



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

January 9, 2015

WATER

Rainwater Cistern Installation Presentation & Tour. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) will host a Rainwater Cistern Installation Presentation followed by a tour of previously installed cistern locations. The event is free and will focus on an overview of rainwater harvesting, tank sizes and types, permitting requirements, system design, maintenance and available rebate programs. The event is part of the District's ongoing *Save Water, Go Blue* initiative.

Date: Saturday • January, 31 2015 • 10am-12:30pm

Description: Join expert Jon Ramsay as he discusses the water and money saving advantages to installing a rainwater harvesting and catchment system.

Location: Carmel Valley Community Youth Center • 25 Ford Road • Carmel Valley, CA

To RSVP, visit www.montereywaterinfo.org and click on events or call Stevie Kister at [831.658.5601](tel:831.658.5601)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City's Economic Development Commission, a volunteer group comprising of local business owners, residents, and city and chamber officials, will be conducting a citywide "Business Walk" on Thursday, January 22, 2015. These volunteers will be visiting businesses in Pacific Grove's five business districts – Forest Hill, Sunset Ave, Downtown, Central Avenue and the American Tin Cannery, to learn more about our local businesses and how we can help them strengthen and promote their business. The volunteers will spend 5-10 minutes asking several questions including, (1) "How's Business?" (2) "What do you like about doing business here?" and (3) "What can we do to help you succeed?"

Business owners and managers are encouraged to be at their business the afternoon of January 22nd when the Business Walk teams are out. By taking the time to answer just a few questions about your business climate, you will be providing valuable information that business stakeholders in Pacific Grove can use in developing programs and services.

Business walks have proven highly effective in strengthening local economies by retaining businesses in a community and creating an environment where they can grow. Companies with specific needs will be followed up and provided one-on-one assistance. After each Business Walk, a summary of the results will be posted to the City of Pacific Grove's website.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering for the Business Walk, please contact Jacquie Atchison, EDC Vice Chair, at Jacquie.atchison@gmail.com

Local Coastal Program Update. The Planning Commission will discuss Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan issues at each of their meetings over the next few months which are generally held on the first and third Thursday of the month, with the exception of this month due to the holiday closure. Meetings in January are scheduled for the 8th and 22nd.

Please check the Planning Commission agenda page for details and topics. This Thursday, January 8, the Commission will discuss uses at Lover's Point Park. Below is the link to the Planning Commission webpage.

<http://www.ci.pg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=459>

Thank you for your continued interest in the City's Local Coastal Program Update.

<http://www.ci.pg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=104>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

We Care Bears (Toy) Project – On Saturday, December 27, 2014, Jessica Carscadden, 12 year old founder of the We Care Bears Project, visited Monterey Fire Station 1 to deliver 12 bags of stuffed animals for Monterey Fire and CAL Fire (Cypress, Pebble Beach, and Carmel Highlands) to be carried on our engines. The stuffed animals are given to young children involved in an emergency to help them cope with the stress.

The toys are procured through groups and organizations who participate in a We Care Bears “drive”. The toys are then donated to first responders around the state and nation.

Jessica lived in an orphanage in China the first five years of her life after being abandoned as an infant. She was adopted by a loving American family in San Diego and two years ago while cleaning her room, came up with the idea to donate toys to children in need during an emergency. Since then, through her work has provided more than 130,000 toys to first responders, who then pass them to children. She travels with her family to provide donations and has appeared on the *Today Show* in New York to promote her organization.

If you, your school or organization is interested in keeping the project going by organizing a “bear drive”, please see their website at www.wecarebears.com. The We Care Bears Project is a 501(c) (3) non-profit and donations are tax deductible.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee of the Quarter. Elizabeth Conti-Yeo, Animal Control Officer/ Police Services Technician, has been named Employee of the Quarter for the period October to December 2014. Liz was selected by a review panel of her peers for her team work, leadership skills and costs savings measures. It is noted in her nomination, that this past year Liz assumed expanded duties from those of her Animal Control Officer assignment. Liz stepped in to assist the Police Department front desk to work as a Police Services Technician at a time when the department was undergoing staffing changes. She approached these new duties with efficiency, care and dedication and with an eye to cost saving measures. Further, in these expanded duties, Liz continually examined the technician processes and procedures and looked for ways to improve services for the community. Liz will be recognized by the City Council at the January 21st meeting and you are invited to join us that evening in honoring and thanking Liz for her service to our community.

LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of January 2, 2015 to January 8, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

LIBRARY

Poetry. In collaboration with the Library, the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library are delighted to bring Juan L. Sanchez to entertain and delight us with a concert featuring the works of some of the greatest Spanish poets of the 20th Century including Lorca, Miguel Hernández, Rafael Alberti and Machado on **January 15, 2015**, 7:30pm, at the Library. Admission: free to members of the Friends; \$10 for non-members.

MUSEUM

Monarchs. Happy New Year from the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History! January is shaping up to be a busy month for us as we head into the tail end of monarch season. Monarch numbers, however, have remained high, with more than 22,000 monarchs counted at the Sanctuary in December. Read a story from news channel 5 KION at the following link: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/news/local-news/Monarch-numbers-remain-strong-at-Sanctuary/30325442>

California Indian Baskets. At the end of the month we will offer an illustrated lecture on California Indian baskets by scholar Ralph Shanks. The lecture is scheduled for Jan. 24 from 3-4:30 p.m. Read more: <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2014/10/31/lecture-california-indian-baskets>

Science Saturdays. A new program, *Migrations*, is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Not only will the Museum be free and open to everyone, staff also plan to serve up cake in honor of Sandy the Whale's 32nd birthday. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/1/31/science-saturday-january>

Whalefest. 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!

