

A Report from the City of Monterey to its Citizens and Friends

Let's Do It! - Message from the City Manager -



A beautiful sunrise from atop Monterey - photo by Mayor Clyde Roberson

Today, we are sharing with you our newest edition of City Focus. As always, we try to provide you with interesting information across all our City departments. Please allow me to share a few more important highlights:

The City Council adopted a revised set of Mission, Vision and Value Drivers. This systematic, which you can find at monterey.org/citycouncil lists a multitude of City initiatives and programs staff is working on. We list an outline of cascading goals to align strategic priorities and the staff work program. It is our responsibility to provide the City Council with annual updates of the progress we make.

The City also underwent a historical change with respect to how you, our voters, elect members of the City Council. In collaboration with residents, the City Council has passed an ordinance, which will create four voting districts, where each district will elect their respective Councilmember. Only the Mayor position will remain an at-large elected position. For information about this process and the new selected districts, please visit haveyoursaymonterey/districting (and read the article on page 4) where we have posted all relevant information and communications.



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Please allow me to also pitch a parking program for local residents only. With an annual cost of just \$20, residents of and active military in Monterey can purchase a parking pass, which allows you to park daily for two hours at our parking garages (downtown and Cannery Row) and in the waterfront parking lot for free! Many of our residents have already signed up for this offer. If you'd like more information please see monterey.org/residentparkingpass.

Lastly, the first six months of our fiscal year saw visitors roaring back to the Monterey Peninsula. Our tax collections from the hotel tax and sales tax are reflective of a constant stream of travelers visiting our region. Additionally, we can see that the pent-up demand for new experiences (after the many shutdowns caused by COVID-19) translated in higher than usual consumer spending. Many of our restaurants recovered completely – in 2021 some of them posted record revenues or higher revenues than in the pre-pandemic 2019. As a City we are grateful for the higher than projected revenues – please keep in mind that our losses of \$32 million were only partially offset by \$6.5 million in American Rescue Plan funding. While many other cities were not only made whole but received millions of dollars in excess of their COVID-19 caused losses, Monterey’s losses still bore \$25.5 million not offset by any other federal or state programs.

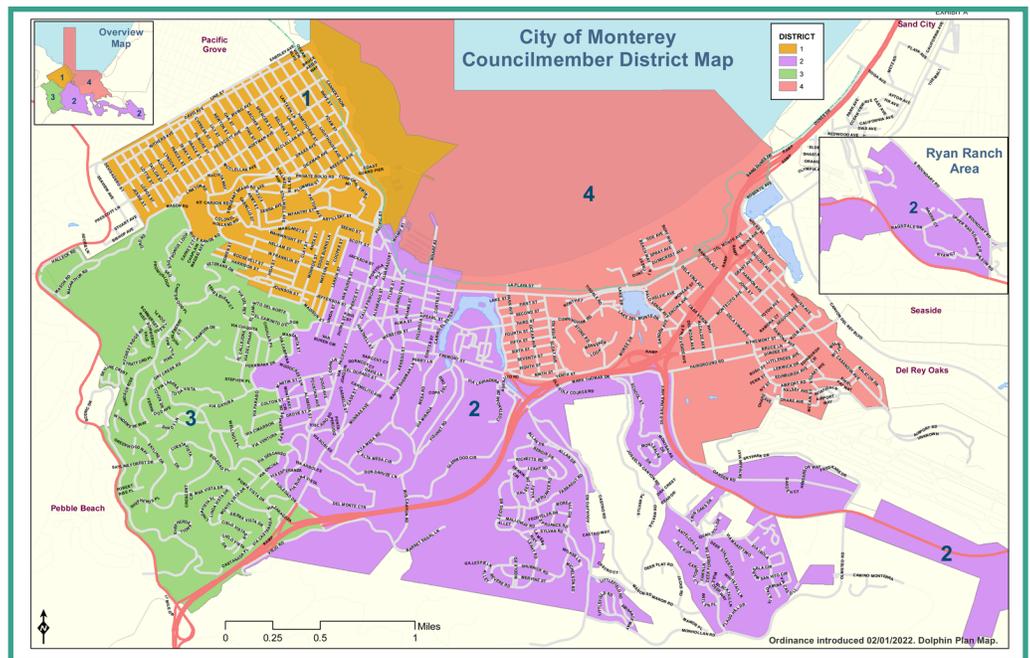
Finance Director Rafaela King will present a mid-year budget update to City Council. As we begin deliberations about the next year's budget cycle, we continue to be cautious, deliberate and prudent in our spending. We are looking forward to your support and input. It is our privilege to serve you.



