

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

## Clean California initiative makes its way to Monterey - Message from the City Manager



*A beautiful morning at City Hall campus*

Over the past months, we have received many calls and emails from residents making us aware of the various homeless encampments alongside our highways. When the Governor issued a shelter in place order due to the pandemic in March 2020, the State made the finding that these encampments qualified as shelters for the unhoused. Public agencies were instructed to refrain from enforcement actions. Over time, these encampments increased in size, accompanied by a visible increase in litter and waste.

In December 2020, the City of Monterey started sending letters to Caltrans demanding cleanups for those sights. Early 2021 we met with the Caltrans officials responsible for our area and we learned that the policies implemented by the State effectively blocked them from taking any measures. Until the Governor and the State would change course, nothing would change along our highways.

In July 2021, the State changed course and created a new program called "**Clean California**" and funded it with \$1.1 billion to clean highways from trash and graffiti.

In August, and with the help of Senator Laird and his staff, the City started meeting with staff from Caltrans and California Highway Patrol to begin the tedious process of cleaning the highways. The process involves providing ample notification to the unhoused individuals occupying the Caltrans areas by offering them alternative shelters. Only after this process has been implemented, can the clean-up process begin.



Caltrans has hired a contractor and several sites along our highways have been cleaned up. The City continues to monitor the efforts by Caltrans and together with Senator Laird's support, we will be ensuring that all sites will remain in the focus of Caltrans and California Highway Patrol.



Our Police Department has been an integral part of our City's outreach to our homeless population. Our Multi-Disciplinary-Outreach-Team (MDOT), formed in 2018, has been the leader in our tri-county area to work compassionately with individuals in need. Our Police Department partnered with several key local agencies to help provide services to the homeless. The MDOT team consists of:

- Monterey Police Department
- Adult Protective Services
- Monterey County Behavioral Health
- Montage Health / Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP)
- Young Women's Christian Association (Domestic Violence)
- Interim

Each of these organizations assigns a social worker to MDOT and they each have a desk at the Monterey Police Department. I encourage you to learn more about our efforts at [https://monterey.org/city\\_hall/police/get\\_informed/homeless\\_response.php](https://monterey.org/city_hall/police/get_informed/homeless_response.php), and see the Police article on page 6.

A word about the pandemic: The COVID-19 infections are trending down; we ask you all to remain vigilant and to follow public health guidelines. Our Fire Department will continue to provide vaccination clinics offering all three available vaccines. Please get vaccinated! 96% of our City employees are vaccinated - Monterey residents - let's beat that number!

As always, please take the time to read this edition of our City Focus. It is our pleasure and privilege to work with you and we continue to appreciate your feedback and suggestions.



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## Monterey Mornings with the Manager

We started *Monterey Mornings with the Manager* during the height of the pandemic shelter in place as another important way to engage with residents. We continue to have these live YouTube events every three weeks on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. City Manager Hans Uslar gives a virtual update on the latest news, programs, projects, and policies in Monterey, including COVID-19, recent/upcoming City Council decisions, the economy, and much more.

Bring your questions and join us LIVE at [youtube.com/cityofmonterey](https://youtube.com/cityofmonterey), or re-watch the meeting following the event.



## Battery recycling reminder

REMINDER - see the article on page 10 for more info - the City Clerk's Office no longer has a battery recycling container. Now you can recycle batteries at home with your disposal service provider.



## City of Monterey hires Ms. Rafaela King as new Finance Director

City Manager Hans Uslar announced on September 22, 2021 the hiring of Ms. Rafaela King as the new City of Monterey Finance Director. King is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She holds a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from University of California at Riverside. King has extensive management experience working in the municipal financial arena, having worked as a consultant for numerous cities in Southern California in positions that range from Accountant/Auditor and Accounting Manager, to Controller and Interim Finance Director. She has served as Controller for the City of Compton, reporting directly to the Compton City Council. Cities benefiting from her professionalism and expertise include the cities of Compton, Placentia, Moorpark, Gardena, and San Juan Capistrano, among others.

"We are delighted to have Rafaela join the City's executive team as Finance Director," said City Manager Hans Uslar. "Her strengths, experience, and qualifications put her in a position to start strong right from day one, and help our City to continue to balance our fragile budget."

Ms. King said, "I am thrilled for the opportunity to be part of this historic, dynamic, beautiful, full service city; a city known and respected as a regional economic leader. I will proudly work alongside the City Council and staff to continue to bring quality, excellence and fiscal stewardship for the benefit of the whole community."

