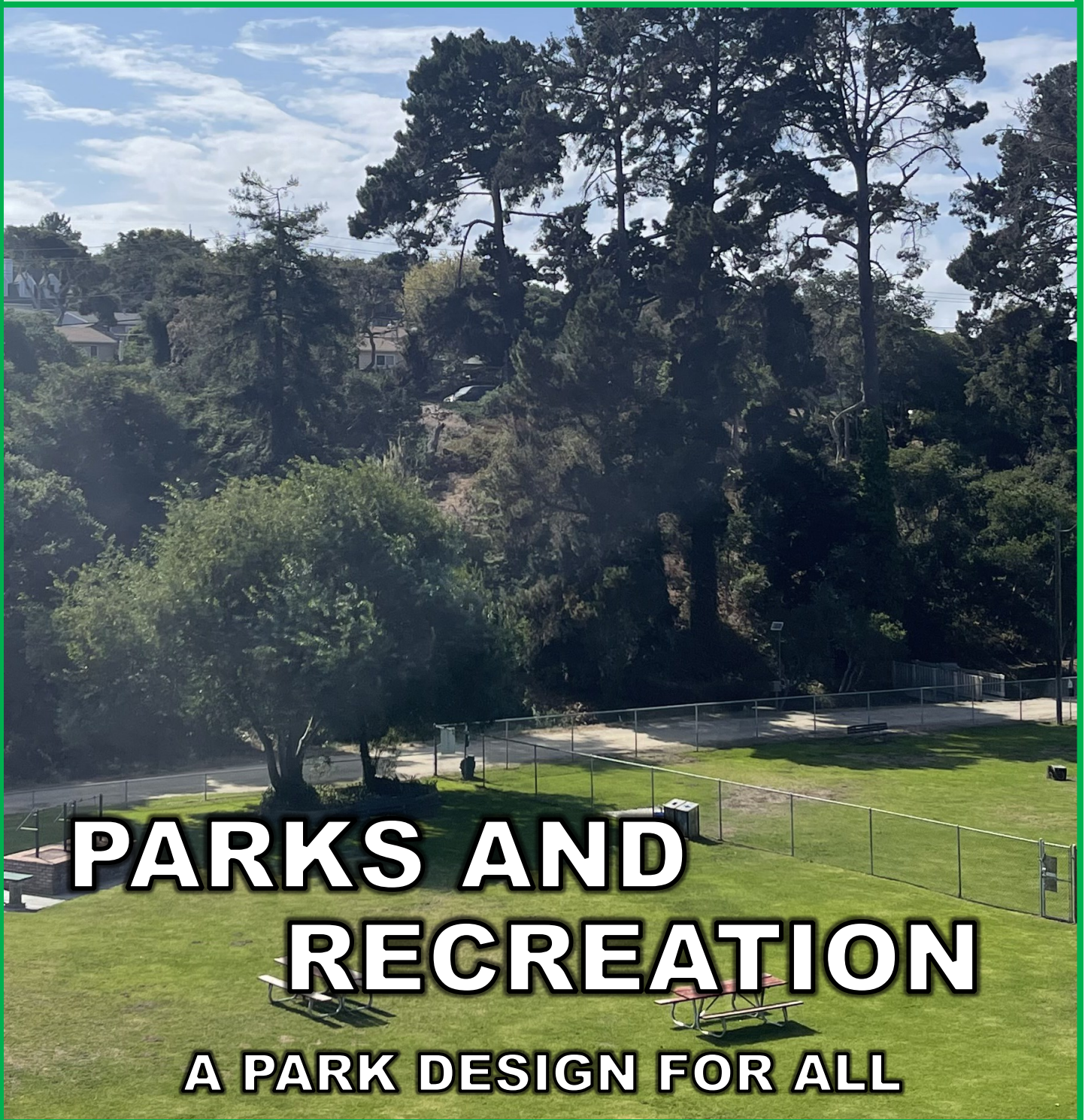




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## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**A PARK DESIGN FOR ALL**



# The City Of Del Rey Oaks

## 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



**Pat Lintell**  
Vice Mayor



**John Gaglioti**  
Council Member



**Scott Donaldson**  
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 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.

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
- Post to Nextdoor
- Post to Facebook
- Send out email blast to all subscribers
- Mail out an agenda to everyone on our mailing list
- 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 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 City Hall at (831) 394-8511 and we will be glad to help.





# Del Rey Oaks Police

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 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.

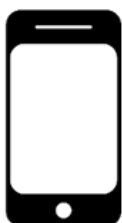
This alert system is a Community Engagement notification system that ties into Facebook and Twitter to send out local information about events or emergencies.

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.

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







# Thank You Jeremy Hallock

City Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the Planning Commission Chair Jeremy Hallock for his service to the community. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. You've made your mark here; Best of luck!



