

County Continues Vacation Rental Law

By Neil Farrell

Despite an economy dependent on tourism, the proliferation of vacation rentals in North Coast communities has not been a very welcomed part of the lodging industry.

And with all the nearby communities — Morro Bay, SLO, Cayucos and Cambria — already under local ordinances, Los Osos residents wanted the same for their bedroom community.

County planners have been conducting a lengthy and extensive outreach taking comments and recommendations from the public, holding public meetings and involving the Los Osos Community Advisory Council (LOCAC), for several years now.

And last week, all the work came to fruition at the County Planning Commission in the form of an amendment to the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance that would establish “residential vacation rentals standards for the community of Los Osos.”

The piece of legislation would seem to have a limited influence but such changes are very involved and far-reaching. Beyond the zoning ordinance, the VR regulations also have to be included in the Estero Area Plan and the Los Osos Community Plan (LOCP) and more. The County has been working on updating the LOCP since 2012.

“Throughout the LOCP process,” reads a staff report, “staff has received substantial public input regarding the regulation of residential vacation rentals for the community of Los Osos; specifically, the lack of permitting and operating standards.”

The County has had two goals in this: to provide specific location standards; and, require VRs in Los Osos comply with the same permitting and operations standards as those in Cambria, Cayucos and Avila Beach (all under County jurisdiction).

Numerous interested people called in to the virtual meeting, some expressing concerns the regulations went too far, and others decrying that they don’t do enough to protect fulltime residents.

Emily Ewer, who said she represented a family that owns 11 acres at South Bay Boulevard and 18th Street

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County to Offer Smart Golf Carts

By Neil Farrell

County Parks is turning its rental golf carts into smart cars, and changing the sport of chasing a white ball around into a more modern, high tech experience designed to appeal to younger golfers.

County Supervisors were expected to approve a staff recommendation to contract for “Club Car Connect Visage Software,” and golf cart technology modules for some \$53,000 over 48 months (4 years).

The County has three municipal golf courses — Morro Bay, Dairy Creek and Chalk Mountain — with an emphasis on Dairy Creek, which is being transformed into a more robust resort with 10 rental cabins, a miniature golf course, a go-cart track, and more, turning the park and golf course into a facility for entertaining the whole family. This includes making Dairy Creek a 9-hole course.

According to a staff report, the new carts will “allow customers to use the system to view 3-D hole flyovers, find distances to pins and points of interest on the golf course, determine the length of their tee shots, order food and beverage while on the course, and use electronic scoreboards for tournaments and events.”

On the other hand, golf course staff “will be able to use the modules to track pace of play, provide and receive messages to and from players on course, see real time position of vehicles on the course, and monitor the ‘health’ of the fleet, with on board diagnostics such as battery life, service notifications, and odometer readings.”



Local greens will soon feature Club Car Smart golf carts.

The golf carts will also play a part with Dairy Creek’s new rental cabins, as one will be included with a rental and the managers will be able to track their whereabouts.

“The system will allow staff to disable each golf car overnight to eliminate possible mischievous activity,” the report said, “as well as provide the ability to track the cars, thus helping to reduce liability throughout the park.”

Supervisors recently approved a lease for a fleet of golf carts at Dairy Creek as, “68% of Dairy Creek’s golfers ride a golf

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Voting to Change In The Time of COVID-19

By Neil Farrell



With a coronavirus pandemic and shelter-at-home orders still in effect, the November Presidential Election is shaping up to be something very different than what voters are used to.

In fact, the next election will be a true challenge for a County Elections Office that is already stretched thin and losing nearly half its volunteers over fears of the virus.

Along with conducting what is anticipated to be an extremely contentious election with record voter turnout along with cyber-security and Public Safety Power Shutoffs in mind, Clerk-Recorder Tommy Gong said in a staff report to County Supervisors that he has, “major concerns with the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election now include the health and safety of voters, election workers [whom the vast majority are in vulnerable groups], and staff/temp help workers in the office throughout the entire cycle of the election. While we do not know what the extent of the pandemic will be in November, the Presidential General Election must take place, so we must plan for the worst and hope for the best.”

With fears of catching the stubborn Coronavirus, Gong said his office had “a significant number of poll worker cancellations due to the news about COVID-19 coming to light in late February.”

Problem is Statewide

In talks with County Clerks across the state, Gong said, “As the health community found that age groups above 65-years old were among the most vulnerable, an unprecedented number of poll workers began cancelling their participation in November due to the health concerns. These workers are by and large the essential core of workers during an election. In the same way, polling place locations have pulled their venues for November.”

He added that in San Luis Obispo County, some 46% of poll workers have cancelled and 46% of the poll locations have cancelled, as well. The phenomenon was actually nationwide, as states have continued to try and hold Primary Elections in the midst of the pandemic, struggling with an avalanche of vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots going out in places where they weren’t equipped to handle it.

“During the months following California’s Presidential Primary Election,” Gong said, “many primary elections took place in other states with challenges, which included long lines at drastically reduced polling places on Election Day and unfulfilled Vote-By-Mail ballot requests.”

But SLO County and California have an advantage in this regard, as both already have a majority of voters that use the VBM ballots. Indeed, California has allowed permanent VBM since 2002.

Sacramento Responds

In anticipation of this issue, Gov. Gavin Newsome issued two executive orders with regards to the upcoming election, making major changes to the way it will be conducted.

Among the orders are: every voter will get a ballot in the mail and the Secretary of State’s BallotTrax tracking

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Babylonian Soap Company Opens News Store in Baywood

By Theresa-Marie Wilson
Photos by Dean Sullivan



Tracy Bullock, the owner of Babylonian Soap Company, welcomes customers to the company’s new location at 1216 2nd Street

Simply walking into Babylonian Soap Company is refreshing. The product displays throughout the store and the lighting have a calming effect while the scents—herbal, musk, floral, fruity—invite positive energy that soothes the mind.

Babylonian makes and sells natural, plant-based skincare products for both women and men that are paraben and sulfate free using organic and locally sourced ingredients when whenever possible.

Owner Tracy Bullock said she began the skincare line for herself in 2011 because she had extreme skin allergies, autoimmune disorders and an intolerance for store-bought beauty products.

“Your skin is your biggest organ,” said Tracy. “What you put on it is filtered through the liver and other organs, so its best to use the most natural you can get.”

Many readers are likely familiar with

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County to Hike Sewer Rates for Monarch Grove

By Neil Farrell

COVID-19 is killing thousands of Americans but it can't kill a sewer rate hike in Los Osos, though it has caused a lengthy delay.

County Supervisors set Aug. 11 as the official hearing date on a rate hike for County sewer customers in the Monarch Grove subdivision, the final neighborhood to get hit with the rate increase.

Back in April, Supervisors approved a rate hike for the vast majority of its customers in the "San Luis Obispo County Wastewater Assessment District No. 1," but with the shelter-at-home orders in place and most businesses forced to close laying off thousands, Supervisors delayed the enacting of the rate hikes until 30 days after the COVID-19 emergency is over. It had been slated to go into effect July 1.

The hike was being justified, as an adjustment in the monies the County needs for operations and maintenance of its treatment plant out behind the Los Osos Valley Cemetery. Initial rates were set with what the County expected costs to be — including debt financing — and the new rates were set using the actual costs incurred.

The 83 customers in Monarch Grove have until Aug. 11 to protest the rate hike, which must be done in writing, a so-called Proposition 218 process.

The vote is one per customer/household and homeowners must vote in writing if they oppose the increase. If they do not oppose the increase, they need do nothing and they will be considered a "Yes" vote.

Monarch Grove was not initially required to connect to the communitywide sewer system that went online in 2016. That's because the subdivision had its own sewer system that produced irrigation water for nearby Sea Pines Golf Resort.

That's how the developers were able to first fell a mini eucalyptus forest, subdivide and build homes all while the community was under a moratorium against adding new septic systems.

That system included a collection system within the subdivision, making hooking up to the County system much easier and cheaper, too, as no lateral hook ups from the houses to the sewer mains were needed.

In April 2019, the subdivision gave up its independent system and hooked up to the County's with this past fiscal year (2019/20) the first year they were charged for the sewer system through property tax rolls.

Supervisors approved a rate hike that has a range of costs that depends on how long the rate hike is delayed during the state of emergency. The County will process the true charges once the emergency order is lifted; so homeowners can expect a big bill of from a few hundred to several thousand dollars a year.

According to the County's report, "The current rate structure is based on two factors: a minimum charge and a volume charge. The volume charge for all residential accounts is based on the water billing usage that most closely follows the January — February time period.

"The billing usage is annualized and a charge of approximately \$0.01 [one penny] per gallon is applied. Non-residential accounts are billed at the same rate, except the actual year's usage is used instead of the annualized two-month method."

Protest votes must be delivered to the County before or during the Aug. 11 public hearing, which will likely be held online without an audience, so effected readers should plan to get their protests in early.

Notices of the rate hike are to be published once a week for two weeks prior to the Aug. 11 hearing, likely in The Tribune newspaper.

Racial Incident Was Not A Crime

Morro Bay police issued a report about a confrontation that happened during a June 6 protest march for equal justice, concluding that the disturbing incident didn't rise to the level of being an actual crime.

But in a story in New Times, the wife of one of the men involved, criticized the police handling of the incident.

In a statement released by the department on July 2, MBPD Cmdr. Amy Watkins said, "On June 8 the Morro Bay Police Department initiated an investigation after a complaint was received regarding a disturbance during a BLM Protest in Morro Bay.

"The complaint alleged that during the protest march, a male counter-protester used racial slurs toward a Black male subject who was participating in the protest, causing a verbal argument between the two men."

The complaint also accused one of the officers of using "foul language" while ordering the groups to disperse. That charge launched an internal investigation.

"As a result of the complaint," Watkins said, "an internal investigation was conducted to investigate both allegations of citizen and officer misconduct." Police interviewed some 15 people about the incident.

"The result of the investigation concluded that a verbal disturbance between two males did occur, the verbal confrontation lasted a short time where a racial slur was used by one male," said Cmdr. Watkins. "Officers arrived at the scene within minutes to de-escalate the conflict and

separate the involved parties."

Witness accounts differed. "There were conflicting statements provided by witnesses as to whether or not a swear word was used by one of the officers while attempting to diffuse the situation," she said, "however witnesses did report hearing a racial slur used by one of the counter-protesters."

The incident ended peacefully according to police. "Officers remained on scene until all parties dispersed and there were no complaints filed by either involved party at that time."

In the follow up investigation, Watkins said the alleged victim was uncooperative. "Attempts to contact the Black male involved in the incident were met with his refusal to speak with the investigator or to provide a statement related to this incident," Cmdr. Watkins said. "A report documenting the racial slur was authored by MBPD related to Hate Speech, as it was determined that no criminal action had taken place."

But in the New Times article, Britney Holloway, identified as the wife of the man who was the victim of the racial slur, said three men were yelling "All Lives Matter" and revving their engines in front of the Great American Fish Co., during the march to Target Rock.

She said one of the men called her husband a "bitch" and then called their 1-year-old son the N-word. That led to an argument between the two that she said police didn't bother to break up.

"I, with my son in my hands and holding my dog on leash," Holloway told New Times, "jumped in-between them and told my husband that it was not worth it, and we needed to leave."

As they were leaving, she said one officer told her husband, "Can you just shut the f*** up?"

Three officers from three different departments — Morro Bay, Atascadero and Grover Beach — were at the incident and Holloway told New Times that her husband didn't cooperate because he didn't like the way it was handled.

"They simply watched it, like waiting for one of them to swing, and I felt like they waited for my husband to swing first, so they could just arrest him." She also noted that in the MBPD news release it didn't mention that the counter-protester was white.

The police condemned the incident. "MBPD does not condone the use of profane, vulgar or insensitive speech, including name calling or racial slurs," CMDR. Watkins said, "this incident did not meet the criteria or elements for criminal prosecution and has been documented accordingly."

If readers have information regarding the incident, they can contact Cmdr. Watkins at (805) 772-6225.

Supervisor Checks Into Mental Health Facility

By Neil Farrell



Third District County Supervisor Adam Hill has said he will check himself into a mental health facility, as he battles depression that has plagued him for most of his life.

"Persistent, and at times, painfully debilitating depression," Hill said in a statement, "has necessitated my seeking more intensive and focused treatment at a residential health program."

Hill was the board chairman until he disappeared from public sight following an FBI-led search of his County office and Pismo Beach home. No information has been released by the FBI about the nature or target of their investigation.

