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**SWINGIN' WITH
THE BIG KIDS**



THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

MISSION

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

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



John Gaglioti
Vice Mayor



Scott Donaldson
Council Member



Pat Lintell
Council Member



Kim Shirley
Council Member



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 study sessions, Housing Element Study Session or Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway information.** There are lots of ways to stay informed and in the know.

1. Sign up via our website for a notice subscription
2. Check the City Bulletin Boards
3. Follow us on Nextdoor
4. Follow us on Facebook
5. Check the website regularly
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.

- Post to the Website the entire Packet
- Send out email blast to all subscribers
- Post to Nextdoor
- Mail out an agenda to everyone on our mailing list
- Post to Facebook
- Post agendas in each of the 5 city kiosks

**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 and an email blast via our website. We always post much earlier than the 72-hour requirement. In most cases we post 96 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 City Hall at (831) 394-8511 and we will be glad to help.





PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

The park is one of the jewels of this small town and it is great to see residents and visitors discover its appeal. **The Mission of the Parks and Recreation Committee is "to enrich the lives of Del Rey Oaks residents and visitors by providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences. We strive to preserve, enhance, and protect our open spaces, parks, and facilities".**

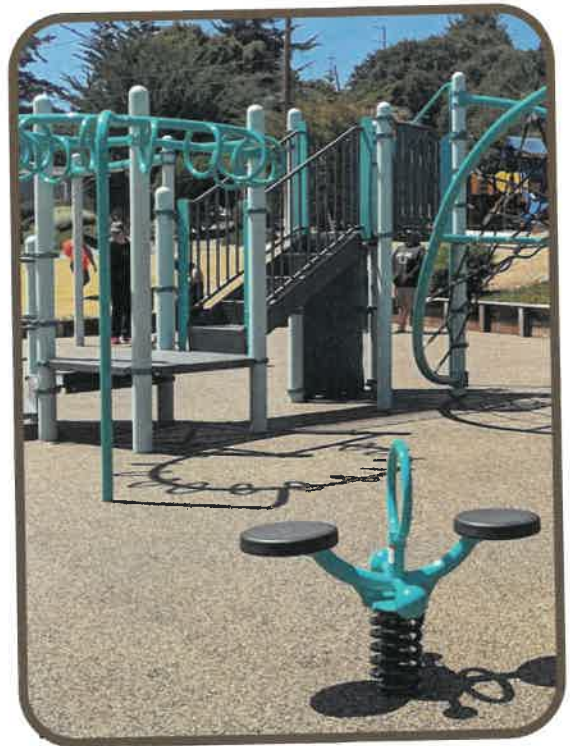
Committee members consist of Keil Edson, Matthew Hickey, Teri Laxier and Brandon Stettenbenz along with Planning Commission Member Denise Woods, Staff Liaison Ron Fucci and Council Liaison Alison Kerr.

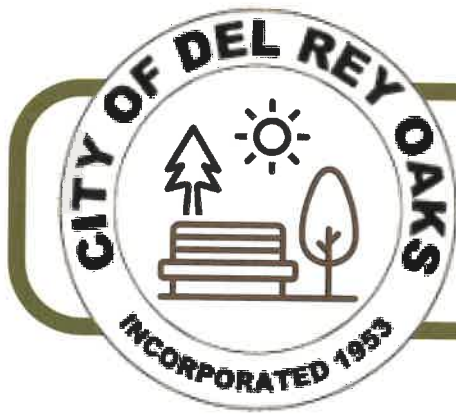
The Parks & Recreation Committee has had an exciting and productive year. There are new play structures and Bocce Ball courts at Del Rey Park along with a brightly painted community wall. We sent out a Citywide survey to gauge what residents would like to see happen within the Parks & Recreation system.

We held a Park Re-Opening Celebration along with the Citizens Action Group which had a wonderful turnout of residents and families. We also just had our first Movie in the Park Night featuring "Ghostbusters". A fun evening was had by all.

Future projects include a new basketball court due to the generous donation by resident Ryan Sanchez. There will be a new ADA path leading from the soon-to-be-repaved parking lot to the playground and basketball court.

Community input is encouraged and essential in helping to create an open space where you and your family feel welcomed. We are looking for interested residents who can help us explore options.





PARK RENTALS

To make a reservation, please fill out one of our reservation forms located at either City Hall or our website. To check for availability, please contact City Hall in person or at (831) 394-8511. Bounce houses or extended canopies require an additional use permit and fee.



PARK - WEST

A reservable barbeque area located on the west side of the park near the parking lot which includes a large barbeque pit with three picnic benches. There is no electricity access.

PARK - EAST

A reservable barbeque area located on the east side of the park near the dog park which includes a large barbeque pit with three picnic benches. There is no electricity access.



