



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

January 23, 2015

CITY COUNCIL

Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on January 21, 2015 include:

- ❖ Adopted resolutions required by the State for the City to qualify for a low interest loan and a grant to pay for the City's local water project, which will use non-potable water to water the golf course and cemetery, starting in the summer of 2016.
- ❖ Held second reading and adopted an ordinance to authorize a pilot program allowing up to 7 cars City-wide to be permit for sleeping, to be approved only at designated and permitted locations in the City, supervised and provided with needed services. As a result of the great recession, the high cost of housing in Pacific Grove and other economic issues,
- ❖ Held second reading and adopted an ordinance to authorize a pilot program allowing restaurants and other eating establishments throughout the City to initiate sidewalk dining. The Council also waived the fees for the first three months of the pilot program, in order to incentivize restaurants to try this new approach.
- ❖ Approved an amendment to joint powers authority agreement the City has with other jurisdictions for the conduct of disposal and recycling operations at the landfill operated by the Monterey Regional Waste Management Authority in Marina, so as to ensure that all solid waste and recyclables picked up by the City's franchise hauler (now Waste Management, Inc. but transferring to GreenWaste Recovery in August) re taken to the Marina facility. (This "Flow control" is necessary to achieve the economies of scale necessary to achieve the state-mandated waste reduction standards, at the lowest possible cost).
- ❖ Adopted the special events calendar for the City (attached) for July 2015 through June 2016.
- ❖ Agreed to co-sponsor the Youth Entrepreneurial Awards, to be held this year at the Museum.
- ❖ Approved a lease with Lighthouse Fellowship of Pacific Grove for use of office space at the Community Center.
- ❖ Appointed a slate of Board and Commission members for the 2016 term. The City has positions for 74 different board and commission members. If you wish to serve, please contact the City Clerk.

The agenda reports and supporting documents for all of these actions are on the City's website, at <http://www.cityofpacificgrove.org>. Details of the actions taken will also be available, upon completion and adoption of the meeting minutes, which will also be posted on the website.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City Planners to Consider Appropriate Location for Emergency Shelters. In 2007, in an effort to facilitate the construction of homeless shelters, the California State Legislature approved Senate Bill 2, requiring all cities to allow "emergency shelters" and "transitional housing" as permitted uses in at least one zoning district, without the need for a conditional use

permit or other discretionary action. Transitional housing is defined as rental housing for stays of at least six months but where the units are re-circulated to another program recipient after a set period of time. This State requirement is further referenced as part of the City's adopted Housing Element, in Program 4.2.2 which reads: "The City shall go through the public review process to amend the Zoning Code to comply with SB 2, permitting emergency shelters without a conditional use permit or other discretionary permits in the C-1 and/or R-4 zoning districts, or other appropriate zones or sites and define transitional and supportive housing as a residential use subject to the same standards that apply to other residential uses.

City planning staff has considered what current zoning district(s) would be the most appropriate place to permit Emergency Shelters as an allowed use. The C-1 and R-4 districts do not appear to be appropriate for homeless shelters and transitional housing. These districts are located along Lighthouse Avenue and the central part of Pacific Grove where more pedestrian and tourist-oriented uses and businesses exist and/or are planned. The non-coastal C-2 district appears to be more appropriate as it is immediately adjacent to a major bus line across Sunset Avenue and the area is relatively close to other consumer services at Forest Hill.

The property located at the corner of Sunset and 17 mile Drive is currently the only non-coastal zoned C-2 property within Pacific Grove. However it is large enough to accommodate either an emergency shelter or transitional housing, in addition to the other myriad of uses permitted in the C-2 zoning District. In the recent past, the property housed the "Pebble Beach Grocery".

On February 5th, the Planning Commission will consider a staff recommendation to add "emergency shelters" to the list of permitted uses in the non-coastal C-2 Zone. In doing so, the City of Pacific Grove will be in full compliance with Senate Bill 2 and the City's Housing Element. It will be recommended that the Zoning Table of allowed uses in the Commercial and Industrial Districts (Table 23.31.030) be amended to include emergency shelters and transitional housing as allowed uses (P) under the C-2 zoning column with an endnote that these uses apply only in the non-coastal areas of the C-2 zoning district.

LIBRARY

On Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. Steven Palumbi, the Executive Director of Hopkins, and the author of such fascinating books as "The Death and Life of Monterey Bay," will be presenting a lecture on some of the ocean's authentically amazing, wild and wacky creatures. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the City, Steven's lecture will be sharing information on the fastest and deepest, as well as the hottest and oldest creatures of the oceans, as detailed in his latest book, co-authored with his son, Anthony Palumbi, "The Extreme Life of the Sea." Reservations not needed, but arrive early, as this eagerly anticipated lecture will attract many.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Coastal Exercise – On Saturday, January 17, 2015, the Monterey Fire Department hosted quarterly marine safety training along with the following agencies: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), State Parks Lifeguards, US Coast Guard, Cal Fire, and Monterey County Sheriff's Volunteer Aero-Squadron. This was a joint coastal exercise located off of Pacific Grove.

