

Kiosk

PG Museum of Natural History
Monarch Butterfly Count at the Butterfly Sanctuary as of 12/30/15 is 10,236

Sat. Jan. 23
 Blockprint Basics
 Workshop with Linda Zupic
 \$40
 Pacific Grove Art Center
 1-4 PM
 lzupic@netptc.net

Sun. Jan. 24
 Ed Ricketts lecture
 by Don Kohrs
 Monterey Public Library
 2-3 PM
 Free, Reservations required
 831-646-3949

Wed. Jan. 27
 Dine Out with Friends
 to benefit Friends of the Library
 La Mia Cucina
 208 17th St.
 Beginning 5 PM

Sat. Jan. 30
 Make your own organic,
 non-GMO soy milk
 in Pacific Grove \$3
 2 PM
 Call for details 831-915-8321

Sun. Jan. 31
 Lecture: Subduction
 by Dr. El Clifton
 PC Museum
 \$5
 Free for Members

Thurs. Feb. 4
 Informational meeting for
 individuals interested in
 volunteering at the Pacific Grove
 Museum of Natural History.
 6 p.m. Free.
 831-648-5716 ext. 20
 or watson@pgmuseum.org

Mon. Feb. 8
 Independent Photographers Meet
 Outalt Chapel
 Community Church
 831-915-0037

Fri. Feb. 12
 Celebration of Love
 Venture Gallery
 Portola Hotel



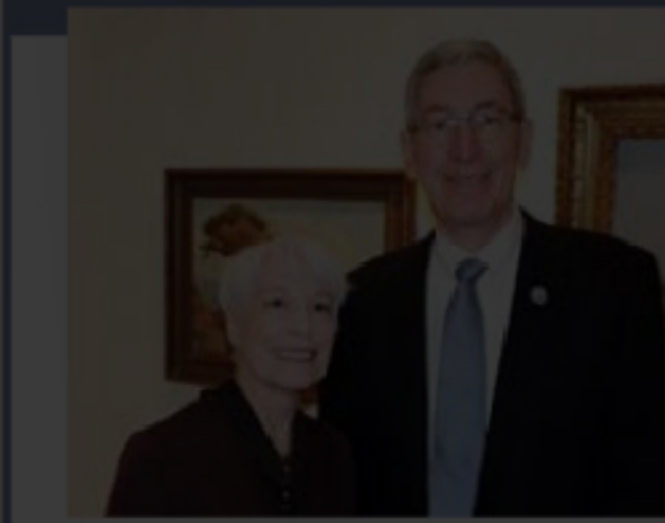
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 traffic, weather, fun pictures
 and timely stuff. If you fol-
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 get local sports updates and
 we even tweet tournaments
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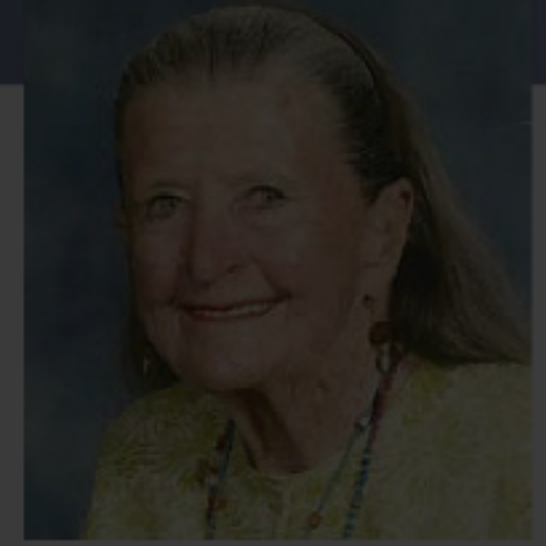
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Project Bella at ATC Council Accepts Developer Offer to pay for early April 19 vote

Developers have offered to pay the cost of the election in order to get the project moving. City Council accepted, by a unanimous vote, at the Jan. 20 meeting, and set the matter for April 19, 2016.

