

Sea Breeze

A PUBLICATION OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH

COFFEE WITH A COP

Have you ever thought about sitting down and having "Coffee with a Cop"? Or taking a few minutes to ask a police officer about our community, their job or to share an idea, but were unsure just how to start that conversation? For some, the appearance of a police officer in uniform isn't conducive to striking up a casual conversation. The Grover Beach Police Department has therefore begun setting aside one day each month to meet with residents and business owners to just sit and talk – no agendas, no speeches, and no pre-set topics, just cops and community members getting together for a couple hours of casual conversation.



The first "Coffee with a Cop" event was held in late August at The Station Grill, 170 West Grand Avenue.

Originally planned for two hours, the event lasted nearly four hours with over 40 people dropping by to talk with Officer Danny Gregory, Sergeant Roy Ituralde, Commander Tim Miller, and Police Chief John Peters. There were great conversations held, information was exchanged, and good coffee enjoyed by all – *thank you Station Grill!*

The Police Department will be coordinating with local businesses to host one "Coffee with a Cop" event each month. For schedule and locations of future events, please visit the calendar section of the City website at www.grover.org, the Police Department's Twitter page

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PROGRESS ON STREET REHABILITATION & REPAIRS

by City Manager Robert Perrault

In November 2014, Grover Beach voters approved Measure K-14 authorizing the City to issue and sell up to \$48 million in Bonds to fix our streets. Bonds are to be issued over a 20-year period with proceeds from the Bond sales used to fund the street repair program.

Shortly thereafter, the City Council conducted a series of public meetings, workshops, and a citizen survey to receive public input on street repair priorities. Based on that input, the Council approved an approach for selecting streets that recognized our community's highest priorities – public safety, high traffic volume streets, and repairing streets in a cost-effective manner. The Council also took into account the need to upgrade other City utilities where necessary.

2015 STREET PROJECTS - CONSTRUCTION

On July 6th, the Council authorized a construction contract with CalPortland to complete the **first phase** of our street repair program. Construction began in August 2015 on the following street segments:

1. **Brighton Avenue** - North 13th Street to Oak Park Boulevard
2. **Nice Avenue** - 12th Street to 13th Street
3. **South 7th Street** - West Grand Avenue to Rockaway Avenue

2015 STREET PROJECTS – DESIGN

Design of the **second phase** of streets should be completed this fall, with construction

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Community Partnership Program Expanded to Include Foot Patrol

The Grover Beach Police Department began a new Foot Patrol Program to work in conjunction with the City's adopted ordinance regarding "panhandling". The Department expanded its Community Partnership Program by starting this new assignment for officers to patrol the West Grand Avenue corridor and surrounding public parks on foot. This assignment will be in addition to the officers' regular duties.

The purpose of the new program is to work in partnership with our local businesses to identify and solve community concerns, address some of the issues involving vagrant activities, and implement and enforce the panhandling ordinance. Police officers assigned to Foot Patrol have been wearing a newly designed uniform for higher visibility – a two-tone blue and black



Officer
Matthew Goodman

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to follow on the street segments numbered 1-8 below:

1. **North 13th Street** - West Grand Avenue to Atlantic City Avenue
2. **Saratoga Avenue** - North 8th Street to Oak Park Boulevard
3. **North 5th Street** - Saratoga Avenue to the northern limits maintained by the City
4. **North 7th Street** - West Grand Avenue to Brighton Avenue
5. **South 13th Street** - Farroll Road to Highland Way
6. **South 16th Street** - Mentone Avenue to Nice Avenue
7. **Lynne Street**
8. **Park View Avenue** - North 4th Street to Charles Street

Optional Projects In the event construction bids allow for additional work, the following streets may be included:

9. **South 14th Street** - West Grand Avenue to Longbranch Avenue
10. **Dover Court**

Next Steps

In addition to the streets noted above, the City Council selected a **third set of streets** to be designed in the spring of 2016. (Please see the City website for additional information and a map of the selected street segments at www.grover.org and click on “Street Rehabilitation & Repair Program”.)

