



# The Acorn

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**TREE CITY USA**

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has been named a **Tree City**  
**USA** program member by the  
**Arbor Day Foundation!**





# Tree City USA



We are proud to announce that the City of Del Rey Oaks has been named a Tree City USA program member by the Arbor Day Foundation!



## What is Tree City USA?

Established by the Arbor Day Foundation in 1976, the Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns all across America. This nationwide movement has provided the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. By meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management, more than 3,400 communities have not only achieved the Tree City USA status, they have also bettered and beautified their community.

- Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department

Someone must be legally responsible for the care of all trees on city- or town-owned property. By delegating tree care decisions to a professional forester, arborist, city department, citizen-led tree board or some combination, city leaders determine who will perform necessary tree work. The public will also know who is accountable for decisions that impact community trees. Often, both professional staff and an advisory tree board are established, which is a good goal for most communities.

- Standard 2: A Tree Care Ordinance

A public tree care ordinance forms the foundation of a city's tree care program. It provides an opportunity to set good policy and back it with the force of law when necessary.





## City of Del Rey Oaks Tree Program



**FREE Oak Trees for DRO Residents**  
Get a voucher at City Hall to redeem at  
Del Rey Oaks Gardens

- Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

City trees provide many benefits—clean air, clean water, shade and beauty to name a few—but they also require an investment to remain healthy and sustainable. By providing support at or above the \$2 per capita minimum, a community demonstrates its commitment to grow and tend these valuable public assets. Budgets and expenditures require planning and accountability, which are fundamental to the long-term health of the tree canopy and the Tree City USA program.

- Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

An effective program for community trees would not be complete without an annual Arbor Day ceremony. Citizens join together to celebrate the benefits of community trees and the work accomplished to plant and maintain them. By passing and reciting an official Arbor Day proclamation, public officials demonstrate their support for the community tree program and complete the requirements for becoming a Tree City USA!

But this is not just another beautifying program. Studies have shown some of the benefits of being named a Tree City USA to include reduced costs for energy, stormwater management, and erosion control, cuts in energy consumption by up to 25%, boosts in property values across communities, and improving community pride. For more information about the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program, visit their webpage at [www.ArborDay.org](http://www.ArborDay.org)



City Staff would like to give a special thanks to Deputy City Clerk Karen Minami and Public Works Supervisor Ron Fucci as well as the Del Rey Oaks Planning Commission for their work on this project. Without their dedication and hard work, none of this would have been possible. Please check back next year for new city events and on information on how to contribute to Del Rey Oaks Arbor Day and Tree City events.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the Oak Tree Voucher Program as well! We appreciate your work in making Del Rey Oaks a green city.



# 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



**Kristin Clark**  
Vice Mayor



**Pat Lintell**  
Council Member



**John Gaglioti**  
Council Member



**Louise Goetzelt**  
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 for urgent events
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 (link to website post)
- Post to Facebook (link to website post)
- Send out email blast to all subscribers (link to website post)
- Mail out an agenda to everyone on our mailing list
- Post agendas in each of the city bulletin boards (5 total)

Bulletin boards are located at:

City Hall, Via Verde at Durbin, Rosita by the church, Quendale/Portola Triangle and in the park.

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

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

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





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

Friends,

2020 is proving to be unpredictable, emotional and exhausting. I take solace in many ways, one of which is remembering where we've come from.

Historically viruses have not only literally altered humankind from the inside out but epidemics have led to scientific, social and cultural advancements. The black plague is credited with ending the Middle Ages and setting the stage for the Renaissance, a period of significant intellectual and artistic achievements. The Spanish flu pandemic led to more centralized public health organizations and the first flu vaccine. It was also credited with ending the first world war.

With Covid-19, I believe we are in the midst of similar momentous change.

Not all changes in the present are positive. The most vulnerable amongst us are the ones most affected by this crisis. We must implement better protections for those of us that were struggling to get by before the pandemic. Our essential workers, especially workers who are not earning a living wage, need that support. The need for universal health care has never been greater. The digital divide is becoming broader. These and other major issues are not new, but are now front and center. They require new thinking.

We must rely on science-based thinking and advice to battle this confounding virus, while understanding that this is new for scientists too! We must stay open to the evolving social and cultural changes that are occurring around the world and in our own homes. Who would have anticipated our new reliance on technology for health care consults, food delivery, and our educational, business and personal connections? What changes and new priorities will become permanent? And what other unanticipated changes will make themselves known?

I am of the glass half full persuasion. I always look for the silver linings and believe there are invaluable lessons only presented in unexpected and tragic events.

We are realizing how important **community** is. We are seeing outpourings of charity and empathy for complete strangers. When our local hospitals were unable to locate enough PPE, a Del Rey Oaks resident used his local connections in the Chinese community to secure over a million masks. Self-organized networks are looking out for our vulnerable neighbors. The Mayor's Advisory Committee for Arts & Culture created inspirational chalk drawings. We also saw neighbors supporting our firefighters inspired by three-year old Maverick who loves firemen and wanted to thank them by making signs of appreciation.

