



## June 25, 2025

Summer is here! June is a big month for City Hall. We adopted the City's budget, received a report on the short-term rental regulations, and made substantial progress on the paving work which is nearly finished. We also officially launched the Waterfront Master Plan process, a major step in shaping the future of our coastal areas. In addition, recruitment for a new in-house City Attorney is now underway and we hope to conclude the process by July.

## Looking ahead to July

The City Council and advisory committees will take a short summer recess, giving City staff time to focus on behind-the-scenes work. One key project during this break is upgrading the audio and video system at the Vets Hall.

July also brings some exciting community events:

- **July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Join us at Tidelands Park for the Annual Family Fun Day as we celebrate our nation's 249<sup>th</sup> birthday. A friendly reminder: fireworks are not allowed on public property.
- **July 12<sup>th</sup>** – The Rock to Pier Run returns for the 55<sup>th</sup> year.
- **July 17<sup>th</sup>** –The City of Morro Bay will turn 61 years old. Our City's birthday is a reminder of our rich history and strong sense of coastal community.
- **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – City Council returns from summer recess and resumes regular City Council meetings at the Vets Hall.

This month's newsletter you will find updates from all City departments and divisions. Thank you for staying connected and involved with your city government.

Thanks!

Your Morro Bay City Staff

# Police

## POLICE OPERATIONS

### Patrol Operations May 21 – June 23, 2025

Summer has arrived in Morro Bay. Calls have increased during this period. Officers experienced a high level of calls with an increase on Fridays and Saturdays. To help draw a comparison of calls for service to the department, the past 33 days provided a total of 1102 calls for service. A 78-day total from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> in 2025, was a total of 1318.

During the listed operational period, the Morro Bay Police Department conducted over 180 traffic stops and issued over 90 citations. Leading reasons for citations issued were for speeding, using a cellular device while driving, and failure to stop at posted stop signs.

- 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

Priority	Description
7	LAW CODE 1
8	LAW CODE 2
9	LAW CODE 3
10	LOBBY TRAFFIC
12	LAW CODE 3 LIFE THREAT
14	10-21 REPORT
15	MORE TO FOLLOW LAW
44	ADMIN

Day of Week	Priority								Total
	7	8	9	10	12	14	15	44	
Sunday	28	77	3	8	0	2	1	4	123
Monday	58	69	2	10	0	6	0	4	149
Tuesday	58	71	0	3	0	5	0	2	139
Wednesday	53	69	0	2	0	7	1	3	135
Thursday	47	109	3	7	0	10	0	3	179
Friday	44	114	1	4	0	15	0	1	179
Saturday	51	125	3	8	0	8	1	2	198
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1102</b>

### Senior Officer Art Vasquez Promoted to Sergeant

The police department is excited to announce the promotion of Art Vasquez to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Vasquez joined the Morro Bay Police Department in 2019, after a successful career as an investigator for the San Bernardino County Public Defender's Office. Sergeant Vasquez has served in roles for the Morro Bay Police Department as a Field Training Officer, Senior Officer, and Advisor for the Police Cadet program. Sergeant Vasquez will continue to be a great leader for the department and the community. Congratulations, Sergeant Vasquez.



### **Police Department Deploys Mobile Surveillance Trailer**

The police department has placed its newest technology into use to help keep the community safe. The department's new Mobile Surveillance Trailer has already made an impact and will continue to be a force multiplier for the department.

The public video surveillance system is useful to prevent, deter, and identify criminal activity; to target identified areas of narcotics complaints or activity; to assist in identifying, apprehending, and prosecuting offenders; to document officer and offender conduct during interactions to safeguard the rights of the public and officer; to augment resources in a cost-effective manner; to monitor pedestrian and vehicle traffic activity.

The operation of the mobile surveillance system is a complement to the department's anti-crime strategy, to effectively allocate and deploy personnel, and to enhance public safety and security in public areas. These cameras assist the police department in deterring crime and making potential criminals think twice before committing offenses. These cameras also provide valuable evidence for investigations, helping to catch and prosecute suspects. The camera is placed in strategic locations throughout the city to detect and deter crime, to help safeguard against potential threats to the public, to help manage emergency response situations during natural or man-made disasters and to assist city officials in providing services to the community.