OLD TOWN HALL

Old Town Hall is used for many functions year-round and is located on the west side of the park near the parking lot. Old Town Hall has 550 square feet of usable space with an additional 200 square feet of kitchen space. There are chairs available inside, as well as water and electrical access.



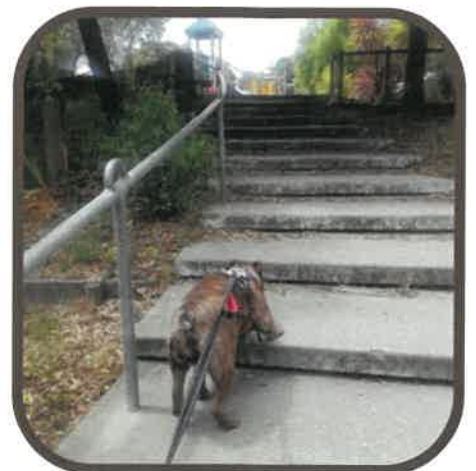


DEL REY OAKS DOG PARK



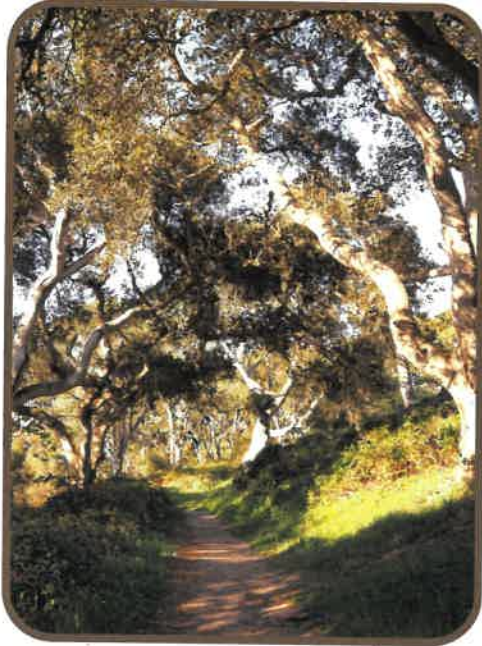
Del Rey Oak's Dog Park is open every day, from dawn until dusk. It's the only place in Del Rey Oaks where dogs can run off-leash. Everywhere else in town, including the Frog Pond, dogs must be on a leash at all times. The park includes a large fenced area for dogs to run and a smaller area for small breeds to play. There is a doggie drinking fountain and benches for humans.

The standards of having your dog spayed 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. There is a \$10 fee to replace your Dog Park 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, please contact City Hall at (831) 394-8511.





DEL REY OAKS FROG POND



The Frog Pond Wetland Preserve is located on Canyon Del Rey Blvd. In an increasingly urban world, open spaces such as the Frog Pond Wetland Preserve provide a refuge for resident and migratory wildlife as well as humans. Considered one of the most biologically productive and ecologically important ecosystems, wetlands are one of the most threatened habitats on earth.

A local treasure in Del Rey Oaks, the man-made 17-acre Frog Pond is composed of a unique arrangement of wetland habitat housing frogs, deer, hummingbirds, towhees, mallards and western fence lizards. Visitors are also surrounded by beautiful Coast Live Oak, Arroyo Willow and Monterey Pine trees as well as colorful Big Leaf Periwinkle, especially when its blue flowers appear in the spring.

FROG POND RULES

- Access to the Frog Pond is on Canyon Del Rey Road between General Jim Moore Boulevard and Carlton Drive. Parking is limited, along the shoulder of Canyon Del Rey Blvd.
- Access is open to all and is limited to daylight hours from sunrise to sunset. No overnight use or camping is permitted. Frog Pond use is limited to hiking.
- Domestic animals are welcome on leash only. Owners must clean up after their pets and dispose of waste in trash receptacles.
- Fires, incendiary devices, fireworks, cooking stoves, any source of open flame, and smoking are strictly prohibited.
- It is unlawful to injure, damage, collect, harass, remove, or disturb any cultural, historical, biological or physical object. Metal detectors and other collecting tools are prohibited.
- Hunting, fishing and weapons of any type are not allowed.
- Food and beverages are allowed. However, there are no waste receptacles on the trails. Please pack out all you pack in.
- For the benefit and safety of all, obey and respect all private property, boundary, administrative notices, and closure signs. Trespassing on private property is subject to citation/prosecution and loss of future access privileges. Access may be temporarily closed due to wildlife, fire, public safety, resource protection or other environmental concerns.
- Failure to abide by park rules and appropriate etiquette may result in loss of access privileges.

