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CALENDAR OF CITY MEETINGS

City Council/RDA meetings are held in the City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue. For all other meetings, locations, or for more information, call 475-7300 or watch Cable Community Channel 8 scroll. Dates are subject to change.

Recreation Dept.:
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City Web Site:
www.ci.capitola.ca.us

april

13, 27	City Council/RDA*	7:00
6,20	Planning Commission	7:00
6	Museum Board	5:30
11	Art & Cultural Commission	6:30
18	Finance Advisory Committee	6:00
TBD	Wharf Group	
	Village Master Plan Committee	no meeting
2, 26	Arch & Site Review Committee	3:30
TBD	Recreation Advisory Board	
4	Commission on the Environment	7:00

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11, 25	City Council/RDA*	7:00
4, 18	Planning Commission	7:00
4	Museum Board	5:30
9	Art & Cultural Commission	6:30
16	Finance Advisory Committee	6:00
	Wharf Group	no meeting
22	Village Master Plan Committee	6:30
3, 24	Arch & Site Review Committee	3:30
TBD	Recreation Advisory Board	
2	Commission of the Environment	7:00

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8, 22	City Council/RDA*	7:00
1, 15	Planning Commission	7:00
1	Museum Board	5:30
13	Art & Cultural Commission	6:30
20	Finance Advisory Committee	6:00
TBD	Recreation Advisory Board	
	Wharf Group	no meeting
	Village Master Plan Committee	no meeting
4, 28	Arch & Site Review Committee	3:30
6	Commission on the Environment	7:00

* RDA meets between 6-7 P.M. See agenda for time.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Administration: 475-7300

Building Dept: 475-7300 ext. 218
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Building Permits/Inspections

Cable TV: Charter TV
1-866-731-5420

City Clerk: 475-7300 ext. 228
City Council Information
Elections
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Community Development:
475-7300 ext. 216

Emergencies: 911

Fire (County): 479-6842

Garbage: Waste Management
1-800-665-2209

Library: 477-7240

Museum: 464-0322

Recreation: 475-5935

Parking Enforcement: 475-9274

Public Works: 475-7300
Street Repair
Road Information
Parks
Sewer Emergency: 464-5462

Police:
Information: 475-4935
Emergency: 911

NEWS CORNER

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS VACANCIES:
Apply on-line or call 475-7300.

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Tune into channels 71, 72 & 73

TWILIGHT CONCERTS
Begins June 21, every Wednesday night through August in Esplanade Park. Check our website for detailed information

EARTH DAY: April 22, 2006

1ST ANNUAL CAPITOLA ROD & CUSTOM CLASSIC CAR SHOW: May 20, 9am-4pm on the Esplanade in Capitola Village. Call the Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce for more information at 831.475.6522.

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CAPITOLA SPRING GARAGE SALE, April 22nd

REUSE & RECYCLE!! Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual City wide Garage Sale on April 22nd. This is also EARTH DAY!! The City of Capitola will be sponsoring the Garage Sale and will do all of the advertising. All you have to do is call Lisa Murphy @ 475-7300 ext. 236 or email ci.capitola.ca.us by April 19. Tell her you would like to participate, be prepared to give your name and address and list of up to 3 types of items you will be selling. The Friday before the Garage Sale, a map will be available to the public at City Hall (420 Capitola Ave.) and on the web www.ci.capitola.ca.us listing all of the addresses of the garage sale participants. Get your map and go find that one-of-a-kind treasure.

After the Garage Sale, package up your unsold items to be picked up that week on your regular garbage day by Waste Management, or donate the items to a charitable cause of your choice. This is a terrific opportunity to clean out your garage, and help to divert refuse from our landfills by reusing and recycling!!



CAPITOLA RECREATION

The City of Capitola Recreation Department is now registering for Late Spring classes and has opened the registration for the 3 big summer programs, Camp Capitola, Junior Lifeguards and Aquatics classes at Cabrillo College pool. Registration for other Summer classes starts May 8.

