



May 1, 2015

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) Information Bulletin. In an effort to achieve greater transparency and improved communication with the public, the Community and Economic Development Department prepared a bulletin that addresses the City's Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas also referred to as ESHA. The ESHA was developed and delineated as part of the 1989 Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and is part of the City's coastal zone. Like other areas in the City's coastal zone, the ESHA is regulated by both the City and the Coastal Commission. The primary ESHA is the Asilomar Dunes, bounded by Lighthouse Ave., Asilomar Ave., and the Asilomar State Beach/Conference Grounds. The Asilomar Dunes ESHA is a sensitive and natural environment that is home to native plants and animals such as Tidestrom's Lupine, Menzies Wallflower, and the Legless Lizard. Tide pools, riparian habitats, and butterfly habitats in Pacific Grove are also considered ESHAs. The [Informational Bulletins](#) are posted on the Quick Links to CEDD Information webpage. Please contact Anastazia Aziz, ACIP, Senior Planner for further information or to make suggested improvements aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org.

Fences Information Bulletin Updated. The Community and Economic Development [Fence Bulletin](#) was updated to achieve greater clarity regarding fence regulations in Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas and R-1-B-4 zoning district, also referred to as the Asilomar Dunes residential area. The R-1-B-4 zoning district and greater Asilomar Dunes area is an exception to the City's fence regulations. The current Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and Coastal Commission apply greater fencing restrictions in the ESHA. Please contact Anastazia Aziz, ACIP, Senior Planner for further information or to make suggested improvements aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org.

Updated Environmental Programs Webpage. In an effort to achieve greater transparency and improve communication with and education of the public, the Public Works Department has updated the [Environmental Programs](#) webpage. Sections of this webpage include information on [Water](#) [Stormwater](#) [Waste Water](#) [Solid Waste and Recycling](#) [Energy](#) and [Grant Management](#). Please contact Jessica Kahn, PE, Environmental Programs Manager for further information or to make suggested improvements jkahn@cityofpacificgrove.org.

Draft Environmental Impact Report for Pebble Beach Company Inclusionary Housing Project PLN130447 released. The County of Monterey released the [Notice of Availability](#) on April 30, 2015 stating the [Draft Environmental Impact](#) report is available for review. The 45 day comment period runs through June 19, 2015. Please direct comments to Joe Sidor, Associate Planner at the Monterey County Resource Management Agency – Planning at SidorJ@co.monterey.ca.us.

Sidewalk Dining. In accordance with the new Sidewalk Dining ordinance, Community and Economic Development staff is working with the local restaurants to move forward with the approval process for all existing sidewalk dining. On May 11th, 2015 at 10:00am, a Zoning Administrator Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers to determine approval of multiple Sidewalk Dining Permit Applications. The following restaurants have applied for the approval of existing Sidewalk Dining on the public sidewalk:

- Tillie Gort's Café
- The Bookworks
- Favaloro's Big Night Bistro
- Fournier's Bakery Café
- Mauricio's Restaurant
- PG Juice N Java
- Pacific Thai Cuisine
- Red House Café
- And the following restaurant has applied for the approval of new proposed sidewalk dining:
- Jeninni Kitchen + Wine Bar

Public comment on all sidewalk dining applications will be heard by the Zoning Administrator. More information will be available online at least a week prior to the meeting at ci.pg.ca.us/za.

LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of April 24, 2015 to April 30, 2015 with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

MUSEUM

Free guided Museum tour is this Saturday, May 2. On the first Saturday of every month, a Museum docent will be on hand to offer a free guided tour of the Museum amazing exhibits. Free tours are held from 11 a.m. and last approximately one hour. We hope to see you there! <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/5/2/free-guided-museum-tour>

Panama-Pacific Internationl Expo. Visit the Museum to see the new Panama-Pacific International Exposition exhibit. The exhibit is 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. The Museum's Illustrating Nature exhibit, featuring science illustrations from California State University, Monterey Bay. The exhibit will be on display through June 14. <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/5/1/illustrating-nature-opening-reception>



PUBLIC WORKS

Lovers Point. This week at Public Works we have been beautifying the wedding area at Lovers Point. The wedding area, especially in spring and summer, gets a lot of events and foot traffic. Compounding this with the large Cypress trees in this location, the turf suffers. We had been contacted by Monterey Peninsula Country Club, who is conducting a turf renovation project on their course, to see if we wanted any sod. We picked up the sod from MPCC and prepared the wedding area at Lovers Point and installed it.