In addition to her bachelor's and master's degrees, and her CPA certification, King has certifications in Personal Financial Planning from UCLA; Accounting for Government and Nonprofit Organizations from UC Riverside; Professional Fiduciary Management for Trustees from California State University, Fullerton (CSUF); and Professional Fiduciary Management for Conservators from CSUF. She has professional affiliations with the American Institute of CPAs, the California Society of CPAs, and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers.

*Learn more about the City of Monterey Finance Department and the city budget at [monterey.org/finance](https://monterey.org/finance) and [monterey.org/budget](https://monterey.org/budget).*



## City Council drafts vision and mission statement - looks next to value drivers and strategic initiatives

At two recent workshops with executive staff, the Monterey City Council developed new drafts of the Council Vision and Mission statements. The revisions reflect a purposely broad, inspirational, and foundational message and grounds the focus of the Council's purpose.

**COUNCIL VISION:** *"Monterey: A beautiful, special place to live, work, and visit. Anda!"*

**COUNCIL MISSION:** *"In partnership with our entire community, the Monterey City Council provides visionary leadership ensuring a safe, healthy, historic, economically vibrant, and sustainable environment."*

The updates will help complete new, more specific, value drivers and strategic initiatives - helping lead the Council, staff, and community into the future with a determined list of specific goals aligned with the [City Staff Work Program](#). Watch for ways to participate in this important process in the coming months.

The last comprehensive update was in 2007, and shows how much we have accomplished in fifteen years. The photo below is just one example (Window on the Bay project) of an accomplished Strategic Initiative under *Working to improve the quality of life for our residents*.



For more information visit [https://monterey.org/city\\_hall/city\\_council/vision,\\_mission,\\_strategic\\_initiatives.php](https://monterey.org/city_hall/city_council/vision,_mission,_strategic_initiatives.php)

## Now at the Alvarado Gallery: Framed "Tree of Hearts"

The Alvarado Gallery at the Monterey Conference Center has a new display - the community "Tree of Hearts" hearts are now on display to enjoy. Browse the hundreds of hearts and read the special messages to the community and to loved ones, commemorating the March 2021 one year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic in Monterey.

The gallery is open to the public weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Masks are recommended. [More about the Tree of Hearts](#) | [More about the Alvarado Gallery](#)





## Monterey Police Monthly Report - August

BY MONTEREY POLICE

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

### Here's the narrative for the Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Team (MDOT) from the August 2021 Monthly Report

- MDOT/CAT (Community Action Team) assisted with finding permanent housing for an elderly woman at the House of Peace.
- MDOT/CAT placed a subject on a psychiatric hold after he was found gravely disabled and living in a box trailer. The subject was housed in a residential skilled nursing facility.
- CAT drove a homeless subject to his dental appointment in Salinas. MDOT (Interim) assisted with a hotel for his recovery.
- CAT transported a homeless subject to the Sun Street Center to start a substance abuse program.
- CAT assisted a subject with transportation to the social services office to obtain an ID card voucher, and then transported the subject to the DMV.
- MDOT transported a homeless female to the Gathering for Women where she obtained food and clothing.
- CAT officers performed a welfare check on an elderly homeless couple living out of a vehicle. Officers escorted the couple to Gathering for Women, where the female obtained food, clothing and toiletries. The couple applied for senior housing, however, the couple then declined available housing.

### August 2021 Monthly Report

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





# Monterey Public Library's Resilience Project

We know that the pandemic disrupted education and caused significant learning loss, but COVID-19 has had an even bigger impact on our kids and teens emotionally, psychologically, and socially.

A full year of remote learning, isolation at home, and pandemic stresses and anxieties have taken a toll on our youth as well as those who care for and teach them. The Library is putting together a "Resilience Project" to provide free access to expert advice, tools, techniques, and learning opportunities to help kids, teens, and families build social and emotional skills: to better understand themselves and one another, to manage stress, and to work together productively.



The Resilience Project is our Big Idea for Monterey County Gives this year, and if you'd like to support our campaign, donations are accepted November 11th through December 31st. In early 2022, we will roll out community programs for caregivers; programs for kids that encourage discovery, confidence, and a growth mind-set; programs for adolescents that create community and connection; and backpacks of materials on emotions that will help families develop a vocabulary for talking about feelings and how to regulate them.

