



## PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

August 28, 2015

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study.** Key study objectives are to:

- Conduct comprehensive outreach and engage all stakeholders
- Provide recommendations to improve walking and biking conditions
- Develop conceptual designs for project implementation
- Use results as model for “Complete Streets” projects in other jurisdictions

Coming in September, a first step will be to conduct a walking field survey of the corridor by the project team. The walking survey will have two main purposes: (i) Identify needs, gaps, problem areas and issues of concern related to walking and biking in the corridor; and (ii) brainstorm potential solutions and ideas to improve conditions.

Also in September and October, community members are encouraged to participate and to provide feedback at public workshops and community surveys that will be scheduled as part of the needs assessment. Sign up to be involved in the study and planning of “A Corridor for Everyone!”

Go to website ([www.PGHwy68.org](http://www.PGHwy68.org)) or contact Ariana Green at TAMC 831.775.4403 or [Ariana@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:Ariana@tamcmonterey.org) to get involved.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Emergency Preparedness.** We have been feeling the effects of the statewide California drought with overwhelming wildfires but, be prepared. Things may get a whole lot worse with monsoon like rain and flooding if the predictions of the El Niño storms come to fruition. El Niño occurs as a result of the warming of ocean currents in the Pacific Ocean. This warmer water increases air moisture and affects weather. When El Niño is active, there is a greater than normal probability of heavy rain along the Pacific coast of California. This rain can result in small urban streams overrunning their banks as well as regional and large scale flooding.

In emergency situations such as this and other natural disasters, first responders will be inundated with high priority calls; therefore it is imperative that citizens are prepared and know what to do before, during and after these events.

#### BEFORE

- Ensure roofs do not leak and gutters are clear of debris
- Remove or secure potential hazards around the outside of your home
- Prepare ahead with sandbags if you live in a potential flood or mudslide area
- Have a disaster supply kit with: flashlights; batteries; bottled water; non-refrigerated food; working fire extinguishers; and a battery/solar powered radio
- Create an emergency action plan for your household (have an escape route, know how and when to turn off water and natural gas mains, designate a meeting place above flood zones, know basic first aid and CPR)

- Keep important documents like birth certificates, passports, and social security cards in a safe place in case you need to grab them and leave the house

## DURING

During a flood, it is critical to get to higher ground. Here's what to do if you are caught in a sudden flood or rush of water:

- **Listen to emergency radio** – There is no way for you to tell whether what you're experiencing is a flood, a flash flood, or how high the waters will get. If an evacuation order is given, you will need to pay attention to emergency services to hear it. Listening to an emergency radio can make the difference between moving to a higher floor in your home or apartment building and needing to leave your home entirely for safer ground.
- **If you are driving, do not pass through standing water, or water where you cannot see the bottom** - Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most cars, causing control issues. If that water gets into the engine, your car will stall. Six inches is all it takes. A foot is enough to float a car or truck. Two feet will carry almost any vehicle off, including SUVs. Don't be deceived by what looks like a little water either—the road underneath may have washed away, making it deeper than it appears, especially at night. Don't risk your vehicle or your life. Pull over, drive around, or get out and get to higher ground.
- **If you're walking, do not walk through moving or rushing water** - A few inches can make you fall down, and fast-moving water can carry a person off quickly. If you have to walk through water, look for where the water isn't moving.
- **If there is any possibility of a flash flood get to higher ground immediately** - Don't wait for instructions or an official warning—just get your go-bag, important documents, family members, and go as soon as possible. Trust your instincts and take action. If an actual flood warning has been issued, do the same and evacuate for higher ground immediately.
- **If you have time to evacuate your home, turn off utilities and move critical items to the highest possible point** - Do this only if you have time. If you live in a floodplain, you may have some warning. Make sure you know where gas, water, and power shut-off valves are and disconnect any appliances you can. Of course, do NOT touch any wires, plugs, or other electrical equipment if you're standing in water.

## AFTER

Avoid floodwater and stay out of the way. Many of the guidelines post-flood are the same as during a flood. Just because the water starts to recede doesn't mean it's gone where you want to go. Don't walk into moving or deep water just because the storm has passed or rushing water has receded. Continue listening to the emergency radio, and stay out of the way of emergency service personnel who may be working to help people who have been trapped by the waters.

