Candidates for office in Capitola need to take out, circulate, file nomination papers, and Council Members receive a salary of $500 per month. In addition, Council Members also serve as Directors of the Capitola Redevelopment Agency and, as such, receive $30 per Redevelopment Agency meeting.

What qualifications are necessary to run for office? A person is eligible to hold office if he/she is a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, and is a registered voter residing within the City of Capitola city limits at the time the nomination papers are filed.

On November 2, 2010, Capitola voters will have an opportunity to vote for three Members of the City Council who will serve the City’s citizens for four-year terms. The current members whose terms will expire in November are Mayor Sam Starey and Council Members Robert “Bob” Begun and Ronald Graves. All of the incumbent council members are able to seek re-election.

What do I need to do? Candidates for office in Capitola need to take out, circulate, and file Nomination Papers with the Capitola City Clerk. The period for doing so begins Monday, July 12 and ends Friday, August 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. If any of the incumbent council members do not file nomination papers, the final date to file will be extended to Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Nomination papers may be taken out and filed during this period. Not less than 20 or more than 30 valid signatures (registered voters of Capitola only) are required for nomination to elected office in the City of Capitola. It takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes for the City Clerk to issue nomination papers. Please schedule an appointment by calling Pam Greeninger at 475-7300.

The Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce will host a “Candidates Forum” on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue. Candidates will have an opportunity to discuss their candidacy and answer questions from the public on local issues.

very important campaign information: Before any money is raised or spent in connection with an election or candidate, the candidate or candidate’s committee is required to file intent and disclosure forms with the Secretary of State and the City Clerk pursuant to the Political Reform Act. Candidates declaring their candidacy prior to opening of nominations should contact the City Clerk to obtain campaign reporting information.

If you have any questions about running for office in Capitola, City Clerk/Elections Office holders get paid for serving as a City Council. Council Members receive a salary of $500 per month. In addition, Council Members also serve as Directors of the Capitola Redevelopment Agency and, as such, receive $30 per Redevelopment Agency meeting attended.

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ANCILLARY CONTENT

NO SMOKING ON ESPLANADE OR THE BEACH

The City of Capitola recently expanded the “No Smoking” area in the City to include the red brick sidewalk that runs from the bridge to the Wharf. Smoking is already banned on the beach and in Esplanade Park. The City has previously found that there are health hazards induced by breathing secondhand smoke. In addition, at its meeting of January 12, 2009, the City received a public comment attesting that cigarette butts are a form of litter in the City of Capitola, on its streets, parks and beaches, and could constitute a threat to wildlife, a public nuisance, and a health hazard.

Both State Law and City Code currently prohibit smoking in all enclosed facilities within a place of employment, and in most other publicly accessible indoor spaces. State Law also prohibits smoking within 25 feet of any playground, and within 20 feet of the main entrance, and operable windows, on a public building.

RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONES

Cell phones and batteries are some of the largest contributors of toxic substances to our landfills. More than 1.3 million cell phones became obsolete in California every year, and historically only 7% have been recycled. Mobile phone batteries contain hazardous levels of lead, nickel-cadmium, and other toxic materials. Over 80% of reusable batteries are composed of the hazardous heavy metals nickel and cadmium. These batteries and other rechargeable batteries have been banned from disposal in California for several years, recycling opportunities have lagged.

Less than 20% of rechargeable batteries are currently recycled. In 2004, more than 34,000 tons of batteries were landfilled in California. In 2004, more than 9,300 tons of toxic portable electronics—including cell phones—were landfilled in California. Department of Toxic Substances Control reported that the recycling rate for cell phones in CA was 17% in 2006. This number increased to 25% in 2008. The national recycling rate average is 30%. What can you do with your old cell phone? Bring it to one of these locations where they will be either donated to a non-profit or recycled:

- The AT&T store in the Capitola Mall, Verizon Wireless either in the Capitola Mall or 1440 41st Ave or Best Buy on 41st ave.

AT&T PROVIDED CABLE TV

Capitola residents have a choice of Cable Television providers. There are now three Cable TV providers, Charter and AT&T. AT&T has completed its Internet service build out and is offering U-verse television packages. Charter still holds the cable television franchise with the city, but deregulation allows AT&T to provide programming over the same fiber optic lines that carry its DSL Internet service. The City holds the franchise for AT&T and the City of Capitola has a franchise agreement with Charter, for a little while longer. That will soon change because now that AT&T is offering service the existing franchise which is Charter can go get a franchise agreement with the State as well. Whatever will be great news from the City's agreement. What does this mean for you? The good thing is you have a choice of providers, but if you have Charter service you will have to go to the State for help and not the City.

Capitola residents can learn more about the service by visiting a local AT&T store or calling 877-787 AT&T.

PUBLIC ART IN CAPITOLA

You may have noticed quite a bit of public art throughout Capitola in recent years, but if you are not sure when a mural will soon be painted on retaining wall on the west side of Wharf Road, between the railroad trestle and Prospect Avenue. The Council recently approved a recommendation from the Capitola Art & Cultural Commission that the City hire an artist to paint a mural in this prominent location. The Art & Cultural Commission believes that the wall on Wharf Road is an excellent location for display of public art, while assisting the Public Works Department by discouraging graffiti on the wall. The Commission envisioned a mural that is uplifting and fits the environment in theme, color and content to reflect local Capitola elements. The work will be completed in late September.

In addition to the mural, the Commission has completed several art projects; graphic traffic boxes, sea wall tiles, antique photo direction markers, a non-profit or recycled: AT&T store in the Capitola Mall, Verizon Wireless either in the Capitola Mall or 1440 41st Ave or Best Buy on 41st ave.

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