Camp Capitola is offered in 2-week or 3-week sessions, starting June 19 and running through August 18. Camp, for kids ages 6-11, is held at Jade Street Park and uses the outdoor environment and the Capitola Community Center to provide kids with an awesome summer experience! Activities include sports, arts and crafts projects, water games, drama productions, beach days, theme weeks, specialty camps, carnivals, and more! We offer half-day (mornings or afternoons) or all-day care, with extended care hours and transport for those children enrolled in both Camp and Junior Guards. Camp also offers teens ages 14-17 an opportunity to participate in our volunteer Junior Leader program, a work-training program designed to teach them the skills to become a Leader when they are older.

Our very popular Summer Aquatics program, held at Cabrillo College pool, is structured to meet American Red Cross guidelines to teach basic swimming skills and to help kids learn to be safe when they are in, on, or around water. Classes are small: 6-10 students per instructor, depending on the age, class level, and ability of the students in the class. Classes meet every day, Monday through Friday; there are 4 two-week sessions, starting June 19 and ending on August 11.

We are now registering returning Junior Lifeguards, with registration for new Guards starting at the Registration Fair on Saturday, April 29. Junior Guards is a very active, physically challenging, competitive program, which provides instruction in the basic fundamentals of ocean water safety, first aid, lifesaving, fitness, and good sportsmanship. Activities include mock rescues, beach & water games, work-outs, and competitions. Junior Guards ages 16 & 17 who have participated in Guards for at least 2 years have the opportunity to participate in the Captains Corps work-training program to begin to prepare them to be Instructors. Program fees include instruction, official t-shirt & patch, & discounts with local merchants. Each session ends with an awards picnic at Jade Street Park.

Summer activities for kids include classes and Camps in activities such as Horse Vaulting, Teen Kayaking, Beach Volleyball, Dog Training, Horseback Riding, Arts & Crafts, Technology Camps, Surfing, Gymnastics and Tennis. Look for more information in our summer brochure.

Life-long learning offers teens and adults opportunities to keep learning, growing, creating, and exercising, in a fun, safe, supportive environment. Make a broken plate mosaic stepping stone or wall plaque; create earrings or beaded necklaces; paint in oils, acrylics, or watercolor; learn a foreign language; play the guitar; enjoy our coastal beauty while learning to surf, kayak, or sail;

Street Sweeping

The Public Works Department sweeps the residential streets every two weeks. The purpose of this effort is to two-fold; to remove litter and leaf debris and more importantly to reduce pollutants such as motor oils, brake lining dust, and heavy metal that collect on the street surfaces and wash into creeks and Monterey Bay when it rains. In order to maximize our efforts it would be helpful to have the sides of the streets clear on sweep days. The city and fellow citizens would appreciate your efforts in moving cars, trailers, and others objects from your street based on the following schedule.

In April, residential streets will be swept on the week of April 10 – 14 and April 24 – 28. Sweeping will continue on an every other week basis.
Sweep Week Schedule

Monday – 4:30 am start time

LOCATION	APPROXIMATE TIMES
1) 41st Ave. & Capitola Rd.	4:30 – 6:00 am
2) 41st Islands	6:00 – 6:45 am
3) Jade St. Park	6:45 – 7:00 am
4) Capitola Village	7:00 – 7:45 am
5) Wharf Rd.& Capitola Rd to 45th	8:15 – 9:00 am
6) Shirley & Childers Lane	9:00 – 9:15 am
7) 38th, Reposa, & Brommer	9:15 – 10:00 am
8) Jewel Box & 45th to 49th	10:00 – 11:30 am

Tuesday – 5:00 am start time

LOCATION	APPROXIMATE TIMES
1) Bay Ave. & Capitola Ave.	5:00 – 6:00 am
2) Hand sweep	6:00 – 7:00 am
3) Capitola Village	7:00 – 7:45 am
4) Rosedale Neighborhood	8:15 – 9:15 am
5) Burlingame Neighborhood/No Broom 9:15 – 9:30 am	
6) Riverview Neighborhood	9:30 – 10:30 am
7) Washburn Neighborhood	10:30 – 11:00 am
8) Monterey/Kennedy	11:00 – 12:00pm