# Planning Commission Vacancy

**Job Position: Planning Commissioner**

**Job Status: Open and Accepting Applications**

**Job Closing Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 - 5:00pm**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Del Rey Oaks City Council is currently receiving applications for 1 seat on the Planning Commission. The term of appointed commissioner will then expire in June 2023. In order to be appointed, a person must be a registered voter in the City.

The application form may be obtained at Del Rey Oaks City Hall City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or on the City website. Applications must be completed and received by the City Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on: **Monday, December 6, 2021.**

Review of applications and the appointment will be done at the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Applicants should be available at the meeting.

If any member of the public has questions regarding the process, they should contact the Karen Minami at (831) 394-8511, or stop by the Del Rey Oaks City Hall, 650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Del Rey Oaks, CA.



# Protect Your Home And Neighborhood

As the temperature rises, so will the fire danger. As we have all seen, 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. It is also a good time to check the status of your smoke/carbon monoxide detector batteries. Stay safe!



## WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

**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.\***

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



**ONE LESS SPARK**  
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

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

**READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG**



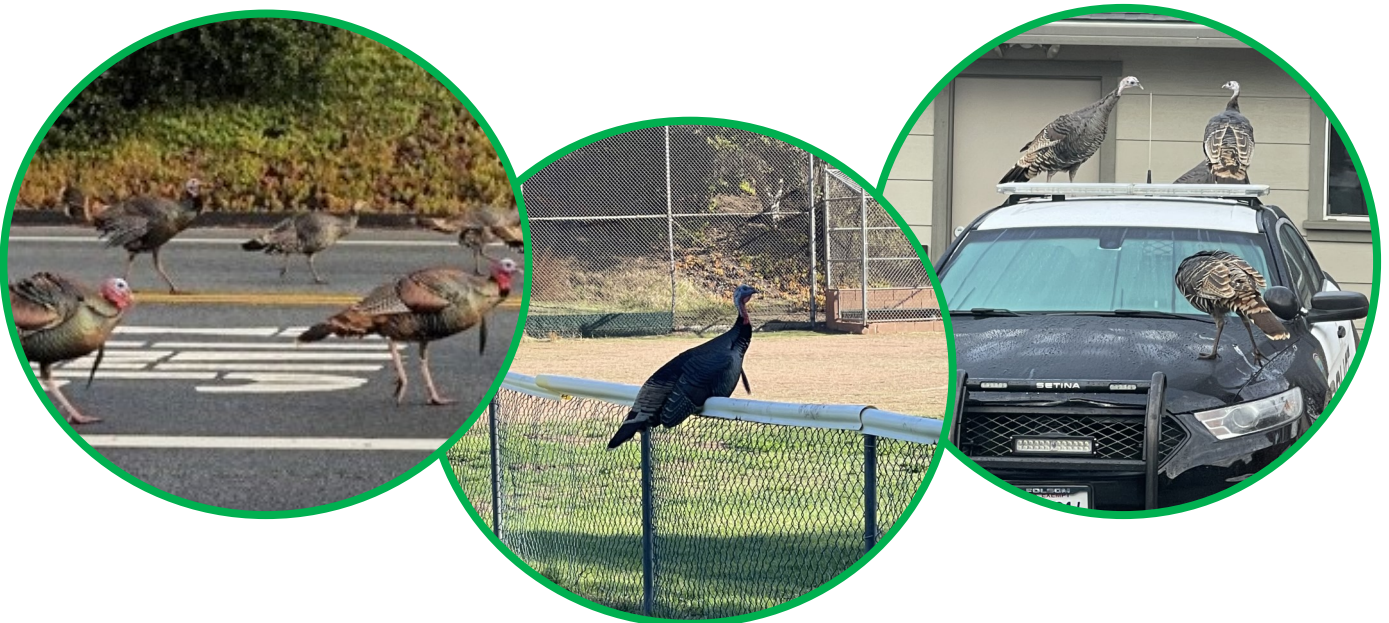


# Please, Do Not Feed The Wildlife

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 have specialized diets and can become malnourished if fed the wrong foods. 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, potentially causing flight delays, damage to aircraft, and loss of human life.
- 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, backyards and athletic fields.

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





# Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in studying, promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation, including the maintenance, development and operation of recreation areas and facilities serving the residents of the City. The Parks and Recreation Committee members makes recommendations on the acquisition, development or renovation of recreation areas, amenities & facilities such as parks, community, recreation & gymnasium facilities, ball fields & ball field lighting, trails, and open space.

Below are some of the many ideas that have been brought up so far during the Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings.







# Del Rey Park



The Del Rey Park is a remarkable asset for such a small city as Del Rey Oaks. It was established in 1953 with an initial cost of \$50,000. The 10-acre plot of land that was donated by T.A. Work for the specific use of a public park.



