



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

September 2, 2016

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Amy Christey's Swearing In Ceremony. At least 100 people turned out for Police Chief Amy Christey's Swearing In Ceremony on Thursday afternoon in the Pacific Grove City Council Chambers. Chief Christey's family, Members of the Pacific Grove City Council and City staff, along with Police Chiefs, Public Safety Command Staff, Superior Court Judges and other governmental officials from agencies throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo Counties were on hand to witness Chief Christey being administered the Oath of Office. Along with the swearing in of Chief Christey, Interim Police Chief Steve Belcher was also recognized for his service and leadership during the nine months that led up to Chief Christey's start date on Monday of this week.

Pictured below is Chief Christey delivering her remarks to those gathered, the Pacific Grove Police Department with their new Chief, and Interim Chief Belcher with some of the PGPD Police Service Technician Team.





Thanks to all who made the effort to attend the ceremony and for the show of support for our new Police Chief. Congratulations to Chief Christey; we know you will be successful here in Pacific Grove. Welcome to our town!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

First Flush Citizen Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program. Want to help collect water samples from storm drains during the first major rainfall of the fall season? Please attend a training for First Flush on Thursday, September 8th from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) office. The Dry Run (pun intended) will be held on Saturday September 10th from 9:00 AM until 12 noon, also meeting at the MBNMS office. Field measurements for pH, temperature, conductivity and water clarity are taken. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. For additional information, please see the attached flyer and/or email Anastazia Aziz, AICP, Senior Planner at aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org or call 831-648-3183. Thank you in advance for your participation!

COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY September 17, 2016. Join the State's largest annual volunteer event. This year, the [Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program](#) will sponsor the beach clean-up at Lovers Point. Come out and help keep the City's beaches clean, and learn more about the City's [Area of Special Biological Significance](#). Please email Anastazia Aziz, AICP, Senior Planner at aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org or call 831-648-3183 for more information.

Local Coastal Program Update. The Planning Commission will discuss the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and Implementation at a Special Meeting on *October 27, 2016 at 5:00 PM*. Please note to ensure Commission members receive correspondence ***please submit written communication by 9:00 AM on the day prior to the meeting***. The City [Council](#) will receive an informational update at their scheduled meeting on September 7, 2016.

Property Information Webpage pgparcel.net. Members of the public can easily find property information by clicking on the interactive pgparcel.net link. Information includes the following:

- coastal zone;
- historic resources inventory;
- area of special biological significance watershed;
- butterfly habitat;
- environmentally sensitive habitat area ;
- stormwater runoff retention area; and
- zoning.

Pgparcel.net may also be accessed through the main [Community and Economic Development](#) webpage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Vegetation Fire. On Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at approximately 4:15PM, Monterey Fire personnel responded to Cal Fire mutual aid assistance at a vegetation fire off Highway 68 near the Skyline Crest neighborhood. The fire was ignited by a tree limb that fell into power lines

causing an arc which sparked the fire as well as power outages to more than 6,000 PG&E customers.

The possibility of the power lines falling caused closure of Highway 68 for several hours until the lines could be secured. The blaze was knocked down within an hour by both ground and air support and burned less than an acre.

Photo is courtesy of Vern Fisher from the Monterey Herald.



Outrigger Race. On Saturday, September 24, 2016, members of the Monterey Professional Firefighters Local 3707 will be participating in an Outrigger Race against members of the Monterey Police Department.

The event is part of the *3rd Annual Monterey Beach SportsFest*, which is a two day festival on September 24 – 25, 2016 and takes place at Del Monte Beach in Monterey. The event is intended to inspire healthy lifestyles as well as a connection and care of the ocean through athletic events centered in and next to the bay. The event is free, and there are many family oriented activities, as well as food, and entertainment. For more information visit:

www.montereybeachsf.com.



HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hires. In addition to Police Chief Amy Christey, there are a couple of other new, friendly faces on the City of Pacific Grove team. Wondimu Mengistu and Asma Nasar have recently been hired to help staff the City's library. Both Wondimu and Asma are part-time Library Clerks, having joined the City of Pacific Grove team in August. Wondimu has previous library experience, working for the University of Cape Town as a Library Assistant and is currently pursuing his education in project management through Stanford University. Asma also has previous library experience at Middlebury College, was a former language instructor and holds a degree in Global Studies. Please make sure to give both new employees a warm welcome and hello when you see them.

Recruitment. Please check out our new career web pages at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pacificgrove>. Career seekers can apply for open positions, submit job interest cards for future City vacancies, electronically store their employment application for future use, and self-schedule written exams, assessments and interviews. Several new opportunities are currently open, including:

- Environmental Programs Manager – Application closing date: September 5, 2016
- Police Officer Lateral/Academy Graduate – Continuous until filled
- Police Officer Recruit – Continuous until filled

LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Police Chief Christey's Weekly Police Report for the week of August 26, 2016 to September 1, 2016, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

LIBRARY

Old Friends. Based upon one of the featured subjects within the "Listening to My Elders" exhibit at the Pacific Grove Library, Freelance Writer Barbara Russek has written an insightful and entertaining profile of Ninety-seven year old Pacific Grove resident and frequent library patron Saul M. The piece may be read in its entirety as an attachment to the Weekly Summary, below.

MUSEUM

Shaky Ground. Join us as we learn about living on an active tectonic plate boundary during our next members-only event on Saturday, September 10th, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Participants will stop at two locations where the San Andreas Fault splits into two main strands, just south of Hollister. Please access the following link for my information:

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2016/9/10/member-exclusive-exploring-the-calaveras-fault>

Farmer's Market – Yes, it's open on Labor Day! The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History will *also* open its doors from 3-7 PM to coincide with the popular Pacific Grove Farmer's Market which *will* be open on Labor Day! Hooray!

Lecture. Join Dr. James Estes, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at UC Santa Cruz, for a lecture based on his recently published book, *Serendipity: An Ecologist's Quest to*

Understand Nature. This lecture will be held Thursday, September 22nd, beginning at 7 PM. For additional information, please access the following link: <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2016/9/22/lecture-the-connection-between-sea-otters-and-sequestering-carbon>



PUBLIC WORKS

Turns Out it *is* Easy Being Green. The City of Pacific Grove is seeking community input on urban greening through a public workshop. The workshop will be held on Friday, September 16th at 10:00 AM at the Pacific Grove Community Center, located on 515 Junipero Ave. The gathered input will be used as the City drafts an Urban Greening Plan that will recommend projects, policies, and programs the City can implement to achieve numerous environmental and community benefits. For example, green spaces can help to reduce flooding and improve stormwater quality, provide wildlife habitat, and help maintain air quality, reduce urban heat islands, and provide green space for neighborhood socializing and community building. For more information, please visit www.cityofpacificgrove.org or contact Daniel Gho at dgho@cityofpacificgrove.org or by phone at [831-648-5722](tel:831-648-5722).

RECREATION

Punt, Pass and Kick. The Recreation Department is hosting the 2016 N.F.L. Punt, Pass and Kick Skills contest for both boys and girls, ages 6-15 years old, on Sunday, September 11th at 4:30 PM. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.



PACIFIC GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
 (831) 648-3143 – Fax (831) 648-3163

"Our community, your police"

Weekly Highlights

August 26 - September 1, 2016

Traffic Accidents	4
Arrests*	3
Written Reports	52
Traffic Cites Issued	19
Parking Citations	2
Field Interviews	10

2016 Monthly Highlights

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept**	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	2015 Total
Traffic Accidents	14	17	10	12	16	21	11	14					115	127	179
Arrests*	22	17	19	30	27	20	26	20	1				182	144	215
Written Reports	226	214	222	236	218	247	236	280	7				1,886	1,908	2,820
Traffic Cites Issued	97	92	94	82	70	56	69	80	5				645	595	978
Parking Citations	143	125	119	244	323	476	413	252					2,095	2,971	3,736
Field Interviews	128	86	90	129	70	37	74	47	1				662	215	322

