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Access, Historic Ambiance Vital to Cannery Row

Preserving the unique quality of Cannery Row while allowing and encouraging relevant revitalization is important for the community. The City balances priorities and interests while working to make this a reality.



Improving public access

Energy efficient ways of getting visitors and residents to Cannery Row without congesting busy City streets have been developed. Pedestrians, cyclists and skaters travel to the Row on the Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail from other areas of the waterfront. In addition this past year, the WAVE shuttle buses that serve the waterfront area were increased and provided free of charge. The Cannery Row Parking Structure, with more than 1,000 parking spaces, was built to accommodate the large number of cars coming into the area. New signs around the Row provide historical information and direct individuals to points of interest and beach access. Small parks and walkways, Cannery Row Park Plaza and Bruce Ariss Way, have been developed on portions of Dickman and Irving avenues connecting to Cannery Row Street.

San Carlos Beach Park offers beach access and picnic areas

Private development is required to provide public access to and along the waterfront. For example, the recently approved Monterey Peninsula Hotel will develop new access to the water. As part of the project, a portion of McAbee Beach will be dedicated to the City, producing a City beach in the heart of Cannery Row.

Maintaining the historic essence

The City reviews new construction and renovations to ensure that each project embraces the setting and surrounding character of the neighborhood. Many of the buildings along the Row reflect the canneries that once lined the street, e.g. the Monterey Bay Aquarium was patterned after the former Hovden Cannery. Also, historic street overpasses have been preserved and maintained for public use (see photo of Aneas Bridge at top). Preservation grants help property owners perform corrective maintenance so historic building materials are not lost. A recently completed survey of the historic properties on the Row will enable us to work with owners to explain incentives and determine if they would like to have historic zoning on their buildings. For more info on historic preservation, [click here](#).

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Maintaining Marina, Harbor Keeps Coast Safer, Cleaner

Protecting and providing access to the Bay are as important as preserving coastal land itself. This entails maintaining and upgrading facilities in Monterey's harbor area – the wharves, marina and moorings, boat launches, breakwater and service centers – to make sure they are accessible and safe for community members and the environment.

What does it take?

1. The Monterey Marina was rebuilt with a state-of-the art all-concrete system in 1996. The overhaul cost \$5 million and was one of the largest construction project ever conducted by the City. As part of this project, an extended dock ramp was installed to provide wheelchair access to the marina at all tide levels.
2. Area improvements include a new public hoist (for taking boats out for repair and/or moving), additional moorings east of Wharf II and increased docking space for dive-charter boats.
3. Structural upgrades to Wharf II both above and below water were completed last year, primarily benefiting the commercial fishing industry.
4. Up-to-date rules provide a much fairer allocation system for marina berths and moorings in the outer harbor. Forty-seven marina berths and 25 moorings have now been assigned to people once on the waiting lists.
5. Free pumpout devices for sewage and bilge water are now available, reducing the chance that sewage or oil will get pumped into the Bay.

For more info about Monterey Marina and Harbor, [click here](#).

Role as "Beachkeepers" Taken Seriously

Visiting our stretch of beautiful beaches may seem like a simple act – but much effort and vision goes into preserving, maintaining and improving this natural resource.

Preservation and Maintenance

Both Monterey Police and State Park rangers regularly patrol the beaches east of Wharf II including Municipal Beach, part of the Catellus Beach, Window on the Bay Waterfront Park, the Navy Beach and State Beach. Lifeguard service is also provided during peak periods. A dune restoration plan has been implemented for the Navy Beach and Del Monte Beach – weeds have been removed and thousands of dune plants are now thriving.

Improvements

This chain of wonderful beaches, anchored by the Window-on-the-Bay project at the west end, is woven together with the Sand Dunes Bikeway and Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail. Many areas have been beautified, adding to and protecting the fragile habitat for endangered species like the Snowy Plover and Smith's Blue Butterfly.

Expansion

We are working on a land-use plan for the public use of the Catellus parcels located on either side of Wharf II. One public workshop was held to identify concerns and opportunities, and a second workshop will be held in the near future to examine alternatives. A new "use" plan will be developed for review by various City commissions and the City Council. For more details, [contact us](#).

