

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

Message from the City Manager - Tough Fiscal Decisions Ahead!



Tuesday Farmer's Market - Photo by Jared Apperson

At the October 1, 2019 Council Workshop, our City Council heard a Fiscal Health Response Plan (FHRP) update and outlook report from Finance Director Lauren Lai. The **presentation** generated a very constructive discussion on how we can tackle upcoming fiscal challenges that are threatening our essential City services, facilities, staffing levels, and long term financial stability.

We are exploring **critical choices** that will enable us to **act timely** to avoid cuts to essential services and ensure the City's long-term financial stability. The projected budget deficits are immediate and growing in magnitude: **(\$0.6)** million for FY 19/20, **(\$2.8)** million for FY 20/21; **(\$3.8)** million for FY 21/22; and **(\$5.8)** million for FY 22/23. With optimistic revenue growth assumptions, we still forecast a deficit. There are various reasons for these projected deficits, including rising costs for staffing (minimum wage, pension), utility, insurances, contract services, equipment, deferred maintenance, and vehicles costs. Staying on our present course will erode City reserves and services, and create financial instability.

The City of Monterey is at a financial crossroads. We can decide to reduce services, or raise taxes, or a combination of both. If we reduce services, we will work closely with the Council and community to prioritize the services to cut which have the least impacts, most financial efficacy and retains our Monterey quality of life. This will be a tough journey and arduous process, and there will be no "one-size fits all option."

Our Council is committed to ensuring Monterey retains its special character, focusing on Monterey's

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important heritage, size and location, as well as ensuring Monterey remains a safe and welcoming place to live, work, visit and retire. The City launched the Fiscal Health Response Plan (FHRP) to strategically address the financial challenges ahead and ensure these Council commitments continue to be met. We have been innovative with City revenues through economic development, fees, cost recoveries, grants and investments. Importantly, we have been innovative with City expenditures through data-based decisions, using third party service providers where appropriate, regional collaborations, labor contracts and hiring chills.

We know from two recent polls - one in 2014 and one in 2018 – our **residents' top 3 priorities** for the city are to:

- Fix and maintain Monterey streets
- Reduce traffic
- Provide long-term financial stability - 71% (2014 poll) and 72% (2018 poll) said that **long-term financial stability** is "extremely important" or "very important."

We heard you. Thanks to your support of Measure P and Measure S, we are fixing and maintaining Monterey streets. Thanks to grants and regional agency collaborations, we are implementing new adaptive traffic control systems and innovating multi-model commute options, to help reduce traffic congestion on our main streets; and, the main topic of this article, we are focusing **on maintaining long-term financial stability** - a consistent priority for generations of City Councils and our residents.

On October 15, 2019, the Council tasked staff to explore the option of declaring a fiscal emergency and to place a possible general sales tax ballot measure on the March 3, 2020 election. A 0.5% general sales tax measure would result in a \$5 million increase annually. Staff continues outreach efforts with various stakeholder groups and will make greater effort in the next two to four weeks. We value this dialogue and appreciate the willingness to discuss ideas, concerns, opportunities, and especially how we can work together for beneficial outcomes. It is appreciated!

At the upcoming November 19, 2019 City Council meeting, we will provide a summary of community stakeholder engagements, the public survey research results, and draft documents for Council consideration of a fiscal emergency declaration, 0.5% sales tax ballot, and consolidated election for March 2020.

Here is some more information: Sixty-two percent (62%) of sales tax is paid by non-residents. Sales tax is the 4th general fund revenue source. A full 100% of this sales tax revenue would stay in Monterey to fund services – without mandatory allocation to the State or County. Whereas, with property tax, the City only get about 20% of property tax revenues and 80% goes to state, county, and schools. [PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT MORE TAX FACTS](#). A 0.5% sales tax increase translates to a ½ cent increase per \$1 spent on taxable purchases. Groceries and prescription medications are exempt from sales tax.



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Monterey is very unique for its size in that we provide many services of much larger cities – harbor and marina, conference center, sports center and community centers, police and fire services including four fire stations, parking garage services, library services, services to the local military institutions, museums, campgrounds, beaches, trails, and open space that many have come to enjoy. These services and amenities take quality, well-trained staff, equipment, and infrastructure. Monterey's services (public safety, parks, library, trails, beaches) are not fee-based, and are heavily used by residents and non-residents alike. These services rely heavily on other revenues, such as sales tax, to cover operational costs.

