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4th OF JULY IN MONTEREY

Monterey Hosts a Full Day of Festivities, Thursday, July 4, 2019

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey, the Old Monterey Business Association, Monterey County Pops!, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Monterey Amberjacks and the Monterey Firefighters Association will host a full day of events for family, friends and the whole community this July 4th.

The day's schedule of activities includes:

- **Pancake Breakfast at Monterey Fire Station #11:** 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Begin the day with a hearty pancake breakfast served by Monterey Firefighters at Fire Station #11, 600 Pacific Street. \$10 tickets include breakfast and beverages, arts and crafts and face painting. Proceeds benefit *MY Museum*. This event is sponsored by the Monterey Firefighters Association. *Tickets are available at www.mymuseum.org/july4, and can also be purchased at the door.*
- **July 4th Parade Downtown:** 10:00 a.m. - The 145-piece world champion Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps returns to this year's parade, alongside community groups, floats, bands and performers. The parade starts at 10 a.m. along Alvarado Street and Calle Principal. The parade is brought you by the Old Monterey Foundation, the City of Monterey, and the merchants and businesses of downtown Old Monterey. *Please visit www.oldmonterey.org or call (831) 655-8070 for more information.*
- **Big Little Backyard Bar-B-Que and Entertainment Extravaganza:** 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - The Admission-Free Big Little Backyard Bar-B-Que and Entertainment Extravaganza will be held on the historic grounds of Colton Hall on Pacific Street from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Featured bands include *Operation Rock* (11:00 a.m.), *Pure Ecstasy* (12:00 p.m.), *The Money Band* (1:30 p.m.) and *Foreverland* (3:00 p.m.).

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Children's entertainment includes free carnival booths and games, face painting, balloon artists and jump houses. Lots of great food provided by non-profit food vendors will be on sale all day. Free bike valet provided by Green Pedal Couriers and Monterey Bay Bicycle Coalition will be located at the corner of Jefferson and Pacific Streets. *Call (831) 646-3996 for more information, or visit www.monterey.org/july4th.*

- **Cooper Molera Adobe Open House:** Visit from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – The newly reopened and remodeled historic property will host an open house with barn dances, arts and crafts, root beer floats and games.
- **Monterey Amberjacks Baseball Game:** 6:00 p.m. – For the first time this year, our hometown professional baseball team will play on the Fourth of July. Tickets cost \$10 at the gate beginning at 4 p.m. Enjoy baseball and Independence Day music during this great American pastime. *For more information, visit montereyamberjacks.com.*
- **Monterey County Pops! Free Independence Day Concert:** 7:00 p.m. - The *Monterey County Pops!* is pleased to present a free musical extravaganza at the Golden State Theater, 417 Alvarado Street, featuring a tribute to John Philip Sousa, patriotic favorites and “pops” classics. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. *Visit www.montereycountypops.org or call 484-5511 for more information.*

Public Safety and Clean Up – Fireworks Prohibited

The City wants everyone to enjoy a safe July 4th. The Monterey Fire Department reminds everyone that fireworks of any kind, including ‘safe and sane’ fireworks, are prohibited in the City of Monterey and carry a significant fine of \$1000.

The City also encourages everyone to help maintain our pristine environment and Monterey Bay by packing up, cleaning up and putting trash into receptacles. If you are visiting the beach, please bring your own garbage bag/receptacle and take your trash with you. **Volunteers can help during the July 5th beach clean-up on Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at the base of Municipal Wharf #2.** *For more information, contact Save Our Shores by email at www.cleanup@saveourshores.org.*

For updates, schedules, and traffic and parking impacts visit www.monterey.org/july4th. Get excited for this year's celebration – watch this year's video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hd6GFptcBDE>

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