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Community TV Gets New Address

Look for your Public, Education and Government shows on AT&T cable channels 24, 25, 26 and 27.

- Ch. 24 provides public access programming, shows produced and provided by community members. Shows previously broadcast on Ch. 44 are now on Ch. 24.
- Ch. 25 will be televising educational and official government programs, including City of Monterey activities and updates.
- Watch for Eye on Monterey – your City show – Tuesdays at 8 p.m.
- Ch. 27 features a 24-hour bulletin board of local events, community organizations and official announcements.
- Ch. 26 continues to offer programming from the Monterey County Office of Education.

Channel 24, 25 and 27 are operated by Access Monterey Peninsula (AMP), a non-profit organization contracted by the City to provide media services to our community. For more info call AMP at 333-1AMP or visit ampmedia.org

Please Don't Feed the Birds

While it looks like fun to feed the ducks and geese at El Estero Park, feeding them actually hurts the animals in the following ways:

1. Providing an artificial food source causes adults to produce large families, which the natural food supply can't support. Overpopulation leads to starvation and disease epidemics, some of which are dangerous to humans also (bubonic plague, salmonella and rabies, to name a few).
2. Animals have specialized diets and can die from the wrong foods. If a baby animal receives the wrong diet, even for a day or two, developing bone and muscle can be damaged forever. The wrong foods cause disease, mouth injuries, throat obstructions and death.
3. Feeding causes wild animals to lose their natural fear of humans. As a result, wildlife can become an easy target, or the bold advances of an animal may be misinterpreted as an "attack."
4. Feeding changes behavior, often with catastrophic results. Feeding can cause death by preventing a species from migrating. This has happened at Lake El Estero with Canadian Geese.
5. Wildlife can cause injury. They don't know the difference between food and your fingers. Once again, animals lose when people complain of being bitten or "attacked."

Remember it is illegal to feed wildlife. Help the wildlife and the City make El Estero Park a better place for everyone to enjoy. For more info, call the City's Parks Division at 646-3860 (stafford@ci.monterey.ca.us).

Analysis Moves Forward on Airport Area Contamination

Last summer the City and citizens learned of environmental contamination on property at and around the Monterey Peninsula Airport District.

TCE (trichloroethylene, used to degrease metals) has been found in the groundwater about 30 feet under the Airport. One contamination "plume" has migrated beneath the Casanova Oak Knoll neighborhood. This does not affect water provided by the California-American Water Company (CAL-AM). The contamination happened while the U.S. Navy had an active air base on what is now Airport property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Control Board are the agencies responsible for making sure that the contamination is found and cleaned up. The City continues to be an advocate for all affected Monterey citizens to ensure that the interests and concerns of the neighborhood are addressed.

What is currently happening?

1. A Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the entire 455 acres once leased by the Navy is underway. All activities and sites that contributed to the contamination will be investigated. The final PA is scheduled to be available in September 2001.
2. Monitoring of the groundwater plume will continue in order to determine the full extent of the contamination.

This schedule may change if new contamination sites are found. For more details call the Army Corps hotline at 1.800.227.0951.

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Civic-Military Partnerships: How Do They Work?

The City is currently paid by the U.S. Army to maintain infrastructure at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey (DLIFLC & POM). This includes wastewater, stormwater and street systems and various buildings and facilities. We are also paid to sweep streets for all U.S. Navy facilities in the Monterey area. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions about our civic-military partnerships.

1. Does the City recoup all costs from the Army?

Yes. The City bills the Army monthly for all costs including labor, vehicles, equipment, material and overhead. Our work-management system tracks all costs by activity and work order.

2. Why is the City working for the Army?

Neighboring military communities are important to our region's success. They provide many jobs and patrons, and their research and educational pursuits attract other businesses to the area. City collaborations with local military installations help retain these key economic players while saving money and providing benefits – such as new jobs and recreational opportunities for community members. So far, our services have saved the Army about \$1.7 million – about 40% of their previous costs. In addition, our community has access to the ballfields, historic park and museum and childcare center on DLIFLC & POM.

3. What does the Army do with the cost savings?

Some of the money is reinvested by upgrading and maintaining the infrastructure at

DLIFLC & POM. Local businesses receive additional work due to these projects. In 2000, local small businesses were awarded more than \$1.1 million in Army contracts.