Located at 999 Angelus Way, the park is the perfect place to picnic, play sports, take walks, or just relax. Del Rey Park has always been a favorite location for events and gatherings celebrating local festivities like the Ice Cream and Santa's Workshop. The Park has two playgrounds, a basketball court, a volleyball pit, a softball field, restrooms, several picnic tables, barbeque pits, and our locally famous lion head drinking fountain.





# 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

The Dog Park Is Now Free!



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. Disregard for wetlands by expanding urban and agricultural development is the number one cause for wetland loss. This loss leads to fragmented habitat and results in remnant oases that need human intervention to maintain their potential bio-diversity. An isolated remnant of a much larger ecosystem, the Frog Pond nevertheless retains an important wetland.

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. The habitat located in the Preserve offers great opportunities for nature study, education, recreation, and inspiration. 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. The Frog Pond is open to all with no access permit requirement. It is an excellent place for birding. Parking is limited, and set along the shoulder of Canyon Del Rey Blvd.







## Frog Pond Park Rules

**ACCESS:** Access to the Frog Pond is on Canyon Del Rey Road between General Jim Moore Boulevard and Highland Street. Parking is limited, along the shoulder of Canyon Del Rey Road.

**HOURS:** Access is limited to daylight hours from sunrise to sunset. No overnight use or camping is permitted.

**USE:** Frog Pond use is limited to hiking.

**PETS:** Domestic animals are welcome on leash only. Owners must clean up after their pets and dispose of waste in trash receptacles.

**FIRE/SMOKING:** Fires, incendiary devices, fireworks, cooking stoves, any source of open flame, and smoking are strictly prohibited.

**RESOURCES:** 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/WEAPONS:** Hunting, fishing and weapons of any type are not allowed.

**FOOD:** Food and beverages are allowed. However, there are no waste receptacles on the trails. Please pack out all you pack in.

**TRESPASS:** For the benefit 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.

**CLOSURE:** 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.



# Veteran's Advisory Committee

***“Home of the free, because of the brave...”***

On Veterans Day, as on every day of the year, it is appropriate to acknowledge and thank all the military veterans, both past and present, throughout our country. Today we offer a special thank you to each veteran living in Del Rey Oaks. Thank you for your service and thank you for the freedom we all enjoy because of it.

At last count, more than 10% of Del Rey Oaks residents are veterans of the United States Armed Services. Military veterans currently living in Del Rey Oaks have answered the call to service from World War II to Afghanistan, and in all times of conflict in between. We are proud to call each of you neighbor!

Del Rey Oaks is one of four cities represented on the board of the Monterey County Veterans Advisory Committee (VIAC). If you, or 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](mailto:rlj.dro@Gmail.com). Benefits available to you may include free tuition at California public universities and community colleges for your dependents, to health care opportunities for 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 service, and to help you locate the right person or organization to address any of your questions or 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, or you think would be of particular interest to the veteran community, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.





# A Message from the Mayor, **Alison Kerr**

Friends,

Welcome to the first Acorn in over a year. I am sure, like myself, you have missed it! I hope you can take a little time to read through it in depth to see all of the activity and accomplishments your city staff and resident groups have been doing for our city.

We are entering into the season where we take time to give thanks and celebrate family and community. It has been a year of transition, with the pandemic and the departure of our previous city manager, so I would like to begin with acknowledging our city staff:

- Our new City Manager John Guertin has been with us for just a bit over three months and we are already seeing his efforts come to fruition. These include getting to know our community better, providing additional in-depth information about the FORTAG path, and more efficient meeting minutes resulting in less staff time spent.
- Police Chief Jeff Hoyne took on the Acting City Manager position for almost a year, without skipping a beat.
- Commander Chris Bourquin assumed the Acting Chief of Police role at the same time.
- All of our police officers continue to make us the safest city on the peninsula, as they catch criminals that know no boundaries.
- Our Public Works Director Ron Fucci has been hard at work keeping the city clean, but also working on grants for rebuilding walkways and the upcoming Prop 68 funding that will help us improve our parks.
- What would we do without Karen Minami's professional juggling of everything, while doing it with her trademark graciousness?
- We are blessed to have Randy Birch with us full time now, to keep our technology, meetings and communications accurate and running smoothly.

Thank you to our neighbors who volunteer their time to help our city be even better. In addition to the Planning Commission (Jeremy Hallock, Mike Hayworth, George Jaksha, Gary Kreeger, Denise Wood, Michael Burger and Bill Ragsdale-Cronin), other committees this year have included:

- City Manager Hiring Ad Hoc Committee - Residents John Uye Romel, Andy Clarke, and Louise Goetzelt, Business owner Dr. Greg Marsolais, and City representatives Deputy City Clerk Karen Minami and Commander Chris Bourquin. Councilmember John Gaglioti and I were also members.
- Sign Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee - Residents Merry Trucksis and Bill Ragsdale-Cronin, Planning Commissioners Gary Kreeger and Denise Wood, and Councilmembers John Gaglioti and Kim Shirley.
- Police Advisory Committee - Chair Paul Keene, Frederica Jones, Mark Thomas, Louise Goetzelt and Jim Clark. Business representatives Jay Roland & Matthew Wright.
- Our brand new Parks & Recreation Committee - Teri Laxier, Kiel Edson, Brandon Stettenbenz and our first-ever Youth Representative Matthew Hickey. City liaisons include Public Works Director Ron Fucci, Planning Commissioner Denise Wood and myself.
- Administrative Hearing Committee - Frederica Jones, Paul Peterlin and Andy Clarke.