Councilmember District-Based Elections coming to Monterey

The fourth Public Hearing will be held on February 1, 2022. The introduction and first reading of the ordinance establishing and implementing by-district elections, with [draft final map](#) (the “Dolphin” map plan) including the sequencing schedule (Districts 1 and 2 in 2022 and Districts 3 and 4 in 2024), would be held during this meeting. The sequencing direction is determined by the City Council per Elections Code 10010(b).

During the Third Public Hearing on January 18, 2022, after receiving public input from the community and asking questions to staff and consultant, a majority of the City Council chose the Dolphin map. The Dolphin map keeps as many neighborhoods intact as possible, and maintains Communities of Interest as much as possible. This map maximizes minority voting rights by creating the highest percentage of Latinx voters and citizens, which is the largest protected class in the City of Monterey. Councilmember District 4 under the Dolphin Map would be comprised of a 16.9% Latinx Citizen Voting Age Population; or 29.8% Latinx total 2020 Census population, larger than any other District in any of the four maps presented (Councilmember District D in the Bat Ray map is identical to the District 4 in the Dolphin Map, but was not chosen because it splits the New Monterey neighborhood).



The City Council chose to schedule elections under the Dolphin Map for City Councilmember Districts A (1) and D (2) in November 2022 and Districts B (3) and C (4) in November 2024. This sequencing corresponds with the expired terms of office for existing councilmembers based on their residency. This option also reduces the need under certain scenarios for the City Council to appoint as many as two councilmembers to at-large seats for a brief two-year term starting in December 2022.

Furthermore, sequencing District 4 to coincide with the 2024 Presidential Election would maximize voting rights for Latinx voters by allowing that district (16.9% Latinx Citizen Voting Age Population; or 29.8% Latinx total 2020 Census population) to increase their likelihood for voting a candidate of their choice. This is because Latinx voters have higher rates of voter turnout during presidential elections when compared to midterm elections, even when compared with the overall population

[View the agenda for the February 1, 2022 meeting.](#) [Watch the video playback from the City Council Meeting.](#) Learn more at haveyoursaymonterey.org/districting.

City Council adopts vision, mission statements, and value drivers to steer city priorities

At the beginning of each calendar year, the City’s executive team and staff refine its list of major initiatives and priorities. Short and long-term policies, programs, and projects that are not part of the City’s routine service delivery are items that make up the City Staff Work Program. Each work program item falls into one of the City’s Strategic Priorities. At a Study Session on January 26, 2022, the City Council received an update on the 2022 City Staff Work Program and the City’s Strategic Priorities, and was asked to provide further input.

The discussion on January 26, 2022 is part of an annual effort of the Monterey City Council to review and discuss the City’s priorities for the year. Review of the City’s annual priorities have taken place at workshops in January 2020 and January 2021.

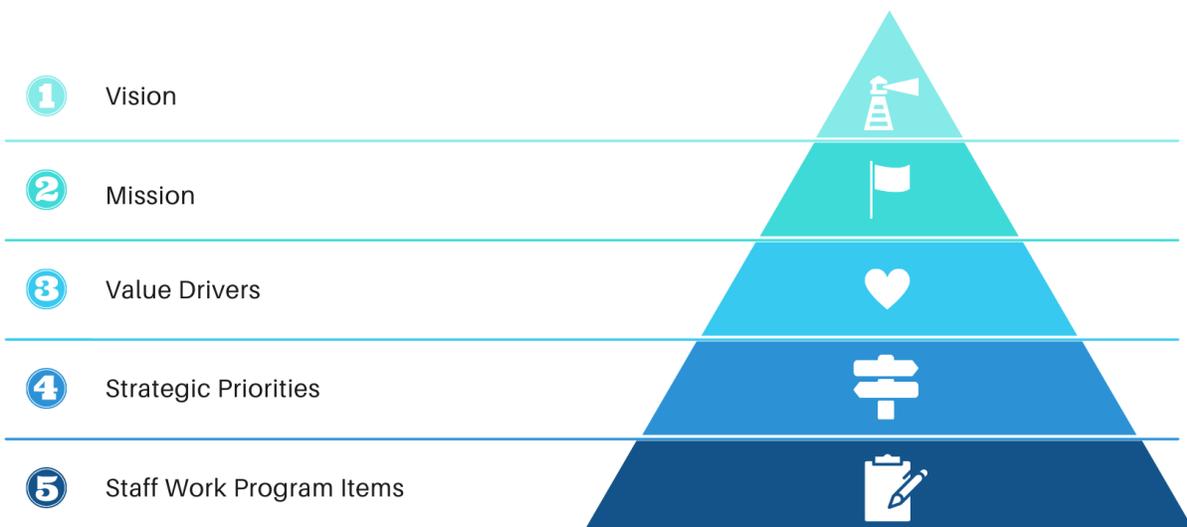
In September 2021, the City Council conducted two half-day workshops to focus on updating the City Council’s Vision, Mission, and Value Drivers. In fall 2021, an ad-hoc committee consisting of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager, and Assistant City Manager refined the City’s Value Drivers, and at its meeting on December 7, 2021, the City Council adopted a its new Vision, Mission, and Value Drivers.

