



The Acorn

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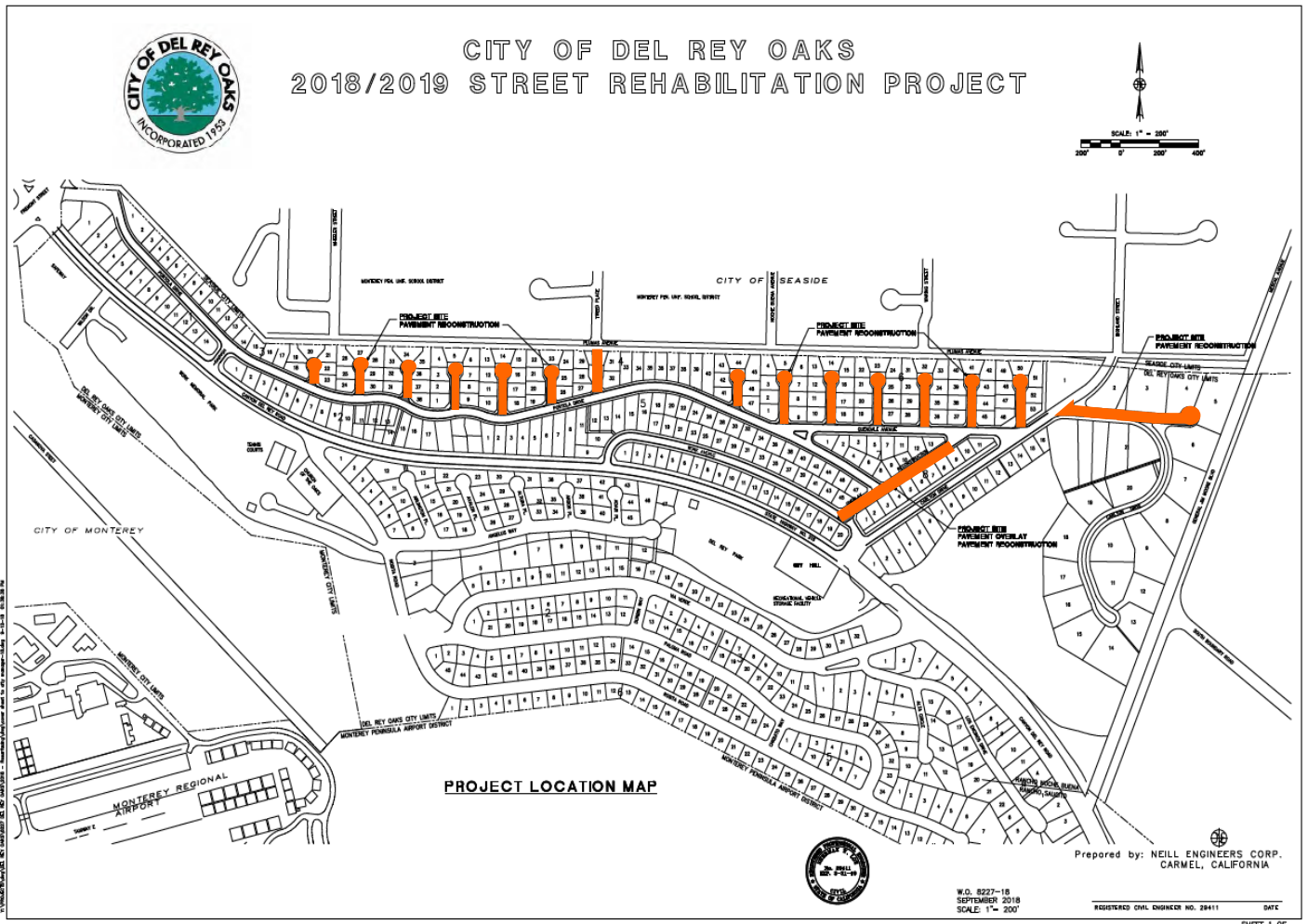
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2019 Summer Road Project



Your City has been working hard to make up for lost time on improving our roads. This summer we will be completely rehabilitating the cul-de-sacs along Portola and Quendale, most of Saucito and the last portion of Carlton. All of these streets were in the worst shape and needed the most work so they were not included in last year's slurry seal project. We know how long you've been waiting for your street to be done and we want to thank you for your patience. There will be some inconvenience during the road work but that inconvenience will certainly pay off once you are driving and parking on your newly redone street. The work will be completely by Teichart Construction who won the bidding process and who also has a reputation for great work. We look forward to working with them and you during the next few months. Our first pre-construction meeting with the contractor is set for June with a construction schedule to follow. (Streets being done are marked in orange below)





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



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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KERR

Spring is here! And along with flowers blooming, DRO City Hall is buzzing with activity.

