



## City Manager's Update

**May 28, 2018**

Memorial Day signifies the unofficial beginning of summer, and is a wonderful holiday for friends, family and neighbors to come together for backyard barbeques, parades or a day of fun on the beach. What must not be lost in this celebration, however, is the immeasurable sacrifice underpinning this Federal holiday, made by American military service men and women who laid down their lives to ensure our individual freedoms and national prosperity.

While we can never repay that debt, Memorial Day is a reminder to never forget their ultimate sacrifice. Their bravery and selfless courageous acts live on through this remembrance. Take a moment today to think of them and to also thank our current service men and women for their service.

As we move into June, there is a lot going on at the City. Whether it's at the Veterans Hall, our beaches and community pool, senior center or teen center, or recreation fields, there's something for just about everyone in our community. Find more information about Recreation programs for folks of all

ages by visiting: <https://www.morrobay.ca.us/292/Recreation-Services>

Of critical importance is the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) project, which is nearing several decision points this summer. Related to the WRF project is the City's Utility Discount Program, which offers 10% discounts on water and sewer bills for qualifying residents. This update also includes information about the reopening of Highway 1 (expected opening is September 2018).

Thank you for taking time to review this update. I encourage residents and business owners to share this with their neighbors. If you would like to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns, please reach out to me either by phone, 805-772-6206, or email [scollins@morrobayca.gov](mailto:scollins@morrobayca.gov).

## Police

### Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony at Morro Rock

On May 17, 2018, our city hosted the 2018 Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony at Morro Rock in conjunction with the 'Criminal Justice Administrators Association' which is comprised of our SLO police chiefs, Sheriff Parkinson and key criminal justice and military leaders. This inspirational and emotional ceremony honored Peace Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty while protecting and serving our communities. As a community, we were truly honored to acknowledge the sacrifices of our Heroes. Our program included a police motorcade, CHP helicopter fly-by, Peace Officer Honor Guard, inspirational music performances, an impressive Coast Guard boat water cascade as names of the fallen Heroes were read, and the always emotional bagpipes and playing of taps. Our Ceremony focused on supporting and consoling the families of our fallen Heroes. We want to thank all involved in bringing this ceremony to our city, and the Morro Bay community for attending and supporting our ceremony during National Peace Officers Week.



### City Offers Utility Discount Program

The City of Morro Bay offers a 10% discount on water and sewer bills to qualifying residents. Initiated in July 2015, the program currently serves 128 residents, and is only one of two such programs offered to water/sewer rate payers in SLO County. To learn more about the program, view the flyer below. We encourage residents to share this information with their neighbors.



## Utility Discount Program

***Save 10% on your Water & Sewer bills***

The City of Morro Bay offers income-qualified customers 10% discount on Water & Sewer bills

### Requirements

- ♦ The utility bill must be in your name.
- ♦ You must be a currently enrolled in PG&E CARE & SoCal Gas CARE
- ♦ Provide a copy of your PG&E or SoCal Gas bill that confirms your enrollment
- ♦ Open enrollment for new customers is from July 1st - July 31st
- ♦ Every July, existing customers must reapply.
- ♦ Application must be completed and signed

Applications can be found online at  
<http://www.morrobayca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11080/Utility-Discount-Program>  
Or at City Hall on 595 Harbor St, Morro Bay, CA 93442  
If you have any questions, or need any further information call  
**(805) 772-6222**

## Public Works

### **Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Update**

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

#### WRF Facility Design-Build Proposals Received and Under Review

The City received two design-build proposals for the WRF facility on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The technical team, consisting of City staff, engineering consultants and members of the WRF Citizen Advisory Committee (WRFCAC) is reviewing the proposals to determine if they meet the request for proposal requirements and will score them according to criteria recommended by the WRFCAC and approved by City Council. As this is the largest component of the WRF program, the costs of the proposal carry the heaviest weight in evaluating which proposal to move forward in the process. More information will be provided to the public in June.