The City has established cascading goals, where the:

- **Vision** is a description of Monterey’s “desired future”;
- **Mission** identifies the role of the City of Monterey in pursuing the City’s Vision;
- **Value Drivers** identifies what is important to the community to support the City’s Mission;
- **Strategic Priorities** describes how the City can advance its goals in support of the Value Drivers; and the
- The **City Staff Work Program** is a set of specific program, policy, or projects that support the City’s Strategic Priorities.

Visit the *Vision and Mission* page listed under monterey.org/citycouncil.

City of Monterey Cascading Goals



Resident Parking Discount Pass - for what you drive, 365

Did you know, the City of Monterey offers a locals pass? Get yours today and save as much as \$1,400 per year! *Based on daily 2-hour parking rate in the waterfront lot.

"Locals Special" Discount Parking Pass - For City of Monterey Residents and Active Military

The City of Monterey offers a locals parking program which allows Monterey residents, with the purchase of a discount parking pass, a maximum of two hours of free parking, per day, per parking facility. The discount parking pass is honored in the Downtown Garages (East and West garages), the Waterfront Automated Lot (at Washington & Del Monte) and the Cannery Row Garage (at Foam & Prescott).

To qualify, residents must reside within the City of Monterey and provide proof of residency (utility bill, rental agreement), current DMV vehicle registration (registered to the resident) along with Valid ID. These documents must be in the name of the resident to obtain the discount parking pass. Active military personnel and their immediate family are also eligible for this program with valid military ID card and vehicle registration.

"Hey, monterey residents and active military!"

PURCHASE A \$20 

RESIDENT DISCOUNT PARKING PASS

"...for what you drive, 365."

SAVE AS MUCH AS \$1,400 PER YEAR!
BASED ON DAILY 2-HOUR PARKING RATE IN THE WATERFRONT LOT

831-646-3953 340 Tyler Street
monterey.org/parking

FOR WHAT YOU DRIVE, 365

THE DETAILS - SAVE AS MUCH AS \$1,400 PER YEAR!*

Available in designated parking facilities:

- Downtown Garages (Includes East and West)
- Cannery Row Garage
- Waterfront Lot

REQUIRED: Proof of residency in the form of a current utility bill or rental agreement, current vehicle registration, and picture I.D. All documents must list the resident's name. Permit is vehicle specific. Active military also qualify.

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There is an annual \$20 fee for each discount parking pass. The pass is valid for 12 months from the date of issue. This program cannot be combined with any other special parking programs (locals or first hour free) or validations.

Submit the online form found at monterey.org/residentparkingpass and Parking staff will contact you to complete the process. Call the Parking Division at 646-3953 with any questions. Parking Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.



Monterey Police Monthly Report for November

BY MONTEREY POLICE

The Monterey Police Department (MPD) compiles a monthly report that includes short narratives of some highlights of MPD activity and includes some statistical data regarding the work the MPD accomplished during the preceding month. This information is provided to the City Council, City Manager and through this website, to the public.

Each monthly report includes an update from the Community Action Team (CAT) Team. In November 2020, the CAT Team reported:

- Encampment Noticing & Abatement
 - Abated (57) encampments
 - (33) Del Monte Beach; (11) Window on the Bay; (1) 3rd & Aquajito; (2) Hwy 1 – Behind Chef Lee’s; (2) N. Fremont & Casanova; (1) 777 Pearl; (1) Del Monte and English (South Bound); (1) Del Monte and English (North Bound); (4) Hwy 1 & Aguajito; (1) 1100 10th Street.
 - Officers provided flyers to homeless persons with information regarding services available to them.
- CAT gave a presentation to San Carlos School.
- CAT/ MDOT participated in a meeting with CHOMP to discuss an Opioid Response Team.
- CAT continued to work with Caltrans and their Homeless Task Managers on encampments along Highway 1.

This information and much more is available in the November 2020 issue of the MPD Monthly Report. The December 2020 issue will be available by the first week in February 2022. *Monthly Reports are released approximately 30 days after month's end once statistical data is verified.*

November 2021 Monthly Report

See all past monthly reports on the [Monthly Reports page](#) under the [Get Informed](#) tab at montereypolice.org.