Repair of Oak Park Boulevard

In addition to the rehabilitation and repair program funded through the sale of Bonds, the City has received \$1.7 Million in grant funds for the repair of Oak Park Boulevard. This project will extend from the Boulevard’s intersection with West Grand Avenue north to the City’s limit line near Sierra Drive. With project design to be completed this fall, construction is likely to start after the first of the year. Repairing Oak Park Boulevard is a top priority for the City Council and we’re working to expedite this project wherever possible.

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polo-style shirt and navy blue pants. The program kicked off in the spring and response has been positive, with less visible vagrant issues along the West Grand Avenue corridor and numerous positive comments from local businesses.

A brochure with more information on the panhandling ordinance and specific legal restrictions is available at City Hall or the City website at www.grover.org/DocumentCenter/View/4996.

We encourage you to contact the Police Department if you experience any aggressive panhandling issues in our community.



End Your Toxic Relationships . . .

. . . with commonly used household cleaning products that can actually be classified as “hazardous waste”! Protect your home and our water resources by disposing of toxic products carefully and making easy substitutions for those products.

Many common household cleaning products contain toxic chemicals, such as oven cleaners, drain cleaners, wood and metal cleaners, polishes, toilet cleaners, and cleaners for the tub, tile, and shower. When these toxic chemicals are poured down household drains, toilets, storm drains, on the ground, or even thrown in the trash, those chemicals can contaminate water resources, once they are in the landfill.

Helpful Tips!

One way to reduce stormwater pollution caused by household hazardous waste is to minimize the amount of household chemicals that you use:

- Choose non-hazardous products when you can. Lemon juice, vinegar, hot water, borax, soap, and baking soda are good alternatives to harsh chemical cleansers. Check online for non-toxic home cleaning recipes.
- Buy phosphate-free, biodegradable detergents and cleaners and water-based products, when possible, as they are typically less toxic.

A Few Good Recipes

- All-purpose cleaner: ½ cup vinegar and ¼ cup baking soda mixed into ½ gallon of water
- Bathroom mold: mix one part hydrogen peroxide (3%) with two parts water; spray on mold and wait one hour before cleaning
- Carpet stains: ¼ cup borax, ¼ cup salt, and ¼ cup vinegar mixed into a paste; leave on stain for a few hours, then vacuum
- Toilet bowl cleaner: ¼ cup baking soda mixed with 1 cup vinegar; pour into toilet bowl and let it sit before scrubbing



Don’t Pour It Down the Drain!

If you see the words “caution, hazardous, danger, flammable or poison”, you know to use these products with heightened care and attention. You need to also use caution when disposing of these products.

The San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) operates five household hazardous waste drop-off facilities where residents can bring and safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials. For more information regarding drop off locations, please call IWMA at (805) 782-8530 or visit their website at www.iwma.com.

If you would like additional information regarding stormwater pollution prevention, please contact the Public Works Department at (805) 473-4520 or visit the City website at www.grover.org.

FIRE PREVENTION & LIFE SAFETY EVENT

SAT, OCTOBER 10TH; 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
RAMONA GARDEN PARK, GROVER BEACH

The Five Cities Fire Authority will be hosting a Fire Prevention & Life Safety event that will include fire prevention demonstrations, a vehicle rollover simulator, hands-only CPR training, search and rescue vehicles, Smokey the Bear, and a California Highway Patrol helicopter, along with other informational exhibits from local health, safety, and emergency response agencies. Thanks to a generous grant from PG&E, the Fire Authority will also be distributing free smoke detectors to the public.