Keep in mind that any flooded area is prone to additional flooding if conditions pick back up. Even a little rain can turn a once flooded area into a sudden flash flood. Floodwaters may have swept debris and other hazardous materials into an area. Look out for glass, downed power lines, ruptured gas lines, and damaged buildings. Floodwater itself can be contaminated by gasoline, oil, sewage, or other chemicals—another reason to stay out of any of it, even if it's standing

water. Do not return to a flooded area until authorities indicate that it's safe. For further information see the website [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



### **LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Weekly Highlights.** Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of August 21, 2015 to August 27, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

### **LIBRARY**

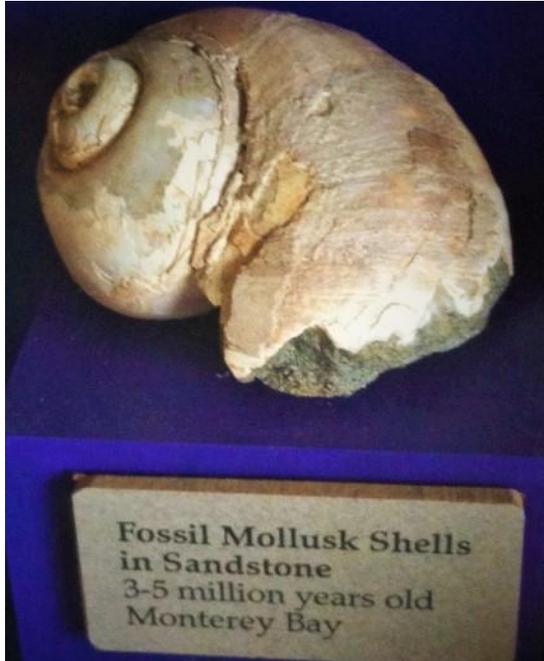
**Meeting Room Progress.** Come by and see the progress on the Meeting Room/Gallery at the Library. This week we are having the enclosure installed. The first art show will be from October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### **MUSEUM**

**Science Saturday.** Join us on August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Science Saturday: Fossils! Children can decorate a fossil necklace, dig for real fossils, create casts, and more. Spend the day learning about the animals and plants that lived on earth before humans. The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society partnered with the Museum to lead Science Saturday this month, and they will have their private fossil collections on display. Check out real fossils, take history home with you, and discover creatures millions of years old!

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/8/29/science-saturday-fossils>



**Volunteers.** At 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 1st, the Museum will open its doors to new volunteers interested in serving their community in a variety of opportunities, including working as docent at the Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary. Staff and current volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide details on their Museum experiences.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/9/1/new-volunteer-informational-meeting>



**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Streets.** This week Public Works has completed the painting of the 9,000 linear feet of center lines around town. The streets division, for the past two weeks, have been blacking out the older, existing broken yellow stripes and removing the old reflectors. This week the staff repainted the double yellow lines and replaced the old reflectors. This was done not only to refresh the existing double yellow lines but to also install new double yellow lines at key intersections that only had broken yellow stripes. This should improve safety and lane visibility at these key intersections.



**Solar Lights.** Public Works has also completed the installation of the 5th solar light on Forest Avenue. This light has been installed mid-block on Forest Avenue between Morse and Beaumont. It looks great and will provide the necessary safety lighting that is needed on Forest. We have ordered five more solar lights and have one in stock; the next light will be installed at the intersection of Morse and Beaumont, towards the back of the Candy Cane Lane neighborhood. Once we complete this light we will continue to install at key intersections within Candy Cane Lane.





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**Weekly Highlights**

**August 21, 2015 to August 27, 2015**

Traffic Accidents	2
Arrests	1
Written Reports	57
Citations Issued	7
Parking Citations	95
Field Interviews	3

**2015 Monthly Highlights**

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug*	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2015 YTD	2014 YTD	2014 Total
Traffic Accidents	16	22	12	12	11	21	18	14	-	-	-	-	126	118	178
Arrests	9	8	10	18	7	13	11	8	-	-	-	-	84	109	154
Written Reports	226	250	227	229	204	240	259	219	-	-	-	-	1,854	1,668	2,489
Citations Issued	127	89	100	75	93	69	95	49	-	-	-	-	697	601	985
Parking Citations	260	432	369	470	439	224	364	350	-	-	-	-	2,908	749	1,602
Field Interviews	16	28	35	24	11	29	39	31	-	-	-	-	213	298	505

**2015 Crime Comparison**

Crime Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug*	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2015 YTD	2014 YTD	2014 Total
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	5	9
Robbery	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1
Assault - Aggravated	1	-	-	2	-	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	12	18	24
Assault - Simple	2	1	6	4	-	4	2	4	-	-	-	-	23	28	43
Burglary	5	2	3	4	3	4	5	5	-	-	-	-	31	42	51
Larceny	21	15	11	44	13	22	21	14	-	-	-	-	161	180	236
Auto Theft	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	9	23	26
Domestic Violence	3	3	4	-	-	3	5	2	-	-	-	-	20	32	40
Arson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3

Please Note: Monthly Highlights & Crime Comparison Tables are Updated Upon Submission of Monthly Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Written Reports include Traffic Accidents.

