



June 18, 2018

With the official start of summer just a few days away, I thought this would be an opportune time to discuss one of our most critical industries: tourism. Tourism creates jobs for community members. Tourism dollars help fund important core services, such as public safety, roads, parks and recreation. Tourism also helps enhance cultural and recreational offerings available to those who live here.

In short, tourism is critical to our well-being as a community. As such, the City, in partnership with local hotel and motel owners and operators, helps promote Morro Bay as a fun destination for vacation seekers through our Tourism Division. Our staff works hard to ensure we successfully compete with other beach destinations for visitors who are seeking a unique get away.

However, a proper balance must be struck between tourism and the community. With that in mind, the City is engaging in two critical strategic planning efforts around tourism management. At the county level,

the City has a seat at the table to discuss how we as a region manage tourism responsibly. At the City level, we will kick off our own strategic planning effort to set a course for our efforts into the next 5 – 10 years. The goal is to maintain a strong tourism industry that meaningfully benefits our residents and business owners.

In closing, with summer just around the corner, and in honor of “National Selfie Day” and “National Seashell Day” (both occurring this week) go take a selfie with a seashell and have an amazing Morro Bay summer!

Thank you for taking time to review this update. Included within this issue, you will find important updates on the Water Reclamation Project, summer recreation programs, and public safety programs.

I encourage residents and business owners to share this with their neighbors. If you would like to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns, please reach out to me either by phone, 805-772-6206, or email scollins@morrobayca.gov

Public Works

Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Update

The WRF project is reaching some very important milestones with regard to environmental review, permitting, external funding and cost estimates. As such, members of the community are encouraged to get engaged and participate in upcoming meetings.

WRF Facility Design-Build Preferred Proposer Selected

After receiving a recommendation from the WRF Citizen Advisory Committee (WRFCAC), the City Council directed staff at its June 12, 2018 meeting to negotiate a contract with Filanc/Black & Veatch as the preferred proposer for the WRF onsite improvements. The WRFCAC recommendation came after the technical team, consisting of City staff, engineering consultants and members of the WRF Citizen Advisory Committee (WRFCAC), reviewed two proposals to determine if they meet the request for proposal requirements and scored them according to criteria recommended by the WRFCAC and approved by City Council. As this is the largest component of the WRF program, the costs of the proposal carry the heaviest weight in evaluating which proposal to move forward in the process. The original estimate for the entire WRF project was \$167 million. Following the design-build proposer selection process, the project is now slated to cost \$128.5 million. Special thanks to the WRFCAC for their hard work in reviewing technical components of the project, and helping the community get the best value moving forward.

Upcoming WRF Public Meetings

- Saturday, June 23, 2018, 1:30p.m., Community Center –
 - Special Community Workshop
 - Learn about the major components of the WRF project.
 - Ask questions and provide input.
 - Learn about sewer and water rates.
- Monday, June 25, 2018, 3:00p.m., Community Center
 - WRF Citizen Advisory Committee, Public Works Advisory Committee and Citizen Finance Advisory Committee joint meeting
 - Discuss sewer and water rates.
- Thursday, June 28, 2018, 6:00p.m., Community Center
 - Special City Council meeting
 - Discuss sewer and water rates.
- Tuesday, July 3, 2018, 6:00p.m., Vets Hall
 - Joint Planning Commission and WRFCAC meeting
 - Discuss the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the WRF

For more information about the WRF project, please visit: <http://morrobaywrf.com>.

Police

Safe Exchange Zone Program

Several weeks ago, Morro Bay PD joined the SLO County Sheriff and several other local law enforcement agencies in announcing the “Safe Exchange Zone Program”. This program provides our community members a safe place to conduct exchanges of property they may have sold/purchased via craigslist, or other internet or social media websites. One component of this program is that we provide a safe location that is under video surveillance at all times (not monitored at all times) to conduct these exchanges. In the attached photos you will notice that we have two locations located in front of our Police Station, designated by the appropriate signage. MBPD recently had its camera system upgraded to allow surveillance of these two locations.



Coffee with a Cop is Back

All members of the community are encouraged to attend the next installment of “Coffee with a Cop,” scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00a.m. at the Morro Bay Coffee Co. (948 Morro Bay Blvd). Come meet your local police officers and command staff, and share your thoughts and ideas about community safety.