4. Are there other benefits for the City and community members?

Since the City can combine civic-military projects into one agreement, we can negotiate better prices with contractors. Also we were able to finance heavy equipment that is used on stormdrain and wastewater systems for both the City and Army.

5. How many people are now working directly or indirectly for the Army?

DLIFLC & POM is a City "neighborhood." That means that all employees contribute to the success of this project. Since the start of the program we have hired about 20 additional employees to support the workload.

VIP's Help Keep Monterey Beautiful

Volunteers In Parks, a.k.a. the VIP Gardeners, are often seen along the Coastal Recreation Trail, in City parks or gardens planting, pulling weeds, trimming and pruning plants – whatever it takes to keep Monterey's vegetation thriving. They are a hard-working crew that say they enjoy every minute of their weekly gatherings, which began almost 20 years ago.

"We are especially good at making big piles of debris," says Bev Zavada. "I don't even like gardening, but I like being with this group. We have a lot of fun and get satisfaction from what we do."

Dot Renard adds, "We help keep the area beautiful, but we also share friendship and get some exercise while we are at it."

There's always room for more VIP's. The group meets every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the week's designated spot. For more info, call 646.3719 or email sammon@ci.monterey.ca.us

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Outreach Volunteers take Library resources to the homebound. Whether you are part of a group or just interested in a half-day project, we need you to help plant 150 trees this spring. The Fire Department needs a volunteer with knowledge of CADD to assist in compiling building layout images for emergency service use. If you are 13 to 17 and have some free time this summer, check out the City's Volunteer program. Teens will volunteer up to 10 hours a week and get work experience while learning about the City. Visit www.monterey.org/volunteer for more details. For info on these and other opportunities, call the Volunteer Program at 646.3719 (sammon@ci.monterey.ca.us) or visit www.monterey.org/volunteer

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Upkeep of Street, Drain, Sewer Systems Takes Time, Money

People don't often call the City to say that the streets are clean, the sewers are flowing or the streetlights are working, but that's OK. Our goal is a well-maintained infrastructure that people can depend on. We accomplish this in various ways:



Through inspections and a pavement management computer program, we can predict the deterioration rate of each street and make timely repairs. Using a camera to inspect the City's sanitary sewer system, we've set priorities for maintenance. This year, we are making \$1 million worth of repairs to the sanitary sewers. We are developing a Geographic Information System (GIS), which will help us better manage the information we have about our City's infrastructure. We have worked to reduce pollutants in the stormwater runoff that flows into the Bay. In the past year, we inspected, cleaned and maintained the City's 50 miles of stormdrain lines. All catch basins were cleaned at least once; more frequently, if necessary, during heavy rains. Street sweepers swept more than 16,000 "curb miles;" residential areas biweekly/commercial areas five times each week. More than \$650,000 is designated to be spent for stormdrain maintenance-related activities and other water-related improvements this year. This does not include additional costs for construction projects to improve our system.

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Teens: Find Work at City!

- **Eligibility:** Teens ages 16 and older.
- **Qualifications:** Creative, organized, responsible, energetic, talented and flexible. Positive attitude that combines enthusiasm, spirit, cooperation, patience and a willingness to learn.
- **Type of jobs:** Summer part-time positions working with various age groups: playground leaders, swim instructors, lifeguards, resident camp counselors, resident camp support staff, cardio/weight room attendants and day camp, sports camp and cheerleading camp counselors. Click here for additional [volunteer opportunities](#).
- **To apply:** Applications are available at the Recreation and Community Services Office at 546 Dutra Street. For more info on part-time jobs and summer employment, call 646-3866 (vierra@ci.monterey.ca.us).

General Plan Shapes City's Look, Feel

It's time once again to update the City's major policy document – the General Plan. Monterey's plan was adopted in 1983 and is nearing the end of its 20-year life span. The General Plan is a

set of projections, objectives and guidelines that govern the City's physical shape and character. This winter the Planning Commission began the process by: developing a citizen participation program proposed to include public town hall meetings and a 15-member General Plan Committee, which will help translate the ideas and issues gathered at the public meetings into a workable plan; reviewing the vital elements that will guide the update process, which include preserving the City's natural and historic setting; meeting social needs including housing; and maintaining a strong economy.