Hill won his third term at the March 3, 2020 Primary Election, besting Pismo Beach businesswoman, Stacy Korsgaden 51.36% to 48.64% (11,100 votes to 10,513).

But it's been a rocky ride for Hill that included a search warrant served by the FBI on March 11 at Hill's office at the County Government Center and his Pismo Beach home. That same day he attempted suicide.

He took leave after the suicide attempt and in early April stepped down from the chairmanship shortly after the coronavirus pandemic hit in March. Fourth Dist. Supervisor Lynn Compton was vice-chair and took over the gavel.

Since March 1, Hill has not taken part in in 26 of 33 board and committee meetings. But Hill said he's been doing his job, despite the disappearing act. "While I have been working closely with county staff on the many challenging issues our community faces, I have not been able to recover and heal as sufficiently as needed, and chose to seek specialized care at this time."

Hill said he, like countless others, are suffering with the societal changes being ordered to combat the virus.

"Many people are suffering right now," Hill said, "and the way forward for all of us, ultimately, is to overcome polarizing and alienating tendencies that fuel suspicion, antagonism, and violence. Our common humanity is injured badly by this, but renewed every time we show compassion and a willingness to understand and respect others."

He urged people to seek help. "To the extent that your own difficulties have impacted your mental health," he said, "please do allow yourself some help by contacting 800-838-1381 or 800-793-0607."

He said his County office is still open to help constituents. "If my office can be of assistance, we would welcome it. Call direct at 805-781-4336. Thank you for your gracious understanding as I feel determined to return soon and in much better health."

Hill first admitted his mental health problems in a letter to The Tribune in February 2018 and has had several questionable, and threatening interactions with members of the public, mostly online, going back to his first term in office.

Coronavirus Claims Four More in SLO County

By Neil Farrell

The coronavirus pandemic appears to be gathering steam in San Luis Obispo County, as the County Health Department announced over the past week and a half, the second, third, fourth and fifth COVID-19 related deaths in quick succession.

The County had recorded just one COVID death from April 4 until the start of July. The second death was reported July 1. That 94-year-old person was hospitalized with severe COVID-19 illness for about 2 weeks before succumbing to the virus.

July 8, brought news of a third death; a 61-year-old patient with "significant underlying health conditions and was

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living in a long-term care facility,” according to the County. “The patient became ill with COVID-19 and was brought to the hospital with the onset of COVID-19 symptoms about 2-weeks ago.”

The next day, a 52-year-old patient, again with significant underlying health conditions, and who was also in a long-term care facility, became the fourth COVID-19 casualty. The County again said this person was taken to the hospital with symptoms some 2 weeks before dying in the hospital.

And on July 11, the County reported the fifth SLO County resident to die from COVID. This person was in his or her 70s and also had multiple underlying conditions.

All of these people were suspected to have contracted the virus through “community spread.” No names or further identifying information on these people was released by SLO County, not the towns where they lived nor even whether they are a man or woman.

County Jail Has First Case

On July 6, the first case was reported at the County Jail. That worker was sent home to self-quarantine and set off a big response by the Sheriff’s and Health Departments to head off an outbreak.

“Incarcerated populations are very high risk for contracting COVID-19 because of the close living quarters,” said Dr. Christy Mulkerin, the Sheriff’s Office chief medical officer. “That’s why the Sheriff’s Office has been proactive in practicing infection control measures since March to prevent an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Jail.”

Making the Watch List

On July 7, County Public Health Officials said they expected to be put onto the Governor’s “watch list” for Coronavirus because the County reportedly exceeded the State’s COVID-19 case-rate criteria over the 4th of July Weekend.

The County’s case rate was about 114 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 in population over a 14-day period. “The State’s threshold is no more than 100 per 100,000 population over a 14-day period,” according to the County.

As of July 14, the County had reported a total of 1,078 CV-19 cases (since April 1) with 699 people already having recovered. There were 359 people countywide recovering at home (active cases), with 14 people in the hospital and five in intensive care.

Also, the Governor ordered everyone to wear a face covering when outdoors or inside when social distancing (6 feet apart) can’t be done. The County and City of SLO ordered all bars (but not restaurant/bars) closed over 4th of July Weekend.

Beaches remained open but with all fireworks shows canceled, crowds were small for a 4th of July, 3-day holiday.

No More Free Testing

Despite the rise in cases, the County is ending its free testing program and will implement fees to cover its costs starting Aug. 7.

Testing using the newest method, the so-called “Coro-

navirus SARS-CoV2 AMPLIFICATION,” was put into use on June 24, and replaced the bulk of testing that was performed through the CDC.

The new fee was set at \$63 and will be billed to insurance.

The County had been using the “Coronavirus SARS-CoV2 RT_PCR,” the test used by the Centers for Disease Control, since the start of the Pandemic. That test costs \$138.

As of July 7, according to the County, they’d performed some 3,300 tests, at that \$138 per test cost. That means the County shelled out \$455,400 for the tests.

As for revenues, the County report said over a 12-week period, at \$63 per test, the revenues would be \$378,000. As for the labor costs, the County said for 300 hours (over 12 weeks), at \$42 an hour it comes to \$12,600 in labor costs.

The testing fees will result in an estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000 in revenue that will help offset the costs of testing, as the pandemic continues, the Health Department said in a report to County Supervisors.

Low-income people will be able to get tested for free. As per the County’s “Fee Assistance for Clinical Services,” policy, “individual fees may be reduced or waived based on ability to pay.”

County Expects Millions

The County said these fees will still not cover all of its expenses with the coronavirus, but don’t fret; the County is also lining itself up for millions in federal relief monies.

The “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security” (CARES) Act, signed by into law by President Trump on March 27, “appropriated funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist communities in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic,” according to a County staff report.

The CARES Act appropriated \$150 billion to State and local governments for expenditures incurred between March 1 and Dec. 30, 2020 in response to the pandemic.

Based on population, California is slated to get some \$15.3 billion, keeping \$9.5B for itself. Cities and counties with populations over 500,000 will split \$5.8B.

“Due to our population size,” the County reported, “the County of San Luis Obispo did not receive Coronavirus Relief Funds directly; however, the final State budget agreement includes \$1.29 billion to counties to be used toward homelessness, public health, public safety, and other services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Based on the proposed State budget, \$28,976,000 will be allocated to the County of San Luis Obispo.”

Though it can’t be used to cover lost tax revenues (from the near total economic shutdown), it could be used for things like the \$4.5 million emergency hospital the County set up at Cal Poly that has yet to treat a single patient. The County’s contract with the University was extended to the end of the year.

There are of course conditions for the CARES Act monies: they must be necessary expenditures incurred due

to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019; they were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and, costs that were incurred between March 1 and Dec. 30.

The County Administration is now coordinating with all departments on totaling up the costs due the Coronavirus and covered by the CARES Act.

“County staff anticipates having the expenditure plan finalized in August to meet the anticipated State deadline of Sept. 1, 2020 to have proposed use report submitted.”

Indoor Operations at Businesses Ordered to Shutdown

California is stepping back on opening plans after a surge of COVID-19 cases.

“We are moving back into a modification mode of our stay at home order,” Newsom said during a press conference on July 13.

Restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, family entertainment, zoos, museums and card rooms state wide were told to shut down all indoor operations and bars were ordered to close completely.

Newsom had previously named 19 counties on placed on the state’s pandemic monitoring list that were to shutdown indoor operations for three weeks, but now it is a statewide order.

Newsom also named 30 counties where fitness centers, places of worship, offices for “Non-Critical Sectors,” personal care services, hair salons, barbershops and malls will have to close down. San Luis Obispo made the list and is expected to further shutdown by Thursday morning. Comparing the situation to that of a dimmer switch, Newsom said restrictions would be adjusted up and down as conditions dictate.

“People come on that monitoring list and they come off the monitoring list because of the dynamic nature of this virus,” Newsom said. “Nothing is constant. Nothing is linear as it relates to infectious disease.”

As of July 12, the state has recorded 320,804 cases during the pandemic, leading to 7,017 deaths, according to data from the California Department of Public Health.

“This virus is not going away anytime soon,” Newsom said. “I hope all of us recognize that if we were still connected to some notion that somehow when it gets warm it’s going to go away or somehow it’s going to take summer months or weekends off, this virus has done neither. It’s incumbent on all of us to recognize, soberly, that COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon until there is a vaccine and/or an effective therapy.”



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Man Pleads to Manslaughter in Stabbing Case



Sean Maneely

A Morro Bay man has pled guilty to manslaughter for stabbing another man to death back in January, and potentially avoiding a long prison sentence.

Sean Maneely was 53 last Jan. 25 when he got into an argument with Andrew McTaggart, 58, and stabbed him in the chest, killing him. The two men were reportedly friends and both from Morro Bay.

The crime, the first murder in Morro Bay since December 2016, was reported as a fight in progress at 3:49 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 at a storage facility in the 1100 block of Allesandro Ave.

Police Chief Jody Cox said at the time, "While responding to the scene, officers were advised of a physical altercation with report of the victim being injured. Upon arrival officers located several subjects on scene and determined that two male subjects had been involved in a physical altercation in or near one of the storage units at the scene."

Officers gave McTaggart First Aid and he was taken via ambulance to Sierra Vista Hospital where he died. Maneely, who was still on scene, was immediately arrested and charge with murder.

He's been in County Jail all this time and at a hearing in advance of his upcoming trial, pled no contest to felony voluntary manslaughter with a sentencing enhancement for using a knife.

He went from facing 25-years-to-life in prison, to a sentence of no more than 7 years and maybe less.

The prosecutor and defense attorney will make oral arguments before sentencing, and the knife enhancement could be stricken, which would lessen the sentence to 6 years in prison.

In a Tribune news story, defense attorney Ilan Funke-Bilu said the killing was "an unfortunate incident involving two friends."

Funke-Bilu told The Tribune that his client was inside his storage unit playing music, when he was approached by McTaggart and some sort of altercation ensued.

He added that Maneely is remorseful about what happened. Maneely is slated to be sentenced July 30.

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Fees for COVID-19 Testing Coming

In order to offset the costs for reagents, test kits, and staff time it takes to provide COVID-19 tests to the public, the County of San Luis Obispo has added new fees that will be billed to medical insurance effective August 7th. "Persons themselves will not bear the cost, but this will allow our laboratory to get revenue that will allow the ongoing testing support needed over the course of this pandemic," said County Health Officer, Dr. Penny Borenstein. "The County Public Health lab prioritizes testing for health care workers, hospitalized patients, congregate care settings, corrections facilities, contacts of those who have tested positive."

The County currently faces a \$32 million to \$56 million budget shortfall, meaning expenses are expected to outpace revenue countywide this fiscal year. The testing fees will result in an estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000 in revenue that will help offset the costs of COVID-19 testing as the pandemic continues.

Ongoing COVID-19 testing at current capacity will continue to impact the County Public Health Department. Fee revenue was not even partially recovering the cost of providing the service.

CARES Act funds are anticipated to offset a portion of the expenses to date for the COVID-19 tests already completed.

Sheriff Starts Online Commissary

Got a friend or relative sitting in the hoosegow? The County Sheriff is making it easier to deposit money on their jail account.

Sheriff's spokesman, Tony Cipolla, said, the department was partnering with Aramark and TouchPay, "to make ordering commissary goods and depositing funds into an inmate's account more secure and convenient. Inmate accounts allow individuals to purchase commissary products, and purchase telephone debit minutes."

Before, people could only make deposits for their jailed loved ones in person at the County Jail.

"Now," Cipolla said, "anyone wishing to make a deposit to an inmate's account may use the following options 24-hours a day, seven-days a week: call (866) 232-1899; or go online at: <http://touchpaydirect.com>. You must register an account first."

There is also a TouchPay kiosk at the County Jail lobby to make deposits in person, after a visitation with an inmate.

"Friends and family must use the facility number 293405 to ensure funds are properly applied to an inmate's account," Cipolla said. There is a fee — \$2.95 for deposits up to \$200 and \$3.95 for over \$200. Funds will be made available to the inmate 24 hours after deposit, Cipolla added.

And, through Aramark, friends and family can purchase pre-packaged, commissary goods for their loved ones on the Aramark's iCare website, see: <https://shop.icaregifts.com/SanLuisObispoCA>.