Let us not forget our community-based groups, Citizens Action Group and Sustainable Del Rey Oaks. They are always looking for more residents to join.

Our city is also built on regional partnerships for which I am grateful. Especially with a city our size, there is a great advantage of cooperation and collaboration, working with our neighbors to keep us all safe and healthy. Many of these partnerships affect us daily; our combined police force with the airport and mutual aid agreements with neighboring cities, Seaside Fire Department providing emergency and fire services, and Community Human Services which operates Casa de Noche Buena, a shelter for homeless women and families and the Monterey Regional Parks District which manages our beloved Frog Pond.

Additionally, your council members serve on the following regional boards, making decisions that affect our larger community: Association of Monterey Bay Governments (AMBAG), Community Human Services, Monterey One Water, Monterey Regional Waste Management District, Monterey-Salinas Transit, Monterey County Regional Taxi Authority, Seaside County Sanitation District, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, and Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. We also have resident representatives on the Veterans Advisory Committee to the County Supervisors (Rick Johnson) and the Northern Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement (Louise Goetzelt). Council member and citizen representative reports summarizing their activities are included in the monthly council meeting agenda packets.



And we continue to explore future regional partnerships that will benefit us, such as:

- The Airport Community Roundtable for public and transparent dialogue about airport operations and their effect upon residents. Our Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and District 5 Supervisor Mary Adams have expressed their support as well as peninsula mayors.
- A potential opportunity to capture storm water from the Arroyo del Rey Creek system before it goes into the ocean. Monterey Mayor Roberson, Seaside Mayor Oglesby and I are holding ongoing discussions with Monterey One Water.

Our peninsula, county and state network of partnerships will be even more critical as we all navigate the effects of climate change upon our region. Transportation and built structures constitute the highest greenhouse gas emissions. While we can electrify faster than other cities, partnerships will help us get there quicker. The Air District has rebates and incentives to electrify transportation options, including new and used electric vehicles and electric bicycles. Our electricity provider, Central Coast Community Energy, can provide \$15k towards the creation of a each code, a local building energy code that “reaches” beyond the state minimum requirements for energy use in building design and construction. Del Rey Oaks and all the cities in the county are working with the Waste Management District to meet SB1383 targets to reduce methane-producing organic waste in landfills. I believe all of this is just the tip of the iceberg.

There are so many things for which to be grateful. We are blessed to live on the Monterey peninsula on the California central coast, with our accessibility to an abundance of natural environments, clean air, locally grown produce and unique cities. We have our own identity, yet enjoy strong partnerships with our neighboring cities on critical issues that bind us together. We are getting more and more engaged in both our neighborhood and the larger peninsula community. And during this unprecedented pandemic, our focus has always been on the health and well-being of ourselves and our neighbors.

Wishing you a warm and safe holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aljara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial letter 'A'.



# A Message from the City Manager, **John Guertin**

Thank you, Del Rey Oaks, for such a warm welcome. I have had the pleasure of serving as your City Manager for three months now. Since starting my new role in August, I have been busy getting to know the Mayor and City Council, the community and the organization. Although I have lived on the Monterey Peninsula for 27 years, I have had a wonderful time listening and seeking to better understand those things that make Del Rey Oaks unique and special. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to introduce themselves and tell me what they cherish about our wonderful community. As I look forward to meeting more of you, here's a little bit about myself.

I was born and raised in the East Bay. I went to college in Southern California where I met my wife. In 1994 we were fortunate enough to move to Pacific Grove for my wife to attend the Monterey Institute of International Studies. We instantly fell in love with the Peninsula and stayed to raise our three children (the youngest of which graduated from high school this year). I also have two dogs (although one is clearly my wife's), drink too much coffee, love to backpack deep in the Sierras, and still play soccer (when my knees say it's okay).

I am passionate about local government and committed to excellence in public service. I respect this work and feel there is no higher calling. Day in and day out, our talented City team (that I'm lucky to have joined) is relied upon to provide services to each and every person who lives, works, and visits here. Our work is critical to ensuring that Del Rey Oaks is a safe, vibrant, and resilient community. It's been so gratifying to work with a folks who wake up every day committed to serving the community. I am constantly impressed and encouraged by the level of commitment our small staff shows for their jobs and fellow community members.

