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# **Capitola Waves**

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### Support the Treasure Cove Playground Project

The City's upcoming universally accessible playground at Jade Street Park, with new name "Treasure Cove," presents the opportunity not only to revamp the playground with innovative features but also to create a space that is designed for users of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. This endeavor is made possible through our collaboration with the County Park Friends, the organization spearheading a fundraising campaign for the project (for more information and to donate, click <u>here</u>).

The Friends have set a \$1 million fundraising goal, and many sponsorship levels are available. Be a part of Capitola and help make this dream project a reality by donating today!

## Join Our Team

Work with Us!

There are several opportunities to work for the City of Capitola. Click <u>here</u> to apply today!

#### Career/Fulltime:

Account Clerk

#### Seasonal/Part-time:

- Recreation Leader I
- Recreation Leader II
- Assistant Program Coordinator
- Beach Lifeguard/Junior Guard Instructor
- Lifeguard Lieutenant/Junior Lifeguard Assistant Coordinator

## Apply for Our Local Government Academy

The City of Capitola is pleased to be hosting the 2024 Local Government Academy. The Academy consists of a series of evening workshops intended to offer residents an overview of how local government works. The program is designed to promote civic participation, help residents better understand how our City works, and frame the City's role in the larger community.

This year, the Local Government Academy will consist of four sessions on March 12, March 19, April 9, and April 23. Each meeting will be approximately 2 hours in length, beginning at 6 PM. There is no cost to participate. The City Council will recognize Academy participants during a City Council meeting on April 25 at 6 PM. Apply by February 16 by clicking <u>here</u>.



### Get Involved and Join a City Advisory Body

Are you interested in being more involved in your local community? Do you want your voice to be heard? If so, applying for appointment to a City Advisory Body may be perfect for you. Different boards, commissions, and committees assist and advise Capitola's City Council in formulating policy on a variety of topics. These advisory bodies provide the Council with recommendations in making decisions, and the City Council votes to set final adopted policies.

There are **current vacancies on the Finance Advisory Committee and the Art and Cultural Commission**. To learn more, and submit an application, use this <u>link</u>.



### **Latest Council Action**

The following is a summarized list of the action taken by City Council during the agenda of the **Thursday**, **January 25**, **2024**, City Council meeting:

#### Consent:

Items are enacted by one motion and included (among other items) approval for:

1) Council authorized acceptance of funds from the California Natural Resources Agency for the Capitola Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project.

2) Approval of a professional services agreement to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and create design documents for mitigating debris on Stockton Bridge.

#### **General Government:**

1) New Brighton Middle School Field -Council received a presentation from representatives of Soquel Union Elementary School District about their planned middle school all-weather soccer field and running track project.

2) Conceptual Review for Senior Living Facility at 3720 Capitola Road & 1610 Bulb Avenue - City Council provided feedback on the conceptual project plan.

**3) Transient Occupancy Tax Audit Update** -Council discussed transient occupancy taxes and agreed to waive past due TOT from 3 hotels due to assessment errors and to direct staff to reach out to other hotel operators to ensure they are aware of current requirements.

### Capitola Museum Volunteers Wanted

Do you love history? Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer while promoting local history? If so you are in luck because the Capitola Historical Museum is recruiting for volunteers.

The Capitola Historical Museum preserves and promotes the history of Capitola through creating exhibitions, maintaining a collection of historic photographs and artifacts, conducting oral histories, and participating in special events. Volunteer docents are the museum's ambassadors to the community and help support the operation of the museum and promote museum activities.

Museum volunteers can contribute in several ways including greeting visitors during twohour museum desk shifts and/or assisting with special community events and museum projects. If you're interested, use this <u>link</u> to apply.

#### **Upcoming Council Items:**

The following is a brief list of items to be discussed during near-future Council meetings:

- Strategic Plan Project Introduction
- Special Event Process Updates
- Capitola Wharf Update



Next Council Meeting: Thursday, February 8 at 6 P.M.