Wednesday – 5:00 am start time

LOCATION	APPROXIMATE TIMES
1) Lower Park/McGregor	5:00 – 6:00 am
2) Hand sweep	6:00 – 7:00 am
3) Capitola Village	7:00 – 7:45 am
4) Derby/Trotter & Clares/Francesco Ct. 8:15 – 8:45 am	
5) Depot Hill Neighborhood	8:45 – 9:30 am
6) Park Ave.	9:30 – 10:15 am
7) Cliffwood Heights Neighborhood	10:15 – 11:30 am

Thursday – 5:00 am start time

LOCATION	APPROXIMATE TIMES
1) Clares loop	5:00 – 6:00 am
2) Hand sweep	6:00 – 7:00 am
3) Capitola Village	7:00 – 7:45 am
4) Wharf Rd./Library/42nd to 49th.	8:15 – 10:15 am
5) Deanes Lane Neighborhood	10:15 am – 11:00am

Friday – 5:00 am start time

LOCATION	APPROXIMATE TIMES
1) 41st Ave./Capitola Rd.	5:00 – 7:00 am
2) Capitola Village	7:00 – 7:45 am
3) Park Ave.	8:15 – 9:15 am
4) P.C. parking lot & P.C.M.H.P.	9:15 – 10:00 am

keep your body healthy, strong and flexible with our fitness and yoga classes; improve your tennis game; play volleyball indoors or on the beach; and dance, dance, dance (Bellydance, Cajun/Zydeco, Polynesian, Country Western Line Dance & Couples Dance and West Coast Swing).

Our entire brochure is online at: www.capitolarecreation.com, or give us a call at 475-5935 or 475-6115 for a catalog, prices, and registration information.

GET READY, GET SET, GET INVOLVED!

3 City Council Seats To Be Voted On At the Nov. 7th Municipal Election

The City will be accepting nominations for three Members of the City Council to serve 4-year terms. The nomination period begins July 17 and ends August 11, 2006.

What qualifications are necessary to run for office? Must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, and is a registered voter residing within Capitola city limits at the time the nomination papers are issued.

Office holders get paid for serving as a Council Member. Council Members receive \$500 per month salary. Council Members also serve as Directors of the Capitola Redevelopment Agency and, as such, receive \$30 per Redevelopment Agency meeting attended.

What do I need to do? Candidates for office in Capitola need to take-out, circulate and file Nomination Papers with the Capitola City Clerk beginning July 17 and ends Friday, August 11, 2006. No less than 20 or more than 30 valid signatures (registered voters of Capitola only) are required for nomination to elected office in the City of Capitola.

IMPORTANT: Before any money is raised or spent in connection with an election or candidate, the candidate or candidate's committee is required to file intent and disclosure forms with the Secretary of State and the City Clerk pursuant to the Political Reform Act.

Find out more about becoming a candidate for local office. The City of Capitola will be hosting a "Candidate Information Forum" on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

If you have questions about becoming a candidate for office in Capitola contact the City Clerk/Elections Official, Pam Greeninger, at (831) 475-7300 or by email at: pgreeninger@ci.capitola.ca.us.

Emergency Preparedness Project

In the Fall of 2005, Capitola Police Chief Richard Ehle spearheaded the formation of a task force consisting to the Santa Cruz County District Attorneys Office, numerous other governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. The task force was designed to deal specifically with elder care and abuse issues.

After the disastrous events brought to the Gulf Coast by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it was obvious local disaster planners would have to find an alternative to evacuating senior citizens and others with limited mobility issues. Not every individual in the community with physical, mental, or medical care needs requiring assistance before, during, and/or after a disaster or emergency will be served by rescue workers. Individuals with special requirements need to know it is an individual responsibility to prepare for a disaster and that additional support may be available only after all other resources are spent.

Many people with disabilities may be quite self-supporting, even in a disaster situation. These people require no additional assistance beyond that given to the general public. It is the impact that the disaster has on the individual's resources and support network that may cause that person to require additional assistance.

Special needs populations are particularly vulnerable to disasters. In order for special needs populations to have an equal opportunity to survive a disaster and come through it in the best possible physical and emotional condition, their distinctive needs must be considered beforehand.

