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THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

MISSION

The mission of the City of Del Rey Oaks is to provide quality municipal services to those who live, work, and visit our safe, small town in the sun belt of the Monterey Peninsula.

VISION

Del Rey Oaks will be a unified city with interconnected, welcoming and thriving neighborhoods, parks and a vibrant downtown.

CORE VALUES

(not in priority order)

The City of Del Rey Oaks values...

- Fiscal Responsibility •
- Honesty and Integrity •
- Open Communication and Transparency •
- Ethical Behavior •
- Responsiveness to Community Needs and Concerns •



DEL REY OAKS CITY COUNCIL



Scott Donaldson
Mayor



Kim Shirley
Vice Mayor



Jeremy Hallock
Council Member



Bill Ragsdale-Cronin
Council Member



John Uy
Council Member

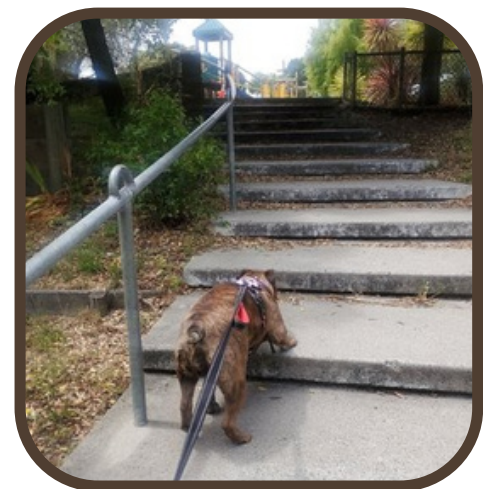


DEL REY OAKS DOG PARK



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

The standards of having your dog spayed or neutered, current on all vaccinations, and registered in the city of residence are all still required in order to be issued a key for access. Please come to City Hall to obtain your own key. There is a \$10 fee to replace your Dog Park Key. **To protect the dogs and owners, please do not open the gate for anyone not in possession of a key.** If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (831) 394-8511.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR SCOTT DONALDSON

Dear Neighbors,

I am honored to be your Mayor and I'm very proud to serve on the City Council that includes three new members. Each of us are dedicated to representing you to the best of our ability and encourage you to stay informed of city related activities or reach out if you have questions or concerns.

For those who wish to attend City Council meetings, we have started in-person meetings once again and we continue to provide a remote option for those who prefer to view meetings via Zoom.

In addition to representing the citizens of DRO, each councilmember serves on various regional boards. As the city's representative on the TAMC board, my immediate goal is to ensure that residents are informed of the construction impacts of the Fortag project, and issues are addressed promptly and satisfactorily to minimize disruption.

As your representative for Monterey One Water, I'm pleased to report that construction for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion project will move forward as soon as September.

I also serve on the Central Coast Community Power board where we continue to look for new sources of clean energy and the best energy rates possible.

The financial condition of our city has always been a priority for me and our local businesses are critical to our city's long term viability. I have begun the process of reaching out to the business leaders within the city to strengthen our relationship and I will continue to look for opportunities and ways to improve the city's economic standing.

Keep in mind that shopping at places like the DRO Safeway and dining at Tarpy's are not only great local options, it provides revenue directly back to our city.

One of my goals is to establish a way to communicate with all of you that will keep you up to date on the latest information and important issues affecting our city.

As I get settled into my new role, I look forward to implementing ways to keep you informed of city activities and highlighting the wonderful things happening in our beautiful city.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

JOHN GUERTIN

Welcome to the new, mini-edition of the Acorn.

Last year was a busy time, concluding with elections for Mayor and two Council seats. I want to congratulate Mayor Scott Donaldson, Councilmember John Uy, and Councilmember Jeremy Hallock on their successful campaigns. I also want to congratulate Councilmember Bill Ragsdale-Cronin on his appointment to the vacant Council seat.



A new Council brings new energy and ideas to the City operations. Guided by the City's Core Values of Fiscal Responsibility, Honesty and Integrity, Open Communication and Transparency, Ethical Behavior, Responsiveness to Community Needs and Concerns, and Diversity and Inclusiveness, I am confident and optimistic that the Council, City staff and community will work well together to continue moving Del Rey Oaks in a positive direction.

