



PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

January 13, 2017

CITY COUNCIL

Work Plan/Strategic Planning Meeting. The City Council will convene a work plan/strategic planning meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at Point Pinos Grill, located at 77 Asilomar Boulevard in Pacific Grove. The work plan/strategic planning meeting will be open to the public, but with an agenda focused on the City Council's discussion, deliberation and review of the City's Mission, Vision and Values, leading to the formulation of specific, prioritized City goals for the next two years (the length of time that this seated City Council will be working together before the next City Council elections). Questions regarding the meeting may be directed to the City Manager at bharvey@cityofpacificgrove.org

State of the City. The City has scheduled the State of the City address, to be delivered by Mayor Kampe, for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00PM at the Community Center, located at 515 Junipero Avenue in Pacific Grove. The community is strongly encouraged to attend.

January 11 City Council meeting. Major actions taken by the Council at its regular meeting on January 11, 2017 include:

- ❖ Adopted a resolution allowing City staff to participate in the California State Disability Insurance Program at the City employees' sole expense.
- ❖ Introduced and held first reading of an ordinance to amend the classification salary schedule to reflect state minimum wage requirements and to provide compensation consistency within affected job families.
- ❖ Introduced and held first reading of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.
- ❖ Directed the City Manager to form a committee consisting of Council Members Fischer and Peake and the City Manager, with authority to appoint additional members of the public, to review the proposed Monterey Bay Community Power joint powers authority and bring a recommendation back to the City 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.

FINANCE

Sales and Use Tax Rate Decreases by .025 percent Effective January 1, 2017. Proposition 30, The School and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, was approved by California voters in November 2012 to temporarily increase the sales and use tax by 0.25 percent. The sales and use tax imposed by Proposition 30 expired December 31, 2016. The current sales and use tax rate is now 8.375. [Sales and Use Tax Rate Decreases January 1, 2017 – Board of ...](#)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Storm Incidents. Beginning on January 7, 2017, Monterey Fire Department personnel have been responding to numerous incidents of downed trees and power lines, minor residential flooding, and vehicles stuck in water. The major “atmospheric river” storm is continuing to cause damage around the Monterey Peninsula. Since the storm began, fire personnel have responded to over sixty storm related calls, some of the incidents included: rescuing persons trapped in their cars which were disabled in approximately a foot of water; residential flooding in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel-by-the-Sea; as well as downed trees into roadways, homes and vehicles. Below is a photo of citizens preparing sand bags for the next storm wave.



New Firefighter Recruits. On January 9, 2017, Monterey Fire Department hired nine firefighter recruits some of which were hired under a SAFER grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) awarded in 2016 by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

The recruits include both men and women, several of which are bilingual; creating better service to the communities we serve. The additional staffing covers vacant positions due to retirements and new positions help to offset overtime expenses by having more staff available for regular duty when others are sick or on vacation. The recruits will go through an 18 week training that includes firefighting skills, advanced rescue skills, marine safety operations, and aircraft firefighting and emergency medical skills. Most of the recruits have previously been through an accredited Fire Academy or have had previous firefighting experience.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Brooke Street Employee of the Quarter, 4th Quarter, 2016! As

an employee of the Recreation Department’s Preschool Program, Brooke is recognized for her leadership, teamwork, public relations skills, as well as her overall work performance. Brooke responds to the needs of the students and the Preschool Director by taking on lead teacher/director tasks, while at the same time engaging, teaching and managing 27 students! She is a self-starter who makes suggestions on cost savings and streamlining ideas. Her initiative and positivity create an environment that both her co-workers appreciate and students thrive within. Brooke continually strives to improve in her ability to teach and motivate students. In addition to working at the preschool, she is a full-time student at CSUMB, studying Education. Brooke has been invited to be recognized by the City Council on Wednesday, January 18th. You are invited to participate in honoring and thanking Brooke for her service to our community. Hope to see you there!

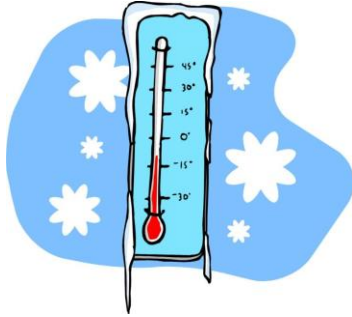


LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weekly Highlights. Attached you will find Chief Christey’s Weekly Police Report for the week of January 6, 2017 to January 12, 2017, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

Meet the Chief. On Tuesday, January 10, the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Meet and Greet with Chief Amy Christey. The event was held at the Lighthouse Lodge and Cottage located at 1150 Lighthouse Ave. Mayor Bill Kampe, Council Members Rudy Fischer and

Cynthia Garfield joined city employees, residents, business owners and friends in welcoming Chief Christey to our beautiful city.



Warming Shelters. Monterey County offers warming shelters for when the temperature drops to 45 degrees and below. Please review the attached documents from the County which also include many other social services that may be useful to our community members.

MUSEUM

Book Club. Join us for the next meeting of the Natural History Book Club on Thursday, January 19th, starting at 6:30PM We'll be discussing the book, "Collecting: An Unruly Passion: Psychological Perspectives," by Werner L. Muensterberger (1995, Mariner Books). The Natural History Book Club is open to members, volunteers and staff.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2017/1/19/natural-history-book-club>



Quilters Guild. The Museum has partnered with the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild for a new temporary exhibit, "Nature through a Quilter's Eyes," beginning Saturday, January 14th. Look for an opening reception from 5-7PM that same night. This special exhibit, on display through March, will feature a number of quilt entries based on a natural history theme.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2016/12/28/nature-through-a-quilters-eyes-opening-reception>