2016 Crime Comparison

Crime Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug**	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	2015 Total
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	4
Assault - Aggravated	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	5	7
Assault - Simple	3	6	6	6	2	5	5	8	-	-	-	-	41	34	58
Burglary	1	-	3	2	4	6	4	4	-	-	-	-	24	33	52
Larceny	15	13	20	26	17	16	22	25	1	-	-	-	155	162	230
Auto Theft	3	2	3	1	2	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	18	9	18
Domestic Violence	2	7	1	7	4	5	1	9	-	-	-	-	36	32	46
Arson	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	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.

*Includes bookings and criminal citations.

**Stats through weekly reporting period

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

First Flush Needs YOU!

Teams of volunteers are needed to collect samples from storm drain outfalls during the first major rainfall of the fall season. Field measurements for pH, temperature, conductivity, and water clarity are taken. Water samples are collected for further lab testing of metals, nutrients and bacteria.

Training will include instruction on how to use field equipment, collecting lab samples, site location & safety.

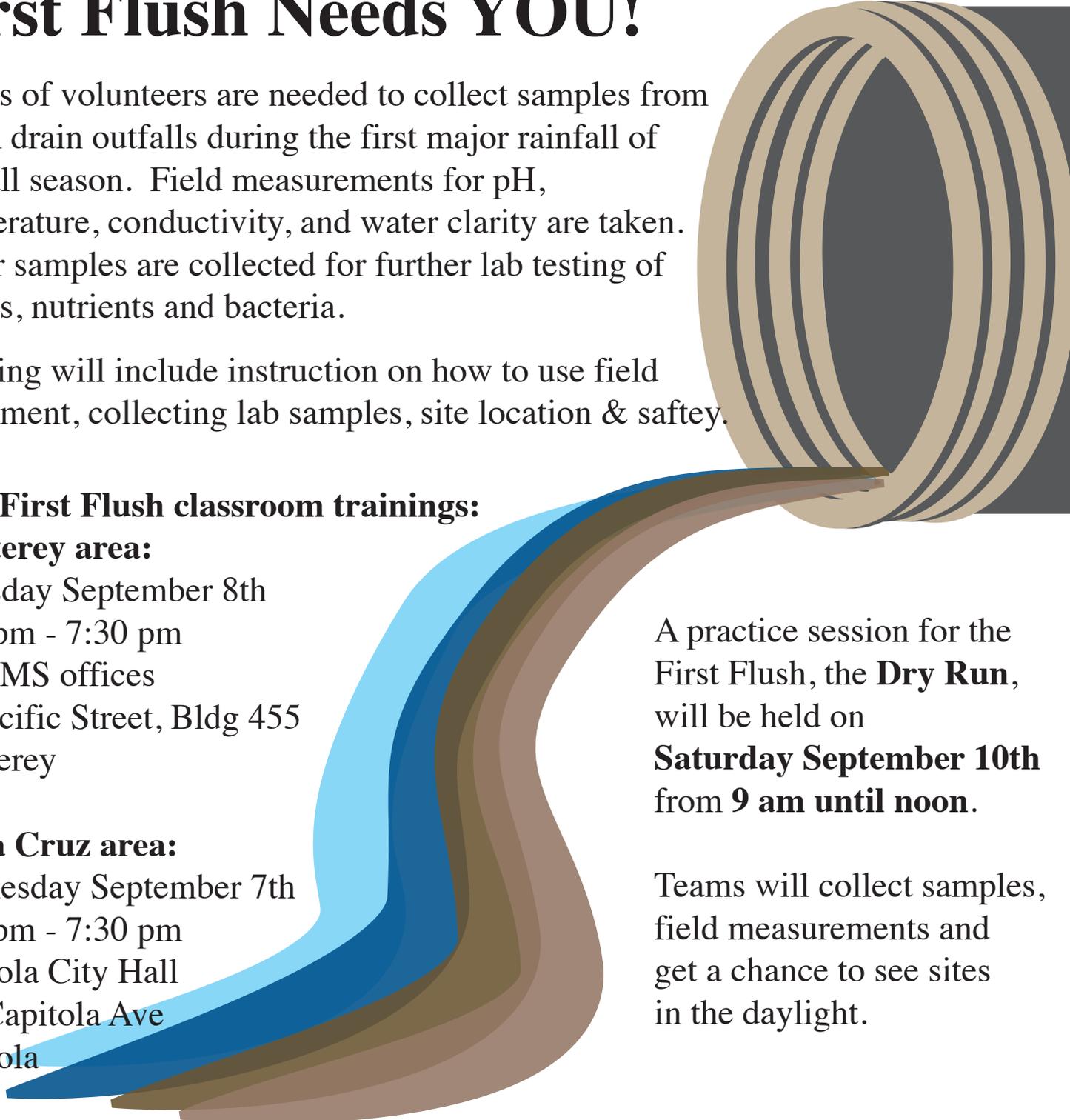
2016 First Flush classroom trainings:

Monterey area:

Thursday September 8th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
MBNMS offices
99 Pacific Street, Bldg 455
Monterey

Santa Cruz area:

Wednesday September 7th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Capitola City Hall
420 Capitola Ave
Capitola



A practice session for the First Flush, the **Dry Run**, will be held on **Saturday September 10th** from **9 am until noon**.

Teams will collect samples, field measurements and get a chance to see sites in the daylight.

Visit montereybay.noaa.gov to learn more about volunteering or contact **Lisa Emanuelson** at Lisa.Emanuelson@noaa.gov or **831-647-4227**

Join us for First Flush 2016!

JOIN US FOR A
PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO PRIORITIZE

URBAN GREENING IN PACIFIC GROVE

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 • 10:00AM

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
Community Center
515 Junipero Avenue



Questions?

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PHONE: 831-648-5722

EMAIL: dgho@cityofpacificgrove.org

LEARN MORE AT:

www.cityofpacificgrove.org



Photo © by Shelley Nemeth

97-year-old lantzman

Saul M., 97, is featured in the “Listening to My Elders” exhibit at the Pacific Grove Library.

Posted: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:00 am

BARBARA RUSSEK | Special to Jewish News | [0 comments](#)

Pacific Grove, California, has been dubbed “Butterfly Town, USA,” “America’s Last Hometown” and more since it was founded in 1875. But to me, Pacific Grove is “Paradise at the Tip of the Monterey Peninsula.” Although this is my fifth summer on the peninsula (located 118 miles south of San Francisco), I continue to be mesmerized by the ocean (that can change from dishwater gray to sapphire blue, depending on whims of the sun) and the flowers: roses, bougainvillea and many more glorious flowers everywhere.

But the crown jewel is the weather. How PG (as the locals call it) maintains lows in the 50s and highs in the low to mid 60s practically all summer is a mystery to me. All I know is that the crisp sweater weather brings this wilted desert-dweller back to life.

The only piece missing from the PG paradise this summer was a memorable Jewish connection. Would my hope for such a connection be realized in this city of only 15,000? I didn’t have to wait long to find out.

The Pacific Grove Library, over 100 years old, located in the center of town, is a delightful place to relax and read. Spaciously laid out, artfully decorated, it even houses the newly completed Nancy and Steve Hauk Gallery.

One morning at the library, I was skimming the local paper. Seated next to me was an older gentleman, lost in a book, who appeared to be about 85. There was just a certain something about his sweet punim that told me he was Jewish. The book he was reading? “Dating for Dummies”!

I chuckled to myself, but then thought, why not? Everyone has a right to look for love. I opened the conversation with him by asking about his interest in the book. The man told me his wife of 67 years had died three years ago and he was a bit rusty in the dating department.