## Pfizer boosters available at the Tuesday Farmer's Market vaccination clinics

**COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC**  
**PFIZER BOOSTER**

**MONTEREY FIRE DEPARTMENT VACCINATORS ALSO OFFER MODERNA AND J&J FIRST AND SECOND DOSE SHOTS**

**4 TO 6 PM, TUESDAYS**  
**ALVARADO FARMER'S MARKET**

The Monterey Fire Department has weekly vaccination clinics at the Tuesday Farmer's Market downtown on Alvarado Street from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

They offer all three vaccines: the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) one dose, the Moderna two dose, and the Pfizer two dose or booster shots for those who qualify.

Stop by their booth and get more information.



**Fire Captain  
Holm  
provides  
firsthand  
account at the  
Caldor Fire  
near Lake  
Tahoe**

We all know about the devastating wildfires throughout California and other parts of the West this summer. For many weeks, several of our local firefighters and engines battled side by side with many other agency personnel to extinguish the fires as quickly as possible. Monterey Fire is proud to help in other regions, while maintaining full service capabilities here at home.

A homeowner sent grateful cheers of thanks to the team - Captain Brian Holm, Engineer Rob Klemek, Engineer Phillip James, and Firefighter Nathan Purganan - for saving her small cabin, an RV, and garden shed from the Caldor Fire flames.

Monterey Fire Captain Holm describes the situation at the large Caldor Fire near Lake Tahoe.



"We discovered her property was in the path of the fire the morning of August 22 and self assigned ourselves to it's protection and then notified our Task Force leader. Additional resources were requested and we utilized one additional engine with it's four person crew and one

3,000 gallon water tender. We fought a ground fire for approximately two hours coming from the south up the hill. A few hours later the winds pushed the fire up an adjacent canyon from the west and we fought a much larger fire on the ground and through trees with significant torching. Several aerial resources (helicopters and fixed wing aircraft) attempted to slow the rapidly moving fire front with water and retardant drops. Her primary residence as well as two out buildings (and small orchards) were saved."

Regarding the full extent of the time out that week at the Caldor Fire, Captain Holm added:

"We were actively engaged in fighting fire and protecting homes every night on the Caldor fire from August 18 - August 24. Our assignments changed every few hours based on fire conditions. If it was calm we would prepare structures for the approaching fire and if the fire front was eminently passing we would engage in active firefighting to the best of our ability. It's difficult to estimate the number of structures saved since we were part of a task force and often helped or received help from the other crews assigned with us to protect entire neighborhoods each shift."

"I had an outstanding crew and they never hesitated when the conditions became overwhelming with strong winds, high heat, thick smoke, and heavy fire often with limited resources and water. I'm very proud to have been assigned with them and to have represented Monterey Fire Department at the Caldor Incident."

A very difficult situation has some hopeful, uplifting stories among the ashes.

# CERT Monterey Newsletter

Monterey has an active and well-organized Community Emergency Response Team. They have trainings throughout the year. The next class will be three consecutive Saturdays in March 2022.

Featured in the October 2021 edition:

- 27 CERT members respond to missing person search in Pacific Grove
- Masks required at all CERT events
- Link to YOUTUBE video on the use of the CERT radio system
- We have a huge improvement in our grid maps
- Monterey High School J-ROTC chief to retire
- CERT across America!



For more information on CERT, or how to become a CERT member visit [montereycert.org](https://montereycert.org). The monthly newsletters are also linked from [https://monterey.org/city\\_hall/fire/preparedness/cert\\_program.php](https://monterey.org/city_hall/fire/preparedness/cert_program.php).

## Eagle Scout project helps beautify Monterey

We wanted to give a shout out to this Eagle Scout group who recently improved a section of our Recreation Trail that was in need of attention. Chandler Nicholson, volunteers and City staff worked together to plant drought tolerant species and make this city entrance look GREAT!



# Get it Done! Find what you need on monterey.org

In our quest to constantly improve, the City of Monterey has a new *Get It Done* section on the new City website's home page. Users can choose from six different prompts and dozens of topics. The *Get It Done* section then takes you to the page to find what you are looking for. Check it out sometime, and let us know what you think, including if you notice any missing topics. Email [webmaster@monterey.org](mailto:webmaster@monterey.org).

