



**September 4, 2024**

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> incorporation anniversary to the City of Morro Bay! Six decades of waves, wildlife and wonderful memories have shaped the vibrant seaside community we know and love. We have kicked off the celebrations with the Labor Day weekend's Art in the Park. More excitement has been planned for the first week in September: get ready for the Tunes at Tidelands, (more) Arts & Wine at the gallery, and a festive Founder's Day parade. Laughter, dahlias and '60s-themed fun awaits! I hope to see everyone [at the events](#).

No better time than now to acknowledge the city's roots and how far we have come. In July 1964, driven by a spirit of community SERVICE, a desire to honor cultural heritage while seeking independence, and a passion for the ocean, the citizens of Morro Bay voted to incorporate [A recent article from the Tribune might be interesting- [Morro Bay CA turns 60. How did it become a city? | San Luis Obispo Tribune](#) ]. Sixty years later, we are proud to celebrate milestones made possible only through teamwork to honor the vision of those who came before us - from securing \$17 million annual federal funding for harbor dredging, to the design and construction of a \$160 million water reclamation and recycling system, to learning about and being in the forefront of renewable energy initiatives. You can check out the recently published [2024 City profile](#) for more on Morro Bay's journey. Many thanks to Melissa Green for her impressive work on the profile which we originally prepared for an annual update before the Grand Jury along with other cities.

This month also marked my one-year anniversary as your City Manager. As we celebrate our city, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey that brought me here and the experiences that have shaped this past year. As indicated in the 2024 City Profile, it has been a year filled with challenges, successes, and, most importantly, a deepening connection to this beautiful community.

Before stepping into this role, I spent 20 years in public service, 15 years of which were as a city manager. Born and raised in a large harbor city in China, I have always felt a tender connection with Morro Bay

particularly because of its seaport legacy, cultural heritage and being one of the few remaining working harbors. When the opportunity arose to serve as the City Manager of Morro Bay, I knew it was a unique chance to bring my experiences, values and aspirations to a place I have always admired.

This first year has been about listening, learning, and laying the groundwork for the future. I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated team of city staff, committed council members, and engaged residents who all have inspired me to continue to listen to, engage with and serve the community. Together, we have navigated a variety of challenges, from unforeseen hurdles like responding to and recovering from the winter storms, to having our voices heard concerning energy initiatives, and balancing resources to align with competing priorities.

Throughout my career, I have always believed in the power of collaboration and open communication. These values have been at the forefront of my approach here in Morro Bay. Whether it's working closely with our Harbor Department during a time of transition, addressing the concerns of our residents, or ensuring that our city services run smoothly, my goal has always been to foster a sense of trust and transparency in our local government.

Looking ahead, is much to be done, from enhancing our infrastructure now, strategically planning for the future in order to sustain the natural environment that makes Morro Bay so special. At the heart of all our efforts is the spirit of service, a value that inspired our city's incorporation 60 years ago and continues to guide our work today. I am dedicated to continuing to lead with this same spirit of service, focusing on the long-term well-being of our community. Together, we will continue to honor our past, meet the challenges of the present, and build a better future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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*We love the Arts – Art in the Park on Labor Day*

## Police

### National Night Out

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Morro Bay Police Department held the annual National Night Out. Morro Bay PD was joined by Morro Bay Fire Department, Recreation, Harbor Department, US Coast Guard, and many other city departments. Families enjoyed free hot dogs, shave ice, demonstrations, and giveaways. Thank you to all who came out to join us. We will see you next year on August 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Citizens Academy

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Morro Bay Police Citizen Academy. Six academy sessions will be held from Wednesday, October 2nd and run on consecutive Wednesday nights until November 6th, for six sessions. Each session will be from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm and held at the police department in Morro Bay.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Morro Bay Police Department at (805)772-6225 for details and an application.

## Cops & Kids Award Presented to Community Service Officer Miguel Salgado

On Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, California Central Coast Cops N Kids honored MBPD employees with a BBQ lunch and an award presentation to Community Service Officer Miguel Salgado a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of outstanding professionalism and dedication to the community. Thank you, Central Coast Cops N Kids, for your continued support and congratulations Miguel. Keep up the great work!