Cancer Support Receives \$38,000 Donation

As a part of Subaru's Share the Love event, Rancho Grande Subaru in San Luis Obispo gave a generous

donation of \$38,070 to Cancer Support Community - California Central Coast (CSC-CCC). The non-profit organization offers social and emotional programs and services to local cancer patients, survivors, and their families free of charge, is currently offering programs, counseling, orientations, and education available via in-person, telehealth and online platforms, "so that no one faces cancer alone."

The donation will allow CSC-CCC to expand services for local cancer patients and their families.

"Not only does this allow us to expand these programs, but we are able to expand them using Zoom, telephone, and in-person," said CSC-CCC Executive Director Shannon D'Acquisto. "For many cancer patients and survivors with compromised immune systems, this public health emergency may likely be a source of anxiety. These unprecedented times have shown a glimpse of the uncertainty, isolation, and anxiety that cancer patients experience daily. If a patient is unable to participate in groups at our office, they are at risk of feeling more isolated, depressed, or anxious. What we can do is give them some tools and guidance on how to cope with the normal and common responses to a cancer diagnosis, and help navigate communication with their family members. In addition to our regular office hours, we now have tele-health tools that give our therapists the ability to actually see and connect one-on-one with individuals, couples, and families in their own home when needed."

For information about the Cancer Support Community - California Central Coast programs, or to donate, go to www.cscslo.org.

Roller Derby Girls Holding Raffle



Though the coronavirus has checked their ability to hit the hardwood, the women of Central Coast Roller Derby still want to raise money for worthy causes.

The CCRD is sponsoring an online raffle to benefit the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center set to be held from 7-7:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2.

There are four superb prize packages being raffled off and tickets are only \$2 each. Contact your favorite skater for tickets or email payments to: Treasurer@CentralCoastRollerDerby.com. Include a note telling them which prize(s) you are trying to win. Make sure to include your name and contact information.

The CCRD said, "We might not be able to have our games, but we can still raise money for local charities."

The Autism Spectrum Center's mission is "To strengthen quality of life for individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and the lives they touch, through compassion, commitment, and collaboration."

See: www.sloautism.org or www.facebook.com/CCA AutismSpectrumCenter for more information.

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County to Get Infectious Disease Grant

While currently in the midst of battling a pandemic, San Luis Obispo County is getting nearly \$300,000 for infectious disease prevention.

County Supervisors accepted a \$291,000, 1-time grant from the California Department of Public Health, Division of Communicable Disease Control, part of an overall \$35 million statewide program that was approved in July 2019, long before the Coronavirus Pandemic hit this past March.

The monies were to be allocated to local health departments, and Native American tribes “based on disease burden, population impact, and geographical area in a manner that spreads the funding to as many local health jurisdictions as possible to provide meaningful services.”

“The funding,” reads a report from County Health officials, “must be used to implement public health activities to address gaps in core public health functions and respond to increases in workloads associated with high priority, preventable infectious diseases.

“The money is intended to last through June 2023. In SLO County, the Health Department wants to use it to hire a 3/4ths time Health Education Specialist, whose job it will be to review “epidemiological data to identify relevant priority infectious diseases in San Luis Obispo County, conduct outreach to medical providers to provide education on disease-specific topics and any emerging infectious diseases, conduct community education via social media and other outlets, and gain access to laboratory portals to assist with communicable disease investigation efforts.”

The money will also help pay for an existing epidemiologist who will recruit doctors “for influenza surveillance, and to recruit hospital systems to implement a syndromic surveillance system.”

Such a system would gather information on symptoms like cough, fever, and shortness of breath, among others.

“However, in practice,” the report said, “certain syndromic surveillance systems collect surrogate data indicating early illness [e.g., school or work absenteeism data or veterinary data such as unexpected avian deaths or other potential precursors of human illness].”

Keeping an eye on animal diseases is a good early way to stay ahead of potential viruses and diseases that might jump to humans.

“As we know with COVID-19, some diseases that typically affect animals or birds can also cause disease or outbreaks in humans, all in coordination with the agricultural community.”

A Relatively Quiet 4th in Morro Bay

By Neil Farrell

Though there were instances of people shooting off fireworks on 4th of July, the Morro Bay Fire Chief is quite pleased with what he called, “the safest Fourth of July Holiday” in over two decades.

Public fireworks shows were cancelled in Cayucos and Cambria on the North Coast due to the coronavirus pandemic response, and there were concerns that would lead to people doing their own fireworks shows, possibly unsafely.

Essentially, in Morro Bay any fireworks that shoot into the sky and/or explode are illegal. The so-called “Safe-n-Sane” fireworks varieties, which are sold annually at various non-profit stands, are not allowed to be shot off on public property — streets, sidewalks, parks and beaches included — but can be set off on private property, like driveways. Enforcement has always been difficult.

Morro Bay Fire Chief Steve Knuckles said they had certain objectives going into this 4th of July — to reduce or eliminate the use of illegal firework use by visitors on City beaches and the Rock parking lots; to educate the visitor industry on Morro Bay’s firework ordinance; and, to educate the public about Safe-n-Sane usage on private property.

“We had positive results with our prevention education with our RV parks, hotels, and social media,” said Knuckles.

“There was no fireworks usage on our City beaches and we only had a couple of incidents in our Rock parking lot that posed no harm to our community.”

The City put out the word that illegal fireworks would be met with harsh punishments, including a \$1,000 fine that the fire chief said, “was extremely helpful especially with our visitors.”

Even the beach, which was a specific concern for the fire department, was largely fireworks free, according to the fire chief.

“This is the first time,” Chief Knuckles said, “where our City beaches were clear of firework debris. There was much activity north of Morro Bay’s beaches on the State Beaches and in Cayucos. I would say our community was about half full as compared to the last few weekends. After dusk, our Rock parking lot was only 25% full.”

The fire department, police and even harbor patrol were out in the neighborhoods keeping an eye on things. “I traveled through our streets and I saw families having fun,” Knuckles said. “I did not locate any violations with the usage of Safe-n-Sane fireworks in our community.

“During the evening I was really pleased to see our residents following our guidelines with Safe-n-Sane fireworks on their private property.”

Despite his report, there have been a lot of complaints posted on the Nextdoor Morro Bay gossip website. “I understand there is chatter going off all over town about illegal fireworks throughout town,” Chief Knuckles said. “Yes, there was illegal fireworks shot off in our town, which is difficult to issue citations unless you were at the right place at the right time, but we had much less as compared to years past.

“I am quite aware there was and were violations occurring, but with this year’s reduction, they were simply hard to catch.”

Chief Knuckles has been here a long time and attests to a drop in illegal fireworks. “In short, this is my 21st Fourth of July event in Morro Bay. I would say we had a 75% reduction in our illegal firework usage and double the usage of Safe-n-Sane fireworks by our residents on their private property.”

As for the stats on 4th of July, Chief Knuckles said there were no fires caused by fireworks; no reported injuries caused by fireworks; and no citations for illegal fireworks were written.

“This year was the safest Fourth of July Holiday I have witnessed in Morro Bay since 1999,” Chief Knuckles said.

Cuesta College — Fall Semester Online



Cuesta College students will continue learning from home for the fall semester due to the continued spread of the coronavirus.

The Fall 2020 semester are offered as follows:

- All lecture classes will be fully online
 - Most lab, activity, and performance courses will be online
 - Difficult-to-convert labs, activities, and performance courses will include in-person instruction on campus with strict hygiene protocols and safety modifications
 - Cuesta College athletics will be determined after the July 17 announcement by CCCAA and the Western State Conference
 - Events and performing arts will be available via virtual platforms
 - Community Programs classes will be available online
- The semester begins Aug. 17, and general registration

is available at bit.ly/cuestaregistration. A full list of classes is on the class finder; however, updates to the schedule will continue to be made through July 17. Lecture classes previously scheduled to be on campus are now entirely online. Students enrolled in a lab, activity, or performance class may still have a campus component and should continue to review the most up-to-date status of such courses on the class finder.

No action is required for students already registered for classes. Students who wish to make changes to their class schedule, including adding classes, are advised to wait until the schedule updates are complete on July 17 to ensure the most current information regarding course options is available for their consideration.

Student support services will remain available online. Access to educational technology and resources are open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday in the SLO Campus Library (3200) and NCC Campus Center (N1000/1100). These essential services include computer check-out, enrollment support, financial aid, food pantry, and transfer planning.

Cuesta College previously announced that the 2020 Commencement Ceremony, initially scheduled to be held this past spring, is rescheduled to Friday, Dec. 18 at the Dr. Gilbert H. Stork Gymnasium on the San Luis Obispo campus.

In response to the pandemic, Cuesta College has enacted changes to campus operations to ensure instructional continuity and support student completion of their educational goals. Superintendent / President Dr. Jill Stearns declared a campus-wide state of emergency on Mar. 9, suspended classes from Mar. 16-18, and since Mar. 19 moved all in-person courses to online delivery.

“Since the shelter-at-home order was enacted on Mar. 16, we have shared one goal – the safe and quick return to campus,” said Dr. Stearns. “Our summer face-to-face schedule includes a science lab, CTE courses, and athletics courses as tests of our COVID-19 protocols. We had planned a mid-July decision to allow the best opportunity to assess our plans for returning to campus for Fall 2020.”

According to Dr. Stearns, current COVID-19 metrics that indicate California will remain in Stage 2 of the planned reopening phase for an undetermined period played a factor in the decision to offer fall classes remotely.

PG&E Launches Emergency Planner

Pacific Gas & Electric has launched a new online tool to help residents be ready in case of an emergency or natural disaster.

Go online to the “Safety Action Center” (at: www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com) and click on “Make Your Own Emergency Plan,” answer a few questions and “compile and organize the important information needed for a family’s personalized emergency plan. This includes important phone numbers, escape routes and a family meeting location if an evacuation is necessary. It also includes reminders to check smoke-detector batteries and when to practice your family emergency drills,” PG&E said in a news release. Then print the plan and share it with your family.

“Wildfire season in California had started,” said Laurie Giammona, PG&E chief customer officer and a senior vice president. “We want to help our customers and communities prepare for a wildfire, a safety power shutoff or a natural disaster. That’s why we have created the Safety Action Center. And we know that each customers’ situation is unique, which is why this new tool lets customers create a personal emergency plan that works for them and their families.”

The Safety Action Center includes videos, quizzes, step-by-step guides and tips to help keep families safe during wildfires, earthquakes, power outages and other emergency situations. Among them are:

- Ten tips to keep cool during a heat wave;
- A video on putting together an emergency kit;
- Tips on how to prepare for a power shutoff;
- Advice on creating defensible space around your house; and,
- How to help your community during the COVID-19 health crisis.



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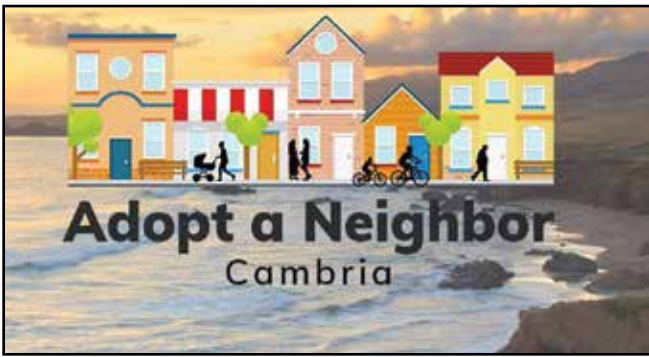
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Cambrians Helping Cambrians

By Jill Turnbow



Adopt a Neighbor-Cambria was started to help out fellow community members during the coronavirus pandemic.

In March of this year, the county began to face shutdowns due to the Covid-19 crisis. Most of the communities sheltered at home and began to fear even the most basic tasks like grocery shopping or trips to the post office. That is when Morro Bay's own Giovanni DeGarimore, owner of Giovanni Fish Market, had the idea to gather a group of volunteers to help out their fellow community members.

Giovanni began a Facebook program called "Adopt-A-Neighbor." It grew to surrounding areas and soon became too large to manage. Giovanni then reached out for locals to step up and help. In Cambria, that volunteer was Susan Ladrie-Mackey. Susan began administering the site on Facebook and gathering Cambria volunteers and connecting them to their neighbors in need. Those in need of help could sign on to the page and Susan would find someone to run their errands.

By mid-April there were more than 200 people following the Facebook page and most were people willing to assist.



Grocery delivery is part of the Adopt a Neighbor program.

"When someone was making a grocery store run, we would just post it and ask if anyone needed anything, and if they did, we would get it for them," Susan said. "We would even hunt down the hard-to-find items at the time."