For this very reason, the Elder Abuse Task Force spun-off a subcommittee whose responsibility it was to help seniors ready themselves before a disaster. The Elder Abuse sub-committee focused on senior citizens having limited mobility issues. The group identified the single best practice for those with this type of disability were to shelter in place. One of the subcommittee partners is the Seniors Council and their Director Clay Kempf.

The goal for the Seniors Council is to maximize the quality of life and independence of agencies by operating direct services, providing funding for non-profit agencies serving seniors, and by advocating for and providing leadership in the development of community-based systems of care.

Clay took the project to the Seniors Council Panel for review. After reviewing the proposal, the panel voted to allocate one-time only funds of \$7,000.00 to the Emergency Preparedness Project. The Board of Directors made the allocation official.

Working with the Senior Council, Senior Network Services, American Red Cross of Santa Cruz and other agencies, the committee is hoping to distribute one-person three-day emergency kits to seniors living in Capitola who are forced to shelter in place.

Thanks to all who helped make this project a reality.

Budget Calendar 2006-2007 Fiscal Year

Become involved in your government. The City Council will begin Budget deliberations and like to have your input. Let us know your needs and ideas. We will always do better working toward our vision of the greater good for the City of Capitola together. Below is the tentative schedule for the budget hearings and may be changed as desired by the City Manager and Council. Some meetings may be cancelled if they become unnecessary based on prior sessions. Check the web or the scroll for updates.

April 13, 2006	City Manager Report re: Grant Funding Level
April 27, 2006	Presentations by Community Grant Applicants
May 4, 2006	Presentation by Staff of City Operating Budget, RDA and CIP. Planning Commission to Review CIP
May 17, 2006	Joint Public Hearing (RDA & City); Finance Advisory Committee Presentation; Council Deliberation
May 31, 2006	Continued Joint Public Hearing/Final Council deliberations
June 8, 2006	Reports from Finance: Appropriations Limit; Investment Policy.
June 15, 2006	Continued Joint Public Hearing/Final Council deliberations
June 22, 2006	Final Adoption of Operating Budget, RDA Budget and CIP Budget by resolution

Bacteria in Our Creek!

DON'T FEED THE BIRDS & CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!! That is what a recent study conducted by the County of Santa Cruz Environmental Health Services (EHS) found were major contributors to the high levels of bacteria found in Soquel Creek and the Capitola Beach lagoon. Historically, Soquel Creek has experienced high bacteria levels leading to the posting of the lagoon as unsafe for swimming. Over the past year, EHS conducted monitoring of Soquel Creek and tributaries in order to better characterize sources of bacterial contamination in the creek and the lagoon. They found that birds 55%, dogs 13% and rodents 13% were the primary sources of fecal coliform while human contribution was 6%.

Water flows from your neighborhood into the storm drains which flows directly to the creek or ocean. Dog droppings disposed of in streets, drainage channels, or other areas subject to storm runoff ultimately end up in our water ways. It is critical that you clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste properly in garbage cans. Those of you who feed the birds down at the beach or along the creek are only encouraging the birds to stay around and are contributing to the high fecal coliform found in the creek and its tributaries. On going sewer rehabilitations by the County Sanitation District are aimed at minimizing the human bacterial contribution. If we all work together and do what we can to control sources of pollution make a difference in the water quality.



The Capitola Police Department has a new canine, a two-year old female Malinois named Damein. After many years of utilizing two police service dogs, the Police Department has been without a canine since last summer when Arno went missing from his handler's home in Hollister. The cost to purchase

and train Damein was \$9,400. The Capitola Public Safety and Community Service Foundation, a non-profit foundation established last year for Capitola Police Department programs and equipment donated \$5,000 towards the purchase of Damein. The remainder of the costs were from Community Policing grant funds. Damein will be utilized as a tracking dog with her new handler, Officer Leland Blankenship. After a 'bonding' period of several weeks, Officer Blankenship and Damein will attend a comprehensive four-week Police Service Dog certification course in May. The team should be ready for patrol operations by June of this year. Once Damein and her handler are settled into their new roles, it is anticipated that further training and certification will include a narcotics detection course. The Police Department is expecting to purchase a second canine later this year, with further help from the Capitola Public Safety & Community Service Foundation.