The camera was purchased using combined funds from the city's general fund and the department's COPS grant for the purpose of aiding front-line officers with the benefits previously mentioned. The first deployment of this camera was during the MB Kite Festival at the end of April. This camera assisted PD with monitoring the traffic flow and congestion of the parking lot, resulting in higher efficiency with less personnel required for that monitoring. It was also used to deter crime, especially at night, with crime opportunities increasing with equipment and vendor property remaining during evening hours.

The police department maintains a policy related to Public Safety Video Surveillance System. Cameras will be placed in strategic locations throughout the city to detect and deter crime, to help safeguard against potential threats to the public, to help manage emergency response situations during natural and man-made disasters and to assist City officials in providing services to the community. It is the policy of the police department that video surveillance in public areas will be conducted in a legal and ethical manner while recognizing and protecting constitutional standards of privacy.

Recent deployments of the Mobile Surveillance Trailer have been the Morro Bay Kite Festival for monitoring of congestion at the rock parking lot, 700 block of Embarcadero for reports of theft of plants, Del Mar Park for ongoing vandalism at the public restrooms, Morro Bay Rock Radio parking lot for vandalism and suspicious activity, and US Coast Guard Station Morro Bay for increased security at the request of USCG.



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Scholarships Awarded to MBHS Students**

The Morro Bay Peace Officers Association and Police Volunteers joined together to give four outstanding Morro Bay High School seniors scholarships worth \$500 each for their continued education. Recipients of these scholarships were Jacob Falat, Orion Rea, Vivienne Alvarez, and Ruth Gallardo.

### **Morro Bay Girl Scout Troop 45105 Helps Train Rocky**

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Girl Scout Troop 45105 helped the police department to train Rocky, the department's therapy dog. The training was a great success with each of the troop members teaching Rocky how to work closely with young people and work through things that can make dogs stressed while learning good behaviors. This is a part of the Girl Scouts community service where they earned a badge for training. Rocky (9 months old) continues working hard to complete his training to be successful as a therapy dog for the department and the community.



# Fire

## Response Statistics

The Morro Bay Fire Department totaled 155 responses from May 1 through May 31, 2025. These responses include,

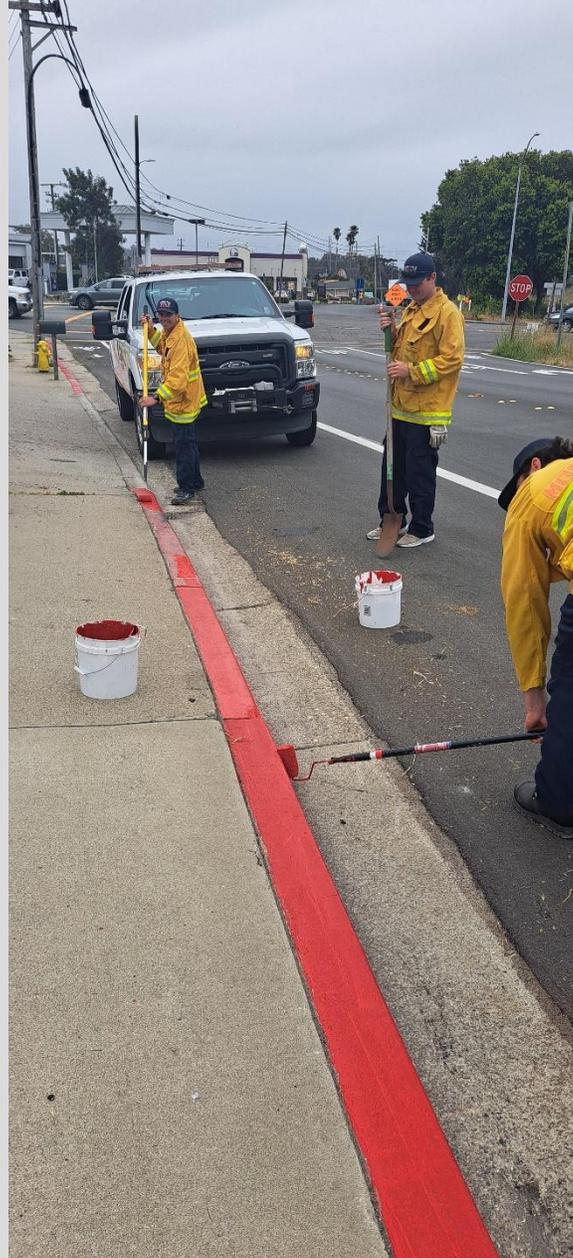
- Series 100 (Fires) 1 incident
- Series 200 (Overpressure, rupture, explosion, no fire) 1 incident
- Series 300 (Rescue & EMS incident) 110 incidents
- Series 400 (Hazardous condition no fire) 3 incidents
- Series 500 (Service call) 14 incidents
- Series 600 (Good intent call) 12 incidents
- Series 700 (False alarm & false call) 13 incidents
- Series 800 (Severe weather & natural disaster) 1 incident
- Series 900 (Special incident type) 0 incidents
- Total 155 incidents