Streets. City staff has also completed the parking stripes in the downtown area, including the main side streets. We have now moved to Central Avenue and will be refreshing the crosswalks and other markings on Central that need to be refreshed.

RECREATION

The Little House at Jewel Park. Howard Burnham characterizes the Duke of Windsor (the controversial ex-monarch) at one of his last public appearances in America, a fund-raising dinner at the Palm Beach Yacht Club. Duchess Wallis is indisposed, so the Duke has to solo. He reviews his roller-coaster of a life in which the youth of golden promise became a jaded faded playboy. THE LITTLE HOUSE, Jewel Park (Central and Grand, Pacific Grove) Saturday, May 16, at 5:30 pm \$10 at the door



ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE HABITAT AREAS

Information Bulletin No. 36

What is an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA)?

An ESHA is an area in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments (California Coastal Act, Section 30107.5)

Does Pacific Grove have any Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas?

Yes! The primary ESHA is the Asilomar Dunes, bounded by Lighthouse Ave., Asilomar Ave., and the Asilomar State Beach/Conference Grounds. The Asilomar Dunes ESHA is a sensitive and natural environment that is home to native plants and animals such as Tidestrom's Lupine, Menzies Wallflower, and the Legless Lizard.

Tide pools, riparian habitats, and butterfly habitats in Pacific Grove are also considered ESHAs.

To find out if a property is located in the ESHA area, search by the property address or the Assessor's Parcel Number on **PGPARCEL.NET**



R-1-B-4 Zoning District: Specific policies apply to the development in the Asilomar Dunes ESHA. These policies can be found in the *Zoning Code* and the *Pacific Grove Coastal Land Use Plan*

- Maximum aggregate lot coverage cannot exceed 15-20% of the lot depending on lot size;
- Detached accessory structures are prohibited;
- Additional fencing regulations and restrictions;
- The following additional policies apply to properties fronting on Sunset Drive
 - Minimum front setback of 75 feet;
 - Single-story maximum height limit for all residences;
 - Earth tone colors shall be used;

Due to the sensitive and natural environment, additional information is required at the time of project submittal to preserve the habitat and reduce threats to endangered and threatened species:

- In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, all projects require **Environmental Review**. An Environmental Impact Report or an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration will be completed by the City and circulated for at least 20 days for public comment. (Please note: this process may take up to 6-months)
- The following reports are due at the time of project submittal:
 - Botanical Survey / Landscape Restoration Plan**
 - Biological Survey**
 - Archaeological Assessment**
- All projects also require a **Coastal Development Permit**





ALL ABOUT FENCES

Information Bulletin No. 1

Why does the City have fence regulations? Fence height is regulated to promote traffic safety by maintaining unrestricted visibility at property corners, while considering privacy and property security. Exception: R-1-B-4 zoning district. Check with Coastal Commission staff.

How tall can my fence be?

1) **Interior Lots:** Fences, hedges, screen plantings, or other visual obstructions (other than allowed garden structures) are limited to four feet in height forward of the front yard setback line, six feet in height on the front yard setback line, and six feet in height to the rear of the front yard setback along the property lines and within required setback areas. PGMC §23.64.130(a)

2) Corner Lots:

a) Corner Property Lines Are Two Straight Lines:

The height limit for a fence, hedge, screening or other visual obstruction shall not exceed three feet in height within an area represented by a triangle whose apex is the property corner nearest the intersection and whose other two vertices are points located 20 feet away from the apex as shown in Figure 1. PGMC §23.64.130(b)(1)

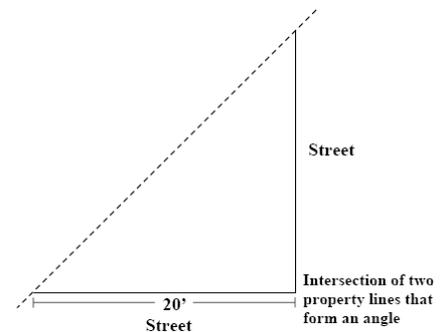


Figure 1

b) Corner Property Lines Are Found Along a Curve:

The height limit for a fence, hedge, screening or other visual obstruction for a corner lot whose corner property lines are found along a curve shall not exceed three feet in height within the area of a polygon whose apex is the midpoint of the arc at the corner and whose furthestmost vertices are points located 20 feet away from the apex as shown in Figure 2. PGMC §23.64.130(b)(2)

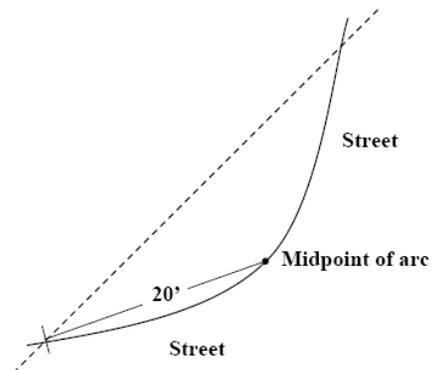


Figure 2

c) In the event that a corner lot has intersecting corner property lines that do not precisely conform to the characteristics defined in this section, the chief planner shall define the area in which no visual obstruction shall exceed three feet in height in a manner so as to prevent a traffic hazard.

Do I need a fence permit? A building permit is not required for a wood fence up to six feet tall. If you are proposing other materials, a building permit may be required. Check with the Community Development Department for more information.

What if I need a taller fence? An Administrative Use Permit is required for a height greater than otherwise allowed in this section. PGMC §23.64.130(f)

What about Trees? Trees are not considered a “Visual Obstruction”, but trimming may be required. PGMC §23.64.130(c)

What about deer fencing?

- 1) Deer fencing may be permitted up to six feet in height along the front property line to the front of any dwelling if an administrative use permit is first obtained.
- 2) The following materials, or materials of similar aesthetics and durability, shall be used: two-inch by four-inch or four-inch by four-inch galvanized metal wire, with wrapped (not welded) joints for durability, in black, green or metallic finishes, or transparent or semi-transparent aviary mesh screen, in black or green.
- 3) Deer fencing may be constructed with wood, metal, or fiberglass posts or attached at the top of an existing, and otherwise conforming, fence. PGMC §23.64.130(d)

What about fences on retaining walls?

1) For retaining walls located on a property line, a fence constructed on top of the wall shall be measured from the grade level on the higher side, as shown in Figure 3, with a combined height limited to four feet in height forward of the front yard setback line along the property lines, and six feet in height to the rear of the front yard setback along the property lines. From the lower side, the combined height shall be limited to six feet in height forward of the front yard setback line along the property lines and eight feet in height to the rear of the front yard setback along the property lines.

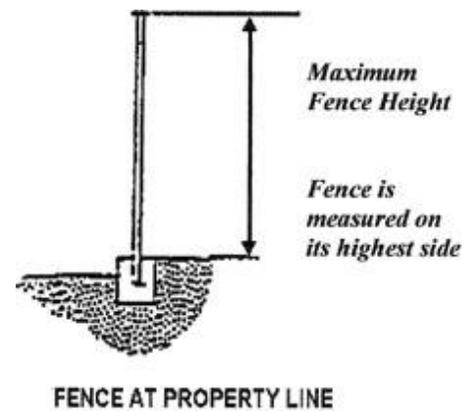


Figure 3

- 2) For retaining walls located entirely on a single property, a fence constructed on top of a retaining wall shall be measured from the grade level of the same property, with a combined height limited to four feet in height forward of the front yard setback line and six feet in height to the rear of the front yard setback.
- 3) If a fence is on one property and the retaining wall on the abutting property, regardless of the retaining wall height, and as measured from the grade level on the property where the fence is located, the maximum fence height is limited to four feet in height forward of the front yard setback line and six feet in height to the rear of the front yard setback, as measured from the grade level of the property upon which the fence is located.