I also respect and value the wisdom, passion, and commitment of our City Council and look forward to advancing their priorities. I believe in and am committed to a collaborative and inclusive approach to solving problems. When we work together and build strong partnerships that value the input of each and every person's perspective, I am confident that we will be successful.



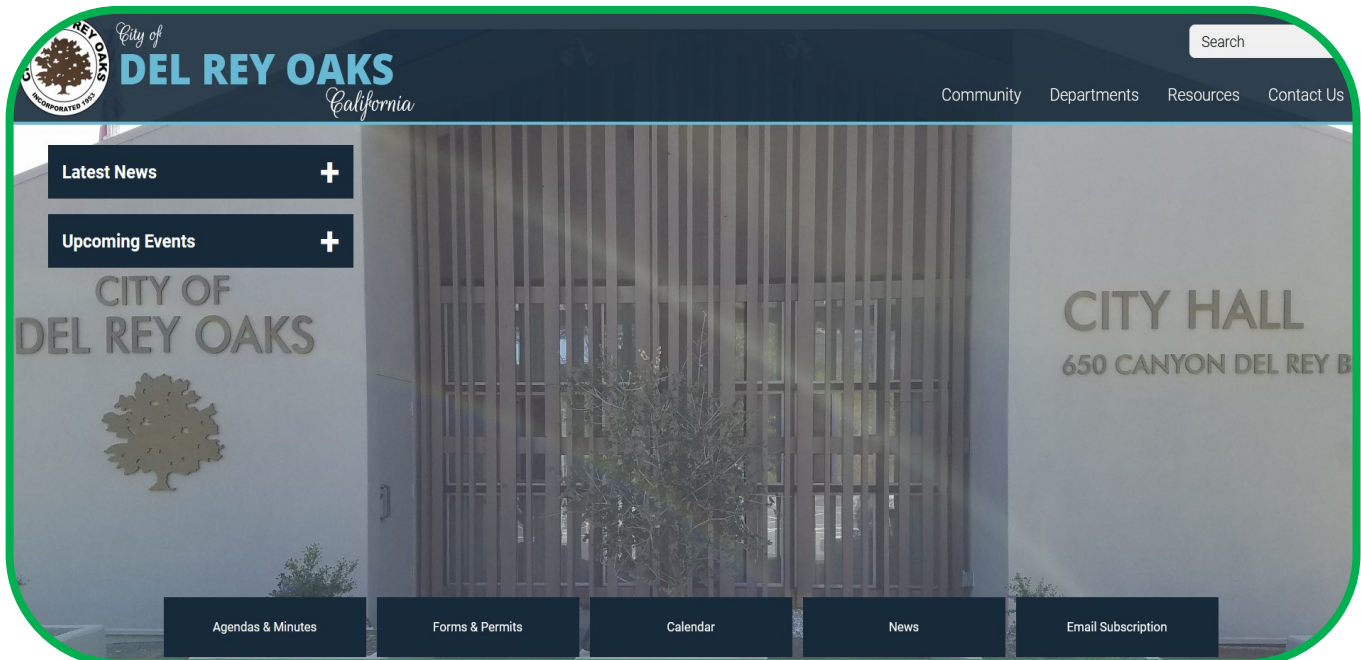
Coming into this job in this moment, I am mindful that the past year and a half has been difficult. The pandemic has been mentally and physically exhausting. But there is a lot going on in our little town and we have important work to do to chart a path forward. In her book, "Who Do We Choose To Be?" Margaret Wheatley says, "We may be strangers..., but we can become neighbors if we decide to work together on building something good. For good." Del Rey Oaks is building something good. And I look forward to being a part of it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community!



# City Website [delreyoaks.org](http://delreyoaks.org)

What information can you find out about Del Rey Oaks when you visit the city website? A lot more than you probably realize. Please visit [delreyoaks.org](http://delreyoaks.org) to stay up to date on current events and news.





## **A Message from the Assistant City Manager and Chief of Police, Jeffrey Hoyne**

As we head into the Fall, I just want to first take the time to wish everyone a safe and healthy Holiday season. Additionally, I want to thank our officers who will be working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week throughout the season doing their best to keep you and your family safe. I hope you appreciate them as much as I do. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us during this time should you need our assistance.

I am happy to have this opportunity to update you on our team's accomplishments over the past several months. First and foremost, I want to personally thank Commander Chris Bourquin, and call attention to the outstanding job he did leading the Department as the Acting Chief of Police for much of the last year. When I assumed the role of Acting City Manager, Chris stepped in on short notice, handled the quick transition to the Chief's Office professionally, and helped move the Department forward. Some of our accomplishments under his leadership include implementing a new Records Management System for police reports, initiating a software suite for the tracking of training, employee conduct, internal affairs investigations, vehicle maintenance, and several other data areas that will make our operations more effective and efficient. Additionally, we have initiated new crime reporting for the new CIBRS (California's National Incident Based Reporting System) requirements in California and are also moving forward with new reporting requirements under Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA). These two technological additions alone will allow us to provide more professional services to our community. Commander Bourquin also recently completed the FBI LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) Management Leadership Institute course as part of our agency's leadership development program.

