



City Manager's Update



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December 5, 2024

Happy Holidays, Morro Bay! We have made it to the end of 2024! Thank you, Morro Bay residents and business owners, for being so engaged in the City. Your participation makes the community vibrant. As we close 2024 and head into the winter, I'd like to bring to your attention a sample of recent accomplishments and helpful information for this season:

- As we approach this winter, the City's emergency response personnel will closely monitor weather and wave patterns to ensure we are prepared for any storm and to avoid flooding. The Public Works Maintenance Division has been and will continue to be actively cleaning out storm drains around the town. Sand is available free of charge at the Public Work's maintenance yard located at 170 Atascadero Rd. Additionally, this year, the City has made significant progresses in improving city's overall drainage infrastructure: New curb and gutter was installed at corner of Shasta and Pacific which resolved the ongoing drainage issue at that location; collapsed storm drain on Embarcadero at Beach was replaced in summer; collapsed storm drain between Ironwood and Juniper, Paula and Avalon, was replaced; damaged storm drain on Main St. near the bike park was replaced; Sequoia Court Storm Drain lining/replacement was completed in November; drains on Quintana near Dolly's Donuts are scheduled to be replaced in December. Lastly, we received good news that the City has been awarded a \$1 million Cal OES Hazard Mitigation grant. This grant will fund a city-wide watershed management study. Once completed, this study is expected to provide comprehensive solutions to mitigate flooding risks.
- Recently the City Council and I received letters of concern about tree removal in the context of sidewalk repair. Sidewalks Repair is part of the City's normal operation to ensure pedestrian safety and reduce trip and fall accidents. Currently there are 300 sidewalk locations that need

attention. Among other reasons, tree roots can be the cause of uplifting sidewalks. However, removing a tree is always the last resort. The common solution is to grind the roots and keep the tree intact. Before any root grinding, the City's arborist conducts an assessment to ensure any work won't destabilize the tree. If the City's Arborist recommends removal of a tree, staff adheres to the steps outlined in the [municipal code](#). We also post a removal notice on the tree before removal to allow public input. I'm happy to report that no trees were removed due to sidewalk repair last year, and in general, the City takes extensive measures to protect and preserve its trees in the right-of-way. However, out of the 1000 trees on the City's right of way, two were removed last year because storms had destroyed them. One was removed in November and photos can be found in the following pages under the Public Works Department. As winter approaches, it is possible that more trees will be destroyed, which is why regular tree care including trimming, is essential. City also has a robust tree replacement program. In partnership with Morro Bay in Bloom, 13 new trees were planted last April by volunteers. This program will continue. To learn more details of how the City conducts tree care, sidewalk repair, and volunteer for tree replacement, please contact Maintenance Division Manager, Carlos Mendoza. His email is cmendoza@morrobayca.gov.

- New signs: "No camping" signs have been installed on Quintana and Kennedy Way. This will further assist City staff in enforcement of our camping ordinance. A flashing crosswalk sign was installed at Morro Bay Blvd and Kern Ave. This need was identified in the City's traffic safety plan.
- Frankin Riley Park received improvements in November. The project includes interpretive panels, trail repairs, and construction of an ADA-accessible trail. It is funded by a \$20,000 state parks conservation grant. To stretch the grant dollars, the City partnered with Morro Bay Historical Society for design and California Conservation Corp for construction. Work is expected to be completed in early December. Look for photos in the Public Works Section of this newsletter. Here is the KSBY news clip <https://www.ksby.com/morro-bay/this-morro-bay-park-is-getting-a-makeover-heres-what-you-can-expect>
- City hired a new Assistant to the City Manager to enhance our communication, outreach and economic development efforts. This position is currently a limited one-year role pending future budget considerations.
- Below are several holiday events taking place in Morro Bay:
[Caroling with Cops](#) – December 2nd – 5th, 5:00 pm 8:00 pm, throughout Morro Bay
[Holiday Tree lighting](#) – Friday, December 6th 3:30 pm to dusk, City Park
[Breakfast with Santa](#) – Saturday, December 7th, 9 am – 11 am – Morro Bay Vet's Hall
[Morro Bay Rotary Lighted Boat Parade](#) – Saturday, December 7th, 6:30 pm – Embarcadero

I wish I had unlimited space to detail all the incredible achievements at City. For more updates, please check the following pages under each department. I am genuinely proud of the progress staff have made together year after year. Thank you for your continued support of Team Morro Bay. Warm wishes for a wonderful new year!

Sincerely,
Yvonne Kimball
City Manager

Police

POLICE OPERATIONS

November Statistics

November continued to be a busy month for the police department. A total of 802 Calls for Service were received during November. The busiest day of the week for November was Friday with a total of 158 calls for service.