## Fire Chief Update

The Morro Bay Fire Department has hired three Seasonal Firefighters for the summer. We would like to welcome Cole Berkeland, Blake Alspach, and Mikial Choboian to the department. Staff have been very busy preparing for the upcoming fire season and training the Seasonal Firefighters in all aspects of firefighting and emergency response here in the city. Seasonal Firefighters have also been busy around town painting the red curbs to meet the new state laws in partnership with the Public Works Department.



Pictured left to right Blake Alspach, Mikial Choboian, Cole Berkeland



The Morro Bay Firefighters Association IAFF Local 3725 presented scholarships at the Morro Bay High School graduation ceremony to Reagan Shattuck, Odin Grafton, Jacon Duclos, and Colton Taylor. Each student received a \$500 scholarship.



### **Fire Prevention**

As a reminder the deadline for weed abatement is Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Marshal will begin inspecting properties after this date. The city weed abatement guidelines require the clearing of annual grasses and weeds on empty lots to no more than 4" in height by mowing (disking and rototilling are not permitted). We require the removal of **dead** bushes, tree limbs, excess trash, wood and other combustibles. Side and backyards shall be abated. All cuttings within 10 feet of adjoining properties, streets or sidewalks must be removed and sidewalks, gutter and street areas shall be left clean. No piles or clumps shall be left on the property; however, finely cut material may be scattered, providing the above requirements are met and material will not blow onto adjoining properties or street areas. These requirements are in place citywide.

For properties that are now designated as Very High fire hazard severity the CAL Fire defensible space guidelines will have to be applied. Many city lots are not large enough to clear 100 feet from a structure, in that situation the property owner is required to clear up to their property line. These guidelines have three different zones zero to five feet, five to thirty feet, and thirty to one hundred feet. Each zone has different recommendations.

### **Zone Zero, the first five feet from your home is the most important.**

- Keeping the area closest to buildings, structures, and decks clear will prevent embers from igniting materials that can spread the fire to your home.

- Why? The majority of homes lost to wildfire are ignited by flying embers. Embers can travel miles ahead of the active front of wildfires.
- What to do:
  - Use hardscape like gravel, pavers, or concrete. No combustible bark or mulch.
  - Remove all dead and dying plants, weeds, and debris (leaves, needles, etc.) from your roof, gutter, deck, porch, stairways, and under any areas of your home.
  - Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet.
  - Limit combustible items (like outdoor furniture and planters) on top of decks.
  - Relocate firewood and lumber to Zone 2.
  - Replace combustible fencing, gates, and arbors attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives.
  - Consider relocating garbage and recycling containers outside this zone.
  - Consider relocating boats, RVs, vehicles, and other combustible items outside this zone.

### **Zone 1 from 5-30 feet**

- Regularly clear dead or dry vegetation and create space between trees. During drought times when watering is limited, pay special attention to clearing dead or dying material.
- Why? Removing dead plants and creating space between trees and shrubs creates a buffer for your property and reduces potential fuel for fire.
- What to do:
  - Remove all dead plants, grass, and weeds.
  - Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles.
  - Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
  - Create a separation between trees, shrubs, and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

### **Zone 2 30-100 feet or to the property line**

- Continue reducing potential fuel within 100 feet or the property line.
- Why? 100 feet of defensible space is required by law. Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291
- What to do:
  - Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of four inches.
  - Create horizontal space between shrubs and trees. (See diagram)
  - Create vertical space between grass, shrubs and trees. (See diagram)
  - Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches. However, they may be permitted to a depth of three inches.
  - Keep 10 feet of clearance around exposed wood piles, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions.
  - Clear areas around outbuildings and propane tanks. Keep 10 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around their exterior.