We are encouraged by the many valuable relationships with the neighborhood and business associations, the local hospitality sector, our employees, regional partners, the visitors, and our residents. Important questions and hard decisions remain. We look forward to the continued dialogue with the community, and are glad you will be here to partner with us to help make these important financial decisions, with the goal being to keep our quality of life and long term financial stability for today and future generations!

Anda!

Do you know what "Anda" means and why it's been the City of Monterey's motto for over a century? The word Anda is on the official City Seal. Learn what it means - see the page under the About Monterey tab of monterey.org:



monterey.org/About-Monterey/City-Seal-and-Flag

Fiscal Health Response Plan Series - Facts



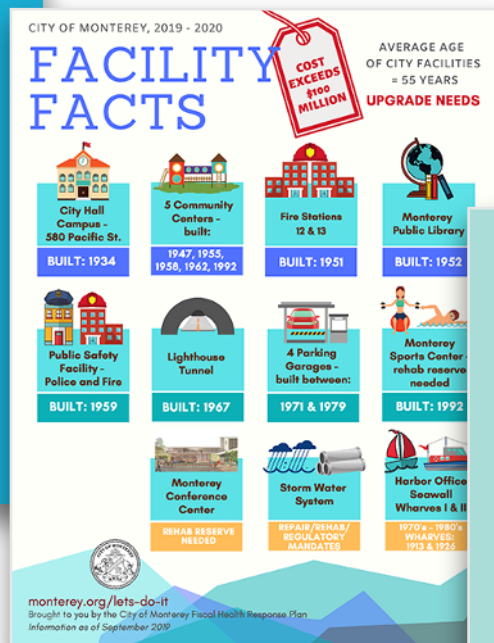
The City of Monterey Finance Office is coordinating fact sheets as focus areas from the **101 Finance Report** published early in 2019. All are part of a education series related to the Fiscal Health Response Plan (FHRP) initiated in 2018 to address upcoming budget shortfalls. We will continue to generate more information flyers to help communicate City of Monterey finances in order to provide a clear vision of where we are and where we want to be - at a place where we can provide long-term financial stability and maintain our quality of life.

The fact sheets, along with a **brand new FAQ related to the potential general sales tax ballot measure** for March 2020, are available at monterey.org/lets-do-it

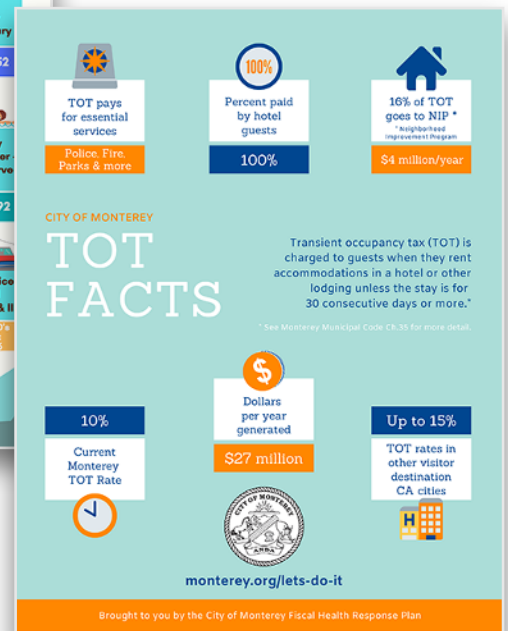
Tax FACTS



Facility FACTS



Hotel Tax (TOT) FACTS



We did it! Measure P's Fourth Year Report



We did it! Thanks to you, Monterey residents, we had Measure P funding for four years, 2015 - 2019, to fix streets, sidewalks, and storm drains.

The **Measure P fourth year report** is now available in print at public city offices, and online at monterey.org/fixingstreets. This report provides a cumulative status update of Measure P work completed since April 2015. The report includes maps detailing the streets that were completed and what's left to finish.

Measure P expired in March 2019, and again, thanks to you, we have continued funding with Measure S for eight more years! This will help us not only finish fixing the streets, but it will help us maintain them in the long term.