To help us stay connected during this time, every week or so for the past 4 and a half months I have been sending a DRO-focused email message. I want to thank those that have responded with appreciation for the current COVID information and news of our community. If you would



like to receive these, please send me your email address. I also invite each and every one of you to participate in the weekly Zoom Campfires each Thursday at 5:00 p.m. I created this weekly get together to provide a safe place to share experiences, stories and knowledge during the pandemic. Sometimes I invite special speakers. Attendees include new residents as well as long timers. We even have a few folks from other cities.

Our local community **businesses** are adapting too. We saw Russo's Produce both save their family-owned business and help the community by offering wholesale produce to regular customers. With lightning speed, I watched them get their website adjusted for retail customers and establish safety procedures to protect their employees and customers. You can order on line and feel safe with no contact pick-up. Our Moose Lodge has always been a center for assistance. They provided puzzles, coloring books and arts supplies for families when the pandemic first hit. Recently, when school children without internet connectivity were in need, the Moose offered their wireless-connected indoor and outdoor spaces for homework. Safeway has been phenomenal with special senior hours and partnered with Citizens Action Group to support families in need.

Shelter in place has been taxing. We are valuing natural outdoor spaces more than ever, for our mental and physical health. The Frog Pond and our parks have seen an increase in use. There is a new group, Friends of Arroyo del Rey that is researching our creek. The group wants to clean and restore areas of and around the creek so it can stay healthy for the next generation of DROers. We have almost 30 families that have qualified for the new Sustainable Del Rey Oaks Earth Friendly Household program. And what a perfect time to start designing the first segment of the Fort Ord Recreation Trail and Greenway (**FORTAG**). This trail will traverse our city, beginning with a safer entrance at Safeway, providing a walk/bike path through Work Memorial Park, down Angelus and through Del Rey Park. It will then connect the two sides of our city with an underpass to the Frog Pond. There will also be a new and safer Highway 218 and Carlton intersection and realignment of the road all the way up to Del Rey Woods School.

We are finding new ways to connect with **ourselves, our friends and our loved ones**. Being at home, there is time to garden or meditate or paint or cook or do on-line classes. I have heard stories from grandmothers who are getting to know their newborn grandchild states away via Zoom. Creativity knows no bounds with on-line Watch Parties, Cocktail Hours and regular meetings with friends on Zoom.

The need for connection is strong. Before closing I want to take this opportunity to thank Kim Carvalho for her years of creativity and hard work on behalf of all of us. After nearly 20 years of working at City Hall, she has retired and is moving from the peninsula to be closer to her daughter and grandson in Arizona. She has been an invaluable member of our staff and we will miss her. We completely understand the pull to be near family.

As I write this article our community is COVID-free. That says to me that we are paying attention. Our actions demonstrate we are being prudent and taking those necessary steps to keep us all safe. We must continue on this course and not allow ourselves to become complacent.

The final and silver lining is gratitude. I am grateful for the kindness and care you share with one another, for our health, for our safety, for our blessed lives and for our special community.

Please stay safe



# A Message from the City Manager, **Dino Pick**

Good morning Del Rey Oaks!

2020 continues to be filled with unprecedented events. This one is personal.

I have been asked to serve as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon starting next week. I am honored to be asked to serve in this senior civilian capacity. My brother and our son are currently serving in uniform so this call is personal as well as professional. Our home remains the Monterey Peninsula and I look forward to coming home when finished. I requested a leave of absence through February 15. I am very grateful that a majority of the Council approved the unpaid leave of absence. The Council also approved Chief Jeff Hoyne to serve as your Acting City Manager during my leave of absence. Jeff is a strong leader and abreast of the issues. He will serve the City well. Commander Chris Bourquin will be made Acting Chief of Police for the same period. The Police Department will continue to perform with distinction. The City will realize a salary and benefits savings during my absence, which will help the City budget.

Kim Carvalho is resigning from the City after nearly 20 years of dedicated service. She will join her family in Phoenix, Arizona. The staff will send her off safely but with the gratitude she deserves. Please take a moment to email Kim with a thank you note for her commitment to our town. Council approved a contract with Regional Government Solutions (RGS) to provide financial services in her stead. The contract includes our long time financial consultant Roberto Moreno so there will be continuity regarding finance functions.

Council and the public received an update on the South Boundary Road project on Tuesday. Staff's recommendation after receiving the project from FORA in July, is that a roundabout intersection at General Jim Moore and South Boundary Road that avoids impacting Seaside Birdsbeak can be built at a lower cost, more quickly and with less environmental impact than the plan FORA had proposed. Council gave unanimous direction to study this further. Staff will provide an update to the Council and public in several months.

City Hall will be open from 9-5 Monday through Friday starting October 5th for drop-off of ballots. We will ensure public health safety measures are observed throughout.