Row Hotel Receives Coastal Commission OK

The Monterey Peninsula Hotel received approval this winter from the California Coastal Commission to move forward with construction. Hotel plans include space for a restaurant, meeting rooms and retail shops. The plan is an improvement over the project that was previously approved for the site located between Prescott Street and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Construction at the site had been delayed for years due to financing issues. The hotel project will provide new access to the water next to Bubba Gumps Restaurant and along the Bay side of the hotel. In addition, new access will enable viewing of the back side of Ed Ricketts' Lab plus its old fish tanks. As part of the project, a portion of McAbee Beach will be dedicated to the City, producing a City beach in the heart of Cannery Row.

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Del Monte Beach Resubdivision Continues

The resubdivision of some 40 undeveloped lots on the beach located between Beach Way and the U.S. Navy property is moving forward. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which includes responses to public comments, has been prepared and circulated on the project that calls for 12 single-family houses and eight townhouses. Following publication of the Final EIR, the resubdivision will be reviewed by various City commissions and the City Council. We anticipate the review process to occur over the next two months. After City review, the resubdivision will be submitted to the California Coastal Commission for approval as well.

Budget Reflects Community Concerns, Priorities

Get involved in the City's annual budget process and help establish our financial plan. Let us know what you think the City should be doing!

"By understanding community concerns, we are better able to develop a sustainable work program and allocate our time and resources effectively," says City Manager Fred Meurer.

What can you do?

1. Attend the Community Connections forum scheduled for Weds., March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza.
2. Participate in the other public meetings and/or hearings throughout the budget development process, see budget meeting calendar below.
3. Call, fax or [email](#) us with your suggestions and ideas.

For more details call 646-3940, or visit www.monterey.org/budget

Budget News to remember:

- March 28, 7 p.m., public forum, Monterey Conference Center
- March 30, Cultural Arts Grant Applications due to Museum
- April 23, 7 p.m., NIP Committee Project Selection, Council Chamber
- May 15, 7 p.m., City Council Reviews NIP Projects, Council Chamber
- June 5, 4 p.m., City Council Budget Study Session, Council Chamber
- June 19, 7 p.m., City Council Public Hearing, Council Chamber

Dates are subject to change. Check www.monterey.org/futrmgt.html for current meeting dates and times or call 646-3935.

Job Opportunities Available at City

Interested in working for the City of Monterey? Here's some information you'll need to know.

1. Pick up our brochure "How to Get a Job with the City of Monterey."
2. Review current openings. Check out the employment board in the Personnel Office (399 Madison Street); call our job hotline at 646-3751; or visit [our jobs Web page](#).
3. If the position you are interested in is not currently open, fill out an Interest Card at the Personnel Office. Applications are available in the Personnel Office or on our Web site and are only accepted for current openings. For more info, call City recruiters Debbie Jones or Laine Figueroa at 646-3765 (figueroa@ci.monterey.ca.us).

Jobs for teens and volunteer positions are also available. Visit our [Web page](#).

"Born to Read" Celebrates Baby's Birth - at the Library



The Monterey Public Library's brand-new Born to Read program encourages parents to read to their infants. Reading together helps babies feel loved and secure, and it boosts their language development. Looking at pictures and touching or holding books enhances a baby's ability to listen and focus. How does it work? Born to Read supports parents by providing the following: storytimes to develop a baby's interest in reading; recommendations for print, audio and video parenting resources; informational programs, answers to parenting questions and connections to medical and social agencies. Parents, babies and siblings ages 2-5 are invited to enjoy rhymes and stories at Baby and Me Rhymetime the last Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

For more info, call the Library at 646-3934 (ysdesk@ci.monterey.ca.us). Visit the [Library Web page](#) for current schedules.

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For History Buffs Only...

Historic Landmark Returns to City Skyline

The new onion dome, front porch and colors at the former Consuelo's restaurant on Lighthouse Avenue are preservation in progress. All this is part of the historic restoration of the Harry A. Greene Estate, including the carriage house and historic gardens behind the main building. The Victorian house, constructed in 1887, is being fully restored inside and out from the historic colors outside to the replicated historic wallpaper inside. Harry Ashland Greene is widely hailed as the father of modern Monterey. He devoted his time and wealth to Monterey's development, including the first electric company, trolley system, the Monterey Hotel and the harbor's breakwater. He saved Colton Hall from destruction and sought State protection of the Custom House and First Theater. He also initiated a nationwide tree planting movement. The Greene Estate restoration is supported by City historic incentives.