Finance

Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget Adopted

City Council adopted the FY 2018/19 budget during the June 12, 2018 Council Meeting. Staff from all City Departments worked hard to develop the budget and provide a readable and informative budget document. Staff will now work with the Citizen’s Finance Advisory Committee to develop a Citizen Friendly budget summary for quick reference.

OpenGov (Online Financial Transparency Tool)

Staff is finalizing the development of the City's OpenGov platform. Senior Accounting Tech Val Webb has been the lead on this project and is working closely with our OpenGov Customer Service Representative to ensure that all data is reflected accurately on the City's portal. The final piece is to finalize the WRF custom report to show project expenditures from inception (March 2013) to date.

Account Clerk Trainee

Finance would like to officially welcome Carly to the team. Carly is a familiar face at City Hall, having been assisting the Finance Department as a part-time employee since the fall of 2017. During the late Spring staff recruited for a permanent, full-time Account Clerk Trainee and we are pleased that Carly was successful during the interview process and has accepted the position on a full-time permanent basis. Thank you to the City staff from Human Resources, Public Works, Fire and Police for assisting with the recruitment. With the hiring of Carly, the Finance Team is now officially complete! Please feel free to stop by City Hall and congratulate Carly!

Utility Discount Program

In the July utility bills residents will notice an insert with information on the City's Utility Discount Program. While being discussed in detail at the June 13, 2018 Council meeting, the enrollment period for the program is the month of July. We encourage all qualifying customers to apply and take advantage of this opportunity. Also, we remind customers that if you are currently enrolled in the program you must reapply each year to maintain enrollment status. More information on the Utility Discount Program can be found on the City's website.

Tourism

Morro Bay Makes Clean Beaches Honor Roll

[Heal the Bay](#), a non-profit organization, publish an annual [California Beach Report Card](#), assessing the levels of bacteria present at all major beaches in California. A record number — 37 beaches — received an A+ grade every week of the year in 2017, during all seasons and weather conditions. These beaches include El Matador State Beach in Malibu, a number of beaches in Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Oxnard and the Palos Verdes Peninsula, AND, Morro Bay!! Thank you all for taking such good care of our precious beach.



Highway 1 to Open Sooner Than Expected

With Caltrans crews working around the clock to build a road over one of the largest landslides on record near Big Sur, Highway 1 is anticipated to open by July 31, 2018. That is two months earlier than expected, and should help improve tourism throughout the California Central Coast. The landslide had forced the closure of Highway 1 for nearly 16 months. Special thanks to California State Senator Bill Monning, SLOCAL CEO Chuck Davidson, local elected officials and a host of others for making this project a priority for Caltrans.



Fire

Four Morro Bay Reserve Firefighters Graduate from Hancock's Fire Academy

After nearly 700 hours of classroom and field instruction, 28 cadets received their certificates of accomplishment from Allan Hancock College's Fire Academy on Friday. Battalion 141 participated in a ceremony at the college's \$38 million Public Safety Training Complex in Lompoc that was as extraordinary as the facility where they trained. The 17-week academy, certified by the California State Fire Marshal, meets all requirements for graduates to become entry-level firefighters.





Prior to the ceremony, recruits dazzled friends and family with live demonstrations inside and outside of the complex's six-story burn tower. Graduates showed off the skills they learned in the academy over the last 17 weeks. Cadets ran fire hoses, doused car and apartment fires, extricated victims, climbed ladders to gain roof access and more.

"The level of training and instruction here is top notch," said Garrett Huff, captain of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, who delivered the keynote address. "Allan Hancock College has the best facilities and instructors in the state hands down."

Nearly half of the 28 cadets already have jobs lined up with fire agencies including the United States Forest Service, Cal Fire San Luis Obispo, as well as the Santa Barbara City, Santa Barbara County, Painted Cave and Morro Bay fire departments. The remaining cadets are in the process of applying and interviewing with other departments across the state.

Recreation

Administration

- Country Western Line Dancing returns to Morro Bay July 11 through August 29 with an 8-week course teaching several popular dances.
- A six-week Good Dog Manners Training Class begins June 16. This class will teach your dog (best friend) to sit, stay, come when called, stop excessive barking, greet humans politely, get along with other dogs and much more and the class has a full enrollment.