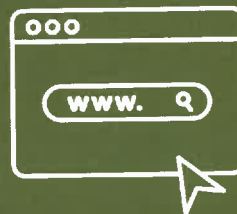


FORT ORD REGIONAL TRAIL & GREENWAY

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) will provide the City of Del Rey Oaks with a world class trail system that safely connects neighborhoods with each other as well as to parks, open space, and businesses. This first segment of FORTAG includes several community improvements in Del Rey Oaks that would not be feasible without the trail:

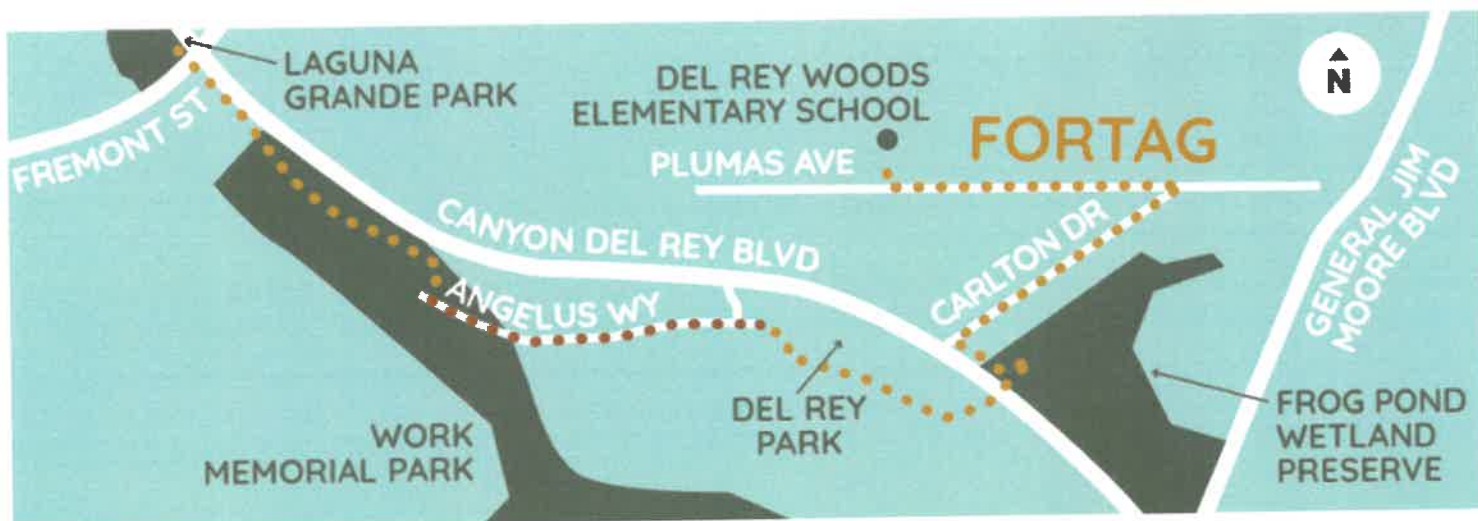
- ★ The project will provide accessible connectivity to the Frog Pond.
- ★ It will clean up and restore portions of Work Memorial Park, leading towards the City's vision of a natural open space park where people can enjoy the beauty of the wetlands, uplands, wildlife, and more.
- ★ It will improve Carlton Drive by reconfiguring the roadway to slow down vehicles and add parking on the west side of the roadway, all while adding trees and providing an entryway to the community from SR 218 through an innovative pathway design.
- ★ It will integrate and enhance the Butterfly Garden as a park space for gardening, education, and wildlife observation.
- ★ It will address safety issues at the Safeway driveway on southbound SR 218 by providing a dedicated right turn into the driveway, providing stop signs on the trail, and improving the pedestrian/bicycle crossing at the driveway.
- ★ It will reconstruct and resurface the Del Rey Oaks tennis courts at Work Memorial Park, improve access, and provide bike storage areas and drinking fountains.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANYON DEL REY SEGMENT AT



fortag-canyondelrey.com

OR SCAN BELOW





VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Every Day is Veteran's Day!

Rick Johnson

When I pass by Del Rey Oaks City Hall and see the Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze, I am always reminded of the service and the sacrifices that armed services veterans have made, and that active duty service members living in our neighborhoods continue to make, on behalf of all of us.

It is worthy to note, that more than 10% of Del Rey Oaks residents are veterans of the United States Armed Services. Military veterans currently living in our small community have answered the call to service from World War II to Afghanistan, and in all times of conflict in between. Their courage and their dedication to our country is something all of us can be justly proud of. It's an honor to call each one "neighbor", and to acknowledge that we are free because of their bravery in answering the call to duty.