PUBLIC WORKS

Great Tide Pool Site. The restoration of the Great Tide Pool Site is moving along at a very quick pace. In November the City received the permit waiver from the California Coastal Commission to perform the work over the next five years and the contractor, Rana Creek, has been moving on the project since November. To date Rana Creek has already removed 95% of the non-native invasive species and has installed the rope fencing outlining the trails through the 3.5 acre site. The next step will be to start to plant the barren dunes with native plants. Please see attached pictures.





RECREATION

The Battle of New Orleans-Bicentennial. The Recreation Department is sponsoring another Cultural Arts Performance by our own Howard Burnham on Saturday, January 10th at the Little House in Jewel Park, beginning at 5:30 pm. Seating is limited and the fee is \$10 at the door. Please see the attached Flyer

**The Battle of New Orleans
as recalled by General Sir John Lambert
(the only redcoat general standing afterwards)**

Written and performed by Howard Burnham

Saturday, January 10, at 5:30 p.m.

THE LITTLE HOUSE IN JEWEL PARK

(148 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove)

Bicentennial of the Battle of New Orleans

“The British kept a-runnin’!”

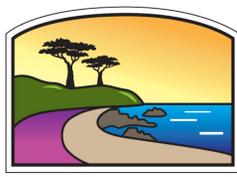


General Andrew Jackson at the time of New Orleans – Howard Burnham as Sir John Lambert, the surviving British General

(Sponsored by the Pacific Grove Recreation Department)

Admission: \$10 at the door - *Seating is Limited!*

January 8 is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, arguably the battle that ‘made’ America. Saratoga and Yorktown had secured her independence; but the young republic had many teething problems despite the passing of the Constitution in 1787. The War of 1812 (actually the War of 1812-15), sometimes called ‘the Second War of Independence’ served to unite the States into a truly more perfect (and secure) union, especially after Jackson’s stunning victory.



PACIFIC GROVE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& TOURIST CENTERS

Present

Business Networking Dinner

Passionfish Restaurant - 701 Lighthouse Avenue

Wednesday, January 14th

5:00 to 6:00 pm optional no-host reception

6:00 to 7:00 pm networking dinner

Limited to two members per business segment

Thirty-second infomercials encouraged

\$20 per person, Members only

Menu Choice

Basil stuffed rainbow trout or

Tabouli with sauerkraut

R.S.V. P. to rita@pacificgrove.org or (831) 373-3304

Celebrate Extravagances at Blessings

620 Lighthouse Avenue

Thursday, January 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Join the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce in congratulating Sherry Litchfield and the great team at Blessings on a great operation for the past six years.

Live music by Paul

Complimentary refreshments and admission

Grand Opening and Official Ribbon Cutting

Central Coast Senior Services - 22 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite E

Tuesday, January 20, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Check out the new Central Coast Senior Services offices and congratulate John O'Brien and his team on the move.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CCSS PROVIDED BY THE CHAMBER

Departure 4:30 pm - Return: 6:15 pm (from Chamber downtown)

Call or email Rita to RSVP if you wish to take advantage of the transportation offer

rita@pacificgrove.org or (831) 373-3304

SAVE THE DATE

AT&T PRO-AM – Call for Volunteers

Express Shuttle and Tournament Tickets

From downtown Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

Wednesday, February 11, – Sunday, February 15, 2015

6:30 am – 6:00 pm

\$20 Per Person/Per Day or \$60 for a 5 Day Pass

SAVE \$5 on TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Volunteers needed especially Saturday and Sunday,

February 14 & 15 from 6:30 am until Noon

To volunteer contact rita@pacificgrove.org or (831) 373-3304

SAVE THE DATE

58th Annual Good Old Days

April 11-12, 2015

www.pacificgrove.org

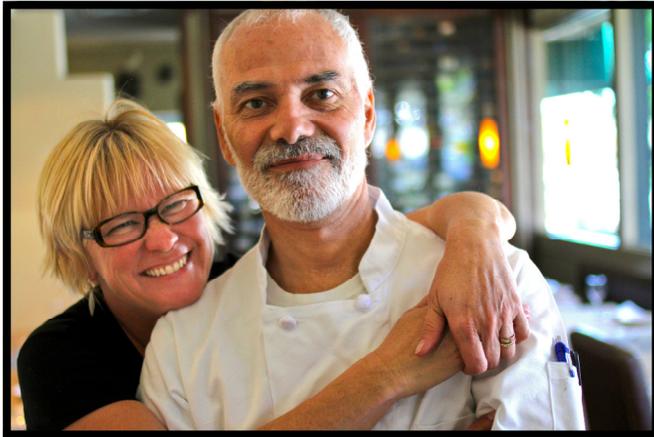


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BUSINESS NETWORKING DINNER



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5-6 pm optional no host reception
6-7pm networking dinner

Hosted by Ted & Cindy Walter
Passionfish Restaurant
701 Lighthouse Ave.

\$20 per person, Members Only

- Limited to two members per business segment
- Thirty-second infomercials encouraged
- Great opportunity to mix and mingle with key business leaders
- Bring 20 business cards & consider offering a gift certificate or product to raffle

Menu

Organic green salad

Main Course

Basil stuffed rainbow trout with red wine braised vegetables

or

Tabouli with house made sauerkraut, roasted carrots, onions & almonds

Dessert

Meyer lemon panna cotta with jasmine tea syrup

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From Downtown Pacific Grove • Museum of Natural History



FEBRUARY 11-15
6:30AM-6:00PM
\$20 per person/day
\$60 for a 5-day pass

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce is offering
luxurious Pacific Monarch shuttle buses to the
AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Tickets and information at:

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce
584 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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