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Celebrate "50" at Camp Quien Sabe

That camp you went to as a child or worked at as a youth is half a century old. Camp Quien Sabe, which has served the Monterey area since the spring of 1952, is turning 50 this summer.

The City's week-long resident camp program marks its birthday with a special celebration on Saturday, July 21. "Trailblazers" – past campers and staff – and community members are invited to attend the reunion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations are required (see contact info below).

As a tribute to Quien Sabe's 50th birthday, this issue of City Focus showcases photos from the past and present of the camp as well as other areas and activities of the City.

Congratulations to all the staff and campers who have created these camping memories. Read more about camp and the history of Quien Sabe inside on Page 2.

To RSVP or for more info on the Quien Sabe commemoration, call 646-3866 (vierra@ci.monterey.ca.us) or visit www.monterey.org/quiensabe

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50 Years Ago and Today

Top to bottom: Aerial view of Monterey Harbor, 1952; Downtown Monterey in the 50s; Walter Colton Grammar School 5th & 6th grade class, 1950-51.

Colton Hall

In 1949 Colton Hall was restored, repaired and furnished to become the official history museum for the City. Today, we are developing a plan to remove City offices from the building and restore it to represent the original use.

Vasquez Adobe

In 1949 the City purchased the Vasquez Adobe and remodeled the building. The City's Recreation & Community Services Department has operated from the building since 1951. The building was retrofitted in 1997 for earthquake safety and some historic elements were restored

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More about Quien Sabe

"Camp" began as a cooperative effort between the City and Monterey schools.

In the early years, the City's summer campsite moved from location to location – Arroyo Seco, the Santa Cruz mountains, Big Sur (photo top left) and on to Palo Colorado Canyon.

Known originally as "Camp," the program finally was dubbed Quien Sabe, which means "who knows" in Spanish, since the location of the camp was typically in question.

Quien Sabe finally settled on a home 26 years ago in 1975 at the Youth Overnight Area of Toro

Regional Park.

How Quien Sabe works

Every Monday morning during the six weeks of camp, 100 youngsters ages 7 to 15 board buses and head to Toro Park for a fun-filled week. There they participate in activities that include hiking, singing, folk dancing, crafts, camp skills, nature lore, swimming, boating, cookouts, group meals and campfires. Each night they sleep outdoors under the stars.

On Fridays the campers return and eagerly sign up for another session.

Each year Quien Sabe is "home away from home" for some 600 campers.

Thousands of youngsters from the Peninsula have participated in Regular Camp, Environmental Team Camp and Work Experience Camp.

Quien Sabe also features a Family Weekend Camp that provides the entire family a weekend getaway filled with special nature activities, campfires and outdoor fun.

Fire Department

Left: Monterey Fire Department vehicles and personnel from 1947 (in front of the old Fire Station on Calle Principal) and today (in front of Fire Station No. 1 on Pacific Street); top right: Monterey fire boat from 1953 and today.

Police Department

Top: Monterey Police Department motorcycles and personnel, 1959 and today; above: Sgt. Jim Copey, 2001 (left) and Officer George Devolis in the 50s (right).

Monterey Parks (San Carlos Beach Park/ Dennis the Menace Park)

In 1955, there were 12 people in the Parks Division. Today, dozens of staff maintain about 200 sites in the City including the parks, cemetery, street trees and beaches.

The first parcel of San Carlos Beach Park was purchased in 1955. Dennis the Menace Park, designed by the late cartoonist Hank Ketcham, opened in 1956. The giant slide (bottom) was a later addition to the park.

Monterey Public Library

Librarian Delbert Jeffers shows the model of the new library building to management engineer Dr. Lillian Gilbreath in 1950. The building, as we see it today, was completed two years later. At right, librarians from then (top) and now read to children.

Monterey Tennis Center

The Monterey Tennis Center opened in 1972. The Center attracts a wide variety of players from former Mayor Jerry Fry (1976) to youth from all around the Peninsula.

Monterey Recreation & Community Services

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Cutting the City's Power Bill

The City is no newcomer to conserving energy; we've been looking for ways to lower our electric bill for more than 10 years.

The City currently spends about \$720,000 each year for electricity.

How the City saves

Replaced old fluorescent light fixtures with new high efficiency units.

Switched the lighting system in the Lighthouse tunnel – saving energy, and improving the lighting.

Upgraded almost all red traffic lights and many green ones from regular light bulbs to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights.

