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A LOCAL LOOK AT DIVERSITY

Message from the City Manager

First, a Reprint from City Focus, Summer 2000 edition: "Diversity a Source of Community Strength"

"Take a close look at Monterey. There is more here than first meets the eye ... "

"Yes, we are a world-class visitor destination, and the visitor industry does fuel much of the local economy. At the same time, our area has emerged as a prominent center for research and higher education activity, and our institutions of study in language, international business and environmental sciences are among the finest in the world. In fact, Monterey is widely accepted as the Language Capital of the World. The people that make up our community are as diverse as our economy. If you look closely at our citizens, you will find people from all walks of life, a broad range of incomes and a rich mix of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. We have a number of distinctive residential and commercial neighborhoods, each with its own special flavor. All in all, Monterey truly reflects the enormous demographic changes taking place in our State and Nation. Most of the time our diversity serves as a source of strength and is a major contributor to the success that Monterey enjoys. At times, however, our diversity can cause tension and friction and can even lead to acts of violence. As we work on a variety of issues dealing with safety, our schools, our economy and the future form of our City, it is important to remember to take pride in our community's diversity and use it as a source of strength to help resolve community issues and concerns. There is no question this will help keep Monterey the truly great place that it is. "

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THE CITY OF
MONTEREY

These wise words were published in our City Focus back in the summer of 2000. They are still relevant to our City, our neighborhoods, and our City organization. As we approach the first district-based elections in November of this year, I encourage all of us to remember that the formation of districts has very little to do with representation of neighborhood-centric issues. Instead, a district-based election process is all about diversity, equity and inclusion, as they allow underrepresented groups to elect their candidates of choice.

Enjoy your summer. Go out and play and reflect in our many parks and/or on our beaches. When you do, spend a minute or so to think about our City's future. What do you foresee? How can you participate to help make a positive impact? Maybe, you will find the courage and

time to volunteer for one of the many positions on our Boards and Commissions. Thank you for allowing us to work with you. ANDA!



Hans Uslar, City Manager



**DIVERSITY
EQUITY
INCLUSION**

Like a string of beads, it is our unique differences and intricacies that make us so appealing and attractive. We would not be as beautiful if we were all the same. It's the contrast and asymmetry that makes us worth while.

— Lindsey Lunsford, M.E.M., Second Edition DEI Fellow
<https://dei.extension.org>

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Monterey Car Week, August 12 - 22

BY CITY STAFF

Monterey Car Week is August 12 - 22, 2022.

The most comprehensive guide to Car Week is available at

<https://seemonterey.com/events/sporting/concours/>

This link provides comprehensive information on:

- Interactive Car Week Map
- Travel Recommendations and Advisories
- Shows & Races
- Auctions
- Arts & Lectures



Several events are free, outside, and easy to attend right near the Recreation Trail, including [RM Sotheby Auctions](#) at the [Monterey Conference Center](#) on August 19 and 20. RM Sotheby's continues to set the standard for collector car auctions with its long history of record-breaking results, high-caliber consignments, unparalleled client service, impeccable presentation, and international footprint. Simply put, the energy of this year's RM Sotheby's Monterey auction is unmatched and one not to be missed.

Monterey County will provide road traffic advisories, closures, and other related information. Many local non-profit agencies and schools benefit from Car Week, and a list of those charity partners will be provided as well.

Overdose Awareness Day Resource Fair, August 31

BY CITY STAFF AND MONTAGE HEALTH

You're invited to the [Overdose Awareness Day Resource Fair](#), Wednesday, August 31, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza in Monterey. Please join us and our community partners to learn more about how to rescue someone from an overdose and how we can prevent, treat, and recover from addiction. We encourage visitors to park in the Downtown West Garage at 340 Tyler Street - the first hour is free.

Free Narcan®

Narcan® is an FDA-approved naloxone medication that saves lives by reversing the effects of an opioid (including fentanyl) overdose.

Narcan supply is limited. One box per attendee, first come, first served.



To learn more and to get important resources, visit montagehealth.org/prescribesafe.

Learn more about International Overdose Awareness Day at overdoseday.com

QUARTERLY CITY OR CITY-SPONSORED FEATURED EVENTS



AUGUST

12 City Hall Selfie Day
12 - 21 Monterey Car Week
31 Overdose Awareness Day

This list is not complete. Please check the City's social channels at [@cityofmonterey](https://twitter.com/cityofmonterey) and the calendar at monterey.org for more information.

MEETINGS

A list of city meetings is posted on the City's public search engine, isearchmonterey.org

COMMUNITY

A list of community-wide events is available at seemonterey.com/events

SEPTEMBER

National Preparedness Month
11 Patriot Day and
National Day of Service and Remembrance
17 Coastal Cleanup Day
Last Week in September- Sea Otter Awareness Week
20 National Voter Registration Day
23 - 25 Monterey Jazz Festival
Montage Health's Community Safety Fair
26 - 30 Storm Water Awareness Week

OCTOBER

Monterey History Festival
9 - 15 National Fire Prevention Week
16 - 22 National Friends of Libraries Week
20 ShakeOut Day - Earthquake Safety
31 Halloween



Photos by Roman Janicek

IN THE NEWS

City Council adopted the Budget for FY 2022-2023 at the June 29, 2022 Council Meeting. The Draft Book is posted at monterey.org/finance and monterey.org/budget. The Final Budget Book will be posted soon.



Business License Renewal - Renew by August 15

BY FINANCE STAFF

A business license is required if you do business in the City of Monterey. It is mandatory for all businesses to submit a business license application on or before starting to do business. Business license tax is not refundable or transferable. **All business licenses expire on June 30th and must be renewed by August 15th to avoid late penalties.**

[Renew your license online](#)

Did you know you can also apply online for a business license? Here's the [online business application form](#).

For more information about renewing or applying for a City of Monterey business license, refer to the [Business License web page](#) found at monterey.org/finance, or call (831) 646-3944.

New Shark Warning Signs

BY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

With shark sightings seemingly on the increase in Monterey Bay, and news articles with interviews from local shark experts to back it up, the City of Monterey continues to be proactive about community outreach. We made two new signs, one a shark warning, and one for a closure of the bay due to a shark incident. If you see one of these signs, please pay attention. While it is still very rare, it is important to be aware to stay safe. Sharks are a critical part of the marine ecosystem. Humans are not on their list of prey, but sometimes we can look like one of shark's favorite meals, a seal or sea lion.

Read an article
from the Monterey
Bay Aquarium, "[10 Cool Things About Sharks.](#)"



Unhoused Residents in Monterey Fact Sheet

BY MONTEREY POLICE AND CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



Background

The City of Monterey has received numerous questions from the community related to concerns about the unhoused in Monterey, specifically related to illegally camping on the beaches, in forested areas, and other locations. Many concerns have arisen around the potential damage to the beach including erosion, creating public health issues, damaging areas with contaminating trash, human waste, drug paraphernalia, and potential fire danger in forested areas.

When the State of California enacted a Stay at Home Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, it allowed the unhoused to live in various areas as there were no other options. Thus, we saw an increase in persons living along roadsides, in open spaces, on beaches, and other locations. Encampments grew along many miles of freeways and highways throughout California. As the pandemic eased, California lifted the Stay at Home order in June 2021. Months later, Caltrans, the state agency that manages the state road system, received funding to help displaced residents living along state properties. The State wanted to ensure safety for those living along roadways as it is unsafe and poses other risks to the community by increasing the potential for fires, and other environmental and health risks. Since late 2021, Caltrans has addressed many of the encampments and assisted individuals in finding other alternatives.

