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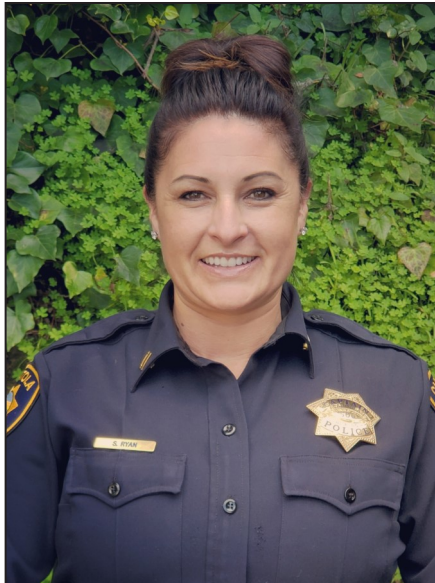
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Meet Capitola’s New Police Captain

The City of Capitola is proud to introduce recently appointed Police Captain Sarah Ryan! Captain Ryan has worked for the City of Capitola for 17 years.

Sarah Ryan is a Santa Cruz native. After graduating from San Lorenzo Valley High School she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from San Jose State University. She says that she “had no idea how useful [her] studies would be when [she] landed in her chosen profession”.

In her earlier private life, Captain Ryan played professional volleyball and enjoyed coaching and running marathons. She now practices yoga and brings her passion for wellness into both personal and professional spheres. Captain Ryan has a 19-year-old son and feels that being a mom and active community member is what she is most proud of. She says that “living in Santa Cruz County, serving the community and raising children here has solidified my purpose and assisted in shaping my genuine desire to consistently improve our ability to work together”.



Captain Sarah Ryan in 2021

The City is thrilled to have Captain Ryan, our first woman Captain, in a leadership position within our Police Department. Sarah’s positivity, passion, and dedication to helping others reach their highest potential will be honored and used to the benefit of not just Police and City staff, but the greater community. Thank you, Captain Ryan, for serving Capitola!

Get Involved in Your City!

Are you looking for ways to get involved in your community? Here are options to take a more active role in your local government:

Attend our Local Government Academy (March-April): A series of evening workshop, offered via Zoom, offering residents an overview of how local government works. This is a great place to start if you want to be informed and aware of local decisions and how “things get done” in Capitola.

Apply for an Advisory Body (ongoing): The City has several boards, commissions, and committees that help City Council in formulat-

ing specific policy. Topics range from the environment, to art/culture, and to local history. Open seats vary.

Run for City Council: The City of Capitola will have three seats up for election/re-election on the November 8 ballot. Paperwork must be filed between July and August in order to run for office in Capitola.

Volunteer: Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) and the Historical Museum are always looking for more people to contribute.

Information: Visit the City website or call 831-475-7300 and ask for the City Clerk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presidents’ Day
Monday, February 21
City Hall closed

Local Government Academy
March 2, 16, & 30, April 6
Via Zoom

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30
City Hall closed

Rod & Custom Car Show
June 11 & 12
Capitola Village

Twilight Concerts
June 8 to August 31
Every Wednesday

*all events subject to change due to pandemic safety requirements. Not all events are City sponsored.

Capitola Recreation: There's Something For Everyone

Despite challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Capitola Recreation Division continues to provide a wide variety of services to the Capitola community. Beginning this Fall, Recreation's After-school Rec Club (located at New Brighton Middle School) expanded eligibility, and now provides after school programming to both middle school and elementary aged students. Younger participants in the program are transported from their elementary school to the New Brighton campus where they enjoy recreation activities, homework support, and a healthy snack.

Also in Fall 2021, free Movies at the Community Center debuted with a Halloween event hosted in partnership with the Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce. Goodie bags were given to all attendees and prizes were awarded for the best costumes. The 1980's family classic movie *The Goonies* was enjoyed by all. In November, a similar event took place with a showing of *Raya and the Last Dragon*.

Since September, in-person Recreation classes have been offered at the Jade Street Community Center. Many of Recreation's typical core-classes and instructors have returned, including "Therapilates" with Gina and "Mandalas" with Michele Faia.



A Mandala class in the Community Center



Previous Junior Guard Instructors on Capitola Beach

Some exciting new classes include youth programming provided by the National Academy of Athletics, as well as gymnastics classes.

Beginning in March 2022, registration will open for many of the City's summer programs including adult co-ed softball, Camp Capitola, and local favorite, Junior Guards. All summer programs are planned to operate as they did before the COVID-19 pandemic, unless otherwise directed by the State or County Health Department.

To prepare for the summer, Capitola Recreation is recruiting talented individuals to work as Junior Guard Instructors or Camp Capitola Leaders. Job descriptions can be found on the City's website and interested Junior Guard Instructor candidates should submit applications before attending the March swim test.

