

OUR TOWN

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Newsletter OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE

TAKE YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TO A FREE DROP-OFF LOCATION

It's cleanup time! Do you have products that contain toxic ingredients such as pesticides, auto products, used batteries or light bulbs sitting inside your garage or taking up space in your cabinets? Make space at home by properly disposing of these hazardous products you no longer need. These items cannot be placed in the regular trash or recycling bin and it is unlawful to pour them down the kitchen sink, toilets, or storm drains as it pollutes our environment. Residents can drop-off their hazardous waste with a certified retailer as part of their take-back program. Take advantage of these free drop-off sites and find a location near you. Collect the toxic products you want to recycle. Remember to pack products in leak-proof tubs or plastic lined boxes to avoid spills and do not mix chemicals. Then safely transport your waste to the drop-off location of your choice.

Below are the certified retailers that accept certain hazardous waste products during open business hours. Please call ahead to drop off large quantities as restrictions may apply.

Retailer	Fluorescent Lights (4ft max)	Oil Filters	Motor Oil	Transmission Fluid	Brake Fluid	Paint Solvents	Stain Products	Car Batteries	Household Batteries
Kelly-Moore 1405 Freedom						●	●		
Sherwin Williams 110 Airport Blvd #A						●	●		
Auto Zone 1502 Freedom Blvd 33 W Lake Ave		●	●	●	●			●	●
Firestone 1099 S Green Valley		●	●	●					
Valvoline Instant Oil Change 1409 Main St.		●	●	●	●			●	
ACE Hardware 1820 Freedom Blvd 451 Main St 1056 E. Lake Ave.	●							●	●
Home Depot 355 S Green Valley Rd.	●							●	
O'Reilly Auto Parts 401 Rodriguez St 1628 Freedom Blvd		●	●	●	●			●	●

For safe disposal of other toxic products including pesticides, cleaning products, pool chemicals, solvents, etc., Watsonville residents can take them to the City's Public Waste & Recycle Drop-off Center on 320 Harvest drive.

Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter's Door-to-Door Program



The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter Door to Door Outreach Program is designed to help pet owners in need, to provide better care for their pets than they can on their own. The program offers pet food, animal parasite control, new leashes, collars, and even pet toys.

Julie Hitchcock, long time Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter volunteer and teacher in Watsonville has been doing outreach at the Friday Farmers Market in Watsonville for over a year.

Watsonville residents in need of assistance with pet care needs can stop by the Farmers Market to obtain more information or contact Jen Walker, Program Manager at the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter at jen.walker@santacruzcounty.us or call 831-454-7235.

For more information about services available for Watsonville pet owners please visit www.scanimalshelter.org

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KEEPING UP WITH WATSONVILLE



Music In the Plaza

Enjoy concerts in the plaza this summer. Great Variety of music for all. Don't miss them! 6-8pm

August 10th: Tropical Night • Tributo a Las Sonoras • Con Rumba Cafe y Grupo Aktual
August 24th: Motown/R&B Top 40 • The Groove Foundation • Guest Band



Environmentally Friendly Car Wash at Ramsay Park!

You can raise money while protecting our environment. This car wash has a special drain that leads to the wastewater treatment plant, where the dirty soapy water will be recycled and reused to irrigate agriculture fields. To reserve the car wash call Parks & Community Services at (831) 768-3240.



Monterey Bay Birding Festival

September marks the peak of fall migration, with wintering shorebirds arriving en masse. Join us on **Saturday September 23, 2017** to celebrate and explore the wide variety of species found in our bay.

WATSONVILLE'S ANNUAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

As children we are taught to cleanup after our own mess. While it's important that we each do our part to reduce our waste and keep Watsonville clean, there will always be the forgotten pieces of trash, and like dirty dishes piling up in the sink, nobody knows who's responsible for them. These ignored debris include items like cigarette butts, plastic straws, bottle caps, and food wrappers that can be mistaken for food and accidentally eaten by our local wildlife or end up polluting our waterways. Here is where our everyday Watsonville heroes get involved! Coastal Cleanup Day is one of the largest volunteer events on the planet, engaging millions of people from hundreds of countries to pick up trash and prevent pollution in wetlands, rivers, and the ocean. Give us a hand by joining us at one of our City-hosted cleanup sites on Saturday, September 16th from 9AM-Noon. We will provide a safety talk, all necessary cleanup supplies and snacks. Please remember to dress in layers and bring a reusable water bottle. Every single piece of garbage we remove will protect wildlife and create a more beautiful Watsonville for everyone to enjoy!



You can pre-register your group to volunteer at one of our sites or just show up at your favorite location. **For more information call 768-3165.**

Watsonville Coastal Cleanup Sites:

- West Struve Slough at Pajaro Valley High School
- Watsonville Slough at Nature Center Ramsay Park
- Pajaro River at River Park
- Palm and Sunset State Beach hosted by Save Our Shores



Family Days

The Nature Center will be hosting free bilingual nature walks at 9am and 1:30p.m. on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 at 1:30pm in honor of the Monterey Bay Birding Festival. We will also have crafts and games during our open hours 11am-4pm.

For more information call 768-1622.

CHILDREN AND CARS: A DEADLY WARM WEATHER COMBINATION

With all of our activities, we always seem to be in a rush. It's so easy to just leave a sleeping child in the car because you will "only be a minute". But even with the windows "cracked," the inside of your car will heat up quickly and a child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult.

Watsonville Firefighters respond to an average of five calls per year where children are locked in a vehicle. One firefighter recalls going to a call for a child locked in a vehicle where a father had forgotten that he had his baby in the car when he went to the store. The father was arrested for child endangerment. The firefighter recalls that the days before had been really hot. This day, the temperatures had dropped. If this had happened the day before, the outcome could have been very different. **IF YOU SEE A CHILD ALONE IN A HOT CAR CALL 9-1-1.**



You may think that this could never happen to you but it can happen to anyone.

Here are some safety tips to help you keep your children safe:

- **NEVER LEAVE A CHILD ALONE IN A VEHICLE.**
- **IF YOU SEE A CHILD ALONE IN A HOT VEHICLE CALL 9-1-1.**
- Make sure **ALL** occupants leave the vehicle when unloading.
- Always lock your car/ensure children do not have access to keys or remote entry devices.
- Teach your children that vehicles are not a play area.
- Keep a stuffed animal in the carseat and when the child is in the seat, place the animal in the front with the driver; or place your purse or briefcase in the back seat; place a reminder on your cell phone
- Make "look before you leave" a routine.
- Have a good number where your childcare provider can reach you at if baby didn't arrive.



Watsonville Beard Brigade

For the third year in a row, Chief of Police David Honda has given the green light to Watsonville police officers to forgo facial hair grooming to participate in a fun-raising event for the children of Jacob's Heart Cancer Support Service. Every participating officer will donate \$100 to Jacob's Heart and grow their beards for three months. (July 1st -September 30th)

YOUR CITY DIRECTORY



Police/Fire (Non-Emergency)	471-1151
Police (Archives)	768-3370
City Manager	768-3010
Library (Main Branch)	768-3400
Parks & Community Services	768-3240
Permits	768-3050
Water/Garbage	768-3133

