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Thank you to the Friends of the Capitola Branch Library and all Library sponsors!



Capitola Library's book drop and entrance.

Capitola Library Now Open!

On June 12, 2021, the City held the grand opening of Capitola's branch library. As with the other libraries in this part of the County, our branch is managed by Santa Cruz Public Library System; for more information on what is available at the Capitola library and at other branch locations, visit santacruzpl.org. Now that Capitola's library branch is open the 24-hour book drop previously located in the parking lot of the Jade Street Community Center has been relocated to the Rancho Del Mar Shopping Center in Aptos.

Branch Hours:

- Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday: Noon to 5 p.m.
- Sundays: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Temporary outdoor dining in the Village.

Permanent Outdoor Dining Program In the Works

The City is currently working on a permanent Village Outdoor Dining & Dining Decks Program, which would allow Village restaurants to apply for permits, rent space, and build dining deck areas for outdoor dining. Program details are in development, and have been discussed at several City Council meetings this year.

While the overall program details are still being developed, there is universal consensus that the permanent program will require high quality dining areas that enhance the Village's overall character. This topic will be discussed at future Council Meetings in September.

For more information on the current status of program development, contact the Community Development Department.

Due to the pandemic, temporary outdoor dining was allowed by a City Emergency Order beginning April 2020; these temporary permits are currently set to expire on September 13, 2021. Several business owners chose to remove their outdoor set-ups prior to the expiration date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**all events subject to change due to pandemic safety requirements*

Twilight Concerts

Esplanade Park
Wednesdays through Sept. 1

Movies at the Beach

September 10 & 17
Dusk, Esplanade Park

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, Sept. 6
City Offices Closed

38th Annual Art & Wine

Sept. 11-12

Capitola Beach Festival

Sept. 25-26

National Night Out

Tuesday, Oct. 5
5-7 p.m. Jade Street Park

Monte Foundation

Fireworks
Sunday, Oct. 11

Indigenous Peoples Day

Monday, Oct. 12
City Offices Closed

Capitola En Plein Air

Nov. 1-7

Wharf Rehabilitation Project Underway



Rehabilitation of Capitola Wharf to begin in summer/fall.

On July 22, 2021, City Council approved the first phase of improvements to Capitola Wharf. This initial project will repair steel piles along the outer end of the wharf and make structural repairs around the Wharf House Restaurant. Construction bids are due to be received in late August and construction should be completed this winter.

After this work is complete, the next phase of the project will include widening the narrow portion of the wharf, and other improvements. Final permits are expected sometime in September at which time final funding plans will be determined. This project phase is expected to be built in Fall 2022.



Attending Council Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Capitola City Council meetings have been held, and accessible for the public, remotely since March 2020. Pending any further changes in State guidance and Governor's Orders, City Council and staff intend to return to in-person meetings for the first meeting scheduled in October, on Thursday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

The public can always watch City Council meeting video live on the City website, and/or on Spectrum Television Channel 8. Currently, the public can also join meetings via Zoom: information on how to do so is available online and on published meeting agendas (or use QR code, below).

For explanation on how to either join a remote meeting or make public comment during the meeting call City Hall at 831.475.7300 and ask to talk to the City Clerk, who will talk you through the step-by-step process.



Afterschool Program Returns!

Capitola Recreation is excited to bring back the Afterschool Rec Club at New Brighton Middle School! This school year the program will host 1st - 5th grade youth from Soquel and Main Street Elementary along with the Middle School program. Participants receive a healthy snack, homework support, and time for sports, technology, arts and performance activities. Transportation from elementary schools to New Brighton Middle School is included and program registration is now open.

Adult & Youth Classes return to the Jade Street Community Center in September. Registration is currently open and the new Recreation Catalogue will be in mailboxes soon. Food Truck Friday's at Monterey Park will continue for two more events on August 27 and September 24. Check the website for winter events beginning in October.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Program Receives State Funding

In March 2020, the City of Capitola was awarded Senate Bill 2 grant funding, in part to develop guidance documents and pre-approved architectural plans for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). These grants are to help jurisdictions accelerate housing production, in Capitola this can be achieved by assisting property owners with ADU development.

The City will have four prototype designs/building plans available to the public which will range in size up to 800 square feet. The ADU templates will be designed with options for flexibility, allowing each individual homeowner to choose a plan that best fits their site and personalize finishes to their individual liking without complicating the process. Outreach materials, including a website and brochure, will also be available in addition to the plans. The project's overarching goal is to help homeowners understand the process, from design to occupancy, of building an ADU, so that the residents of Capitola can be empowered to make informed decisions. Plans are tentatively scheduled to be available beginning Spring 2022.