About a week later, I attended the opening reception of the present exhibit, "Listening to My Elders" in the library's art gallery. The exhibit comprises a collection of photographs and bio bits of folks in their 80s and 90s who frequent the library. When I walked in to look around, the first photograph I saw was that of my new elderly acquaintance, Saul. I had thought he was about 85. It turns out he will be 98 in December!

Saul is practically a reading rock star at the PG library. Shelley Nemeth, circulation clerk who photographed all elders featured in the exhibit, later told me, "With his curiosity about life – he comes here to read almost every day – and positive outlook, Saul was my inspiration for creating this exhibition." A quote from Saul is inscribed on a placard that hangs in the gallery: "The library just makes life better."

Saul made an appearance at the reception, but every time I approached him, other guests came up to offer congratulations. Leaving the library, I wondered if our paths would cross again.

The very next day I saw Saul at the library and asked if we could talk for a few minutes. He was happy to oblige. Turns out this nonagenarian is not only Jewish but also a lantzman. We're both from St. Louis, Missouri. I was eager to learn more and asked him a few questions:

Why did you move to Pacific Grove?

I got a job offer as an engineer at the Naval Postgraduate School in neighboring Monterey in 1975.

What is the secret to your longevity?

A combination of good genes and good luck.

How does the library make life better?

Reading in the company of others is enjoyable. I also learn something new every day.

At age 97 and three-quarters, Saul still has a love of learning and joie de vivre. I'd like to add an extra good wish to the well-known Jewish blessing: May Saul live in good health until 120!

Barbara Russek is a freelance writer living in Tucson. She welcomes comments at Babette2@comcast.net.

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PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
HOSTS THE
2016 N.F.L. PUNT, PASS, & KICK CONTEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 at 4:30 pm.
ROBERT DOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC
FIELD

FREE EVENT

The Pacific Grove Recreation Department, in conjunction with the NFL, is sponsoring the 2016 Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Robert Down Elementary School Athletic Field on Sunday, September 11, at 4:30 pm. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 6 through 15. Age of the entrant on December 31, 2016 will determine his/her age group.

AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016
TWO DIVISIONS (BOYS & GIRLS)
FIVE AGE GROUPS!

(6 – 7) (8 - 9) (10 - 11) (12 - 13) (14 - 15)

NOTES: NO SPECIAL FOOTWARE! (Tennis Shoes Only!!) And, only one Punt, Pass, and Kick per participant. All measurements are made to the nearest inch.

The top scorer in each of the five age groups will advance to the sectional finals at Pacific Grove High School on Saturday, October 15th at 1:30 pm. There is NO COST for entrants to compete. Winners of the sectional finals will compete at a 49er game on a Sunday (usually) in December at Levi Stadium. Registration forms can be obtained at City Hall or your school office. AGAIN, No special footwear is allowed – **(ONLY TENNIS SHOES Allowed)!**

NOTICE: The Pacific Grove Unified School District neither endorses nor sponsors the organization or activity represented in this document!

Registration Form is on the Back Side!



PACIFIC GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
HOSTS THE

2016 N.F.L. PUNT, PASS, & KICK CONTEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

ROBERT DOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD
(REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM)

(PLEASE PRINT)

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

SCHOOL: _____ CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ @ _____

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR AGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016):

(6 - 7) (8 - 9) (10 - 11) (12 - 13) (14 - 15)

NAME OF APPLICANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

The undersigned, in consideration of participation in the program, agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and release the City of Pacific Grove, its agents, employees, Pacific Grove Unified School District and the sponsors from any and all liability for any injury which may be suffered by the above named individual registered in this program arising out of or in any way connected with participation in this program. Additionally, I give my permission for photos of my child to be used by City Staff in the Media (Website, Activity Guide, Flyers, Facebook, etc.).

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE APPLICATION AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I ASSUME ALL RISKS FOR ANY INJURIES TO MY CHILD!

SIGNATURES OF PARTICIPANT

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

PUNT, PASS, & KICK SCORECARD

EVENT

SCORE

PUNT

PASS

KICK

TOTALS

NOTES: . No special footwear is allowed, (ONLY TENNIS SHOES)!

