

Capitola Waves

The City of Capitola Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter



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The Caltrans closure to both directions of Highway 1 for 24 hours for crews to demolish the Capitola Avenue overcrossing has been **rescheduled to Saturday, April 6 at 7 PM through Sunday, April 7 at 7 PM.**

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](#).



BCycles Available Soon in 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. 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 started this week (March 25). Docking stations include locations on Cliff Drive, Jade Street Community Center, Noble Gulch Park, Esplanade Park, in front of City Hall, and more.

Join the Citywide Garage Sale



Celebrate Earth Day by giving unwanted items a renewed purpose! Mark your calendars for the Capitola Citywide Garage Sale on **Saturday, April 20**. If you're interested in hosting a garage sale at your address, please register online until April 18. You'll include your address, the opening and closing time of your sale, and a list of items you'll have.

If you simply want to browse and make purchases, grab a map and go find that one-of-a-kind treasure! The Friday before the Garage Sale (**by noon**), a map will be available to the public at City Hall and on our website listing all the addresses of the garage sale participants.

After the Garage Sale, package up your unsold items to be picked up the week of April 22 on your regular garbage day by GreenWaste Recovery, or even better, donate the items to a charitable cause of your choice. This is a terrific opportunity to clean out your garage, and help to divert refuse from our landfills by reusing and recycling!

Click [here](#) to register your address as a participating location.

Storm Water Reminders

Rainy conditions serve as an excellent time to remind Capitola residents that storm drains carry rainwater flow directly to Soquel Creek and into Monterey Bay without receiving any type of treatment. During the winter it is especially important to keep pollutants from washing down the storm drains. It is illegal to dump any substance, other than rain water, into the storm drainage system or directly into a body of water. Paint, motor oil, and erosion sediment material are examples of substances that are often dumped illegally. Follow these tips to avoid polluting our water ways and the Monterey Bay:

Pick up after pets: Put pet waste in the trash to keep harmful bacteria from contaminating our waterways

Maintain your vehicle: clean up drips and fix leaks properly. Remember that car wash rinse can also pollute.



Look Forward to Skatetola 2024

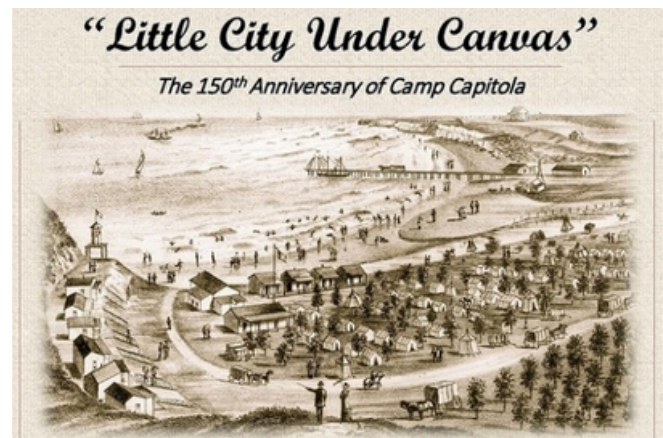
Join the Capitola Public Safety Foundation for the Skatetola youth outreach skateboard contest at the skatepark on McGregor Avenue. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 18** to attend this fun, family-friendly and free event!

Historical Museum Exhibit Open Now

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.



Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the action taken by City Council during the agenda of the **Thursday, March 28, 2024**, City Council meeting:

General Government:

1) Resolution Adopting Parks Policy - Council provided direction and requested changes to the proposed policy for adoption via resolution at a later Council meeting.

2) Automated License Plate Reader Cameras - Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Flock Group, Inc. to lease 10 automated license plate reader cameras. To learn more about Flock cameras and how the Police Department will use them, click [here](#) to read the staff report.

3) Park at Rispin Mansion - Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Betz Works for the Rispin Mansion Park Project. This project will likely begin at the end of April and, weather dependent, should be completed in Fall 2024.



Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, April 11 at 6 PM



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



Upcoming Council Meeting Schedule:

Budget Season is right around the corner! City Council will meet for regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of coming months, and in special **budget meetings** as currently scheduled (listed below) on:

- Thursday, May 16
- Thursday, May 30