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*The City of Capitola Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter*



## Wharf Project Town Hall

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On Wednesday, February 21, City staff and business owners joined together for a town hall meeting to discuss the Wharf Project and the unfortunate, but necessary, demolition of the two wharf buildings that historically housed the Wharf House Restaurant and the Boat and Bait Shop. This meeting was the first step in a much longer public visioning process about future structures on the wharf that will take place as the wharf resiliency project is completed.

City staff appreciated the opportunity to present current Wharf Project progress and to explain the extent of the damage to the two wharf structures. After inspections by the City Engineer, the Building Official, and a third party engineer, all the experts agreed that the buildings must be demolished rather than repaired due to safety, code, and financial concerns. At the town hall meeting the community made it clear that the services provided by the Wharf House Restaurant and the Boat and Bait Shop are highly valued and loved by Capitola.



## Treasure Cove Fundraising Events

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](#)). If you'd rather contribute by attending a fun community event, check out the following two fundraising gatherings:

### Kiwanis 43rd Annual Crab Fest:

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 5:30 PM at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge

Proceeds from this popular annual event will allow the Surf City Santa Cruz Kiwanis to continue supporting many local youth and community programs, as well as college scholarships. A portion of this year's proceeds will support the Treasure Cove at Jade Street Park.

### Capitola Aptos Rotary:

Celebration of Service to Our Community  
Friday, March 22, 2024 5:30 PM

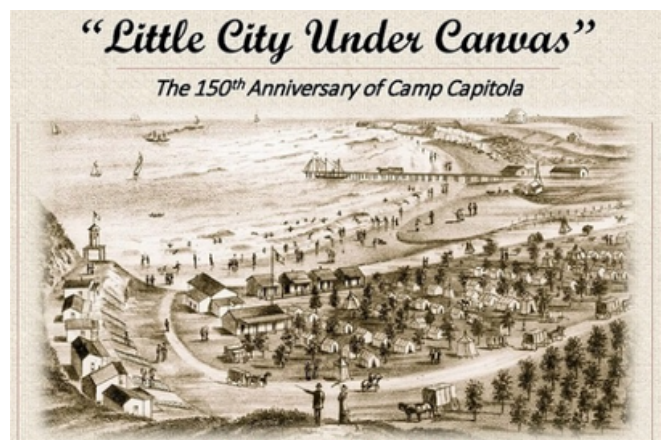
Proceeds to benefit Treasure Cove; the evening honors Supervisors Bruce McPherson and Zach Friend.

## New Historical Museum Exhibit

On Saturday, March 16, the Capitola Historical Museum will premiere its 2024 exhibition, "Little City Under Canvas" - The 150th Anniversary of Camp Capitola. Nestled within Monterey Bay, this yellow stretch of beach at the mouth of Soquel Creek, bracketed by high fossil-laden cliffs, became one of California's first beach resorts. According to the Santa Cruz Surf, Camp Capitola was "... [t]he oldest camping ground on the Pacific Coast."

Officially opened on June 18, 1874, by Samuel Alonzo Hall, Camp Capitola was inspired by the 18th century British seaside resort model imported to America. Our 2024 exhibition recounts the history of the seaside resort idea, how it evolved to meet American needs and tastes, and in what ways Camp Capitola followed, and in what ways it diverged from those first "modern" seaside resorts.

Starting March 16th the admission free Capitola Historical Museum will be open Friday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.



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## Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the action taken by City Council during the agenda of the **Thursday, February 22, 2024**, City Council meeting:

### General Government:

1) **Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project Change Order** - *continued voting on this item to a special meeting on Tuesday, February 27 at 4 P.M.*

2) **Bay Avenue & Hill Street Traffic Safety Updates** - Council authorized the construction of the recommended quick-build project to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety at this intersection; additional project elements will include increased road paint to highlight the bike lane and the potential for a second street light.

3) **Zone 5 Drainage Master Plan Update** - Representatives from Schaaf and Wheeler, Consulting Civil Engineers, presented an overview of regional storm drain facilities within Zone 5.

4) **Special Event and Park Process** - *continued to the next regular City Council meeting on March 14, 2024.*

5) **FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Report** - Adopted a resolution amending the budget to include

6) **2023-24 CDBG Grant Application** - Council authorized staff to apply for a \$3.3 million grant for the Jade Street Community Center project.

## 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!

### Seasonal/Part-time:

- Recreation Leader I
- Recreation Leader II
- Assistant Program Coordinator
- Beach Lifeguard/Junior Guard Instructor
- Lifeguard Lieutenant/Junior Lifeguard Assistant Coordinator



## Upcoming Community Meetings:

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

- 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:

- Voter Polling Results
- Special Events & Park Regulations
- PD Officer of the Year

**Upcoming Council Meetings:**  
**Tuesday, February 27 at 4 P.M.**  
**Wednesday, March 6 at 4 P.M.**  
**Thursday, March 14 at 6 P.M.**