



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

April 17, 2015

CITY COUNCIL

Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on April 15, 2015 include:

- ❖ Approved a contract to replace the failed Library heating system. Staff and patrons who have been chilled in the mornings can now welcome a more pleasant research and reading experience. The required 3 quotes were obtained Tuesday, the Council approved the contract award Wednesday, and all parties signed the contract Thursday. Your city government can move quickly.
- ❖ Postponed consideration of an appeal of the denial by the Planning Commission of a proposed lot split on the Holman Building site. At the request of the property owner/appellant, the appeal was continued to May 20.
- ❖ Provided direction to staff and asked that recommendations for the process proposed for the upcoming consideration by property owners of changes in sewer rates be brought back to the Council on May 6. This will provide an additional opportunity for the community to provide input before the notices of a public hearing and protest process are sent to all properties in the City.
- ❖ Awarded a contract to a new outside independent auditor. The independent auditor reviews the City's financial records and practices each year. The auditor's annual report provides the Council and the community with a scorecard on the quality of the City's practices, and provides recommendations for improvement. The City has had a clean audit for many years, and seeks to continue that achievement.
- ❖ Adopted a 45-day moratorium on the addition of any more thrift shops, consignment shops, and resale stores in the Downtown. The moratorium also covers checking cashing stores, tire sales, blood/plasma sale centers, and other uses in the downtown, each of which would be uses different from what we have now and may well be considered incompatible with the community's desires for the downtown. The Planning Commission will be considering recommendations to the Council on both of these related issues. Before the end of the 45 days, the Council will consider recommended improvements or an extension of the moratorium, if necessary.
- ❖ Approved the assessment, for another year, of a 0.004% property tax on all parcels, in order to pay for the bonds that purchased the Butterfly Habitat. At the current repayment schedule, the bonds will be paid off by August 1, 2017. The 3 annual assessment for a typical single family home in the City is less than \$15.00.
- ❖ Heard reports on the Governor's drought restrictions. Guidelines for the restrictions will be heard by the state's Water Resources Control Board on May 5.
- ❖ The Council also heard a report on the results of the GLAC's investigation into the status of the City's easements on the UPRR right-of-way, which starts at the mobile home park just east of Del Monte Boulevard, runs west through the golf course, and continues west of Crocker Avenue, ending at Sinex Avenue.

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

Successful April 16 Coastal Walk. Planning Commission and City staff hosted an informative and well attended Coastal Walk the morning of April 16. Over 25 people were in attendance and staff included Jessica Kahn, P.E, Environmental Programs Manager, and Dan Gho, Public Works Superintendent. The ADA accessible tour included an overview of the Local Coastal Program Update, including process and timeline, and three stops along the City's coastline. Issues discussed included environmentally sensitive habitat areas, ice plant, trail links, sewage infrastructure, pump stations, sea level rise, erosion, ground squirrels, and tour bus parking. The weather was beautiful and the whales spouting too! Please watch for the next Coastal Walk and join us. Please send written comments to Anastazia Aziz, AICP, Senior Planner at aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org or via snail mail to City Hall. Thank you for your participation!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Combat Challenge. On April 12, 2015, the Monterey Firemen's Association, Monterey Fire Local IAFF 3707 and the Pacific Grove Firefighters Volunteer Association sponsored the *Pacific Grove Good Old Day's Fire Combat Challenge*. Five teams of firefighters from Cal Fire, Hollister Fire and Monterey Fire demonstrated their competition skills and all teams did an amazing job! Congratulations to all participants and a special thank you to all of the volunteers and those who made it possible for a BBQ lunch provided afterwards. Monterey Fire had the fastest time and came in first place!



LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of April 10, 2015 to April 16, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

LIBRARY

New Art Exhibit. The Library will have an opening of a new art exhibit Friday evening, April 17th, 5:30-7:00pm. The exhibit titled: "Loving Watercolor - Paintings by Nancy Hauk" will be in the new gallery space at the Pacific Grove Library until May 30th.



MUSEUM

Wildflowers. The wildly popular Wildflower Show return to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History this weekend for its 54th year. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/wildflowershow/>

Science Saturday. Identification Day is Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Museum admission is free for all guests on Science Saturday! <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/4/25/science-saturday-identification-day>

Panama-Pacific International Expo. Be sure to visit the Museum to see the new Panama-Pacific International Exposition exhibit. The exhibit is currently on display through the end of the year and features a chair made from an oak tree under which Father Junipero Serra is thought to have conducted his first sermon after arriving in Monterey. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/exhibitions/#PPIE>

Illustrating Nature Exhibit. The Museum's Illustrating Nature exhibit, featuring science illustrations from California State University, Monterey Bay, kicks off May 1 with an opening reception held during Pacific Grove's First Friday Art Walk from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through June 14.



