



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

April 3, 2015

CITY COUNCIL

Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on Month #, 2015 include:

- ❖ Approved recording of liens on 505 Grand Avenue and 1009 Forest Avenue for failure to maintain properties, failure to address code violations, and imposing significant costs on neighbors and the community as a whole.
- ❖ Adopted an ordinance continuing the 3-hour parking pilot program in the downtown area until September 18, 2015, by which time a full evaluation will have been completed and proposal for a comprehensive set of parking programs presented.
- ❖ Appointed Jocelyn Francis, the City's Police Administrative Services Manager as City Manager pro tempore.
- ❖ Received an update on the County-wide 9-1-1 system, proposed upgrades to system governance, and alternative options for reducing costs and improving services going forward.
- ❖ Received a presentation updating the results of annual marketing services by the Aquarium.
- ❖ Considered policy and financing options for completing sidewalks, especially on safe routes to schools, and directed that further analysis be undertaken and brought back to Council.

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.

WATER

Governor's Action Plan. On Wednesday, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order mandating a 25% statewide water use reduction over that which was used in water year 2013. The Executive Order directs the state agencies to take necessary actions to achieve the proposed reduction statewide. The regulations will apply only to municipal water uses, however, not commercial agriculture. The Base Year is Water Year (WY) 2013. (The Water Year runs from October through September.)

The State Water Board will be adopting regulations to ensure the state achieves the proposed reductions, most likely in early May. Draft regulations will be out in the next couple of weeks. The new regulations will apply to large water suppliers (e.g., California American Water). Smaller systems will continue to be held to a 2-day per week watering schedule, or a 20% reduction over water year 2013.

The State recognizes that areas such as the Monterey Peninsula have already achieved significant water use reductions and will give credit for efforts already taken. As a result, California American Water's Monterey Division will not be held to the same standard as areas that have a lot of room to conserve. It may, for example, be held to a lower percentage reduction; other areas may be required to achieve greater than 25% reductions.

California American Water has been reporting per capita use to the State Water Board monthly since August, 2014. The peninsula has consistently ranked among the lowest per capita statewide, and earned the top spot in December 2014.

The Order includes restrictions on outdoor water use, for example, a prohibition on irrigation of turf in the medians of public roads. It calls for increased enforcement of water waste, and will implement a state-wide rebate program.

It includes a goal to replace 50 million square feet of lawns and ornamental turf state-wide with drought tolerant landscapes. It also fast tracks state agency approval of water supply projects.

The Governor's press release, with a link the action plan itself, can be seen here:
http://resources.ca.gov/docs/Final_Water_Action_Plan_Press_Release_1-27-14.pdf

Water Workshops. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) has announced it will hold a spring series of Water Wise Workshops. The first two-part class will focus on Greywater Systems and Rainwater Harvesting and will be held on April 18, 2015 from 10am to 3pm. The third is a hands-on Rainwater Cistern Installation class and will occur on April 25, 2015 from 10am to 1pm. All three classes are FREE and open to the public, but reservations are encouraged. "With Governor Brown's Statewide Water Reduction Requirements, we must consider every available option for water savings," said Stevie Kister, Conservation Representative for the MPWMD and Workshop Leader. "In one day, attendees will get the opportunity to learn about two amazing and easy to install water saving systems and then the next week, experience an actual cistern installation" The first two events will be held at the MPWMD's Ryan Ranch office. Lunch will be provided to those who attend both sessions. The third event will be held at 619 Spazier Avenue in Pacific Grove. The Greywater and Rainwater workshops will be co-taught by Daniel Finklea of Handy Dan Construction & Greenwise Landscapes and the Cistern Installation will be led by John Ramsey.

- WHAT:** Greywater Systems and Rainwater Harvesting
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 2015, 10am-3pm
- WHERE:** Monterey Peninsula Water Management District • Ryan Ranch
5 Harris Court, Building G • Monterey, CA • 93940
- WHAT:** Rainwater Cistern Installation
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 2015, 10am-1pm
- WHERE:** 619 Spazier Ave
Pacific Grove, CA • 93950
- COST:** Both events are free and open to the public.