The Monterey Police Department's Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Team (MDOT) plays an important role in this process locally. While there have been many successes, other individuals are more "service resistant," refusing services offered to them and choosing to live outdoors in public places, including on beaches, parks, and forested areas. When discussing homelessness, it must be recognized that people become unhoused for a variety of reasons, and the vast majority want to become housed. However, there are several groups of those who are homeless that are "service resistant" and will not avail themselves of services or, especially during the summer months, are "travelers" that move through Monterey and then move on. It must also be acknowledged that there is a lack of housing and shelter beds, which contributes to the problem.

The City of Monterey is currently seeing an increase in camping along Monterey State and Del Monte beaches – between Municipal Wharf 2 (the Commercial Wharf) and the Monterey Tides Hotel.

Q1: Is it illegal to camp in public spaces, including beaches?

A1: Yes, it is illegal to camp in certain public spaces, however, there are several legal requirements we must follow while enforcing this and similar laws. In a legal case titled *Martin v. Boise*, the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that public agencies cannot criminalize homelessness if there are not enough shelters to house those who are illegally camping. If cities and counties have homeless shelter space, the enforcement of anti-camping laws is legal. While we work diligently to locate bedspace for those who want it, we sometimes have challenges finding bed space and therefore cannot enforce specific laws related to illegally camping. More about that case can be found here: <https://cityofboise.org/news/mayor/2021/february/settlement-reached-in-groundbreaking-martin-v-boise-case/>

Q2: Does the Monterey Peninsula have enough homeless shelter space?

A2: No. There are challenges in finding bed space on a 24-hour a day basis for those who may decide they would like to avail themselves of being inside. In the City of Monterey, many non-governmental organizations and the MPD

Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Team (MDOT) are working to house the homeless and these options include: 1) a shelter for youth to age 24 (Safeplace by Community Human Services, a non-profit organization); 2) a day center for women (Gathering for Women, a non-profit organization); 3) a daily housing service that picks up men and women to provide

overnight shelter (I-HELP, a non-profit); and 4) an anticipated opening of a shelter in 2023 for women and children (The Shuman Hearthouse by Community Human Services). However, the temporary shelter offered by I-HELP is only available if people agree to be transported to various locations before 4:30 pm and be dropped off at 8:00 am the next morning. The MDOT team also utilizes the services of a men's overnight shelter in Salinas (Victory Mission, a non-profit organization). There are many challenges even when there is a potential for finding overnight shelter, as the shelters correctly have requirements to stay there. One such requirement includes being vaccinated. Sometimes individuals the City's MDOT Team are working with do not want to comply with the requirements the shelters have in place, such as the hours of operations, pet restrictions, and/or drug or alcohol policies.

Q3: Why don't we secure more bed space for the homeless?

A3: Many local non-profits and government entities are working on that, but it is challenging. Many residents do not want homeless shelters built in their neighborhoods. They fear these shelters will make their neighborhoods unsafe and reduce property values. If the shelters are built further away from neighborhoods, transportation and finding services nearby become difficult. Funding is also a significant challenge. City government funds are limited, focusing on services such as fire, police, library, parks and recreation, and public works. County funding is also limited, as are water supplies to support the development of shelter space. The City has prioritized housing affordability and strives to improve access to housing, which in turn is intended to reduce homelessness.

Q4: What is the City of Monterey and the Monterey Police Department (MPD) Doing to address this issue?

A4: First, it must be acknowledged that being homeless is not a crime. Many unhoused suffer from mental health issues, addiction issues, loss of jobs, loss of homes, etc. Several years ago, the MPD created a team called the Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Team (MDOT). MDOT consists of our Community Action Team (CAT) police officers, as well as local service providers, such as: the YWCA (Domestic Violence), a Community Health Innovations social worker, a Monterey County Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Response worker, Adult Protective Services, Gathering for Women, Interim and other providers. Some of these service providers have workstations at the Monterey Police Department and work closely with our officers. The City has had great success in coordinating services for people that has included enrollment in mental health and drug treatment programs, as well as long-term housing solutions. For individuals willing to go to a shelter or a program, the Police Department often drive them to the shelter or their appointment(s) where they can receive services. While we have had success with a few individuals, not everyone wants help or is willing to make changes to their current living conditions. There are also barriers to finding shelter for people.

While the MPD is very invested in coordinating access to services, MPD also enforces violations of the law. Recently during outreach, persons in an encampment were using and possessing methamphetamine and were arrested. However, arrests are not a long-term solution and with the recent decriminalization of drug crimes, simple possession of illicit drugs is a misdemeanor that results in the subject(s) being cited out of the jail and living back on the street.

The MPD publishes the work our Community Action Team and MDOT does via our Monthly Report. You can find the Monthly Report online under the Get Informed tab at montereypolice.org. As an example, in June 2022 the MPD abated 74 encampments, in May MPD abated 89 encampments, in April MPD abated 43 encampments and in March MPD abated 53 encampments. Please know the MPD is committed to the safety of the public and we are working within the confines of the law and ensuring those who are unhoused are offered services,

to address this very complicated issue. Much of this work is done to ensure that the locations where these illegal encampments are being erected are not eroding the beach, creating public health problems, damaging the areas with contaminating trash, human waste, drug paraphernalia, preventing potential fire danger in forested areas, etc. The City addresses this issue with multiple Departments and in addition to the MPD utilizes staff and contractors from other City Departments to assist in the cleanup of the beaches and other City areas.



Q5: What can City administrators do?

A5: City officials know this topic is top of mind and very concerning for residents. City administrators continue to work with elected leaders at the local, regional, and state levels to find solutions. It is ongoing, and progress is being made. Caltrans continues to abate illegal encampments, set up wire fencing to stop encampments from reforming, and legislators are looking at new laws, and new services, including for those with mental health and/or drug addiction.

On July 14, 2022, many City of Monterey staff attended the "Lead Me Home Summit on Homelessness" which was presented by the Coalition of Homeless Service Providers. The City is committed to continue to work with all stakeholders in an effort to find solutions to the issues that are related to homelessness, and to find resolution so those who are illegally camping can be housed and these issues are resolved.

Q6: Why are we seeing so many unhoused in Monterey?

A6: Many of the unhoused in Monterey are from Monterey originally, and this is their home. Others come to Monterey and find a mild climate, little crime, and tourists. Those who are visiting Monterey often feel for those who do not have as much as they do and provide cash and other things to those who are homeless. This provides the ability for the "service resistant" unhoused to find a means that allow them to remain unhoused, but gain income. For many years, the City has discouraged the public from donating money or goods directly to those who are unhoused, and instead donate to nonprofit organizations that support individuals experiencing homelessness. While some may feel that donating cash to panhandlers is an altruistic act, direct monetary donations to individuals experiencing homelessness perpetuates the homelessness challenge our communities are facing, because it encourages individuals to panhandle rather than seek assistance from service providers.

It is important to point out that the programs being utilized in the City of Monterey are working in getting people housed. The **2022 Monterey Homeless Count and Survey Comprehensive Report** shows a 50% decrease in unhoused persons in the City of Monterey comparing 2019 to 2022 (the two most recent counts, page 12).

JURISDICTIONAL BREAKDOWN

Of the jurisdictions in the County, the City of Monterey saw the largest decrease of 50% from 2019 to 2022.

