



## PACIFIC GROVE WEEKLY SUMMARY

February 10, 2017

### CITY COUNCIL

**Mayor's State of the City Address.** Please save the date – and plan on attending – the annual State of the City Address to be delivered by Mayor Bill Kampe at the Community Center, 515 Junipero Avenue, on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00PM. Mayor Kampe will discuss the City's progress and achievements over the past year, as well as the road map ahead for the year forward.

### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Update [Local Coastal Program](#).** The amended Local Coastal Program is scheduled for March 1, 2017 for Council consideration and subsequent submission to the Coastal Commission for certification. An amended Local Coastal Program will be available for public review by the middle of next week.

Please email Anastazia Aziz, AICP, Senior Planner at [aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org](mailto:aaziz@cityofpacificgrove.org) or call 831-648-3183 for more information.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Fire Inspectors.** The Monterey Fire Department welcomed three part-time Fire Inspectors to fill vacant positions due to attrition, as well as the need for more staffing. The Inspectors began duty on February 6, 2017, and will be conducting inspections in Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Sand City and Monterey. They are pictured below with Fire Chief Gaudenz Panholzer after receiving their badges. From left to right are: Chief Panholzer, Tyler Keisling, Ryan Hernandez and Natalie Klemek.



**Firefighter's Combat Challenge.** The Monterey Firefighters Association is once again hosting/sponsoring the Firefighter's COMBAT CHALLENGE on Sunday, April 9th at 11:00AM at the Good Old Days. Check out the challenge on You Tube!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37s01PFd6kM>

## LAW/POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Weekly Highlights.** Attached you will find Chief Christey's Weekly Police Report for the week of February 3, 2017 to February 9, 2017, with the Year-to-Date Monthly Highlights.

## MUSEUM

Join us on Saturday, February 25th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for a day of activities, crafts, and education as we dive into the world of Animal Athletes. Learn about furry feats and super-human strength as we investigate the fastest, strongest, and most extreme animals on Earth. Science Saturdays are free and open to all! <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2017/2/25/science-saturday-animal-athletes>

Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? Would you like to learn about the amazing and unique ecology of California? If so, become a certified California Naturalist! The Pacific Grove Museum is partnering with University of California Cooperative Extension to offer this certification program for Monterey County. Classes begin in March.

<http://www.pgmuseum.org/california-naturalist/>



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Highway 68 Round-A-Bout update:

### **Construction**

Construction has been slowed considerably by the heavy rainfall this winter. For example, there were only two working days in the month of January. On the bright side, the storm water pollution controls have been working properly and the job site is weathering the storms well.

As a result, the overall schedule has been pushed out several weeks, and project completion has moved from mid-July to mid-September. The current traffic configuration will remain the same through mid-April, and there could be up to 10 nights of individual night work that will require flagging and possible detours. The next stage of construction, stage 4, will begin after the Pebble Beach Food and Wine Festival. Stage 4 is expected to have significant traffic impacts, as outlined in the PowerPoint, but could be completed before Memorial Day. The Stage 4 alternatives discussed last month were determined not to be feasible, so the original Stage 4 plan is the one that will be used.

The team noted that during Stage 4 it will be very important to adjust the signal timing at the intersection to accommodate the extra traffic. Additionally, the team requested that the construction team look closely at opportunities to limit the impacts of the next stage, and the construction team conveyed that they are working with Granite to limit the impacts.

### **Congestion Management**

MST noted that they have sold over 5,000 discount passes. However, they have only seen a slight increase in ridership. Additionally, ridership tends to decrease when it's rainy because people prefer to drive than wait for the bus. MST shared that they may consider discontinuing the discounted passes in July with the start of the new fiscal year.

CHOMP noted that their shuttle service is going very well. A high of 51 additional employees signed up for the shuttle. However, the shuttle numbers are down lately because there has been an increase in patients at the hospital, and employees are receiving more overtime to serve the patients. Employees are less likely to use the shuttle during periods of overtime since it is hard to always make the shuttles when you may be held over on your shift.

### **Public Outreach**

Please continue to promote the text alert system: text the keyword **68roundabout** to 888777. We are over 900 sign-ups for the text system!

The construction camera continues to have issues with its battery not fully charging. This is because the cloudy days do not allow for the solar powered battery pack to fully recharge. As a result, there are days when the camera may not be functioning. The camera can be viewed here: [https://www.truelook.com/tl/app/?u=tt1474929849#tl\\_live](https://www.truelook.com/tl/app/?u=tt1474929849#tl_live)

### **Email Notifications**

Please continue to encourage people to sign-up to receive email notifications: [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)