To RSVP, visit www.mpwmd.net/workshops or call Stevie Kister at [831.658.5601](tel:831.658.5601)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Each April the City of Pacific Grove raises awareness through public education about Fair Housing Laws: so that no one in our community is subjected to unfair or illegal treatment in rental housing, home buying or selling activities, banking and lending services, and in any city neighborhood. Mayor Kampe issued a proclamation on April 1, 2015 declaring the month of April as "Fair Housing Month". The City Housing Division receives reports and inquiries from tenants, potential homeowners and neighbors about concerns and questions related to potential housing discrimination. Citizens are referred to the state and federal agencies that investigate

housing discrimination complaints. Please learn more about Fair Housing Rights and Responsibilities by calling the City Housing Division 831.648.3199 or accessing Housing information on the City website www.cityofpacificgrove.org/housing. For information on Fair Housing Laws - Go to <https://portalapps.hud.gov/AdaptivePages/HUD/welcome.htm>

The image shows a screenshot of the HUD.gov website. At the top left, there is a logo for HUD.gov with a download button for the App Store. At the top right, there is a language selector for 'Español'. The main heading reads 'HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL...'. Below this, there are two buttons: 'Learn the Basics' and 'File a Complaint'. A sub-heading asks 'Do you think you may have been a victim of housing discrimination? Based on...'. To the left of a central image is a list of categories: Disability, Race, Familial Status (highlighted), National Origin, Sex, Religion, and Color. The central image shows a man hugging a young boy, with the text 'When it comes to housing, little things shouldn't make a difference.' and a 'Learn More' button.

“Every American deserves a fair chance to secure safe and stable housing,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro.

Coastal Walk. Please join the Planning Commission and City staff the morning of Thursday, April 16 at 9am for an update on the Local Coastal Program and a walk along the coast. Learn about your coast, in particular erosion issues and how erosion affects the coastline and City infrastructure. Strollers and bicyclists welcome!

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Time: 9-10:30am

Gathering Location: Point Pinos Grill, Tournament Room, 79 Asilomar Blvd, Pacific Grove
Morning refreshments and breakfast items will be available for purchase.

Please email or call Anastazia Aziz, AICP, Senior Planner at aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org 831-648-3183 or see attached flyer for more information. Thank you for your participation!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Combat Challenge. On April 12, 2015, at approximately 11:00 a.m., the Monterey Firemen’s Association, Monterey Fire Local IAFF 3707 and the Pacific Grove Firefighters Volunteer Association will sponsor and participate in the *Pacific Grove Good Old Day’s Fire Combat Challenge*. Teams of firefighters from all over Monterey County will demonstrate their skills in

full gear in a physical challenge competition includes a tower climb with a high rise pack, hose hoist, forcible entry, hose advance and a victim rescue. The events are done consecutively and are timed. Please come and cheer them on! Look for the tall steel tower across from the Pacific Grove post office.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee of the Quarter. Darlene Billstrom, Cemetery Office Assistant, has been named Employee of the Quarter for the period January to March 2015. Darlene was selected by a review panel of her peers for her public relations and leadership skills along with her cost savings measures and team work. In a cost savings measure, Darlene developed an advertising schedule which takes advantage of the best pricing and timing in order to increase sales of cemetery site. It is noted in her nomination, that recently Darlene updated the Cemetery's data base so that the information is clear and more readily accessible.

But most of all, Darlene is recognized for her people skills. She has great empathy for people's loss and handles their grieving with compassion while helping them with their affairs of their loved one. Darlene will be recognized by the City Council at the April 15 meeting and you are invited to join us that evening in honoring and thanking Darlene for her service to our community.

LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of March 27, 2015 to April 2, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

PUBLIC WORKS

Local Water Project. The City is continuing to move forward with the Local Water Project and has completed a huge milestone this past week, the Issuing of the Request for Proposals. In February 2015, the City issued the Request for Qualifications for the Local Water project and from that request; the City received 5 Statement of Qualifications. The City reviewed the Statement of Qualifications and selected three firms to receive the Request for Proposals. The three firms are Overaa Construction, out of Richmond, Auburn Constructors Inc., from

Sacramento, and Percwater also from the Sacramento area. The closing dates for the request for Proposals will be May 8, 2015.

Highway 1/Highway 68 Closures. An overnight project to stabilize a highway embankment will require the full closure of the southbound Highway 1/Highway 68 west connector ramp beginning Monday night, April 6, Caltrans officials have announced. Overnight roadwork will require this connector ramp closure for four nights starting Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9 from 8 pm to 6 am the next day. A signed detour will be in place directing traffic south to Ocean Ave. then return northbound using the adjacent frontage road back onto Hwy. 1, following signs back to the northbound Hwy. 68 off-ramp. NOTE: No two consecutive ramps will be closed at one time. Electronic Message Signs will be posted to alert motorists, who can expect delays not to exceed 10 minutes, which is the estimated time to complete the detour. Roadwork will consist of stabilizing the slope adjacent to the southbound Hwy. 1/Hwy. 68 connector due to slide damage last December. Roadwork is expected to be complete by Friday morning, April 10. **Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.** For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or can visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#mon>