# Fire

## Response Statistics

The Morro Bay Fire Department totaled 215 responses from July 1 through July 31, 2024.

- Series 100 (Fires) 13 incidents
- Series 200 (Overpressure, rupture, explosion, no fire) 0 incidents
- Series 300 (Rescue & EMS incident) 149 incidents
- Series 400 (Hazardous condition no fire) 3 incidents
- Series 500 (Service call) 16 incidents
- Series 600 (Good intent call) 21 incidents
- Series 700 (False alarm & false call) 12 incidents
- Series 800 (Severe weather & natural disaster) 1 incident
- Series 900 (Special incident type) 0 incidents
- Total 215 incidents

## Mutual Aid

The Morro Bay Fire Department has been participating in mutual aid fire assignments in northern California and Oregon for most of August. The Type 3 wildland engine was part of strike team 1472C with San Luis Obispo City Fire, Atascadero Fire, Paso Robles Fire, San Luis Obispo County Fire. The Strike team was assigned to the Crozier fire from August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, in El Dorado County. The strike team was reassigned to the Boise Fire near Humboldt from August 12<sup>th</sup>, through August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Deputy chief Vierra and Captain Simpson were assigned to the Crazy Creek Fire in Oregon as part of the Incident management team along with the Morro Bay Fire UTV from August 11<sup>th</sup>, through August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

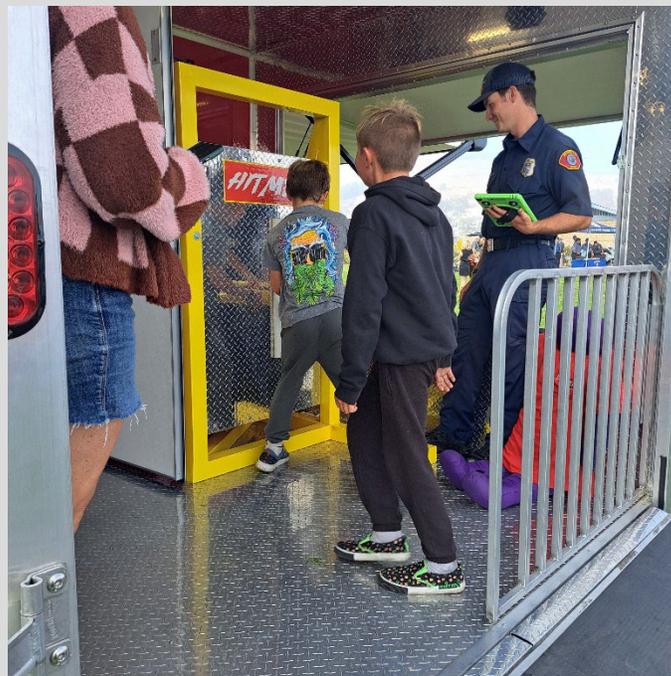






### Public Events

The Morro Bay Fire Department was excited to participate in the National Night Out event on August 6<sup>th</sup>. We were able to utilize the County Fire Chiefs public safety trailer. This trailer allows children to experience different fire safety situations and teaches the skills needed to address various emergencies. We were also able to do a live hands-on demonstration of the new battery powered extrication tools. These tools were purchased using grant funding provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety.





## Public Works

### Ironwood Street Storm Drain Replacement

During the January 2023 rainstorms, a sink hole opened in a utility easement between Ironwood Street and Juniper Street. Temporary safety measures were taken at that time. Replacement of the storm drain was completed in August. This was a challenging project due to access, utility poles, vegetation and private property in the easement.