The City continues to weather the many challenges better than most. It speaks to our community's discipline and compassion. Thank you for being kind to one another, especially in these challenging times. I am so proud of our City team and my association with Del Rey Oaks, its residents and City Council.

Thank you,  
Dino





A Message from the  
Deputy City Clerk,  
**Karen Minami**

We have had our share of changes in the City Clerk's office, as of late. But one steady that will never change is the level of curtesy and professionalism you will find when you contact City Hall. Please do not ever hesitate to call, email, or drop into City Hall. We are here for you! Stop in and meet Randy Birch, our newest team member. Randy is a part time Administrative Assistant that has been with the City since February and has already proved himself invaluable. With Kim's departure, I am part of a great team to help when I need it!

This edition of the acorn has a farewell message from Kim, but without Kim at City Hall it is just not the same. As we say in 2020, it's the new normal. I worked with Kim for 16 ½ years and can't express my gratitude for what I have learned along the way. Her sense of humor and determination brought me through some very hard times, personally and professionally. She and I have a bond that will never be broken by miles. I write this thanking her for the love and memories.

We are, of course, in a time of uncertainty and constant change, but here at City Hall consistency and reliability are our first priorities. We are here for you with whatever you need, and we hope you are staying safe and healthy and keeping our community safe and healthy in turn.



A Message from the  
City Hall Administrative Assistant,  
**Randy Birch**

To those of you who have not had a chance to meet me in person, I am Randy Birch, the new Administrative Assistant for the City of Del Rey Oaks. I bring with me years of experience helping the public in varied industries such as construction and government.

I would like to thank Kim Carvalho and Karen Minami for all the time they have spent training me and welcoming me into the Del Rey Oaks family. I would also like to wish Kim the best of luck in all her future endeavors. Lastly, I would also like to thank the rest of the city staff for helping me transition into this position.

I look forward to meeting the residents and helping the city work toward a better future.



# A Message from the Deputy City Treasurer, **Kim Carvalho**

With this edition of The Acorn I'd like to bid all the amazing residents, Council Members, Planning Commissioners and of course, my awesome co-workers a fond farewell. I will be retiring from the City on October 9th and moving to Arizona to enjoy the next chapter of my working life with my beautiful daughter, amazing son-in-law and my oh, so precious grandson. With that comes some fond, and some not so fond, memories of my 18+ years here at the City. Since this is my last edition of The Acorn I'm taking the opportunity to share just a few of those times with you. It was hard to choose so I focused on the most influential people and events during my career. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this beautiful little town!

~ Kim Carvalho, Deputy City Treasurer



My partner in crime and best co-worker and friend anyone could ask for, Karen Minami. I'll miss her most of all!



Dino Pick truly the best City Manager this city has ever had, hands down!



Ron Fucci aka Lil' Bro, came on after Joe Johnson retired. He quickly became a valuable part of our DRO Family.



## HEADLINE

Dan Dawson, former Del Rey Oaks City Manager found

**GUILTY OF FELONY**



One of the best Weekly covers EVER!

Happy April Fools Day to us! The phones never stopped ringing all day asking us if it was true!





Del Rey Oaks' first K-9 Officer David Laurits with Officer Ares the best dog ever!



One of our holiday card photos. We were small but mighty!



I had the honor of swearing in the first woman to hold the office of Mayor, Alison Kerr.



Everyone remembers the MRAP! It was front page news and a topic of controversy for quite a while.



Our unofficial City bird, the wild turkey! I love watching them cross Canyon Del Rey, in the crosswalk no less!



Joe Johnson, Public Works aka Joe Joe Now a full time general contractor.



The day a 90 mph car chase ended with the car crashing right outside our window. That was exciting and scary all at the same time!



Mayor Edelen swearing in our new Chief of Police Jeff Hoyne, two strong and admirable men.



My first boss Ron Langford Chief of Police and Acting City Manager



# A Message from the Acting City Manager, **Jeffery J. Hoyne**

What a year 2020 has turned out to be. For all of you affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, the recent wildfires, and all of the challenges we seem to be facing these days, please know that the City staff wishes you well, and that we are working hard to provide professional, conscientious, and timely City services to you through it all. Additionally, I would like to take the time to thank our staff – Kim, Karen, Randy, Ron, and our police department for working through these challenging circumstances and adapting and improvising to get the job done. Thank you!

While the start of 2020 brought about drastic change for the community and City Hall, the last half of the year seems to be rising to the occasion as well. In late September, your City Manager Dino Pick, was granted a temporary leave of absence to answer his Country's call of duty, and was sworn in as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Additionally, one of the mainstays of our City's professional staff, Deputy City Treasurer Kim Carvalho, retired from her position in early October. Kim served our City for almost two decades and was vital in our efforts to provide more financially sound, transparent, and professional local governance over the last several years. Kim is headed to Arizona to spend much deserved time with her family. Finally, long-time Police Department leader Commander Chris Bourquin has been tapped to lead the Police Department as the Acting Chief of Police through February of 2021, when Dino is expected to return to City Hall and our personnel roles resume to normal. Chris has served our Police Department for over 25 years and will lead and manage our officers with distinction.