**GET IT DONE** Need Help Finding Something? [Contact Us!](#)

1. I NEED TO...

2. APPLY FOR...

3. APPLY  [APPLY NOW](#)

## Monterey's Cementerio El Encinal (Oak Cemetery)

BY CEMETERY COORDINATOR SCOTT CONNOLLY



*Did you know the City of Monterey owns and operates a cemetery in Monterey?*

Not many residents or visitors know that there are two separate operating cemeteries located between Pearl and Fremont streets in the middle of Monterey. The city cemetery shares a boundary with the San Carlos Cemetery, basically split right down the center of the large parcel.

In the early 1930's the Diocese of Monterey gifted the majority of their unused portion of land to the City of Monterey, creating the Cementerio El Encinal. The El Encinal cemetery provided an alternative burial option to those with faiths other than Catholic. The San Carlos Cemetery primarily serves individuals of the Catholic faith.

There are obvious distinctions between the two. San Carlos houses mausoleums, family crypts, and many ornate grave markers. The City of Monterey's Cemetery El Encinal has more of a park-like setting with large areas of green grass and only a handful of vertical memorial markers since these types of markers are no longer allowed. Both cemeteries have many established native trees like the Monterey Cypress and Coastal Oaks throughout. In fact "El Encinal" means "oak" in Spanish.

Cementerio El Encinal offers full casketed burials and sites for in-ground cremations along with two columbarium structures for the placement of urns. It also has quite a diverse group of deceased buried here, including many from different religions, descendants of old Monterey families, and even some famous personalities from Monterey's history. The City website offers a search tool as well as an historic tour - visit [monterey.org/cemetery](http://monterey.org/cemetery).

Currently, City of Monterey residents receive a discount on any burial site within the cemetery. If you are pre-planning any burial arrangement, there is an onsite office located on the grounds and Cemetery Coordinator, Scott Connolly will be able to assist you with the process.

# Commercial cannabis in Monterey - What's next

BY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER NAT ROJANASATHIRA

At its meeting on August 17, 2021, the Monterey City Council expressed their initial support for commercial cannabis.

Staff has been directed to move forward with the [Cannabis Roadmap](#), which includes consideration of as few as one and as many as three cannabis retailers total in the City of Monterey, located in the downtown (except Alvarado Street), Lighthouse District, and Cannery Row Business District (except Cannery Row itself).

Council also stated that it would consider cannabis retail operations on Cannery Row and at the Monterey County Fairgrounds at some point in the future. The Council expressed an interest in maintaining a State standard of 600 feet buffer zones around schools, day care centers, and youth centers.

Staff is now working on environmental review and conducting additional research on cannabis retail selection processes. This is an in-depth process that will require significant staff time, among other City Council priorities that affect the Community Development Department, which includes affordable housing, sea level rise adaptation, and more.

*Stay up-to-date on this important topic at [haveyoursaymonterey.org/cannabis](https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/cannabis).*



## Roadmap Timeline



### Step 1: Create a Starting Point

September 2020 - February 2021

Legal, Fiscal, Regulatory, and Operational Research and Analysis.

- September 30, 2020: Cannabis Policy Framework shared at City Council Study Session
- December 1, 2020: Roadmap to Cannabis unveiled at City Council Regular Meeting
- December 15, 2020: New Ordinance to Allow Testing Laboratories in the I-R (Industrial) Zoning District
- January 7, 2021: Launch "Have Your Say Monterey" Interface and Online Survey
- January 26 & 28, 2021: Cannabis Town Hall Meetings
- January 30: Informational Pamphlet & Postcard Return Survey Arrives in Residents' Mailboxes
- February 7: Deadline for Online Survey & Postcard Reply Survey
- February 24: Cannabis Update at City Council Study Session
- March 10: Postcard Survey Results Updated



### Step 2: Decision Point

February - May 2021

How do we define consensus? Identify if consensus is reached.

- April 13, 2021: Cannabis Retail Zones Meeting
- May 4, 2021: City Council provided initial guidance on Step 2 elements of the Commercial Cannabis Roadmap
- August 17, 2021: City Council continued to review and provide guidance on Step 2 elements of the Commercial Cannabis Roadmap



### Step 3: Prepare for Launch

Fall 2021 / Winter 2022

The City Council has expressed their initial support for commercial cannabis. Staff has been directed to move forward with the Cannabis Roadmap, which includes consideration of as few as one and as many as three cannabis retailers total, in the downtown (except Alvarado Street), Lighthouse District, Cannery Row Business District (except Cannery Row itself), and to discuss both Cannery Row and the Monterey County Fairgrounds at some point in the future.