The FB page also became a valuable source of information for neighbors. If someone found toilet paper, for example, they would post where they found it and others were able to secure those items as well.

As Cambria slowly eases up its restrictions, the page has become mostly an information site, though there are still many Cambrians that are unable to venture out, due to risk factors. One volunteer, who wanted to remain anonymous, is still making a Costco run for several people that provide him with their list of needs. "Cambria's demographic is mostly 65 or older and are a more vulnerable category," he said. "I find it gratifying to provide a service

for my community. I have about 15 families on my list that I shop for. I have it all organized on a spreadsheet so I can navigate the aisles efficiently and get in and out quickly."

The errands have slowed a bit, now every other week, but the volunteer says, "if the spikes continue, more and more people will stay at home, and I might have to go back to weekly shopping trips."

Many Cambrians have reached out to their neighbors in so many ways. The Rotary Club has delivered meals to families in need, food banks have been set up, and the community bus will still take residents to appointments, although only one at a time. And for social needs, several neighborhoods have gathered outside on their streets, at a safe distance, to enjoy music concerts.

According to Susan, the Adopt-a-Neighbor program might continue once the mandated orders have been lifted.

"It has been a good, reliable source of information for our neighbors," she said. "I've gotten a lot of great feedback on how helpful it has been for people seeking resources during this unprecedented time. Neighbors helping neighbors is what makes Cambria such a special place."

You can find the group on Facebook at Adopt A Neighbor-Cambria.

Should That Baby Bird Be Out of Its Nest?



A scrub jay fledgling. Photo by Jeanette Stone

Midsummer is when many baby birds greet the world for the first time. Though some of them might look like they've flown the coop too early, most don't need help. It's one of the most common questions Pacific Wildlife Care (PWC) answers this time of year. You may see a bird that looks unable to fly well or seems lost or abandoned. Your first impulse may be to help the young bird, but in the great majority of cases the young bird doesn't need help!

Here's how to determine whether to take action:

Most of the baby birds people find are fledglings.

These are young birds that have just left the nest, and can't fly well yet (but are still under the care of their parents), and do not need our help. Fledglings are feathered and capable of hopping or flitting, with toes that can tightly grip a twig. These youngsters are generally adorable and fluffy,

with a short stubby tail.

When fledglings leave their nest they rarely return, so even if you see the nest it's not a good idea to put the bird back in—it will hop right back out! Usually there is no reason to intervene at all beyond putting the bird in a nearby bush and, most importantly: keeping pets indoors. The parents may be attending to four or five youngsters in scattered locations, but they will return to care for the one you have found. You can watch from a distance to make sure the parents are returning to care for the fledgling.

If the baby bird is sparsely feathered and not capable of hopping, walking, flitting it's a nestling. If so, the nest is almost certainly close by. If you suspect the bird fell or was possibly cat/dog caught: bring to P.W.C. or, call the hotline at 805-543-WILD (9453).

If there is nothing wrong after the P.W.C. exam, the fledgling can be returned to its nest (parent birds do not recognize their young by smell so they will not abandon a baby even if it has been touched by humans). If the nest has been destroyed, a new one can be fashioned so the parents can continue to feed their offspring.

If you have found both parents dead, if the young bird is obviously injured or you can't find the nest, your best act is to bring it to P.W.C. immediately. Do not keep (it's illegal). Do not feed the orphan. Put in a bag or box with air holes and keep in a quiet place for transport to the Rehabilitation Clinic.

For more information, go to pacificwildlifecare.org.

Patriotic Pooches Visit Museum



Morro Bay's Bob Keller took this photo of a trio of patriotic pooches that paid a visit to the Maritime Museum over the 4th of July Weekend.

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Rare Corpse Flower at Cal Poly

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



The corpse flower blooms at Cal Poly. Photo by Joe Johnston/Cal Poly

Who wouldn't want a flower that smells like rotting flesh? For the first time ever, a Titan Arum, or corpse flower, bloomed at Cal Poly and folks were invited to see it.

The corpse flower, this one is named *Musty*, grows from a large underground stem and sends up one leaf a year, which can reach over 10 feet tall. After 10 or more years, instead of making a leaf, the plant sends up a huge maroon funnel, called the spathe, with tiny flowers on a huge spike.

"I've wanted to see one of these plants since I heard stories of them in a college botany class," said Shari Sullivan, an owner of Estero Bay News who viewed the plant the first day it was open to the public. "I had no idea there was one so close by. People are really focused on the smell, but the flower itself is gorgeous – colors ranging from deep purpley-maroons to a bright lime green. And it's definitely the biggest flower I've ever seen."

Corpse flowers are open for only two days. At its tallest, the bloom holds the record for the world's largest unbranched cluster of flowers arranged on a stem, called an inflorescence. To attract the insects that pollinate the plant, the spathe acts like a funnel, sending out a foul aroma similar to that of rotting flesh.

Dung beetles, flesh flies and other carnivorous insects are the primary pollinators of this type of flower. These

insects typically eat dead flesh. The smell and the dark burgundy color of the corpse flower are meant to imitate a dead animal to attract these insects.

According to the Chicago Botanic Garden's blog, analyses show that chemically the stench consists of:

- dimethyl trisulfide (also emitted by cooked onions and limburger cheese)
- dimethyl disulfide (which has an odor like garlic)
- trimethylamine (found in rotting fish or ammonia)
- isovaleric acid (which also causes sweaty socks to stink)
- benzyl alcohol (a sweet floral scent found in jasmine and hyacinth)
- phenol (sweet and medicinal, as in Chloraseptic throat spray)
- indole (like mothballs)

Many flower fans waited in long lines to view the plant for the allotted one minute. After taking photographs with *Musty*, some remarked that the plant wasn't as pungently pervasive as expected.

They say timing is everything – the putrid smell is most potent during peak bloom at night into the early morning. The plant's inflorescence also generates heat, which allows the stench to travel further.

"I was a little disappointed to miss the stank," Sullivan

said. "I guess I was a little overexcited and got there too early to really get the full experience. I'll have to remember that for the next time in, what, 2027?"

Cal Poly horticulture and botany students have been growing the *Amorphophallus titanum* for several years—and this is the plant's first flower.

California saw its first Titan Arum bloom in 1999 at the Huntington Botanical Garden in Southern California.

A livestream of the flower can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-AsVqB6JJ7V9Azpa6Cp3EQ>.

Partners in Bloom to Beautify Downtown Morro Bay



Flower boxes adorn downtown Morro Bay thanks to a partnership including Cal Poly's Horticulture and Crop Science Department and Morro Bay in Bloom.

Planter boxes brimming with green foliage and blooming flowers now adorn downtown Morro Bay, creating an elegant touch to the classic beach town in a beautification effort done through a partnership including Cal Poly's Horticulture and Crop Science Department and Morro Bay in Bloom.

The nonprofit Morro Bay in Bloom donated the plants to Cal Poly, and a handful of students grew them in the university's Horticulture Unit and then transplanted them to 18 planter boxes that were placed strategically near businesses throughout the city.

Wendy Robinson, manager of Cal Poly's greenhouses, connected with the nonprofit as a way to involve students in the beautification effort. Cal Poly lecturer Susan Snyder spearheaded the design concepts, while Robinson oversaw the plant production with student employees.

"Cal Poly's partnership with Morro Bay in Bloom provided students with a hands-on horticulture project that they were able to execute from start to finish," Robinson said. "Students grew the plants from 2-inch rooted plugs and were tasked with creating an aesthetic plan for integrating them throughout the city."

The volunteer-based Morro Bay in Bloom is dedicated to beautifying the city by landscaping public spaces and integrating floral design and urban forestry with environmental stewardship. Areas maintained by the group include: the traffic circle on Morro Bay Boulevard, the flower boxes along Morro Bay Boulevard and Main Street, and flower beds along Morro Bay's Embarcadero and the Visitors' Center. The nonprofit secured the seedlings from Proven Winners, a leading plant wholesale company.

"The new collaboration among Cal Poly, Morro Bay in Bloom, and Proven Winners is a solid success for all three partners," said Laurel Barton, a Morro Bay in Bloom volunteer. "Cal Poly horticulture students are exposed to a hands-on learning experience guided by customer expectations; Proven Winners gets a new location and microclimate to test its plants and gather public feedback; and Morro Bay in Bloom gets to test drive new varieties of plants grown by a new generation of dedicated students."

Walter Heath, who cofounded Morro Bay in Bloom in 2013, said the city has been recognized three times for its

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In 1976 Bina Bonetti and Ellis, her brother, were living on the 29,24 acre Long/Bonetti ranch when the Thursday Painters visited there. Bina was getting ready to leave for Europe and she was interested in seeing how artists would interpret her house when she returned. We did several paintings that day of the house, the windmill and pump house.

When Bina returned home from Italy, I took my paintings to show her. She was disappointed I hadn't included the fountain that was in front of her house, and I did another painting that included the fountain and gave it to her.

I was privileged to paint the old buildings on the ranch again, when I had access to the location in 2016. The



Tank Farm Road & S. Higuera St., SLO Pen and watercolor by Joan Sullivan 1976

weathered white wooden sign was an icon and could still be seen overhanging the entryway ranch driveway. A plaque in the sidewalk below the sign paid homage to its history and the pioneer families who lived along the thoroughfare now called South Higuera Street that was once known as Pismo Road, Ocean Boulevard, Avila Road and Highway 101.

Reference: *Rounding Up The Ranches* "Bonetti Ranch plaque" By Joan Sullivan

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Morro Bay Police Logs

- **July 4:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 9:17 p.m. on Hwy 1 at Yerba Buena. Logs indicated the 30-year-old driver was allegedly driving in the blazes and was cited and released to a sober friend down at the police station.
- **July 4:** At 7:19 p.m. police responded to the 200 block of Atascadero Rd., where a road sign jumped in front of a car. The 24-year-old driver was nicked for suspicion of driving wrecked.
- **July 4:** Police towed away a trailer parked too long in the 900 block of Quintana. At the same time and place, they marked a parked vehicle with a 72-hour move-it-or-lose-it ticket.
- **July 4:** Someone turned in something they found somewhere in the 400 block of Morro Bay Blvd.
- **July 4:** Police responded at 8 a.m. to a single vehicle crash in the 500 block of South Bay. Logs indicated a woman driver was cited and released to a sober friend for suspicion of driving on a razzle.
- **July 3:** An apparent disciple of Bacchus told police he was robbed in San Luis Obispo on July 2, and was assaulted by those same thugs earlier today. Police rushed their report over to SLOWPD.
- **July 3:** Police responded to a self-serve gas station in the 900 block of MBB where they'd apparently caught a sticky-fingered gent, 52, helping himself to the merchandise. He was cited and released for suspicion of shoplifting, and no doubt soon to have a bench warrant. However, turns out that the guy was also reported as missing, so they crossed him off the list.
- **July 3:** Police contacted a suspicious fellow out at 3:22 a.m. in the 700 block of Harbor. The 55-year-old scofflaw was nicked for a felony warrant.
- **July 2:** Police contacted a suspicious fellow at 10:40 p.m. in Bayshore Bluffs park. The 25-year-old apparent Jackanapes was clicketed for suspicion of being UTI and possession of a stimulant.
- **July 2:** Police contacted a suspicious man at 5 p.m. in City Park on Harbor and the 42-year-old apparent millionaire was arrested for suspicion of intoxicification.
- **July 2:** Police responded to the 1700 block of Embarcadero where a man said some unknown scoundrel broke into his locked trailer stored in an RV lot and stole food and extra sets of keys to the trailer, no doubt so they won't have to break in next time.
- **July 2:** Someone turned in a Capital One credit card they found at Centennial Park, an apparent case of guess what's NOT in your wallet.
- **July 2:** Police noted that a missing person reported out of Buena Park had apparently been found safe if not entirely sound.