PUBLIC WORKS

Cemetery. This week the Public Works staff has continued to prepare the Cemetery for the delivery of the new columbaria that will be delivered to the Cemetery in mid-May. Over the last three weeks public works has been preparing the site, which is located in the North West corner of the Cemetery by the golf clubhouse, for the columbaria. The prep work consisted of removal of the turf, surveying the grounds to ensure all framing for the concrete was level, forming the plots for the concrete, and then this Thursday Public Works Staff poured 12 yards of concrete for the columbaria to sit on. Public works has been working on this project with the Cemetery administration staff for a few months, and we look forward to the delivery of the 8 new columbaria.



RECREATION

Youth Track Meet. Saturday, May 2, 2015 is the Pacific Grove All Comers Invitational Youth Track Meet at Pacific Grove High School at the Richard Chamberlain Track. Please see attached flyer for the order of events. This event is free.

Music in the Park. We will be having **Music In The Park** this Saturday, April 18th with Andrea Carter from 11am - 2pm. The community is encouraged to bring a lounge chair and enjoy the sounds.

Shakespeare's 451st Birthday. Also this Saturday, we have Howard Burnham scheduled at the Little House in JEWELL PARK for a 5:30pm dramatic/historical performance, celebrating Shakespeare's 451st Birthday!

City of Pacific Grove Fair Housing Month

Equal Opportunity for All!

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enforces the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits any discrimination or intimidation of people in their home, apartment buildings, and condominium developments, in nearly all housing transactions. This protection extends to the rental and sale of housing and the provision of mortgage loans.

HUD is charged by law to implement and enforce a wide array of civil rights laws, not only for members of the public in search of Fair Housing, but for HUD funded grant recipients as well. HUD works to ensure the successful operation and enforcement of fair housing programs. Fair Housing is your right! HUD protects your civil rights requirements.

HUD encourages jurisdictions to consult with one another to initiate and encourage Fair Housing planning city-wide. The Fair Housing Planning Guide provides information to State funded and Entitlement jurisdictions on how they may take steps to affirmatively further Fair Housing. Check out the Fair Housing Planning Guide to learn more about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

HUD.gov

What's in Your Watershed? Help us find out!

Snapshot Day - May 2nd, 2015



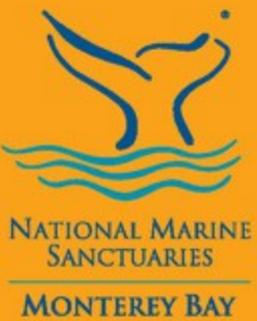
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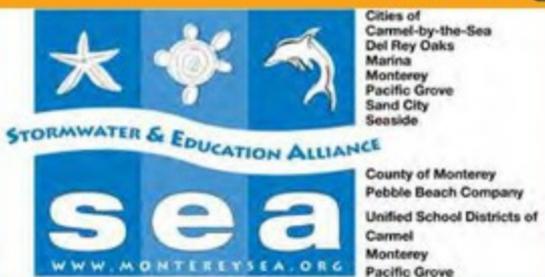
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Training dates, locations and times:

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| Saturday April 25th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor Community Room | Sunday April 26th 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm REI in Marina | Monday April 27th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm San Gregorio General Store | Tuesday April 28th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Coastal Discovery Center San Simeon |
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Training is not required but is strongly recommended





City of Pacific Grove

Pacific Grove **ALL-COMERS Invitational**

Youth Track Meet

at Pacific Grove High School, Richard Chamberlain's Track

Saturday, May 2, 2015

(FREE!)