LED lights use one-tenth the energy of a regular 150-watt lamp and require much less maintenance. The remainder of the green traffic lights will be replaced soon.

All told, the City has saved 938-megawatt hours of electricity per year. Enough energy to power almost 223 houses!

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Fences – What to Know Before Building on Private Property

Traditional fences throughout neighborhoods were made of adobe, Carmel Stone or grape stake. Today fences are made of many materials in our single-family residential areas.

Generally, fences 6-feet tall or lower are permitted – per the City's Zoning Ordinance. Fences more than 6-feet tall require a Building Permit.

Some exceptions apply

Fences built in front yards must meet additional requirements:

Fences built in the "setback" can only be 4-feet tall or lower.

Fences built on corner lots cannot obstruct the visibility of an intersection and must be setback from the street.

Fences on sloping lots can also be a challenge. When building a new fence on a sloping lot, call for additional details.

Before building a fence, check with the City's Planning Division at 646-3885 for current requirements (fell@ci.monterey.ca.us).

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Opportunity for Citizens to Review Marine Sanctuary Plan Coming Up this Fall

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan is up for review.

The Management Plan outlines the boundaries and objectives of the Sanctuary, and the basic

rules that govern it.

As part of the process, all regulations can be modified, and additional rules can be created. Activities that currently happen in the Sanctuary such as fireworks displays, naval vessel visits and sport and recreational fishing will be up for review.

Community members are encouraged to get involved and provide suggestions regarding the Management Plan.

Local citizens helped design the current Sanctuary goals and rules in the early 90s, and Congress adopted the plan in 1993. Congress mandates that each Sanctuary review and update its Management Plan every five years.

The schedule of public hearings on the Management Plan is set to begin in October. Watch for meeting announcements in the local papers, or check the [Sanctuary's Web site](#).

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Arts & Culture

Public Sculptures Accent City, Add Historical Value to Community

Thought-provoking and historically relevant public sculptures enhance the community.

Next time you're out, take a look around.

The Grizzly Bear and her Cubs, the most recent sculpture project, sits on the lawn in front of Colton Hall. The grouping commemorates the now extinct California Grizzly bears that once roamed the hills of Monterey.

A contemporary sculpture garden is located adjacent to the Monterey Museum of Art, 559 Pacific St. This garden, a joint project of the City and Museum of Art, offers a place for local artists to display their talents. The sculptures are temporary loans and will rotate as new pieces are proposed.

The Great Blue Heron came to rest at Lake El Estero in 1995. Blue herons are indigenous to the lake. On the Golden Road, shown below, will be installed at San Carlos Beach Park, making the Bay its backdrop. The piece was originally created as a temporary sculpture for California's Sesquicentennial.

Brochures and maps that guide individuals through the area to additional cultural treasures are available at Colton Hall Museum and all visitor information locations.

For more info, call the City's Museum Coordinator at 646-3858 (klusmire@ci.monterey.ca.us).

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And the Survey Says ...

Results from the Community Survey distributed in the City's Annual Report are in.

Nearly 700 responses were collected. Thank you for letting us know what you think.

The survey gave community members the opportunity to rate City services and programs.

Respondents said we are doing a great job in most areas, but in some we need to improve.

Survey questions were divided into the following areas:

- 1) City Appearance;
- 2) City Government; and
- 3) Community Services.

Here's what we learned ...

About City Appearance: Of those who responded to the survey, 98% rated the maintenance of our park system as average or better.

Greenbelt, tree and beach maintenance were all rated average or better by 95% of respondents. Overall City cleanliness received similar marks from 96% of the raters.

About City Government: In past surveys, a majority of raters said it was important to purchase property for parks and open space as well as preserve historic resources.

In this survey, we asked you to rate the City's efforts to date: regarding open space, 94% of

raters gave average or better ratings; regarding historic preservation, 93% gave similar marks. Also, 92% of respondents said the City does an average or better job of keeping them informed about services, events and issues.

Community Services: City services and non-City services were rated in this year's survey. Here are some of the categories and the percentage of raters that gave average or better marks: harbor/marina services 95%; garbage collection/ recycling 93%; bus service 86%; and availability of parking in business districts 68%.

Other City services, including fire (99% said average or better), library (96%), police (95%) and overall City services (94%) continued to receive high marks from raters.

Thanks for your input. To view the comprehensive survey report, visit the City's Web site at www.monterey.org/survey

Look for our Community Survey in the Annual Report this fall or send in info anytime.