- **July 2:** Police responded at 9 a.m. to a disturbance in the 500 block of Atascadero Rd. They arrested an apparently raucous fellow for suspicion of being UTI on drugs.
- **July 1:** Someone got into an unlocked car parked in the 700 block of Quintana.
- **July 1:** Police towed an apparently homeless vehicle from the 400 block of Napa.
- **July 1:** Police took a smashing report of grand theft in the 100 block of Atascadero Rd.
- **June 30:** Police responded to an auto garage in the 900 block of Quintana for a report of someone making threats, no doubt another satisfied customer.
- **June 30:** Another model citizen was causing a ruckus at 3:40 p.m. at Piney Way and South Street. A 35-year-old choleric fellow was tossed in the gaol for suspicion of wearing beer goggles.
- **June 30:** Yet another apparent reveler was raising Cain at 1:40 p.m. in the 500 block of Kern. A 31-year-old woman was hooked up for suspicion of public intoxication and hauled to the hoosegow.
- **June 30:** During the nightly dragnet, police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 1 a.m. in the 1300 block of Main. The driver, 54, was arrested for suspicion of driving smacked on smack and landed smack dab in County Jail.
- **June 29:** Police were contacted by someone at 7:35 p.m. reporting that a man was missing; last seen while being released from County Jail. No word on where the jailbird flew off.
- **June 29:** Police responded to a reported assault at 4:45 p.m. at Harbor and Main. Logs indicated they arrested a 57-year-old ruffian for suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm on a female victim.
- **June 29:** At 12:31 a.m. there was a car crash at Atascadero Road and Main. No further details were reported. Another minor crash was reported at 11:49 a.m. at the police station.
- **June 29:** Police responded at 11:30 a.m. to an assault in the 600 block of Bay Ave. Logs indicated they arrested a 36-year-old man for suspicion of domestic violence, mayhem, burglary and of course, violating a restraining order, like a tornado riding the back of a hurricane.
- **June 29:** At 10:38 a.m. police responded to the 500 block of Monterey for a reported case of domestic battery.
- **June 28:** Police contacted a suspicious man at 8 p.m. in the 600 block of Avalon. Logs indicated the man, 35, was allegedly found in possession of "a single round of rimfire ammunition," for which, because he's a convicted felon, police arrested him, a possible case of gun control run amok.
- **June 28:** Police contacted a suspicious man at 6 p.m. near Morro Rock. Logs indicated they arrested the apparently whacked fellow, 61 for allegedly being high on illegal drugs.
- **June 27:** Police responded to a reported disturbance at 6:30 p.m. in the 3300 block of Panorama. Logs indicated a 39-year-old man was nicked for suspicion disturbing the peace and being high on drugs, which explains a lot.
- **June 27:** Police responded at 5:11 p.m. to a no doubt hairy traffic crack-up in the 1200 block of Embarcadero.
- **June 27:** Police contacted a suspicious man at 3:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Atascadero Rd., who was allegedly mollerled on drugs and in possession of paraphernalia.
- **June 27:** A citizen came to the stationhouse to complain

- about a tenant whose lease expired in May but refuses to move out and "is now trying to extort money out of him," as apparently the security deposit was no comfort.
- **June 27:** A woman on Kings told police she was sexually assaulted 2 years ago in Morro Bay by some known scam-boogah.
- **June 27:** Police responded to a business in the 500 block of Embarcadero for a report of a stolen paddleboard by some apparently larcenous scoundrel.
- **June 26:** A citizen in the 1500 block of White Pine Dr., told police of a shocking theft — two electric bicycles taken from in front of his house.
- **June 26:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 3 a.m. at Main and Morro Bay Boulevard. The driver, 31, was naturally nicked for suspicion of driving schnockered.
- **June 25:** At 11 p.m. police towed away a vehicle parked too long at the beach in the 1700 block of Embarcadero.
- **June 25:** Police contacted a suspicious man at 7 p.m. in the 1100 block of Main. Logs indicated the stimulating fellow, 48, was allegedly UTI and in possession of illegal stimulants.
- **June 25:** At 10:30 a.m. police sought out a 61-year-old scofflaw with a no-cite/release bench warrant and took the fellow to the iron bar hotel.
- **June 24:** A citizen came to the stationhouse and reported a case of "Attempt to corrupt the reputation of ex-spouse and disturb his peace in violation of a court order," which police deemed a civil dispute.
- **June 24:** Someone turned in a cell phone they found somewhere in town.
- **June 23:** At 11:19 p.m. police contacted another suspicious man at Lila Keiser Park and arrested the 49-year-old model citizen for allegedly being UTI on stimulants.
- **June 23:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at 4 p.m. in the 600 block of Quintana. The driver, 34, was arrested for suspicion of driving stoned on meth, possessing paraphernalia, having no driver's license, and a warrant out of Merced County. His female passenger, 39, was nicked for allegedly being high on drugs, as their stash apparently was gone or hidden where the sun don't shine and the police won't search.
- **June 23:** A citizen in the 300 block of Kings told police some cyber-crook stole money out of his or her bank account via remote computer. No word on the extent of the virtual larceny.
- **June 23:** Someone in the 1700 block of Embarcadero said his drone was stolen after it fell to earth when the juice ran out.
- **June 23:** Police received a report of suspected child abuse somewhere in town.
- **June 23:** Some unknown swamp donkey got into an unlocked car in the 500 block of Morro and stole whatever was handy and no doubt swappable for drugs.
- **June 22:** Police took a vandalism report at an apartment in the 500 block of Kings.
- **June 22:** Police stopped a suspicious vehicle at noon in the 800 block of MBB. Logs indicated the driver, 50, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for his fourth DUI in 10 years. Logs indicated the Idgit had a blood alcohol level of .25%, which logs note is over three times the legal limit (.08%), and no doubt a new record for these parts.

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Man Found Dead in the Street

Morro Bay police are investigating the suspicious death of a man found lying in the middle of the street next to the City Fire Station.

According to MBPD Cmdr. Amy Watkins, officers were called to the intersection of Harbor Street and Piney Way at 2:53 a.m. Monday, July 13 for a report of a man lying in the street.

Police and firefighters responded and found the man deceased.

Cmdr. Watkins said they were able to identify the man right away but were withholding his name until his next of kin is notified.

Detectives are now piecing together what happened and Cmdr. Watkins asked anyone with information about the man or what might have happened to him to contact Det. Marvos at (805) 772-6225 or Crimestoppers at (805) 549-STOP.



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On the Job — Support Our Community

Story & Photos by Theresa-Marie Wilson

As the world tests the waters of a new normal, employees in most sectors have joined essential workers and are back in the labor force.

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Check businesses for hours of operation and social distancing practices, as things change rather rapidly.



Diana Hammerlund and Derek Hood are back keeping readers on top of their game at the Los Osos Library, 2075 Palisades Ave.

Because there is a limited number of people that the

library can safely admit into its facilities, they ask that patrons place holds at slolibrary.org, call in requests, or browse online collections in advance for the materials they wish to take home



Pet lovers have been able to purchase supplies at Squeaks, Chirps and Bubbles, 1010 Los Osos Valley Rd., throughout most of the statewide shutdown. Pic-

tures are Katy Long, owner, Rico, an Indian ring neck, Cheyenne Garcia, employee, and a conure that is waiting for a name.

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beautification efforts by America in Bloom, a national program that promotes beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of natural enhancements. Heath said he envisions the partnership with Cal Poly will pave the way for another beautification award—earning recognition for the both the city and the students who labored to make the project a reality.

To find out more about Morro Bay In Bloom, go to <http://morrobayinbloom.org/>.

The Return of TillyBear

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



Chrissy Osborn and her dog TillyBear are reunited after the furry family member went missing on the 4th of July. Photo submitted

Every once and awhile we all need a reminder of the spirit of what makes a true community, and TillyBear, a 12-year-old Australian shepherd, did just that.

On July 4th, the blue merle Aussie took off from her home.

"My son, Lydon, let TillyBear out to go to the bathroom," said Chrissy Osborn, the dog's owner. "Our next door neighbor lit off fireworks next to our fence, and TillyBear ran into the backyard, clawed the back gate open and ran way."

Several neighbors helped her son look for the family pet without any luck. When Chrissy and her fiancé, David Asquith, came home, they continued the search throughout the night. Tilly had never run away before.

"I was so upset, I would cry myself to sleep," Chrissy said. "At times while I was searching for TillyBear I would just start sobbing on the side of the road. I so terrified that she was going to get hit by a car. I was so anxious that David walked the full length on both sides of South Bay in the ditch to make sure TillyBear was not there injured."

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Next, Chrissy took to social media posting pictures of the pooch on Nextdoor and several Facebook pages. She saturated the area with signs at offices, stores, and eateries as well as along areas they took Tilly walking. She even handed out flyers to customers outside of Ralph's.

Four long days later after hundreds of words of encouragement, well-wishes and reports of possible sightings, good news came—TillyBear had been spotted.

Cindy Richards, a woman previously unknown to Chrissy who had seen the “lost dog” signs as well as the Facebook posts, came across Tilly while out walking her own dog by the tunnel next to the track at Los Osos Middle School.

“Cindy was TillyBear’s hero,” Chrissy said. “It was amazing the Facebook posts were shared thousands of times. Everywhere I went people new about TillyBear and were looking for her. I stopped these men and asked [if they had] seen her and one said ‘Oh yes my wife has told me TillyBear is lost and sent me out looking for her.’”

What was TillyBear’s reaction to coming home?

“When Tillybear saw me she gave me a big smile and ran to me,” Chrissy said. “The first thing she did when we got home was go wake up Lydon. He did not know that we found her. It all happened so fast, so he was amazed and happy. All the community’s and my mom’s loving encouragement is truly inspiring!”

TillyBear was checked out by the team at Los Osos Pet Hospital, a service they donated, and given a clean bill of health. She did have to endure a bath and serious sticker removal from her fur, but it is a safe bet to say she was “happy” to.


As for the people who helped look for the big bear of a dog and offered their support, Chrissy took to social media again to thank them.

“All your loving encouragement is truly inspiring! You all kept me going through miles and miles of walking, full of hope to devastating disappointment. My heart would fill up with your love and encouragement and give me the strength to keep searching. I am so grateful. Crying with joy TillyBear is home. Thank you with all my heart.”

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The Natural World Local Community Supported Agriculture

By Ruth Ann Angus



Produce growing in the field at Los Osos Valley Organic Farm. Photo by Ruth Ann Angus

There is nothing fresher than produce just picked and placed on your table, and that is the premise that community supported agriculture lives by. We are fortunate on the Central Coast to have a number of farmers who support and contribute to offering fresh produce through a CSA or at farmers' markets.

A local organic farm that offers a CSA is Los Osos Valley Organic Farm. The farm is located on the same site as the Polo Grounds on Clark Valley Road. Here Jim Terrick grows several varieties of lettuce, such as Boston green, romaine, and green leaf along with other vegetables like bok choy, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, carrots, and broccoli. He also grows a couple of varieties of strawberries.

Terrick, who comes from a farming family, was interested only in growing organically thanks to watching family members impacted adversely by certain chemicals used on their farms.

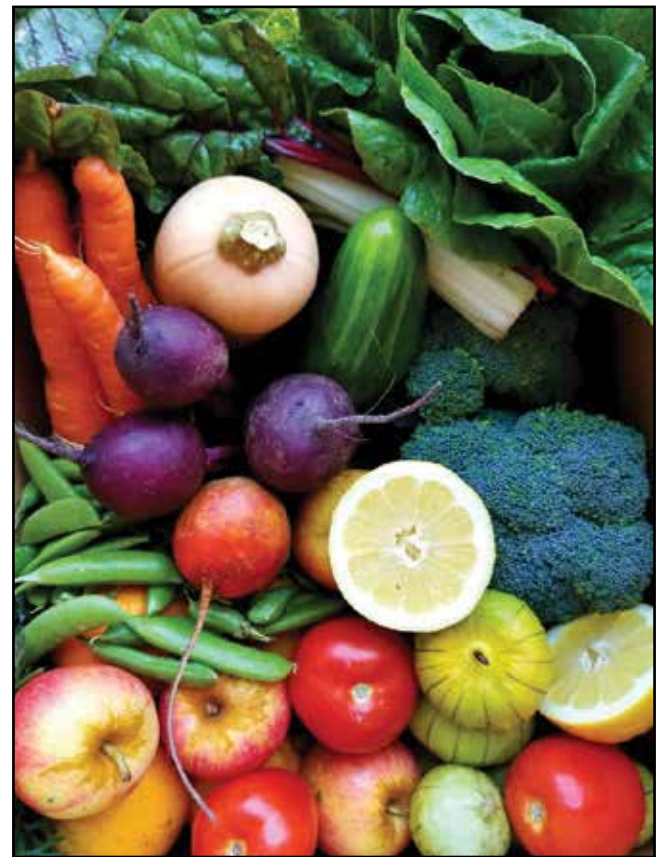
“I believe growing organically is a more responsible way to grow produce and fruit,” he said, “People depend on me for good and helpful products.”