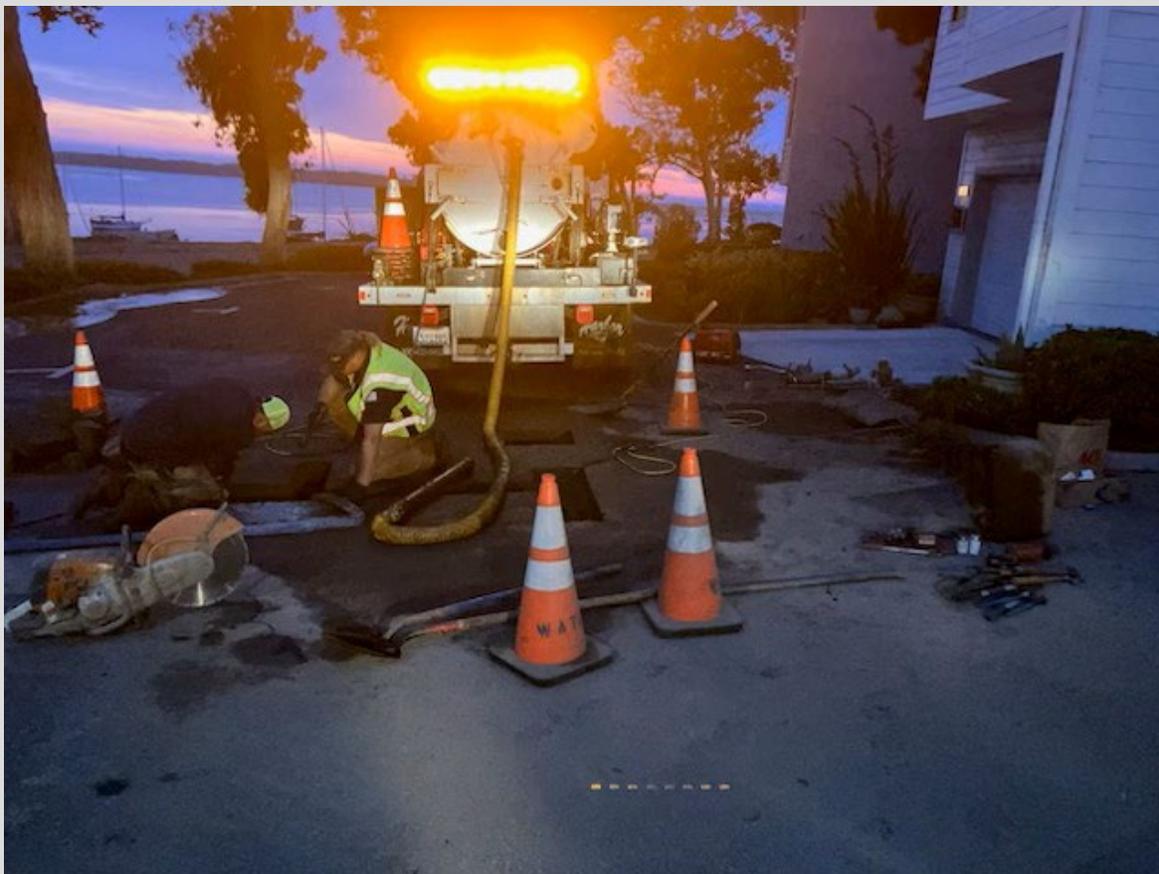
### Roundabout Water Leak Repair

A leaking water valve in the Morro Bay Boulevard roundabout was replaced in August. This area is crowded with various underground utilities, adding to the challenge. PW Engineering and Utilities worked closely with the contractor to accomplish this work safely. Traffic control was required to route traffic around the construction at this busy intersection.



### Water Leak repair at Bay Shore Bluff

Water leaks don't care what time it is. Utility staff were notified of a potential water leak at Bay Shore bluffs. The crew found the leak and repaired the issue. At least they were able to enjoy a beautiful sunset while they worked.



### Utilities staff helping a lost horse



Utilities staff was conducting utility markings and came across a horse walking down the road. Kyle was able to calmly contain the horse and hold him until his owner came to retrieve the horse. Never a dull moment in Utilities.