Figure 6: HOMELESS POPULATION BY JURISDICTION

JURISDICTION	UNSHELTERED			SHELTERED			TOTAL			'19-'22 % change
	2017	2019	2022	2017	2019	2022	2017	2019	2022	
Total Incorporated	1,692	1,492	1,089	724	560	652	2,416	2,052	1,741	-15%
Monterey	292	167	74	46	37	27	338	204	101	-50%
Salinas	1,097	976	777	264	206	288	1,361	1,182	1,065	-10%
Marina	51	98	81	356	261	275	407	396	356	-10%
Seaside	40	126	90	58	56	62	98	182	152	-16%
Sand City	51	8	3	0	0	0	51	8	3	*
Gonzales	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	*
Pacific Grove	35	14	29	0	0	0	35	14	29	*
King City	0	27	18	0	0	0	0	27	18	*
Greenfield	6	14	2	0	0	0	6	14	2	*
Del Rey Oaks	111	0	2	0	0	0	111	0	2	*
Carmel	16	6	1	0	0	0	16	6	1	*
Soledad	13	35	12	0	0	0	13	35	12	*
Total Unincorporated	421	338	268	0	32	38	419	370	306	-17%
Total	2,113	1,830	1,357	724	592	690	2,837	2,422	2,047	-15%

*Note: % change was not calculated when jurisdiction was below 25 individuals.

Q7: What can you do to help the situation?**A7:** Here are five things you can do to help:

- 1) Contact your state representatives and ask them for help. Tell them how you feel about the current situation on the local beaches and other open spaces. Explain to them your concerns.
- 2) Try to understand that each individual situation is unique and being empathetic to people's needs can help.
- 3) Do not provide handouts or cash to those who may be asking, instead find a reputable non-profit and donate to that group. Non-profits provide a more structured way of providing services.
- 4) Keep the communication channels with your community leaders open. Dialogue and continuing to work together as a community will make us stronger and we will see positive results.
- 5) If you see something, say something. While most homeless persons are not a threat, it is always good to be aware and if you see something that doesn't seem right, please let us know. This goes for any individual, not just a homeless person. If you see a crime being committed call 9-1-1. If you see an incident, but not the crime taking place, call the non-emergency Police number at (831) 646-3914. If you want your city official to know about a situation, contact them by email at suggest@monterey.org, or call (831) 646-3799 – both go directly to the City Manager's Office.



**2022 Monterey
Homeless Count and
Survey Comprehensive
Report**

This [Fact Sheet](#) is posted in PDF at monterey.org/mdot.

**CERT Monterey Newsletter**

BY MONTEREY CERT

Monterey has an active and well-organized Community Emergency Response Team. They train throughout the year.

[Featured in the July newsletter:](#)

- CERT deploys for a three-day beach patrol activity after a shark attack off Lover's Point in Pacific Grove
- CERT deploys to assist local fire department with firefighter rehabilitation station
- Training refresher: Initial assessment of the injured
- Pet Preparedness

For more information on CERT, or how to become a CERT member email training@montereycert.org. The monthly newsletters are also linked from <https://monterey.org/cert>.



2022 Fire Season Outlook

BY MONTEREY FIRE

California continues to experience longer wildfire seasons as a direct result of climate change. Extended dryness originating from

January is expected to continue into the spring with little precipitation, leaving most of the state in moderate to extreme drought conditions prior to summer. These continued dry conditions, with above normal temperatures through spring, will leave fuel moisture levels lower than normal, increasing the potential for wildland fire activity.

Your Monterey Fire Department has been working hard to make sure the community is safer by providing Defensible Space Inspections in your neighborhoods. Check the [defensible space](#) status of your neighborhood. The link is also available at montereyfiredept.org.



Monterey County Multi-jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan

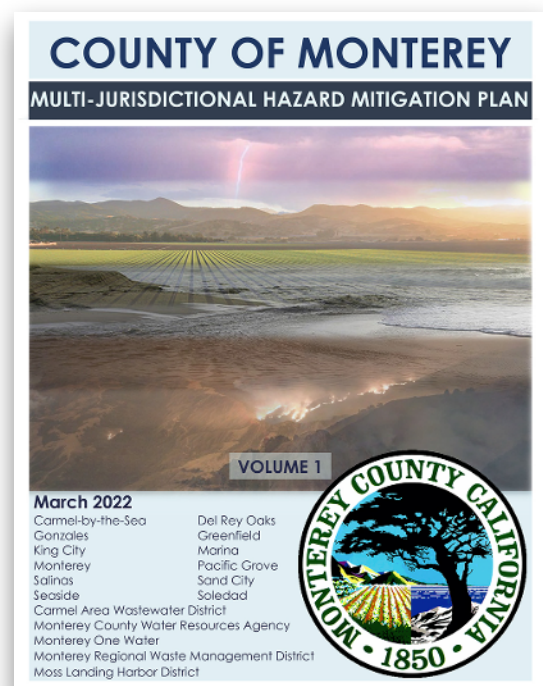
BY MONTEREY FIRE AND CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

A coalition of Monterey County local governments and special districts embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified hazards by updating the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP).

The MJHMP is a blueprint for reducing the Operational Area's vulnerability to disasters and hazards. Monterey County is vulnerable to a wide range of natural and manmade hazards. These hazards can threaten the life and safety of residents and visitors and have the potential to damage or destroy both public and private property and disrupt the local economy and overall quality of life. While the threats from hazard events may never be fully eliminated, there is much we can do to lessen their potential impact on our communities. The concept and practice of reducing risks to people and property from known hazards is called hazard mitigation.

The Plan is also posted at monterey.org/emergency.

- [MKHMP Volume 1 in PDF](#)
- [MKHMP Volume 2 in PDF](#)
- [City Council Resolution](#)



Annual Housing Repair Grant Program Now Open

BY HOUSING PROGRAMS ANALYST GRANT LEONARD

The City of Monterey annual home repair grant program is now open and seeking qualified applicants. The Housing Rehabilitation Program serves low-income homeowners within the City of Monterey and allows residents to obtain grants for repairs to help maintain their most important investment - their home. Eligible homeowners are encouraged to apply early to ensure funds are available, with priority screening beginning in late September.

The City's Housing Repair Grant Program provides grants to qualifying homeowners to make needed health and safety repairs and improvements to their homes that they could not afford otherwise. Types of work that can be funded include:

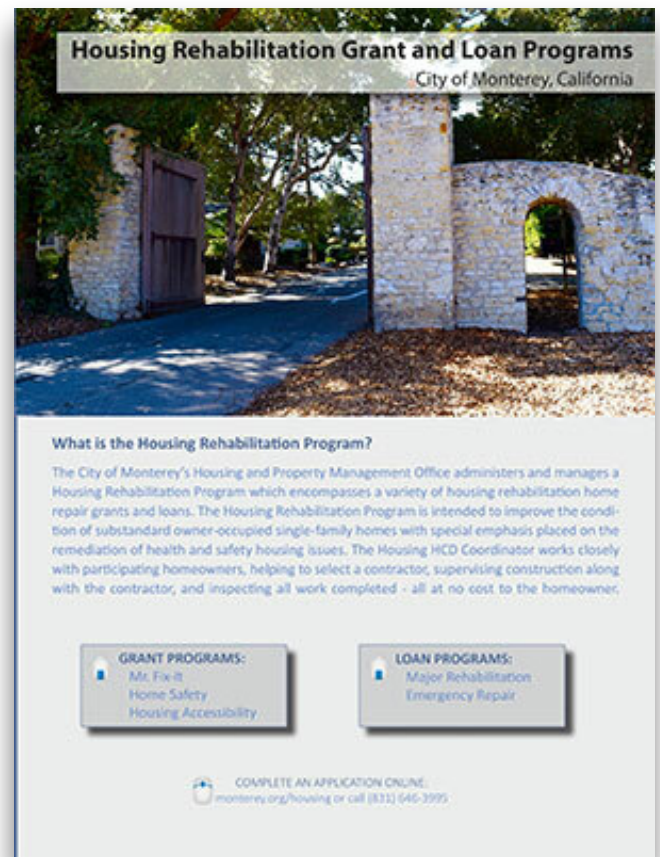
- Safety and accessibility projects for disabled persons, such as installation of ramps and grab bars
- Plumbing and electrical repairs
- Repairs or replacement of windows, doors, and certain appliances
- Minor home remodeling projects to improve accessibility and safety
- Exterior repairs, such as painting, roof repairs, and tree removal

Interested Monterey residents can view eligibility requirements and [complete an application](#) available on the Housing Programs website at monterey.org/housinggrants.

All work funded by the grants will be completed by licensed contractors who have been approved by the City to participate in the program. Contractors interested in the program are encouraged to contact the Housing Programs Office to learn how to sign up.

The program is operated through the City's Housing Programs Office with support from [Federal Community Development Block Grants](#). The program supports approximately \$100,000 in home repairs annually and is part of the City's continuing efforts to support housing for low-income, senior, and disabled persons.

Learn more by [reading the brochure](#) or pick up a copy at the Housing Programs Office, downstairs of Colton Hall, 570 Pacific Street; or call (831) 646-3995. Video testimonials are also available on the web.



**Eligible
Homeowners
and Contractors
Encouraged to
APPLY**

New Solar-Powered Paperless Pay Stations Extend Monterey Parking Options, Add Convenience and Accessibility

BY CITY STAFF



New Flowbird Parking System Example at Lot #7 on Calle Principal

The City of Monterey just completed an exciting upgrade to 28 parking stations in 16 paid, off-street locations in Downtown, Cannery Row, and the Waterfront area. The City replaced a variety of outdated pay-and-display and pay-by-space meters with Flowbird's Smart Parking kiosks.

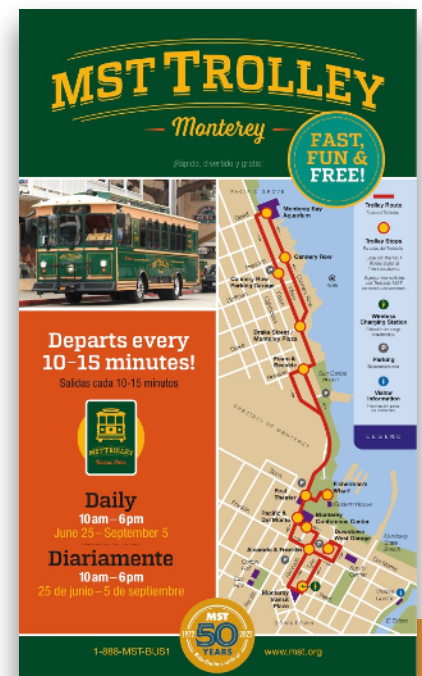
The new parking system features pay-by-plate parking kiosks with a 9.7" full color touch display that is accessible for all customers, including meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and choice of language options. The touch screen display has the look and feel of a tablet, walking users step-by-step through the transaction process.

To begin, the user enters their license plate number and desired length of stay. Payment options include debit or credit card, coins, or the newest feature, tap-to-pay. The new system is also compatible with the ParkMobile app that the City integrated in 2019. Once payment is completed, the parking session has started and there is no need to walk back to the vehicle to display a receipt on the dashboard. With the new environmentally friendly paperless kiosks, the user can choose to receive a receipt by text message once the transaction is complete.

"The upgrade is a part of the City of Monterey's goal to simplify and improve the parking experience for users," said Parking Superintendent Cristie Steffy.

When a user's parking session is about to expire, they will receive a notification via text asking if they would like to add more time. With a simple reply, users can remotely extend their parking with the time of their choosing. At any point during their parking session, a user can also visit any pay station and add more time directly. By implementing modernized pay stations and the Extend by Text feature, the City will be able to better manage parking turnover and visitor influx during peak seasons.

Learn more about parking options and view garage and lot maps in Monterey at monterey.org/parking. Learn more about the Flowbird system at flowbirdapp.com.



**Ride the FREE
Trolley Shuttle -
through Labor Day,
September 5**

HAVE YOUR SAY MONTEREY

Cannabis Update

BY CITY STAFF

Resolution 22-087 was adopted by the City Council at the June 29, 2022 City Council Meeting, followed by Resolution 22-097 at the July 19, 2022 City Council Meeting. This Resolution amended and reinstated Resolution 22-087 to revise the ballot measure questions to reflect the maximum tax rates the City can impose on commercial cannabis activity. [READ THE FULL RESOLUTION](#)

Staff is now working on a regulation ordinance that will be up for review next.

Stay informed on this topic by following <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/cannabis>.



Flavored Tobacco Ordinance

BY CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE INTERN BRIANNA KENNEDY

HAVE YOUR SAY MONTEREY



E-cigarette product example

At the end of 2021, City of Monterey staff began working on a proposal for an ordinance to amend Monterey City Code (Chapter 19, Article 5, Tobacco Retailer License) to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products, flavored e-cigarette (or vape) products, and single-use disposable e-cigarette products.

During the first reading of the ordinance to City Council, members of the public and local organizations voiced their support for the proposed ordinance. There was also an unexpected outpouring of support for Monterey's only hookah lounge, Indian Summer, and advocates called for a flavored shisha tobacco exemption. The first reading closed with

the Council deciding to include a hookah exemption in the draft ordinance with the option to eliminate it pending additional research from staff.

Staff returned on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 for a second reading of the ordinance and an updated presentation to provide more information about shisha, or hookah, tobacco. The Council also heard from members supporting both versions of the ordinance – organizations in support of no exemptions like the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Breathe California, Sun Street Centers, and Tobacco Free Kids Campaign, as well as hookah lounge owners and representatives from the National Hookah Community Association who advocated for keeping the existing hookah exemption. After a lengthy discussion, Council approved a new version of the ordinance with an exemption just for on-site consumption of shisha tobacco at the existing hookah lounge.

Once the new ordinance draft is approved in its second reading, tobacco retailers have 180 days to sell the remainder of their flavored tobacco products before the ban is enforced by the Monterey County Health Department in collaboration with City of Monterey's Code Compliance and Police Department.

Get Involved in Your City

BY CITY CLERK CLEMENTINE BONNER KLEIN

DID YOU KNOW? The City is accepting applications for seats on the following bodies on a rolling basis until the seats are filled:

- Appeals Hearing Board – One vacancy
- Disabled Access Appeals Board – Multiple vacancies
- Board of Library Trustees – One seat with an expiring term.
- Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program (NCIP) Committee – Accepting applications to fill vacancies for the positions of Alternate for the following neighborhoods: Aguajito Oaks, Alta Mesa, and Deer Flats. ([NCIP neighborhood map](#))



Few Memorial Hall Council Chamber at City Hall.