#### Upcoming WRF public meetings and other important dates

- June 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Veterans Hall – Special City Council Meeting
  - Comprehensive WRF project update.
- The City will be hosting a community workshop on the WRF sometime in June. Information will be posted to the City website as soon as it becomes available.

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

### **Consolidated Maintenance**

Top 10 Consolidated Maintenance projects last 2 weeks:

1. Streets: Installed and finished (4) tons of hot mix asphalt: skin patch east and west intersections on Pacific/Piney, built berm on east side. Repaired berm on Bradley. Skin patch new water service on Zanzibar and entrance to Lila Keiser Park.
2. Streets: Re-painted stop bars and legends at Pacific/Piney intersections.
3. Streets: Filled potholes around town with cold mix asphalt.
4. Streets: Installed (11) tons of hot mix asphalt on the 100 block of Tahiti, complete dig out with 9 inches of base below new asphalt.
5. Public Works: Designed and built trash enclosure extension and gates on north side of City Hall building.
6. Vets Hall: Installed new power flush toilet in women's restroom.
7. Tidelands: Repaired irrigation control and reset to proper operation.

- 8. Trees: Planted new tree in Indigo Circle.
- 9. Cloisters: Continuing to make strides on landscape beautification by cleaning up the median, removing dead wood, and clearing the curbs of vegetation overgrowth.
- 10. Cloisters: Replaced fencing at the foot bridge.



Road repair, before and after, 100 block of Tahiti.

## Tourism



This week Morro Bay participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> annual IPW Tourism Trade show held in Denver, Colorado. IPW started in 1968 was originally named the International Pow Wow (IPW). Now only using the initials as its name “IPW” has grown into travel industry's premier international marketplace and the largest generator of travel to the U.S. In just three days of pre-scheduled business appointments, more than 6,000 delegates representing U.S.

travel organizations from every region of the USA and international and domestic buyers meet face-to-face to conduct future travel business to the USA.

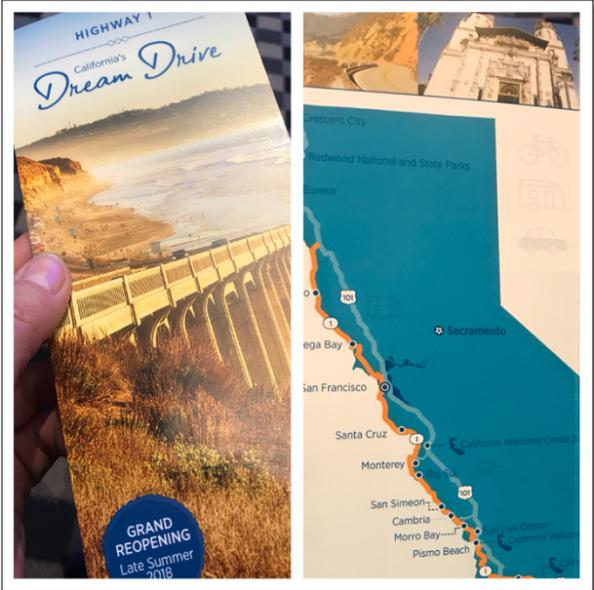
Morro Bay Tourism was there as a delegate in the San Luis Obispo County booth and we had 52 total appointments with in-bound tour operators. Many of them are a great fit for Morro Bay. The overall opinion of travel operators is that their clients are looking for an “authentic” California experience which Morro Bay can deliver on.



Left to Right:

Michael from VisitSLOCAL, Molly with the City of SLO, Danna from TravelPaso, Jim with Hearst Castle, Ashlee with City of Atascadero, Jessica With Holiday Inn Express, Charles & Lauren with Boutique Hotels, Gordon with Pismo Beach, Chuck with Visit SLOCAL and Jennifer with Morro Bay.

Also at IPW, Visit California launched their new Hwy 1 brochure to announce the reopening of the road in late summer 2018. It features great photos including Hearst Castle and a detailed map that showed all of the destination points. They also announced that Anaheim will be the location of the 2019 IPW show.