The Del Rey Oaks Police Department also continued its efforts to be a regional partner with our surrounding agencies through the delivery of several training classes which we hosted. This included courses on Police Legitimacy and firearms proficiency. Additionally, our Patrol Detective Program and detective staff were responsible for the identification and apprehension of a suspect responsible for dozens of ATM burglaries from Paso Robles to San Mateo, including almost a dozen separate incidents in Monterey County. We are also currently working with a Bay Area law enforcement agency on a high-profile robbery case (related to a felony case in our



jurisdiction) where our detectives were able to identify suspects and provide information to our partner agency for their follow up and case filings. Solving these crimes is primarily due to the success of our patrol detective program and the dedication of our patrol investigators and officers.

In closing, there are many exciting things going on at the Del Rey Oaks Police Department. We are assessing new technologies and equipment that will bring us on par with our neighboring agencies, conducting a background investigation on a possible new reserve candidate, and moving forward with the tasks and goals in our strategic plan which you can find online at the City's website.

Happy Holidays and thank you for all the support you show us!



## In Memoriam Martha Franco



*Martha Franco and her husband, former mayor Robert Franco, moved to their home on Rosita Dr. in 1953, the very same year Del Rey Oaks became an official city. Remembered by her students for the childhood songs she shared, by her friends and neighbors for the valuable and practical advice she gave, Martha was also known for the pride she took in her multiple first-place winnings at the City's annual picnic chili cook-off. That joy for her cooking was shared from the tamales she made during the holidays to the food she cooked and delivered to field workers. For her multiple contributions to our community and the joy she brought to others, we remember and thank you, Martha.*



# A Message from the Public Works Supervisor, **Ron Fucci**

Greetings everyone,

What an interesting year it has been. Public works has been working tirelessly to continue working on the numerous projects throughout the city even through this pandemic. Although it has been challenging at times, we still have been able to continue moving forward with our annual projects as well as many of our day to day activities. We have worked on several grants to help accommodate some of the projects that have needed to be addressed in the near future.

Fire fuel is always a priority for the Public Works Department, and we continue to make strides in this area. Some of the areas we are working on include South Boundary Road, Via Verde, Rosita and several smaller areas within the City. This is extremely important work for the simple fact it keeps us all with a sense of safety and protection for our homes and family. We have also been diligent on many of smaller safety projects such as the painting of many of our curbs and medians throughout the city. Public works has also made it a priority to continue to remove much of the foliage that grows and begins to impede some of our gutters in the City. This is very important as the free flow of our stormwater must be able to enter our storm drain system. We have also performed some tree clearance work. Specifically, we have worked along with PG&E to identify areas that need the attention. Most of these areas necessitated transmission line clearance to prevent any potential fire situation. Weed abatement is a continuous task for our city.

We continue to identify troublesome areas as well as some of our normal areas that need constant attention. We are currently undergoing several projects throughout the city. One of the many concerns I have received is in regards to the walkways. The Rosita & Paloma St. walkway has been refurbished, as many of our regular walkers have noticed and given awesome feedback. As of this writing we are conducting a makeover of the Portola & Work St. walkway. This project is multi-faceted due to the configuration of this walkway. Nevertheless, it is coming along well and should be completed by the time of this reading. These projects are some of the most important projects for the simple fact that our walkway's and streets are some of the most utilized forms of transportation for our residents.



We have had several instances of illegal dumping on South Boundary Road in the last year. This is something that we have monitored and worked with our Police Department to try and deter. As soon as the dumping is identified, Public Works usually is able to remove these items as soon as possible.

As always, we continue to do our annual creek clearing on schedule. This is always crucial for the continuous free flow of our creek. Public Works also worked with DRO police to configure, and install a new cyclone fence at the entrance to the park. This fence will add an extra layer of safety for all of our residents. The gate is opened at dawn and closed at dusk.

I am extremely excited to announce that Public Works and the newly formed parks committee have been working on projects that will enhance the experience at the park. One of the projects includes a new playground with a rubber surface. This new structure will include several new pieces of equipment, including a new swing set that accommodates older children and young adults.

Public Works has recently taken over our stormwater safety program through Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP). Prior to this, our storm water management was conducted by Seaside. I am also excited to convey that Public Works is now part of the MRSWMP management committee for the peninsula. We meet monthly to ensure that we continue to protect our creeks and ocean.