Monterey residents are encouraged to apply online, or may print a PDF and mail it to 580 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940 or drop off a paper application in the secure drop box outside the Council Chamber.

Application Form - [APPLY ONLINE](#) or [PRINT THE PDF](#)

For more information, email cityclerk@monterey.org or call (831) 646-3935.

November Elections in Monterey

BY CITY STAFF

The November 8, 2022 election will fill three seats in Monterey: Councilmembers for Districts 1 & 2, and an at-large Mayor (representing the entire City). The Council District map was adopted in February 2022. The nomination period is July 18 through August 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Monterey residents can find their district by visiting <http://monterey.org/districtelections>. For more information about on running visit <http://monterey.org/elections>.


CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2

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November 2022 Election

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Example of an NCIP Project at Del Monte Beach.

Neighborhood & Community Improvement Final Projects List

BY PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ALYSSA HUERTA

This year's Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program (NCIP) voting night was held Thursday, June 16, 2022. The NCIP Committee voted on **154 projects** that were nominated this year and developed a prioritized list based on the number of votes each project received. Each neighborhood in the City votes on every nominated project, scoring it between 0 and 10. The total number of votes cast for each project is calculated, and the projects are prioritized in order from the highest to the lowest scoring projects.

Staff is currently preparing focused project cost estimates for the highest ranking projects, and the NCIP Committee will make a recommendation to City Council to fund the projects that can be completed within the funding that is available this year. An additional NCIP meeting will be held in August to review the final list of projects that will be recommended to Council for funding in September.

Meeting details will be posted at [isearchmonterey.org](https://www.monterey.org/ncip) or [SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES](#). Visit [monterey.org/ncip](https://www.monterey.org/ncip) for more information.

Summer Progress on Streets and Sidewalks and What's Next

BY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Measure S is still in full gear, with many citywide streets and sidewalks getting a makeover. Citywide Road Rehab Phase 3 is in progress on Van Buren Street from Madison to Franklin streets. Road Rehabilitation includes adding new curb ramps, catch basins, storm drains, and reconstructed pavement.

What's next:

Citywide Road Resurfacing Phase 4 – This is resurfacing, not reconstruction, a decision based on the specific street segment need. Phase 4 is scheduled to start in mid-September and will lay rubberized chip seal in the following locations:

1. Munras Avenue from Soledad to Fremont Street, including the segment of Abrego from El Dorado to Fremont;
2. Fremont Street from Abrego to Camino Aguajito;
3. Camino Aguajito from Fremont Street to Mark Thomas Drive.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project Phase 7 – is scheduled to begin in mid-October.

We will post the specific schedule once it gets finalized. We are still inputting all the work into the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) software and will have that posted at [monterey.org/fixingstreets](https://www.monterey.org/fixingstreets) soon. In the meantime, thank you for your patience while we continue to work on Monterey streets, sidewalks, and storm drains.



Fall Into Fitness at the Monterey Sports Center - simple ways to change up your routine

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER MANAGER DR. ANDREA WILLER

We all get stuck in routines – especially when it comes to workouts. And many times, the seasons can drive and determine how we are training. Maybe you've been doing more cardio this summer – biking and running, and hiking. Or maybe you've reached a strength training plateau.

Your body and your muscles need confusion in order to develop. The longer you do a single move or workout, the more your muscles become used to it, and over time, the adaptation means your gains will slow down or even stop. Your mind also needs disruption at times. If you have been doing a certain routine for a period of time, you can start to simply go through the motions and that mind/movement connection gets missed.

A disruption or two in your routine- even small ones – will help wake up the mind and body.

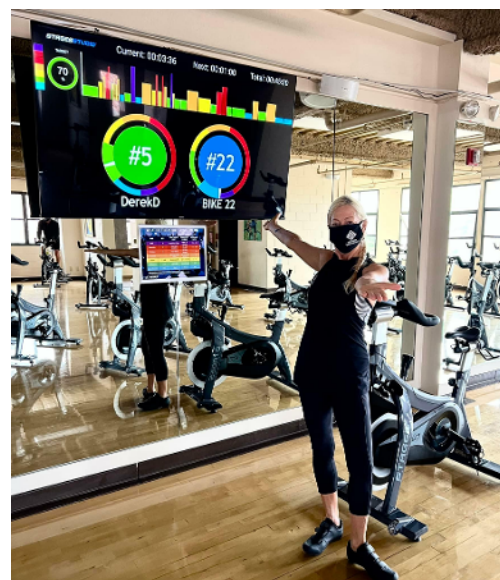
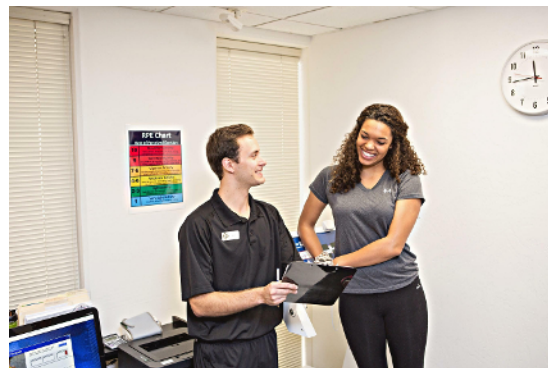
Try changing it up as we get into fall. Here are a few easy things to try at the Monterey Sports Center.

Get a Fitness Assessment. Starting September 1, 2022, the Sport Center will be offering fitness assessments utilizing the Microfit System and Tanita Body Composition Analyzer. Your assessment will include weight, body fat, visceral fat, body fat mass, bone mass, muscle mass, BMI, physique rating, BMR (basal metabolic rate), fat free mass, and total body water, blood pressure, heart rate, muscle strength, trunk flexibility and cardiovascular fitness. At the end of the session you will receive a printout and explanation of your results.

Work with a Personal Trainer. All trainers are certified and will not only provide you with workouts that will help you reach your fitness goals, but they will provide inspiration and motivation when the work gets tough.

Try a new Group Exercise Class. All memberships and passes include access to over 60 classes per week! New classes start August 1st including Tai Chi, Yin Yoga, and Endurance Swim!

So, this fall take full advantage of your [membership](#) and mix it up to achieve your fitness goals!





See the new brochure

Get a FREE Day Pass for the Monterey Sports Center!

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER STAFF

The Monterey Sports Center is giving out FREE DAY PASSES! This is a great opportunity to spend time at the Sports Center and learn about all the programs offered for visitors of all ages. Digital passes are accepted, so you can take a photo on your phone and present it at the front desk. Passes are effective August 1, 2022.

1 FREE DAY PASS!

STAFF: _____
DATE OF USE: _____

NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____

- Access to gymnasium, pools, weight training/cardio equipment, group exercise classes, sun deck, sauna and locker rooms!
- For New Members only! One ticket per household.
- Ages 18+ must provide photo ID to the front desk upon entry.
- Ages 17- must be accompanied by an adult.

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PRESENT THIS TICKET TO THE FRONT DESK!
(Digital copies are accepted!)

MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER
(831) 646-3730

301 E. FRANKLIN ST

Get your digital pass today

2 Hours Free Parking Coming to the Sports Center Lot

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER STAFF

Starting September 1st, the Monterey Sports Center is excited to launch a new parking system that allows guests to park in our lot for FREE for 2 hours!