In spite of all the change, your City staff continues to work hard in fulfilling the City's mission to "provide quality municipal services to those live, work, and visit, our safe, small, town in the sun belt of the Monterey Peninsula." The following is a brief update on some of the things we are doing.

**Public Works** – Our Public Works Supervisor Ron Fucci has been busy over the last several months. Some Public Works highlights in our City since the last Acorn are:

- The City finished its slurry-seal and road maintenance projects related to SB1 funding in August of 2020. The overall condition of the roads in Del Rey Oaks has never been better!
- In late September the City had a Cal Am water main break at CDR and Via Verde. Ron responded early in the incident and worked with Cal Am staff to determine the impact on Via Verde (erosion of the hillside, peeling of the curb away from the pavement, and erosion under the pavement), supervise the subsequent repair by Cal Am, and assure that Cal Am paid for all repairs caused by the break. Even though there was significant damage to the roadway, the street was repaired in less than a week and at no cost to the City.
- Removed and replaced all irrigation valves on City properties with low-flow systems for water preservation and reduced maintenance.



- Installation of new ADA compliant water fountains at the park that have a water bottle filling capability. This includes a water fountain and concrete base at the baseball field.
- Refurbished and placed the Lion's Head drinking fountain back in service at the Park.
- Repaired or replaced several sections of roadway in conjunction with the slurry sealing project.
- Implemented storm drain annual inspection protocols, including video inspections for a more comprehensive and precise assessment of the City's storm drains.
- Continued work on fire fuel reduction in the City.
- Implemented work-alternative program in conjunction with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to increase Public Works work hours without minimal cost increase.
- Continued to increase close relationships with utility and service providers that serve the City, resulting in increased communication and collaboration on maintenance and emergency response to incidents.

**City Clerk's Office** – Karen Minami has been busy adjusting to the personnel changes while continuing to keep the City functioning at a high level of service to the community.

- Karen worked with the Monterey County Elections Board and implemented the City's polling location processes and procedures to assure residents a smooth process for voting in person at City Hall. Additionally, Karen oversaw all candidate registration and filing requirements for our local municipal office candidates. Additionally, Karen will have ongoing oversight of the election process and requirements for the City as the City's Election Official.
- Kim Carvalho and Karen also worked diligently to transition many of the budget and bookkeeping responsibilities from the Deputy City Treasurer's position to a trial contract with Regional Government Services (RGS) as Kim retires from over 19 years of service to the City. RGS has provided other municipal services to the City in the past, and recently hired our contract accountant, Roberto Moreno, who will continue serving in that position as an employee of RGS.
- Randy is Back!!! We recently re-hired Randy Birch as a part-time Administrative Assistant in the City Clerk's Office. Randy has been a quick study, and effective and efficient addition to the City staff. We are lucky to have him back!

## **Police Department**

- The Police Department investigated three separate burglaries in August and September. Two of these were burglaries to motor vehicles parked at the entrance to the Frog Pond on Canyon del Rey Blvd. Through the Department's new Patrol Detective program, our officers relentlessly followed up on these cases, and have identified and/or arrested suspects in all three crimes. This include a multi-jurisdictional search warrant that was executed in Salinas on two separate residences that was initiated by our investigation. DROPD detectives and supervisors were assisted by the Salinas SWAT team and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation during the search. One suspect was arrested and evidence was recovered during the search.
- At the August City Council meeting the Council unanimously approved the formation of the City's first Police Advisory Committee. This committee will collaborate with the community and the Police Department about best practices, policies, training, neighborhood issues, and other topics in an effort to provide greater transparency, and community input, into the operation of our Department.

- In light of the recent pandemic, our Police Department leadership executed an in-depth review of the Police budget for and provided a revised budget with a reduction of police costs of approximately 13% through the end of this fiscal year.
- While we have one full-time officer position frozen through fiscal year 2020/2021 as a portion of our cost reductions due to COVID19, we have all remaining full-time positions staffed, and have a full contingent of reserve officers. This includes the hiring of Andrew Dirkes, a former veteran Seaside reserve and Marine Corp Major, as well as former Officer Kyle Baum. We are excited to have Andrew join the team, and have Kyle back patrolling our City's neighborhoods!
- And finally, did you know that Del Rey Oaks is well above the national average regarding officers with a college degree? The national average of officers with a 4- year degree is approximately 30%. The Del Rey Oaks Police Department more than doubles this rate. **Seven of our ten full-time officers have a 4-year college degree. A rate of 70%.** Additionally, when we include reserve officers, at least two of our officers have graduate degrees. We also have one officer currently working towards a 4-year degree, and another in a graduate degree program. The Del Rey Oaks Police Department stresses training and education for its staff in its efforts to be a model small town police department.