Terrick inherited the CSA customers that the former owner had and has added new customers. Some community supported agriculture works with customers fronting the money for a full season's worth of produce. This gives the farmer the operating money necessary to purchase seeds, plants, cover crops, fertilizer, and such. “That's the ideal way,” said Terrick, “but most of my customers are on a month to month purchase plan.”

Los Osos Valley Organic Farm CSA begins in spring and continues until Thanksgiving weekend. Thursday is the day that fresh vegetables and fruit are packed for CSA members and are available for pick up or delivery. (Home deliveries cost an additional \$5 per week.) It is \$25 for a weekly bag, or \$27 for every other week bag. Pick up locations are available directly at the farm or in Cayucos, Los Osos, Morro Bay and SLO. Customers who pay for the year in advance will receive a 10% discount.

Talley Farm's Fresh Harvest business in Arroyo Grande runs a CSA offering several types of produce boxes. Oliver Talley began farming in the area 1948 and now the farm is into its fourth generation of Talley family members managing the farm. Their program grows over 40 different items on 50 acres of certified organic soil. They also have acreage planted in the Edna and Huasna valleys. Talley supports other farms that grow produce that they don't grow such as blueberries, apples, peaches, strawberries, kiwi, and oranges.

Sustainable farming methods are used throughout the



Fresh and local produce in a SLO Veg CSA box.

Talley program involving managing water, maintaining a healthy soil, minimizing air, water, and climate pollution, and promoting diversity.

Diversity is what has been lost in commercial farming throughout the world today. Thus, these small organic farms employ a planting method emphasizing diversity by placing different crops in rows next to each other.

Talley's Fresh Harvest CSA program offers a pick of a family size Original Box containing nine to 12 fruits and vegetables or their smaller Junior Box with five to eight fruits and vegetables. Each comes with a seasonal mix of vegetables and fresh fruits. They have 70 pick-up locations or can deliver to your home or office and you can pick your own schedule of weekly, every other week, or monthly. Costs are \$30 for Original Box and \$25 for Junior for pick-up and for home delivery \$40 for Original Box and \$35 for Junior. They also ship to the western states for \$45 for



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Starter plants in the greenhouse at Los Osos Valley Organic Farm. Photo by Ruth Ann Angus

original and \$38 for Junior.

SLO Veg is another family owned local CSA supplier that offers produce and fruit from many local farms. They put together a harvest box each week with a variety of different produce and deliver to your home as well as offering pick-up locations at gyms, schools, and coffee shops. The harvest boxes come in different sizes with different options so you can obtain the harvest that is perfect for you. SLO Veg has no long-term commitment or contracts to sign and delivery can be put on hold with a minimum of 72 business hours. Costs for SLO Veg are Itty Bitty box \$31, Small \$36, Medium \$41, and Large \$46.

Owner Rachael Hill and Director of Sales Bartimaeus Alan are committed to serving the community, local economy and supporting the environment. They want people to know and understand the entire process from seed to table; how the plant was grown, tended, harvested, and how it got to our plates. "We believe that by understanding this process, we can make better food choices that are healthy for ourselves and for the earth," Hill said, "We urge the community to make the food/earth connection."

Contact Los Osos Valley Organic Farm at www.lovorganicfarm.com or email mail@lovorganicfarm.com or call 805-242-6789.

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Chamber Reimagined Festival of Flavor Event



The Festival of Flavor Reimagined offered foodies a change to try some local favorites. Photo by Lara Kimm.

The Festival of Flavor hosted by the Los Osos / Baywood Park Chamber has been a community favorite for years! This year, they faced unprecedented events due to the COVID-19 pandemic and came together to reimagine the two-night event.

While local restaurants were either closed or forced to do only take-out the chamber created the Festival of Flavor Reimagined. It was restructured as a take-out/pick-up event where each ticket holder could visit the nine participating restaurants to pick up two delicious samples at each location.

"When we reimagined our Festival of Flavor event, we wanted to bring attention to our local restaurants in the community," said Jim Stanfill, chamber board of directors. "Our restaurants were eager to participate in the event and gain exposure as they began business operations again."

Participating restaurants from Los Osos and Morro Bay included: Beach Hut Deli, Central Coast Pizza, Los Osos Mexican Market, Kuma, Jimmy Bumps Pasta House, The Clubhouse Grill (Sea Pines), Nardonne's Pizzeria, Blue Sky Bistro, and Dutchman's Seafood House.

"OMG, we are stuffed," said attendee Lara Kimm on social media. "All the restaurants threw together some delicious food. Great reimagined event! Thanks Everyone!"

Another anonymous ticket holder likened the Festival to Halloween trick or treating, going from place to place.

Congratulations are in order for First Place Award winner Beach Hut Deli, who captured 30% of the possible points. Second Place went to Kuma, with 24% of the points. In Third Place, with 15% of the possible points, was the Dutchman's Seafood House.

Others that received first place votes were Central Coast Pizza, Nardonne's and Los Osos Mexican Market, Officials said. Every participating restaurant received some votes for the awards.

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Avocado Shack Completes Move

Story & Photo By Neil Farrell



Avocado Shack owner, Michael Wolfe, is now up and running in his new location at 2190 N. Main St., Morro Bay. The independent produce stand's new location is 10 times the size of the first Avocado Shack.

Morro Bay's popular Avocado Shack produce stand has moved to a new and bigger location just a few blocks up the street from its original spot.

Avocado Shack owner, Michael Wolfe, was all smiles on July 2 at the new location, his second day open at the new store.

The location is the former long-time home of Shorty & Sons auto repair shop near the intersection of Avalon and Main, and Wolfe said the new building is 10 times bigger than the tiny space where he opened the independent and local produce market in 2019.

With big garage doors that swinging up, the store looks like an old-fashioned, roadside, produce stand, with a lot of off-street parking, a premium in North Morro Bay.

He stocks fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers, with his specialty of course being several varieties of avocados. And every purchase comes with a lesson in where the food was grown and why fresh and local is best.

The Avocado Shack is located at 2190 N. Main St. and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 9-3 on weekends.

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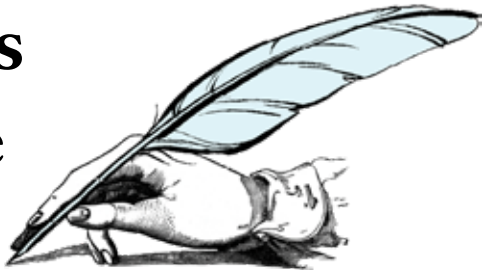
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Letters to The Editor



Ban Fireworks

Beginning on Friday, July 3rd and continuing thru Monday morning July 6th there were many, many loud bangs from fireworks explosions, including some aerial displays. This was the worst 4th of July private fireworks activity I have encountered in the 40+ years residing here.

I am aware that Morro Bay has an ordinance that allows "safe and sane" fireworks, however it seems impossible to enforce infractions of this law because of the instantaneous nature and multiple locations of the explosions. If citing a law-breaker is dependent on a policeman actually catching someone in the act, then the law is surely hollow and NOT ENFORCEABLE.

As we all are aware, fireworks are frightening and disruptive to our pets and to wildlife and birds, inappropriate for a City that is a Bird Sanctuary. Dogs are often so terrorized by the explosions that they run away to become lost or worse - being hit by a vehicle.

Since the City allows some (so-called "safe and sane") fireworks, it can be perceived by persons wanting to use illegal fireworks, as an excuse, that they misconstrued the law or thought all fireworks are okay in Morro Bay, especially by visitors unfamiliar with the ordinance exceptions or unaware of its existence.

ALL FIREWORKS NEED TO BE BANNED IN MORRO BAY!

As occurs in other communities, large signs banning all fireworks in this City should be conspicuously posted at each of the entrances to Morro Bay.

Past public discussion on this subject saw a majority favoring a ban on all fireworks—period.

The justification for a confusing and ineffective partial ban on fireworks instead is unclear.

Give us, our pets and the wildlife we treasure peace and safety during our annual Independence Day celebration. **VOTE A PROHIBITION ON ALL FIREWORKS!**

*Nancy Bast
Morro Bay*

Morro Bay Should be Community Service District

As we all know, many cities throughout the country, including Morro Bay, have been hit hard in terms of loss of revenue, due to the coronavirus. Business closures and limited tourism have significantly reduced tax revenue which many cities like Morro Bay rely on to fund city services, as well as employee payroll. Add to this, the knowledge that city employee pensions are greatly under funded, and Morro Bay is now looking at years of red ink beginning in the very near future.

I may be in the minority on this issue, as I sometimes am, but I sincerely hope that these revenue shortfalls lead to Morro Bay going bankrupt and reverting to a Community Service District (CSD) like Los Osos and Cayucos. Why would this be good for the citizens of Morro Bay? Because it would allow us to do away with our city government, including four of our very corrupt and morally bankrupt city council members, mayor John Headding, Marlys McPherson, Red Davis and Dawn Addis, along with the very corrupt city manager, Scott Collins, who accepted a \$189,000.00 annual bribe in exchange for lying to the public and the press.

These five members of the city government turned their backs on the citizens of Morro Bay, ignoring their best interests and pushing forward on the very unaffordable and unnecessary city sewer project, which is costing close to 100 million dollars more than the original project, which was designed years ago and could have already been up and running on the abandoned Hanson Concrete Plant property. Reverting to a CSD would most likely allow us to retain our law enforcement office, which would become a sheriff's substation, and our fire department, which would also go under county control. We would likely see little to no reduction in services, while saving a great deal of money and better serving the citizens of our community.

It is time to wrestle control of the city away from the government officials who abandoned the needs and wants of the people they were elected to serve, particularly the low income people and elderly people on a fixed income, who they literally threw under the financial bus. We can hopefully do better with a new group of officials who will look out for the best interests of the citizens of Morro Bay. We can hardly do worse.

*Mark C. Hanson
Morro Bay, CA*

City Not Protecting Residents

Honorable Mayor: It has been my observation that as our town experiences the increasing surge of out-of-the-area visitors, many do not wear masks in our local businesses, including shops, restaurants, and large and small food stores.

State guidelines now mandate ALL persons SHALL wear masks in public areas and in businesses. There has been NO EFFORT on the part of the City of Morro Bay to enforce these rules on behalf of our businesses or citizens.

This puts the burden of enforcement on the backs of the business owners and their employees.

Such a situation not only is uncomfortable for the employees and owners to attempt to enforce the rule, it is viewed by them as a risky situation to attempt to do so, as evidenced by rude, sometimes violent behavior of people defying the rule.

This appears to demonstrate that the City merely pays lip service to good intentions, as well as a disingenuous form of "pro business" attitude.

We have police cadets who could perform such a service, as well as citizen volunteers who could be sanctioned by the City to assist businesses in keeping their employees and customers safe.

To not do so could, in a legal sense, constitute misfeasance/malfeasance on the part of City Staff and elected officials, and expose those individuals and the City to various forms of litigation.

If it is truly our intent to end the lock-down for good, it is time for you to step up and ACT on behalf of our business community and your constituents.

*Jeff Odell
50-year Morro Bay resident
Former council member*

County Sheriff Grateful for Support

It never fails to amaze me, how people come together in times of a crisis.

A few weeks ago, we had a tragic incident play out in Paso Robles, which left an innocent man dead, seriously wounded one of our Deputies and injured four other law enforcement officers.

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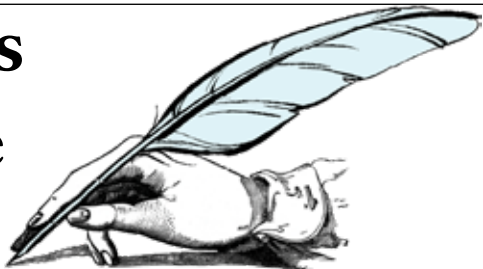
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have received food, fruit, and flowers, cookies, coffee, and cakes., pizza, pies, and pastries; much of it homemade, and all of it donated.

And it continues to this day.

Not to mention, all the displays of support in the shape of banners, blue ribbons, posters, signs, and cards, and mentions on social media. Even monetary donations and fundraisers for those who were injured to help pay for their hospital bills.

In my 36-years in law enforcement, I have never seen such a thing. But then, I just have to remind myself I live in San Luis Obispo County.

We have good people who live here. Caring people. Compassionate people. And while we might not always agree on certain issues, we can agree that our pride in our community is second to none.

So, on behalf of all the law enforcement officers involved that tragic day, thank you for all the well wishes, words of encouragement and signs of support.

You'll never know how much it means to all of us.

So take care everyone and thanks again for taking care of us.

*SLO County Sheriff
Ian Parkinson*

Lose a Wallet?