Bring your friends and family to this free, fun, and educational event shared with your local first-responders.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Special Events, Programs, Classes & Facilities



PAY WITH CREDIT CARD – IT'S CONVENIENT, ECO-FRIENDLY AND TIME SAVING

You can pay by credit card with no processing/convenience fees to register for Parks and Recreation Department classes, events, parks, and facilities. Go to www.grover.org and select "Online Payments"

Carved Pumpkin Contest & Halloween Carnival Activities, Ballooney the Clown, Costume Parade, Mummy Contest

Fri, October 30th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.,
Ramona Garden Park

Fun for the whole family!

Bring your already decorated or carved pumpkin to the contest for a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses. Businesses can enter the business category as well. Carnival games, free hot dog barbecue provided by the Grover Beach Rotary Club, popcorn, candy, and more! Carnival games presented by the Arroyo Grande High School LINK Crew.



49th Annual South County Holiday Parade –

Sat, December 5th, 10:00 a.m.

This year's theme: Hawaiian Holiday! The Parade begins at 16th Street, travels west down West Grand Avenue to 9th Street and finishes at Ramona Garden Park. Bring the entire family and enjoy a good old-fashioned parade!



Santa's Workshop-Fine Art and Craft Faire!

Sat, December 5th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Santa's Workshop, a fine art and craft faire, immediately follows the Parade. There will be over 40 artists and crafters presenting unique handcrafted gifts for you and your loved ones to enjoy this holiday season.



Holiday Tree Lighting

Mon, December 7, 2015; 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for cocoa, coffee, cookies, caroling, and a visit with Santa prior to the first City Council meeting in December in the north parking lot at City Hall (gather around the large pine tree), 154 South 8th Street.



Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest

Businesses Only: Preliminary judging – Nov. 28th-30th from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Final judging to be held on Thurs, December 3rd.

Residences Only: Preliminary judging – Dec. 12th and Dec. 13th from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Final judging to be held on Thurs, December 17th.

Show your holiday spirit by decorating your home or business and earn bragging rights in your neighborhood! Awards in several categories will be presented. Be sure to have your lights on!

16th Annual Free Basketball Clinic with Cal Poly Mustangs Women's Basketball Team!

Sun, October 11th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Mentone Basketball Court

Boys and girls in grades 8 and below will receive pointers and drills to improve their skills and be inspired by the interaction with the teammates. All equipment will be provided.

Tiny Tots Enrichment Programs

For children ages 2 ½ - 5 years old - a fun learning experience which includes stories, crafts, music, and games. Children in more advanced classes will be prepared for the academic challenges ahead through pre-math and pre-reading activities, music and movement, and so much more!

Recreation Classes: Beginner Ukulele I & II, Holiday Etiquette, Tai Chi, and Acrylic Painting

For specific dates and times, please see the City website or *Fall 2015 Activity Guide* (available at City Hall and City website – www.grover.org).

Parks and Community Centers Available for Your Next Special Occasion!

Group barbecue areas at 16th Street Park and Grover Heights Park are great venues for birthday parties, wedding receptions or even family barbecues. Other areas of the park, such

as the athletic fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts and horseshoe pits, may also be reserved. Along with our parks, our two popular facilities, Ramona Garden Park Center and Grover Beach Community Center, offer space for parties up to 300 guests.

Volunteers, Donations and Sponsors Needed Year-Round

The many activities and special events offered to our community throughout the year are made possible through the assistance of hard-working volunteers and the generous donations and monetary sponsors of our local businesses and private citizens. The Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Department is working hard to continue offering these community services. If you're interested in volunteering for a special event or could make a contribution, please call (805) 473-4580 for more information or send an e-mail to parksandrecreation@grover.org.

South County Skate Park, 750 Ramona Avenue

Operated by the San Luis Obispo County YMCA. Call for more information on fees and hours of operation at (805) 543-8235.



Home Loan Programs

AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH

In 2014, the City was successful in obtaining \$700,000 from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for two home loan programs – a *First Time Homebuyer Program* and an *Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program*.