Priority 7 = CODE 1 Routine (Crime Reports, patrol checks)

Priority 8 = CODE 2 Urgent (Alarms, Trespass, Disturbance)

Priority 9 = CODE 3 Emergency (Subject down, traffic collision, assault)

Priority 12 = CODE 3 Life Threatening (In progress violent crime)

Priority 14 = Phone Report

Priority 15/44 = Administrative details

Day of Week	Priority								Total
	7	8	9	10	12	14	15	44	
Sunday	49	50	1	0	0	4	0	0	104
Monday	37	38	2	3	0	9	1	1	91
Tuesday	53	50	2	3	0	6	0	0	114
Wednesday	50	41	1	0	0	7	0	4	103
Thursday	48	46	0	3	0	6	1	2	106
Friday	52	96	0	1	0	7	0	2	158
Saturday	36	75	4	3	0	8	0	0	126
Total	325	396	10	13	0	47	2	9	802

Traffic Collision

On November 7th just after 3:00 pm, a motorist traveling east on Beach St. toward Main St. failed to see a pedestrian crossing the street at Market Ave. The pedestrian was struck by the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and was cooperative with the police. The Morro Bay Police Department Traffic Unit conducted the investigation including questioning of witnesses, questioning and the evaluation of the driver for impairment, obtaining video surveillance in the area, and a vehicle inspection.

Narcotics Arrest

On November 16th, Morro Bay Police Officer conducted a traffic stop in the 1500 block of Main St. The female driver of the vehicle was found to be wanted for outstanding warrants. A search of the vehicle was requested by the officer that was denied by the female and only occupant of the vehicle. A police K-9 from Atascadero PD was requested to the scene. The K-9 alerted to narcotics inside the vehicle resulting in a search. During the search methamphetamine was in the vehicle later weighed and determined to be just under 20 grams of methamphetamine. Female driver was evaluated at the scene for being under the influence of narcotics and was arrested for driving while under the influence of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine.



Morro Bay Police Department at Morro Bay, California

DUI Driver Collision/Arrest

On November 27th just before 8:00 pm, female driver was driving eastbound on South Bay Blvd near the north bound Hwy 1 onramp at nearly 60 mph. The driver failed to make the left turn when she failed to make the turn onto the highway crashing into the small retaining wall leading up the hill to the Water Resource Facility on Therese Drive. The driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and arrested for DUI.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Central Coast Cops and Kids Event

On November 3rd Morro Bay Police Department officers and police explorers participated in the 29th annual California Central Coast Cops and Kids Field Day held in Arroyo Grande. Morro Bay PD brought our motor unit, patrol truck, and a lot of fun giveaways for the kids. This is a fun event, and we love to see and connect with so many of the youth in our communities.



Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

As an annual tradition the Morro Bay Police Volunteer Unit along with officers assisted the Lions Club with the delivery of Thanksgiving meals to many in our community. Several volunteers and officers showed up Thanksgiving morning to help deliver hundreds of meals to the community. Volunteers also assist directing traffic in and out of the community center where thanksgiving meals were handed to hundreds of community members.



Fire

Response Statistics

The Morro Bay Fire Department totaled 189 responses from October 1 through October 31, 2024.

- Series 100 (Fires) 5 incidents
- Series 200 (Overpressure, rupture, explosion, no fire) 0 incidents
- Series 300 (Rescue & EMS incident) 126 incidents
- Series 400 (Hazardous condition no fire) 7 incidents
- Series 500 (Service call) 12 incidents
- Series 600 (Good intent call) 17 incidents
- Series 700 (False alarm & false call) 20 incidents
- Series 800 (Severe weather & natural disaster) 0 incidents
- Series 900 (Special incident type) 0 incidents
- Total 189 incidents