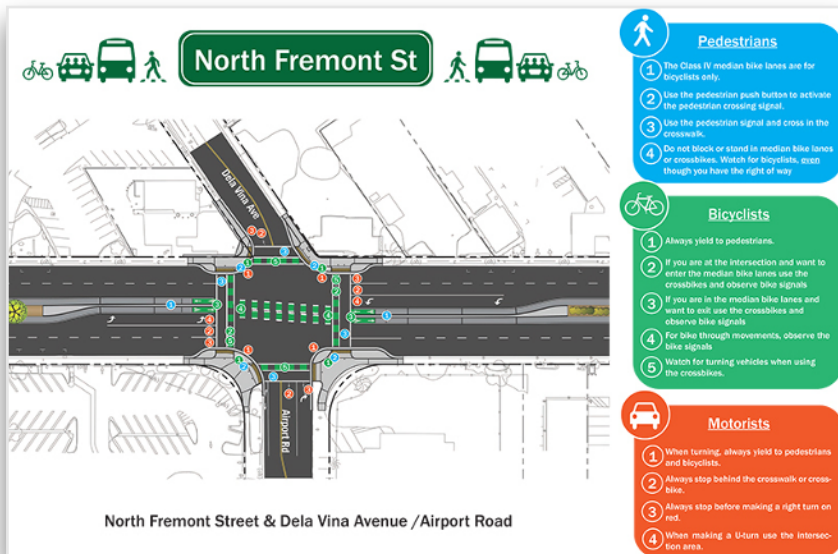
The Public Works/Engineering staff use a Streetsaver software program that identifies the condition of streets. They use the software to analyze the and plan the schedule of streets to be resurfaced or reconstructed.

Then they can refer to a **Pavement Condition Index (PCI) monthly status report** to track the progress. Here's an example of the monthly status report from October, 2019. **It shows an overall PCI currently of 66 - a rise from a PCI of 54 in 2015.** This is a significant improvement in overall street quality which will continue to rise.

If you want to get weekly Construction News emails, please subscribe to Construction News this Week at monterey.org/construction.

North Fremont Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project - Facts & Instructions

Check out the video from the September 14, 2019 opening celebration of the new North Fremont Street improvements. Also learn about the project facts, and review the instructions for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists on this innovative new multi-modal corridor!



Instructions for Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and Motorists



Project Facts

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmQm6G5w4bM>



Safety is priority: New North Fremont railings deter jaywalking - even Jay shouldn't jaywalk

We asked City of Monterey employee, Jay, to help us with some descriptive images of how to be a responsible pedestrian along the new North Fremont corridor. The new bike lane rails discourage jaywalking and increase pedestrian and driver safety. Drivers are busy driving. Please don't give them another distraction by jaywalking. Cars versus people is never a competition - cars win hands down.

We want you safe! Be legal - use the new pedestrian-friendly crosswalks. But of course we know, whenever Jay crosses the street he is always "Jay" walking. So unless your name is Jay, please don't jaywalk.



Thanks to city employee, Jay, for modeling for these shots.

SEE LARGER GRAPHICS

monterey.org/Portals/0/MajorProjects/NorFremontBikPed/Jay-Jaywalking-FINAL.pdf

Housing and Community Development 5 Year Plan SURVEY!

The City of Monterey is looking for community input as it develops an updated five-year plan for housing and the Community Development Block Grant program. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$5 million in funds over the next five (5) years. Public input is needed to understand community needs and to set funding priorities.

Activities eligible for Block Grant funding include:

- ▶ Community services
- ▶ Homelessness
- ▶ Affordable housing
- ▶ Improvements to public infrastructure and facilities
- ▶ Economic development assistance



TAKE THE SURVEY

Let us know your priorities! The survey is available through November 15, 2019 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CityofMontereycommunityoutreachsurvey>

Paper copies of the survey are available at and can be submitted to: City of Monterey Housing Programs Office, 353 Camino El Estero, Monterey, CA 93940

Housing Programs Snapshot - a look at the past year accomplishments BY HOUSING PROGRAMS ANALYST GRANT LEONARD

The Housing Programs Office is pleased to share its annual Housing Snapshot. The Snapshot provides a brief recap of the major accomplishments during the last fiscal year, as well as a review of funding and expenditures. In addition to the end of year highlights, the Snapshot is a great way for our local residents to understand what the Housing Programs Office does and how federal Community Development Block Grants are used to support public services and infrastructure.

Find it on the web on the Housing Programs homepage at monterey.org.housing.org

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Housing Programs Snapshot
Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019

Accomplishments
Over \$1 million in CDBG funding expended, and timeliness goal reached.