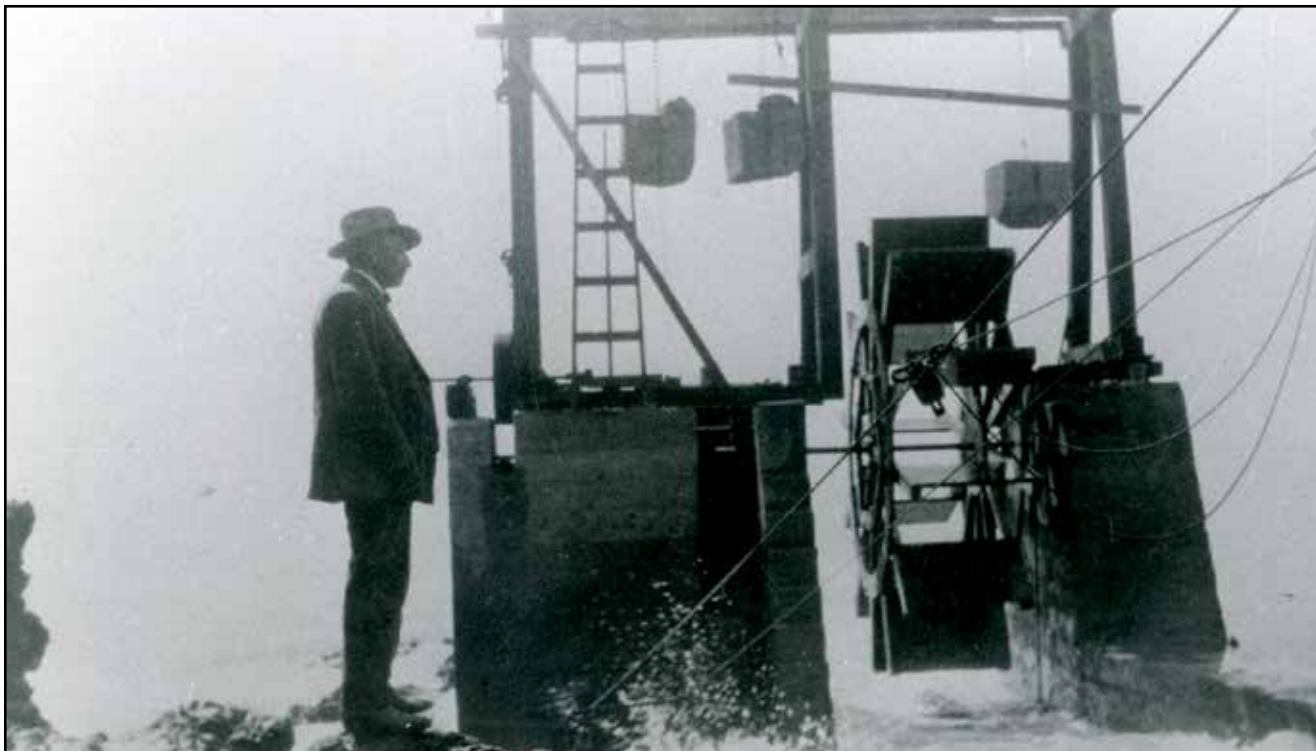
Looking for person whose name I think might be "Matt" that was driving out of Morro Bay through the roundabout heading towards San Luis Obispo on June 30 around 0700.

I was behind you on my way to work. You had a black small canvas bag fly out the bed of your truck. I stopped and picked it up. I turned it in to the Morro Bay police department. I am sure if you tell them the contents they will turn it over to you. Hope you are out there and read this. Or if anyone knows a person possibly known Matt that drives a newer black truck call him!

*Kathleen Welles
Morro Bay*

Open the State Park Road

I understand the campgrounds are closed, but the golf course is not, Bayside Cafe is not, the Inn at Morro Bay is not. This route is the way most people to drive to get into Morro Bay from Los Osos and without having to use the freeway.



This was believed to be a wave generating electricity machine located on the cliffs north of Cayucos. As the waves came in and went out, this turned the paddles to generate electricity around the turn of the century. Photo - Sullivan Studios collection.

I also see campers wanting to pull in only to find that the road is closed, so they try to turn around right there at one the most dangerous spots on that stretch of highway. If they were able to pull in, then they could turn around in a safe location. Why is that road still closed?

*Jack Fillmore III
Los Osos*

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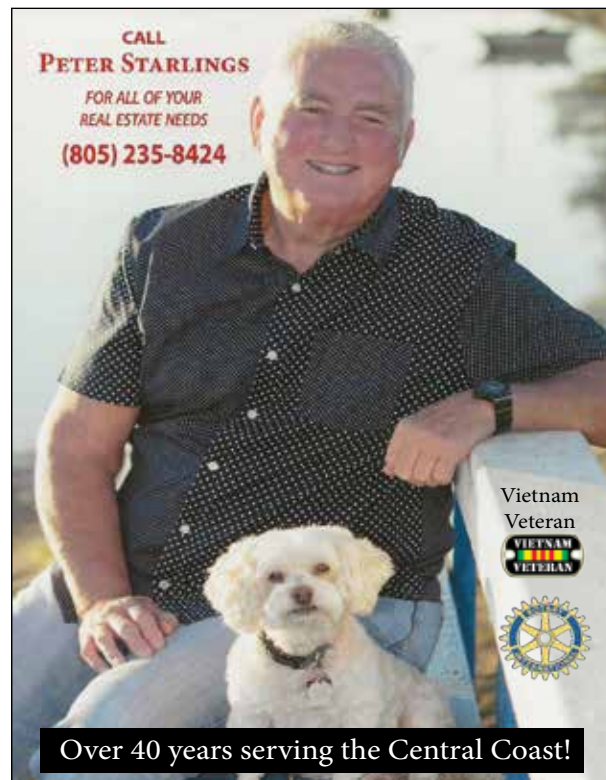


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Babylonian Soap Company as they ran a boutique in Morro Bay for about 10 years while keeping the manufacturing end of operations at the location in Baywood Park at 1216 2nd Street, where the new storefront recently opened.

“We love Morro Bay and love being in business doing what we love, but Covid - 19 lead us down this path to Los Osos,” said Tracy. “We have been manufacturing on 2nd street for about 5 years now, and we have lived in Osos for 15 years. We thought we might be a good addition to our little community. We live in Baywood and just love being a part of the community. The back-bay is a hidden little gem, and I can walk to work now! Gotta [sic] love that I reduced my carbon footprint a little.”

Everything with the BSC label is made on the premises. Those amazing scents mentioned earlier are incorporated inside soaps, lotions, scrubs, oils, and bath bombs.

“The lemongrass and man bar are our very top selling scents and have been for 10 years,” said Tracy. “All of our scents can be made into any of our products. We do custom scents as well in a variety of products, soaps, lotions, oils, room sprays, hand sanitizers and shampoo, you name it.”

Other top sellers are the bath bombs, soap and, recently, hand sanitizer in a variety of scents but mostly lemon-grass.

In addition to their line of skincare products, the store also carries other mostly all natural, paraben and sulfate free products including:

Margo Elena Lollia, Tokyo Milk, Cottage Greenhouse, Voluspa, Kobo, Paddwax, Naked Princess, Baccea, Vani Tisanes, Papaya and Riddle.

“We wanted to give the customer the options of different products other than our own,” Tracy said.

Why the name Babylonian?

“I needed a catchy name Tracy’s Soap shop sounded boring,” Tracy said. “I have always loved history and in college learned about the ancient Babylonians, they created the Saponification process with fats—the soap making process in 2800 BC.”

The store is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Mondays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. They are following social distancing practices—masks are required, contactless payment is an option and hand sanitizer is available in the store.

“We also only allow 3 people in the store at a time and do offer a VIP Shopping 1/2 -hour window by apt only, so the customer can have the store to themselves,” Tracy said. “Customers just text me for an appointment, and I open up the shop. Many times I am in the back making goodies so I just open up the door. Dogs are always welcome too. We also do curbside pick up. You can order online and choose curbside at checkout for no fee.”

To make an appointment, call (805) 758-3248. For more information or to place an order online, go to <https://www.babyloniansoap.com/>.

Golf Carts From page 1

cart while playing the course,” according to the report. “Golf carts, therefore, are an important element to the overall customer experience. Golf cart rentals account for 21% of course revenue.”

The County is trying to attract younger golfers. “This technology package will provide Dairy Creek with a unique marketing position to attract younger golfers to the course, along with the Toptracer Range project which is under construction.”

Larry Iaquinto, the assistant director of County Parks and Recreation previously said, “Toptracer” technology is a virtual driving range. Toptracer uses computers to “track” the flight of golf balls. Iaquinto said it’s really fun as players hit out of a building with 10 “bays” and can play against each other, in essence playing golf without leaving the building.

A new restaurant is also planned.

As County golf courses are so-called “enterprise funds,” run more like businesses, the expense of the new software will be offset by revenues; in this case providing a bit of profit.

The contract will cost some \$13,300 a year and the County plans to raise the cost of a cart rental by \$1, from \$9 to \$10. County Parks projects revenues of \$16,800 a year.

The County expects cart rentals to increase “by at least 3% in the first year due to this enhanced technology, which is not found anywhere else in our region.”

With the coronavirus pandemic response shutting down the golf courses, County Parks wasn’t very optimistic, but the drop-off hasn’t been as bad as anticipated.

According to County Parks Director, Nick Franco’s report, “County Golf anticipated decreased rounds and revenues as we prepared for effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty regarding the reopening of Dairy Creek Golf Course. Golf projected total revenue for May and June 2020 to be \$250,000 during the pandemic.

“Dairy Creek was able to re-open on May 18 and the total actual revenue was over \$220,000 for May alone,” Franco added. “Golf is experiencing a 24% increase in rounds of golf played, which is resulting in a 15% increase in revenue.”

He’s now anticipating golf to make a comeback and possibly be able to forego a bridge loan from the County’s general fund. “As the County re-opens to tourism, golf anticipates normal to slightly higher than normal numbers for rounds played,” Franco said, “with slightly increased revenues as other recreational options become available for our local residents and we see an increase in average \$/round played from tourists.

“If this trend continues, golf does not anticipate needing the full General Fund loan to maintain payroll expenses as previously requested and approved by the Board. It is possible that the loan may not be needed at all.”

If readers want more information on the smart carts, see: www.clubcar.com.

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system will be used to tract ballots; one polling location must be set up for every 10,000 registered voters (SLO County currently has about 177,000 registered voters) with polling places set up in larger facilities to make it easier for social distancing.

Also, polling places will be open for four days instead of just one (Saturday-Tuesday); personal protective equipment — face masks and hand sanitizer — will be used; the County must set up VBM ballot drop-off locations at a rate of one for every 15,000 voters; the Clerk’s Office has to develop a draft plan and submit it for public comments prior to the election; and must also do sufficient voter education and outreach.

But naturally, someone challenged the Governor’s orders in court and Gong said the State Legislature passed a new law (AB860) that codified the mailing of ballots to every voter, expanded the provisional ballots system (normally reserved for overseas military members and voters with disabilities) to be used by any voter; counting ballots that come in up to 17 days after the election provided they are post marked on or before Election Day; and allowing the processing of VBMs as early as 29 days before the election (previously it was 10 days).

That last one should help speed up the count and perhaps provide voters with results sooner.

Other parts of the Governor’s executive orders are being codified in another bill, SB423, dealing with the 4-day voting period; requiring that each polling place have at least three handicapped accessible voting booths, and public noticing of the locations and new procedures for voting at least 10 days before the election, among other provisions.

Gong thinks the new rules are workable. “Providing every voter a VBM ballot is a sound response to the COVID-19 pandemic,” he said, “this is particularly effective for those who do not want to go to a poll due to concerns related to COVID-19. Statewide, 75% of voters are already receiving a ballot in the mail; in San Luis Obispo it is 80%.

“Sending remaining voters a ballot in the mail is an incremental step versus the giant leaps that other states have recently employed. Some of our processes are actually streamlined by sending all voters a ballot in the mail, and we are confident our equipment has sufficient capacity to process the increase.”

More Money Needed

All of this of course will cost a lot of money. Gong asked Supervisors for an additional \$229,000 to a contract with Dominion Voting, an equipment provider, for a maximum total contract of \$1.3 million, but is expecting to get some \$1.4 million in grants from the State and Federal Governments. He also asked to buy 30 ballot-on-demand printers at a cost of \$187,000.