With three new council members, we are getting down to business as we unlock the many and various activities DRO takes part in. **City Manager Dino Pick, Kim Carvalho and Karen Minami** have been invaluable and instrumental in bringing us up to speed. Thank you Team DRO!

So, what's the buzz about? In April alone, we looked at:

- DRO becoming a member of **Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP)**
- Results of the **Highway 218 Study** and how 218 can be made safer
- A proposed community gathering project for the **Work Memorial Park** (the open space behind Safeway)
- A presentation about the proposed **FORTAG** bike trail down Angelus Way and through our parks
- Expansion of one of our most successful **cannabis** businesses
- Upcoming **paving and road improvements** for portions of Portola and the adjacent cul-de-sacs

To make good on my commitment to listen, engage and respond to DRO's community, I've instituted the **Mayor's Advisory Committee (MAC) Program**. These committees will provide the opportunity for resident and business input on ideas and solutions for enhancing our community's quality of life. MAC for Sustainability is already in full swing, researching other cities best practices. Let me know if you are interesting to joining one of the following committees:

- Parks
- Youth
- DRO History
- Public Art

We had an inaugural **DRO Business Owners' Meet & Greet with the Mayor** at Rolands & Associates. Dr. Jay Roland showcased the modeling and simulation software his researchers create for countries around the globe.

There are several significant and timely **regional** issues which require DRO resident eyes, ears, and input:

- As **FORA** prepares to sunset, the city council will keep you updated on changes that effect our Ft. Ord property, including required citizen input on the developer option for that property and our outdated housing element which will be brought into compliance by Dec 31.
- **Water** – Did you know that over 60% of Del Rey Oaks voters supported Measure J, the highest percentage of all participating precincts? Additionally, Pure Water Monterey's expansion was approved by the Water Management District to produce additional potable water; enough to cover the Cease and Desist Order in case the desalination plant misses a target milestone.
- **Airport Expansion** – The city's official position is we are against a "North Side" road coming through Del Rey Oaks and our General Plan clearly states that. We will let you know if any discussions occur. I encourage you to attend Monterey Airport board meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

An engaged citizenry helps guide our city. Your continued involvement in Del Rey Oaks' decision-making process is valued. I invite you to City Council meetings (held on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.), the Planning Commission meetings (held on the second Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.), and What's On Your Mind? meetings (held on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Old Town Hall).

As always, you are welcome to contact me directly at akerr@delreyoaks.org.

With kind regards,
Alison Kerr
Mayor
Del Rey Oaks

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

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

Nextdoor

www.nextdoor.com register and search Del Rey Oaks to participate.

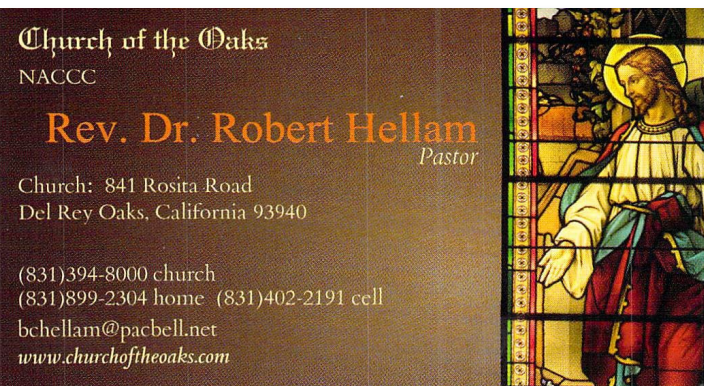
Website

www.delreyoaks.org you can sign up for automatic notifications on our email list. You can also contact us directly through our 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 Rosita Rd near the Church, Via Verde near the stairs to the park, Quendale/Portola island, in the parking lot of Del Rey Oaks Park and at City Hall 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 in an emergency always call 9-1-1. Nextdoor and Facebook are tools only and should not be relied on for immediate response.



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SHORT TERM RENTALS

Following several public workshops and Council meetings on Short Term Rentals (STRs), the City passed an ordinance which went into effect November 1, 2018.