Spending Highlights

- Approximately \$100,000 in home repair grants provided to low income homeowners to make safety repairs in improvements
- Provided approximately \$120,000 in grants to non-profit service providers that support needed housing, homeless, and nutritional services.
- Provided \$75,000 for additional improvements to Montecito Park
- Provided \$50,000 in sidewalk and ADA curb ramps near City Hall and the Van Buren Senior housing development.
- Provided \$125,000 to the Veterans Transition Center to renovate a duplex to provide additional transitional housing for veterans.
- Provided \$62,500 for renovation of CHS Safe Place, a shelter for homeless youth.
- Provided \$50,000 for new cold storage at the Monterey County Food bank to support health nutrition in our community.
- Purchased and began rehabilitating a dilapidated 3 bedroom inclusionary housing unit for future resale.
- Assisted several first time home buyers with purchasing affordable housing through the City's Purchase and Resale Program
- Partnered on regional housing and homelessness programs, including completion of the 2019 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and implementation of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).

MISSION:
The Housing Programs Office develops and administers various programs to implement City housing policies that seek to enhance affordable housing opportunities and support local non-profit agencies providing services to special needs populations.



Monterey 250 swag is here - still time to donate

BY MONTEREY 250
COMMITTEE

The City of Monterey turns 250 years old on June 3, 2020. We are "gearing" up for an amazing year of events and activities to celebrate! Speaking of gear, we now have hats and shirts with the official logo available for purchase. Please visit the merchandise page of monterey250.org to place your order!

Check out the website to learn more about Monterey 250 and how you can contribute to and participate in our celebration. While there, be sure to subscribe to email updates, fill out the volunteer form, see the donor options available and learn more about Monterey's bold past! Use #Monterey250 all year long when posting photos at the events!



See the two new videos Monterey 250 videos!



The Most Epic Parades in Monterey History
<https://youtu.be/3zr0RF8Y8Oc>



Monterey, California Turns 250: Then & Now
<https://youtu.be/vayKQhOf8nk>

Old Gray Mare to be featured in Rose Parade® to kick off Monterey 250 celebration

BY LAURIE HUELGA, COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

The Monterey Fire Department's Old Gray Mare is a battleship gray 1916 Seagrave fire engine, the first mechanical fire apparatus owned by the City. Before that, firefighters responded to fires with hand-drawn fire and hose wagons.

There's no need to explain why she's so special to the community. She has a new opportunity that will make her even more historic - she gets to be one of five vehicles featured in the Rose Parade presented by Honda in Pasadena. The Rose Parade is an "iconic New Year's Day tradition," with a rich history dating back to 1890.

There's no better way to ring in the new year, and the start to Monterey's 250th birthday year, than with the Mare parading in the prestigious Rose Parade event, dressed in thousands of beautiful, sweet-smelling roses.

The Parade starts at 8:00 a.m. PST in Pasadena, California, and will be broadcast and streamed live on national television. Learn more at <https://tournamentofroses.com/#countdown>



Extended MST Trolley service over the holidays



The fun and free MST trolley service is extended for three upcoming holiday time periods: Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year and spring break. This service is funded by the City of Monterey and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

See the added schedule below, [download a copy](#), and click on the Trolley web page from monterey.org/parking.

Spring Break

Date	Trolley Service Planned	Hours of Operation	Number of Trolleys
Apr 04, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Apr 05, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Apr 06, Mon	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 07, Tue	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 08, Wed	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 09, Thu	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 10, Fri	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 11, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Apr 12, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Apr 13, Mon	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 14, Tue	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 15, Wed	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 16, Thu	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 17, Fri	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Apr 18, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Apr 19, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2

Thanksgiving Holidays

Date	Trolley Service Planned	Hours of Operation	Number of Trolleys
Nov 23, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Nov 24, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Nov 25, Mon	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Nov 26, Tue	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Nov 27, Wed	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Nov 28, Thu	No Trolleys	N/A	0
Nov 29, Fri	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Nov 30, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Dec 01, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2