The *First Time Homebuyer Program* can assist a homebuyer who has not owned a home in the last three years. This zero-interest loan is for low-income buyers who do not have sufficient income to qualify for the loan amount to purchase a home. The no interest loan is repaid to the City when an owner sells the home or the mortgage is paid in full. For a property to be eligible, the maximum sales price cannot exceed \$404,000.

The *Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program* is for interior and exterior residential repairs and maintenance. To be eligible for this zero-interest, 30-year loan, the household must qualify as a low-income household and the value of the home cannot exceed \$404,000 after rehabilitation.

A low-income household has household income that does not exceed 80% of the median income of the area, adjusted for household size. For San Luis Obispo County, the income limits are as follows:

Number of Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Limit	\$43,200	\$49,400	\$55,500	\$61,700	\$66,650	\$71,600	\$76,550	\$81,450

Effective June 1, 2015

The City retained the services of CVC Housing to administer both programs and ensure all requirements of the State are met. If you're interested in participating in either one of the programs or would like additional information, please contact Mauna Ekema, CVC Housing Manager, by calling (559) 280-8340 or Janet Reese, Planner II, by email to jreese@grover.org or calling (805) 473-4520.

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@GroverBeachPD or join the Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GroverBeachPoliceDepartment.

If your establishment would like to host a "Coffee with a Cop" event, please contact Police Chief John Peters by calling (805) 473-4500 or send an email to jpeters@gbpd.org.

Come Out and Join Us for Some Casual Conversation & a Cup of Coffee!

MONTHLY CITY MEETING DATES

All Regular Meetings are Open to the Public and Held in the City Council Chambers Unless Noted Otherwise
154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach

CITY COUNCIL - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (as needed)

PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – One-Half Percent Sales Tax
(meetings scheduled as needed)

CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Measure K-14 Street Bonds
(meetings scheduled as needed)

Agendas are posted at City Hall and www.grover.org.

City Council Meetings are televised on the City's Government Cable Access Channel 20.

Your presence and participation at City meetings are contributions to good government.

Please attend as often as you can!

QUICK REFERENCE

GROVER BEACH CITY HALL

154 South Eighth Street; *Mon - Fri; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Except for Legal Holidays*

Administrative Services / Water & Sewer Utility Billing	473-4550
Business Tax Certificates	473-4550
City Management	473-4567
City Council - City Clerk	473-4568
Human Resources	473-4564
Community Development Department	473-4520
Building Inspection Requests	473-4527
Parks & Recreation	473-4580
Facility Rentals	473-4580
Public Works Department	473-4520
Code Enforcement	473-4520
Water Conservation Program	473-4520
Police Administration	473-4511
Emergency	9-1-1
Police Department on Facebook	www.facebook.com/GroverBeachPoliceDepartment
Police Department on Twitter	https://twitter.com/Grover_BeachPD
City Website	www.grover.org
Join us on Facebook	www.facebook.com/GroverBeach

Other Frequently Called Numbers:

Charter Communications (cable television) 270 Bridge Street, San Luis Obispo - or - www.charter.com	(888) 438-2427
Community Library - 240 North 9th Street, Grover Beach	481-4131
(Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)	
Five Cities Fire Authority 140 Traffic Way, Arroyo Grande	473-5490
Pacific Gas & Electric (electricity) - or - www.pge.com	1-800-743-5000
South County Sanitary (trash and recycling services) 874 West Grand Avenue - or - www.wasteconnections.com	489-4246
Southern California Gas Company (natural gas) www.socalgas.com	1-800-427-2200
SLO Superior Court - www.slocourts.net (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)	
Traffic Division - 1050 Monterey Street, SLO	781-5696
Civil & Small Claims Division - 1035 Palm Street, Rm 385, SLO	781-5677
Criminal Division - 1050 Monterey Street, SLO	781-5670
SLO County Public Health Services - South County Branch 286 South 16th Street	473-7050
SLO County Human Services & Support Groups Hotline	2-1-1
SLO County Transportation Information or Regional Ridesharing www.rideshare.org	5-1-1