Del Rey Oaks is one of the four cities represented on the board of the Monterey County Veterans Advisory Committee (VIAC). If you as a veteran, or if your dependents, have questions regarding your military service and the benefits that may be available to you and your family members, please contact me, Rick Johnson, at rlj.dro@gmail.com, or call the Del Rey Oaks City Hall and they can put us in touch with each other.

Benefits available to you may include free tuition at California public universities and community colleges for your dependents, to health care opportunities to you and your family. As a military veteran, and as the VIAC representative from Del Rey Oaks, I look forward to hearing from you to thank you for your courage and for your service, and then to help you locate the right person or organization to address your questions and concerns.

In the same vein, if any community members in Del Rey Oaks, veterans or not, have concerns or suggestions, you would like the Veterans Issues Advisory Board to address, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

ALISON KERR

Friends and Neighbors,

I am excited for you to read about all of the city and volunteer activities that have happened since our last Acorn issue. As I ponder the last year, especially as we come out of the pandemic, I am so proud of how so many of us have put our best foot forward to make Del Rey Oaks the best it can be!



Like all of you, some of the city's financial investments have taken a bit of a market hit, but the city is in the healthiest place financially we have ever been. Four years ago, the state identified Del Rey Oaks as one of the 10 cities in the state with the highest financial risk. Now, we have established a reserve, planned for retirement obligations, and had a General Fund balance left over from last year. This year we have a balanced budget, which includes well-deserved raises for staff and our police officers. This is a much better, stronger and safer financial situation for our city as we face a probable recession.

One of the things I am most proud of is our new Parks & Recreation Committee and of course the park upgrades! Thank you for those of you that participated in the resident survey, which provided great feedback for upcoming projects. Our first Movie in the Park was a blast! More activities are being planned.

Our Parks are looking the best they ever have! The Park Re-Opening event highlighting the new play equipment was a huge success. Attendee handprints on the bathroom walls add a special touch to the park. The new basketball court is being constructed - thank you Ryan! An ADA path to the play structure and parking lot repaving will be complete by the end of the year. And thanks to Tomiko for celebrating her birthday with tree plantings at different locations in the city.

Just over a year ago, we hired our City Manager, John Guertin. CM Guertin is the hub for all of the city's activity. He supervises day to day operations of all staff, prepares, and manages the city budget and executes council strategic planning objectives and goals. I very much appreciate that he is continuing to improve and upgrade city processes and technology, much of which are outdated or non-existent.

Most importantly, thank you for all that you do for our community. We are seeing the fruits of your labor whether it's a one-off act, an idea for a project or volunteering for the myriad activities sponsored by one of our community groups. If you are not involved yet, your skills and talents are needed. Volunteering offers innumerable opportunities to help people and to also learn from people, too, to build bonds and connections. We all benefit, while our community is strengthened. I hope you will join us! With my best wishes,

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

JOHN GUERTIN

Team GSD!

It is my honor to serve as City Manager for the City of Del Rey Oaks and to lead a team of talented and dedicated folks, working to best implement the policy direction of the Mayor and City Council and serve the community.

Looking back on my first year here, we have accomplished a lot, as you'll read about throughout this edition of the Acorn. The last couple of years have been tough, but as we continue to recover from the pandemic, I am struck by the resiliency of this community and the commitment of so many of our residents and staff to making Del Rey Oaks the special place it is.



Around City Hall, our tagline for the staff is "Team GSD". For any of you who have interacted with our committed staff, you get it...they Get Stuff Done. As you know, our staff is small, yet we provide the same level of service as our larger neighboring cities. To do this, each person at City Hall must be flexible and wear many hats. It is inspiring to work with individuals who every day step up to new challenges and balance several different roles with grace, competence, and commitment to customer service.

The most visible services to the community are provided by our Public Works and Parks division. This work is overseen by, and mostly accomplished by, one man...Ron Fucci. Over the last year, you've no doubt seen Ron out working on city beautification projects, maintaining our critical infrastructure, and overseeing flood prevention and wildfire fuel mitigation projects. If you haven't been to the park lately, plan a trip down to see the unprecedented improvement projects that are underway.

Our Police Department is the best on the Central Coast! They are truly a full-service department providing the typical small-town services of traffic enforcement and crime prevention, participating in community events, and even opening and closing the park. They must also be trained and certified to provide emergency services and security for the airport. And, in the last year, our department's investigations have resulted in arrests in several high-profile, multi-jurisdictional criminal cases.

At City Hall, Karen Minami and Leigh Fitz are the backbone of the operation. They assist everyone who calls or comes in with everything from Police issues, elections and ballot drop off, running public meetings, park rentals and dog park sign-ups, code enforcement, disseminating information and communications with the community, and helping navigate the various permitting processes. They balance all this with assisting in accounting, Human Resources, and information technology duties. Their enthusiasm for serving the residents of DRO is contagious and they make it a pleasure to come to work every day.