### **Fireworks**

Now that summer is here and we will soon be celebrating Independence Day, the Fire Department would like to remind property owners and visitors of the fireworks regulations in the city and a reminder that the use of illegal fireworks or misuse of “safe and sane” fireworks may result in a fine of \$1,000 even for first-time offenses.



The Morro Bay Fire Department wishes you and your family a very safe July 4th celebration. Safe and Sane Fireworks are allowed on private property in Morro Bay. NO Fireworks on public property such as our parking lots, parks, and beaches. Any Fireworks that do not have our State's Safe and Sane seal on the device are illegal. Any use of illegal Fireworks or misuse of Safe and Sane Fireworks will result in a citation and a fine of \$1,000;

even first-time offenses. For you and your neighbor's safety, please use the following precautions:

**DO:**

- ONLY Safe and Sane Fireworks
- Have an adult present at all times
- Light one at a time, then move away quickly
- Assign an adult "Shooter" to light your family's fireworks
- Keep others at a safe distance
- Keep fire an extinguishing agent within 100 feet, (fire extinguisher, garden hose, bucket of water)
- Use only outdoors and on your private property, never inside a structure
- Maintain a minimum of 10 feet clearance from all residential dwellings or other structures
- Place fountains or other spark emitting fireworks upright on a concrete, asphalt or other hard level surface
- Douse spent fireworks into a bucket of water before discarding

**DON'T:**

- DON'T use illegal fireworks, \$1,000 fine!
- DON'T use any fireworks on public property, \$1,000 fine!
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Do not elevate fireworks on to any surface above ground level (no ladders, stand, etc)
- Never hold lit fireworks in your hand



## Harbor

### Harbor Vitality Director Update:

- Met with Congressman Salud Carbajal and USCG Rear Admiral Joseph R. Buzzella regarding North T-Pier improvements and funding.
- Received feedback from Harbor Advisory Board and Planning Commission regarding PG&E light fixture replacement.
- Submitted grant application to Central Coast Joint Cable/Fisheries Liaison Committee for fishing wharf pier repairs, gear storage upgrades, slip repairs, and CMANC conference.
- Amended lease for Morro Bay Oyster Company to facilitate improvements.
- Assessed Beach Wheelchair program and identified funding options.
- Met with California Air Resources Board staff regarding regulations affecting Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels.
- Submitted request for a Letter of Support from Caltrans for the Port Infrastructure Development Program. Funding could be used for rehabilitation of the T-Piers and other port infrastructure.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredge vessel Yaquina conducted and completed their annual dredging of the Morro Bay harbor entry. Funding for next year's dredging was included in the preliminary federal budget.
- Researched previous dredging and development projects for the MB State Park Marina.
- Sought replacement options for weathered interpretive signs on the waterfront.



## Harbor Patrol

### Harbor Patrol Statistics for May 1- May 31, 2025

Bay Patrol	Land Patrol	Calls for Service	Emergency Response	Assist other Agency	Enforcement Contact	Training	Maintenance Action	Weather Advisory
98	240	161	17	68	51	36	293	22



Morro Bay Harbor Patrol experienced a near record number of vessels launch over the weekend of June 6-8. California fishing regulations allowed for a statewide salmon sport fishing season for a total of two days so far this year. A limit of 7000 Chinook salmon are allowed for summer harvest. Harbor Patrol collaborated with Coast Guard and Fish and Wildlife Wardens to maintain safety on the water. While the total estimate of salmon caught in California is currently still being tabulated, our fish counters reported approximately 1700 salmon caught from Moss Landing down to Avila Beach. Pictured above is Harbor Patrol Officer Charlie Howland on his day off with a great catch and pictured below is Reserve Harbor Patrol Officer Gavin Twist assisting a fishing boat that broke down that weekend. As a reminder, all boat operators must have their California Boater Card while operating a motorized vessel. For more information on how to obtain it online visit:

[California Boater Card](#) or email the Coast Guard Auxiliary for local classes offered [morrobayflotilla761@gmail.com](mailto:morrobayflotilla761@gmail.com)



Harbor Patrol helped with the training efforts of Guide Dogs for the Blind by giving a tour of our facilities and vessels. This training allows the dogs to learn to be calm in new and different situations.