We will be installing two new pay stations where you can enter your license plate to activate your spot. To purchase additional time beyond the FREE 2 hours, you can pay by coin, credit card, tap-and-pay or through the [ParkMobile App](#). Additional time can be purchased for \$1.50 per hour with an \$8.00 max. The new parking system will be ready for use on September 1st.



Monterey Sports Center Parking Lot

Bonfires on the Beach, and Other Beach Use Guidelines

BY CITY STAFF

Monterey City Code (MCC) Ordinance, [Chapter 23, Section 23-3](#) prohibits bonfires on the beach that are not contained in a City-provided fire ring or fully contained within a portable barbecue; charcoal, coals, embers or other residue from a barbecue or other fire may only be disposed of in a City-provided fire ring.

Currently, the City provides three beach fire rings spaced on Monterey State Beach between the Municipal Wharf No. 2 at Figueroa Street and Park Avenue, located perpendicular to the La Playa Condominiums. During periods of high fire danger, the City may temporarily remove the rings and no fires will be permitted during that time.

No fires of any kind are on the beach between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Fires larger than 2' x 2' are not permitted, nor shall any fire be allowed less than 100' from Wharf 2.

Chairs, arches, tents, musicians, floral arrangements, etc. are not permitted on the beach unless a wedding or special event permit has been issued by the Monterey Recreation Division. Beaches are open to the public, therefore, the public may walk through or occupy any and all areas of the beach – you may not cordon off the area you intend to use. The only privilege associated with a [Beach Use Permit](#) is the right for a "group" to assemble.

Alcohol is prohibited on public beaches, except by a valid written permit ([Per MCC, Chapter 23, Section 23-4](#)).

Thank you for helping us keep the beaches clean, safe, and environmentally-friendly.



Get Ready for Fall Field Sports Programs

BY FIELD SPORTS COORDINATOR BRENT ALMARIO

Here's the lineup of field sports programs for youth and adult. Register today!

Youth Soccer League, ages 6 - 10 - Register by Friday, August 19, 2022. Leagues are divided into teams of 8-Under Co-ed (ages 6-8) and 10-Under Co-ed (ages 8-10) Games and practices are played Saturday's from September 10 - October 29 at Jacks Park (451 Adams Street).

Pee Wee Soccer, ages 4-5 - Register by Friday, August 19, 2022

30+ Baseball League Registration - Register by Friday, August 12, 2022 - Games played Saturdays and Sundays beginning August 20.

Fall Softball Leagues - Men's Slow Pitch Softball Leagues, Co-ed Socko Softball Leagues, and Co-ed Slow Pitch Softball League - Games played Monday - Friday nights after 6:00 p.m., August 29 - November 21, 2022. Team Fee: \$690/team | Monterey Resident Team Fee: \$530/team; Registration by Friday, August 19, 2022.

Find out more at monterey.org/rec or contact Field Sports Coordinator Brent Almario: almario@monterey.org, (831) 646-3969.

Leaf Blower Regulation Reminders from Code Compliance

BY CODE COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR RORY LAKIND

One of the most common topics in Code Compliance are related to leaf blowers. In the City of Monterey, gas powered blowers are not allowed in residential (R) zoned neighborhoods, but are permissible in business or mixed-use neighborhoods. Electric or battery powered blowers are permissible for usage anywhere in the city. Blowers can be operated between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Other machines such as weed trimmers, lawn mowers, and chain saws can be powered by gas, electric, or battery.

Reference: [Monterey Municipal Code 22-18.1. Leaf Blowers.](#)

a. Definitions.

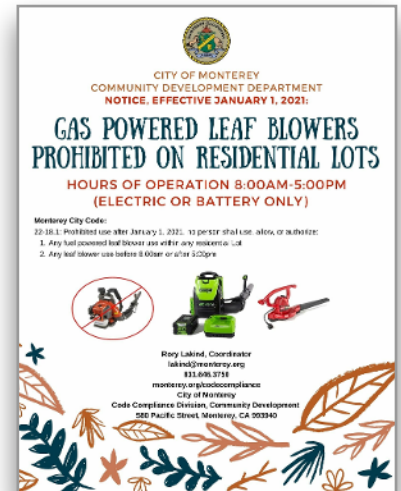
1. "Leaf blower" means any portable power equipment designed or operated to produce a current of air powered by fuel, electricity, or other means to push, propel, or blow dust, dirt, sand, leaves, grass clippings, trimmings, shrubs, or other debris.
2. "Residential lot" means any lot zoned R-1 (single-family), R-2 (residential low-density multifamily dwelling), R-3 (residential medium-density multifamily dwelling), or R-E (residential estate).
3. "Person" is as defined in Section 1-2 and also includes an owner of real property, tenant in possession of real property, or person in control of real property; and an owner or operator of a gardening, landscape maintenance, or similar service, and their employees or agents.

b. Prohibited Use.

After January 1, 2021, no person shall use, allow, or authorize:

1. Any fuel powered leaf blower use within any residential lot.
2. Any leaf blower use before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. (Ord. 3628 § 3, 2020)

If you have any code compliance questions or comments, please contact Code Compliance Coordinator Rory Lakind at (831) 646-3750 or by email, lakind@monterey.org, or visit monterey.org/codecompliance.



Summers are Made for Barbecuing

BY ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS MANAGER TRICIA WOTAN

Summers are made for barbecuing! But, our local sewers are not. Please help protect our shared sewer system this summer by never pouring cooking oils or grease down the drain. Instead, scrape it, contain it, and trash it!

To learn more, visit ClogBusters.org. Many thanks, from your Public Works Department!

All about Sewer Laterals

BY ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS MANAGER TRICIA WOTAN

In the City of Monterey, sewer laterals are the responsibility of the property owner. This includes the entire lateral infrastructure from the building on-site to its final connection at the City sewer main/pipe. To keep the entirety of the community's sewer collection system in good working order, we must all do our part. To this end, property owners play a pivotal role. Periodic inspection and maintenance of private sewer laterals by a licensed plumber proactively identifies early root intrusion, partial debris clogging, and structure defects that, if allowed to deteriorate, may result in sewage spills on property or into the environment.

City Code Section 30 outlines City requirements for sewer lateral connection, inspection, maintenance, and repair, including certain minimum property milestones when a sewer lateral inspection is required. Those generally include: 1) upon transfer of real property, 2) at certain thresholds for construction or remodeling, 3) with the occurrence of 2 or more sewage spills within 2 years, or 3) potential health and safety issues. If lateral repairs or replacement are necessary, there are certain obligations of the property owner to obtain a City permit and perform the necessary repairs. Sewer lateral-related construction is required to meet California Plumbing Code and City Code.