Xmas/NY Holidays

Date	Trolley Service Planned	Hours of Operation	Number of Trolleys
Dec 21, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Dec 22, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Dec 23, Mon	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Dec 24, Tue	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Dec 25, Wed	No Trolleys	N/A	0
Dec 26, Thu	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Dec 27, Fri	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Dec 28, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Dec 29, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Dec 30, Mon	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Dec 31, Tue	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Jan 01, Wed	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Jan 02, Thu	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Jan 03, Fri	Supplemental	1000a - 700p	3
Jan 04, Sat	Winter	1000a - 700p	2
Jan 05, Sun	Winter	1000a - 700p	2

Monterey is lucky to have several individuals and groups volunteering to keep Monterey clean and beautiful. Here is a little recognition to say, **"Thank you for all you do!"**

First, **Volunteers in Parks (VIPs)** meets every Tuesday at different public parks locations throughout Monterey. Ruth is the current coordinator of this group. If you are interested in joining them please call the Parks Division at (831) 646-3860.

**Dedicated
volunteers
help keep
Monterey
clean and
beautiful**



There are also two other individuals working informally to help pick up litter around our beaches, parks, and public areas. One group led by Ruth's husband, Bob, is called, **Trash Patrol without Borders**. They meet every Tuesday at the Simoneau Plaza (Transit Station) and some members of Outreach Unlimited IHelp (ihelpmontereybay.org) help Bob cleanup the Transit plaza area from 10 a.m. to noon; then Bob takes the group to lunch.

Another very busy individual is Dennis. For many years now, he's picked up trash six mornings a week. He leaves his house near Ferrante Park walks down the Recreation Trail towards Monterey, cuts over to the beach at Window on the Bay or the path near the Navy property and heads back to Tide Ave or the Tides Hotel. He separates as much recycling as possible and brings all trash up to city trash cans at street level to ensure he doesn't overflow the cans at the beach.

Thanks to Ruth, Bob, Dennis, and the rest of the volunteers! Your kind work and dedication is very appreciated by the whole community!

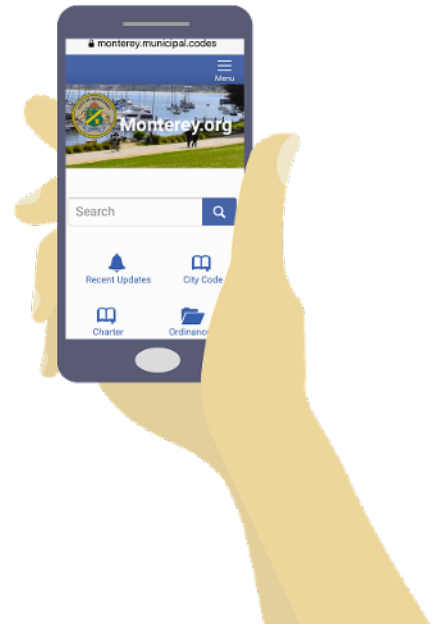


New City Code Web Site

In pursuit of keeping up with latest web technology, supporting digital ADA standards and best practices, as well as providing quality customer service, the City recently updated the Monterey City Code website!

The City Code website is an extension of monterey.org, and links are many places throughout the monterey.org, including in the right section of the footer of every page. The City Code website details the City Charter and City Codes related to legislation, and lists the rules and regulations of the City.

The new site is posted at <https://monterey.municipal.codes/>. After a short learning curve, we anticipate you will find the site easier to use, with more search and save options. The new site is viewable and usable from tablets and smart phones!



Follow Council Meetings on Twitter, Connect on LinkedIn



Did you know you can read Tweets of Council Meeting topics as they are happening live? You don't need your own Twitter account to access the content. Just go to twitter.com/cityofmonterey during a time when a Council meeting is taking place, and City staff will keep you updated on each item on the agenda! We fill you in on what item is being discussed, what the public comments are, and we sometimes includes photos. You will almost feel like you are sitting in the chamber as a live audience member.

The photo to the right shows a series of Tweets from a recent Council meeting.



The other social media news is that the City of Monterey is now on LinkedIn. If you are on LinkedIn please connect with us at [LinkedIn.com/company/cityofmonterey](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cityofmonterey)

We post about a variety of city topics, including job openings, the status of public works projects, city awards, and much more!



Award winning Monterey Model in action

BY ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST TAMAR KAUFMAN MEUSEL



The Monterey Model is a partnership between the cities of Monterey and Seaside (jointly operating as Presidio Municipal Services Agency - PMSA) and the Presidio of Monterey. Initiated in 1997, the Monterey Model continues to enjoy great success as a regional and national model for building dynamic, cost effective, and sustainable partnerships.