# Recreation

## Administration

Recreation Services continues to offer a variety of classes for youth and adults ranging from Karate and Tennis lessons to Quilting and Music Appreciation. Staff is looking at adding more classes particularly for young children and seniors. County Western Line Dancing returns to Morro Bay July 11 through August 29 with an 8-week course teaching several popular dances. We also introduced two new classes – Zumba Kids (ages 7-11) and Zumba Kids Jr. (ages 2-4) – which are exercise-dance classes that are kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba® choreography. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination, cultural awareness and making fitness fun. Our ongoing classes continue to show an increase in participation.



## Recreation Activities and Programs

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

### 2018 Classes and Programs

Fitness	Days / Dates	Times	Fees
Zumba	Tues. Thurs.	6 – 7 p.m. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	\$6 Drop-in \$6 Drop-in
Freestyle Fitness	Wed. & Fri.	9 – 10:10 a.m.	\$6 Drop-in
Zumba Kids' Jr.      Ages 4 - 6	Tues. & Thurs.	4 – 5 p.m.	\$50/month - \$7 Drop-in
Zumba for Kids'      Ages 7 - 11	Tues.	5 – 6 p.m.	\$35/month
Karate	Tues. & Thurs.	7 – 8:30 p.m.	\$39/Month
Country Western Line Dancing	Wed., Jul. 11 – Aug. 29	11 – 12:30 p.m.	\$6 Drop-in
Belly Dance:	Thurs.	6:45 – 8 p.m.	\$30/Month
Activities	Days / Dates	Times	Fees
Quilt Fever: Beginning Patchwork and Quilting Basic Tote Bags & Pillows Quilting Collage Quilts, Landscapes and More	Wed., May, 9 – Jun. 13 Wed., Jun. 6 Sat., Jul. 7	9 a.m. – noon 1:30 – 5 p.m. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$125/6 Weeks \$30 \$45
Listening to Music Romantic Period Composers Romantic Period Composers	Tues., Aug. 21 – Sept. 25 Tues., Oct. 9 – Nov. 13	1 – 4 p.m. 1 – 4 p.m.	\$60/6 wks. - \$12 Drop-in \$60/6 wks. - \$12 Drop-in
Tennis Lessons: Del mar Park	Call to schedule		\$14/Half-hour
Summer Aquatics Programs 6/16 – 7/26/2018	Days / Dates	Times	Fees
Lap Swimming	Mon., Weds. & Fri. Mon. through Fri. Sat.	5:30 – 9 a.m. 11 – 1 p.m. 6 - 8 a.m. & 1 – 4 p.m.	\$4 Drop-in or \$36/10 Passes
Masters Swimming	Mon., Weds. & Fri.	6 – 7 a.m.	\$5 Drop-in or \$45/10 Passes
Aqua Zumba	Mon. & Wed.	7 – 8 a.m.	\$7 Drop-in or \$60/10 Passes
Private Swim Lessons Simi/Private Swim Lesson Group Lesson	Saturdays Saturdays See Group Lesson Flyer	TBD 1 - 3:30 p.m. TBD 1 - 3:30 p.m. TBD	5 - 30 Mins Session \$110 5 - 30 Mins Session \$75 6 - 30 Mins Session \$60
Rec Swim	Tues., Thurs Sat.	1:30 – 3:30 p.m. 3 – 6 p.m.	\$4 Drop-in or \$36/10 Passes

Sign-Up for Classes at: [www.morrobayca.gov](http://www.morrobayca.gov), click on "Recreational Activities"  
Like Us On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMorroBay)

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All Classes and Activities are at Morro Bay Community Center unless noted.  
1001 Kennedy Way  
Morro Bay, CA 93442  
Phone: 805-772-6278

Hours  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## **Facilities**

Our Facilities were busy this month starting with the Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show. The Community Center was a stop for the participants in the Car Show to come and grab a free lunch.