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Play a Part, Support the Sports Center Expansion

More than 2,500 community members use the Monterey Sports Center on a daily basis. Participants line up at 5:30 a.m. to take advantage of aerobics and aquatics classes, fitness equipment, therapeutic training, martial arts and a variety of sports camps and programs.

To address the growing community demands for this affordable recreation and fitness center, plans were developed to expand the building.

And construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

You can help make the expansion a reality.

The City is looking to raise \$1.5 million – about 25% of the construction costs – from local businesses and individuals. A majority of the funds, \$4 million, will come from the City's General Fund.

The 15,200-square-foot expansion will allow for larger cardiovascular and weight rooms, a multi-purpose room, fitness testing rooms, more locker space, a larger tot activity room and a snack bar/pro shop. The current 56,000-square-foot building was built in 1992.

If you are interested in helping support the expansion, send in your tax-deductible contribution today.

Make checks payable to: City of Monterey, MSC Campaign c/o Recreation & Community Services Department, 546 Dutra Street, Monterey, CA 93940.

Contributions of \$150 or more will be recognized with an honorary plaque displayed in the Sports Center.

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Supporting Local Schools: How the City Gets Involved

Questions have been raised about the City's relationship with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and how local government can assist the educational system.

The City is one of many stakeholders committed to the success of our schools. We are deeply involved in a number of activities to help local schools and improve the quality of life for our youth. Because MPUSD is a separate government agency and serves an area much larger than Monterey, there are some special considerations regarding how we can provide support. Here are responses to some frequently asked questions about our cooperative efforts with MPUSD. If you have additional thoughts or questions, let us know (contact info on page 8).

1) What is the City doing to help our schools?

Some of the City programs designed to help our schools include the School Resource Officer and Youth Diversion programs and afterschool programs at school sites. Also, the City has funded landscaping and playground improvements at several schools that have benefits both during and after the school day.

Our continuing investment in Community of Caring Monterey Peninsula also helps MPUSD with

their mission. We are now working on several major projects that will help the schools lower their operating costs.

2) The City appears to have plenty of money to spend on programs and projects. Why can't some of this be used to help local schools?

As described in the previous answer, the City is spending a substantial amount of money to help local schools. At the same time, the City is not permitted to simply give money away, no matter how important the cause. That is why our involvement is structured the way it is.

Also, the City has many obligations and expectations that must be fulfilled. As conditions exist today, the demands for new City programs and facilities far exceed our ability to fund them all.

3) Can the City help maintain and/or repair school buildings/property?

We are doing just that. Our Neighborhood Improvement Program funds have helped improve playgrounds at several schools. There may be opportunities in the future for the City to invest in school facilities if and when they can also be made available to the broader community.

4) How can the City partner with the school district?

Our community's needs and interests are so complex and interrelated that no single organization – not cities or schools, nonprofits or businesses – can meet these challenges alone. The City has begun working with MPUSD and others to rally all of these local assets, and more, to help meet the needs.

We are just scratching the surface, however, and much work needs to be done. If you would like to get involved, let us know.

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Volunteer Lends Helping Hand Wherever She Can

Marilyn Williams lends a hand wherever there's a need – even before she's asked. "She is wonderful," says Monterey Police Officer Adam Costa. "She attended the first Citizen's Police Academy, and at the end she volunteered her services. Marilyn has been part of our family ever since."

Marilyn volunteered even before the department had an "official" volunteer program. Her services have become invaluable – that's why she was named this year's Monterey Police Dept. Volunteer of the Year.

She helps with the Citizen's Police Academy, bike rodeos, kid's fingerprinting, Fourth of July, shooting- range barbecues (see photo) and in between events, she's in the office filing and supporting staff .

"I really enjoy volunteering with the Police Department," says Marilyn. "It's very interesting, and I get a real sense of fulfillment.

"By volunteering I help free up officers to do what they really need to do out in the field. The involvement I have with other volunteers, staff and officers is what keeps me going. It's a real sense of family."

For more info on volunteer opportunities with the City, call 646-3719 or visit www.monterey.org/volunteer

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Volunteer Training

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT)

August 4 and 11

(Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Homework Pals

August 18, Saturday

Summer Volunteer Needs

July 4: assist with the parade, beach recycling and/or beach monitoring

July 5: assist with beach cleanup

Flexible dates: help monitor traffic flow and parking capacity for several traffic studies

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For History Buffs Only . . .

Historic Simoneau Materials Now Part of Library's Archives

Letters, newspapers and schoolbooks from the late 19th and early 20th centuries that belonged to the descendants of 19th-century restaurateur Jules Simoneau were recently donated to the City.

