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CELEBRATING JULY 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY IN MONTEREY **Monterey Plans a Full Day of Festivities**

Monterey, Calif. – The City of Monterey, Old Monterey Business Association, and Monterey Firefighters Community Foundation will host a full day of family fun events for the whole community on Independence Day, Friday, July 4, 2025.

The day's schedule of activities includes:

7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – MONTEREY FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Monterey Firefighters Charity Pancake Breakfast benefits Monterey County Youth Museum and takes place at Fire Station #11, 600 Pacific Street. Reservations are required - tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at <http://mymuseum.org/july4>. There will be arts and crafts for the kids, a chance to meet your local firefighters, and a hearty breakfast featuring coffee, pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, and all the fixings. Fun for the whole family!

10:00 a.m. – 4th OF JULY PARADE, sponsored by the City of Monterey, Old Monterey Business Association, and Old Monterey Foundation. Join the cheering spectators as they line Alvarado and Calle Principal streets. Revel in watching the festive floats, patriotic displays, entertaining costumes, and musical bands. The best place to park on the day of the parade will be the West Garage, East Garage, or Lot 7 (enter on Pacific Avenue). Visit <http://oldmonterey.org> or call (831) 655-8070 for more information.

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10:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - MONTEREY'S BIG 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION AND BACKYARD FOOD FEST ON COLTON HALL LAWN – ADMISSION FREE

Hosted by the City of Monterey. Music, food, and fun for the whole family! A variety of food vendors will line the block, or you can bring a picnic lunch. This is an alcohol-free event. Balloon and air brush artists will be on hand to add to the festive atmosphere. **MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:** 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. - The Pfeffers; 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. - CARNIVAL! (Santana Tribute Band); 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. - Wild at Heart; 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. - Foreverland (Michael Jackson Tribute Band). Visit <https://monterey.gov/july4th> for more information.

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - COLTON HALL MUSEUM OPEN – ADMISSION FREE

Colton Hall Museum will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come learn about the birthplace of California! View a new art exhibit by Youth Arts Collective inside Colton Hall.

Public Safety and Clean Up – Fireworks Prohibited

The City of Monterey wants everyone to enjoy a safe July 4th. While the Monterey Peninsula is not currently in a severe drought, fire risk is still high. The Monterey Fire Department reminds everyone that fireworks of any kind, including 'safe and sane' fireworks, are prohibited in the City of Monterey and carry a significant fine of \$1,000. The Monterey Police Department cautions the public not to drive while under the influence of or any other intoxicants. If you intend to drink, do so responsibly and use ride sharing services or arrange a designated driver in advance.



The City of Monterey also encourages everyone to help maintain our pristine environment and Monterey Bay by packing up, cleaning up, and putting trash into receptables. If you are visiting the beach, please bring your own garbage bag/receptable and take your trash with you. Keep the sea plastic free!

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