The Harbor Department hosted an in service on drowning prevention and response taught by [The Lifeguard Project](#) . This valuable training provided support for a potentially serious outcome and relies on our young lifeguard staff to navigate an array of risks and respond effectively. Responders from Harbor Patrol, Morro Bay Fire, Coast Guard Station Morro Bay and the Lifeguard staff discussed scenarios after reviewing the physiology of drowning and collaborated on response protocols. The “summer job” as a Morro Bay Beach Lifeguard is held by mostly 16-20 year olds who are strong swimmers/surfers who perform an essential function of protecting countless lives from death or serious injury. They are cross trained in emergency medical response and balance between fleeting moments of fear and heroism. We value our lifeguards and recognize them as first responders and emergency response providers. Say hello when you see them in the tower or training in the water, and express your support for the responsibility they carry on their young shoulders.



# Public Works

## ENGINEERING

### **FEMA Reimbursements:**

Public Works submitted reimbursement claims to FEMA for damage caused by the 2023 and 2024 storms. Sixteen projects were submitted. Ten of the sixteen have completed all levels of FEMA review with \$571,389.64 in reimbursement funds obligated. \$18,285.55 of the obligated funds have been received. Approval of six of the submitted projects are pending final Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review by FEMA.

### **Sidewalk Handhole Repairs**

The City Engineering Inspector Matt Bishop notified AT&T of several handholes in City sidewalks with damage resulting in dangerous conditions including cover failures and trip hazards. Matt coordinated with these utilities to replace the handholes and affected sidewalk panels.



**Before**



**After**



**Before**



**After**

## **TRANSIT**

Morro Bay Transit and the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA) are conducting an online survey as part of the Short Range Transit Plan update. If you don't use transit, they'd like to know why not and if there are changes that can be made so transit can work for you. If you use public transit, they want to know how they can make it a better experience.



Use your smartphone to scan the QR code or use the link below to complete the survey. Your opinion is important to help improve public transit in Morro Bay. Don't miss this opportunity to share your thoughts.

English:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBTCommunitySurvey>

Spanish:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBTEncuestadeLinea>

### **Questions?**

Contact Ari Keplinger via email at [Ari@lsctrans.com](mailto:Ari@lsctrans.com) or call (530) 583-4053.



**What do you think of transit in Morro Bay?**

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The online survey will close July 31st

**Your opinion is important to us.**  
Use your smartphone to scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MBTCommunitySurvey>

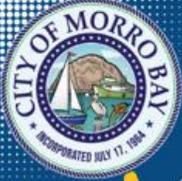
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Morro Bay Transit  
San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority

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**Maintenance:**

<b>Monthly Work Orders Completed</b>	
<b>Facilities</b>	
ADA Work	10
Core Duties	1
Custodial	4
Facilities Other	5
Flooring	1
General Maintenance	1
General Repair	2
HVAC	1
Landscaping	1
Plumbing	2
Weed Abatement	1
<b>Fleet</b>	
Brake System	2
Oil Change Lube	4
Tire Work	2
Vehicle Inspection	4
<b>Irrigation Systems</b>	
Repair	1
<b>Landscape Areas</b>	
Mow	2
Weed Eater	1
<b>Parking Lots</b>	
General Maintenance	2
Other	1
Patching/Repair	2
<b>Parks</b>	
ADA Work	2
Core Duties	31
Custodial	1
Electrical system	1
Graffiti Removal	6
Haul Debris	1
Irrigation Inspection	2
Irrigation Repair	3
Maintenance	5
Mowing	6
Other	11
Tree Hazard Reduction	2
Turf Maintenance	11
Weed Abatement	11
<b>Restrooms and Trash</b>	
Core Duties	167
Maintenance	1
Other	56
<b>Sidewalks-Paths</b>	
Graffiti Removal	1
Mark Lifts	1
Other	1
<b>Street Trees</b>	
Evaluation	1
<b>Streets</b>	
ADA Work	2
CMA Patch	2
Dig Out	1
Grinding	1
HMA Patch	11
Inspect	1
Inspect Sign	1
Install	2
Other	2
Remove	1
Replace Sign	1
Weed Abatement	2
<b>Total Work Orders Completed</b>	<b>398</b>