## **Pavement Management Project Update**

On August 28th, the City Council approved a contract to start work on the Pavement Rehabilitation contract was advertised for bids on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Construction is estimated to begin in September and be completed mid-December. The list of streets to be treated are as follows:

- Island Street (Main to Panorama)
- Java Street (Main to Panorama)
- Oahu Street (Tide to Panorama)
- Panay Street (Main to Panorama)
- Beach Street (Embarcadero to Main)
- Birch Avenue (Sequoia to San Joaquin)
- Coral Avenue (Indigo to Emerald South)
- Embarcadero (Beach to COP 940' S of Marina)
- Harbor Street (Embarcadero to Piney)
- Koa Avenue (Laurel to North End)
- La Jolla Street (Main to Greenwood)
- Main Street (Yerba Buena to State Park Entrance)
- Pacific Street (Embarcadero to Piney)
- Sequoia Street (Main to Hemlock)
- Dunbar Street (Prescott to West End)
- Orton Street (Prescott to West End)
- Selby Street (Prescott to West End)
- Hemlock Avenue (Avalon to Elena)
- Paul Street (Juniper to Greenwood)
- Alleyway between Morro Bay Boulevard and Pacific Street (Piney to Kern)
- South Bay Boulevard (Theresa to City Limits)

## **Lift Station 1 Force Main Replacement Update**

On August 28th, the City Council approved a contract to start work on the Lift Station 1 Force Main Replacement bids were received July 11<sup>th</sup>. Construction is estimated to begin in September and to be complete by mid-October.

## **Sequoia Court Storm Drain Replacement Update**

On August 28th, the City Council approved a contract to start work on the Sequoia Court Storm Drain Replacement project. Construction is estimated to begin in September and to be complete by mid-October.

## **Morro Bay Trolley**

One of the Trolleys will be participating in the Founder's Day parade, transporting some of our fair city's former mayors and council members who are coming out to be a part of the festivities. Regular Trolley service on that day will be re-routed around the parade, using one Trolley, until the parade ends then resume its regular North and Downtown routes for the remainder of the service day.

# Harbor

## Harbor Patrol Statistics for August 2024:

Emergency Response Calls	Service Calls	Enforcement Contacts	Training	Maintenance Action
23	138	56	37	252



Harbor Patrol Officer Jacobs in the water to assist a boat with an emergency leak. The vessel was then towed by the Harbor Patrol boat. These service actions prevented any pollution in the water and saved the boat from devastating damage.

Harbor Patrol Officers free dove to clean the barnacles off the bottom of the boat where the trailer blocks access to cleaning while hauled out.





Sea Lions have taken over the Coast Guard dock to frolic in the sun while tourists on the Pier are easily entertained watching them bark at each other. The sea lions can cause damage to the docks and delay access to the vessels. They will be encouraged to find a different haul out spot.



Harbor Patrol Officers conducted training on water rescue techniques after completing their annual 500-yard swim standard.





Lifeguards and Harbor Patrol responded to a fall victim from a horse and were able to start patient care while a second truck transported paramedics on the beach. The patient and paramedics were driven back to the ambulance for further assessment.



## Administration (HR and City Clerk)



As Election Day nears, Morro Bay residents who are eligible to vote are encouraged to verify their voter registration status by visiting <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov> or calling San Luis Obispo County Elections office at (805) 781-5228.

If you've not already done so, you can register to vote or update your voter registration by visiting <http://registertovote.ca.gov>. Paper voter registration forms are available at San Luis Obispo County elections office, local libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, and US Post Offices.

Additional voter registration information may be found at [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov). **If you miss the standard registration deadline, you can still register to vote conditionally and cast a ballot up to and including Election Day.**

Vote by Mail Ballots and Voter Information Guides will be mailed out between October 7 – 15.

More information regarding the 2024 General Municipal Election can be found [here](#) and campaign finance disclosure filings for Morro Bay candidates and committees for current and recent elections are available [here](#).

# HIRING NOW



## FULL TIME OPENINGS

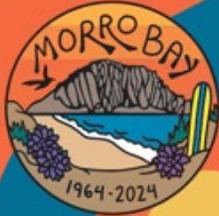
- Police Sergeant
- Police Officer - Lateral or POST Academy Graduate Only
- Utility Operator Multi-Cert

## PART TIME TEMPORARY OPENINGS

- Custodial/Maintenance Aide
- Pool Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Sports Official
- Engineering Intern
- Office Assistant - Finance Dept.

