



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

March 6, 2015

CITY COUNCIL

Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on March 4, 2015 include:

- ❖ Held second reading and adopted an ordinance enabling the City to use the Design-Build process for the design and construction of the City's Local Water Project. This holds the potential to improve the quality and timeliness of the project, as the City will not need to go through multiple bid processes, which increases the calendar time devoted to administrative tasks, and increases the risk of conflict between engineering and construction firms.
- ❖ Held second reading and adopted an ordinance updating the Municipal Code relating to sidewalk encroachments. This change modernizes the wording and improves consistency with the rest of the Code.
- ❖ Held second reading and adopted an ordinance amending the Municipal Code to reduce the number of votes necessary for an affirmative action by a City board, commission, or committee, when there is a vacancy. This will allow action when the vote is supported by a majority of the filled positions, not a majority of the total positions.
- ❖ Authorized participation by the City in the HERO program, which enables residents and businesses to obtain low interest loans for energy efficiency, water efficiency, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public and private property throughout the City.
- ❖ Held second reading and adopted an ordinance updating and enhancing the Municipal Code with respect to the collection of solid waste, including refuse, recyclables, food wastes, yard wastes, and construction/demolition debris.
- ❖ Approved a 10-year sewer collection system financial plan, and projected rates, and directed staff to initiate the process of alerting all residents and businesses, so they can provide their input, as required by Proposition 218.

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

Local Coastal Program Survey Results. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the City's Local Coastal Program Update online survey. The results are now posted on the [Local Coastal Program Update](#) webpage. The survey ran from the end of November 2014 to the end of January 2015. The City appreciates your participation and interest! Please contact Anastazia Aziz, AICP, Senior Planner with any questions or to submit comments at aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org (831) 648-3183.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. On February 27 & 28, 2015, the Monterey Firefighters Association played host to 25 children from the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation's 5th Annual Aquarium Sleep Over. The Association provided dinner and breakfast for the event.

The children, many of whom who were severely injured by burns, enjoyed dinner, toured the fire truck, fire engine, fire boat, and the United States Coast Guard 47 foot motor life boat. The Monterey Firefighters also played various lawn games with the children. They proceeded to the Monterey Bay Aquarium where the children spent the night in sleeping bags.

The Monterey Firefighters Association regularly contributes money, manpower, and other resources to charitable events throughout the community.

The non-profit Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life for burn survivors and promotes burn prevention education. They have offices in San Francisco, Fresno, and Burbank. It was founded by firefighters and the parents of Alisa Ann Ruch, who was killed in a 1971 fire in Southern California. More information can be found about the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation at <http://www.aarbf.org/index.htm>

This event would not have been possible if it was not for the generous donations from the Monterey Bay Aquarium by waving entry fees. The Monterey Firefighters Association Local 3707 would also like to thank the City of Monterey, United States Coast Guard Station in Monterey, Monterey Fire Chief Officers Association, City of Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson, Councilmember Timothy Barrett, City Manager Mike McCarthy, Assistant City Manager Hans Uslar, Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Courtney, and First Awakenings owner Craig Bell for their personal contributions. See attached photo.



LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of February 27, 2015 to March 5, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

PUBLIC WORKS

New tree well grate. This week at Public Works staff installed a new tree well grate in front of Cafe Ariana. The tree well grate is a sample that we received from a company for free, so that we could evaluate the look and performance. Many downtown business owners have already stated that they really like the look of it and want one for the street trees in front of their businesses.



Railroad Right-of-Way. The City has been in communication with Union Pacific Railroad regarding the lease of the railroad right-of-way that runs from the golf course to Sinex Avenue. At the February 18, 2015 City Council meeting council deferred the lease for 90 days in order to evaluate the lease further. Union Pacific has also decided to put a hold for the time being consideration of the lease.

RECREATION/EVENTS

Lovers Point. The City just received the final votes for the Best of Monterey County. Once again, Lovers Point was voted as the Best Place to Get Married 2015! The big Best of Monterey County issue will run on 3/26/15 with announcements about all of the winners.