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



**BE A PART OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**CURRENT VACANCY**

**PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Friday, August 1, 2025 By 5 PM**  
**Contact us at (805) 772-6568 or**  
**[cityclerk@morrobayca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@morrobayca.gov)**

[www.morrobayca.gov/advisorybody](http://www.morrobayca.gov/advisorybody)



# HIRING NOW



## FULL TIME OPENINGS

- City Engineer
- Police Officer - Lateral or POST Academy Graduate Only

## ADVISORY BODY OPENINGS

- Planning Commissioner

## PART TIME TEMPORARY OPENINGS

- Pool Lifeguard
- Sports Official
- Swim Instructor

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 biggest news out of Administrative Services for the last few months is:

- Personnel changes:
  - Former Finance Manager resigned 2/14/2025
  - New Finance Manager hired 5/12/2025
  - Administrative Programs Manager resigned 4/25/2025 and position currently vacant while considering options to optimize
- FY 2025-26 Operating and Capital Budget:
  - Budget Workshop held May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - FY 2025-26 Revised Proposed Operating and Capital Budget going to City Council for adoption June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Preparation for year-end close and FY 2024-25 annual audits

### Personnel Changes:

The Finance Manager position was vacated February 14, 2025; the then-incumbent took the same job in her own community so she could work closer to home and serve the community in which she lives.

To the City's great advantage, we have hired a new Finance Manager, a government finance professional who is dedicated to public service: Melissa Atchison. Melissa brings to the position 14 years of accounting experience in both private and public sectors, working for cities with populations ranging from 17,000 to 125,000. She has the highly valued and rare ability to simultaneously consider the minute details and how the bigger picture, an ability that lends itself to thoughtful and intentional decision-making. Melissa has been at the City seven weeks now and is busy getting to know her team, City processes, and diving into her role here. About working in local government finance, she said, "My passion for public service drives my commitment to ensuring that taxpayer funds are utilized efficiently and effectively, contributing to the overall mission of accountability and stewardship in government finance." We are fortunate to have Melissa join our team! Please give her a warm welcome when you see her at City Hall or around town.

The Administrative Programs Manager position was vacated April 25, 2025 for very similar reasons the Finance Manager position was vacated: a position became available in her own community, providing her the convenience of working closer to home and privilege of serving the community in which she lives. The position is vacant pending department head review for alignment with department needs. Based on the results of the review, a position is likely to open for recruitment in the month of July 2025.

**FY 2025-26 Operating and Capital Budget:** The Budget Workshop was held on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Memorial Building. No changes were requested at that time, however there were administrative updates and corrections that were not completed prior to the workshop, so there is a revised proposed version that will be presented to City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. For all of the details, the FY 2025-26 Revised Proposed Operating and Capital Budget can be viewed here: [FY 2025-26 Operating and Capital Budget-Revised Proposed Version 6/16/2025](#), and the staff report and presentation can be viewed here: [Staff Report and Presentation](#).

**FY 2024-25 Year-end Close and Annual Audits:** The fiscal year is coming to a close June 30<sup>th</sup> and Finance staff are commencing year-end close and annual audit preparation tasks. The annual audit will kick off in July and ultimately result in the publication of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), due six months after the close of the fiscal year. [Brown Armstrong Certified Public Accountants](#) will conduct the annual audit again this year, as well as the Single Audit and required audits of special revenue funds (Transit Fund, Bike Path Fund, and Local Transportation Fund).

## Recreation

May Snapshot	
# of permits created	180
Facility Rental Hours	1085
Senior Center Activities	3164
Sports Participation Hours	984
Kids Club Registrations	2393
#of passes for Aquatics Programs	1381
# of passes for Rec Classes/Clubs	336

May was a strong month for Morro Bay Recreation Services, with high participation across programs and facilities. The start of Flag Football and Cheer added to youth sports participation. Families began preparing for summer leading to a surge in Kids Camp and Junior Guard registrations. Community engagement remained high at the Community Center, Veterans Memorial Building, and Senior Center. Aquatics participation continued to be strong. Overall, May reflected strong momentum and growing community engagement.

### Special Events

Morro Bay Recreation is proud to be hosting the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Fun Day at Tidelands Park.