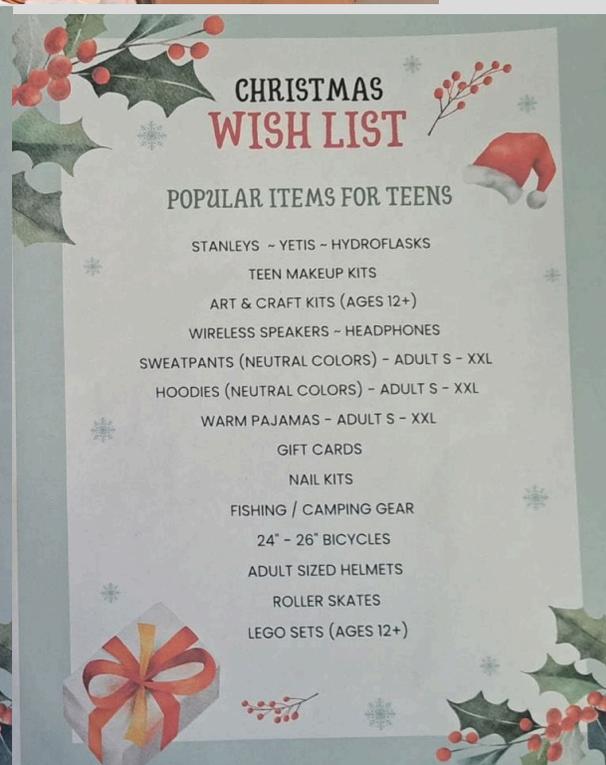
Training

Morro Bay Fire Department staff participated in 424 hours of departmental training. This included Capstone testing for our two probationary Firefighters. Cliff Elgin and Tanner Russell both completed their Firefighter probation taskbooks successfully. Other training completed included rope rescue, Sure rescue and rescue watercraft operation, auto extrication, and multiple medical scenario trainings.



Season Of Hope

The Morro Bay Fire Department is proud to partner with KSBY for the annual Season of Hope food and toy drive. You can help make this holiday season brighter for those in need by joining us for the 13th annual Season of Hope from October 14 to December 13. Please bring in healthy, non-perishable food donations or a new unwrapped toy donation to the Morro Bay Fire Station located at 715 Harbor Street. All food and toy donations benefit local families. If you would like to make a financial donation, checks can be made out to "Operation Santa" or to the "SLO Food Bank". Envelopes are available at the Morro Bay Fire Department for cash or check donations.



Mutual Aid

The fire season in California remained active through November requiring the support of the Morro Bay Fire Department on the "Mountain Fire" incident in Ventura County as part of a type 1 engine strike team along with Atascadero Fire and Emergency Services, Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services, San Luis Obispo City Fire Department, and San Luis Obispo County Fire Department. Including this incident the

Morro Bay Fire Department contributed more than 7,654 hours of personnel time to mutual aid incidents throughout California and Oregon this summer while still ensuring the city remained fully covered. This was a monumental task that required participation by all department members to meet this need.



Holiday Safety

As we enter the holiday season the Morro Bay Fire Department would like to remind the community to be prepared for storms, power outages, and temperature extremes. Ensure you have adequate food, water and medications to be self-sufficient for up to 72 hours for each person in your home. Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are properly functioning. When decorating for the holidays, make sure to use approved devices for indoor and outdoor decorations, water live Christmas trees, and ensure open flames such as candles are not left unattended.



Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 <p>Almost half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	 <p>Think about using battery-operated flameless candles.</p>	 <p>Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.</p>
 <p>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</p>	 <p>A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.</p>	 <p>More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.</p>
 <p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	 <p>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	 <p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/holiday and nfpa.org/winter.

Harbor

Harbor Patrol Noteworthy Responses

As a general reminder for the winter season, we are requesting all boat owners to pay close attention to their boats for loose gear, worn tie up lines and operable bilge pumps. Harbor Patrol responded to many boats over the last couple months with issues on these topics. The larger tidal swings, stronger winds, pushing swells and pouring rain all influence boats inside the harbor. The responsibility of maintaining your vessel to its best performance will help it to endure the winter months.

October 24. Harbor Patrol Officers (HPOs) received a report of a partially sunk vessel in roughly 60 feet of water directly off the coast from Villa creek/Abalone farm area. HPOs responded on vessel 3864 and one rescue watercraft (RWC), along with the Coast Guard. On scene, the vessel appeared to be a roughly 35' white S/V with the starboard side bow/hull sticking out of the water, everything aft of that being underwater, the anchor was deployed and appeared to be holding. There was no other debris in the water and after an extensive search, no passengers were found. There were no visible markings on any part of the vessel. An unmarked inflatable skiff was retrieved from shore directly East of sunken vessel. The incident was turned over to the Coast Guard, State Parks and the Sheriff for further investigation. To date, the vessel has now broken up and washed ashore in pieces along the beaches of Estero Bay with State Parks leading the cleanup efforts.



November 3. The Harbor Patrol provided boat support and water rescue to the Morro Bay Triathlon. Harbor Patrol assisted the event team with setting/retrieving the buoys to mark the swim and paddle course. One patrol boat and one rescue watercraft monitored the event along with lifeguards and assisted more than 30 swimmers that were not able to complete the challenge.

November 9. Morro Bay Police requested assistance from Harbor Patrol to rescue and detain a possible suspect that fled into the water. The swimmer was associated with a possible theft in town and was hopeful of swimming away.