On October 15, 2019, City of Monterey staff members Jon Anderson, Tamar Kaufman Meusel, and Tom Levendowski presented to the Municipal Management Association of Northern California's (MMANC) Annual Conference in Sacramento. MMANC's mission is to inspire, inform and connect local government leaders through the support of an engaged community. City of Monterey staff described the Monterey Model, what made it so successful, and strategies utilized to start and develop a robust partnership. We appreciated the opportunity to share our successful strategies with other municipal managers who may be interested in mirroring our program.

On October 18, 2019, the City of Monterey was notified the Monterey Model was again selected as an Army Community Partnership Award winner for Fiscal Year 2019! The Monterey Model won in 2016, "Great American Defense Community," (see [Spring 2016 issue of City Focus](#)).

October 31st - November 1st, the City of Monterey is excited to host the [Association of Defense Communities Partnership Bootcamp](#) at the [Monterey Conference Center](#). This conference will reach primarily military leaders from across the country looking to replicate the success and cost savings of the Monterey Model. We look forward to welcoming conference attendees at the end of the month.

If you would like to learn more about the Monterey Model, please contact us at MontereyModel.org



Did you know?

There are approx. 15 military installations in Monterey County supporting approx. 15,600 Federal jobs?

The military in Monterey County has a budget of approximately \$1.4 billion dollars?

The Monterey Model has reduced operational costs to the Presidio of Monterey by 22% annually?



Drug Awareness Presentations & Be Bully Free Workshops

**BY SCHOOL RESOURCES
OFFICER GREG GALIN**

Community Alert - Counterfeit drugs containing fentanyl causing overdoses in local teens

The Monterey Police Department is busy participating in youth education on two important topics: the dangers of drug use, and bullying.

School Resource Officer Greg Galin was part of a town hall meeting on student drug use at CHOMP in September. He sat on a panel of experts that answered questions about drug use from parents, students, and professionals from the medical and education community. Other panelists included emergency room doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, and high school students.

On October 17, MPD teamed up with Monterey High School and Sun Street Center for a drug awareness presentation at the Monterey High School Library on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6 p.m. Learn about the drugs impacting our youth on the Monterey Peninsula.

Officer Galin also just recently helped launch MPD's "Be Bully Free" workshop at Monterey Elementary 5th grade classes. Through a series of three interactive presentations the students learned how to identify bullying. They also learned how to respond when they witness bullying, find themselves the target of bullying, or catch themselves bullying. By the end of October 250 students will have participated in the workshop.

The City of Monterey would like to communicate a recent warning by Monterey Police and other law enforcement agencies to alert local residents about an increasing number of calls related to overdoses of counterfeit drugs suspected of containing fentanyl.

Since Friday, October 18, 2019 law enforcement has been made aware of five recent overdoses on the peninsula in just a few days. It is suspected there are additional unreported overdoses.

Public safety and medical personnel view this issue as a grave danger, and while parents should discuss this with their teenage children, everyone should be talking about this issue with their loved ones to ensure people understand the danger of taking non-prescribed medications.

Counterfeit pills could look like the ones pictured above or other medications.

See the news release and accompanying information sheet from the Monterey County Health Department for more information and how to keep you and your family safe from dangerous counterfeit drugs:

monterey.org/Portals/0/Newsroom/2019/19_1022-PRVNT-Fentanyl-Overdoses.pdf

Also view the link to Montage Health's Medication Safety Program page,

<https://www.montagehealth.org/montage-health/prescribe-safe/#.XbCU8pJKiZx>



Monterey Recreation - Winter & Spring Recreation Programs

BY INTERIM RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER SHANNON LEON

Start planning to register for activities for all ages, when the newest issue of **play! Monterey** (good December-May) is released on Monday, October 21. Guides will be available online at monterey.org/rec or at the Monterey Recreation Office at 546 Dutra Street, (831) 646-3866.

Winter/Spring Registration – Open to All! -

Begins Wednesday, October 23

Monterey Recreation Office, 546 Dutra Street

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monterey Sports Center, 301 E. Franklin Street

Registration for MSC begins at 5:30 a.m.



Don't forget that online registration is also available 24/7
monterey.org/rec

Podcasting: AMP is here to get you where you want to be!