Our small city continues to make great strides and Public Works will continue to work hard to ensure that all projects are completed safely and in a timely manner. We have an awesome team at City Hall, and everyone works tirelessly to ensure that all our residents have the best product possible. Special thanks goes out to Karen and Randy. Without these two all-star's we would surely struggle to keep up with all the important items we want to accomplish for this awesome city. Assistant City Manager/Chief of Police Jeff Hoyne deserves a lot of credit for stepping into the City Managers role as we lost Dino Pick to the Naval Post Graduate School. With his guidance and direction, we continued to move forward and complete many of the afore mentioned projects. Finally, I would like to welcome our new City Manager John Guertin. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and he has hit the ground running. I am excited to see the new projects come to fruition with his vision and determination to enhance the City. Thank you to all the residents I see daily who constantly give me great feedback. The Public Works department is grateful to all of you who participate and volunteer your time in the upkeep of this awesome city.

Thank you,



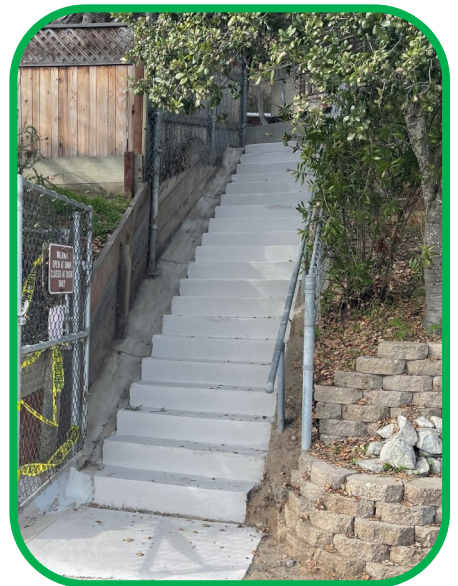
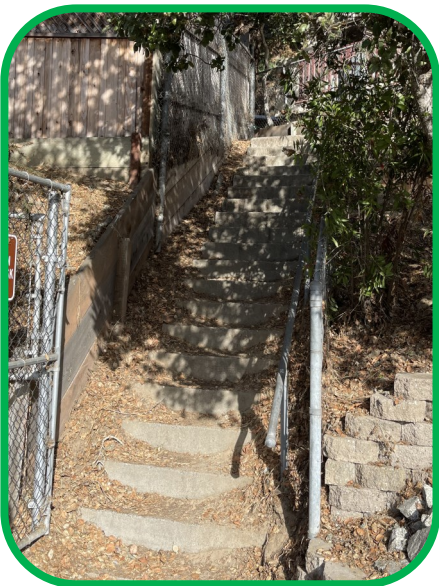


# Public Works City Improvements



## Portola / Work Walkway Repair

The long-awaited Walkway Repair has broken ground at the beginning of November. With a proposed budget of \$34,675, which was funded by SB-1, the project will span the walkway between Work Avenue and Portola Drive.







# 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 measurable goals outlined in our adopted storm water plan.

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

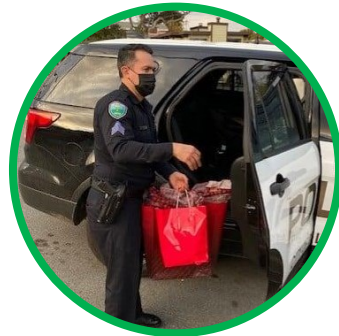
- Report any foreign liquids or solids you see in the City gutters or streets, or entering the storm drain system to the Police Department at 831-375-8525. Some examples would be paint, fuel, concrete wash off, sewage & debris, including litter, etc. Also report anyone you see dumping fluids or sweeping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



# Happy Holidays From City Staff

## Holiday Holidays!

Wishing everyone happiness this holiday season  
and throughout the coming year.







# Citizen's Action Group

## Latest News from Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group:

*Performing acts of kindness for our neighbors since 1995.*

### UPCOMING EVENT:

**Who:** Jolly Old Santa  
**What:** Santa's Holiday Event  
**When:** Saturday, December 4th, 2 - 4:30pm.  
**Where:** Del Rey Oaks park

This will be a drive or walk through event. Come visit Santa and receive a goodie bag. How can we make this a successful event? Having you and your family show up! *Don't forget your camera!*

Preparation will be Friday, December 3rd at 4:00pm. We'll have a volunteer's party in the Old Town Hall with refreshments & hot cider, while we put together the components for the Santa's Kiddie Sack. Also we will be decorating the park and the Gazebo.



At our November meeting, we will discuss the outreach plans for DRO families to host Military students for a dinner during the holiday season, as many cannot go home for the holidays. Those interested please call Kristin Clark at 394-6958.

Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group is the longest running Community Service organization in Del Rey Oaks. We believe a good neighbor is a person who shows kindness or helpfulness toward his or her fellow humans.

For those interested in volunteering, meeting new neighbors, and making a real difference in the DRO community, we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at Old Town Hall at 6:15pm; check the kiosks.