\*Stats through weekly reporting period.

# Pacific Grove Highway 68: A corridor for everyone!

August 2015

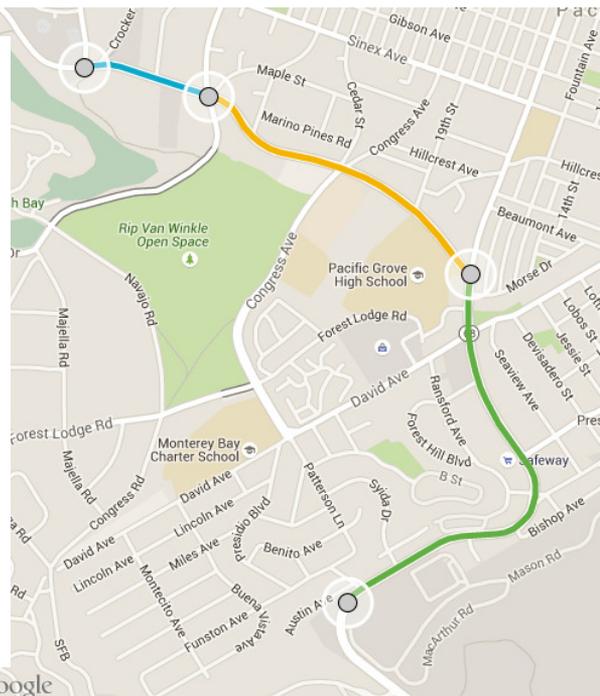
Highway 68 is an important corridor in Pacific Grove. It serves as a gateway into the city, and connects residents and visitors to such key destinations as Pacific Grove High School, Asilomar, Spanish Bay, the ocean, and numerous businesses.

Now, the **Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study** is getting underway, which will look at ways to make it safer and easier to walk and bike along the corridor. The study will focus on three segments of **Forest Avenue and Sunset Drive**, from the city limit to Asilomar Avenue (see map).

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*The Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study will examine **three distinct segments** of the corridor:*

- *Forest Avenue from the city limit to Sunset Drive (**green** segment on the map)*
- *Sunset Drive from Forest Avenue to 17 Mile Drive (**orange** segment)*
- *Sunset Drive from 17 Mile Drive to Asilomar Avenue (**blue** segment)*



The Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study is expected to take a year to complete, from July 2015 to June 2016. The study will include these seven main tasks (with the approximate dates):

- ➊ **July–August 2015:** Conduct preliminary outreach to introduce the project to the community.
- ➋ **August–September 2015:** Inventory and document the corridor’s existing conditions.
- ➌ **September–October 2015:** Identify pedestrian- and bicycle-related needs, concerns, challenges and infrastructure gaps.
- ➍ **November–December 2015:** Develop conceptual designs for improvements to address the needs and gaps identified.
- ➎ **January 2016:** Formulate a funding and implementation strategy for the recommended improvements.
- ➏ **February–April 2016:** Produce and circulate a draft version of the study report for public review and comment.
- ➐ **May–June 2016:** Finalize the study report for official approval.

### Want to learn more or get involved?

Beginning in late September 2015, the public will have many opportunities to provide input and feedback on the study. To learn more, visit [PGhwy68.org](http://PGhwy68.org) or contact Ariana Green (Transportation Agency for Monterey County) at [ariana@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:ariana@tamcmonterey.org) or at (831) 775-4403.

The recommendations that come out of the study could affect the way Highway 68 looks and functions, so we encourage even those who don’t walk or bike in the corridor to get involved!

*The Pacific Grove Highway 68 Corridor Study is a partnership of the City of Pacific Grove, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).*



# THE PACIFIC GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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## PACIFIC GROVE CASH MOB



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**

**Wear something green, join us for a glass of wine, beer, tea or coffee at Juice N Java (599 Lighthouse) between 5:00-6:00pm.**

*At 6:00pm, we will be “mobbing” one business only, to be announced at the “Mob Gathering.”*

*Here’s a clue: “You’re off to great places, today is your day, Your adventure is waiting...so get on your way!”*

*Please plan to spend a least \$10-\$20 at this business. This is a great way to shop local, have fun, meet new people and send a message loud and clear that we need to keep our \$\$ in Pacific Grove.*

*...Stay after and enjoy the festivities of **FIRST FRIDAY**... music, entertainment, dining and shopping!*



***“When we each do a little, we do a lot!”***

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