Museum Sheds Light on Military Past?

The new Presidio of Monterey Museum is scheduled to open in May offering community members and visitors the opportunity to experience Monterey's military past. The exhibits lead visitors through Monterey's various stages of military development – from the indigenous period which highlights the area's native American populations; through the Spanish and Mexican periods; and up to present day. Because of the important role played by the military in Monterey between 1902 and today, much of the museum is dedicated to the development of the Presidio as a training base.

Located on Cpl. Ewing Boulevard in the Lower Presidio Historic Park between Artillery Street and Pvt. Bolio Road, the free museum will be open Thursday thru Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The museum will be a stop on Monterey's Path of History, which marks significant historic resources throughout the City. Volunteer docents staff the museum. For more info or to become a volunteer, call the City's Museum Office at 646-5640 (conway@ci.monterey.ca.us).

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Odds and Ends

Monterey Sports Center Physical Therapist Cynthia McCoy supervises Aquatic Therapy classes and instructs participants on how to train safely. The Sports Center offers an outstanding array of therapeutic and personal training programs. For more info, call 646-5628 or visit www.monterey.org/sportscenter



Monterey Police Explorers learn the fundamentals of firearm safety at the City's in-house shooting range. Teen Explorers meet twice a month for public safety training courses at the Police Department. For more info, call 646-3808.

Community Tapestry Tells Local Story



Now on exhibit in the Library's Picture Book room is a silk wall hanging created by members of the community on Oct. 1, 1999, at the Library's Sesquicentennial anniversary celebration. Guests of all ages at the event painted pictures on silk squares depicting some aspect of Monterey or the Library. The squares were then sewn together and bound with multicolored ribbons to create a wall hanging.

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Save a life

Learn how to save a life. Free CPR classes for adults and teens 16 years and older are offered at local community centers. For reservations call 646-3873.

Grass, Tree, Plant Trimmings

Resources not Waste Community members who have tried composting yard trimmings and vegetable food scraps can attest to the beautiful soil that is generated from this process. If you want to find out how to compost, just give us a call. We can get you started and answer any questions. It's fast, fun and easy.



On the other hand, if you place trimmings in the 64-gallon cart at your home, remember these guidelines: Place grass, tree and plant trimmings only in the large green bin. Remove any poison oak, ice plant and palm tree fronds. Do not place any plastic (bags, containers, etc.), concrete, rocks or glass in the containers. Any additional trimmings must be placed in a 32-gallon open container (plastic bags are no longer acceptable). Trimmings are trucked to the landfill where they are mulched. This mulch is available for purchase for topsoil for gardens. Topsoil helps retain water and eliminate weeds. For more info, call the City's Recycling Coordinator at 646-5662 (brantley@ci.monterey.ca.us).

U.S. Postal Services in the City

- 565 Hartnell Street
- 686 Lighthouse Avenue (inside Longs Drug Store)
- Stamps are available at many supermarkets

Loans for First-time Homeowners Available

Looking to become a first-time homeowner? If you live or work in the City, ask about our down payment assistance program. Maximum income guidelines apply to this program. Call 646-3995 Monday thru Friday for more info or visit www.monterey.org/housing

Bicycling Safety for Adults

If you ride your bike or rollerblade, wear a helmet. Accidents happen quickly and the impact is great. The ONLY defense for your head is a helmet. Tips for purchasing/wearing a helmet:

1. Look inside the helmet to ensure that it is Ansi or Snell approved.
2. Slip the helmet on. Before clipping the chin strap on, the helmet should fit snugly.
3. The helmet sits on top of the head, not to the back or to the side. The front of the helmet should extend past the middle of your forehead.
4. Adjust the straps so that the small tabs are fitted snugly under your ears. Adjust the bottom strap so that it is snug.
5. Buy it and wear it.



For more info, call the City at 646-5662 (brantley@ci.monterey.ca.us).

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