Youth Welcome on City Advisory Bodies!

Did you know that if you are a resident of the Soquel Union Elementary School District or attend Soquel, Harbor, or Aptos High School, you can apply to join one of the following City of Capitola Advisory Bodies? Apply today!

- Art & Cultural Commission
- Commission on the Environment
- Finance Advisory Committee
- History Museum Board

Mortgage Assistance Available

This limited program is a partnership with the Community Action Board, intended to help those in need to keep their housing. To be eligible, you must:

- 1) Live in the City of Capitola
- 2) Be past due in mortgage, and
- 3) Make less than 80% of the median income

Call 831-457-1741 for more information on this opportunity; funding is limited so call today!

What's Next for the Historical Museum?

The Capitola Museum is temporarily closed through the end of February for installation of its new 2022 exhibition.

The new exhibition, "Perspectives – Capitola in the Eye of the Beholder" premieres on Friday, March 4, 2022, and will explore different perspectives of Capitola through art and writing.

The way we perceive a place often depends on what we were expecting to encounter before we arrived. The reasons people come to Capitola are certainly diverse, and so too are the depictions of Capitola over its long history. Taken together, they tell a compelling story.

"Perspectives – Capitola in the Eye of the Beholder" will feature a variety of perspectives: The Pioneers, The Promoters, The Sportsmen, The Pleasure Seekers, The Conventioneers, The Developers, The Artists, The Hippies, and The Residents. Accompanying these diverse perspectives will be period artifacts and pieces of rarely seen artwork from the museum's collection. Those works include some of the earliest depictions of Capitola as well as modern views created for the annual *Plein Air* art competition and exhibition held every autumn. The exhibition will also provide the opportunity for visitors to share their own unique perspectives of Capitola.

The exhibition "Perspectives – Capitola in the Eye of the Beholder" will be open to the public throughout 2022. This is the first annual exhibition by new Museum Curator, Deborah Osterberg, who joined the City last June. Starting March 4, the free museum will be open Friday through Sunday from noon until 4:00 p.m.



The museum, pictured in January 2022

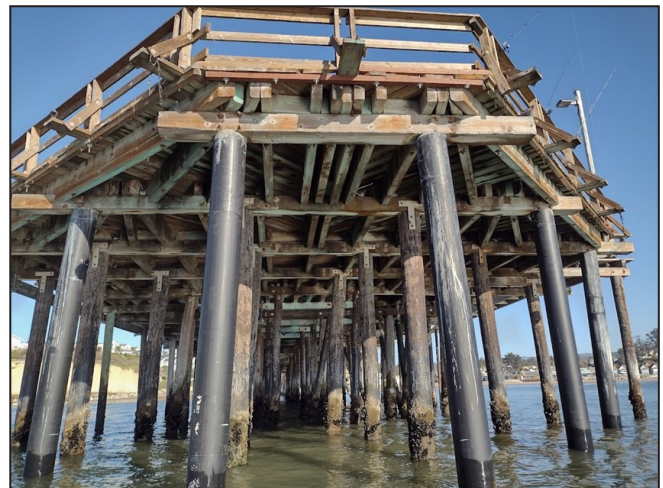
Capitola Wharf Improvements Underway

The City recently completed some significant structural repairs to the Capitola Wharf! Repairs included replacing the steel pilings at the end of the wharf and the addition of new structural beams under the Wharf House restaurant building. These repairs make up the first phase of the Capitola Wharf Resiliency & Public Access Improvement Project, which was approved by Council in July 2021.

The next phase of improvements are scheduled for Fall 2022 and include widening the narrow part of the wharf, utility improvements, and re-decking the surface of the wharf. Funding for these improvements come from the voter approved Measure F, state grants, and the American Rescue Plan.



Pilings before, in need of repair



Pilings after restoration, in early 2022

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Pavement Repairs Scheduled

A Paving Repair Project (in two-phases) will begin this winter and start with pavement removal/replacement and some related curb and gutter repairs. Coming up in the spring, Capitola has teamed with the County of Santa Cruz to complete a resurfacing project on the following streets:

- *Diamond Street, 42nd Avenue, Ruby Court, Bay Avenue, Capitola Road, Fanmar Way*
- Spot work will be completed on: *Terrace Way*

New Organic Waste Disposal Rules

In compliance with new statewide regulations (SB1383), residents and businesses within the City of Capitola are required to put food scraps and other organic waste in their green yard waste bins.

Common food waste accepted includes: coffee grounds & filters, cooked meat, bones, fruits, vegetables, eggshells, and other "compostable" items.

For more information, visit the City of Capitola website.

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