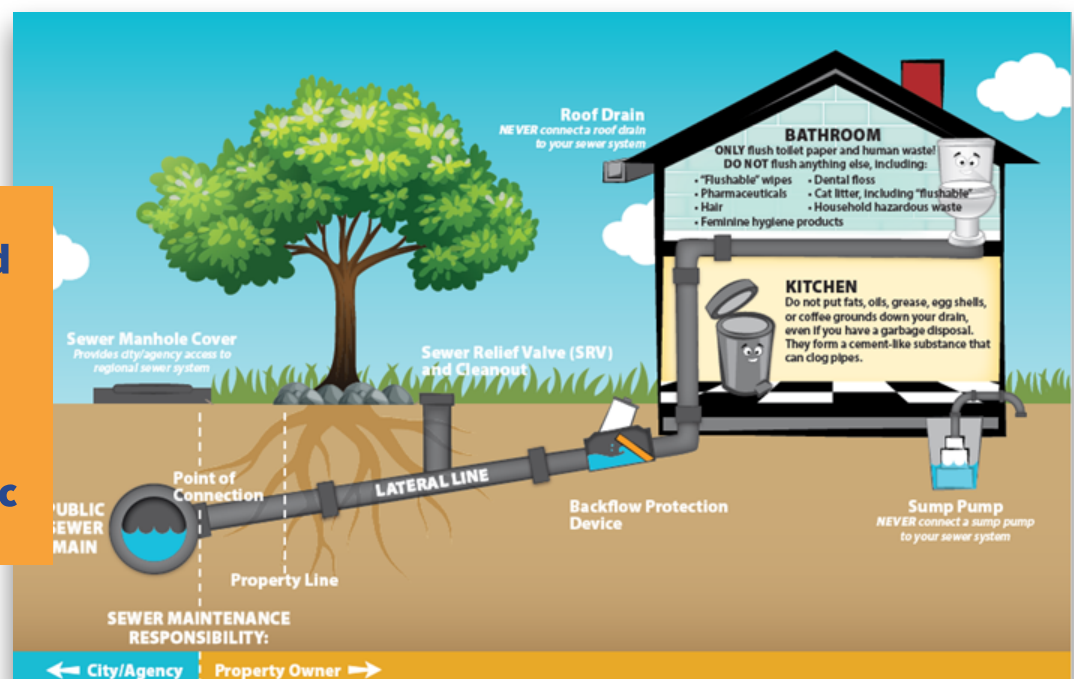
Sewer backups into a building can occur. To protect your property from backups, consider the installation of a lateral cleanout and backwater valve. If you do experience a sewage spill at your property, immediately contact a licensed plumber to assist you. To prevent sewer clogs, only flush toilet paper; do not flush any wipes, hygiene products, floss, cotton tips/swabs, medicines, hair, litter, trash or hazardous wastes down the drain.

The sewage collection system in Monterey is a shared responsibility, so we thank you for doing your part to help protect it and prevent sewage spills into the environment.

To learn more about the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program, visit monterey.org/building. To learn more about the City's sewer system management program, visit monterey.org/environmentalregs.

Sewer lateral and backwater valve LOOKUP

Flyer with graphic



California Experiencing Most Severe Megadrought in 1,200 Years

BY SUSTAINABILITY ASSISTANT MALLORY PANKRETZ

The last two decades rank as the driest 22-year period in at least 1,200 years. While California's climate alternates between wet and dry years, climate change is increasing this variability. Our region is trending toward a more arid climate, resulting in water scarcity and a higher risk of wildfires due to the availability of fuel and a longer fire season. Areas such as those containing California's giant sequoias, once thought to be impervious to wildfires, are vulnerable as wildfires become increasingly destructive due to progressively unfavorable conditions. During what's anticipated to be a dry summer, water conservation and wildfire prevention are paramount.



July 8, 2022: Firefighter protects sequoia tree as the Washburn Fire burns in Mariposa Grove in Yosemite National Park - Credit: Noah Berger – NPR Article

Where does our water come from? Monterey County is isolated from state or federal water projects and exclusively

relies on limited, local water resources. Monterey

Peninsula residents and businesses have historically utilized water from the Carmel River and the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

- **Production:** Monterey One Water (M1W) collects, treats, and purifies wastewater before injecting it into the Seaside Groundwater Basin.
- **Groundwater Replenishment:** M1W sells its purified water to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) who maintains jurisdiction over the Basin.
- **Delivery:** MPWMD then sells the purified water to Cal Am who extracts the water from the Basin and delivers it to Monterey Bay service district customers.

A few actions you can take to conserve water during the drought:

- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving
- Take showers instead of baths
- Utilize drought-tolerant landscaping or recycle indoor water to use outdoors
- Fix leaks inside and outside your home
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes

Of important note is that Monterey Peninsula customers are among the most efficient in the state, using about 58 gallons per person per day. The recommended usage for California residents is 55 gallons per day. Areas of California using significantly higher amounts of water per capita will likely have more stringent restrictions placed upon them. So, as you enjoy your summer, please keep up the good work and continue to be mindful of your water use and wildfire prevention laws!

For more information on local groundwater replenishment efforts, visit:
<https://montereyonewater.org/261/Pure-Water-Monterey-Overview>

To report water waste, you can call the Water Waste Hotline at (831) 658-5653 or visit
<https://mpwmd.net/conservation/drought-updates/report-water-waste/>

Connect with the Sustainability Office on Instagram for sustainability tips and updates:
[@monterey sustainability](https://www.instagram.com/monterey sustainability)

Monterey Public Library & Museums Has a New Director

BY MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF



Brian Edwards, the new Library and Museums Director

A warm welcome to Brian Edwards, MPL's new Library Director. Starting August 16th, Edwards will manage the operations and activities of the Monterey Public Library, California's first public library. Working with the City Manager's Office, he will also oversee Monterey's Museums and Cultural Arts Division including the programs and services at four historic sites – Colton Hall Museum and Old Jail, Pacific Biological Laboratories, Cannery Row Workers Shacks, the Presidio of Monterey Museum - as well as the Alvarado Art Gallery at the Monterey Conference Center.

Edwards served as the Library Division Director at the Alameda

County Library, overseeing library services and 52 full-time equivalent staff in the four public libraries in Fremont, CA. Among his many duties at the Alameda County Library, Mr. Edwards has worked on facility renovation projects, implemented a new automated material handling system, worked with the Library Advisory Commission, coordinated with the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library on fundraising and strategic growth, and served as part of Library Central Leadership in Alameda County on county-wide policy, staffing, partnerships and budget issues. Starting at an entry level position for the Alameda County Library 22 years ago, Edwards worked his way up to Division Director for the Fremont Libraries in 2018. He holds a Master's degree in Library Science, a Masters of Public Administration in Management and Policy Analysis, and a BA in Studio Art, Pictorial Arts.

Edwards strongly believes libraries should be an inclusive community hub. "Milestones in my life led me here. I still remember the sense of wonder I felt as a toddler when my mom practiced her stories and songs with me before heading to her role with the library. As Monterey's new Library Director, I am committed to ensuring an MPL where everyone is welcome and belongs; while providing facilities that honor the past and look to the future. Libraries provide the community with the avenues to learn on their own terms – books, eMaterial, engaging programs, historical research, and valuable museum experiences," says Edwards.

Welcome to Monterey Brian! We are so happy to have you join the MPL Family.

Monterey Public Library - More Than Just Stacks of Books

BY MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF

What began as California's first public library has evolved into an inclusive community hub. Here at the Monterey Public Library (MPL), we are no longer just stacks of books (although we are super proud of our amazing collection), we are a place of strong emotional and social community connection as well.