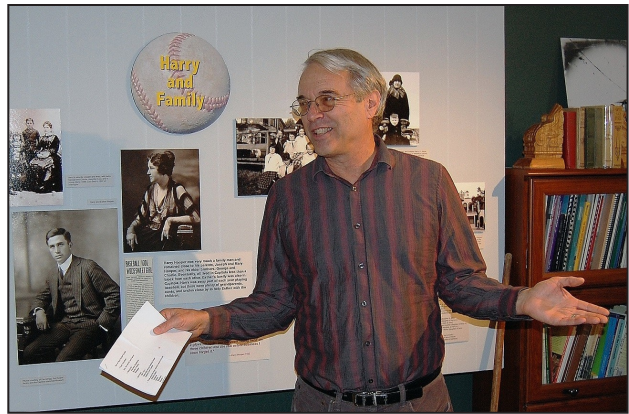
2021 Brings Changes for Capitola Historical Museum

On June 30, 2021, Frank Perry retired as Curator of the Capitola Historical Museum. Frank spent eight years managing the collections, creating exhibits, and conducting research on Capitola's history. Frank said "From the very first day, the museum board, museum volunteers, city staff, and people of Capitola were exceptionally welcoming. I cannot think of a better way to have wrapped up a fifty-year career in museums." Happy retirement Frank!



Deborah Osterberg is the new Museum Curator.

Our new Museum Curator, Deborah Osterberg, grew up in Capitola and has extensive experience with museums from the National Park Service and National Archives. Deborah looks forward to creating exhibits on Capitola's fascinating history and developing walking tours of the Village in period clothing. She is excited about the Museum's future and very proud to be the one chosen to tell the history of her hometown.



Frank Perry retired in June 2021.

On May 1, the free Capitola Historical Museum reopened to the public. The current exhibit is "Capitola – Then & Now" which Frank Perry prepared for the 2020 season. Due to the pandemic shutdown, the Museum closed soon after the exhibit premiered. The exhibit compares historical photographs of Capitola with the same scenes today. An array of artifacts compliment the exhibit's theme. To allow the public the opportunity to enjoy Frank's final exhibit, it was decided to keep "Capitola – Then & Now" on display throughout 2021. Thanks to our invaluable volunteers, the Museum is now open Friday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Recently volunteers also joined with our

new Curator to spruce up the historically furnished Beach Cottage and Bathhouse. *Photographs courtesy of Niels Kisling and Lacie Gray*

National Night Out



The Capitola Police Department will host National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jade Street Park. The event will feature free BBQ, a meet and greet with the Chief and other police officers, and fun and games for all.

This event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, helping make our neighborhoods safer while growing community. The Capitola Police Department will be joined by the Central Fire District and American Medical Response. National Night Out is a great opportunity to bring neighbors and public safety organizations together in a relaxed and positive environment. Join us!

Small Business Loans Available

The National Development Council (NDC) was awarded a \$2.75 million Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund grant to create a revolving loan program for businesses in Santa Cruz County.

The purpose of the revolving loan fund is to make loans to businesses that cannot otherwise obtain traditional bank financing. These loans provide access to capital as gap financing that enable small businesses to grow into enterprises that can qualify for conventional business financing.

The NDC is offering flexible lending to small businesses located in Santa Cruz County; (which includes Capitola businesses). The NDC provides COVID-19 Emergency Loans up to \$50,000 and Recovery & Growth Loans up to \$500,000. The Santa Cruz County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is assisting with the loan application.

For application forms, resources, and more information visit the National Development Council's website.

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Road Maintenance Ongoing

The City has a number of pending road projects, including repairs, maintenance, and complete reconstruction, in the works. For more information, contact the Public Works Department. Specific street sections and the type of work to expect are listed below:

-Clares Street from 41st Avenue to Wharf Road:

Full road surface reconstruction, enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access, new crosswalks, signage and striping. A workshop on this project was held on June 30, when several concerns were raised by the public. The design team is now working to study and address the final details of the project with the goal to be in construction this winter. Nearby residents will be notified on the construction in advance.

-42nd Avenue from Capitola Road to Jade Street, Diamond Street, Ruby Court, Bay Avenue from Highway 1 to Capitola Avenue, & Fanmar Avenue:

The failed sections of the roadways will be addressed; entire paved areas will be resurfaced with a rubberized cape seal. This project will be completed in steps, the first being dig-out repairs of the worst areas. A second project will place a rubber chip on the road and then apply a slurry seal over the chip. The dig-out repairs will take place this fall and winter with the cape seal following next spring.

Keep Our Bay Healthy!

Only Rain Down the Drain—Storm drains are for storm water only, and allowing over-watering, car wash rinse water, oils, paints, or any other liquids or debris in these systems adds to water pollution.

Report Spills—Report any spills or dumping incidents, accidental or intentional, to the Department of Public Works at 475-7300. To report illegal dumping during non-business hours, call 911.