

# CAPITOLA

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## NEWS CORNER

**ART & WINE FESTIVAL:**  
September 8th-9th in  
the Capitola Village

**TWILIGHT CONCERTS:**  
Begin on June 20, every Wednesday night  
through August from 6-8pm in Esplanade  
Park. Check our website for detailed info.

**ART @ THE BEACH:**  
July 8, August 12 & 26

**MOVIES @ THE BEACH:**  
August 31, September 1, 14 & 21  
Visit [www.ci.capitola.ci.us](http://www.ci.capitola.ci.us) for more info.

**BEGONIA FESTIVAL:**  
August 31 - September 3

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR  
MORE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS!**

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## 2007 CAPITOLA TWILIGHT CONCERTS

Esplanade Park in Capitola from 6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

The 2007 Twilight Concert Series, sponsored by the Capitola Art & Cultural Commission, continues the 23rd annual tradition of music at the beach. The 11 free concerts are scheduled for Wednesday evenings, June 20th through August 29th on the new bandstand in Esplanade Park. Bring a picnic supper, a comfy low back chair and enjoy the music with family and friends. The weather can be cool, so bring along a jacket, too. The scheduled music is a fantastic mix of styles, something for everyone.

**June 20 ~** The Sparkletone's,  
Sponsored by: Beach House Rentals &  
Little Casa By The Sea

**June 27 ~** Red Beans & Rice,  
Sponsored by: Union Bank of California

**July 4 ~** Mark Russo and the Classy Cats,  
Sponsored by: Devcon Construction

**July 11 ~** Nora Cruz Band,  
Sponsored by: Red Tree Properties

**July 18 ~** Orchestra Gitano,  
Sponsored by: Margaritaville

**July 25 ~** Harpin Johnny & The Primadons,  
Garth G. Conlan Memorial Concert

**August 1 ~** Stompy Jones,  
Sponsored by: Zelda's

**August 8 ~** Extra Large,  
Sponsored by: Gayle's Bakery & Rosticceria

**July 12 ~** SRO  
Sponsored by: Redtree Properties

**August 29 ~** Digbeats,  
Sponsored by: Stockton Bridge Grille

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## COTTAGE BY-THE-SEA

Once a part of the Cottage City at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, the small bungalow next to the Capitola Museum was constructed 100 years ago, in 1907. The simple cabins cost an average of \$100 to put together, and varied in size and color. A one-room lodging was initially rented to vacationers for a dollar a day.

In 1941, a section of the Cottage City bungalows were sold to create room for a new parking lot. This one was relocated behind a home on Oak Drive in Capitola, where it remained for more than sixty years.

The homeowners applied in 2004 to demolish the cottage. To preserve it, the Capitola City Council agreed to have it moved next to the Capitola Museum.

With support from the City and friends of the museum, the building has been restored to illustrate how vacationers enjoyed their stay as summer residents of communities along the Santa Cruz County coastline, c1907-1917.



During this era, a majority of Capitola's summer vacationers arrived by train from the hotter regions of California. Those who stayed the entire summer frequently were women and children, who were joined by their husbands and fathers on weekends.

Creation of the exhibit inside the cottage was guided by a list written in the early 1900s by Capitola's developer, Frederick Hihn. Included were a double-bed with spring mattress, pillows and blankets, chairs, a washstand, one chamber pot, a carpet, a large trunk, a tin bucket, a single mirror, wall hooks, one "cheap picture," a mop, towels, and a cuspidor. For authenticity, a vintage mousetrap completes the setting.

## CAPITOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEW ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT

After many months of preparation, involving meetings and brainstorming, commencing on July 1, 2007, the City of Capitola will assume responsibility for handling all domestic animal issues within the City. The decision to not renew the contract with the County's Animal Services Authority was thoroughly studied, and it was concluded there would be a significant cost savings to the city, as well as improved service to our residents, if the Police Department assumed responsibility for animal related calls and service.

### What does this mean to you if you are a pet owner?

Spike the cat walks by and taunts Fido. Fido breaks out of the yard and chases Spike. Fido is now lost. A good citizen, Community Service Officer or a Police Officer spots Fido on the lamb. Instead of Fido being transported half a world away to the Scotts Valley Animal Services Authority (remember 1 of our years is 7 of Fido's years), he will now be immediately scanned for an electronic ID chip. If Fido is chipped, you, his owner, will be contacted. Either you can come

retrieve Fido, or we'll bring him home to you. If Fido is not chipped, he will be transported to a local veterinary office that the City has contracted with. Fido will receive a medical exam to determine if he/she can be taken to a contract "board and care" facility. If not, Fido stays at the veterinarians.

Fido's photograph will be taken and his mug shot will be placed on a bulletin board at the front door of the Capitola Police Department as well as placed on the Petfinder.com website. All lost/recovered pets collected by the City will be posted on this bulletin board as well as on the City of Capitola's web page, which is connected to Petfinders.com, which is a national animal rescue information page. Fee schedules will be consistent with the County's, therefore it is not anticipated there should not be any additional charges for recovering Fido vs. recovering him from the Animal Services Authority in Scotts Valley. Unclaimed animals will be turned over to several non-profit organizations, such as the SPCA, for adoption.

