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Highway 1 Bridge Demolition

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Saturday, March 23 at 7 PM through Sunday, March 24 at 7 P.M.: Caltrans is scheduled to close both directions of Highway 1 for 24 hours for crews to demolish the Capitola Avenue overcrossing.

This closure is associated with an ongoing Regional Transportation Commission project (not a City project) to construct north and southbound auxiliary lanes and bus-on-shoulder improvements on Highway 1 between the Bay Avenue/Porter Street and State Park Drive interchanges. This project will also construct a bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Mar Vista Drive and replace the existing Capitola Avenue overcrossing at Highway 1.

Northbound Highway 1 Detour: Motorists traveling northbound on Highway 1 will be directed off at the Park Avenue exit, will travel north on Soquel Drive, and return to northbound Highway 1 at the Bay/Porter onramp.

Southbound Highway 1 Detour: Motorists traveling southbound on Highway 1 will be directed off at the Bay/Porter exit, will travel south on Soquel Drive, and return to southbound Highway 1 at the Park Avenue onramp.

Updated project information, for the improvements on Highway 1 between the Bay Avenue/Porter Street and State Park Drive interchanges can be found on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's website, [click here](#).

Beach Clean Up this Saturday!



Volunteers needed! Join us for the next Capitola Beach Cleanup **this Saturday, March 16, from 9-11 AM**. Volunteer registration is required for this event. Please register on the Save Our Shores website. Thank you for doing your part to help keep Capitola Beach and Monterey Bay free of trash!

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:

Capitola Aptos Rotary:
Celebration of Service to Our Community
Friday, March 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM

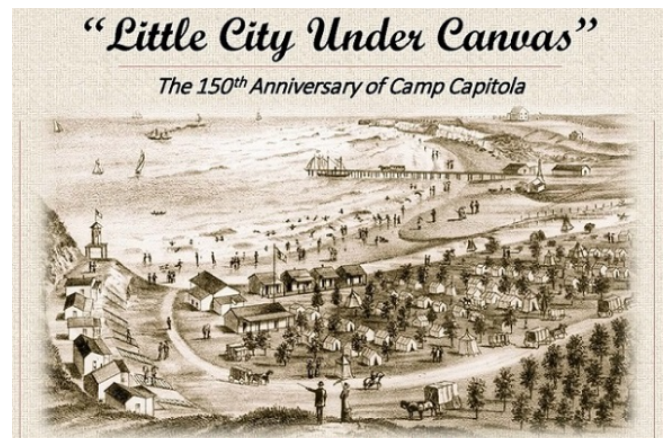
Proceeds to benefit Treasure Cove; the evening honors Supervisors Bruce McPherson and Zach Friend.

New Historical Museum Exhibit

This weekend, 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.





BCycles Coming Soon to Capitola!

The City of Capitola is excited to announce that years-long work towards a regional bike-share program between Capitola, UCSC, Cabrillo College, the County of Santa Cruz, and the cities of Watsonville and Santa Cruz is about to come to fruition. **In mid-March, BCycle will install approximately 50 e-bikes at 18 different sites within Capitola city limits.**

The BCycle business model includes dock-to-dock service (meaning rides are dock-to-dock, and bikes will not be abandoned by riders) and attractive pricing. Residents and visitors alike will be able to rent (by hour or other longer subscription) e-bikes and ride from dock-to-dock within City limits or nearly any other docking location throughout most of Santa Cruz County.

Installations in Capitola will begin the week of March 18 - 22. Docking stations include locations on Cliff Drive, Jade Street Community Center, Noble Gulch Park, Esplanade Park, in front of City Hall, and more.

Register for Camp Capitola

Camp Capitola, is a summer day camp serving youth ages 4-14. It is held at Jade Street Park and uses the outdoor environment and the Capitola Community Center. Camp Capitola offers a variety of activities including outdoor games, sports, arts and crafts, drama productions, and beach mornings. Your child must be 4 years old before the program starts. Our goal is to create a safe and enjoyable youth program experience for all. Capitola Recreation youth programs operate at ratio of 1 staff member to 12 participant.

Registration for Summer 2024 Camp opens **Tuesday, March 19 at 8am**. Registration is online only. For information on how to register, use this [link](#).



Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the action taken by City Council during the agenda of the **Thursday, March 14, 2024**, City Council meeting:

During the meeting, Capitola Police Chief Dally honored the **Capitola Police Officer of the Year, Officer Noah Sherin, and presented Detective Zack Currier with a Police Chief's Commendation Award.** Congratulations to both for their incredible work and attitude.

General Government:

1) Voter Polling Results - Council received results and directed staff to research extending Measure F, potential ballot measure language for a 1/2 cent sales tax, and to further research G.O. Bonds.

2) Housing Element Update - Council received an update on the Housing Element certification process and implementation plan.

3) Special Events and Park Regulations - Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that will create a comprehensive permitting system for public assemblies, events, and use of City property. The second reading/adoption will take place on March 28.

5) Remote Public Participation - Council directed staff to maintain the current public meeting process and to monitor Zoom-bombing incidents and report back in 6 months.



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

Future Council Items:

- Rispin Park Bid
- FLOCK Cameras
- Fee Schedule Update Public Hearing

Upcoming Council Meetings: Thursday, March 28 at 6 PM

Coming on Saturday,
April 20:
everyone's favorite
event, the Citywide
Garage Sale!