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 are legal, regulated and taxed. If you are interested in enrolling your home as a short term rental, please contact City Hall at 394-8511 or email at kmina-mi@delreyoaks.org to start the application process or with any questions or concerns.



The Dog Park is now free!

After many years of fees to use the city dog park to cover the cost of pickup bags and other upkeep, we are proud to announce that there is no fee for use.

The standards of having your dog spay or neutered, current on all vaccinations and registered in the city of residence are all still required in order to be issued a key for access. Please come to City Hall to obtain your own key. To protect the dogs and owners, please do not open the gate for anyone not in possession of a key.

If you have any questions feel free to contact City Hall at 394-8511.

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 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: Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Starbucks
 Stone Creek Shopping Center



The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway Project (FORTAG) is coming to Del Rey Oaks. For information on the plans, paths and progress you may go to www.fortag.org where you will find a large selection of maps and information about the project. It will connect Del Rey Oaks to the Fort Ord Monument and the existing trails throughout the peninsula. The specific path is still being designed but you can see from the map above the general route they have planned with some alternatives and inner loops. This will help project is just one step is making Del Rey Oaks a more connected city for recreation and travel.



A Message from City Manager Dino Pick

I am always amazed, as I write these twice-yearly updates, at how much your City team accomplishes for our community!

- In spite of record rains and wind storms, **Ron Fucci**, ensured that the creek did not flood, fallen trees were removed quickly, and our park and public easements were maintained for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors.
- Our **Police Department** grew to ten full time officers, plus reserves and provided superb law enforcement service to our City and the Airport District.
- **Kim and Karen** adopted new financial management software, underwent our annual audit passing with flying colors, implemented the City's Short Term Rental Ordinance and oversaw an election.

The team **transitioned the Mayor and two new City Council members** onto City Council. The on-boarding process included individual briefings with City staff, attendance at the two-day New Mayors and City Councilmembers Academy in Sacramento and a day-long Strategic Planning Session. The **Council has a common vision** for the future of our **City and your staff is working hard to bring it to life.**

The City will **reconstruct many of our worst streets** including the cul-du-sacs along **Portola and Quendale, Suacito Avenue and Carlton Place**. We expect construction to begin in **early May 2019**. The map of streets to be repaired is inside The Acorn. Please watch for street closure notices as we approach construction and **thank you for your patience** while we work!

Staff presented a **City Fiscal Status** presentation to Council and the community at our January City Council meeting. The presentation explained:

- Our City's finances over the past 15 years
- We are **currently enjoying a revenue surplus**
- The City **suffered from the great recession** and other financial shocks
- The City is carrying a **\$700,000 debt accruing 5% interest and a \$1.2 million debt**
- A **1% sales tax will sunset in 2022 removing \$600,000 per year** from the City's revenue
- The **elimination of the FORA will cost the City \$150,000 per year** in grants
- The City's **streets, sewers and storm drains are aging** and require capital expenditures
- The City's **unfunded retirement obligations are large** and increasing
- The City is seeing a **windfall of cannabis tax, but it is vulnerable** to changing regulations at the State-level, competition and potential involvement by the Federal Government.

The **Council has taken action to strengthen the City's finances**. Council directed staff to:

- Increase the City's economic uncertainty **reserve to \$525,000**
- **Pay off \$211,000** in debt and **renegotiate the rate from 5% to 2%** on the remainder
- Negotiate a **lease of the Public Works building** to keep a successful business in the City
- Establish a **trust fund to strengthen the City's retirement system**
- **Sustainably develop the City's commercially-zoned properties**
- The **RV storage** lot has moved to the airport! The City continues to generate revenue from the new lot location, and we are working to repurpose the former RV storage lot.

We are making excellent progress solidifying the City's financial position!

The Transportation Authority for Monterey County (**TAMC**) **received \$12.6 million** to design and build a **bicycle and pedestrian trail** through our City. 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 our City.
- Building a underpass that connects our dog park to the Frog Pond

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- Redesigning the intersection of Carlton/218 to make it safer
- Redesigning Carlton Drive

The TAMC-led project is beginning environmental review. TAMC has held several well-attended public workshops and will continue to take public input.

Our public safety capability continues to improve!

- Our Police Department has nearly completed its growth to serve both the City and the Airport District with **better service** at a **significant savings** to both agencies.
- Thanks to **Dani Colbasso** and other dedicated volunteers, our Neighborhood Watch Program is growing stronger.
- Our community is participating in the **CERT** program, which will improve our ability to deal with disaster as a region.
- Our Police Department has joined the regional **Special Response Unit (SRU)** and acquired an Electric Vehicle with an Air District grant to better patrol our Former Ft Ord property.