2024 Lifeguard Season Synopsis

This year started off strong with a great applicant pool and dedicated returning lifeguards to the program. On April 6 we began lifeguard requalification and tryouts. Every returning guard must complete a 500-meter ocean swim in 10 minutes or less as required by the USLA (United States Lifesaving Association) to keep their certification current. This swim is typically held in the bay near Coleman Beach. A minimum number of recurrent training hours is also required annually to retain a USLA certificate.

Tryouts for new applicants consisted of the same swim, plus an additional paddle course and a run-swim-run though the surf. This year we had a total of 27 applicants, with 15 of those making it to interviews after the tryout.

From there, new hires are considered “cadets” until they successfully complete the 61-hour USLA Academy. Morro Bay Harbor Department is certified by USLA to train lifeguards to their national standards. As part of a dedication to water safety in Estero Bay, and a trade in the workload of putting on the multiple weekend academy, Morro Bay Harbor Department partners with Morro Bay Recreation Services and SLO County Parks to train incoming lifeguards. This ensures all Morro Bay Beach lifeguards, Junior Lifeguard Instructors, Cayucos Beach lifeguards and Cayucos Junior Guard Instructors are put to the test in the waters they will be working in.

Our Academy started on the last weekend of April with first aid and CPR training. The following two weekends are split between lectures, testing and physical challenges. A final written test and practical concludes the training where cadets demonstrate their newly learned rescue techniques in mock rescues with returning (often non-compliant) guards. The dedication from those that finish is always impressive.

Lifeguards began staffing the towers weekends only, beginning Memorial Day Weekend. The towers were dragged down the beach from their storage locations, cleaned, stocked for service. By mid-June towers were staffed 7 days per week, 10 am – 6pm. Weekdays we had 3 lifeguards on duty and 4 on the weekends. There are 3 towers stretching from the Rock Parking lot to the City limits line about 2/3 of a

mile to the north. This year was particularly busy at the beginning of the season with the newly purchased UTV getting outfitted for lifeguard use and staff trained in its operation. The UTV is an effective tool to drive through the soft sand and endure marine corrosion while posted on the beach, with a smaller footprint to navigate through a crowd.

Newly hired guards shadowed returning guards to hone their skills as spotters of potential dangers. One of the most valued tenets of lifeguarding, aside from preparedness, is the prevention of problems before they occur. Thus, being able to spot a person in trouble before they are in trouble is a valued skill in this field.

Statistics for the season include an estimated 38000 visitors to our beach, 941 public contacts, 104 public assists, 10 medical aids, 137 public safety lectures, 320 training actions, 477 pieces of trash collected, and 6 rescues. One fatality in the water occurred this year that was later attributed to a medical issue and not due to drowning.

After Labor Day, staffing dropped back to weekends only until the first weekend of October when we concluded the regular season. There are, however, a few events during the off season for which lifeguards are needed. One of which is the WSL surf competition the first weekend of December.

As of October 13, the lifeguard towers were pulled to their storage locations off the beach marking the conclusion to another successful lifeguard season.





Ocean Rescue Training

Morro Bay Harbor Patrol and qualified staffing from Morro Bay Fire train extensively in Rescue Watercraft (RWC) operations. This is a specialty assignment that has quarterly and annual qualifications. This month staff participated in a weeklong course, certified through K38, consisting of classroom learning, mechanical basics, slow speed operation, night operations and surf training. The training involves performing complex (multiple level) rescue responses in low, moderate, high and severe risk environments.



Crab Pot Christmas Tree

Keep your eyes peeled for the annual tradition of the crab pot tree on the South T Pier. The Harbor Patrol began this tradition in 2016 with the help of the Commercial Fisherman's Organization who donated their used gear and assistance for decorations. Over the years it was built in different locations including Tidelands Park, Centennial Park, Anchor Memorial Park, and the Maritime Museum. The build takes a few days to complete and in past years was even done in the pouring rain. This year we would like to thank the Tourism Business Advisory Board for their generous donation to purchase some new crab pots to help the stability of the tree for years to come.

Public Works

Engineering:

Shasta Avenue Drainage Improvements:

New curb and gutter were installed to improve drainage at the intersection of Shasta Ave. and Pacific St. Knowles Construction and Stephen Williams Concrete brought in extra staff to complete the construction prior to predicted heavy rains. The rains showed this project significantly improved drainage at this location.



New Hotel at 205 Harbor:

Frontage improvements for this new hotel include construction of new sidewalk, curb and gutter. Public Works inspector Matt Bishop noticed the existing storm drain that would be under the new sidewalk was deteriorated but replacement was not included in the construction contract. Matt coordinated the purchase of the new storm drain by the City and installation by the contractor without additional project cost. This saved what would have been a significant cost in the future to remove the new sidewalk to replace the old storm drain.