### Other City Issues

- Del Rey Oaks completed the solar panel installation on City Hall and the panels are up and running! This project continues to show the City's commitment to green energy and reducing our impact on the environment.
- FORTAG staff met with City staff to walk the proposed FORTAG trail alignment for Phase One that will help connect our City with a well-planned and safe path for pedestrians and cyclists. The Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) and its stakeholders recently completed a selection process for a design firm, and a winning firm should be selected and announced shortly. City staff stressed the importance of outreach and communication with our residents during the route selection, design, and construction processes. More information will be coming forth shortly.
- In June of 2020 FORA officially transferred control of the South Boundary Road project to the City of Del Rey Oaks. After initial Staff review of the project, Staff presented their findings to City Council at the September 2020 meeting. At that meeting, City Council gave direction to Staff to explore an alignment to the north of the initial design location, because it may have several benefits, including less of an environmental impact. Staff looks forward to presenting more information to the community about this design possibility in the near future.

In closing, I am grateful for the opportunity to work from the City Manager's office while Dino is on his approved leave of absence. I would like to say thank you to the City Council, and to our town's residents, for their faith in my ability to help move things forward.





# Protect Your Home And Neighborhood



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



# A Message from the Acting Chief of Police, **Chris Bourquin**

I would first like to introduce myself to you. My name is Chris Bourquin and I've been with the Del Rey Oaks Police Department for 25 years. I've lived in the area most of my life. My family moved to Del Rey Oaks in 1972 and then out to Carmel Valley a few years later. After graduating from Carmel High School and attending a year at Monterey Peninsula College, I moved to San Diego to continue my education. In 1993, I moved back to the area and attended the Monterey Peninsula Police Academy. While attending the academy, I met Thanh Nguyen who was also attending the academy and employed as a reserve officer at Del Rey Oaks Police Department. Through my relationship with Thanh, I began to "hang around" the police department and go on ride-a-longs as much as possible. I was lucky enough to get hired as a reserve officer in March 1995 and became full-time in June 1995. While employed here, I've held the positions of Officer, Sergeant, Commander and now, Acting Chief.

I would briefly like to touch on some projects that will be under my purview over the next few months. The Department has contracted with Sun Ridge Systems to provide the us with a new records management system (RMS). The new system (RIMS) is a vast improvement over our old system and will allow us to meet the ever-increasing reporting mandates of the state. Along with RIMS, the Department also purchased Citizen RIMS, an incident-based mapping software which will allow residents in Del Rey Oaks to view crime and incident occurrence over a chosen time period displayed in map overlay. This is something we have tried very hard to accomplish with our current RMS software provider but have been thus far unsuccessful. The RIMS implementation will take place at the end of the year and will coincide with a week of training provided by Sun Ridge Systems to get us up to speed.

The new year will also bring a new state and national crime reporting system. National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and California Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS) begins January 2021. So why the change? The goals of the (NIBRS) are to ***enhance the quantity, quality, and timeliness of crime data collected by law enforcement and to improve the methodology used for compiling, analyzing, auditing, and publishing the collected crime data***". In order to accomplish this, (NIBRS) / (CIBRS) tracks 52 separate crime categories as opposed the outgoing Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) which tracked eight. (NIBRS) / (CIBRS) tracks up to ten separate crimes committed by a single person during a single event. UCR is based on hierarchical methodology which only tracked the single, most serious crime in the series. Collecting all this data is what facilitated our need for a new RMS system. Department training for (NIBRS) / (CIBRS) reporting is ongoing.

Last, but certainly not least, is the City of Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Police Advisory Committee. The Department is working hard to put materials together for advisory committee members. We anticipate conducting an eight hour block of training to help better inform members of the innerworkings of the Department as related to training, policies and procedures manual and use of force prior to the first meeting. The process for selection to the committee will be available through City Hall. We hope to have the application forms and Department provided training materials completed by the end of October. The Department looks forward to working with community members and stakeholders during these uncertain times.

In closing, I always wanted to be an officer with the Del Rey Oaks Police Department. I've never wanted to be anywhere else and look forward to leading this Department over the next 4 months. Please reach out to me if you have any question or just stop by to say hi.





# 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.

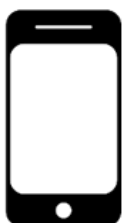
This alert system is a Community Engagement notification system that ties into Facebook and Twitter to send out local information about events or emergencies.

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!**





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

Greetings Del Rey Oaks,

What an awesome six months it has been. Your Public Works Department has been extremely busy with accomplishing several goals and our plans are finally coming to fruition.

As of our last report, several improvements have been made throughout the city. We have continually improved our city's infrastructure through daily inspections. We carry out these inspections to identify potential safety hazards before they can become larger issues in the future.