MUSEUM

Wildflowers. The wildly popular Wildflower Show will return to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History for its 54th year April 17-19. Be sure to visit the Museum's Wildflower Show website for all the details! <http://www.pgmuseum.org/wildflowershow/>

Science Saturday. Identification Day is Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. during this free event to enjoy hands-on science activities. 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 Exhibit. Also be sure to visit the Museum to see the new Panama-Pacific International Exposition exhibit. This new exhibit celebrates Monterey County's part in the San Francisco World's Fair, which opened in honor of the Panama Canal 100 years ago. The exhibit is currently on display at the Museum through the end of the year.



RECREATION/EVENTS

Monarch Memories. The Pacific Grove Art Center in partnership with the Pacific Grove Downtown Business Improvement District will host the Monarch Memories Silent Auction & Gala this evening, Friday, April 3, 2015 from 6:30-9pm. The beautiful hand-painted butterflies that have decorated Downtown Pacific Grove for the past few months will be available through a silent auction to benefit the Pacific Grove Art Center. This free event will feature music by Michael Martinez and light refreshments. Beer and wine will also be sold. The butterflies are available for preview during the Art Center's regular hours. This evening's event also coincides with First Friday Pacific Grove, where dozens of downtown galleries

and boutiques will be featuring artists, music and more throughout the evening. The Pacific Grove Art Center is located at 568 Lighthouse Avenue in Pacific Grove. (831) 375-2208 For more information on the Monarch Memories Gala, visit: www.facebook.com/downtownpacificgrove or search via Facebook #monarchmemories.

*From the Office of the Mayor
City of Pacific Grove*

**Mayor's Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2015
"Fair Housing Month" in the City of Pacific Grove**

WHEREAS, adequate housing is a basic need and a right of all people; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove joins the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), and other housing agencies in celebrating the 47th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title V11 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968;

WHEREAS, the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and its subsequent amendments, and the State of California Fair Employment and Housing Act, provides protections from discrimination and harassment in all aspects of housing;

WHEREAS, Federal and California law protects against discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, on the basis of handicap to disabled persons, on marital status, ancestry, source of income, sexual orientation, or any other arbitrary factor;

WHEREAS, discrimination in housing is against the law and no person shall be discriminated against in the sale, rental, or advertising of residential dwellings, in the provisions of brokerage services and lending services, or in the availability of any residential real estate related transactions;

WHEREAS, in order to heighten public awareness, the City of Pacific Grove focuses public attention on this important issue every April by naming it "Fair Housing Month"; to encourage all citizens and community organizations to celebrate the value of harmonious and diverse communities; and to urge everyone to practice the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Kampe, Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Pacific Grove.



Bill Kampe

Mayor of Pacific Grove

April 1, 2015





Fair Housing Month

The City of Pacific Grove annually uses the month of April to spread awareness of Fair Employment and Housing rights. As a city, our mission is to promote the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. In order to protect tenants and employees from unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in employment, housing and public accommodations, the Pacific Grove Housing Division urges all citizens to utilize local resources to protect individual rights.

The Fair Housing Planning Guide provides information to State, State funded, and Entitlement jurisdictions on how they may take steps to affirmatively further fair housing.

Check out the **Fair Housing Planning Guide** on the HUD website to learn more about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.

HUD.gov

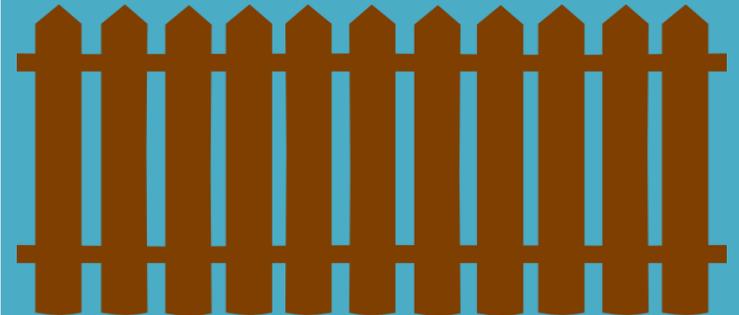
For more information and to file an online complaint visit the Federal Housing Law website at www.hud.gov

City of Pacific Grove

State of California, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Fair Housing Month

*Housing Is Your Right:
Use It!*



Pacific Grove City Hall

300 Forest Ave.
Pacific Grove
CA 93950
cityofpacificgrove.org

Housing Division

Tel: (831) 648-3199

The State of California Law

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing has authority to perform the following:

- Enforce the *Fair Employment and Housing Act* (FEHA), the *Ralph Civil Rights Act*, and the *Unruh Civil Rights Act*
- Investigate harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and hate violence complaints
- Help the landlords and tenants resolve complaints involving alleged violations of the laws enforced by the DFEH
- Prosecute violations of the laws enforced by the DFEH
- Educate Californians about the laws against discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and hate violence

Common Violations of the FEHA Include:

1. Refusal to sell, rent, or lease housing accommodations.
2. Denial of a home loan or homeowner's insurance.
3. False representation that a housing accommodation is not available.