Lift Stations 1 Force Main replacement:

The new force main pipe has been installed, tested and is now in use. The new pipe replaces the temporary pipe installed when the old force main failed. Final construction site restoration work will be completed by mid-December.



Utilities Training:

Morro Bay hosted a Water Treatment and Water Distribution training course at the Water Resources Center in November. Several Cities sent operators that needed to obtain continuing education hours for their certifications. Some operators took the class to get education hours some took it as a training class to prepare for their upcoming next certification test.



Recycled Water Update:

The City began an interim injection test/tracer study (injection test) as part of the design for the Recycled Water component of the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Program, which will include the injection of advanced purified recycled water produced at the City's Water Resources Center and delivered into a series of injection wells located in the lower Morro Valley Groundwater Basin. The injected advanced purified recycled water will then need to travel through the aquifer for at least two months (required by the California State Water Resources Control Board Groundwater Replenishment Reuse Project regulations) before being extracted for treatment and use in the City's water distribution system. The injection test is intended to confirm the travel times in the groundwater and is anticipated to operate for approximately two months.

For the injection test, the City will be injecting potable water, with a trace amount of fluorescein dye, utilizing the already constructed pilot injection well (aka Injection Well 1) and measuring the amount of time that it takes to reach nearby monitoring wells. Fluorescein is an EPA approved/NSF Certified dye that is safe for use in drinking water. The amount of fluorescein injected into the basin is so small and dilute, that there will be no color or affect to customers' potable water supply when extracted, treated, and distributed. During the injection test, the City will be pumping groundwater from its Morro Wellfield to better mimic operating conditions when the Recycled Water project is complete and to recover the injected water.

The injection test will provide the City with critical information on the injection rates and travel times that the City can anticipate for the recycled water project and will help inform the design of the injection wells.



Utility Stats for November:

November	
Water	
Leaks	4
USAs	37
Meter shutoff due to Emergency	0
Meter re-reads/on-offs	115
Chlorine residuals checked	21
Tank inspections completed	37
Meters exchanged	4
Water complaint	2
Dead End lines flushed	15
BWRO production	16 M Gal
State Water purchased	12.9 M Gal
Sewer	
Footage of sewer lines cleaned	4,163
CCTV'd sewer lines	0
Lateral inspections	1
Lift Station inspections	45
FOG inspection	5
Sewer Lateral inspections	3
WRC	
Sewage Processed	22.24 M Gal
Waste Hauled	120 Tons
Work Orders completed	304

Maintenance:

**Public Works Department
Consolidated Maintenance Monthly Report
11/1/2024 to 11/30/2024**



Monthly Service Requests Completed

CM	# of SR
Bike Path Issues	1
Curb Painting Request	1
Curb Repair	1
Graffiti	5
Maintenance Request	6
Pothole/Sinkhole	4
Safety Issue	1
Sidewalk Issue	1
Sign or Banner Missing/Damaged	1
Storm Drain Issue	1
Street Light Out/Broken	2
Tree Pruning/Trimming	1
Total Service Requests Completed	25

**Public Works Department
Consolidated Maintenance Monthly Report
11/1/2024 to 11/30/2024**



Monthly Work Orders Completed

CM	# of Work Orders
Facilities	
ADA Work	2
Core Duties	32
Custodial	2
Electrical	5
Facilities Other	4
General Maintenance	4
Graffiti Removal	2
Plumbing	1
Roof & Gutter	3
Set-up / Break Down Meeting	3
Weed Abatement	1
Fleet	
Brake System	1
Engine Service	1
Shop Inspection	1
Tire Work	6
Landscape Areas	
Mow	1
Parks	
ADA Work	1
Concrete Work	1
Core Duties	5
Custodial	1
Graffiti Removal	1
Irrigation Inspection	1
Irrigation Repair	2
Maintenance	7
Mowing	5
Other	4
Tree Hazard Reduction	3
Turf Maintenance	3
Weed Abatement	3
Restrooms and Trash	
Custodial	1
Maintenance	1
Replace	1
Sidewalks-Paths	
Graffiti Removal	1
Mark Lifts	1
Other	2
Stormwater	
Inspection	1
Street Trees	
Tree Trimming	5
Streets	
ADA Work	3
CMA Patch	1
Dig Out	1
HMA Patch	1
Install	1
Other	3
Striping/Painting	1
Sweeping/Cleaning	2
Total Work Orders Completed	132