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### Stage 4: Launch!

Late 2022

If there is consensus to move forward, issue permits and determine market demand.



### Step 5: Monitor & Regulate

Late 2022 and Beyond

Loophole analysis, track and monitor operators, review and collect revenues, identify and manage community impacts.



### Step 6: Review and Revise

Late 2022 and Beyond

Adjust regulations/ordinances, conditions of use, as necessary.

## See and Be Seen

SUBMITTED BY THE TRAFFIC  
ENGINEERING OFFICE

Looking down at your phone as you cross the street? Not recommended. Distracted by your phone while driving? Not a good idea. The problem of pedestrians being killed or seriously injured on California roadways is growing worse. There are more people out walking – to get to work, school, and shopping or just for fun, exercise, and being outside. In an era where we are promoting walking as a healthy, positive, and community-building alternative to driving, walking is becoming increasingly dangerous. #PedestrianSafetyMonth every September was created to promote and improve pedestrian safety and help reduce unnecessary crashes and injuries.

Thanks to California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) funded Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety grants, the City of Monterey installed three traffic signal cabinet wraps at three busy intersections: Pacific Street at El Dorado Street, Pacific Street at Franklin Street, and Del Monte Avenue at Casa Verde Way. The signage encourages pedestrians and drivers make eye contact to raise awareness and increase safety. See and be seen.

*Find safety tips for drivers and pedestrians and more resources at <http://ots.ca.gov/media.../campaigns/pedestrian-safety>. Learn more about our City Traffic Engineering team and their efforts at [monterey.org/traffic](http://monterey.org/traffic).*



# News from the Sustainability Office

BY INDEPENDENT  
CONTRACTOR MALLORY  
PANKRETZ

**Interested in transitioning from gas to electric power?** Central Coast Community Energy or 3CE (formerly Monterey Bay Community Power) has incentive programs for transitioning buildings and transportation to electric power! Programs such as the New Construction Electrification Grant and Homeowner Wildfire Rebuild New Construction Electrification Grant are currently available, with more programs to come in the future. Additionally, keep an eye out for incentives to purchase electric vehicles, available at certain times of the year. *For more information, visit [3cenergy.org](http://3cenergy.org).*

**Be energy wise!** When demand on power goes up, energy availability goes down. During peak energy use hours of 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., use less energy to decrease demand on the grid. Sign up for Flex Alerts – voluntary calls for consumers to conserve electricity – that are issued when energy demand reaches available capacity. And as it cools down this fall, please continue to be mindful of your energy use. A few ways to conserve energy (and save money) include:

- Unplugging electronics and turning off lights that are not in active use
- Using natural light or task lighting
- Washing clothes in cold water (this can also increase clothing longevity as many fabrics prefer cold water)
- Only drying full loads of laundry to maximize efficiency



**Want to recycle an item, but you're not sure if it's recyclable?** *What Goes Where* offers location-specific best recycling practices. Visit [whatgoeswhere.info](http://whatgoeswhere.info) or download the app, available for iOS and Android.

A few reminders for Monterey residents:

- **Large items (furniture, appliances, etc.) must have a bulky item collection appointment** scheduled with Monterey City Disposal Service (831-372-7977) prior to being placed on the curb. Placing items on the curb without a collection appointment is in violation of Monterey City Code.
- **Solid waste carts** (including refuse, recycling or yard waste) must contain all waste put out for collection with the lids closed.
- **Carts must not be left out** for collection outside of the approved time frame, which is from 6:00 p.m. the day before collection until 7:00 p.m. the day of collection.
- Single-family households in Monterey can now **recycle household batteries** curbside! Please see below for program requirements.
- Check the flyer, *Do Your Part - Keep These Out of the Cart*



# Sister City Relationship with Isola delle Femmine supported by Italian Consulate in San Francisco

SUBMITTED BY THE ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, Monterey hosted the Counsel General of Italy Sergio Strozzi and his Deputy Vice Consul Fabio Ballerini from the San Francisco Consulate Office. A meeting was held at the Portola Plaza Hotel & Spa in the executive board room. Italian Heritage Society of the Monterey Peninsula president, Annamarie Della Sala-Stanton, opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance and presented signed copies of the Italian Heritage Society's book: Italian Fishing Families of Monterey to the dignitaries Strozzi, Ballerini, and their public relations officer, Sharon Meagher. Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson and Frank Bruno, Founder & Chairman of the Executive Board of the Friends of Isola delle Femmine, Inc. also came bearing gifts.

