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Capitola Wharf Officially Open

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The Capitola Wharf Grand Opening celebration was a success this Wednesday, September 25, with more than 600 people attending to watch formal speeches, listen and dance to live music, and enjoy food trucks and a beer garden sponsored by the Capitola Junior Guard Parents Club.

Now that the Wharf Resiliency Project is formally complete, repairs and enhancements to the beloved Wharf are now open and available for the public to enjoy. The City is grateful to its many funding partners: the California Coastal Conservancy, the Natural Resources Agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, NOA Sanctuaries, and the incredible local fundraising group CWEP.

This project would not have been possible without the community's steadfast support, enthusiasm, and love for Capitola Wharf, Thank you!

Strategic Plan Community Forum

The City is embarking on a Strategic Plan Project, to guide the City's operations over the next five years. Once completed, the Plan will align the City's budget and resources to strategic priorities and objectives. To give feedback now, use this [link](#) to take an online survey.

Throughout the development process, there will be several ways for the public to get involved and make their opinions heard. We began collecting feedback during the Wharf Grand Opening Event (pictured below). To that end, we invite you to a Community Forum on **Tuesday, October 1 from 6 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.** where all ages are welcome to come and give input on the future of the City. Listen to a short presentation, meet neighbors, and engage in discussion with us!



Brews & Beats on the Wharf

Join us for a fun-filled Sunday on **October 6 from noon to 5 p.m.** Enjoy an afternoon of live music from **The 10 O'Clock Lunch Band**, delicious bites from **Tacos el Jesse**, **Evil Wings**, and **Capitola Candy Company**, and refreshing drinks at our beer garden where **Sante Adairius Rustic Ales** will provide beer! Proceeds from the beer garden will benefit the **Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Foundation**. Bring your friends, soak up the views, and support a great cause!

Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the actions taken by the City Council during their meeting on **Thursday, September 26, 2024**:

1) Recognition of 2024 Junior Guard Participants - The Mayor presented certificates of recognition to 5 youth participants of the 2024 Junior Guards.

2) Daylighting Law AB 413- Village Parking - Council reviewed staff's proposed approach to the modification of selected parking spaces in the Village to comply with AB 413, effective in California January 2025.

3) Public Art Project - Council approved a begonia commemorative public art project to be installed near the corner of Wharf Rd. and Cliff Dr. near Stockton Bridge.

Capitola Advisory Group Recruitment

The City is currently recruiting for members on the following advisory groups:

- Art & Cultural Commission
- Commission on the Environment
- Finance Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission

Membership terms vary for each group. For more information, and to submit an application, please visit our website: www.cityofcapitola.org/bc

Next Council Meeting:
Thursday, Oct. 10 @ 6 P.M.

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.