Restriping on Embarcadero and Carmel



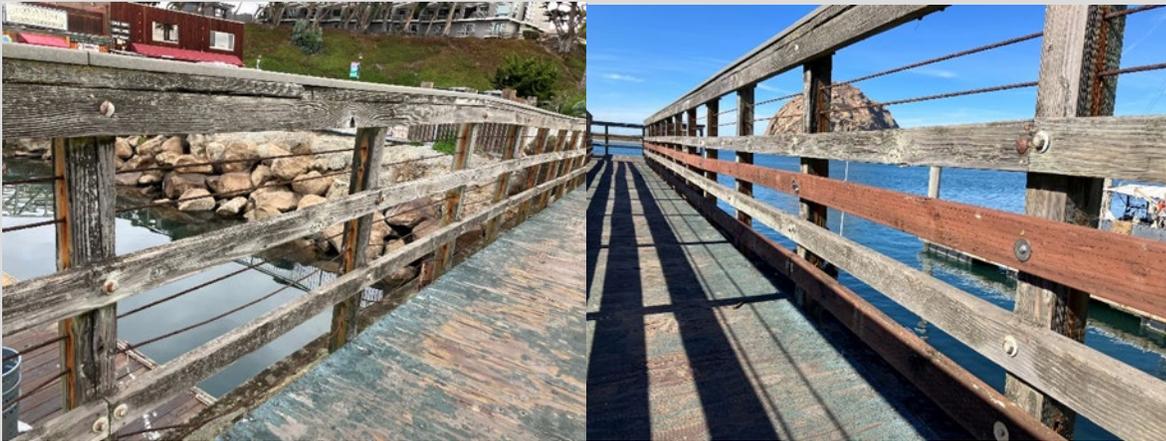
No camping signs installed on Quintana Rd



New stop sign on Kennedy Way



Removal of broken cables and installation of new rails at Anchor Park Pier



Replacement of rotted-out railings at South T Pier



Street Repairs on Morro Ave



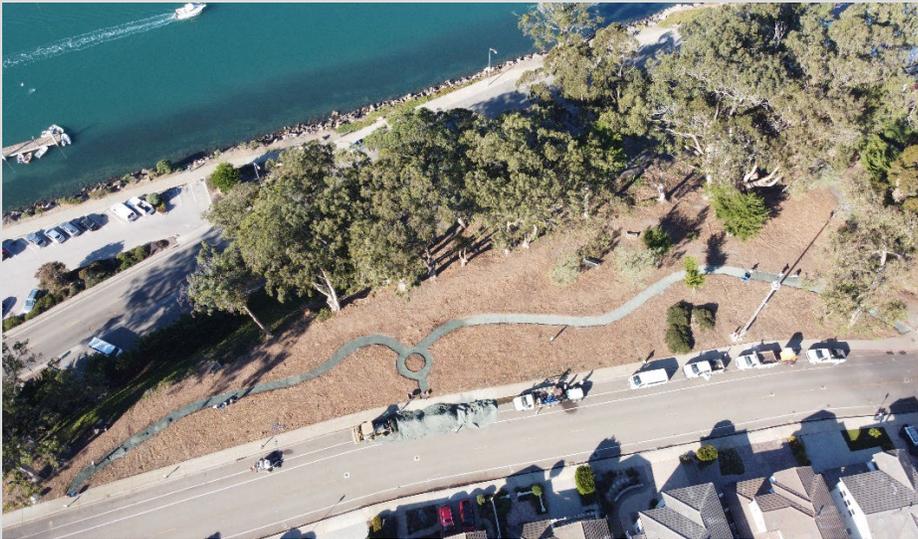
During the November Rainstorm part of a tree fell on Hillview St



New BBQ grates were fabricated and installed at Lila Keiser Park



Franklin Riley Park improvement work in November





Volunteers Needed

The City of Morro Bay seeks passionate and dedicated community members to volunteer for our Advisory Bodies.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- Planning Commission
- Public Works Advisory Board
- Recreation and Parks Commission
- Harbor Advisory Board

RECRUITMENT PERIOD

November 13 - December 20, 2024 by 5 pm

Interviews are tentatively scheduled on January 14, 2025. Applicants should be present at the interview to be considered by the City Council.

More information:

-  (805) 772-6568
-  www.morrobayca.gov/advisorybody
-  cityclerk@morrobayca.gov



HIRING NOW

FULL TIME OPENINGS

- Police Officer - Lateral or POST Academy Graduate Only

OTHER OPENINGS

- Advisory Body Member

PART TIME TEMPORARY OPENINGS

- Pool Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Sports Official

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



Administrative Services (Finance and IT)

The City's Administrative Services team is continuing work on the FY 2023-24 audit and required year-end reporting, modernizing internal processes from paper to electronic format, and continuing to pursue systems improvements to deliver services such as utility billing and business license and transient occupancy tax administration as effectively and efficiently as possible given existing resources. Staff is also coordinating two fee studies: one for development impact fees and one for user fees with the goal of implementing updated fee schedules next fiscal year.