All in attendance were there to promote the Sister City relationship with the city of Isola delle Femmine, Sicily. Many in attendance had roots from Isola. The room was filled with co-operation and enthusiasm all around. The goal was to solidify the Sister City relationship with the Italian government in Rome and to brain-storm ways to increase interaction and participation with the cities of Monterey, Pittsburg, and Martinez with their common Sister City, Isola delle Femmine. It was a fun and productive meeting with lots of laughter.



TOP PHOTO, Left to Right: Joe Amelio, Roberto Filice, John & Judy Proud, Annamarie Della Sala-Stanton, Gasper Cardinale, Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson, Counsel General Sergio Strozzi, Deputy Vice Consul Fabio Ballerini, Frank Bruno, Mary Coniglio, Vince DiMaggio, Sal Coniglio, Vince S. Ferrante, Alex Grillo, & Dr. Vince Malfitano.

PHOTO AT RIGHT: Monterey Mayor Clyde Roberson, IHS President Annamarie, Consul General Sergio Strozzi, and Deputy Vice Consul General Fabio Ballerini

# Monterey Recreation offers programs for all ages, and coming soon - a new online registration store!

BY RECREATION MANAGER SHANNON LEON

Monterey Recreation is bringing more programs back since the major shutdown due to the pandemic. The [Preschool Program](#) for children 3 to 5 years also has openings. Monterey Recreation is also working on more exciting news - a brand new online registration store! The new portal will make it easy and convenient to sign up for activities for the whole family, including Monterey Sports Center activities and classes. We plan on launching the new portal at the first of the year.

**Programs for All Ages**

- ✓ Preschool
- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ School Break Camps
- ✓ Adult & Senior Programs
- ✓ Youth Dance Classes
- ✓ Youth Flag Football League
- ✓ Adult Softball League
- ✓ AND MUCH MORE!

**play!**  
Monterey

Monterey Recreation Office: 546 Dutton St., Monterey, CA 93940 • (831) 646-3866 • [www.monterey.org/rec](http://www.monterey.org/rec)  
A Division of the City of Monterey

*Parks Make Life Better!*

MONTEREY RECREATION'S

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

for ages **3-5 YEARS**  
MUST BE "Potty" TRAINED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY, 3 HOURS PER DAY

**LEARN - ENGAGE - PLAY - SOCIALIZE**

**EL ESTERO** 777 PEARL STREET 831-646-3875

**HILLTOP** 871 JESSIE STREET 831-646-3876

PRE-REGISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL THE NEAREST LOCATION OR PARK OFFICE FOR A REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT. VISIT [WWW.MONTEREY.ORG/REC](http://WWW.MONTEREY.ORG/REC) FOR MORE INFO.

Monterey Recreation logo

## Senior walk-up produce distribution at Scholze Park Center

BY RECREATION MANAGER SHANNON LEON

Senior Walk-up Produce Distribution Available Now: To make a reservation for the Monday morning Senior Walk-up Produce Distribution at Scholze Park Center, use the button below:

[Senior Produce Distribution Program Flyer](#)

[Senior Produce Distribution Pickup Instructions](#)

In addition to the produce distribution, Monterey Recreation and the Food Bank of Monterey County will work together to provide a holiday meal on November 24 and December 23. Details on both will be available in early November.

**senior produce pickup RESERVE NOW**

MONTEREY RECREATION

food bank monterey county



## Part-time job opportunities at the Monterey Sports Center

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER MANAGER DR. ANDREA WILLER



The Monterey Sports Center is looking for outgoing, community-spirited, hard-working individuals for part-time employment. We are hiring for a number of positions including: Facility Attendants, Front Desk Attendants, Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Personal Trainers, and Camp Counselors.



Pick up an application today at the Monterey Sports Center front desk or visit our website at [montereysportscenter.org](http://montereysportscenter.org). If you have any questions, please call the front desk at (831) 646-3730.

## Basketball clinics at the Monterey Sports Center

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER MANAGER, DR. ANDREA WILLER

Get ready for your upcoming school basketball season with our youth basketball clinics at the Monterey Sports Center! These 4-week clinics offer participants a chance to engage in competitive drills and games. These clinics are offered for a variety of skill and age levels.