NOVEMBER 2021 CHIEF DAVID J. HOBER

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MPD Commendation

On November 14, 2021, an MPD officer responded to a report of a past-tense domestic violence incident that occurred in Monterey. The officer learned that the victim had been beaten and choked the day prior and was now staying at a hotel due to fear of returning home. While interviewing the victim, the suspect tried to learn the location of the victim through a phone application. Through further investigation, the officer located the suspect's residence in San Jose. The officer began communicating with the San Jose Police Department, who located the suspect's vehicle. The MPD officer completed a warrant for the suspect, which the on-call judge approved on the first request and complimented the officer for its thoroughness and completeness. San Jose PD ultimately arrested the subject the following day pursuant to the warrant. The MPD officer is commended for going above and beyond to ensure the suspect was apprehended.

Responsive to All
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Second to None
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Every Time

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Response Statistics

Monterey Fire tracks response statistics year by year, and we have information available as far back as 1998 on the Response Statistics web page under the About section at montereyfiredept.org. The numbers are broken down into nine specific incident types.

▼ 2016 - 2025

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
False Alarms	626	775	703	888	677	685				
Fires & Explosions	163	163	160	150	152	137				
Good Intent	954	1,006	1,017	1,578	1,350	1,392				
Hazardous Condition Standby	363	362	340	429	278	294				
Natural Conditions	11	46	8	73	4	12				
Public Service Assistance	1,014	1,167	1,119	1,202	1,205	1,230				
Rescue & Emergency Medical	5,149	5,174	5,258	4,945	4,232	4,657				
Rupture, Steam, Explosion & Overheating	14	9	17	14	10	9				
Other Types of Incidents	2	1	4	2	1	6				
TOTAL INCIDENTS	8,296	8,703	8,626	9,281	7,909	8,422				

https://monterey.org/city_hall/fire/about/response_statistics.php

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics continue

Monterey Fire continues to host vaccinations clinics weekly at the Old Monterey Farmers' Market on Alvarado Street, Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's preferred if you book your appointment at myturn.ca.gov.

Another clinic at the Monterey Conference Center was also added for Tuesday, February 8 from 2 to 6 p.m. New CDC guidelines were just announced in late January - People can now get their booster after having had COVID-19 as soon as five days if they are symptom free and test negative. They no longer need to wait 90 days. If they have had monoclonal antibody treatment for their COVID-19, they do need to wait longer based on what their physician recommends.

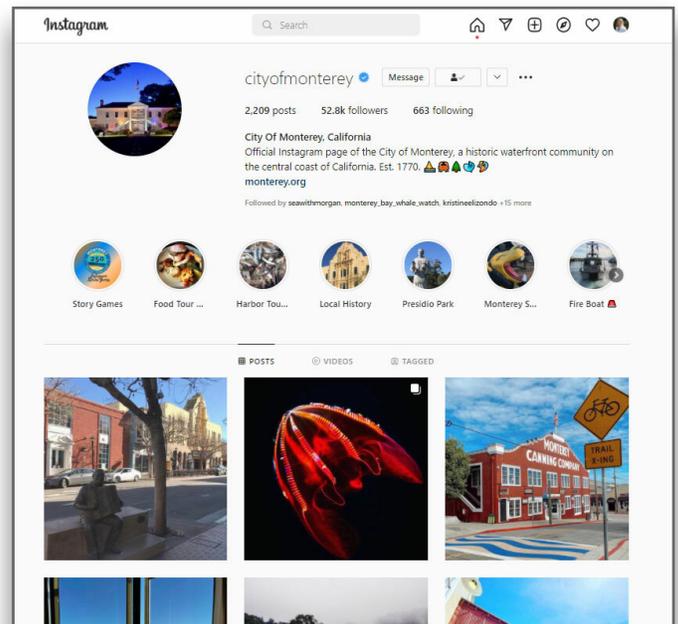
City of Monterey on Instagram

BY ERIC PALMER, CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Are you on Instagram? Tag @CityofMonterey and we'll share our favorite photos on the City's popular Instagram account.

Besides photos from Monterey residents and visitors, our social media sites share information about City services, emergency and public health notifications, job openings, attractions, events, public meetings and much more.

Check out the City of Monterey's Social Media Analytics Report for 2021. These free online tools help us reach a large audience immediately. You can follow us on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn and Nextdoor.



Follow @cityofmonterey on Twitter in emergencies, and register your cell phone

On the topic of social media and emergencies, did you know you don't need a Twitter account to follow topics on Twitter? Unlike Facebook, you can follow Twitter posts without having a Twitter account. For local emergencies or other important information, the City of Monterey Twitter account at twitter.com/cityofmonterey is the first place to look. Twitter updates are quick and to the point. They tell you what you need to know - in times of emergency that means information posted can help keep you safe.