ORDER OF EVENTS

| <u>EVENT #</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|--|--------------------|
| # A Standing Long Jump (6 & under Girls / Boys) | 10:20 am |
| # B Softball Throw (6 & under Girls / Boys) | 10:20 am |
| # 1 800 m (11 & older Girls) | 10:30 am |
| # 2 <u>800 m (11 & older Boys)</u> | <u>10:35 am</u> |
| # 3 50 m (8 & under Girls / Boys) | 10:45 am |
| # 4 <u>50 m (9 & 10 Girls / Boys)</u> | <u>10:55 am</u> |
| # C Standing Long Jump (10 & under Girls / Boys) | 11:00 am |
| # D Softball Throw (10 & under Girls / Boys) | 11:00 am |
| # 5 100 m (8 & under Girls / Boys) | 11:10 am |
| # 6 100 m (9 & 10 Girls / Boys) | 11:20 am |
| # 7 100 m (11 & 12 Girls / Boys) | 11:30 am |
| # 8 <u>100 m (13 & older Girls / Boys)</u> | <u>11:40 am</u> |
| # E Standing Long Jump (11 & 12 Girls / Boys) | 12:00 noon |
| # F Softball Throw (11 & 12 Girls / Boys) | 12:00 noon |
| # 9 200 m (8 & under Girls / Boys) | 12:00 noon |
| # 10 200 m (9 & 10 Girls / Boys) | 12:15 pm |
| # 11 200 m (11 & 12 Girls / Boys) | 12:30 pm |
| # 12 <u>200 m (13 & older Girls / Boys)</u> | <u>12:40 am</u> |
| # G Standing Long Jump (13 & older Girls / Boys) | 12:30 pm |
| # H Softball Throw (13 & older Girls / Boys) | 12:30 pm |
| # 13 <u>1600 m (all age groups Girls / Boys)</u> | <u>12:50 pm</u> |
| # 14 400 m (8 & under Girls / Boys) | 1:05 pm |
| # 15 400 m (9 & 10 Girls / Boys) | 1:10 pm |
| # 16 400 m (11 & 12 Girls / Boys) | 1:15 pm |
| # 17 <u>400 m (13 & Older Girls / Boys)</u> | <u>1:20 pm</u> |
| # 18 4 x 100 m Relay (8 & under Girls / Boys) | 1:30 pm |
| # 19 4 x 100 m Relay (9 & 10 Girls / Boys) | 1:40 pm |
| # 20 4 x 100 m Relay (11 & 12 Girls / Boys) | 1:50 pm |
| # 21 4 x 100 m Relay (13 & Older Girls / Boys) | 1:55 pm |

Notice: All Times are subject to change!

Each Agency is responsible for recording their own kid's times & distances.

Jazz

MUSIC in the PARK

A Jewell of a Concert and CD Release Party!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

11 AM - 2 PM

JEWELL PARK GAZEBO

Central Ave between Forest and Grand Ave, Pacific Grove

FEATURING

Andrea Carter, vocals & guitar

Darrin Michell, vocals & guitar

Ben Herod, sax & clarinet

Jazz and pop

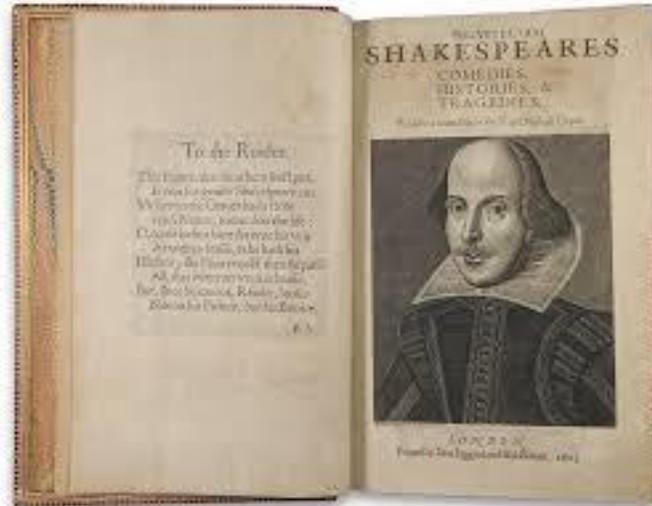
Bring a lawn chair or blanket, perhaps a picnic...and come relax in the park to the music of Andrea Carter & friends.



CD RELEASE CELEBRATION
public invited...

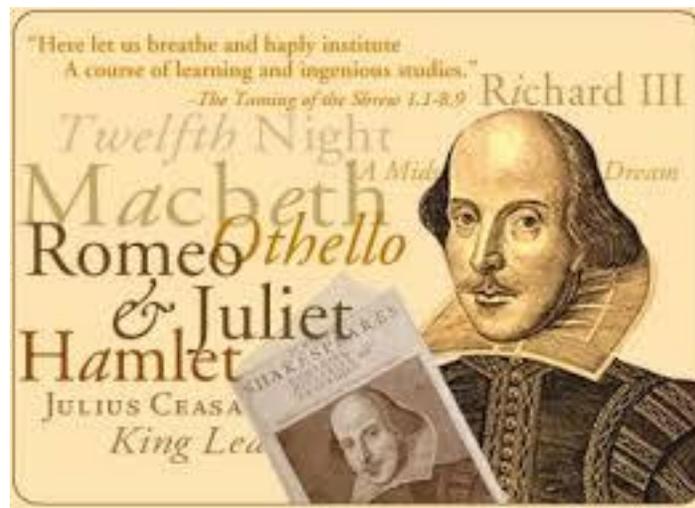
This Cultural Arts event is sponsored by the Pacific Grove Recreation Department

SHAKESPEARE'S 451ST BIRTHDAY



“IN LOVE WITH SHAKESPEARE”

A celebration of celebrating the Bard across four centuries.
A program devised and performed by Howard Burnham,
who promises to have very little impenetrable
Shakespearian language in the program.



(Sponsored by Pacific Grove Recreation Department)

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

Saturday, April 18, at 5:30 pm

\$10 at the door - seating is limited!