You Are Protected Under State Law!



4. Provision of inferior terms, conditions, privileges, facilities or services in connection with the housing accommodation.
5. Sexual harassment involving unwanted sexual advances or requiring sexual favors for housing rights or privileges.
6. Cancellation or termination of a sale or rental agreement.
7. Refusal to permit, at the disabled tenant's expense, reasonable modifications when necessary to accommodate a disability.
8. Refusal to make reasonable accommodations in housing rules, policies, practices, or services where necessary to afford a disabled person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.
9. Discriminatory policies, practices, terms, or conditions that result in unequal access to housing or housing-related services.

It is illegal for cities, counties, or other local government agencies to make zoning or land-use decisions or policies that unlawfully discriminate against you!

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE STATE

Housing discrimination complaints may be filed for up to **one year** after the discriminatory housing practice occurs or ends. If you have experienced illegal discrimination:

Contact the DFEH in writing or at our toll-free number (800) 884-1684 and provide specific facts about the incident.

Provide copies of documents that support the charges in your complaint

Keep records and documents about the complaint, such as rent receipts, applications, and other potential proof of discrimination. In cases where the state or local law provides protections, HUD may refer the complaint to the appropriate state or local enforcement agency.

FILING A FEDERAL COMPLAINT

If you or the respondent chooses to have the case heard by a Federal District Court, the United States Department of Justice will prosecute the case at no cost to you. You may also hire an attorney to represent you. Within two years you may also bring a civil lawsuit at your own expense.

Local Office (800) 347-3739

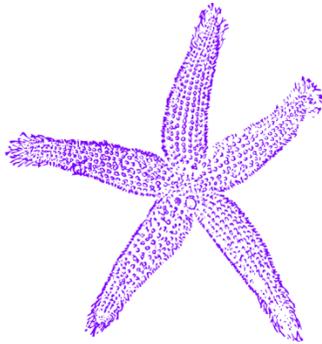
The City of Pacific Grove Community & Economic Development Department Presents...



Joint Planning Commission and Community Meeting Local Coastal Program Update



You are invited to participate in a **coastal walk** with the City of Pacific Grove Planning Commission and City staff



- Learn about your coastline
- Local Coastal Program Update Process and Timeline
- Coastal Walk with Erosion Focus
- Questions, Comments, and Feedback

**Morning refreshments available for purchase
Strollers and bicyclists welcome!**

For more information please see the City of website
www.cityofpacificgrove.org

Thursday, April 16th

9:00-10:30 am

Gather at: Tournament Room

Point Pinos Grill, 79 Asilomar Blvd Pacific Grove

For more information contact Anastazia Aziz,
AICP at: aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org or 831-

648-3183



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

Snapshot Day - May 2nd, 2015



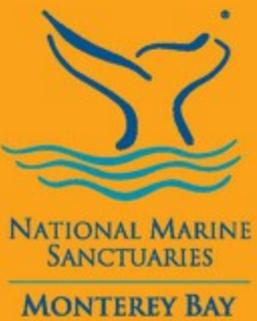
San Mateo, Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties contact
Lisa Emanuelson

Lisa.Emanuelson@noaa.gov (831) 647-4227



Santa Cruz County contact **Debie Chirco-Macdonald**

Djchirco@coastal-watershed.org (831)464-9200



Training dates, locations and times:

| Saturday April 25th | Sunday April 26th | Monday April 27th | Tuesday April 28th |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm |
| Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor Community Room | REI in Marina | San Gregorio General Store | Coastal Discovery Center San Simeon |

Training is not required but is strongly recommended



**Pacific Grove's thespian, Howard Burnham
to perform as Sir John Betjeman**

Sir John Betjeman, England's best-loved poet
of the 20th Century

Poet Laureate and "Teddy Bear to the Nation"

Sir John Betjeman



at

The Little House in Jewel Park
(148 Grand Ave., Pacific Grove)

Saturday, April 4, at 5:30

\$10 at the door

(Sponsored by Pacific Grove Recreation Dept.)

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