The City of Monterey, along with local, regional, and federal agency partners, are well equipped to handle natural disasters and other emergencies. The recent tsunami, and fire in Big Sur, remind us of the importance for all of us to be prepared. Communication is key. Besides following the City and other



agencies on Twitter, please register your cell phone with Alert Monterey County - <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085611217/login> - you can also text 93940 to 888777 to sign up for Monterey Police alerts. Together, we will be ready in times of emergency.



Monterey has an active and well-organized volunteer Community Emergency Response Team, funded by the City of Monterey. They have training throughout the year. The next class will be three consecutive Saturdays in March 2022. [SEE FLYER](#)

Here's the link to the [January 2022](#) edition. CERT also published a [2021 Year in Review](#). This special edition includes details about the March training and a calendar of events.

For more information on CERT, or how to become a CERT member visit montereycert.org. The monthly newsletters are also linked from monterey.org/cert

Find out if you have a sewer lateral line and backwater valve on your property - and why you need one

Have you ever had it come out of your toilets, shower stalls or sinks? Though rare, some residents have experienced such unfortunate events. While the City has an aggressive maintenance program that includes cleaning and inspecting sewer mains, it is still possible that a City sewer main can plug up and lead to sewage flooding. However, by installing sewer laterals and release valves (SRV and BWV) on at-risk properties, owners can minimize their exposure to such an incident.

Lookup the status of your property at <http://gisags8.ci.monterey.ca.us/pub/wtppub/>.

Find out more information in this [guide](#). Also see the [Monterey One Water flyer](#) and why it's a shared responsibility. This information is also available at monterey.org/building.

Sewer Lateral and Backwater Valve LOOKUP

OUR SEWER SYSTEM
A Shared Responsibility

We all have a roll in keeping our community's sewer system functioning properly. Local cities and public entities safeguard the regional sewer mains, but about half of the sewer system is lateral lines owned by private citizens. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the entire length of their lateral lines from their homes or businesses to where the lateral line meets the sewer main under the street. The above drawing highlights the best practices to prevent overflows and protect human health and our environment.

PUBLIC SEWER MAIN: The public sewer main is a collection of pipes that pump the region's used water to the local wastewater treatment plant. Your city or public wastewater agency is responsible for cleaning these lines and keeping them clear. You can help this process by considering what items you put down the drain.

LATERAL LINE: The lateral line connects your home or business to the public sewer main. The property owner is responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the full line, even if the lateral extends beyond the property line. The following two devices can assist with upkeep of the line:

Bathroom: Only flush toilet paper and human waste. Do not flush: "Flushable" wipes • Rags • Dental floss • Pharmaceuticals • Hair • Cat litter, including "flushable" • Feminine products • Household hazardous waste

Sewer Relief Valve (SRV) and Cleanout: In the case of a sewer main blockage, this crucial device diverts wastewater into your yard so it doesn't back up into your home. Check your SRV regularly to make sure it's operational and clear of obstructions, especially after storms.

Kitchen: Protect your pipes! Collect fats, oils, and grease in a container and dispose of it in the trash • Compost egg shells and coffee grounds or put them in the trash

Backflow Protection Device: A valve which clamps shut to protect your home against sewage backups. The device is an industry best practice and is required per California Plumbing Code for some properties.

SEWER MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY:
← City/Agency | Property Owner →

Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance updated to address affordable housing shortage

BY ASSOCIATE PLANNER MATHEW BUGGERT

Recent updates were made to the City Code regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, sometimes called "Granny Units." The Monterey City Code Section 38-112.6, Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units, was recently added by Ordinance 3641, which was adopted on November 2, 2021, and codified on December 2, 2021. The new [ADU/JADU webpage](#) (find it in the menu at monterey.org/building) summarizes this ordinance and explains how the City allows various types of ADUs on different properties.

Types of ADUs

- **Detached:** The unit is separated from the primary structure.
- **Attached:** The unit is attached to the primary structure.
- **Converted Existing Space:** Space (e.g., master bedroom, attached garage, storage area, or similar use, or an accessory structure) on the lot of the primary residence that is converted into an independent living unit.
- **Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU)**



Benefits of ADUs

- **Affordability:** ADUs are an affordable type of home to construct in California because they do not require paying for land, major new infrastructure, structured parking, or elevators.
- **Efficiency:** ADUs can provide as much living space as many newly-built apartments and condominiums, and they're suited well for couples, small families, young people, and seniors.
- **Income:** ADUs can provide a source of income for homeowners. ADUs can also increase property value.
- **Flexibility:** ADUs give homeowners the flexibility to share independent living areas with family members and others, allowing seniors to age in place as they require more care.
- **Privacy:** ADUs allow extended families to be near one another while maintaining privacy.
- **Housing options:** ADUs provide a method to build more housing quickly, within existing neighborhoods while preserving neighborhood character, and without increasing density. Building a new ADU usually takes a few months, as opposed to a new housing subdivision that could take two years or more.