He wants to hire one more information technology specialist and two deputy directors. He also said he’d need more for additional election workers to staff polling places over four days instead of the normal one.

With a contentious Presidential Election on the ballot, Gong expects turnout to be big. “One of the main concerns with transitioning to a vote center operation is long lines at voting locations,” he said. “This has been indicative in states with large numbers of poll workers and polling places cancelling, and no infrastructure for large-scale VBM voting.

“However, considering COVID-19, reducing exposure to the virus by sending every voter a ballot in the mail and reducing the number of voting locations will assist in keeping the pandemic curve flat. With an extensive voter education and outreach program, the department hopes to convince most voters to use their VBM ballots or come to a voting location before Election Day.”

Worker Shortage Feared

Gong’s still got to overcome fears amongst the poll workers.

“With a 46% cancellation of poll workers,” he said, “there is much concern that the County will have insufficient numbers to support voting locations. While election workers desire to assist on Election Day, many are concerned for their health, so the need for health and safety measures is great. Certainly, having fewer voting locations reduces the number of workers required to staff a location, but if COVID-19 rebounds aggressively as Election Day approaches, the department will need to develop contingency plans.”

When the election comes around, voters in District 2 will have just four polling places — the Cambria Vet’s Hall, Morro Bay Community Center, the Cal Fire Station South Bay in Los Osos, and the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Lobby or at Mott Gym.

It appears at this time that Cayucos will not have a polling place, but Gong’s report does list a drop-off location in Cayucos, but hasn’t yet announced where it will be.

Other drop-off locations include the Cambria Library (or CSD Office), Morro Bay City Hall, Los Osos Fire Training Center (at Sunnyside School), and the LOCSD Office, and at the Cal Poly ASI Office.

Gong reassures that his department is out in front of all this. “Over the past five years,” he said, “San Luis Obispo has been making incremental steps to be prepared for such a shift, with a successful implementation of new voting system, new voter registration system, integration with statewide voter registration database, automatic registration at the DMV, conditional voter registration, equipment to support VBM ballot processing, and VBM ballot drop boxes as well as additional personnel your Board had approved.

“The Clerk-Recorder is well-positioned to successfully implement these changes to adapt to these new requirements with assistance from the IT Department or consultant, as well as the three consultants described above.”

Morro Bay Election

So with the nuts and bolts of the election being addressed, the attention turns to individual elections, such as the three city council members up for re-election in Morro Bay.

First term Mayor John Heading is running for re-election and will face the same opponent of 2-years ago. Local businessman John Weiss recently announced on social media that he would again challenge Heading.

Councilwoman Marlys McPherson and Councilman Robert Davis are also up for re-election.

Both Davis and McPherson were not yet ready to announce their intentions. McPherson said she wants to wait a while in the nomination period before making an announcement, thus seeing who her potential competition might be.

One other person, Melanie Williams-Mahan, has filed a Form 501, which announces one’s intentions to run for office and allows him or her to open a bank account and begin raising campaign funds. Weiss also filed a Form 501, and Mayor Heading filed the form last summer.

Nominations Now Underway

The City Council set the nomination period for July 13 through Aug. 7, and the filing deadline will be extended to Aug. 12, if an incumbent does not file.

Also, Councilwoman Dawn Addis is in the race for State Assembly against incumbent Jordan Cunningham, and should she win, a replacement would have to be named by the City Council to finish her term (two more years).

Election information will be posted on the City’s website, see: www.morro-bay.ca.us. And if anyone wants to run for city council they are advised to contact the City Clerk’s Office for assistance.

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pointed out that the amendment would change their zoning from residential-multi-family and recreation, to single-family residential. The changes constituted a “seizure” of her clients’ property, she claimed.

“Who made this alteration?” she asked. She said they want to know how this decision was made to switch their property from a non-environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA) to an ESHA, a huge change that could make any development of the property problematic.

Some callers complained that the County was going out of order, as the Community is for all intents and purposes, if not officially, under a moratorium for concerns about the drinking water supply.

This is after finally solving their sewer problems after a more than 30-year battle.

The County itself lists the community’s water supply at a “Level III Severity,” meaning it is being over-pumped and is threatened by seawater intrusion. (The three water purveyors — Los Osos CSD, Golden State Water, and S&T Mutual — have a court settlement they are working through to manage the groundwater.)

One woman said new construction should only be allowed when this issue is solved and not just because someone obtains a “Will Serve” letter.

The Coastal Commission has recently denied housing projects in part citing that issue and also until after the completion of a “Wildlife Conservation Plan.”

The entirety of Los Osos is included in the critical habitat for the Morro shoulder-band dune snails, plus numerous other protected plants and animal species can be found in the area.

A WCP sets up mitigation requirements for people to be able to go ahead and develop their property; in essence it sets a price to be paid into a special fund that supports the establishment of a greenbelt around the town. Several parcels have been purchased and dedicated to open space over the years.

The WCP has been in the works for over two decades now but a draft plan was recently sent out for comments

Obituary

In Memory of Arlene Kneer 1924-2020

Arlene Kneer was born October 5, 1924. She grew up in Royersford, PA and was the youngest of three. At the age of 19, her love of music and adventure led her to California where she joined a choir. The choir director had a nephew, George Daniel Kneer Jr., (Dan) who was in the Navy. He took a liking to Arlene, and she to him. They married in 1948, and within 9+ years God blessed them with 5 children: Nancy, John, Mark, Jim, and Janet. Over the years, the family lived mostly in Santa Ana and San Jose. Dan's job moved him and Arlene to Illinois, Kansas, the Philippines, Yugoslavia, Pollock Pines, and Placerville.

As a widow, Arlene moved to Los Osos in 1990. She was passionate about teaching, whether small children in preschool or seniors in a nursing home. She was also passionate about driving her car with a stick shift, up until she passed away. Her pastor commented, "Arlene is the only person I know who drives a stick shift and uses a walker!"

Those who knew Arlene knew what a determined, strong, feisty woman she was. She loved music, her animals, and Mexican food with margaritas. Throughout her life, however, her faith in God and her love for Jesus was the most important thing. She attended and served at Grace Church in SLO for many years before joining Baywood Park Community Church. Arlene was always on



the lookout for some other way she could serve and help others, even working in Adult Protective Services in her later years.

On June 30, 2020, Arlene passed from this life onto Heaven with her son John by her side. She is survived by her children: John, Mark, Jim, and Janet, her grandchildren Rachel, Brad, JJ, Nic, Kristen, Trevor, Becca, Elisabeth, Mark Jr., and Danielle, and her great-grandchildren Ellie and Mollie.

A private family service will be held in August.

and County staff predicted it would be completed soon.

David Gray said he owns a 2-story building downtown and has trouble renting out the second floor, as Los Osos doesn't have a big demand for office space. He wanted to be able to put in apartments upstairs to help with the housing shortage and make better use of his property.

Second District Planning Commissioner, Mike Mul-tari, who represents Los Osos, wanted staff to put together a graphic plotting all the water-related issues into one diagram, a sentiment that was echoed by other commissioners.

As for the VRs, the amendment calls for VRs to only be allowed in existing single-family homes and not at all in mobile home parks or multi-family dwellings like duplexes, triplexes and apartments. Such housing units are considered affordable and everyone wants to keep that housing stock for residents.

The County is proposing to set a density regulation that would require 500-foot distance between licensed VRs.

The staff report points out that the density in Cambria is now 200 feet apart, the most restrictive in the County.

The 500-foot buffer would also serve to limit the number that can be licensed in Los Osos.

LOCAC recommended a cap on VRs to 1:100 single-family homes, which the County said would limit the number citywide to a maximum of 55.

LOCAC also wanted to limit VR ownership to one per person and restrict ownership to exclude LLCs and corporate owners. They also wanted the VR license to expire when a property is sold.

The County report said there could be legal problems with such restrictions, as under the County ordinances, whatever entitlements a property has, stay with that property upon sale.

"The ownership of the land is not a factor," the report said, "so long as the land use is established in accordance with the County Code and continues to operate within the boundaries of the permit or other approval.

"Once vested, land uses and related permits run with the land. The County Code provides procedures for permit revocation and nuisance abatement."

The commission will revisit the matter at its Thursday, Aug. 13 meeting. County staff is expected to have new exhibits and asked-for changes at that time. The plan is to go through the document, section by section, and, given the amount of interest, it's unclear if that can be done within just one more meeting.

School Board to Decide Opening Plans

By Theresa-Marie Wilson



The San Luis Coastal Unified School District is expected to approve a school-reopening plan that could have students back in the classroom starting Aug. 24.

At their July 16 meeting, post press time, the Board of Trustees will take action on the reopening plan, which will then be finalized by the superintendent.

"The SLCUSD plan attempts to prioritize health, safety, academic programming, choice, science, childcare, budget, implementation challenges, and resource allocations with the fact that a degree of uncertainty and fear will accompany any reopening efforts for schools," the district report states. "The plan addresses the need for a reliable model at all levels including full distance learning. We are utilizing a reopening metric used by the state of California to inform whether we can safely reopen. Safety concerns related to COVID-19 are built into the plan allowing for school closure should conditions dictate.

Several meetings have been held with different re-opening proposals on the table. Families have been offered a virtual learning program to ensure a choice. Review of con-

ditions will occur routinely to increase or decrease physical attendance throughout the year.

Proposals heard by the Trustees include:

Plan A includes traditional in-person school structure with extra safety precautions and a distance learning option.

Plan B is combined in-person and distance learning with social distancing and smaller class sizes.

Plan C is enhanced distance learning.

Should numbers point to reopening, elementary schools would open first under Plan B1. "Recent health and safety guidelines indicate a difference between students under 13-years-old and their peers," the report states. "Scientists have indicated that younger students do not contract or spread COVID19 in the same manner as their older peers. As a result, safety guidelines suggest distinguishing approaches between elementary and secondary schools."

Social distancing of 6 feet, wearing face coverings during the day, and supporting routine handwashing are key elements of these guidelines.

All secondary schools would implement a semester, six period day for students to ensure consistency between reentry plans, scheduling and limiting transitions.

"Enforcement of social distancing of 6 feet and face covering guidelines are more important for secondary schools as a whole. As a result, SLCUSD is proposing a hybrid-learning model where half of the student population is at school at any one time."

If the SLO County COVID-19 infection rates exceed 100 positive cases per 100,000 residents on August 3, then San Luis Coastal will remain in full distance learning through winter break. This would include targeted small group in-person learning sessions for our most vulnerable student populations. Extracurricular activities may be offered on a case by case basis if approved by the San Luis Obispo County Health Department and CDE guidelines."

Parents and guardians should be aware that currently the Window to select the Virtual Learning Program closes on Aug. 3.

To review past SLCUSD School Board meetings, go to <https://www.slcusd.org/covid19-updates.php>

County to Update Airport Plan



The County Airport in San Luis Obispo will update its master plan after County Supervisors approved a work order with the consultants that have done this work over the past several years.

Supervisors were asked to approve a change to the Aviation General Consulting contract with Reynolds, Smith and Hills (RS&H California, Inc.) in the amount of over \$1.3 million to have the company update the Regional Airport's Master Plan.

That plan was last updated in 2005 but was amended in 2017 when a layout plan for the airport's redevelopment was approved. RS&H's contract was first signed in May 2018 for one year, but has been extended a couple of times and now expires in April 2021.

The County Airport got a Federal Aviation Administration "Airport Improvement Program Grant" to pay for 91% of the plan update, with the County planning to tap into the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security" or CARES Act, the \$2 trillion spending plan from the federal government to help with the fallout from shutting down the economy to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

According to the County staff report, the update will "establish a development plan for the next 20 years; ensuring the long-term viability of the airport, improving the safety of operations, and contributing to a safe and livable community."

The SLO Airport is experiencing a greater number of Airplane Design Group (ADG) III aircraft in the commercial operations.

"The Airport is currently only an ADG II airport," the report said, "however, the operational fleet includes well over 500 annual operations by ADG III aircraft."

Such jet planes are bigger, louder, heavier and require more runway than what the airport typically has handled. They also have more impacts, especially noise, to neighborhoods surrounding the airport.

The Master Plan update will consider the development impacts of upgrading the Airport to accommodate the growing fleet of larger aircraft, according to the report, optimize use of limited land, balance airside, terminal, and landside capacity needs during the peak period, and determine a long-term facilities implementation plan.

Impacts of the larger planes are likely to grow, as more flights to travel hubs like Denver, Seattle, and Phoenix get added to the daily schedule.



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