



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

May 8, 2015

CITY COUNCIL

Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on May 6, 2015 include:

- ❖ Received the quarterly Treasurer's Report, which ensures all funds held by the City are appropriately managed, including being deposited or invested immediately upon receipt.
- ❖ Approved the appointment of Councilmember Bill Peake as liaison to the Access Monterey Peninsula (AMP) Board of Directors
- ❖ Approved the master fee schedule for City services for FY 2015-6. This schedule ensures that those requesting special services from the City (e.g., a Building permit) or imposing costs on the City (e.g., repeated call outs for false burglary alarms) pay the costs of those services, rather than those costs being subsidized by the City's general fund.
- ❖ Adopted guidelines for the noticing of property owners concerning sewer rates being proposed, starting August, 2015, and the process by which property owners can protest those proposed rates, or otherwise provide input to the Council, and the steps mandated by Proposition 218 for collecting, processing, and counting any protests.
- ❖ Reviewed the City's ordinance-prescribed process used for permitting proposed changes to historic structures, as evidenced by a recent application and issued permit, and considered different improvements that might be implemented.
- ❖ Received a presentation from the County on efforts being taken throughout the County to mitigate possible hazardous events (such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and wildland fires) in Pacific Grove.

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.

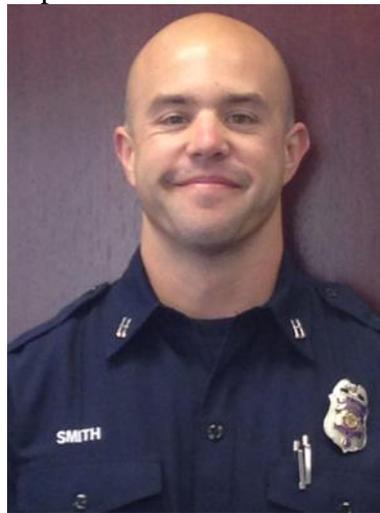
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Safety Month. Mayor Kampe joined President Obama in proclaiming May 2015 as Building Safety Month. See attached proclamations and resources promoting building safety.

National Bike to Work Week. Bike to Work Week is May 11th -15th, with Bike to Work Day on May 15th. As a City let's all do our best to participate in National Bike to Work Week. More than half of the U.S. population lives within five miles of their workplace, making bicycling a feasible and fun way to get to work. With increased interest in healthy, sustainable and economic transportation options, it's not surprising that, from 2000 to 2013, the number of bicycle commuters in the U.S. grew by more than 62 percent. Hundreds of American communities have been successful in increasing bicycle commuting by providing Bike to Work Week and Bike to Work Day events.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Captain Promotions. On May 1, 2015, Fire Engineer Cosimo Tilly and Firefighter Jason Smith were promoted to Monterey Fire Department Captains. They bring valuable experience and skills to the position. The testing and interview process was rigorous and included several other highly qualified individuals. Captain Cosimo Tilly has over 18 years of fire service experience, of which 15 are at Monterey Fire. He has served the Department as an Engineer for nearly 10 years. Over the years, Cosimo has served as a mentor to many aspiring and new Engineers. His dedication to our Communications Program has helped us keep up with changing technology and ensured the safety of our personnel. Captain Jason Smith has 18 months with Monterey Fire after serving 7 years with Monterey Airport Fire. He has a total of 14 years of fire service experience. Jason has contributed extensively in managing the transition of the Airport Operations Program into the Monterey Fire Department. He took a voluntary demotion from Lieutenant to Firefighter in the transition of the Airport Fire Department into our Department as he wanted to learn from the ground up. Please join us in congratulating both of these individuals on their achievement. They have both worked hard to achieve this position and are deserving of the promotion. A formal promotion ceremony is planned in the near future.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Recognition. The Human Resources Department would like to extend our appreciation and congratulations to two City of Pacific Grove employees for their years of service to the City.

Thu Kim Lai - 20 Years within Public Works

Christina Newton - 5 Years within the Police Department

Recruitment. The application submittal period for an Assistant Planner has ended effective May 8th. We are excited that we have received over 60 applications to select a highly qualified individual.

LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Myers' Weekly Police Report for the week of May 1, 2015 to May 7, 2015, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

MUSEUM

New Volunteers. The Museum will hold a volunteer informational meeting on Saturday, May 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This meeting is designed for new volunteers interested in natural history and Museum and Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/5/9/new-volunteer-informational-meeting>



(One of the Museum's newest volunteers, Kristen)

Walk of Remembrance. The 2015 Walk of Remembrance will begin Saturday, May 16, with introductions at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History and include light refreshments. Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe and Museum Executive Director Jeanette Kihs will greet visitors to the Museum at 1 p.m. Gerry Low-Sabado, a 5th generation descendent of Pacific Grove's Chinese Fishing Village, will speak about her family's pioneering history and a recently found connection between her family and eminent naturalist Ed Ricketts, often written about by famed author John Steinbeck. At 2 p.m., The Monterey Bay Lion Dance Team will lead the walk to Lover's Point, then along the bike trail, to the site where the village once stood.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/5/16/walk-of-remembrance>

Nature Exhibit. 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

George Washington Park. This week City staff has been working on the last improvements on the bathroom at George Washington Park. City staff has repainted the exterior and interior of the building, removed all of the old failing fixtures and replaced the fixtures throughout the bathroom, including the installation of water less technology, and will soon install new partitions.

Waste Water Repair. Phase 7 wastewater repair projects have been moving along very smoothly. With the assistance of a contractor, the phase 7 wastewater project has consisted to this point of repairing multiple manholes, implementing spot repairs at locations throughout the City, and now replacing full pipe segments on Cedar and willow, from Pine to Short Street. Crews will be working throughout the City the next few months to finalize this project, conducting pipe replacement at various location through the City. This project is being conducted as these pipe segments have been noted as having deficiencies and flow issues, that needed to be corrected.

RECREATION

Double Road Race. The Double Road Race will take place Sunday, May 10, 2015. Double Racing is a new sport. It is a two stage running event with a halftime in between. Times are combined for scoring and all Double finishers receive a medal. For more information you may visit the website at <http://www.doubleroadrace.com/pg>

Events include:

- Pacific Grove Double Road Race 15k Challenge (10k + 5k)
- Double 8k Ujena Mother's Day Run/Walk (5k + 3k)
- Bob Anderson's Kids' Cup Double (ages 13 and under) Mile + Half

The Double Road Race Team Competition (Top 3 runners score)--Cash prizes to winning teams!

Most Fit Team – The team with the most finishers in all races will win a large plaque and each finisher will receive a special "Most Fit Team" medal.

Schedule - Sunday May 10, 2015 (at Lovers Point)

6:00am Same Day Packet Pick Up

6:00am Same Day Registration

7:30am Start of the Double 15k - 10k Stage

7:30am Start of the Double 8k - 5k Stage

7:45am to 9:15am Halftime (Recovery Zone)

9:15am Start of the Double 15k - 5k Stage

9:15am Start of the Double 8k - 3k Stage

10:00am Start of the Bob Anderson's Kids Cup Double - 1 Mile Stage

10:30am Start of the Bob Anderson's Kids Cup Double - Half Mile Stage

11:00am Awards Ceremony (Must be present to receive your award)



Non-Profit Benefactor - PEACOCK ACRES. This Foster Care program, based in Salinas, has been serving the Monterey County since 1983. Peacock provides supportive housing, intense case management, and life coaching for youth that have been separated from their families. The Double Road Race Foundation and Peacock Acres have formed an alliance, to ensure the net proceeds from the Double Road Race events are invested back in the community.

WATER

Proposals were submitted Friday from all three of the short-listed firms seeking to design and build the City's local water project on the site of the old sewage treatment plant (on Ocean View Boulevard just west of Asilomar Avenue): Overaa, PercWater, and Auburn Contractors. The three proposals will be thoroughly studied, the proposers interviewed, and recommendations taken to the City Council on May 20.

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

Mayor's Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2015 "Building Safety Month" in the City of Pacific Grove

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings in which we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild-land fires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes" the theme for Building Safety Month 2015, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2015 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Kampe, Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to gain awareness of and to continue to engage in safe building practices in honor of Building Safety Month.

Bill Kampe

Bill Kampe
Mayor of Pacific Grove
May 6, 2015



The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 30, 2015

Presidential Proclamation –
National Building Safety Month, 2015

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

From skyscrapers and schools to hospitals and homes, America's buildings are the foundations of our communities. When disasters strike, we rely on the structural integrity of our buildings to keep us safe. This month, we pay tribute to the innovative professionals who implement our safety standards, and we redouble our efforts to make our buildings as resilient as our people.

All Americans can take action to protect their loved ones and their property by preparing their homes and workplaces for any disaster. If earthquakes are common where you live, you can restrain heavy appliances, anchor tall bookcases and file cabinets, and install latches on drawers and cabinet doors. To protect against hurricanes, tornadoes, and high winds, you can reinforce garage doors and prepare covers for your windows and house doors. To learn more about how to prepare for all types of disasters and improve the safety and resilience of the places in which you spend time, visit www.Ready.gov. My Administration is committed to creating stronger, safer, disaster-resistant communities and to empowering Americans to do their part. We are collaborating with engineers, scientists, construction workers, and other professionals to develop cutting-edge tools focused on bolstering the safety of our buildings and infrastructure while also improving their energy efficiency -- because we can increase our Nation's resilience while also being good stewards of our environment. And we are working with States, tribal leaders, and local partners to ensure neighborhoods across our Nation adopt the most up-to-date building codes and standards that not only help protect individuals and their families, but also support the needs of our cities and towns.