Domaine Partners, LLC (Domaine) has submitted an application to develop, construct, and operate a hotel project, working name "Project Bella," at the American Tin Cannery site at 125 Ocean View Boulevard within walking distance of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Domaine representative Michael Krall assured Moe Ammar of the Chamber of Commerce, when asked, that they would identify the project with Pacific Grove rather than any other location.

An election initiative/petition was circulated within the City of Pacific Grove, entitled: "American Tin Cannery (ATC) ballot initiative." The ballot measure proposes to rezone the ATC site from C-V (Visitor Commercial) and C-2 (Heavy Commercial) so that hotels will be allowed.

The petition was submitted to the Elections department for signature verification on Dec. 3, 2015. There were 249 sections and 1326 signatures. Elections did a random sampling of 500 signatures by examining the records of registration, and determined that 421 were deemed valid. Of the 79 which were found not sufficient, two were duplicates. Based on that information, the number of valid signatures on the pe-

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Cardboard Collection in Pacific Grove



One Reason Why A Containerized Cardboard Collection Agreement Should be Enforced

This photo was taken on Saturday, May 2, 2015, while Waste Management was "collecting" uncontained cardboard one day each week, ostensibly on Thursdays. The situation has improved, with Green Waste picking up twice each week.

By Marge Ann Jameson

Staff at GreenWaste Recovery, working with some downtown merchants and the Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement District, believe they may have come up with a solution to the cardboard trash problem which blights many downtown Pacific Grove streets.

A sticker program has been proposed,

which would require businesses using collection service for their waste cardboard to bundle and secure the cardboard and put a sticker on it. The stickers would be purchased by users of the program and would not be required of businesses not using the program. Nor would it be required of residential customers.

Each sticker would be good for up to

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Changes on Central Ave. it is Hoped Will Calm Traffic

By Peter Munteer

Last week the city of Pacific Grove Department of Public Works broke ground on a capital improvement project on Central Avenue to slow down the speed of traffic entering the city on that street.

The project will see the installation of three bulb-outs and four raised median islands on Central Avenue between David Avenue and First Street. At First and Sloat, just up the street from the American Tin Cannery, there will be two bulb-outs, an island and a median installed at the three way intersection with Central Avenue. The project will also include asphalt rehabilitation at that intersection. Most of the project is expected to be completed by mid-February, depending on the weather, while asphalt rehabilitation will not be done until spring when the rain is expected to stop. The street will remain open for the duration of the work.

The corridor is known for fast traveling traffic with little in the way of stop signs or stoplights despite the presence of two crosswalks along the road and multiple shops and

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Joan Skillman

Skillshots



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tion is 1,108 or 12 percent of the total registered voters in the City of Pacific Grove. Project Bella developers and proponents are aware the City will be required to expend considerable resources in working with Domaine for approval of the Project Bella, including processing of applications, permits, and other entitlements. They want to "ensure City resource limitations will not delay the necessary review steps to effect timely development of the project," according to the staff report for the City Council meeting, Jan. 20.

In a letter to the City Attorney, Ronald Meer of Domaine Partners writes, "Domaine would like to offer to reimburse the City for its actual costs to conduct the special election, as outlined below, if the Council decides to place the initiative measure on the ballot (Election Code section 9215(b).)"

The cost of consolidating the matter at the next statewide election is estimated at \$6-\$8 per voter or \$55,650-\$74,200.

Costs charged to the City by the Monterey County Elections Department to add a ballot measure for a special election are estimated at \$14-\$20 per voter or \$129,850-\$185,500.

The draft Resolution calls for a Special Municipal Election on April 19, 2016. The last day to submit arguments for or against the proposed measure is January 29, 2016. The last day to submit rebuttal arguments for the proposed measure would be February 8, 2016, and the City Attorney must prepare an impartial analysis of the measure no later than February 8, 2016.

One speaker at the community comment period, Luke Coletti, accused the Council of setting the election for April 19 as a method to keep voters from being able to vote - in effect "disfranchising" them.