**MORRO BAY'S**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July 2025**  
**Family Fun Day**  
 AT TIDELANDS PARK  
 Brought to you by Morro Bay Recreation Services

**Celebrate the 4th of July with . . .**

- Live Music**
- Family Fun Games and Contests!**
- Kids' Carnival and Bounce House**  
\$5 Carnival Wristbands
- Food & Drink Vendors**  
Beer Garden Presented By 3 Stacks & A Rock

**Activities at Tidelands Park**

- 10:00 AM - Skateboard Race
- 11:00 AM - Bike Parade
- 11:00 AM - Live Music by Rosewood & Honey
- 12 PM - Opening Flag Ceremony
- 1:00 PM - Live Music by The Michael Arriola Project  
(Band will Play until 4PM)

**Don't Forget:**  
 Our 3rd Annual "Red", White & Blue Bike Parade  
 Start Time: 11:00AM  
 Northside of Morro Creek Bridge

## Community Classes

Check out our Summer Community Class Schedule! And if you're looking for a Summer Class for kids, sign up for our Summer Arts & Crafts Club.



**Summer 2025**  
Morro Bay Recreation Services

# COMMUNITY CLASSES

Creating Community Between People, Parks, and Programs.

**Available classes**

- **Freestyle Fitness with Jenny**
  - Weds. & Fri. 9:00-10:00AM
- **Pilates with Heather**
  - Mon. & Fri. 10:00-11:00AM
- **Dance FIT with Sally**
  - Mon. & Weds. 5:30-6:30PM
- **Zumba with Erika**
  - Tues. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30PM
  - Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- **Open Flow**
  - Wednesday 6:30-8:00PM
- **Okinawan Karate**
  - Tues. & Thurs. 6:00-7:30PM

Find something for everyone!  
**Sign Up today! Register at the Morro Bay Recreation Office**

**MORRO BAY RECREATION SERVICES**  
1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA 93442 ~ (805)772-6278  
www.morrobayca.gov • www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay

**ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB**  
with Instructor Kendra Bowling

For registration and more info scan here

**THURSDAYS**  
@ the Morro Bay Community Center  
**Ages 4-6 3:00-4:00pm**  
**Ages 7-11 4:15-5:15pm**  
**Session \$120**  
6/26 - 8/7  
(No Class 7/3)



## Sports

Our Estero Bay Flag Football program kicked off in May. We had a huge day of action with football and cheer combining to excite the community of fans and spectators. This year we ended up with 22 teams over 4 divisions. The season will culminate in a playoff and championship at Morro Bay High School in August.



Our Junior Lifeguards program began with a 2-day Leadership in Training for the volunteers on June 12-13, followed by our main Junior Lifeguard Session program on June 16. In total, we will have four 2-week sessions of "JGs". We'll be joined by over 175 participants and over 15 volunteers. These youth are on the path to becoming Lifeguards, learning about the ocean environment, and enjoying the JG atmosphere on the beach this Summer.



## Youth Services

The Kids' Club 2024/2025 school year came to an end on Thursday, June 5th. We had a fun and successful school year.

Kids' Camp 2025 started on Monday, June 16th. We have a Summer Bucket List of fun activities planned, from swimming lessons every Monday at the Morro Bay Aquatics Center to a Scavenger Hunt around Morro Bay. Kids' camp will run for 8 weeks this Summer and will visit many different locations in Morro Bay and even venture out of the county for a few excursions.

This Summer we have seen our largest enrollment in over 10 years. We have close to 200 families pre-registered for camp and have 90 campers registered a day. Kids' Camp staff spent the past week at orientation learning child development techniques, first aid and CPR, how to lead games, camp songs, and all the ins and outs of camp. We are excited for a Summer of Fun and Adventure!



## Seniors

June was a special month for our seniors as we held our first fundraising event in more than ten years! In response to the destruction of the Altadena Senior Center during the January fires, MBAA...55+ presented the "Greenwich Village Coffeehouse Night" to raise funds to help in rebuilding their activity program. The night exceeded our expectations with a Standing Room Only crowd of more than 100 singing and swaying to the 1960s sounds of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and many others who all played in the "Village". The fundraising was also a big hit, and the monies raised will be truly beneficial in Altadena's rebuilding programs for their seniors. More importantly, the event revealed the true character and caring of our Morro Bay seniors!