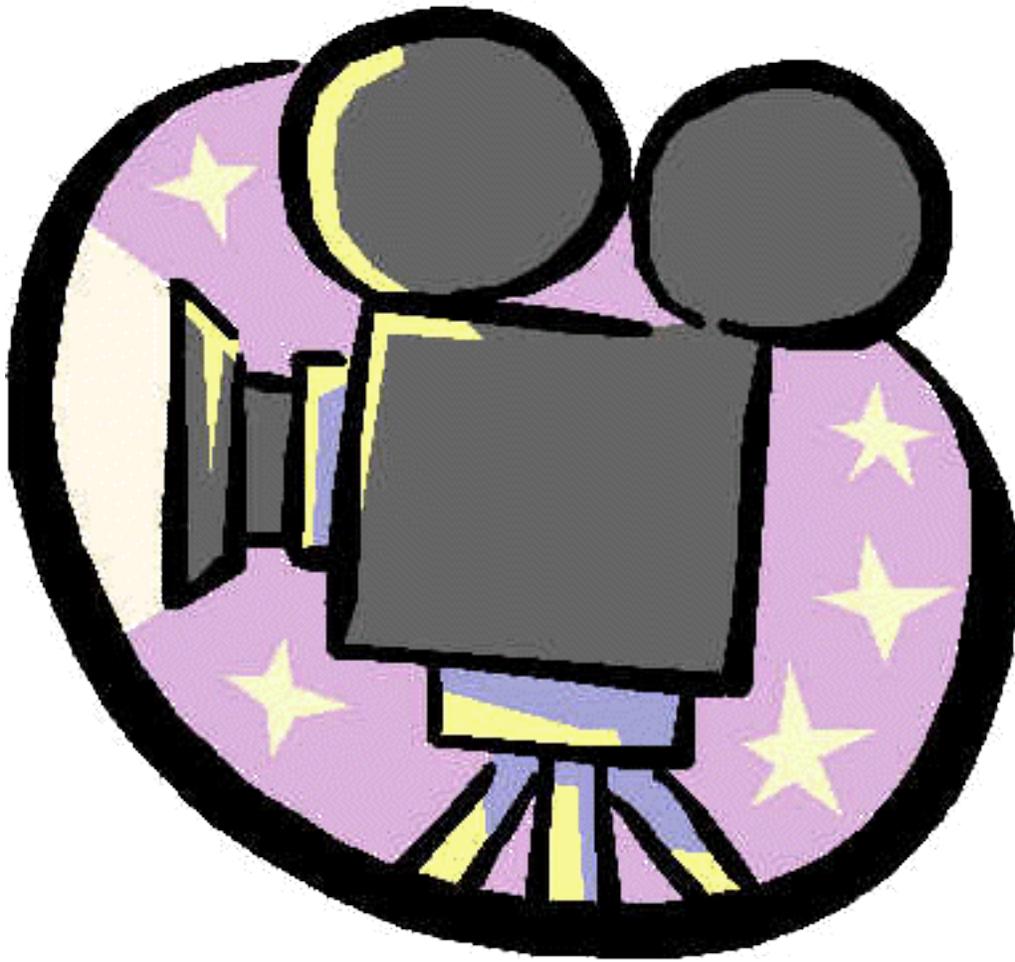
California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC). You are cordially invited to attend the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Community Ceremony in Seaside California. This event will take place on Friday, March 13, 2015 at General Stilwell Community Center, located at 4260 Gigling Road in Seaside, California at 10:30am. See attached flyers for more information.

From the Earth to the Moon. Howard Burnham will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the prophetic novel "From the Earth to the Moon" by performing on Saturday, March 14th as Monsieur Jules Verne. In this performance, Mr. Jules Verne will recount his interesting life, his novels and his love of all things Americana. The show starts at 5:30pm on Saturday, March 14th in the Jewell Park "Little House" the cost is \$10 at the door and seating is limited! Please see the attached flyer.

Monarch Memories Art Project. The Pacific Grove Downtown Business Improvement District is proud to announce the Monarch Memories Art Project. Butterflies, hand painted by local artists, adorn the light poles in downtown Pacific Grove and other business locations such as the Pacific Grove Art Center. Voting for the butterflies will continue through March 16, 2015 and the public is asked to post pictures of their favorite butterflies and tag it with #monarchmemories via the [Downtown Pacific Grove](#) Facebook page. For more information and to view the official Monarch Memories brochure, visit www.facebook.com/downtownpacificgrove



Good Old Days. Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers for the 58TH Annual Good Old Days that will take place Saturday and Sunday, April 11th and 12th, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Please consider volunteering for a variety of shifts for crowd control and clean up. For more information, contact Rita at (831) 373-3304 or rita@pacificgrove.org.



A Friendly Night at the Movies

**Lighthouse Cinemas
525 Lighthouse Ave, PG**

**All day
Wednesday, March 11**

Identify yourself as a Friend & 10% of your ticket price will be donated to the Friends for the Library.

sponsored by the Friends of the PG Library

Central Coast Veterans CEMETERY FOUNDATION

220 TWELFTH STREET, P.O. BOX 849, MARINA, CA 93933

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COMMUNITY CEREMONY GROUNDBREAKING FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INITIAL PORTION OF THE CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY

DATE:	FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2015
TIME:	10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
LOCATION:	GENERAL STILWELL COMMUNITY CENTER 4260 GIGGLING ROAD, SEASIDE (Corner of Gen. Jim Moore Blvd. and Gigglng Road on former Fort Ord)

You are invited to attend a Community Ceremony for groundbreaking of construction for the initial portion of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery on Friday, March 13, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at the General Stilwell Community Center located at 4260 Gigglng Road in Seaside on former Fort Ord.