According to City Attorney David Laredo, ballots will be handled just as in any other election, ensuring everyone eligible can vote.

While the Coastal Commission, which must approve the project, will likely meet in the Monterey Peninsula area in August, 2016, Domaine Partners would not likely be ready with paperwork and drawings by then, putting the matter off for another few months until the Coastal Commission returns.

Before a crowded city council chamber, a hospitality union representative said his members will be in favor of the project as it means jobs for the area.

Former mayor Carmelita Garcia expressed support of the project, and "Mr. PG," Richard Stilwell, said, "Get on with it!" at the microphone.

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one cubic yard of cardboard.

GreenWaste would pick up the bundles on Tuesdays and Thursdays on specific, pre-arranged routes.

GreenWaste acknowledges that there are some "challenges" to the sticker program, one of which is an amendment to the franchise agreement and the municipal code, and another is the perceived inconvenience of pre-purchasing the stickers. Some businesses are constrained by the size of their premises. Some are angry because they will now be required to pay for the service, which they did not pay for with Waste Management until the new bid request for proposals went out last year. Even Waste Management, whose bid was higher than GreenWaste's, were looking at charging for cardboard pickup since it was no longer cost-effective to pick it up for free.

As happened with newsprint since the days when Boy Scouts, for example, could finance their troops's activities by collecting newspapers for recycling, the bottom has dropped out of the cardboard recycling market. Now selling the commodity is not as lucrative as it used to be, despite technology providing new uses for recycled and new cardboard, including even using it for mulch in agriculture.

Last year, when seven Peninsula cities looked at putting garbage and trash collection services out to bid as a bloc, Waste Management had the franchise in Pacific Grove. Their franchise agreement did not include a charge (nor a requirement) for picking up cardboard, bundled or not. The agreement was up for renewal and it was projected there would be a citywide increase in rates for residential and commercial services. The rates are set by the City Council and were approved in August, 2014. All of the former drivers with Waste Management were re-hired by GreenWaste with the exception of two, and those two individuals were on routes in Carmel Valley.

When GreenWaste submitted their bid, they were ranked first for each jurisdiction covered by the requested scope of services, while Waste Management's bid was 14 percent higher than GreenWaste's.

Stickers are a solution of sorts to the collection problem, but should trash cardboard producers wish, the actual production of cardboard waste could be examined, cutting it down at its source. GreenWaste Recovery is willing to provide an assessment with their Environmental Outreach Coordinator, Tyler Belko. Belko has already made site visits to 99 of 105 sites between July and November, 2015 to make on-site waste generation assessments. He will help producers review their service levels and determine what size containers should be used. Starting and/or expanding recycling and food waste programs is also part of the free service.

Pacific Grove's Rain Gauge

Data reported by Jack Beigle from Canterbury Woods

Week ending 01-21-16.....	2.17"
Total for the season	9.67"
To date last year	N/A"
The historic average to this date is	9.18"
Wettest year.....	47.15"
During rain year 07-01-97 through 06-30-98	
Driest year	4.013"
During rain year 07-01-12 through 06-30-13	

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Not so Grand Grand Avenue

Each day that the "Movie Tours" bus churns up Grand Avenue, full of tourists with their noses pressed to the window hoping to see where something famous happened (in our case, it was an episode of "Then Came Bronson," filmed at our location), they are greeted instead with vans on one side of the street, employees unloading merchandise into a warehouse and piling cardboard on the sidewalk. On the opposite side of the street is a corporation yard (not so-zoned) and a dumpster proudly displaying used toilets along with a pile of cardboard on the sidewalk, weighted with a half block of concrete.

Given a little wind, that cardboard blows down the street to the Sanctuary. It often takes with it little plastic bags which once contained hardware. Cigarette butts. Candy wrappers. Soft drink cups. Sheets of bubble wrap and styrofoam pieces, some small enough to resemble tasty - but deadly - eggs, if one were a fish. There are torn pieces of plastic which probably look like edible jellyfish to a hapless sea turtle.

Recycling cardboard is not the only issue here on Grand Avenue.