Ray Riordan and Friends entertaining seniors at the Greenwich Village Coffeehouse fundraiser

### **Aquatics**

Morro Bay Aquatics wrapped up the seasonal maintenance window and splashed into Summer this month. Our normal programs Lap Swim, Aqua Aerobics and Masters swim continue through the Summer and have seen solid numbers. We have launched our Summer swim lessons providing group and private lessons to the community. We are excited this Summer to announce The Community Foundation is providing 100% scholarships to eligible participants for swim classes this Summer. We are also partnering with San Luis School District to provide the summer experience swim class. This year we have 60+ 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders learning to swim, learning water polo basics and learning water safety and basic water rescue skills.



## Community Development

### Waterfront Master Plan Update

The City held our first Waterfront Master Plan Advisory Committee (WMPAC) meeting on June 5. At this meeting, City staff introduced the scope for the Waterfront Master Plan Update, including a proposed contract with a consulting firm called Placeworks, Inc. Staff also presented suggested meeting principles that encourage collaboration, balanced dialogue, and recognizing that we all have the best interest of the waterfront in mind. More information about the WMPAC is available here: [Waterfront Master Plan Advisory Committee | City of Morro Bay - Official Website](#)

On June 10, 2025, the City Council approved a contract with Placeworks, Inc. to update the Waterfront Master Plan. Staff negotiated a contract with Placeworks after a selection committee, including City staff and WMPAC members, reviewed, rated, and ranked proposals from 10 consultant teams. The \$714,000 contract will be paid for by a grant from the California Coastal Commission.

In a parallel effort, City staff also worked with a Cal Poly City and Regional Planning design studio on concept plans and renderings for the waterfront. City staff and one WMPAC member met with the class to provide background information, interview the students, and critique their final concept plan presentations. At the June 17, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, the students presented their concepts for the Coleman Park area and redevelopment of the area north of Little Morro Creek. City staff would like to recognize and thank Professor Sandwick and his 2025 Spring Quarter Urban Design Studio for their very professional and thoughtful work. While this work is not part of the City's official Waterfront Master Plan, it has excited the imagination of City staff and community members about the potential for our spectacular waterfront.

***The next WMPAC meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025 at 3 PM at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall.***

### City Planners work with Cal Poly Students on Waterfront Concept Plans



## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on June 17, 2025 to consider two items. The Commission received a presentation from Cal Poly City and Regional Planning students on their Waterfront Master Plan design concepts for Coleman Park and north of Little Morro Creek.

### Cal Poly Student Rendering for Coleman Park



### Cal Poly Student Concept for North of Little Morro Creek



The Commission also provided comments on PG&E's proposal to replace street light pole fixtures on the Embarcadero and in the Cloisters. The Commission selected option #5 (Coach Lantern). They recommended the warmest color (2700K if available) for the Embarcadero and matching the existing brightness and color warmth for the Cloisters.

***The July 1, 2025 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is on July 15.***



Figure 4: Alternative lighting fixture head styles

### Permit Statistics

New fees and cases in Community Development have remained steady over the past few months. The City has received 88 short-term rental (STR) permits so far this calendar year. This is a substantial work effort as each STR permit requires an inspection and substantial review of documentation to verify compliance with the City's STR ordinance.

<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Apr-25</b>	<b>May-25</b>
Permits Issued	36	39	48	44	41
Inspections	292	138	303	496	569
New Applications	14	15	13	12	11
<b>Valuation</b>	<b>\$1,930,904</b>	<b>\$460,511</b>	<b>\$676,679</b>	<b>\$1,182,279</b>	<b>\$924,021</b>
<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$132,933</b>	<b>\$22,244</b>	<b>\$36,557</b>	<b>\$74,991</b>	<b>\$48,078</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>	<b>Feb-25</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Apr-25</b>	<b>May-25</b>
Coastal Development Permits	3	1	1	4	1
Use Permits	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Permits	0	0	2	1	0
Temporary Use Permits	0	0	0	0	0
Lot / Parcel Map	0	0	0	0	0
Min/Maj Modification/Revision	2	0	0	0	0
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	1	0	0
Sidewalk Vending License	0	0	0	0	1
Zoning Clearance	0	0	0	0	0
Comm Cannabis Renewal	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Design Review	1	3	0	1	0
Variance	5	0	0	0	0
Short Term Rental Permits	6	17	25	17	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$17,196.50</b>	<b>\$21,654</b>	<b>\$37,961</b>	<b>\$21,217.00</b>	<b>\$19,852.00</b>