Visit the *Gym and Camps for Youth* page at [montereysportscenter.org](http://montereysportscenter.org) for more information or call the Monterey Sports Center front desk at (831) 646-3730.

### Youth Basketball Clinics at the Monterey Sports Center



A 4-week basketball clinic that offers participants a chance to engage in competitive drills and games. Register online or at the front desk with activity #43017.

#### Session E (Ages 6 - 7 years)

September 21 - October 16

Tuesdays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm & Saturdays 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

#### Session F (Ages 8 - 9 years)

September 23 - October 15

Thursdays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm & Saturdays 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

#### Session G (Ages 8 - 10 years)

September 24 - October 16

Fridays, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm & Saturdays 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#### Session H (Ages 12 - 13 years)

September 21 - October 14

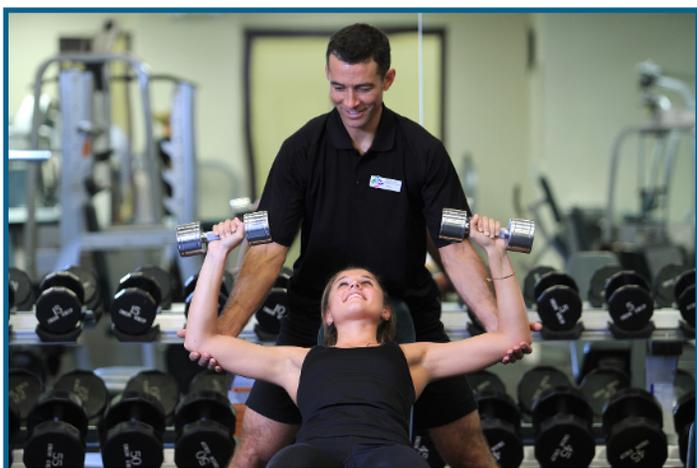
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

For additional details, call 831-646-3439 or email [nunez@monterey.org](mailto:nunez@monterey.org)



## Personal training at the Monterey Sports Center

BY MONTEREY SPORTS CENTER MANAGER, DR. ANDREA WILLER



The Monterey Sports Center is so excited to be offering Personal Training in our facility once again. We have new packages and pricing available, based on 30-minute sessions. All services may be purchased at the Monterey Sports Center front desk. The personal training division will call you to schedule once a service is purchased.

Email [dimercurio@monterey.org](mailto:dimercurio@monterey.org) or call (831) 646-3495 for more information.



## Library streamlines borrowing process with new self-checkout/in system

BY MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUMS DIRECTOR INGA WAITE

The Monterey Public Library integrated a new Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) system for checking out materials. Library and Museums Director Inga Waite said, "Thanks to a major gift from Richard Carr and Barbara Shilling, this new system offers greater customer service with a streamlined, app-enabled, borrowing and return process." About 90,000 items are now available for check-out using the new RFID process. Waite added, "One of the unexpected benefits of the building being closed was it enabled a dedicated team of Library volunteers to tag the collection."

Radio-frequency identification (RFID) uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. The Library's RFID tags consist of a small circuit that includes a tiny radio receiver and transmitter. This circuit is powered by the incoming radio waves from an RFID reader; it does not use WIFI.

The RFID system is so easy. You can self checkout multiple items at a time, using the self-check machines, or the free Patron app. The Patron app on smart phones allows customers to scan the bar codes. Search "Monterey Public Library" on your phone's App Store. The check-in system is as easy. The RFID sorts the items as they come in for quicker replacement back on the shelves to be ready for the next Library patron.

The RFID tags store only information about the item - barcode, owning library, and checkout status. They do not store any patron information, preserving customer privacy. New security gates at the Library's exits are used in unison with the new RFID system to ensure items leaving the library are checked out.

The RFID project cost \$60,000, and was made possible through donations. The new RFID system streamlines the borrowing and return process, and moves Monterey Public Library operations into the 21st century.



The Monterey Public Library continues to innovate and provide responsive services to the community. Last year, the Library served 50,927 patrons who borrowed - over 220,000 items with the doors closed. Donations to the Friends and Foundation of the Monterey Public Library help support the Library's programs and operations.

Please visit [investinmpl.org](http://investinmpl.org) for more information on how to contribute. Learn more about the Monterey Public Library at [monterey.org/library](http://monterey.org/library).

