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Wharf Resiliency Project Update

City staff presented a project update to Council on Thursday, February 8, with both positive and sad news on the wharf resiliency project. Despite heavy rain and wind in December 2023 that caused damage to piles, framing, and structures, significant progress has been made on fixing up the existing trestle and widening the Wharf. Unfortunately, the Wharf House Restaurant building suffered significant damage in the initial January 2023 storm and since; the building's foundation is compromised and the seaward-facing wall has collapsed. Due to this damage, the building is deemed a total loss and the City must demolish the building.

On the positive side, the new restroom facility for the head of the Wharf was delivered and installed this week! Recently, old piles were completely removed to create a safer swimming area near the base. Navigating the weather is proving to be a challenge, as winter continues to bring anticipated rain and substantial waves. Despite these obstacles, the team still projects completing construction by Fall 2024.

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Get Involved and Learn about the City

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 [link](#).

The City of Capitola is also 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 [here](#).

Join Our Team

There are several opportunities to work for the City of Capitola. Click [here](#) 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



Donate to Support Treasure Cove!

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 [here](#)).

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!

Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the action taken by City Council during the agenda of the **Thursday, February 8, 2024**, City Council meeting:

City Council received presentations from City of Capitola Recreation staff, Capitola Police Chief Dally, and the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission. Remember, you can watch video on our YouTube Chanel or from our website, both live and after meetings air.

General Government:

1) Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project - *See the front page for the full project update*

2) Housing Element Update - Staff is working with the HCD to draft Planning Commission recommended edits to the Housing Element in hopes of certification; the edits include a 75-foot height allowance at the Capitola Mall site and up to 2.0 Floor Area Ratio.

3) Strategic Planning Project Overview and Timeline - BerryDunn consultants presented their strategy and workplan which includes significant public outreach, collaboration with Council and City staff, and other forms of data collection. They estimate that Council will adopt a 5-year strategic plan in September.

**Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, February 22 at 6 P.M.**

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. 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 two-hour museum desk shifts and/or assisting with special community events and museum projects. If you're interested, use this [link](#) to apply.

Upcoming Community Meetings:

Capitola Wharf Mosaic Art Community Meeting at Capitola City Hall Community Room:

- Monday, February 12, 2024 - 6:00 PM
- Monday, February 26, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Cliff Drive Resiliency Project Meeting at the Community Center:

- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Future Council Items:

- PD Officer of the Year Award
- Mid-Year Budget Review & Adjustments
- Bay Avenue Quick Build Project