ADUs and JADUs can be developed on a property with an existing or proposed single family residence or multifamily structure that is zoned to allow residential uses.

See regulations and standards, a *Step-by-Step Guide to Building an ADU*, and informational links at https://monterey.org/city_hall/community_development/building___safety/adus___jadus.php

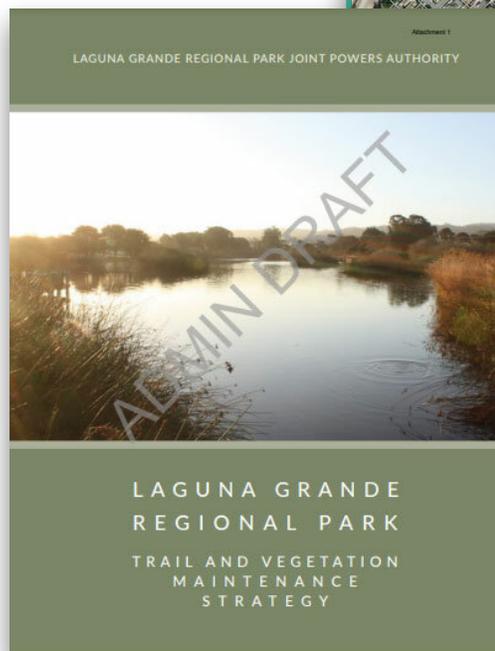
Laguna Grande Regional Park Draft Plan



In 1976, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and Cities of Seaside and Monterey established the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Agency (JPA). The JPA is tasked with the long-range planning, operation and maintenance of Laguna Grande Regional Park. The current park Master Plan was adopted in 1978. Many of the site improvements have been implemented and community interests and priorities may have changed.

The JPA has contracted BFS Landscape Architects to develop a trail maintenance strategy which will enable the maintenance and enhancement of the existing trail system within Laguna Grande Regional Park.

At the most recent Laguna Grande JPA Meeting on December 6, 2021, a DRAFT Trail & Vegetation Maintenance Strategy was presented. Stay updated by following the Laguna Grande Regional Park Plan page at <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/laguna-grande-park-plan>



[Larger View of Map](#)
[Link to Draft Plan](#)

Handle Waste Responsibly: End Illegal Dumping and Littering

BY SUSTAINABILITY
MANAGER
TED TERRASAS

Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to drive along a city street and see discarded furniture, household items and other waste in front of houses and on street corners. Old couches, box springs and mattresses (yuck), chairs, dressers, etc should not be placed on to the sidewalks. This creates a blight in the community, presents a public health hazard, and creates a cleanup cost burden for the non-responsible party, which is all of us. While in some cases, people are actually moving out or believing that this is a proper method of giving away free items, when in fact it is a violation of Monterey City Code.

The truth is that it often does not take long or cost much (if anything) to dispose of waste responsibly. Here are some ways to properly dispose of common household items:

- Place a post under “free items” on Craigslist. Everyone loves free items!
- If you live in a single-family home, your garbage service includes (AT NO ADDITIONAL COST) the following services from Monterey City Disposal Service – MCDS (Montereydisposal.com or **831-372-7922**):
 - Four bulky item (furniture, appliances, etc.) collections up to four times per year
 - Motor oil collection (in provided container)
 - Household battery collection (one quart bag on top of recycling bin)
- If you live in a multi-family complex, the property owner or manager can arrange a bulky item collection with MCDS of up to 5 items for a fee of \$20.22. That is a STEAL!
- Many household items (including hazardous items) may be dropped off for free at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD.org or **831-384-5313**) including:
 - Batteries, motor oil, paint, sharps waste (in a sharps container), electronic waste, antifreeze, mattresses and MORE!

Please help make Monterey a beautiful and safe place to live, work and play by handling your waste responsibly.



New Food Scrap Collection Program makes composting easier and helps the environment

Food scraps now go in the green curbside cart to be composted with your yard trimmings and with the greater convenience comes a big reduction in harm to the climate. Residents can add accepted food scraps to their green curbside cart. Food scrap collection is part of the implementation of California's legislation (SB 1383) addressing climate pollutants and wasted food. Tips are available within seconds via the What Goes Where mobile app or at WhatGoesWhere.info.



You can also contact Monterey City Disposal Service: at (831) 372-7977 / montereydisposal.com

VIEW LARGER "FOOD SCRAPS" GRAPHIC



More resources:

- Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) [News Release, Jan. 6, 2022](#)
- MRWMD website, <https://mrwmd.org/composting/food-scraps>
- Cal Recycles website, New Statewide Mandatory Organic Waste Collection, <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/collection>
- Flyer in [English and Spanish](#)
- A [Food Scrap Collection](#) page on monterey.org.

Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Report 2021

At the February 1, 2022 City Council Meeting, Community Development staff presented the [2021 Healthy Eating Active Living \(HEAL\) Annual Report](#).

BACKGROUND - In November of 2017, the City Council adopted a HEAL resolution to join hundreds of other cities in California to address healthy eating and active living lifestyles. This was in response to the significant threats to public health from obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and heart disease that have become prevalent in the United States. While the HEAL Initiative is focused on nutrition and exercise, many aspects of HEAL fall under the umbrella of healthy cities.

In 2018, the City of Monterey published its first HEAL report with the direction to continue annual reporting based on new or updated programs. For 2021, the HEAL Report includes updates from several divisions and program areas, with an emphasis on the health of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit monterey.org/heal to read the current and past HEAL reports.



Military Communities Compatible Use Plan Virtual Town Hall and Questionnaire



The Monterey Regional Compatible Use Study (CUS) is a collaborative planning effort among the City of Monterey — the local project sponsor — the cities of Del Rey Oaks, King City, Marina, Pacific Grove, Paso Robles and Seaside, the counties of Monterey and San Luis Obispo, state and federal agencies, the Department of Defense, the public, and other local and regional stakeholders.

The purpose of the CUS is to identify and assess compatibility issues between the following military

We want to hear from you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1) Visit the virtual town hall
- 2) Complete the community questionnaire

montereyregionalcus.com

facilities in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties.

- Presidio of Monterey and Ord Military Community
- Naval Support Activity Monterey
- Defense Manpower Data Center
- Fort Hunter Liggett
- Camp Roberts Maneuver Training Center

The website at montereyregionalcus.com is the primary access point for all project-related materials and event information.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Visit the virtual town hall and complete the community questionnaire. Find the town hall from the home page of the website and click on the map nearest where you live or work. To take the survey click the area shown below next to the red arrow.



Museums are open and welcoming guests

All three museums managed by the City of Monterey are open for visitors. Colton Hall and the Presidio of Monterey museums are open weekends 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the Pacific Biological Laboratories (PBL) offers [free monthly tours](#).

Another fun option to take you back in time is to use the Explore Historic Monterey multimedia cell phone tour - it includes maps, images, text and sound, and is available 24/7 at cityofmonterey.ocell.com.

We continue to add more content to the Museums web pages at monterey.org/museums. Links to sign up for the PBL tours are on the main page.



Monterey Recreation classes and programs continue to expand after pandemic shutdown

BY RECREATION MANAGER SHANNON LEON

Monterey Recreation continues to expand outdoor and indoor classes and programs for all ages. Many activities were suspended due to the pandemic, but we are bringing them back safely and over time. The online registration is at the top of the page at monterey.org/rec. Sign in or browse as a guest - At the top left of this page select Activity Search to view available programs. Check back here for updates and more program offerings! Also, coming soon, a brand new, easy-to-use, online registration system that will include parks reservations!



If you need assistance, please leave a message at (831) 646-3866 for Monterey Recreation including the Community Centers or (831) 646-3730 for the Monterey Sports Center and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Blood Drives scheduled monthly at Hilltop Park Center



Blood drives are held once a month from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - the next two are Feb. 25 and Mar. 25. Please consider registering for one of the monthly blood drives at the Hilltop Park Center.

To schedule your appointment or for more information visit: redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Monterey or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Due to COVID-19, no day of walk-in appointments will be accepted.

For more information, please email montereyrecreation@monterey.org.

Monterey Sports Center Voted Best Health Club in County 2021!

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER MANAGER DR. ANDREA WILLER



Swim some laps in the 25-yard indoor pool or relax in the 92-degree therapy pool. Bring some friends for drop in basketball, volleyball, badminton or futsal. Try a new class – we offer over 50 classes each week. Enjoy a wide assortment of cardio machines, free weights, and resistance equipment. Youth Volleyball Clinics for ages 11 - 12 years & 13 - 14 years begins in February.

These clinics are 4-weeks in length and meet twice a week. Register at montereysportscenter.org with Activity #43030-A (11 & 12 years) & Activity #43030-C (13 & 14 years). Face masks are required.

Become a member at the Monterey Sports Center and see why it has been voted “Best Health Club in Monterey County” for eight consecutive years!

MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER

VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

Starts February 4th

For ages 11-12 & 13-14

Four-week sessions meeting twice a week.