These historic materials are now a part of the Monterey Public Library's California History Room collection.

The material was originally donated to the Robert Louis Stevenson Club of Monterey by descendants of Simoneau, represented by the Ussery family. The Stevenson Club, in turn, made a gift of the archival material to the City.

This material expands the Library's resources related to the relationship between the families of Jules Simoneau and Robert Louis Stevenson. Jules Simoneau befriended the Scottish writer when he visited here in 1879, and they remained friends for the rest of their lives.

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Odds & Ends

Preservation

The City provides a variety of historic preservation programs to support restoration and maintenance of local resources like this Victorian.

Constructed in 1887 on the Harry A. Greene Estate, it is now being fully restored from the historic colors outside to the replicated historic wallpaper inside.

The efforts are being supported by City historic incentives.

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Energy Savings Tips:

- Turn off lights when rooms aren't occupied
- Use a clothes line to dry laundry
- Turn off computer monitors when leaving for lunch or on breaks (if a screen saver is on, the monitor is still on and consuming full power)
- Unplug televisions that aren't in use (even when not on, instant-on TVs consume electricity)
- If you have a second refrigerator or freezer, consider consolidating all the food into one unit and unplug the unused unit
- Use a microwave oven or convection oven as often as possible rather than a conventional oven

Car Oil, Cooking Oil – Do's and Don'ts

Car oil recycling program:

Call Monterey City Disposal Service (MDS) at 372-7977 to receive your free oil recycling container and a bag for oil filters. This container and the oil filter bag can be placed at the curb next to your recycling bin.

No special appointment is required.

Just use the recycling container – from MDS or pick one up from an auto parts store –and place it at the curb.

Cooking oil:

When you have leftover grease and fat from cooking meat, or leftover butter and vegetable oils, don't wash them down the drain or disposal.

Garbage disposals can't break down oil or grease. Oil and grease cool, harden and buildup in plumbing lines, causing sinks to drain slowly. Buildup can even cause raw sewage to back up in homes. It can also plug City sewer lines and sewer pumps down line, which can result in sewer line back-ups and sewage spills into the Monterey Bay.

Put grease and oils in a container with a lid, such as an empty coffee can, and place in the garbage. Use sink strainers for added protection to keep drains clog free.

Remember: anything that drips in the street will flow to the stormdrains and into Monterey Bay. For more info, call the City's Recycling Coordinator at 646-5662 (brantley@ci.monterey.ca.us).

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SAFTEY TIPS:

Recognizing the Signs of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is an escalating pattern of violent behavior directed at a spouse or domestic partner.

Abusers use intimidation and violence as a means to control partners. Abuse can take many forms, including physical or sexual assaults, psychological abuse and use of children to control and manipulate a victim.

Domestic violence frequently goes unreported. Victims often don't report violence because they are ashamed and embarrassed, and they are frightened by the consequences of police involvement.

Fortunately, new laws have been enacted to support and protect victims of domestic violence and their families. There are also local resources available to provide assistance/services.

Where to get help ...

If you are a victim of domestic violence or want to report suspected violence, call the Monterey Police Department at 646-3830.

If you have questions about domestic violence or need info or assistance with the services available to victims and their families, call Detective Wendy Lundgren at 646-3806.

Know How to Deal With Local Wildlife

1) Seal all openings to attics and basements. Most problems with local wildlife, including raccoons and opossums, happen because animals are looking for nesting sites during their baby season which runs from March thru August.

2) Wildlife young are often left alone so a parent can feed. A baby animal, that appears to be abandoned probably is waiting for an adult to return.

3) The City and SPCA do not trap healthy wildlife. However, either will pick up injured or sick animals.

For more info call, the City's Animal Control at 646-3820 (crisobal@ci.monterey.ca.us); or the SPCA at 373-2632 ext. 227.

Bicycling Safety for Adults

1) ALWAYS wear a helmet.

2) Learn all traffic laws and obey all signs and signals.

3) Use appropriate hand signals. Point with your left arm for a left turn; for a right turn, left arm out bent at elbow with hand straight up.

4) Stop at all stop signs and signals.

5) Ride defensively. Drivers cannot easily see bicyclists in mirrors. It's easy for them to turn right at a corner and not see a bicycle.

6) Ride on the right side of the road with traffic and use reflective straps and blinking lights whenever possible.

For more info, call the City at 646-5662.

(Some tips provided by: The National Safe Kids Campaign, Washington, DC.)

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