Recreation

Holiday Events

Join us as we welcome Santa to Morro Bay! Friday will be our annual Holiday Tree Lighting at City Park at 3:30pm. Join us for hot apple cider, cookies, and a visit from the big guy himself. Then come back Saturday morning and have Breakfast with Santa. This will be held at the Morro Bay Vet's Hall from 9:00-11:00am. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or at the Morro Bay Recreation Office.

MORRO BAY INVITES YOU TO OUR
Annual HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING Celebration!
FRIDAY DEC. 6TH 3:30 PM - DUSK
AT CITY PARK IN MORRO BAY
COME ENJOY HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES, HOT CIDER, COOKIES, AND SAY HELLO TO SANTA!

MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES PRESENTS ...
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
EVENT INCLUDES
SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Morro Bay Vet's Hall 209 Surf St., Morro Bay, CA

- PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH HOT COCOA BAR
- ENTRY IN THE ELF WORKSHOP WITH
 - CRAFTS AND GIFT MAKING
 - COOKIE DECORATING
 - FACE PAINTING
 - MINI GINGERBREAD HOUSE STATION
- PHOTOS WITH SANTA

\$12 per Ticket includes a Pancake Breakfast made by our local Kiwanis Club and a Trip to The Elf Workshop (\$7 Tickets for Breakfast Only)
Preregister by December 6th
Scan here to Register and Search "Breakfast"

Visit Us on the Web at: www.morrobayca.gov Like Us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay
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Seniors

As we move through the holidays the focus is on our annual Health and Wellness Faire on January 25. This event is the highlight of the year for many seniors in the community as we gather 40 exhibitors in the Community Center who cover a range of services including Senior housing to Scam protection to Physical Therapy.

Morro Bay Active Adults...55+ who we partner with in many senior activities is proud to announce their membership has surpassed 1000 for the first time in decades! All the activities we offer as well as staging Tunes and Tideland and Health Faire have really begun to ignite and energize our local seniors.

Sports

Adult Softball culminated in a playoff for the 4 teams participating on Monday, November 18th. Seasoned veterans "Bats and Mitts" took the Championship and are now the undisputed champions of Morro Bay Coed Softball for 2024. Stay tuned for their title defense in 2025!

Basketball assessments were held November 16 and 17 at Baywood Elementary. This was the first official league activity of the season. In December we will launch Estero Bay Youth Basketball League for over 320 players on the coast!



Aquatics

Fall Aquatics splashed through November with Lap Swimming Tuesday and Thursday 6am – 8am, Monday through Friday 11:30am – 2pm and Sundays 10am – 2:30pm. Aqua aerobics was Tuesday and Thursday 7am – 8am and Monday through Friday 11:30am – 12:30pm. Masters swimming is 6:30am – 7:30am. Private and Semi-private lessons were on Sundays from 10am – 2:30pm. The Pool will be closed for maintenance December 2nd through December 13th.



Youth Services

Kids' Club opened for extra hours for Del Mar Elementary's Minimum Days week and the kiddos enjoyed extra fun activities with our staff. Youth Services hosted a three-day Holiday Hangout camp over Thanksgiving Break. We had 30 registered campers and although it rained most of the week, they had tons of fun making Mayflowers, floating them in the puddles, and holding our annual Turkey Bowl inside the school gym. Youth Services will be hosting another Holiday Hangout camp over the Winter Break. Sign up today [online!](#)



Elf Workshops:
 Thursday 12/19
 Friday 12/20

Sports Camp:
 Monday 12/23

Winter Wonderland:
 Thursday 12/26
 Friday 12/27

Sports Camp:
 Monday 12/30

To Infinity & Beyond:
 Thursday 1/2
 Friday 1/3



Morro Bay
 Recreation Services
 Presents

HOLIDAY HANGOUT

December 2024
 19th & 20th
 23rd
 26th-27th
 30th

January 2025
 2nd & 3rd



3 DAYS - \$115
2 DAYS - \$85
1 DAY - \$50

Register
 by **Dec. 13th**
 At MB Rec Office, Kids' Club or
 Scan below to sign up

COME JOIN THE FUN!

When: December 19th & 20th, 23rd, 26th & 27th, 30th
 January 2nd & 3rd
 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Who: Children 4-12 years old
 Where: KIDS' CLUB
 @ 501 Sequoia St # 25



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANGELICA AT (805)772-6279

Community Development

Vistra Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project

On October 28, 2024, Vistra notified the City of its intent to apply to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for approval of its proposed 600 MW BESS project at the power plant property under the AB 205 opt-in certification program.

Vistra's letter is posted on the Community Development Department's website:

[Vistra-Letter-Pausing-Morro-Bay-Consideration-Final.](#)

More information is available on the CEC website regarding the AB 205 opt-in certification program.