As the city manager, my job is to ensure that the city maintains services, programs, and facilities that meet the needs of the community in a fiscally responsible manner. All of us who work for the City of Del Rey Oaks are proud of the work we do to serve our community and to keep Del Rey Oaks the special place it is.

I am proud of the services provided by our city staff. Our City government is committed to improving the delivery of effective and efficient services by building upon our success to become even more responsive, innovative and proactive in meeting the needs of our entire community. We are fortunate to have dedicated public servants who strive every day at improving the delivery of services.

Dedication to our vision will enable us to take on the many key challenges cities are facing today, such as improving our sustainability, addressing revenue and expenditure pressures, and the delivery of quality programs and services to citizens.

As always, your input as a resident of Del Rey Oaks plays a vital role in the that process. We make every effort to ensure we have ongoing engagement opportunities available for you to have a meaningful impact on the City's future.

You are welcome to be a part of the excitement by joining us at our special events, volunteering with our service organizations (such as Citizen's Action Group and Sustainable Del Rey Oaks) or at the next City Council meeting...It would be a pleasure to see you there.

Always remember, this is YOUR City of Del Rey Oaks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Guertin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR RON FUCCI

Greetings DRO,

It has been a very productive and eventful year. Public works has worked diligently over the past year with several projects, as well as navigating through some extraordinary weather conditions. As many of you have seen throughout the year, our park has gone through several improvements that are now nearing the end of completion. We have completed the bulk of the work necessitated through our proposition 68 obligations. The new play structure has been well received and has been utilized by many children and adults. We were also able to complete the walkway which extends from the parking lot to the new play structure. The parking lot has been completely refurbished. The old parking lot had several failing curbs, which was due in part to the old curbs were constructed from asphalt.



The current parking lot now has concrete curb and gutter to assist with drainage as well as durability for the future. Bocce ball courts that were installed have been utilized as well. Many folks have taken the time to mark and maintain these courts, so everyone is able to enjoy.

Public works has also installed new recycled park benches throughout the park, the old benches had been weathered and were rotting. We are also excited with the new state of the art basketball court. This was a great addition and welcomed gift from one of our residents Ryan Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez went all out with his generosity to help with the beautification and functionality of our awesome park. Suffice to say there was an incredible amount of work conducted within our beautiful park, with a few more items to be completed to wrap this project up. There will be a fence erected around the new basketball court to make it more functional. We also need to import some topsoil to be able to seed and germinate new grass in the area where the old basketball court was removed. Stay tuned for the completion of what we think will end up being the best park on the peninsula!

The weather this year has been a challenge to work through. With several trees that fell, or the massive amounts of water we received it goes without saying that the Public works department has been busy to ensure the safety of our community. Public works has also been working diligently with some of our utility companies to help identify potential hazards within our community to ensure we our due diligence to mitigate any health or structural damage. We have also applied for a landscape grant through Cal-Am. This grant will allow us to improve and beautify many of our islands throughout the city. The Public works department is always committed to our infrastructure. We have identified several areas of importance and are currently working on plans to make these repairs. We are currently taking bids on repairs on Via Verde. These repairs will shore up the west side of Via Verde and allow us to make some much needed repairs to the road stretching up from CDR to Los Encinos. This work will be conducted in the next couple of months. It goes without saying what an awesome team we have.

We all work together to ensure that we put out the best product our community deserves. John Guertin our City Manager is relentless in his commitment to this city. His leadership has been something to be admired. Karen Minami, works tirelessly in making sure that the office runs smoothly with a hundred things going on at a time. Leigh Fitz has been working hard to ensure that all permits, business licenses etc. are completed as well as the day-to-day activities are conducted. Our Police department has been nothing short of stellar. It is amazing to see how committed they are to our citizens as well as all of our staff. Finally, a big thank you goes out to our community that I have the pleasure of speaking to everyday. We always appreciate your accolade's and your awesome feedback. **We truly have a great community.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Fucci". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A MESSAGE FROM ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE CHRIS BOURQUIN

I want to take a few minutes and update the residents of our fair city on some of the changes we have seen in our police department in recent months. In January of this year, Former Del Rey Oaks Chief of Police Jeff Hoyne left us to join the Monterey County Sheriff's Department as Chief Deputy of Operations. He left a large mark on this department, and we will forever be grateful for his exceptional leadership and kind heart. Upon Chief Hoyne leaving, I was appointed Interim Chief of Police. Many of you reading this may already know me but for those that don't, I would like to briefly introduce myself.