We also have an incredible complement of contract service providers who assist the city with technical support. The core of this group has been with the city for many years and we couldn't do it without them. In this issue, we've also tried to highlight the many volunteers in our community. As I've mentioned, our staff and resources are limited, but we are blessed to have a growing team of people who give their time and talents to the city that they love.

These are your people, Del Rey Oaks! This is what it is about to be a community. I am grateful to be a part of it and I am looking forward to what we'll accomplish together in the coming year.

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A MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY CITY CLERK KAREN MINAMI

Greetings Del Rey Oaks Residents,

The City Clerks office in City Hall is fully open after the last couple of crazy years. We appreciate your patience during those days when we were working from home. Let's hope we are done with those days!

There is nothing like face-to-face interaction at our front counter. We have noticed new families moving into the city and that is lovely to see. We are here to help, so stop in or call us at 831-394-8511.

The City Clerk's office is the hub of action that is normally known for, and now we have Leigh Fitz as a member of our team. Randy moved



to Florida and Leigh comes to us with great customer service skills and is learning the ropes as she goes through her training. Please take a moment to greet her. lfitz@delreyoaks.org.

It is a joy working with the City Manager John Guertin, Public Works Supervisor Ron Fucci, and of course the wonderful folks that keep your city (and staff) safe and secure with a smile; The DRO Police Department lead by Chief Jeff Hoyne and Commander Bourquin.

**WE ALL HAVE ONE GOAL IN MIND:
TO MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE LIVING HERE AS TROUBLE-FREE
AND ENJOYABLE AS POSSIBLE.**



PLEASE, DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

Help keep wildlife wild and healthy. One way you can help reduce wildlife conflicts with people is by not feeding wildlife near human populations and in parks. Feeding wildlife can lead to a number of serious problems:

- Human food is not healthy for wild animals. They do not need food from humans to survive.
- Animals cannot distinguish food from wrappers and get sick eating these items.
- Animals accustomed to people often lose their fear of people and can become aggressive.
- Birds gathering near or on airports can become victims of bird-aircraft collisions.
- Animals fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.
- Large concentrations of ducks and geese can pollute nearby waterways and backyards.

Enjoy viewing wildlife at a distance. Respect their space and remember they are wild animals that should stay wild.

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR RON FUCCI

Greetings,

It has been a great year of accomplishments and celebrations for our awesome city. Public works continues to move forward with several improvements throughout the city. Our infrastructure is always a top priority for the Public Works Department. We continually inspect and identify areas that need to be addressed in order of importance. A few areas designated for improvements include the westbound portion of Via Verde coming up from Canyon Del Rey Blvd. This area has, over time, begun to worsen due to a large cypress tree that has raised the curb and the asphalt in this area. Public works has removed the tree and is currently preparing to conduct further repairs. We are also beginning the process of repairing some of our worse "v-gutters" that need to be repaired to prevent erosion of the road.



We are excited that the Work St. and Portola walkway was finally completed, and those of you who utilize this walkway can see the huge difference to the previous condition this walkway was in. A big thank you to all the community who have reached out to me with all your positive feedback.

Public works along with the entire City Hall staff have worked tirelessly in the past year to explore many grant opportunities to benefit our community. One of those grant opportunities was the Proposition 68 grant through the state. This grant allows for the upgrade to our beautiful but aging park. We were able to receive approval for this grant and have completed many stages of this project in conjunction with our Parks and Recreation Committee.

We have removed our old, degrading playground structure with a new and more advanced play structure. The new play structure includes a new rubber matting that is more efficient than the previous base, which was primarily sand. It is also more aesthetically pleasing to our park visitors. We also performed several projects at the east end of the park to allow for the construction of two bocce ball courts.

Several more projects are scheduled to complete our grant commitment. We will begin construction of an ADA walkway to accommodate those who have issues with access to the park facilities. This walkway will give access to the new play structure and the new basketball court. We will also begin construction on a new and improved parking lot which will include handicap parking, clearer parking lines and curb identification. The cul-de-sac at the entrance of the park will also have parking keys installed to show allowable parking. We have scheduled the removal of our existing basketball court and will be installing a state-of-the-art new court.

The city staff was also able to plan and schedule a grand opening party at the DRO park. This was accomplished in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Citizens Action Group to celebrate the construction of our new play structure and bocce ball courts. Many people attended the event, and there were several kids who attended to place their painted handprints on the front of the park restrooms. It did not take long before the adults got involved as well. A special thanks goes out to our Parks and Recreation Committee Chairwoman Teri Laxier, who did such an awesome job with all the kids and adults too.