13-14 YEAR OLDS
FRIDAYS 4:30PM-5:45PM & SUNDAYS 12:00PM-1:15PM

11-12 YEAR OLDS
FRIDAYS 6:00PM-7:15PM & SUNDAYS 1:30PM-2:45PM

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Personal training at the Monterey Sports Center

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Is personal training right for you? Regardless of your your current fitness level, familiarity with working out, or comfortability with machines; everyone can benefit from our Certified Personal Trainers. You may want to consider this service if you are:

- A fitness beginner who is unsure of correct exercise techniques, effective programs, exercise safety, or proper use of gym equipment
- An experienced fitness enthusiast who is training hard but not getting the results you want
- Interested in losing body fat or gaining strength and muscle
- Having a hard time sticking with a program
- Bored with your current routine
- Training for a special event, such as a 5k, 10K or even a marathon



You will appreciate the difference expert guidance can make.

Partner with a Certified Personal Trainer educated to help people of all fitness levels reach their goals safely and effectively.



Lifelong learning and career support at the Library

BY MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUMS DIRECTOR INGA WAITE

Public libraries are community hubs that bring people together and close the opportunity gap by connecting people to essential services and resources. The resources available through CAREer Pathways are another way in which libraries aid in personal economic development, build and encourage communities of lifelong learners, increase digital equity, and support the information needs of a 21st Century society. Monterey Public Library is pleased to offer the following resources to cardholders:

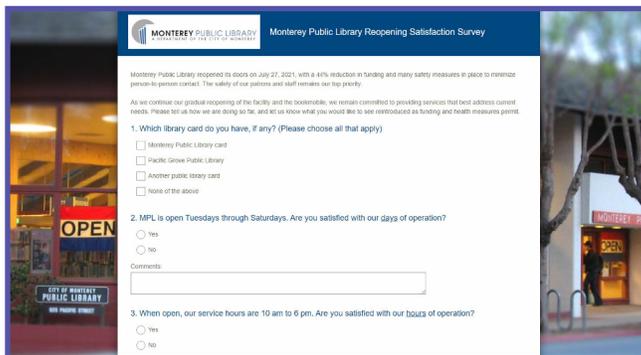


- **LinkedIn Learning** focuses on the skills needed to land the most sought after jobs.
- **Coursera's** mission is to help individuals build the skills they need for in-demand jobs.
- **Northstar** focuses on people with no, low, or limited technology skills
- **GetSetUp** is a social learning platform for individuals 50+, taught by peers who are experts in their field.
- **Skillshare** is for creatives and others wanting to build or grow a business and/or learn new skills.
- **JobNow/VetNow** is an all-in-one suite of services designed for a wide range of career or veteran needs.

These resources are made available to Monterey Public Library cardholders through ARPA funds administered in California by the State Librarian. Visit the "Online Resources" section of monterey.org/library to get started!

The Monterey Public Library wants to hear from you

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Monterey Public Library (MPL) reopened its doors on July 27, 2021, with many safety measures in place to minimize person-to-person contact. The safety of our patrons and staff remains our top priority.

As we continue our gradual reopening of the facility and the bookmobile, we remain committed to providing services that best address current needs. Please tell us how we are doing so far, and let us know what you would like to see reintroduced as funding and health measures permit. *Please submit your completed survey by February 28, 2022.*

**MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Click the button or visit <https://surveymonkey.com/r/MPLSurvey> to take the survey.

Sister Cities International 2022 Young Artists and Authors Showcase

As a proud member of Sister Cities International (SCI), we are happy to share the Sister Cities International announcement of the 2022 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS) theme. The 2022 theme is *Generation Rescue: Sustainable Water for All*. The submission deadline is April 1, 2022.



Climate change has become an undeniably harsh reality in our lives, making the importance of raising awareness and taking action more essential every day. As temperatures rise, water patterns are disrupted, ecosystems are disturbed, and energy resources are proven to be unsustainable for long-term use. These ongoing changes impact our local and global communities in every aspect and youth are the key to tackle this global reality.

In line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, Sister Cities International will adopt climate change as the overarching theme for its Young Artists and Authors Showcase in both 2022 and 2023. For the 2022 competition, SCI is proud to invite all its youth members to create submissions that highlight the importance of climate change and its impact on water resources. The official 2022 Young Artists and Authors Showcase theme is *Generation Rescue: Sustainable Water for All*.

Visit the SCI website for details about our 2022 YAAS program. Additional information about the categories, guidelines, requirements, and more can be found at <https://sistercities.org/2022-yaas>. The City contact to submit entries to SCI is Sister Cities Program Liaison Laurie Huelga, huelga@monterey.org.



The local Kiwanis Club alongside a volunteer group from the Defense Language Institute (DLI) doing landscape maintenance work the Recreation Trail (across from the newly planted COVID-19 memorial cherry trees) - photo courtesy of Anita Roth. With coordination from Monterey Parks Division.

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