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Progress Continues: The Park at Rispin Mansion

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Progress at the Park at Rispin Mansion is steadily advancing. Restoration work has brought new life to existing features like the exterior wall on Wharf Road and the grand staircase, while construction of new elements, such as ADA access pathways and the amphitheater, is well underway.

In the coming weeks, the amphitheater will be completed, and the fountain will be fully restored, adding to the park's charm. Although there is still more to do, the project remains on schedule for an anticipated opening in October.

The City intends to host a small opening celebration upon the completion of the park; more information will be provided as we enter fall.

Beach Clean Up this Saturday

Join Save Our Shores on Saturday, August 24 from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. for a beach cleanup at Capitola Beach. For more information and to register for the event, click this [link](#).



Upcoming Events:

There are plenty of family-friendly, free, and fun events to enjoy in Capitola Village and beyond! A summary of upcoming City sponsored and unsponsored events follows:

The last **Twilight Concert** is Wednesday, August 28 and features The Alex Lucero Band. Enjoy a family **Movie at the Beach** on Friday, August 30 featuring Grease! In September, look forward to a **Parent's Night Out** on Friday, September 7 and a **Food Truck Friday** event on September 13 at Monterey Park.

Also coming up are beloved Village events like the **Capitola Art and Wine Festival** (the weekend of September 14-15) and the **Capitola Beach Festival** (the weekend of September 28-29).

Finally, the **Capitola Wharf Grand Opening** will take place September 25 at 2:30 PM. Stay tuned for more details!

Capitola Plein Air this October

The Capitola Art and Cultural Commission will host the 9th annual Capitola Plein Air event October 21-27. We are thrilled to invite artists to apply to participate in this exciting event. Immerse yourself in the stunning coastal landscapes, vibrant streets, and unique architecture of Capitola as you create your masterpieces in Plein Air 2024. To apply to be a participating artist, click [here](#).

Everyone is invited to watch as the selected artists transform the town into a living canvas. Get ready to be captivated by their masterpieces, as over 100 beautifully framed paintings will be on display for the one day competition, exhibition, and sale. You will have the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award.

So, mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 27th**, and head to New Brighton Middle School from 11 AM to 4 PM to be a part of this unforgettable event. Whether you're an art enthusiast, an aspiring artist, or simply looking for a day of inspiration and entertainment, Capitola Plein Air promises to be an experience that will leave you with a renewed appreciation for the beauty of art and the power of creativity.



Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the actions taken by the City Council during their meeting on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**:

- 1) **Citywide Housing Element Adoption** - Council adopted the Housing Element of the City's General Plan, after conditional approval by the CA Department of Housing and Community Development.
- 2) **MidPen Loan Amendment** - Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend a loan to fund the development of affordable to low-income residential units at 1098 38th Avenue.
- 3) **League Voting Delegates**- City Council nominated Vice Mayor Brooks to serve as Capitola's voting delegate at the League of CA Cities Annual Conference in September.
- 4) **City Banking Services** - City Council awarded a banking services agreement to Santa Cruz County Bank.
- 5) **City Attorney Services** - City Council renewed the contract with Burke, William, Sorensen LLP for legal counsel.

Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, September 12 at 6 P.M.



Be a Youth Liaison to City Council

Are you interested in positively impacting your community and connecting with youth and adult City of Capitola leaders? Are you a high school student who lives in Capitola? Apply for the City of Capitola Youth Liaison Program, a partnership between the City and United Way: Youth Action Network!

The Youth Liaison Program will build bridges between youth and local City Council members to ensure youth voices are heard and considered in local government decision making. Youth liaisons will have the opportunity to earn stipends and/or community service hours.

Apply online by **September 30**, click [here](#) for the application and more information.



Join Our Team

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community while working with a great team? There are several opportunities to work for the City of Capitola. Click [here](#) to apply today!

Junior Guards 2024

The 2024 Junior Guard season has come to an end. Capitola's Junior Guards competed against other Junior Lifeguards from California and took podium spots in nearly every event. For more information on our Recreation and Community Service Programming, click [here](#).