Access Monterey Peninsula, (AMP), is a nonprofit organization contracted by the City to provide media services to our community. The AMP Channel on cable channel 25 plays live and rebroadcasts of city meetings, and fun and interesting custom programming produced by the City of Monterey.

AMP has opened new studios at 465 Tyler Street to better serve the community. They are excited to announce their newest venture: podcasting! Whether you've been podcasting for years, are an avid listener and want to give it a try, or you're

completely new to podcasting: AMP is here to get you where you want to be. AMP will also launch their own podcast in late 2019, and they can't wait for you all to listen!

Book a time my emailing amp@ampmedia.org and learn more about AMP at ampmedia.org



On the third Friday of September every year, parking spaces turn into people places. PARKing Day, started as an experiment in urban design, has become a global phenomenon. Hundreds of cities around the world turn parking spots that are usually reserved for stationary, empty cars into places for people. The initiative also promotes civic pride and invites residents to think about how we can transform our local urban environment.

The City Manager's Office and Parks Division set up mini parks along Alvarado Street, featuring green spaces, outdoor seating and fun and educational booths from various City departments, school groups and nonprofit organizations. Sticking with the "park" theme, Parks staff, local nonprofits and students educated passersby about gardening, horticulture, native plants and landscaping, and offered free potted plants and seeds.

We were also happy to have Recreation and Monterey Sports Center staff, who provided physical fitness education and challenges, fun games, and information about upcoming fall and winter programs. For Library Card Sign Up Month, Monterey Public Library librarians signed up residents for library cards and offered free books in a mobile library. PARK(ing) Day visitors relaxed and enjoyed takeout lunch in our parklets, or enjoyed coffee and donuts with our police officers.

We'd like to give a big shoutout to Thys Norton and our Parks staff, who set up elaborate and beautiful parklets. Alvarado Street has never looked greener! And thank you to the Old Monterey Business Association for offering several parking spaces and promoting the event. Visit our Instagram page at www.instagram.com/cityofmonterey to see snapshots from this fun and green event.

Save the date for PARKing Day in 2020, which will be held on September 18!



Annual PARKing Day enjoyed by community

**BY MEDIA SPECIALIST
ERIC PALMER**



The Library of the future

BY LIBRARY MANAGER KIM SMITH

Built in the 1952, the Monterey Public Library was designed for a very different type of use. The book collection was small, and there were no DVDs or audiobooks. There were no computers, and few power outlets. Why would the public need to access electricity?!

Story time took place on the linoleum floor of the children's area, and the other programs and events that you now expect to see at your

library didn't exist. As the decades passed and needs changed, the building was modified to accommodate growing collections and new technologies. The library became the hub of community activity you see today while still providing reference and technology assistance, and all the books everyone loves to check out.

But the building is aging, internal systems are failing, and if you've ever visited the library while it's busy, (which is frequently), you will know there is not enough space for everybody and everything to fit comfortably. Looking to the future, the City hired architectural consultants, Group 4, to examine the building and its needs, query you about what you value most in a library, and provide recommendations for where to go from here.

The Library Board has reviewed the options and there is good news and bad news. The estimated cost to update all of the outdated and failing systems such as the heating, ventilation, plumbing, and elevator, while freshening up the building with no major changes is 15 million dollars. The Board's preferred recommendation is to make those upgrades, plus update and expand the facility to better accommodate demand. This would provide the much requested space for larger meeting rooms, group study space, seating throughout the building, an expanded California History Room, and additional flexible areas for collections and programs for the next several decades.

How do library improvements fit with other community priorities? Watch for more information as we work to turn this beloved 1950's building into a welcoming library for the 21st century!



The Monterey Public Library in 1952

Fire Boat leads the welcome for the Maiden Factor Foundation Yacht in Monterey

The S/V "Maiden" competed in an around-the-world sailing race in 1989 - 1990 that featured a first-time all-female crew. Sony Pictures recently released a full-length feature film telling the story of the 26-year-old Captain Tracy Edwards MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) and the incredible journey by her and her crew.

The S/V "Maiden" visited Monterey Thursday, October 10 through Saturday, October 12, 2019 as part of a California tour. [Learn more about the Maiden Factor Foundation](#)





Monterey Fire Boat leads the welcome parade for the M/V Maiden yacht - themaidefactor.org

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