Flyers for 2022 events will be delivered to your door. We are hoping to bring all our events back!

Kristin Clark – President, Del Rey Oaks Citizens Action Group.  
(831) 394-6958



# Sustainable Del Rey Oaks

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

## JOIN US!

We are always looking for new members! Please join us at one of our meetings on the second Thursday of every month at 6pm. To volunteer or for more info visit our website [sustainablemontereycounty.org/del-rey-oaks-home/](https://sustainablemontereycounty.org/del-rey-oaks-home/) or email us to receive regular updates: [sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com)

## Starting in January 2022

### LOOK FOR DETAILS FROM GREEN WASTE RECOVERY

Food scraps will be collected in your green cart, along with your yard trimmings! This will greatly increase compostable materials by removing food scraps from our trash.

Food items for the green cart include: All fruits and vegetables; cooked meats and dairy; grains (think bread, rice, beans, cereal, cooked carbohydrates, etc.) and coffee and tea.

Items for the trash cart include: Raw meats, liquids, food-soiled paper, and compostable plastics.



## Join Us in the Butterfly Garden

Upcoming family-friendly workday  
Saturday, December 4, 2021  
10 AM-12 PM

Learn more about earth-friendly gardening:

- native pollinator plants
- sheet mulching
- Composting
- natural rodent control (barn owl box)

Bring your gloves, hat, and shovels





## Sept. 18th City Cleanup National Coastal Cleanup Day



Sustainable Del Rey Oaks teamed up with MPC's Environmental Club to help protect the coast by cleaning up our creek. You see, whatever blows into the creek eventually flows to the beach. Clean-up kits with buckets and grabbers were provided by the Club and also the Communities for Sustainable Monterey County. We had a great turn-out of 17 eager volunteers who picked up trash along the creek and Hwy 218. At least 15 buckets and several large yard waste bags were filled with recovered trash and recyclables. Luckily, they won't be contaminating our creek or beaches.

## Watershed Protection

With a grant from the Sierra Club, Sustainable Del Rey Oaks was able to hire biologists who studied Work-Memorial Park, the Arroyo del Rey Creek, Frog Pond, and 17-acres. This information will help us to better care for these natural habitats.

### Did you know?

- ☞ Del Rey Oaks has over 10 acres of wetlands throughout the city?
- ☞ Over 160 plant species were noted within the study area, with 7 being highly invasive species which will need to be eradicated?
- ☞ The worst weed offenders and invasive plants are: French broom, Giant reed, Ice plant, Pampas grass, Kikuyu grass, and Cape ivy.
- ☞ Rain runoff in gutters and storm drains don't get cleaned-up?
- ☞ Our watershed drains to Arroyo Del Rey (creek) through 17 acres next to General Jim Moore Blvd, along side Frog Pond Regional Park, under Hwy 218, next to Del Rey Park, into Work Memorial Park, where it then flows under Safeway, into Laguna Grande to Roberts Lake, then finally into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary?

### What can you do to help protect these areas?

- ✓ During the rainy season be careful as fertilizer overuse can runoff into creek via gutters.
- ✓ Clean-up oil leaks with dry methods rather than hosing down into the gutter.
- ✓ Provide safe rodent control - use traps without poisonous baits.
- ✓ Owl boxes – barn owl families consume 4,000 rodents each season.
- ✓ Ensure balloons don't drift away over and into the Bay, or celebrate without them.
- ✓ Scrape cooking oil and grease into the garbage can before washing dishes and skillets/pans; pour oil into a can and place in the garbage. Do not mix cooking oil into motor oil. Putting cooking grease in its place prevents:
  - sewer back-ups in your home
  - expensive plumbing bills!
  - overflows into creeks



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# Calendar

## NOVEMBER

10	Planning Commission
16	City Council
24	City Hall Closed @ 12:00pm
25-26	City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

4	Santa's Village @ Park
8	Planning Commission
14	City Council
20-31	City Hall Closed - Christmas Holiday

## JANUARY

1	New Years
12	Planning Commission
17	City Hall Closed - Martin Luther King Jr.
25	City Council

## FEBRUARY

9	Planning Commission
21	City Hall Closed - Washington
23	City Council

## MARCH

9	Planning Commission
23	City Council
31	City Hall Closed - Cesar Chavez

## APRIL

13	Planning Commission
17	Easter Sunday
27	City Council

## MAY

11	Planning Commission
25	City Council
30	City Hall Closed - Memorial Day

## JUNE

8	Planning Commission
17	City Hall Closed - Juneteenth
21	First Day of Summer
22	City Council

## JULY

4	City Hall Closed - Independence Day
13	Planning Commission
26	City Council

## AUGUST

10	Planning Commission
23	City Council

## SEPTEMBER

5	City Hall Closed - Labor Day
14	Planning Commission
27	City Council

## OCTOBER

12	Planning Commission
25	City Council
31	Halloween



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