We continue to conduct our normal maintenance of the city. Daily inspections, creek maintenance, road repairs, storm drain clearing, park maintenance etc. We continue to work with our partners throughout the Peninsula to ensure the safety of the city. Some of our partners include Monterey One Water, ESCA, Seaside Fire, Cal Fire, BRAC, and many others that all play an important role in helping us all stay safe.

Finally, all the projects that get completed every day, week in and week out, is accredited to all our awesome city staff. We all work well together to make sure that we put out the best service we possibly can for our entire community. John Guertin our City Manager is the glue that brings us together. I cannot say enough about his leadership and generosity. Del Rey Oaks is extremely fortunate to have someone with his level of integrity and commitment working for our community. Karen Minami is one of the hardest-working people I know, she cares about everyone who walks through the door, and always makes herself available. Leigh Fitz, our new administrative assistant, has worked to get up to speed and has been a welcomed addition. A special thanks goes out to our police department for all the little things they do, that nobody sees, to help us all get the job done here in our awesome city.

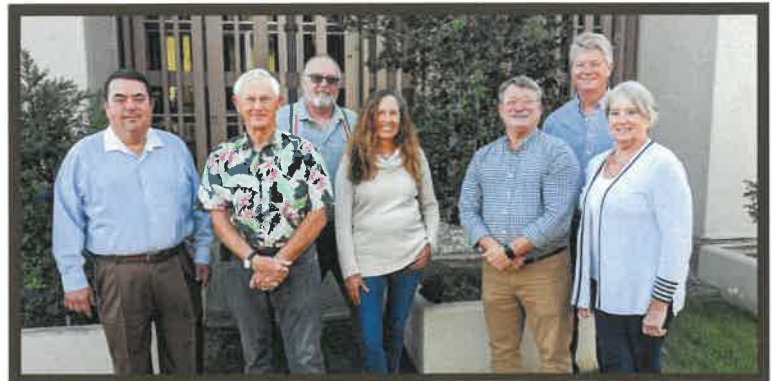
Thanks to all of our community for your feedback and accolades, you're the backbone of this city. Together we can accomplish anything,



PLANNING COMMISSION

A Message From Planning Commission Chair Mike Hayworth

We serve at the pleasure of the City Council that appoints us. It's our duty to hold hearings on projects in our city to make sure they are in compliance with our General Plan, Housing Element and Zoning Codes. If a project is outside these guidelines the applicant will submit for a variance. In each case, we deliberate and where needed make suggestions to the applicant about the project and decide whether to accept it or not.



Commissioners from R to L: Mike Burger, George Jaksha, Vice Chair Bill Ragsdale-Cronin, Denise Wood, Gary Kreeger, Chair Mike Hayworth, Louise Goetzelt

The goal in this process is to, so much as we can, work to approve the project while preserving the feel of our community and protecting your interests. In that, we welcome and encourage anyone to give us constructive input by submitting a letter or attending a meeting to voice your point of view in the public comment time of our meeting.

It is a pleasure to work for you and our city leaders to maintain the look and feel of our little city.

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE JEFFREY HOYNE

Hello everyone, we here at the Police Department hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable summer. As we head into the fall months, I would like to let you know what your department has been up to this past several months.

As we are returning to normal after the COVID-19 pandemic, so are our police department operations. Typical programs and projects are being implemented with many new and exciting changes at the PD. While COVID has led to many staffing challenges over the past year, we are now almost fully staffed and expect to have all approved police positions filled by the end of the year. Over the past two years we have hired some great young officers and have also recently welcomed back former Officer Beatrice Pereda as a reserve officer. As you may recall, Officer Pereda was the first female officer ever hired by Del Rey Oaks.



Along with some new Officers, we have some exciting equipment and technology improvements we will be implementing at the Police Department. In August we upgraded our City Hall and Police Department security camera system which will allow for more coverage, higher resolution, and increased safety for staff and the community. Starting this fall our patrol vehicles will be getting several upgrades to include mobile data terminals (MDTs) and in-car camera systems. The mobile data terminals will allow officers to access crime computer information, computer aided dispatch (CAD) data and allow for officer-to-officer communication between our officers and other agencies. Additionally, officers will be able to work more efficiently by writing reports and doing follow-up in the field without having to drive back to the police station to do so.

The in-car camera system will be a great addition to our body-camera system and will help document our officers' activities and public interaction at an even higher level of detail. Additionally, we were able to sign a contract with a new body-camera vendor that will save us approximately 50% from our current vendor's quoted prices moving forward. This includes the addition of the new in-car systems. Finally, we will be replacing and updating outdated patrol workstation computers in our offices and reflooring our entire station with industrial rubber flooring for a more resilient and easier-to-maintain surface.