Erosion control is always a priority for our department. Your Public Works Department has worked diligently in this area installing wood chips and drain rock in problem areas. A yearly inspection has been implemented on all of the storm drain in Del Rey Oaks through the use of a specialized camera that allows us to inspect these drains more clearly, as well as take photos and keep documents of all our drainage systems.

The Public Works Department was able to identify some potential flooding issues that had concerned some of our residents, and was able to quickly address these concerns by installing a brick retaining wall with a straw waddle reinforcement system as well as installing a river bed composed of drain rock at the corner of Carlton and Carlton Place. Thank you to all the residents who sent awesome messages to us on how great this project turned out. As with all our projects, we always make it a priority to not only simply fix a potential problem area, but also to ensure the beauty and aesthetics of the City of Del Rey Oaks in the process.

Our yearly creek flood control continues. We are diligent with our clearing of brush and debris throughout the creek bed, and we have actually seen improvements in the water levels during peak rainy season, which is a clear indication of the free flow of water within the creek bed.

Your Public Works Department has been monitoring all of the potential fire fuel reduction areas within the City of Del Rey Oaks. We have initiated measures throughout the year to reduce fire fuel such as tree skirting, brush clearing and the removal of hazardous dead trees. We have just completed an extensive fire break project through the General Jim Moore corridor from Canyon Del Rey to just past South Boundary Road. This will significantly reduce the opportunity of a brush fire being able to expand over the road and into our residential areas. Our department has also just completed a similar project in our industrial area.

The Public Works Department has also been in contact with PG&E to address a few concerns over their easements. We have met and inspected the easement adjacent to Portola Drive, and PG&E has scheduled a brush and fire fuel reduction date. Your Public Works Department is always working hard at developing respectful relations with all of our municipality partners to ensure healthy partnerships for not only now, but also the future.



We are constantly using much of our equipment to complete all of our projects, and these projects could not be completed without the use of all of our equipment and vehicles. Because of the constant use, some of our equipment has become old or has become unsafe for use for operations and the public. We have made extensive improvements to our equipment such as installing safety light on all our vehicles as well as warning alarms and electronic road signs to alert the residents and general public. With help from our FORA partners, we were able to purchase a new environmentally friendly dump truck. The old dump truck had become weathered and could not keep up with the demands of the work load that currently exists throughout the city. The new dump truck has been outfitted with new necessary safety equipment to keep operators safe.

As many of you have known, we had a vehicle crash in to Del Rey Oaks City Hall last year which caused damage to our building as well as the grass and planter boxes. The Public Works Department was able to fix and repair all of the damaged areas and also make some improvements to City Hall. I would like to thank the Community Action Group (C.A.G.) for all of their support and hard work for removing and replating all of the planter boxes. Their hard work and dedication should not go unnoticed.

Thanks to all of our City Council, Planning Commission, Police Department, Kim, Karen, Randy and our City Manager for making all of this possible. Finally, it is my pleasure to thank all of our residents for their constant feedback. This is what makes our community so awesome!

Thank you and stay safe,

Ron Fucci, Public Works



### The Dog Park Is Now Free!

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 (831) 394-8511.





# Public Works

## City Improvements



### Slurry Seal Project 2020

The City has hit some milestones in its effort to bring our streets into better condition. We know these road repairs have been a long time coming and thanks to you voting on Measure X, we and many other cities on the peninsula have been able to accomplish road work that would otherwise not have been done. By voting on Measure X, we as a county are now able to leverage those tax dollars into more money via grants. These grants give all cities the ability to fix long-neglected roadways. As we drive around the peninsula, we are reminded of just how long it's been since we saw our roads looking this good. While it's a hassle sitting in the traffic from the construction, the end product is beautifully manicured roadways, safer bike and pedestrian travel and a smooth ride to our destinations.





## City Hall Covid-19 Precautions

We are here for you! Del Rey Oaks City Hall is open with appropriate measures to protect the health of the community. We are planning for several contingency scenarios and taking decisive, informed action to limit the spread of Covid-19 while also ensuring the continuity of our services and programs as much as possible. Please wear a mask when entering City Hall. If you do not have a mask, please ask and one will be provided. City Hall will be continuously updating Covid-19 information on the city website. Please visit [www.delreyoaks.org](http://www.delreyoaks.org) for more information.



## City Hall Solar Panels

Del Rey Oaks City Hall has taken another step in becoming more environmentally-friendly with the installation of solar panels on the roof of city hall. With this improvement, the city will reduce energy costs and reduce its environmental footprint.



## Del Rey Park Improvements

As many of you have noticed, our park is always being improved. Public Works has just recently installed a filtered drinking fountain and bottle refill station at the park. We have also refurbished the Lion Head Drinking fountain. By making repairs and installing new hardware, this figurehead of the park will be able to be enjoyed for years to come.







# Sustainable Del Rey Oaks



Introducing..... Sustainable Del Rey Oaks!