(Class information on next page)

Dog Training Classes at Tidelands Park

Good Manners Training Class

This class will teach your dog (best friend) to sit, stay, come when called, stay on-leash, behave, greet humans politely, get along with other dogs and much more.

Saturdays 10 a.m.
(Four class dates at the MORRO Recreation Center)

(June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21) \$215 for 6 weeks
\$100 for 3 weeks





- Force-free classes
- Fun for owners & dogs
- Classes meet at Tidelands Park in Morro Bay
- Proof of vaccinations required
- Owners must be 13 or older
- Small classes

Overflows?
Contact trainer **Trina Beatty** at:
(805) 439-4880
beatty@trichipshelp.net
www.facebook.com/TrinaBeattyTraining

Sign up for this class and more at: <https://www.activecommunities.com/morrobay>

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Country Western LINE DANCING

with Jan Blakely

Join Jan as she leads this fun class through several popular line dances including Lonesome Drum, Hide the Wine, Drinking Problem, Stomp Like That and more. No partner needed!

\$6 per class drop-in

Wednesdays

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

July 11 - Aug. 29

(No Class Sept. 18)

Morro Bay Community Center

For more information, contact Jan (805) 203-3836 janblakely@gmail.com

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ZUMBA[®] kids Jr.

Ages 4-6
with

Mimsy (Jenny)



Let's Dance

Zumba® kids Jr. perfect for 4 – 6 years old. It has friendly routines with specially choreographed and all the music kids love, like hip-hop, reggaeton, cumbia and more. Zumba® kids Jr. inspire kids to express themselves through movement and play while effectively improving their overall health and well-being. Kids love it because it's on the cutting edge and fun, and parents love it because it's active, fun, and for the effects it has on kids – increasing their focus and self-confidence, boosting metabolism, and enhancing coordination.

Tuesday & Thursday

4 - 5 p.m.

Morro Bay Community Center

\$50/Month or \$7/Drop-in

For details, contact Jenny at: (805) 748-9283 jowaportee@yahoo.com

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ZUMBA[®] for Kids

Zumba with Carmen
Licensed Instructor

Come try this
high-energy,
fun,
Latin dance-based
class!

Ages 7-11

Tuesdays

5 to 6 P.M.

@ the Morro Bay Community Center

\$35/Month

Perfect for our youngest Zumba® Kids! Kids 7-11 years old get the chance to be active and get out to their favorite music.

Zumba® kids classes feature age-appropriate routines based on original Zumba® choreography we break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure helps develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporates fitness as a natural part of children's lives by making fitness fun.

Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, creativity, coordination, cultural awareness.

For details, contact The City of Morro Bay (805) 772-6278 www.morrobay.gov

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Facilities

With summer upon us, most events have moved from inside the Community Center to outdoor events. Each weekend in June is filled with birthday parties at the parks or beach weddings. A new trend of having weddings by Tower 0 has started. Morro Rock has always been a very popular spot for a wedding and we are close to having a wedding or event every weekend at The Rock – glad to see the public using our beautiful parks for their events!

Senior Services

June is an important month for the 55+ group in the City as we have a lot of exciting events happening before summer. Cuesta Emeritus summer classes began on June 4 and on June 8 Scott Collins and Rob Livick spoke to MBAA...55+ on the sewer/water project which is currently a well-discussed topic around Morro Bay. We are really excited to have Steve Ford (president Gerald Ford's son) take time out of his busy national speaking dates to come talk with us about his life and the White House years.



Presentation to MBAA...55+ on the Water/Sewer Project with Scott Collins and Rob Livick

Sports

- Pool Lifeguard Training was held June 11-13. American Red Cross certification in Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Title 22 First Aid.

**American Red Cross**Sign Up Today!

Lifeguard Training Classes

**Get Certified**

California Lifeguarding Bundle Pack:

- Lifeguarding
- CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer
- Title 22 Advanced First Aid for Public Safety Personnel

Looking for a summer job?
Try Lifeguarding!

**Morro Bay is Hiring Now**

Day	Date	Time
Monday	June 11	7 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	June 12	7 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday	June 13	7 - 7 p.m.
Thursday	June 14	11 - 2 p.m.

Cost:

- Class \$200
- Certification \$39 at time of completion

Requirements:

- Ages 15 and older
- MUST attend all classes—NO exceptions
- Must have swimming experience

Classes will be held at MBHS Pool

For more information or to register please Contact:

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- Registration for summer swim lessons is open. We will have 4 two-week sessions of lessons with classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:00-11:30 am, 11:40-12:10 pm and 12:20-12:50 pm.