As our Nation faces longer wildfire seasons, more severe droughts, heavier rainfall, and more frequent flooding in a changing climate, safeguarding the resilience of our infrastructure is more critical than ever. That is why, as part of my Climate Action Plan, my Administration is committed to building infrastructure that can withstand more frequent and more devastating natural disasters. To support these efforts, earlier this year I established a flood standard for new and rebuilt federally funded structures in and around floodplains, ensuring taxpayer dollars are well spent on resilient infrastructure while reducing the risk and cost of future flood disasters.

Across the United States, buildings bring us together and protect us from harm. As a Nation, our capacity to continue to withstand threats and recover quickly from disaster depends on what we do today. During National Building Safety Month, let us rededicate ourselves to making the places we live, work, and play more stable and secure for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as National Building Safety Month. I encourage citizens, government agencies, businesses, nonprofits, and other interested groups to join in activities that raise awareness about building safety. I also call on all Americans to learn more about how they can contribute to building safety at home and in their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

BARACK OBAMA

10 IMPORTANT TIPS to remember for fire safety and awareness



1

Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Put a smoke alarm inside every bedroom.

2

Make sure your smoke alarms work. Test your smoke alarms. Push the test button. You will hear a loud noise. If you don't hear the noise, you need a new battery or a new alarm.

3

Make sure the smoke alarm always has a good battery. Put a new battery in the alarm every year.

4

Smoke alarms with *long-life batteries* will work for up to 10 years. You do not change the battery.

5

Smoke alarms do not last forever. Get new smoke alarms every 10 years.

6

Tell your family what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Make an escape plan so everyone knows how to get out fast. Pick a meeting place outside the home where everyone will meet. Some children and older adults cannot hear the smoke alarm when they are sleeping. Make a plan for how to wake them up. Practice your escape plan with everyone in your family two times each year.

7

Install home fire sprinklers in your home. Home fire sprinklers and working smoke alarms greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire. Sprinklers are affordable and they can increase your property value and lower your insurance rates.

8

Portable heaters need their space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away.

If you live in an area where homes are located in or close to forests or vegetation areas, you should think about the following safety tips.

9

Install 1/8 inch or smaller mesh screening that cannot burn on attic/soffit vents and around wood decks to keep out embers. Install spark arrestors on fire place chimneys or wood stove vents.

10

Keep all items that can burn away from your home. Clean leaves from your gutters. Clear dead leaves and branches from shrubs and trees.



For more information on fire safety and prevention, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/FireIsEveryonesFight
For more information about wildland fire safety, visit Ready Set Go wildlandfirersg.org



Don't Get Burned – Build to Code

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) states that the top five fire-safety topics most frequently identified with home fire deaths are smoke alarms, escape plans, child fire safety, older adult fire safety (cooking and heating) and careless smoking.

1. Plan two routes of escape from every room, and designate a meeting place outside of the home. Remember: get out and stay out.
2. Never leave cooking unattended because a serious fire can start in seconds. Don't wear loose clothing while cooking. Keep towels and pot holders away from the range. Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave your home.
3. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from other objects. When buying a space heater, look for the auto-off feature should the heater fall over. Your fireplace should have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs.
4. Don't leave a burning cigarette, cigar or pipe unattended. If you feel drowsy, put it out immediately. Use deep ashtrays. And, never smoke in bed.
5. Install and maintain a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Replace the battery every year. It's a simple way to help keep you and your family better protected 24-7.

Fire safety video – [Have Two Ways Out](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9KSFRq4rXA&list=PL69D1444B992E92E8&index=4>



Pacific Grove Community and Economic Development Department And Alert Monterey

At
Everyone's Harvest Farmers Market
Monday, May 11, 2015, 4-7 PM

Promoting public information:

- ✓ Fire Safety Awareness
- ✓ Building Safety and Awareness
- ✓ Emergency Response Awareness

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- ✓ Alerts from Pacific Grove and Monterey County
- ✓ Receive free handouts



Curtain Up!

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DR. SEAN BOULWARE, CONDUCTOR

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PRESALE - \$20 GENERAL, \$15 SENIORS (60+) & MILITARY, \$10 YOUTH
AT THE DOOR - \$25 GENERAL, \$20 SENIORS & MILITARY, \$15 YOUTH

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: MPVoices.org

Next at
The Little House



Saturday, May 16
5:30

A King's Glory?

*The Duke of Windsor
Palm Beach, FL, 1970*

Howard Burnham characterizes 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**

(Sponsored by Pacific Grove Recreation Department)