From weekly story time for toddlers (sneak peek - we are in the process of planning an exciting revamp of our children's area), to friendly book delivery to low income neighborhoods and senior housing (via the bookmobile), we are proud to bring library services to all. With doors wide open, we connect families with our children's and teen reading programs, and magical summer events. Our "Library of things" includes ukuleles, telescopes, social & emotional learning backpacks, and State Parks passes. Staff provide hours of support to those searching for historical connection in our rich archives, and a range of

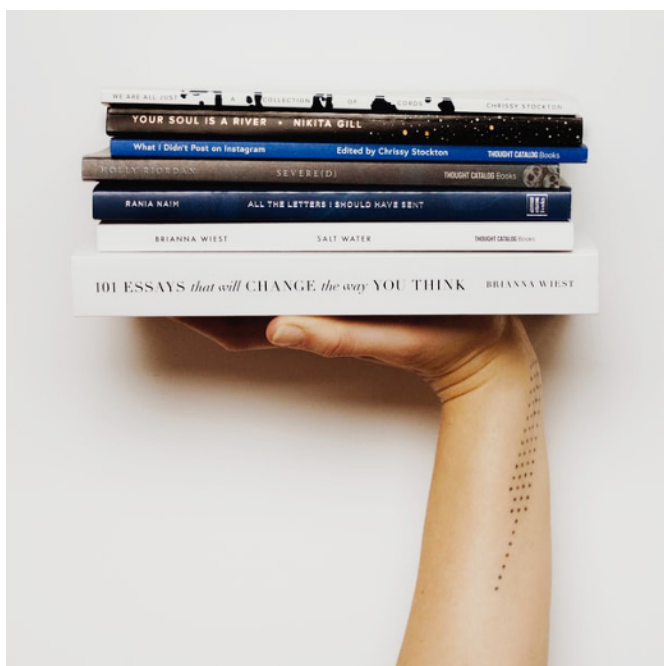
art and cultural displays rotate through our lobby. We continue to offer engaging, innovative programming in-person and online.

Thanks to the Friends & Foundation, we are now equipped with seven new laptop stations for public WiFi use, connecting people to people, and to critical information. MPL's new walking book club bridges health and wellness, as readers continue to connect over the love of reading. MPL is supported by over 450 volunteers, and we continue to strive to not just serve our community, but be an integral part of it as well.



MPL Visitors Playing Ukulele

So, yes we are a place lined with stacks and stacks of books (last year, 260,650 items were borrowed!), but we are also so much more. Come share our love of connection, learning, and growth, and most importantly, community.



Custom Book Bundles

BY MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF

Would you like a librarian to put together a stack of books for you to check out? We'd be delighted to! We know it's hard to pick out books when you can't come in to browse, so we're here to help. Please fill out the form on the [Book Bundles webpage](#), give us a day or two, and we'll put the books on hold for you. When the items are ready for pickup, you will receive an email or notice in the mail.

In Search of Buffalo Soldiers of Monterey Army History

BY ARTIFACT SPECIALIST JORDAN LEININGER. MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION

In January of 2020, former Museums & Cultural Arts Manager, Dennis Copeland, offered me the privilege of researching and creating a new Buffalo Soldiers exhibit for the City's Presidio of Monterey Museum. I immediately began researching their history and searching for items for the display. Through my research, I had the pleasure of speaking with numerous Buffalo Soldiers experts such as famed Yosemite Park Ranger, Shelton Johnson, and historian, Dr. John Langellier.

Over these last two years I have learned so much about the Buffalo Soldiers, but very little about their time here in Monterey. Locally, we have thought the Buffalo Soldiers were sent here to help construct the newly commissioned Monterey Military Reservation, known now as the Presidio of Monterey. Through my research, I have found no evidence pointing to this.

Unfortunately, there is not a lot of information about the Buffalo Soldiers and their time here in Monterey. What we do know is on November 8, 1902, Troops A, B, C, D of the 9th Cavalry, 1st Squadron arrived in Monterey. As there were no barracks built, roughly 425 men were segregated from the white soldiers and forced to camp located near what is now Hopkins Marine Station.

With the help of the Monterey Public Library's scanned images of the local newspaper, the Monterey New Era, I was able to find stories of what these men were doing in Monterey. The 9th Cavalry spent a lot of time training, breaking in new horses, and competing in sports against other military units.

In November of 1903, construction of the military barracks was finished. Nearly after a year of being camped at China Point, the Buffalo Soldiers finally

moved into the barracks. Today, buildings 450, 451, 452, and 453 are still standing and in use. According to DLI Command Historian, Cameron Binkley, these barracks are unofficially known as the Buffalo Soldier Barracks

In the summer of 1904, the 9th Cavalry left Monterey to spend the summer in Yosemite and Kings Canyon National Parks. While here, the Buffalo Soldier patrolled the parks for poachers, trespassers, erected an arboretum, and are credited with creating the first marked trail in a national park. After returning to Monterey in October of 1904, the Buffalo Soldiers were reassigned and left the Presidio of Monterey in November of 1904.

Although there is not much information concerning the Buffalo Soldiers in Monterey, thanks to the gracious donations of Dr. John Langellier, a small exhibit can be installed within the museum. Through Dr. Langellier's guidance, a proper reproduction uniform and mannequin have been acquired. Dr. Langellier has donated authentic shoes, gloves, a reproduction cap with authentic Troop D insignia, and authentic buttons for the coat.

Thanks to the California History

Room, three photographs of the Buffalo Soldiers and their camp will be on display as well.

We are always seeking more historical information. If you have something to contribute you can (831) 646-1569 or email [Jordan at jordan@monterey.org](mailto:jordan@monterey.org).



Jordan Leininger holds up a reproduction uniform coat for a planned exhibit on Buffalo Soldiers stationed at the Presidio of Monterey in 1902-1904. (Photo Credit: Photo by Winifred Brown, U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs)

Monterey/Lankaran Friendship Association - English Summer School 2022

BY JAMES EZIMOHA, STUDENT AT ADA UNIVERSITY FROM NIGERIA

On July 8, 2022, the Monterey/Lankaran Friendship Association concluded a 2-week English summer school in Lankaran, Azerbaijan, in collaboration with Lankaran State University (LSU). Thirty participants completed the program and received certificates, including teachers and students from neighboring cities.

Before the commencement of the program, Ms. Nancy Selfridge and Ms. Shafag Mehraliyeva, co-chairs of the association, paid a courtesy visit to Natig Ibrahimov, Rector of Lankaran State University. He commended the delegation's efforts to boost the English language literacy level in the region. Ms. Selfridge expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to engage with the community and pledged her commitment to develop more projects between the city of Monterey and LSU.

The classes were held at the "American Center" of the university established by the US Embassy in April 2022, as well as a "Monterey Corner" where locals can learn about the culture and history of Monterey, California. Lankaran teachers and students took advantage of the summer school to increase their English communication skills.

Participants displayed an eagerness to learn and improve their English writing and speaking skills during the interactive sessions. They grew in confidence and became more vocal by implementing public speaking techniques.



A few of the summer school participants with Instructor Ms. Nancy Selfridge

The summer school coincided with the 30th Anniversary of the United States and Azerbaijan diplomatic relations established in 1992. To commemorate this landmark event and the US Independence Day, LSU organized a musical concert with performances by the faculty and students from the Social Agrarian-Technological College of Lankaran. This was the first time the 4th of July had been celebrated in Lankaran.

At the closing ceremony of the summer school, Rector Natig Ibrahimov congratulated the participants for their commitment and involvement during the program. He also applauded the program as a success and encouraged the Monterey/Lankaran Friendship Association to build on the success of the summer school and create avenues for further collaboration with the university and the region.



Students enjoying cake at the graduation ceremony.



Professor Natig Ibrahimov, Rector of Lankaran State University and Ms. Nancy Selfridge, Instructor and Former Councilmember, City of Monterey



4th of July celebration in Monterey. Enjoy more photos, thanks to the Old Monterey Business Association, monterey.org/july4th

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