APPLY ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.MORROBAYCA.GOV/832/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES](https://www.morrobayca.gov/832/EMPLOYMENT-OPPORTUNITIES)





# 60

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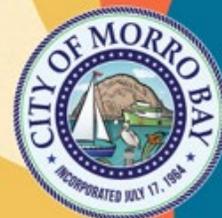
Morro Bay's 60th Anniversary  
of Incorporation

**SEPTEMBER  
5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH**

**Thursday 9/5: Tunes at Tidelands  
Concert 5pm**

**Friday 9/6: Dahlias & Decades "A  
Soiree of Art, Wine, and Memories"  
Art Center Morro Bay 4-9pm**

**Saturday 9/7: Founders Day  
Parade 10am & Founders Day  
Celebration  
at Tidelands Park 12pm**





## Seniors

Our big event of the year is coming up every Thursday in September as we launch our third season of Tunes at Tidelands. An event 'designed by seniors, for seniors' has steadily grown in popularity and now is the high point of the year with over 500 local seniors attending each week enjoying classic music, friends and many times a great sunset!

**Morro Bay Active Adults ... 55+ Presents**

# TUNES AT TIDELANDS

**Free**  
Concert Series  
at Tidelands Park in Morro Bay!  
Bring your friends & family to enjoy a  
fun filled evening of music with drinks  
& food available for purchase!



**September 5**



**September 12**



**September 19**



**September 26**



# Community Development

## Vistra Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Update

On September 24, 2024, City staff will give the City Council an update on the BESS project, including:

1. A status report and timeline.
2. A summary of the AB205 process.
3. A presentation on the offsite consequences analysis.

## Waterfront Master Plan Update

On August 27, 2024, the City Council authorized City staff to apply to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for a \$750,000 grant to update the Waterfront Master Plan. The vision for development of the Morro Bay waterfront, the Waterfront Master Plan hasn't been updated since it was first adopted in 1996. If funded by the CCC, the master plan would be expanded to cover the City's old wastewater treatment plant site and would involve ample opportunity for the public to participate in visioning and design of the waterfront. The work effort could begin as early as October 2024 with public outreach in early 2025.

## Pre-Designed ADU Plans

The Community Development Department now offers Pre-Designed ADU plans to assist property owners with the design, permitting, and construction of ADUs. Plans are easy to use for property owners and help city staff streamline the review process. Since ADUs are considered a more affordable type of housing, the City's Pre-Designed ADU program helps the City meet its affordable housing goals. For more information, please refer to the City's Pre-Designed ADU Program webpage:

[Pre-Designed ADU Program | City of Morro Bay - Official Website \(morrobayca.gov\)](https://morrobayca.gov/pre-designed-adu-program)

## Permit Statistics

In August 2024, building permit activity remained relatively consistent with the prior two months. The City saw a surge in planning cases, with 12 new Coastal Development Permit (CDP) applications submitted in August 2024. Of these 12 new CDP applications, 10 are to develop single-family homes and ADUs within the Seashell Estates subdivision.

<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>Jun-24</b>	<b>Jul-24</b>	<b>Aug-24</b>
Permits Issued	45	35	51
Inspections	174	283	301
New Applications	18	15	15
<b>Valuation</b>	<b>\$2,527,295</b>	<b>\$806,123</b>	<b>\$768,327</b>
<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$264,202</b>	<b>\$40,637</b>	<b>\$35,690</b>

<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Jun-24</b>	<b>Jul-24</b>	<b>Aug-24</b>
Coastal Development Permits	4	3	12
Use Permits	1	1	1
Sign Permits	0	0	0
Temporary Use Permits	0	0	0
Lot / Parcel Map	0	3	0
Min/Maj Modification	0	2	1
Parking Exception	0	0	0
Sidewalk Vending License	1	0	0
Zoning Clearance	1	0	0
Comm Cannabis Renewal			1
Admin Design Review			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$2,755</b>	<b>\$29,890</b>	<b>\$30,217</b>