With recent construction on the Auditorium East side, we have been urging customers to use the Veterans Memorial Building. The SLO Friends of the NRA held their Annual Banquet in the Veterans Memorial Building. They usually use the Community Center but had a successful event with the smaller location.

The construction has forced us to move some classes to other rooms, but we have been very accommodating and making sure we do not have to cancel classes due to construction. We hope construction ends soon so we can get back to using the whole Auditorium and hosting big events.

## **Senior Services**

May was another active month for Morro Bay Active Adults...55+. We began the month with Corinne Kohlen, a certified nutritionist and Cal Poly instructor, giving an informative presentation on "Nutritional needs specific to seniors". She and her assistants spelled out the many needs and trends in today's nutrition and ended the class by playing a food Jeopardy game. The following week, Linda Beck from Liv Home gave a presentation called "Extending Elders' Independence" which was the second in a series she is doing for us. The month ended with the SLO Rovers trip to Solvang, where 20 members enjoyed all the Danish village has to offer.



Morro Bay Active Adults...55+ on their way to Solvang.

## **Sports**

- Thank you to Hart to Hart Realty and the White Family for their generous donation to

our Junior Lifeguard Program and Harbor Lifeguards. We have received \$5625 to be used for safety equipment and training

- JG Staff and Harbor Lifeguards have completed the USLA Open Water Lifeguarding training for the 2018 season. Recreation provides the CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Title 22 First Aid and Harbor provides the water training. We have 14 candidates who participated and successfully completed the training. The training is three weekends (Friday evening, all day Saturday and all-day Sunday).
- Registration for the 2018 Estero Bay Youth Soccer League begins on May 21 and will close on July 20. This league is open to boys and girls ages 4-16. For more information please contact Recreation Services.



- Registration is now open for the 2018 Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock to Pier Run and Half Marathon. The event will take place on July 14 with a 7:15 am start. Registration is online at:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/MorroBay/BrianWaterburyMemorialRocktoPierRunandHalfMarathon>



## Community Pool

- Starting April 14, 2018, we will be adding Saturday Lap Swim hours 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will be offering Private and Semi-private swim lessons and Junior Lifeguard Pool Program during that time.
- Pool Lifeguard Training will be held on June 11-13 from 7 am to 7 pm. American Red Cross certification in Lifeguarding, CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Title 22 First Aid.



**American Red Cross** Sign Up Today!

**Lifeguard Training Classes**

Get Certified

California Lifeguarding Bundle Pack:

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

Looking for a summer job? Try Lifeguarding!

Morro Bay is Hiring Now!

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

**Cost:**

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

**Requirements:**

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

Classes will be held at MBHS Pool

For more information or to register please Contact:

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



Summer 2018  
**SWIM LESSONS**

MBHS Aquatics Center,  
235 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay

**GROUP LESSONS: 30-minute lessons**

Program:	Days:	Times:	Session Dates:	Price:
Group Lessons			June 18 - 29	\$60
• Level 1		11 - 11:30 am	July 2 - 13	\$50
• Level 2 - 5	Mon/Wed/Fri	11:40 - 12:10 pm 12:20 - 12:50 pm	Two sessions July 4th July 16 - 27	\$60
			July 30 - August 10	\$60
Parent & Me	Mon/Wed/Fri	12:20 - 12:50	June 16 - 29 July 2 - 13 Two sessions July 4th July 16 - 27 July 30 - August 10	\$55 \$45 \$55 \$55

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

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

Register at: <https://open.activecommunities.com/morrobaath/foom> or call 805-772-6281

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- May 12 was our Splish/Splash Summer Bash (open house) at the pool. We had over 300 participants. Thank you to Morro Bay Fire, Morro Bay Harbor, Lions Club, The Rock Radio, Jolyn, GH Sports and Kona Ice for being a part of the day.

**SPLISH SPLASH  
SUMMER BASH**

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 12TH**

Come celebrate  
the launch of summer  
community programs!