Summer 2018

SWIM LESSONS

MBHS Aquatics Center;
235 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay



GROUP LESSONS: 30-minute lessons

Program:	Days:	Times:	Session Dates:	Price:
Group Lessons • Level 1 • Level 2 - 5	Mon/Wed/Fri	11 - 11:30 am 11:40 - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 12:50 pm	June 18 - 29	\$60
			July 2 - 13 <i>*no lesson on July 4th</i>	\$50
			July 16 - 27	\$60
			July 30 - August 10	\$60
Parent & Me	Mon/Wed/Fri	12:20 - 12:50	June 18 - 29	\$55
			July 2 - 13 <i>*no lesson on July 4th</i>	\$45
			July 16 - 27	\$55
			July 30 - August 10	\$55

PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS: five 30-minute lessons

Program:	Days:	Times:	Price:
Semi-Private	Saturdays	1 - 3 pm	\$75
Private	Saturdays	1 - 3 pm	\$110

Register at: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/morrobay/tom> or call 805-772-6281



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Youth Services

- Youth Services:
 - Kids' Club ended their school year with a Circus Party with clowns, fortune tellers, and mimes!



- The Rockies Teen Center began their summer hours Monday, June 11th! We will be open Monday through Saturday 1:00 – 5:00 PM with special days every week. We will be hosting fun events such as game board days, kickball tournaments, video game tournaments, and a water day to kick off the summer.

Upcoming Special Events:



Morro Bay's
**4TH OF JULY
FAMILY FUN DAY**
AT TIDELANDS PARK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES



Celebrate 4th of July with a Family Fun Day at the park!

Activities around Morro Bay

10 am - Skateboard Race

- 9 am check-in at MB High School West Entrance
- Email Jack at jack@mbskate.com for more information

12 pm - Bike Parade

- Deck out your bike in your patriotic best!
- No motorized bikes and under the age of 18 must wear a helmet
- Meet at northside of the Morro Creek Bridge at 12 pm
- Ride to Tidelands Park, bike valet available

2 pm - Paddle Parade

- Patriotic decor suggested! No motorized vessels
- Meet at Coleman Park and paddle to Tidelands Park

Activities at Tidelands Park

11 am - Live Music by The Cinders

1 pm - Opening Flag Ceremony

2 pm - Magic by Chris Lopez

3 pm - Live Music by Shameless
(Band will play until 5 pm)

*Family-fun games and contests played throughout the day!
*Bring cash for food vendors, face painting, and balloon art

Kid's Carnival!

- Play carnival games, bounce in the bounce house, and win patriotic prizes!
- Carnival wristband is \$5 per child

Don't miss these great activities!

- Police Department dunk tank
- Harbor Department boat tours
- Firefighter relay race



Food & Drink Vendors:

- Kettle Corn
- Hawaiian Shaved Ice
- Floating Bar from Lost Isle Adventures
- Hot Dogs & other delicious treats!



Thank you to our partners & sponsors!









Take the trolley! Trolley picks up across the street from the Morro Bay Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way.

For more information, contact Morro Bay Recreation Services at (805)772-6278.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE FOR MAY 2018



Planning Division Activity

Planning Commission:

May 1, 2018:

1169 West: new 3,901 sq.ft. Home. internally illuminated signs Action: Approved.

2996 Alder: Concept Review of a new 3-unit apartment project. Action: PC provided input on design.

May 15, 2018

PC reviewed Module 3 (Use Regulations) of the Zoning Code update. PC completed review of just the Vacation Rental section.

Planning Permits Received Jan. 2018

- Conditional Use Permit = 6
- Coastal Dev. Permits = 3
- Permit Amendment = 2

Total = 11

Fees collected = \$15,492.00

Code Enforcement Activity

- 20 cases initiated
- 18 cases resolved
- 28 total pending cases

Building Division Activity

- Permits Issued = 70
- Valuation = \$7,025,328
- Fees Received = \$213,980
- # of Inspections = 120
- New Permits = 33

Thank you again for taking time to read this and previous updates. We hope you find it useful and encourage you to share your thoughts about how to improve this communication moving forward.

Sincerely,

Scott Collins
City Manager