My name is Chris Bourquin. My family moved from the Sacramento area to Del Rey Oaks in 1972. A few years later, we moved to Carmel Valley which is where I stayed until moving to San Diego for college.

In 1993, I attended the Monterey Peninsula College police academy. I graduated in 1994 and was hired as a reserve at Del Rey Oaks in March 1995. In June 1995 a full-time position opened up and I jumped at the chance to work here. In my nearly 28 years with Del Rey Oaks, I have held positions as a Field Training Officer, Sergeant, Commander and Acting Chief. I met my wife He Seon in 2000 and we were married four years later. She a great support for me and as all cops know, the most difficult job in law enforcement is being the wife of a cop. We live a quiet life in Salinas in a small neighborhood that suits us perfectly. While not working, I like spending time in our garden and completing small projects around the house.

I believe in small cities and small departments. The vast majority of police department is the United States have 10 or fewer officers. Due to our size and moderate case load, we can dedicate more time and resources to cases we deem to be significant for our residents. My goals while leading the department are clear. Maintaining our vision as a model small town police department, always strive to become better and holding ourselves and each other accountable each and every day we come to work. **Please stop by and say hi when you get a chance. My door is always open.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Bourquin". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Please Welcome DRO's Newest Officer - Juan Gomez!

Juan was born in Salinas and grew up on the Monterey Peninsula with his parents and six siblings. He's a graduate of Seaside High School and the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Center Police Academy. Juan was hired by the Del Rey Oaks Police Department in January 2023 and quickly completed his Field Training Program. Juan is a hard worker and is dedicated to his chosen profession. He believes firmly in community outreach and being of service to his community. Juan has been a great addition to our Department. **Please say hello to Juan next time you see him and welcome him to Del Rey Oaks.**



DEL REY OAKS POLICE UPDATE

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

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

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

The Del Rey Oaks Police Department rolled out its text message alert service for all residents of Del Rey Oaks last year. This text alert system will allow people to receive critical information and updates directly on their cell phone or electronic device. This alert system is a Community Engagement notification system that ties into Facebook and Twitter to send out local information about events or emergencies.

Del Rey Oaks wants you to be safe and informed during emergencies in your area. Alerts may include public safety threats, dangerous weather and traffic advisories. Information is key, and we strongly encourage you to sign up to receive text message alerts directly from Del Rey Oaks and Monterey County EOS. Systems such as these have been used throughout the Country to assist with local community-based events or emergencies. Register now to receive text message alerts directly on your mobile phone or other electronic device.

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

EMERGENCY POLICE & FIRE

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CITIZEN'S ACTION GROUP



**APR.
29TH**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

APRIL 29, 2023

1:00PM - 3:30PM



**JULY
4TH**

MUSIC IN THE PARK

JULY 4, 2023

11:00AM - 3:00PM



**JULY
29TH**

**GARAGE
SALE**

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

JULY 29, 2023

8:00AM - 2:00PM



**OCT.
7TH**

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 7, 2023

12:00PM - 2:00PM



**DEC.
2ND**

HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 2, 2023

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Get your photo taken with Santa!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN AT (831) 915-7065



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DEL REY OAKS CALENDAR

APRIL 2023

9	EASTER SUNDAY
12	PLANNING COMMISSION
25	CITY COUNCIL

MAY 2023

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

JUNE 2023

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

JULY 2023

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

AUGUST 2023

9	PLANNING COMMISSION
22	CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

11	PLANNING COMMISSION
24	CITY COUNCIL
31	HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

8	PLANNING COMMISSION
14	CITY COUNCIL
23-24	CITY HALL CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

13	PLANNING COMMISSION
19	CITY COUNCIL
22-31	CITY HALL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2024

1-2	CITY HALL CLOSED - NEW YEARS DAY
10	PLANNING COMMISSION
23	CITY COUNCIL
15	CITY HALL CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FEBRUARY 2024

14	PLANNING COMMISSION
19	CITY HALL CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY
28	CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 2024

13	PLANNING COMMISSION
19	CITY COUNCIL



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