Another success has been the implementation of our Patrol Detective Program. We have selected Officer Kris Moore as our first Patrol Detective, and Sergeant Roger Guzman as the Detective Supervisor. Officer Moore has received 143 hours in basic and advanced investigation training in the past year, and Sergeant Guzman was a long-time supervisory gang and homicide detective at the Los Angeles Police Department prior to retiring and continues to utilize his expertise in developing a capable investigation response here in Del Rey Oaks. The Patrol Detective Program allows us to take trained investigators and pull them from their assigned patrol shift so they can focus solely on following up and solving serious or high-profile cases. Their shifts are then filled with one of our many experienced reserve officers, most of whom are veteran police officers with many years of experience in places like Salinas, Vacaville, and Seaside. This program has seen excellent results with numerous cases brought to successful conclusions.

As we look towards the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, your police department is excited to be adding new officers, deploying new technologies, solving more cases, and providing the City of Del Rey Oaks with more service. Please be safe, and do not hesitate to call if you need our help.

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DEL REY OAKS POLICE UPDATE

Sign Up to Receive Text Message Alerts From Del Rey Oaks Police Department!

***** Text DelReyOaksPD to 888777 *****

***Don't have a cell phone?
Go to <https://local.nixle.com/register/> and register today!***

The Del Rey Oaks Police Department rolled out its text message alert service for all residents of Del Rey Oaks last year. 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.

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

❁ WELCOME ABOARD! ❁

We welcome full-time Officer Yaneli Cuevas to the City of Del Rey Oaks family! **Yaneli Cuevas** comes to us from Southern California. Yaneli has worked at the Los Angeles Police Department and came to us with knowledge and experience from such a busy agency. Since being hired, Yaneli has served and protected the residents of this great city with honor and distinction. We are so proud and lucky to have her as part of our family!

Beatrice Pereda is no new face around here as she has worked for the Del Rey Oaks Police Department as an Officer back in 2018. Beatrice left Del Rey Oaks to be closer to her family but now that she is an empty nester, we welcome her back as a reserve Police Officer. Beatrice is no stranger to law enforcement and community policing as she has served at a variety of Police Departments. She brings her experience and knowledge back to the Del Rey Oaks Police Department to further our mission of becoming a model small-town Police Department. We are so happy to have her back with the Del Rey Oaks Family!





MONTEREY REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM





As our rainy season approaches, please join the City Council in recognizing the week of Sept. 26-30 as Stormwater Awareness Week.

The City of Del Rey Oaks is a permitted member of the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP). **Del Rey Oaks is currently celebrating '20 Years of Collaboration' with our partners on the MRSWMP, which includes the Cities of Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside and the County of Monterey.**

The goal of the Regional Storm Water Permit Program 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 our water bodies. Only rain should go into storm drains.

You as our residents have a crucial role in our Storm Water Program. These include:

-  Report any foreign liquids or solids you see in the City gutters or streets, or entering the storm drain system to the Police Department at 831-375-8525. Some examples would be paint, fuel, concrete wash off, sewage & debris, including litter, etc.
-  Also report anyone you see dumping fluids or sweeping lawn debris/leaves into storm drains. If you see any liquid coming out of a manhole, report it immediately to the Police Department.
-  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).





SUSTAINABLE DEL REY OAKS

Working Together for a Sustainable, Equitable, and Resilient Future

Sustainable Del Rey Oaks has been busy this year, thanks to many amazing volunteers and supporters! A few highlights include:

- Co-presented two online workshops in February with Monterey Stormwater Education Alliance. *Thanks to sponsors MPWMD and Cal-Am Water!*
- Awarded \$2,000 grant from Cal-Am Water for Butterfly Garden tools, native plants, storage bench, trash pickup kits, and more. *Thank you DRO resident, Joe DiMaggio!*
- Eradication of invasive and toxic French Broom weeds from Work Memorial Park on April 10.
- Received a formal Resolution from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for Earth Day on April 19.
- Earth Day Event April 23 with family fun activities and many exhibitors at the Butterfly Garden.
- Exhibited at the DRO's Park Grand Re-opening event on July 9 with information about our Earth-Friendly Household program, and food scraps composting with free reusable straws, chopsticks, and plastic wrap alternatives.
- And much more!



SDRO is a volunteer, non-profit organization. We meet virtually on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6 PM. To volunteer, donate, or to learn more: sustainablemontereycounty.org/del-rey-oaks-home/

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Engaging, empowering, and working collaboratively towards a sustainable, equitable, and resilient future.

THANK YOU PONY EXPRESS TEAM!



