the aging and old (PVC) pipe. I have had to make several repairs to this system. Also, we have replaced several broken or nonfunctioning irrigation sprinkler heads. You will notice that there are some brown areas in the lawn areas, this is due to these nonfunctioning heads not allowing proper water coverage. These new heads will now deliver a more efficient and effective spray pattern.

The irrigation repairs are instrumental for seeding, and a much more lush and beautiful lawn. We also have spent many hours to upgrade the current baseball field. The entire infield was covered with weeds and debris. It was impossible to even identify that there was an infield within the baseball boundaries. I've purchased red clay for the infield area, and have started to apply and screed drag this clay into the infield. More improvements have been made to the baseball field.

- Installation of a protective yellow fence cap. This cap protects the entire outfield.
- New home plate and base pads.
- Upgraded dugout areas, which included surface crack fill and the painting of these dugouts inside and out.
- Painting of the backstop.
- Painting of the bleachers.

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- Aeration of the outfield for preparation and installation of new grass seed.

The parks trash receptacles have been rotted out for many years. We also have been in need of recycling receptacles. This is very important for our park and the environment. We have purchased new matching and environmentally friendly trash and recycling bins that I'm sure will be a welcomed addition to the park.

Another huge improvement to the park was the resurfacing of the basketball court. These improvements included new surface paint, regulation striping, which includes three point lines and much more. Also, we installed new goose neck, and backboards systems to complete the incredibly awesome basketball court.

The parks playground area retaining walls, next to old town hall, were also rotted and failing. We worked diligently to repair all of these retaining walls, and now are in the process to install fresh playground bark.

With all this work being done, public works is still conducting other critical tasks throughout the city to ensure a well maintained and safe city for all of its residents.

I would be remiss to not mention all of the team work that goes on from the top to the bottom to keep up with all the demands of normal and not so normal functions of the city.

Special thanks to our City Manager for his relentless commitment to Del Rey Oaks. Karen, Kim, and Jeanette. Our Mayor, and all the city council members. Planning Commission members and the Del Rey Oaks Police Department. And finally, all of the residents for all of your continued support and positive accolades that I receive on a daily basis.

Thank you and together we will continue to thrive as a community and city.





Ron Fucci, Public Works

Introducing....Sustainable Del Rey Oaks!

This newly formed non-profit, Sustainable Del Rey Oaks (SDRO) is a community-based organization of residents and businesses. Our mission is to inspire and empower individual and community environmental stewardship.




A few of our upcoming projects include:

-  **Del Rey Oaks Park cleanup:** Saturday, September 14, at 11 AM.
-  **Promoting plastic waste reduction at our City-Wide Picnic:** September 21, 12-3 PM.
-  **Butterfly garden planting:** coming soon!
-  **Recycled T-Shirt Tote-Bags for homeless youth:** Will deliver to Safe Place on October 10th, World Homeless Day.

We invite you to join us! Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6 PM – 7:30 PM. For information, email sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com and visit online at <http://www.sustainablemontereycounty.org/>.

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Coming in June 2020

The Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group (DROCAG) will be adding a new event to their yearly lineup. **Jazz in the Park!**

Stay tuned and watch for a flier next summer about this exciting new event!



The logo for the Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program. It features the words "MONTEREY REGIONAL" in a blue, sans-serif font at the top. Below that, "Stormwater Management" is written in a larger, brown, serif font. At the bottom, the word "PROGRAM" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light blue rectangular background.

MONTEREY REGIONAL Stormwater Management PROGRAM

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.).

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 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

SEP		OCT	
4	Street Sweeping	2	Street Sweeping
2	Closed—Labor Day	9	Planning Commission
11	Planning Commission	22	City Council
24	6 pm—City Council		
NOV		DEC	
6	Street Sweeping	4	Street Sweeping
11	Closed—Veterans Day	8	Santa's Workshop—DROCAG
13	Planning Commission	11	Planning Commission
26	City Council Meeting	24	No City Council Meeting
28-29	Closed—Thanksgiving	23-31	City Hall Closed for Holidays—PD Open 24/7
JAN		FEB	
1-3	Closed for Holidays	5	Street Sweeping
8	Street Sweeping	12	Planning Commission
15	Planning Commission	17	Closed President's Day
20	Closed MLK Day	25	City Council
28	City Council		
MAR		APR	
4	Street Sweeping	1	Street Sweeping
11	Planning Commission	8	Planning Commission
24	City Council	28	City Council
31	Closed Cesar Chavez Day		

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