### At this point, we believe the County Animal Services Authority will still handle all animal licensing.

Chief Ehle is experienced in animal control, as during his prior tenure with the Oakland Police Department he was in charge of the department's Animal Services Unit. Capitola Community Service Officer's and Capitola Police Officers have recently completed training on animal handling. We have two Community Service trucks with enclosed cargo beds, which are equipped with animal cages, snares, dog biscuits and cat treats.

We are excited to bring this additional service to our residents. We also would like to encourage all pet owners to have an electronic ID chip implanted in their beloved pets, as this is the simplest, and easiest way to be reunited with your animal should they become lost or separated from their families. For additional information, refer to the City of Capitola website at <http://www.ci.capitola.ca.us>.

## SUMMER LIFEGUARD TIPS TO REMEMBER

With summer just around the corner, time spent at the beach is next to inevitable in a beach town like Capitola by the Sea. Most people come to the beach to relax and enjoy the sand, the surf, the sights and sounds of the seashore. Yet despite the idyllic surroundings, the beach can be a hazardous place, especially for the young or inexperienced. Here are a few simple tips to make your visit to the beach, whether daily or once a summer, safer and more pleasant.

First and foremost, always swim near a lifeguard. When swimming distance it is a good idea to advise the beach lifeguard you are going for a longer swim. Talking to the lifeguard will help clue you into any immediate hazards in the aquatic environment and will wisen the guard to your extended presence offshore. Lifeguards are beach experts. Capitola Lifeguards work the tower daily from June 14<sup>th</sup> until September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tower time begins at 11:00 am and generally concludes between 5:45 and 6:00 pm, weather dependent. Guards work weekends through

October 15<sup>th</sup> once the summer season finishes. There is always at least one EMT working the beach.

Conditions are always changing on the ocean. Water temperature, wind direction, swell height and direction, bacterial levels and tides create a complex environment. Although generally one of the safer beaches in the Monterey Bay region there are, none the less, numerous beach goers who need medical attention every year as a result of injuries sustained at Capitola Beach. Many if not all of these injuries are preventable.

Underestimating the power of the shorebreak is the most common route to injury. Waves breaking onto shallow sand across the whole stretch of the beach between the jetty and the both sides of the wharf are dangerous from 2'-3' and up. South swells directly target Capitola Beach. These swells travel thousands of miles and carry lots of energy with them. These waves can break with tremendous force at times. Lifeguards know when the waves are stronger (not just

bigger) than normal and can point out the safer locations for riding waves and techniques to avoid a beating in the shorebreak.

Next time you go to the beach talk to a lifeguard if you have any questions about the conditions for the day and remember the following tips:

- Wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water
- Leave glass bottles off the beach
- Drinking alcohol and swimming do not mix
- Keep a close eye on your children especially near the water
- Swim near a lifeguard
- Never dive into shallow or unknown depth water
- Don't play near wet rocky shorelines
- If in distress in the water raise an arm and wave for help.
- Remember the beach is about fun memories not bad injuries.

To contact the Capitola Lifeguards call (831) 462-3125.

## THE MAYOR'S BLOG

The City of Capitola Blog is now open! Join in an on-line forum with the mayor on Capitola issues at [www.ci.capitola.ca.us](http://www.ci.capitola.ca.us) and share your thoughts and ideas on important issues. In an ongoing effort to reach out to the community and provide people with an opportunity to be heard, the City of Capitola has created the Mayors Blog. Log onto the City's Web Site where you can discuss important topics such as the possibility of

a hotel where the old theater is now in the village, maybe a new dog park or a skate park. Talk to the mayor and your fellow citizens about a polystyrene ban or continuing Measure P, the city's sales tax measure.

Internet web logs, or "blogs", are an effective, efficient, convenient and inexpensive means by which the city council can hear from their constituents with respect to issues of local concern and by which Council Members, in turn,

may communicate with constituents regarding those same issues. In addition, blogs create a forum whereby constituents with varying viewpoints can dialogue with one another concerning issues of interest to them. Please join us in a community discussion on-line, be a part of the process, play your part in the process!

## CITY EMBARKS UPON EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE INSTANCES OF SEXUAL ASSULT

Annually, the Capitola Police department conducts an internal audit of all major crimes and misdemeanors to determine trends, chart crime reduction efforts in order to improve police practices and focus prevention programs. For 2006, The Capitola Police Department identified an increase in sexual assaults. Comparing Capitola sexual assault numbers to the national average found that the National average for sexual assaults are trending downward, while the sexual assault rates in Capitola were trending upward.

The City of Capitola non stranger sexual assaults have several commonalities: males assaulted females; involvement of alcohol or drugs; the assaults occurred at home or in the home of a friend; the age of the victims and offender were closely related - mid teens to early or mid-20's; the assaults occurred between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Friday night or Saturday morning; and prior to the assault both people were undressed leading to coercive sexual assault.