The training was primarily for CERT members to practice supporting a coastal emergency incident with missing people during a water disaster. CERT members used their team organization and radio communication skills while acting as spotters for persons swept to sea as well as assisting injured persons along the recreation trail. The drill worked on coordination efforts so that assistance among the agencies would be smooth and efficient. There were approximately 83 CERT members that participated in the drill.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

If you are interested in learning more about CERT, please visit their webpage at www.montereycert.org or call (831) 646-3416. New classes are beginning in March 2015.



LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of January 16, 2015 to January 22, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

Gangs and PRVNT. The peninsula has experienced an increase in gang violence, including recent drive-by shootings and homicides in Seaside. The response by law enforcement, including the multi-City PRVNT task force, has been tremendous. Many of the incidents have been cleared, or are in the process of being cleared, and numerous perpetrators have been brought to justice and their weapons seized.

Because the recent focus has been on Seaside, many don't realize that the gang problem is throughout the peninsula. Pacific Grove has a gang of its own. Every city has benefitted from this regional approach, to include the investigation, assistance with the investigation, and the solving of numerous crimes. These include a gang-related homicide in Monterey; a jewelry store

robbery in Carmel; an attempted homicide in Marina; a gang-related shooting and a homicide in Sand City; a serial home invasion/robbery in Pacific Grove; and many more. This list doesn't even address the seizure of huge quantities of drugs in Carmel, PG, Monterey, Marina, and Seaside, all of which wouldn't have been possible without the regional task force.

Crime does not stop at jurisdictional boundaries. What happens in one city affects us all. Many of the drug dealers and violent offenders who at one time may have lived in Seaside, have moved or are in the process of moving, into other cities, such as Monterey and Marina. There are a few who are now thinking about moving to PG.

The bad guys in each peninsula community are also expanding their routes, locations, and stash houses to additional areas outside their own community, thinking that may reduce the heat they are facing.

A recent case in point: on January 15, 2015, the Carmel Police contacted a male on a traffic stop. It was eventually determined that the driver was a well-known Seaside Crip gang member. The contact led to a vehicle search in which marijuana and a loaded firearm (stolen) was recovered. The firearm is a Judge revolver that was stolen out of Washington State. Last week, PRVNT seized a loaded .357 caliber revolver from a Crip gang member that was also stolen out of Washington State. The Judge revolver seized by Carmel PD is suspected of being used in a Seaside drive by shooting.

There was a female passenger in the car. The marijuana and firearm were found inside her purse. She was arrested. PRVNT is actively working this case, trying to develop enough probable cause to arrest the male Crip gang member.

Another female was identified, who is also friends with the Crip gang member. She works at a very nice and prominent hotel in Carmel and was letting several Seaside Crips stay at the hotel. Carmel Police did a great job and have already contacted the hotel manager, who advised they will be terminating the female employee.

PRVNT has served PG and all other peninsula cities very well...not to mention the experience, education, and training each of the PRVNT members receive, that otherwise might not be possible. PRVNT also serves as the gang experts for our area, with all gleaned information being pushed out to our individual agencies/patrol. This allows our patrol officers to stay current on who the active/violent gang members are, their vehicles, etc. By applying special skills, and using unique provisions of California law, gang members prosecuted for crimes can be sent to prison for multiple years, even with the State's recent release efforts.

MUSEUM

Native California Art. Be sure to check out an illustrated lecture January 24 from 3-4:30 p.m. Author Ralph Shanks has written two books about the culture and history of this Native California art form, and he will be our speaker. Cost is \$5.

Whalefest. Also on January 24, Museum staff will man a fun table at Old Fisherman's Wharf for Whalefest, where we'll have "blubber hands" and other touch objects for visitors. Be sure to check it out!

Science Saturdays. Amazing Migrations is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. which, as always, is free of charge to everyone. Sandy the Whale's 32nd birthday will be celebrated during this event, so it should be a great day. We'll have cake!

RECREATION

The Recreation Department presents a special program in anticipation of next month's AT&T Pro-Am Tournament "THE GREATEST GAME" told by Old Tom Morris (portrayed by Howard Burnham) Old Tom, 'the greatest golfer of the 19th century' gives a humorous account of golf from its misty Scottish origins and the establishment of the first 18-hole course at St. Andrews to golf's conquest of America and the career of Bobby Jones Junior, 'the greatest golfer of the 20th century', concluding with a tribute to the Pebble Beach Golf Links. Saturday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the LITTLE HOUSE IN JEWEL PARK, 148 Grand Ave, Pacific Grove. \$10 at the door - seating is limited!

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“THE GREATEST GAME”

Old Tom Morris (portrayed by Howard Burnham)

On the Story of Golf

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I hope all golf enthusiasts and even some 'golf widows' will tee off at The Little House in Jewel Park (Central and Grand) Pacific Grove on Saturday, January 24, at 5:30 pm.

Old Tom and Young Bob



Tom Morris and Bobby Jones celebrate

GOLF

from its misty origins to the Masters

written and performed by Howard Burnham

**THE LITTLE HOUSE IN JEWEL PARK,
(148 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove)**

(Sponsored by Pacific Grove Recreation Department)

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