## New public art at Montecito Park

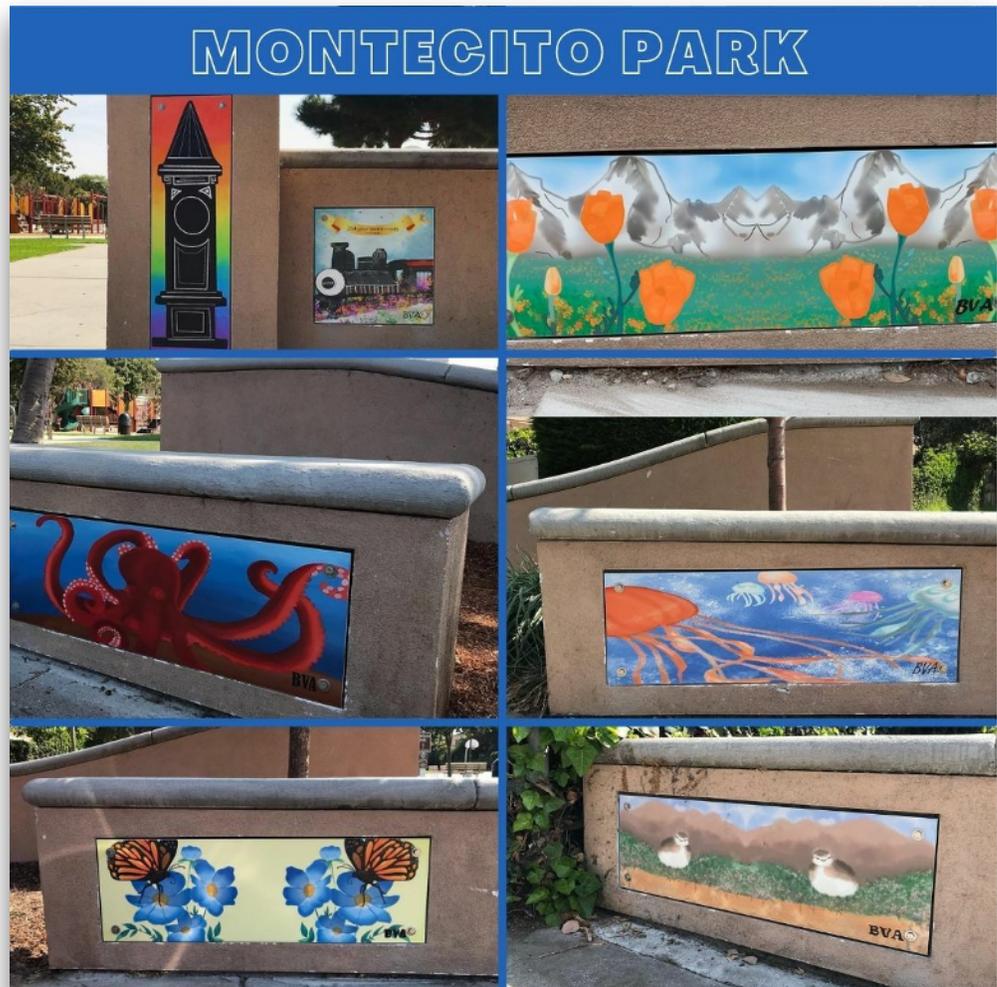
BY ERIC PALMER,  
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Montecito Park keeps getting better and better! Upgrades to this small neighborhood park have included a lighted basketball court, a volleyball court, new park structures and new benches, trees and walkways. Funding for park projects over the years have come from Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program and Community Development Block Grant funds.

We'd like to give a shout-out to two 8th grade Bay View Academy students, Yuka Hawkins and Elizabeth Jimenez, who reached out to the City of Monterey for a year-long service learning project.

The goal of this project was to fulfill a need in their community, and City of Monterey staff helped them find a creative public service project. Montecito Park was in the midst of a major renovation. A new entrance wall was installed, and public art would be the perfect way to decorate it. The two students went through the process of surveying the community to find out what artwork the community would like to see. The students and their classmates created the art, and gained the approval of the City's Museums and Cultural Arts Commission and the Villa Del Monte Neighborhood Association. We'd like to give a special shout-out to the students' mentor/teacher, Dana Grimm-Clause, and to all of the City staff who have helped with this project from planning to installation.

Go check out this wonderful public art!





### Tree Lighting at Colton Hall Lawn, 2006

This year's Traditional Tree Lighting is Friday, Dec. 3 at 5 pm.  
Visit [oldmonterey.org](http://oldmonterey.org) for information or call (831) 655-8070

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