Improving communication and outreach.

- We recently installed a **new audio visual system** in the City Council Chambers that will make it easier for those in Chambers and those watching from home to hear and see the discussions.
- The City is **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 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. The City Council has directed staff to **update the City's Housing Element** and we are moving forward to do so. Expect a public workshop in early summer to take public input on how we might meet our portion of the regional affordable housing needs and address the overall shortage of housing stock in the region.
- This important discussion ties directly to the **development of the City's properties**, the development of a **sustainable water supply**, and other elements of the General Plan such as the **transportation element**. It is an exciting time for our City as important public infrastructure such as South Boundary Road and supporting utilities are designed and built. **South Boundary Road will begin construction in early 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 are currently enrolled in PG&Es **Solar Choice** program and have retrofitted all street and City lights with **efficient LEDs**
- City staff have continued to assess joining **Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP)**. Staff anticipates recommending to Council that it join 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 to **reduce pollutants** entering our **waterways and the Marine Sanctuary**.

After the wettest winter in decades we are beginning to look toward **fire season**. The grass has grown long and thick in our public spaces and around our homes. Please do your part to **reduce the threat of fuel around your residence** as we address the public areas through Public Works.

Our Public works and Police have identified several **homeless camps** on our undeveloped Fort Ord property. As the homeless have been directed to shelters and other resources, our Police have encountered unattended dogs, drug paraphernalia, a variety of weapons, cooking fires and camp stoves. As we grapple with a very challenging and complex regional homeless problem, your staff will strive to keep our residents, businesses, visitors, as well as our employees safe.

Two years have passed in a flash for me. Our City team of 15 is stronger and more capable than ever. It is a 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

A Message from Your Chief of Police



Hello everyone! I would just like to start by saying that the members of the Del Rey Oaks Police Department are grateful for the opportunity to serve this city. For the past year and a half as your chief of police, I am constantly amazed by the friendly interactions, positive feedback, and strong support shown to me and the officers that patrol our streets. We notice all the support and we will continually work hard to gain your trust and confidence in us! With that I am excited to provide this update on what we have been up to and where we are headed in 2019.

The police department is finalizing the hiring push we started with our airport police consolidation in October of last year. I am happy to announce we will fill our last open position this month with an experienced lateral candidate from a Southern California police agency. Look for a formal introduction on the city's social media platforms and an upcoming city council meeting. Having a fully staffed police agency will allow us to keep up with our training plan, provide more patrol coverage, and keep overtime costs low.

Along with recruiting professional staff, we have been busy redeveloping our police department facilities and equipment. From our locker room remodel, to the redesign of our police department offices to make better use of the space, we are providing a much more professional space for our staff and our residents.

We are especially proud of the roll out of the department's newly designed badge at our City Council Meeting in March 26th. These new badges were issued to officers in recognition of the hard work they have put in while building a completely new and much larger Del Rey Oaks Police Department over the last six months. It is a custom design unlike any other, and it symbolizes a new direction for your police department.

Within weeks the police department will also be receiving a LiveScan fingerprint computer that will allow us to complete booking procedures quickly in our station, provide fingerprint services to citizens, and assist us in processing commercial cannabis background investigations more thoroughly.

Our professionally equipped and good looking police fleet will be expanding with the addition of an all-electric ATV obtained through an Air Resources District grant courtesy of Sergeant Nguyen's hard work. This ATV will be arriving in about 6 weeks and will help us patrol remote sections of our FORA properties much more efficiently and effectively.

And finally the department is expanding our storage facilities to store the ATV and other police equipment opening up room in our station for much needed work space. These are just a few of the many updates our agency is focused on at the moment.

In light of all these changes, when we are a little farther along with our updates, we will be inviting our citizens, friends and neighbors to an open house in conjunction with our great neighborhood watch program. Look for this meeting sometime in June or July.

Currently the neighborhood watch is planning "block meetings" through the block captains to provide an opportunity for smaller gatherings of immediate neighbors to discuss issues important to their blocks. The Del Rey Oaks Police Department will be on hand at these meetings to say hello and answer any questions or address any concerns.