This is the group of wonderful and dedicated residents who personally deliver the Acorn door to door, throughout the city each year!

Pictured: Jim Clark, George Jaksha, Scott Donaldson, Kristin Clark, Steve Harris, Terri Adam, Pat Lintell, Mary-Frances Dunn, Chris Vincent, Kim Shirley

Not Pictured: Sandie Shelby, Dennis & Theresa Allion, Julie Webb, Claudia Campbell, Andre Adam, Frederico Jones, Denise Wood, Gary Kreeger, Martha Peterlin



CITIZEN'S ACTION GROUP

We have many new families in DRO that might not be familiar with this resident/military community service outreach, organization. Here are some things to know:

- We are a non-political group.
- We believe a good neighbor is a person who shows kindness or helpfulness toward his or her fellow citizens.
- Our goals are to put in several community participation fun events each year. Some that we have done in the past include the Ice Cream Social, city-wide Garage Sale, Harvest Picnic in the Park, Santa's Workshop, as well as 'Welcome Baskets' to new residents, Holiday baskets to the home bound, and 'sponsor a service member during the holidays'.
- We hope to do these and/or alternatives each year in an effort to give the residents in the city an opportunity to come together with their families, meet new residents and have fun.

The funds for accomplishing these community activities are raised by admission to the events, and the occasional gift basket raffle. The big fund raiser is the \$10 entry fee to participate in the city-wide garage sale. [That covers organization efforts, advertising and draws the hundreds of people from the whole peninsula and beyond to your garage sale.]

After a couple of years hiatus, we attempted to get the events going this year and were very happy to see you come out and attend. We could tell, most recently, that parents, children, and empty nesters had a good time at our Fall Harvest Picnic. If you were out of town - you missed a great time - so make sure to check our 'save the date' poster in the kiosks for meeting and event dates/times that will be published soon for next year so you can build your vacation and family out of town visits around our DRO events!

So, who makes this happen as we go into the future? You do. As the longest-running Community Service organization in Del Rey Oaks, it's important to have a continuous rotation of volunteers to keep things fun for those that do the work.

You have a formal invitation to attend a meeting to see what it's like - or call our current President - Kristin Clark at 831-915-7065 to see how you can get involved. Believe us when we say, "We are committed to keeping our once-a-month meetings to an hour or under." Final event this year - our Santa's Workshop on December 3rd. Come say hi to Santa Claus as he is escorted down Old Town Hall in a fire truck.

Pencil in these upcoming 2023 dates!

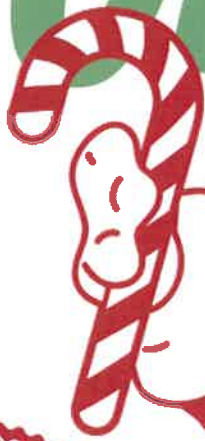
April 29 - Ice Cream Social
October 7 - Fall Picnic

July 29 - Garage Sale
December 2 - Santa's Workshop



DEL REY OAKS PRESENTS

SANTA'S WORKSHOP



FROM
12-2^{PM}



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

FEATURING

PHOTOS WITH SANTA (HE WILL ARRIVE PROMPTLY AT 12:15)

CRAFTS & COOKIE DECORATING

@DRO PARK rain or shine, if it rains we will be indoors.



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DEL REY OAKS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

9	PLANNING COMMISSION
15	CITY COUNCIL
23	CITY HALL CLOSED @12PM
24-25	CITY HALL CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

3	SANTA'S WORKSHOP
13	CITY COUNCIL
14	PLANNING COMMISSION
23-31	CITY HALL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

JANUARY

1-3	CITY HALL CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY
11	PLANNING COMMISSION
16	CITY HALL CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
24	CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY

8	PLANNING COMMISSION
20	CITY HALL CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY
28	CITY COUNCIL

MARCH

8	PLANNING COMMISSION
28	CITY COUNCIL
31	CITY HALL CLOSED - CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

APRIL

9	EASTER SUNDAY
12	PLANNING COMMISSION
25	CITY COUNCIL

MAY

10	PLANNING COMMISSION
23	CITY COUNCIL
29	CITY HALL CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

14	PLANNING COMMISSION
19	CITY HALL CLOSED - JUNETEENTH
27	CITY COUNCIL

JULY

4	CITY HALL CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY
12	PLANNING COMMISSION
	<i>*NO CITY COUNCIL IN JULY</i>

AUGUST

9	PLANNING COMMISSION
22	CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER

4	CITY HALL CLOSED - LABOR DAY
13	PLANNING COMMISSION
26	CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER

11	PLANNING COMMISSION
24	CITY COUNCIL
31	HALLOWEEN



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