In an effort to reduce the incidents of sexual assaults, the City of Capitola is putting forth an education campaign. The essence of this campaign is:

- Assaults are mostly males assaulting females
- Sexual assault is a crime, and the City will vigorously investigate, create a case and recommend that the District Attorney prosecute those who pursue the advantage of opportunity into unwanted sexual conduct.
- The consequences of a sexual assault conviction are devastating and will remain with an individual lifelong.

- If you are not interested in sex with the one you are with:

- 1) Arrive and leave parties with other friends;
- 2) do not over indulge in alcohol and avoid drugs;
- 3) be concerned about where you are after 10:00 p.m.; and,
- 4) do not take off your clothes.

- If you find that you are alone with someone, undressed, have indulged in alcohol or drugs, and not interested in a sexual relationship with that person, it is time to be very concerned. Stand up. Create distance between you and the one you are with, get dressed and make arrangements to leave.

- If you are a bystander and witness aggressive or coercive sexual behavior intervene.

In addition, self-defense classes or assertiveness training can help in reducing the chance of sexual assault.

Plan your relationships carefully. Do not take advantage of opportunities when there is no consent. Be prepared with a plan to unwind encounters should you find yourself in a compromising situation, late at night and under the influence. Parents, talk to your children. Let them know of the danger signals and discuss how to avoid disastrous consequences, which could include physical and psychological harm, disease, pregnancy or a prison sentence for those who press their advantage on an unwilling partner. Use these danger signals to provide a rule of conduct or an automatic response behavior that can be used to avoid the very unpleasant consequences of sexual assault.

## THE CAPITOLA RISPIN MANSION PROJECT

The Rispin Project is moving along. Most residents have long heard of plans to restore the old Rispin Mansion and gardens, and add new buildings to the site to create a bed and breakfast-style hotel facility.

The Capitola Redevelopment Agency owns the site, and the City has entered into an agreement with a development team, including Ron Beardslee, Barry Swenson Builder, and Dan

Floyd to build and run the project. The team, along with City staff, have been working hard to prepare final plans and secure approvals from other agencies in order to begin construction this summer. Check this newsletter for project updates as the development proceeds.

## NEW BRIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL RECYCLES!

The students at New Brighton Middle School recycled over 400 old phone books during the month of May. AT&T and the City of Capitola sponsored the event to promote and encourage recycling. The winning class that brought in the most phone books was Mimi Edgar's 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 grade Language Arts & Social Studies. The winning individual students; 1<sup>st</sup> Xiomara Delgado, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Hunt and 3<sup>rd</sup> China Armstrong. The winning class received a pizza party and the students each won \$20 gift cards to Pizza My Heart, all paid for by AT&T.

## RECYCLE OLD COMPUTER PARTS & ELECTRONICS AT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL E-WASTE DAY!

Remember how when you bought that Pentium 1 it was the best computer on the market? Remember how you thought your cell phone would "definitely last" more than 2 years? Electronics are becoming a growing problem for our landfills, especially computers. Computers contain 5 to 8 pounds of toxic materials such as mercury and arsenic, therefore, many types of electronics can no longer be disposed of in our landfills because of possible groundwater contamination. But fear not, the City of Capitola is here to save the day!

The City of Capitola will be sponsoring its annual FREE E-Waste day on Saturday, September 22, from 9am to 12pm at City Hall Parking lot located at 420 Capitola Avenue. All Capitola businesses and residents are invited to help divert toxic materials from our landfills by recycling unwanted electronics and computer equipment (working or not!). Monitors, Systems/CPU's, printers, fax machines, copy machines and TV's will all be accepted as well as keyboard and mouse, cell phones (and cell phone batteries), cables and peripherals. Businesses and Residents are limited to 5 items. Come and do your part to protect the environment!

Have questions?

Call Lisa Murphy at 475-7300

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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.:  
[caprec@cruzio.com](mailto:caprec@cruzio.com)

City Web Site:  
[www.ci.capitola.ca.us](http://www.ci.capitola.ca.us)

### july

12, 26	City Council/RDA*	7:00
5, 19	Planning Commission	7:00
5	Museum Board	CANCELLED
10	Art & Cultural Commission	6:30
17	Finance Advisory Committee	6:00
TBD	Village Master Plan Committee	NONE
11, 25	Arch & Site Review Committee	3:30
3	Commission on the Environment	7:00

### august

9	City Council/RDA*	7:00
2, 16	Planning Commission	7:00
2	Museum Board	5:30
14	Art & Cultural Commission	6:30
21	Finance Advisory Committee	6:00
TBD	Village Master Plan Committee	NONE
1, 15	Arch & Site Review Committee	3:30
7	Commission of the Environment	7:00

### september

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
25	Village Master Plan Committee	6:30
12, 26	Arch & Site Review Committee	3:30
4	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 Communications**  
**1-866-731-5420**

**City Clerk: 475-7300 ext. 228**  
 City Council Information  
 Elections  
 Agendas

**Community Development:**  
**475-7300 ext. 216**

**Emergencies: 911**

**Fire (County): 479-6842**

**Garbage: Green Waste Recovery**  
**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