Finally, we have been honored to give out several commendations and awards to our officers over the past few months. From outstanding response to calls for service, to programs and projects officers have worked on to move the department forward, we try to always recognize their hard work. This recognition culminated in Officer Noe Baza recently receiving the Monterey County Peace Officer Association's Officer of the Year Award from Del Rey Oaks. Officer Baza received this award for his outstanding response to an armed robbery in progress and the arrest of the suspect; his relentless follow up on a felony fraud case also resulting in the arrest of the suspects; and his compassion and kindness to a local homeless person which was witnessed by a citizen who took the time to write a letter regarding his kind act. Please congratulate Noe if you happen to see him!

We are busy! Patrolling your city, training, and moving our great little agency forward. But we're not too busy if you need assistance, have a concern, or just want to stop in and say hello.

Jeff Hoyne





Citizens Action Group



Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 2019 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 27th, 2019 from 8 am—2 pm

Cluttered closets, bedrooms and garages? OH MY! It's the Annual Community Garage Sale and it's become more and more popular every year! City Hall has already started getting calls so anticipate a huge turnout this year. Call "Garage Sales George" at 394-1968 for information on how to participate. \$10 donation is requested and covers a yard sign and all the advertising.



Annual City Picnic

Sunday 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!

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!



Protect Your Home and Neighborhood

With all the much-needed rain we've received this year we are noticing a lot more growth in weeds. 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.



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.

Important Information

Common Traffic Violations We See and Cite

Passing on the right

State of California Vehicle Code Section 21209 21209.

(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle in a bicycle lane established on a roadway pursuant to Section 20207 except as follows:

- (1) To park where parking is permitted.
- (2) To enter or leave the roadway.
- (3) To prepare for a turn within a distance of 200 feet from the intersection.

In other words, if a car is stopped making a left turn across Canyon Del Rey you MAY NOT PASS on the right into a bicycle lane in order to get around the stopped car. This is potentially dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians.

Parking on any street with your car pointing opposite the flow of traffic

State of California Vehicle Code Section 22502.

(a)(2) This subdivision does not permit a vehicle to stop or park upon a roadway in a direction opposite to that in which traffic moves.

If you park on the opposite side of the road, you then must drive or have driven on the wrong side of the road to get there or to exit the parking space. Never a good idea.

Parking in the fire lane in front of Safeway

State of California Vehicle Code Section 22953.

(b) A vehicle may be removed immediately after being illegally parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, in a fire lane, in a manner that interferes with an entrance to, or an exit from, the private property, or in a parking space or stall legally designated for disabled persons.

If you are parked in front of Safeway to refill water at the machine, to quickly run in and out, or to wait for someone inside the store, you can and will be cited for this vehicle code violation. This includes Uber, Lyft and Taxi drivers. You are impeding both traffic and pedestrians and potentially interfering with life saving efforts in an emergency.

Garbage Cans Out of Sight

8.08.190 - Placement of receptacles.

A. It is unlawful for any person to allow any garbage or refuse container to remain at the curb for a longer period of time than 24 hours prior to the date of collection, or for a longer period of time than 24 hours after collection. This section shall not apply to any refuse placed at the curb during any clean up week proclaimed by the city council.

B. All receptacles for garbage or rubbish provided by Section 8.08.060, shall at all times, except when placed at the curb for collection as provided in subsection (A) of this section, be kept screened from the view from street by suitable screening or maintaining within the back yard, garage or other place in said premises, so that except for the time herein specified for the collection of said garbage and rubbish in subsection (A) of this section, the receptacles for the accumulation upon the premises shall not be in any manner visible from the street.

In other words, garbage cans cannot be visible from the street unless it's garbage pick up day.

Garbage Rates

GreenWaste as your garbage hauler has been doing a great job after taking over from Waste Management. Unfortunately with that change over they were given the wrong amounts on the historical data and this is what they based their fees on. Over the years they have made incremental increases to make up for the loss they accepted with the new agreements post Waste Management.

Now comes the time when they will be checking their numbers again to see how they are doing and if any further increases or decreases are necessary. Of course we all hope for decreases but it wouldn't be transparent if we didn't warn you that your garbage rates might go up just as likely as they might go down.

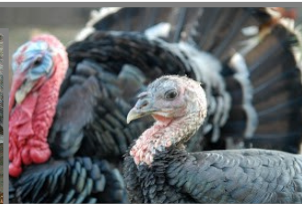
You will be receiving a notice with your monthly statement explaining these changes and we want you to be forewarned of their potential impact.