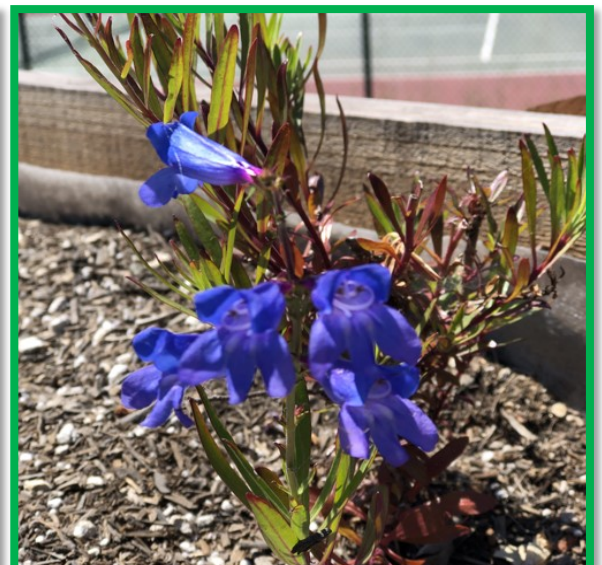
Sustainable Del Rey Oaks (SDRO) is a community-based non-profit comprised of residents and businesses. We have been busy, even during the pandemic, working to inspire and empower individual and community stewardship. From developing a neighborhood butterfly garden, to clean-ups in our park, creek, and along South Boundary Rd., as well as initiating a program to encourage and acknowledge residents who utilize resources wisely with the “Earth-Friendly Households” campaign.

We invite you to visit the Butterfly Garden located near the tennis courts. It features works by local artists on the planter boxes, native plants which attract pollinators, composting, sheet mulch practices, and a barn owl box for natural rodent control. This is a fun integrated pest management demonstration project. We look forward to having residents in the barn owl box this winter. Check it out!

Our next Butterfly Garden workday will be Saturday, December 5 from 9 AM – 12 PM. We will be working on weed control by laying down cardboard and covering it with woodchips. We will also tend to the plants and make seed bombs to throw up on the hillside for spring wildflowers. We will practice social distancing at this family-friendly event. Bring your gloves, sun protection, a shovel, and your good cheer. All are welcome! Each volunteer will be asked to complete a City Liability Form.

We invite you to join us at our monthly meetings, which are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6 PM – 7 PM using Zoom.

For information, email [sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com) and visit us online at <http://www.sustainablemontereycounty.org>.



## South Boundary Road Cleanup

Sustainable Del Rey Oaks partnered with the Monterey Peninsula College Environmental Club to clear up trash and recycling from South Boundary Road from the corner General Jim Moore Boulevard back towards Ryan Ranch. A large amount of material was removed from the side of the street and down into the forest. The largest material was collected into a few piles and was later removed by DRO Public Works Director, Ron Fucci. Safety cones and a large sign were loaned to us by Mr. Fucci as well. Residents who would like to participate in future events can contact us at [sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com).



## Arroyo del Rey Cleanup

The Friends of Arroyo del Rey, a group of Del Rey Oaks residents belonging to Sustainable Del Rey Oaks, organized a local creek clean-up on September 19 to participate in the 36th Annual California Coastal Clean-Up 2020. Eleven residents and two Environmental Club students from Monterey Peninsula College participated in the event to remove trash from the creek and adjacent areas. Partnering with the MPC Environmental Club, residents borrowed grabbers, buckets, and reflective vests. Participants spread out along Arroyo del Rey from General Jim Moore Boulevard to Safeway to pick-up trash. Afterward, recyclable trash was separated and deposited in the recycling bins at Del Rey Park, while the remaining trash was put in the park's dumpster. Friends of Arroyo del Rey will continue to monitor our creek and learn how we can be better stewards of our natural treasure. Residents who would like to participate in future events can contact us at [sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabledelreyoakscsmc@gmail.com).



## Earth-Friendly Households

Sustainable Del Rey Oaks began a campaign in late August to encourage residents to become Earth-Friendly Households. So far, we have **27 homes** that have qualified. We would love to have more.

The process is simple. Fill out a checklist which you can obtain by going to <https://tinyurl.com/sdroeh>, or picking one up at city hall, or calling Carol at (831) 394-5120 who will drop one off at your house.

Check off the things you can commit to doing to lower the amount of resources your household uses. Probably you are already doing many of them. If you can check off 50 items, you qualify for a flag displaying a picture of the Earth.

We hope Del Rey Oaks can be the most sustainable community on the Monterey Peninsula!





Del Rey Oaks  
Citizens Action Group



This unusual year has influenced all our citizens in Del Rey Oaks, and has caused our Citizen's Action Group to eliminate our Ice Cream Social, the neighborhood city-wide Garage Sale and the Picnic as well. We don't know if Santa's Workshop will happen but we'll keep you posted! In the meantime, we've still been busy with some wonderful outreach. With donations from Safeway and our residents throughout the city, we presented \$50 Safeway Gift Cards to 66 DRO families, and Welcome Gift Baskets have been presented to several new families moving into our city during this shelter-in-place period. We look forward to having face-to-face time with everyone as soon as possible, and we wish everyone a safe and happy future as we work together to fulfill our motto: "Performing Acts of Kindness for our Neighbors Since 1995".