[Opt-In Certification Program](#)

City staff continue to research the AB 205 process to advance City interests in the permitting process, should Vistra apply to the State.

3300 Panorama Subdivision

City staff would like to thank members of the public who participated in the scoping process for the 3300 Panorama subdivision Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The public comment period for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the 3300 Panorama Subdivision project ended on November 15, 2024. The public and agency NOP comment letters are posted on the Community Development Department's website: [Panorama-Project-EIR-Scoping-Comments-2024](#)

The video of the EIR scoping meeting is posted on the City's YouTube channel:

https://youtu.be/t_MKz123F_0?si=ZmfNEKHKHmcx1BkZ

The City has amended its contract with Rincon Consultants to include additional environmental analysis in the EIR based on the public comments received at the EIR scoping meeting and in response to the NOP. The City also amended the contract to include an additional public meeting on the Draft EIR and additional budget for preparing responses to public comments.

The Draft EIR is expected to be released for public review and comment in the summer of 2025. Further project updates will be posted on the Community Development Department's "Current Planning Projects" webpage: [Current Planning Projects | City of Morro Bay - Official Website](#)

Planning Commission

At its November 19, 2024 meeting, the Planning Commission heard two projects: 1) the Bayside Landing project, and 2) a parcel map at 900 Ridgeway.

[Bayside Landing CUP](#)

The Planning Commission heard a request by Paul Gillen for a Conditional Use Permit to develop the Bayside Landing project at the southern end of the Embarcadero. The project proposed to remodel the existing Associated Pacific Contractor (APC) office building to include a new retail space, while demolishing

three existing vacation rental cottages and building 8 new “boutique” hotel units. The project proposed a second story observation deck that connected the second-floor hotel rooms and the retail space to be added in the remodeled APC office building.

During the hearing, much of the public testimony and deliberation focused on the height, mass, and scale of the proposed project. Concerns were also raised regarding the loss of the architecturally distinct and character defining vacation rental cottages. The project requested a height exception, allowing the second-floor hotel units to reach a height of 22 feet, exceeding the 17-foot height limit by 5 feet. The project also included a 24-foot tall elevator tower. The Commission ultimately denied the project, finding that the project did not provide sufficient public benefit to outweigh the impact of the height exception.

The applicant filed an appeal of the Planning Commission’s decision. The City Council will hear the applicant’s appeal on January 14, 2025. If the project is approved by the City Council, it would then proceed to the California Coastal Commission for a Coastal Development Permit.

900 Ridgeway Parcel Map

At the same meeting, the Planning Commission approved a subdivision of two existing adjacent parcels into 3 parcels. The existing parcels contained two structures deemed historically significant by the Historic Resources Evaluation provided by the applicant for the project, the residence and art studio. The residence was constructed between the late 1920s and 1930, the art studio was designed by and constructed for Harold Knott, a prominent member of the Morro Bay Art Colony, in 1931 after his purchase of the property. Harleigh Knott, Harold Knott’s daughter, travelled and worked for Stanford University before returning to live in the home and work in Morro Bay as the Librarian for Morro Bay High School in 1984. She worked there until retiring in 1996 and continued to reside in Morro Bay until her passing in 2019. More information about Harleigh can be found on her website, <https://harleighknott.com>. To maintain the historic significance, the project scope also includes relocating the residence to the same proposed parcel as the art studio.



Permit Statistics

As we enter the rainy season, building permit activity has slowed down to 37 permits issued, compared to a 6-month average of 45 permits issued per month. This is a typical seasonal lull in permit activity.

BUILDING	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24
Permits Issued	45	35	51	54	51	37
Inspections	174	283	301	287	240	257
New Applications	18	15	15	13	15	9
Valuation	\$2,527,295	\$806,123	\$768,327	\$2,710,869	\$1,941,975	\$2,401,219
Fees Collected	\$264,202	\$40,637	\$35,690	\$205,464	\$158,853	\$251,488
PLANNING	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24
Coastal Development Permi	4	3	12	1	1	1
Use Permits	1	1	1	0	0	0
Sign Permits	0	0	0	2	1	0
Temporary Use Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lot / Parcel Map	0	3	0	0	0	0
Min/Maj Modification	0	2	1	1	0	1
Parking Exception	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk Vending License	1	0	0	0	0	0
Zoning Clearance	1	0	0	1	0	0
Comm Cannabis Renewal	0	0	1	0	0	0
Admin Design Review	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	7	9	16	5	2	2
Fees Collected	\$2,755	\$29,890	\$30,217	\$ 6,684.50	\$ 3,795.50	\$ 3,707.50