What fences are prohibited? A fence constructed completely or in part of any of the following: wires carrying an electric current of greater than 0.006 amperes (six mill amperes), razor ribbon, barbed wire, wooden fence spikes, broken glass, protruding nails or spikes or any other like or similar material or device designed to cause trauma when touched. While not prohibited, chain link fences are discouraged for aesthetic reasons. Fences constructed of materials described above shall be allowed subject to first obtaining a use permit in the following cases: fences bordering public utility facilities or facilities in the C-2 and I districts and fences in residential districts designed to protect private property. PGMC §23.64.135



News Release

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4th INTERGENERATIONAL RIDE CELEBRATING BIKE MONTH

MONTEREY COUNTY– In support of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County’s 2015 Bike Month observance, the “4th Annual Intergenerational Ride” will take place on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Fort Ord Dunes State Park parking lot. This is a free family-friendly, event for visitors and locals of all ages and abilities, coordinated by Mari Lynch, Bicycling Monterey.

All non-motorized bicycles are welcome; and helmets are required by CA law for people under age 18. Representatives from Monterey County’s diverse bike community will offer brief introductions before the ride begins. Experienced riders will also be on hand to lend support and share information. A complimentary mobile bicycle mechanic will provide minor, on-the-spot maintenance along the route for participants, such as repair of a flat tire or tangled chain.

Participants should dress in layers, and be prepared for possible fog or wind. Sunscreen and sunglasses are advisable. Participants should also bring their own drinking water, lunch or money to purchase a lunch.

If desired, riders may be grouped with others according to preferred pace and distance. Many riders will bike seven miles to Monterey’s Custom House Plaza, where they will stop for lunch and visiting before a leisurely bike ride back to the Fort Ord Dunes starting point.

Those choosing to not bike back to the Fort Ord Dunes starting point may wish to use the bike-and-ride option of Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST / “The Bus”). For tips on taking a bike aboard the bus and about MST routes nearest Fort Ord Dunes, as well as driving directions and all other details about the Intergenerational Ride, see www.bikemonterey.org. Info is also available by phone, (831) 375-6278.

The ride starting point at Fort Ord Dunes is in a Class I (no cars) section of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail system that is less heavily traveled and includes beautiful coastal views. The trail features three paved lanes: a striped two-lane path for bicyclists and an adjacent lane for pedestrians.

For additional Monterey County Bike Month activities, click onto www.bit.ly/BikeCalendar at www.bikemonterey.org or www.tamcmonterey.org. You can also contact Theresa Wright, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (831) 775-4411 or Theresa@tamcmonterey.org.

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PACIFIC GROVE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& TOURIST CENTERS

Present

Hambrook's 25th Anniversary Celebration & Auction Preview

Friday, May 8th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Hambrook's Auction House - 481 Lighthouse Avenue

Join the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and Hambrook's Auction House for an auction preview and 25 years in business celebration.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Lighthouse Door Company 10th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting

1213 Forest Avenue, Suite A

Thursday, May 14th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Please join the Pacific Grove Chamber in congratulating owners Eric and Monica Wason on celebrating 10 years in business. Lighthouse Door Company installs, services, and repairs garage doors.

Complimentary refreshments.

Good Morning Pacific Grove

The Future of the Historic Holman Building

Thursday, May 21 from 8:30 am until 9:30 am

Coffee & Networking 8:00 to 8:30 am

Speakers: Dave Gash & Craig Bell of Monterey Capital Real Estate Development

Join the Pacific Grove Hospitality Improvement District, Downtown Business Improvement District, and Chamber at this presentation to learn about the future of the Holman building.

Networking encouraged. Infomercials welcome.

Chamber's James R. Hughes

Citizen of the Year Award Presentation

Saturday, May 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Asilomar Conference Grounds, Merrill Hall - 800 Asilomar Boulevard

Public Official of the Year – David Potter, County Supervisor

Citizen of the Year – Ken Hinshaw

Business of the Year – Ted and Cindy Walter, Passionfish

Chamber Volunteer of the Year – Nina Grannis

Nonprofit of the Year - Tony Prock & Pacific Grove Citizens Police Academy

Chairman of the Board - Michael Bekker, Cannery Row Company

\$55.00 per person • Menu: Steak or Veggie

RSVP at www.pacificgrove.org/events

Butterfly Gift Shop

Relocation Celebration & 2 Year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting

During First Friday, July 3 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

623 Lighthouse Avenue between 17th & 18th

Enjoy complimentary wine, appetizers, live music and more as you support Butterfly Gift Shop, home of Pacific Grove's monarch butterflies.

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