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PACIFIC GROVE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& TOURIST CENTERS

Business Expo – Chautauqua Hall

Thursday, September 15th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A community showcase of the area's top businesses. The expo features products and services in a casual fun atmosphere. Door prizes, music, and food.

Complimentary admission.

More info: (831) 373-3304 or www.pacificgrove.org.

Mum's Place Fine Furnishings 30th Anniversary

Thursday, September 22nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

246 Forest Avenue

Join the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce in congratulating Mugo and Talin Tersakyan on celebrating 30 years in downtown Pacific Grove.

Come and enjoy great company, wonderful refreshments and LIVE music.

Drawings at 6:30 ~ Must be present to win.

Town Hall Meeting on Business

Featured Speaker: Assemblyman Mark Stone

Wednesday, September 28th, from 8:00 to 9:00 am

Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History

165 Forest Avenue

Join the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Improvement District at this informative session that will focus on business.

Question and answer to follow.

Complimentary Admission and Refreshments

First Friday

Friday, October 7th, from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Downtown Pacific Grove

Grassroots event sponsored by several local participating businesses in downtown Pacific Grove

Join us every month on the 1st Friday from 6:00-9:00pm.

Look for the Green flags to signify participating businesses. Pacific Grove Art Center exhibit opening tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

More info: (831) 655-9775 or firstfridaypg@gmail.com

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 8th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.

Caledonia Park (Behind the Post Office)

Join Rev. Dan Paul from Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Rev. Vincent Raj from St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church and Father Seamus O'Brien of St. Angela Merici in a community blessing of the animals event at Caledonia Park in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals. Bring your dog, cat or other animal friend to Caledonia Park for a service and blessing.

For more information, contact Rev. Dan Paul at pgchurch@pacificgrovechurch.org.

Sponsored by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce.

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Look for the green flags
...green for GO!

FIRST FRIDAY P.G.



Labor Day Weekend

SEP. 2ND, 2016
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



PARTICIPANTS:

Grand Ave:

A Touch of Glass 170
Studio Silzer 178

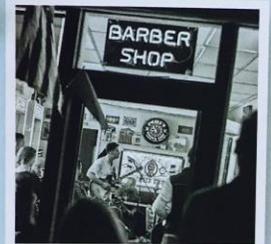
Lighthouse Ave:

Marina Patina 520
Pacific Grove Art Center 568
(4 Gala Openings 7-9pm)
Variety 608
Phill's Barber Shop 610
Artisana Gallery 612
Craddock~Butterfield Gallery 661 (Upstairs)
Red House Cafe 662

Central Ave:

Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge 680

**Many more participants and lots of LIVE Music,
Art Openings, Sales and a few Surprises!**



Sponsored in part by the P.G. Chamber of Commerce, P.G. Economic Development Commission & Business Improvement District.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 4 TO 7 PM
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6 PM ... CASH DRAWING \$500 (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!)

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Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce Presents

MUM'S PLACE FINE FURNISHINGS 30TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



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Come and enjoy great company, wonderful refreshments and live music. Merchandise drawings at 6:30 p.m., must be present to win.

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Sunset on the Deck

Join us for Friday Night Sunset on the Deck at Asilomar!

What better way to unwind from the work week and kick off the weekend than watching sunset on the deck at Asilomar. Enjoy live entertainment starting at 6:30 PM. The ongoing event will host a wealth of your favorite local musicians. Enjoy Phoebe's Café, serving beer, wine, specialty cocktails, chef's grilled specialties, paninis, salads and more.

May 27th Andrea's Fault

June 3rd Fred McCarty

June 10th Johan Sotelo

June 17th Tom Faia

June 24th Wade Egan

July 1st Kenny Chung

July 8th Fred McCarty

July 15th Bryan Diamond

July 22nd Andrea's Fault

July 29th John Sherry

August 12th Fergus

August 19th Fred McCarty

August 26th Ann & Pete

PHOEBE'S CAFÉ



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