- Junior Guard Swim Assessment
- Class Demonstrations
- Food & Athletic Gear Vendors

Opening Ceremony  
12:00 - 12:15

Safety Scavenger Hunt  
12:15 - 1:30

Rec Swim  
1:30 - 4:00

gl sports  
run - cycle - swim - fitness wear

JOLYN  
SWIMWEAR

LIONS  
CLUB

KONA ICE

Located at MBHS Aquatics Center, 235 Atascadero Road, Morro Bay, CA 93442

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## Youth Services

- Kids' Club Registration for the 2018/2019 Upcoming School Year is closed currently until August.
- Registration for Kids' Camp 2018 is currently open. We have a very exciting summer planned with trips to the pool at the Morro Bay Aquatics Center, Gilroy Gardens, kayaking in the bay, and a camp out at the Morro Bay State Park to list a few.
- We hosted a Spring Camp April 3rd – April 5th for over 25 children with some great activities including a trip around the world with crafts and games from different countries, a visit to the pool at MBHS Aquatic Center, and a Pizza, Pajama, Popcorn Party!



- Youth Services updates continued on next page

- Rockies Teen Center is hosted a Campout Late Night for all teens on Friday May 25th, at Rockies Teen Center with an outside movie, and a hot dog and S'more roast!
- TAC volunteered on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> with Morro Bay in Bloom where they weeded and replanted the planter beds at the roundabout.

### Mermaid, Sea Creature, and Pirate Parade

- Held Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> with 161 participants (even King Triton himself aka Mr. Carmichael)



## Harbor

### Lifeguards On-Duty

Beach Lifeguards begin weekend duty at the Rock beginning Memorial Day weekend. The towers went out last week, and over the past three weekends the City conducted its annual Lifeguard Training Academy, bringing on eleven new Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard personnel. In addition to those, both programs have several returning personnel to round-out the ranks. Remember, never turn your back on the ocean, and always swim near a lifeguard.

### Safe Boating Day

On May 19, the Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard, coast Guard Auxiliary and Sheriff's Boating Unit held an Safe Boating Day open house at the North T-Pier and Harbor Patrol docks. Numerous citizens and boaters took advantage of the educational and other opportunities, including tours of agency vessels and equipment.



### Thanks to our Amazing Sea Lion Dock Donors

Also on May 19, the \$1,000+ donors to the Sea Lion Dock replacement project were treated to a grand-opening and tour of the dock and animals on Captain Stew's Cruises. These donors are also recognized with plaques on the pilings at the dock. We wish to again thank these donors for their generosity. In addition, a set of public viewing binoculars on a stand were purchased with donation funding, and are now in place on the street-end viewing pier between the Galley and Hofbrau restaurants.



### **Sea Life Stewards**

Again on the 19th, Harbor Patrol personnel conducted boating and water safety training for a new set of “Sea Life Steward” recruits, those kayak-borne volunteers managed by State Parks to educate the public about how to conduct themselves around marine mammals in the bay and not approaching too close. Fun marine mammal fact: there have recently been documented 42 adult sea otters, 7 large otter pups and 4 small otter pups regularly residing in Morro Bay.

### **There She Blows**

And finally on the 19th, and again about marine mammals, a small Gray whale was spotted inside Morro Bay. Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard personnel located it and herded it back to the harbor entrance before it got too deep in the bay or stuck on a mud flat, and it safely departed. This not an uncommon occurrence. This same whale was also spotted just outside the surf line north of the Rock by personnel in the Lifeguard Academy training in the surf there.

### **Airplane Report, False Alarm**

On Wednesday, May 23, a report was received from a citizen in Cayucos for a small single engine airplane flying very low to the water and possibly going down off of or south of Morro Bay High School. A search was immediately launched by the Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard and Fish and Wildlife vessels, and included members of Morro Bay Police and Fire personnel. After

a thorough search of Estero Bay and following several eyewitness leads, it was determined the aircraft safely climbed in altitude and departed to the south.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Collins  
City Manager