Sincerely,  
David Kimball,  
President, Del Rey Oaks Citizen's Action Group  
(831) 809-1228



*Celebrating The Life Of*  
**Mary K. Pounds**

September 26, 1923 - August 22, 2020

Mary Pounds loved Del Rey Oaks and called it her home for over 65 years. Her father was a Navy officer and the family lived in Europe, China, Philippines, Hawaii (just prior to Pearl Harbor) and in many states on both coasts. She often laughed that she attended ~ 17 schools and graduated from Ponce de Leon High School in Coral Gables Florida. Her family moved to Corpus Christi Texas where she met John Pounds, a US Navy officer. They married in 1949 and began many more years of living in various US cities. Their daughter Sue was born in 1951. The Pounds family first arrived in Del Rey Oaks, before it was a city, in 1952 and returned again in 1956. Mary always wanted a place to call home and she found it in Del Rey Oaks. She had finally found her happy place. She was active in school PTAs, Girl Scouts and in 1968 she discovered golf, which became a passion and she played into her 80s. Additionally, Mary loved being involved in many of the DRO groups including the Citizens Action Committee, Picnic Day, serving on many committees and groups, and she and her friend, Eleanor Fitzsimmons, rarely missed a city council meeting or planning commission meeting. To honor their community commitments, June 1992 was declared Mary Pounds and Eleanor Fitzsimmons month. Additionally, she was recognized for outstanding community service to DRO in 2003 and 2017.

If you would like to honor her memory and service to DRO, please consider donating your time and energy to DRO and money to the DRO Citizens Action Committee.



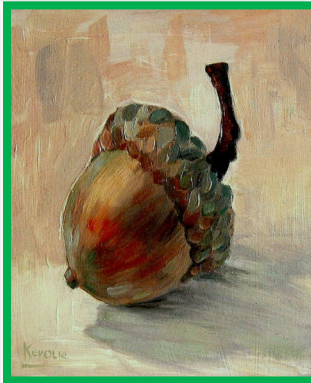
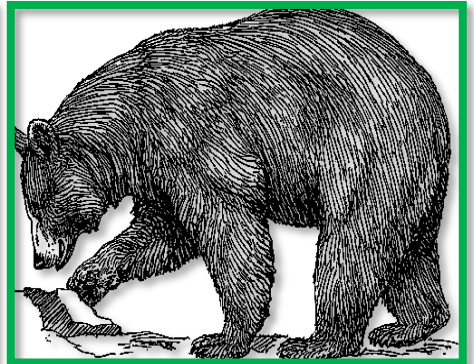
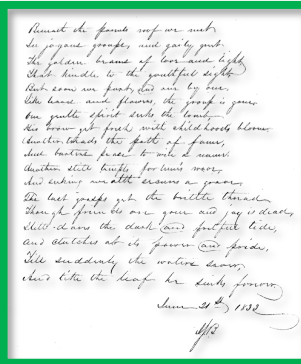


# The Arts



The Arts are something we can all appreciate. Whether it be visual, written, spoken or in another form. There is something for everyone. We hope more people will start submitting their art for future editions. While we can't guarantee every submission will be featured, we would love to see what our talented residents are capable of.

Please send submissions to [RBirch@delreyoaks.org](mailto:RBirch@delreyoaks.org), Subject: Acorn.



## “Coffee With The City Manager”

In an effort to promote citizen engagement and transparency in government, Del Rey Oaks Acting City Manager, Jeffery J. Hoyne, 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, Jeff will provide updates on key city initiatives.

All Coffee with the City Manager events are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in scheduling your own “Coffee With The Acting City Manager” event, please contact City Hall at (831) 394-8511.

**Please Check Social Media For Upcoming Dates.**



# 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).



## City of Del Rey Oaks Calendar

NOV	DEC
3 Election Day	9 Planning Commission - TBD
10 Planning Commission - 6pm	15 City Council - TBD
17 City Council - 6pm	21 - 31 Closed - Christmas
26 - 27 Closed - Thanksgiving	
JAN	FEB
1 Closed - New Years	10 Planning Commission - 6pm
13 Planning Commission - 6pm	15 Closed - Washington B-Day
18 Closed - MLK Jr. B-Day	23 City Council - 6pm
26 City Council - 6pm	
MAR	APR
10 Planning Commission - 6pm	14 Planning Commission - 6pm
23 City Council - 6pm	27 City Council - 6pm
31 Closed - Cesar Chavez Day	
MAY	JUN
12 Planning Commission - 6pm	9 Planning Commission - 6pm
25 City Council - 6pm	22 City Council - 6pm
31 Closed - Memorial Day	

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