The Central Coast Veterans Cemetery has overcome numerous hurdles for over 20 years, and just as veterans and their family members who have served our country and will be honored with this cemetery, our communities have not wavered in our mission. Your continuing support and generosity over the years has resulted in being able to begin construction of the first 17 acres of 5,000 niches in columbaria for placement of our veterans and immediate family members. The initial construction will also include a committal shelter, a ceremonial entrance with an avenue of flags, a memorial walk, administration and service buildings, other infrastructure, and the widening of Parker Flats Road. Construction is expected to take approximately 12-18 months with the Veterans Cemetery to open by late 2016 or early 2017.

Having the initial portion of the veterans cemetery in place will make it easier to obtain additional state and federal funding for the project's planned enlargement. The Central Coast Veterans Cemetery master plan envisions a 78-acre expanse with approximately 70,000 burial sites for cremated remains and caskets and is expected to provide for nearly 100 years of burials. With its location on former Fort Ord and the beautiful Monterey Bay area, the site is a deserved resting place and lasting tribute for service to our nation and an appealing and appropriate option for our many veterans and family members.

We hope you will attend the Community Ceremony on March 13 and share this proud moment of commitment to our veterans.

For more information about the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation, or to contribute to the cemetery expansion, please visit www.ccvcf.com or contact us at (831) 218-1780.

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February 24, 2015

**INVITATION TO
CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY (CCCVC)
COMMUNITY CEREMONY**

You are cordially invited to attend the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) Community Ceremony in Seaside, California.

Please join the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), and Monterey County at this event.

Community Ceremony

General Stilwell Community Center
4260 Gigling Road
Seaside, CA 93955
Friday, March 13, 2015, 10: 30 a.m.

The event, held at the request of our local partners, recognizes the decades of effort and the Monterey Bay Area's commitment to establish a final resting place and lasting tribute to our Veterans that served and sacrificed to preserve the freedoms we enjoy.

Seating at the CCCVC Community Ceremony is free and open to the public. Parking is available at the Community Center.

Sincerely,

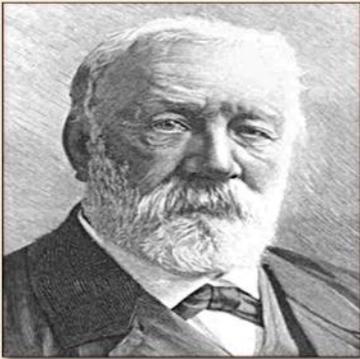
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Endsley".

Debbie Endsley
Acting Secretary

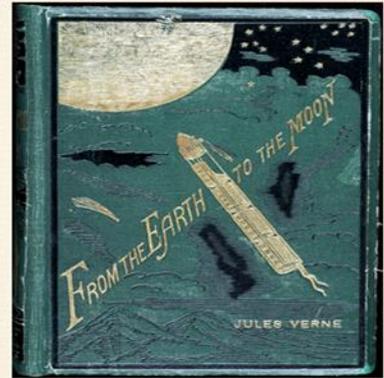
Pacific Grove's thespian, Howard Burnham to perform as Monsieur Jules Verne!

Celebrating the extraordinary imagination of Jules Verne in this year that sees the 150th anniversary of his prophetic novel "From the Earth to the Moon"

Jules Verne - Extraordinary Imagination



150th Anniversary of



❖ The Little House, Saturday, March 14, at 5:30

Monsieur Jules Verne, the old pioneer science-fiction novelist is granting an interview to the glamorous American journalist, Nellie Bly, as she attempts to beat Phileas Fogg's record in the novel 'Around the World in 80 Days'. He recounts his interesting life, his novels and his love of all things Americanâ.

(Sponsored by Pacific Grove Recreation Department)

**THE LITTLE HOUSE, Jewel Park
(148 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove)**

Saturday, March 14, at 5:30 pm

\$10 at the door - seating is limited!



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& TOURIST CENTERS

PACIFIC GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Cordially Invites You to Attend

THE CHAMBER'S
CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR RECEPTION

On Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Passionfish Restaurant - 701 Lighthouse Avenue

PRESENTED TO



Mr. Daniel Gho
Public Works Superintendant
City of Pacific Grove

For information, call (831) 373-3304 or email rita@pacificgrove.org