We understand the transition from Waste Management to GreenWaste was a difficult one but they have turned out to be very proactive working with residents and their specific needs as well as with the City government. We hope you agree.

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,

Public works along with all the staff at city hall have been working extremely hard to bring our city's infrastructure, as well as its curb appeal into the best possible shape it deserves. I am especially pleased with the amazing support from the Del Rey Oaks community. You have been instrumental in the success of our city with your constant feedback and vision for a more beautiful and efficient city.

I am also proud of how efficient our response time has become over the past several months. It has been a total team effort to ensure prompt and professional service to all of our community.

Public Works has worked diligently throughout 2018 and to date, with fallen trees, sinkholes, damaged roadways, erosion control etc. due to all of the severe storm damage. It is also extremely important to note that our City was able to purchase some instrumental equipment several months ago, a tractor with several attachments, tree chipper, traffic safety message sign, and small hand held machines. This equipment has been able to save the city several thousands of dollars in equipment fees and rentals, furthermore, it has allowed us to upgrade to commercial grade equipment that requires fewer repairs.

All of this equipment played a vital role in clearing debris and roadways during these storms, and will continue to do so for years to come. It also allowed us to complete the work in half the time than in prior years. This reduction in service time allows us to move on to other projects more rapidly.

We will continue to carry out preventive maintenance to ensure safe roadways and pedestrian walkways.

A special thanks to the "adopt an island" members. You all do an awesome job! These islands make a huge difference in the curb appeal of the roadways. The city welcomes all its residents continued support in this area.

I would like to personally thank David Kimball and all the awesome people with the Citizen Action committee for their donation which allowed for the purchase of the commercial lawnmower several months ago, it has been invaluable for the upkeep of the park and other areas.

Public works has also made it a priority to conduct a chemical and pesticide sweep of its old and expired inventory. We now use a more sustainable and safe weed spray which consist of sea salt and white vinegar, we've used this mixture for many months now, and it has been very effective.

We have several projects scheduled in the near future:

1. Del Rey Oaks park. We ask that you please have patience when you see us working within the park boundaries. This work will allow us to make our park more family friendly, and also make the park safer for all to enjoy.
2. Public works will also be performing several safety inspections of our storm drain systems. These systems are critical in the management of our storm water flow.
3. Placing mulch throughout the city for erosion control, and weed abatement.
4. Replacement of failing retaining walls.

We are excited with all the progress that's happening throughout the city, however, there is still plenty of work ahead of us. Public works will continue to be prompt, and proactive with all of our residents to ensure that we continue to have the safest and most beautiful city in the area.

Thank you,
Ron Fucci, Public works
Email: rfucci@delreyoaks.org
Phone: (831) 713-0171

Public Works Just Keeps on Working

It's not all landscaping all the time. It can be a truly dirty job with little reward. Many people don't know just how much our one man department accomplishes. Keeping up with weeds is one thing but cleaning up homeless camps, downed trees and illegal dumping is above and beyond the normal but he handles it all! Great Job Ron!



Fallen Tree from storms at the Garden Center



Homeless camp discovered on the former Fort Ord Land that Public Works had to clean up



Garden Center



Electric Road Sign came in handy when Canyon Del Rey had to be closed for a fallen tree.



Another homeless camp found. Public Works and the Police remain vigilant in looking for disturbed fencing and the like



Cleaning up illegal Dumping

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

CITY OF DEL REY OAKS DIRECTORY

MAY		JUNE	
1	Street Sweeping	5	Street Sweeping
8	6 pm—Planning Commission	12	6 pm—Planning Commission
27	Closed—Memorial Day	25	6 pm—City Council
28	6 pm—City Council		
JULY		AUG	
3	Street Sweeping	7	Street Sweeping
4	Closed—Independence Day	14	6 pm—Planning Commission
10	6 pm—Planning Commission	27	6 pm—City Council
23	No City Council meeting		
SEPT		OCT	
2	Labor Day	2	Street Sweeping
4	Street Sweeping	9	6 pm—Planning Commission
11	6 pm—Planning Commission	22	6 pm—City Council
24	6 pm—City Council		
NOV		DEC	
6	Street Sweeping	4	Street Sweeping
11	Closed—Veterans Day	11	6 pm—Planning Commission
13	6 pm—Planning Commission	24	No City Council Meeting
26	6 pm—City Council	23-31	Closed for the holidays
28-29	Closed—Thanksgiving	Jan 1	Closed—back on Jan 2, '20

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