

# OUR TOWN

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*Newsletter* OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE

## WATSONVILLE IS CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

On March 30, 1868, the California State Legislature approved a request to incorporate Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro into the Town of Watsonville. Now, nearly 150 years after its incorporation, City Council and community leaders are gearing up to commemorate an important City milestone – the sesquicentennial celebration. The group is planning an ambitious and spirited celebration to commemorate 150 years of the City’s incorporation.

The sesquicentennial celebration will be an opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate all the history and cultures that have created the fabric of our community. The City is compiling a master calendar of activities that take place throughout the year, and hopes to work with community stakeholders to incorporate a historical theme to many of these events.

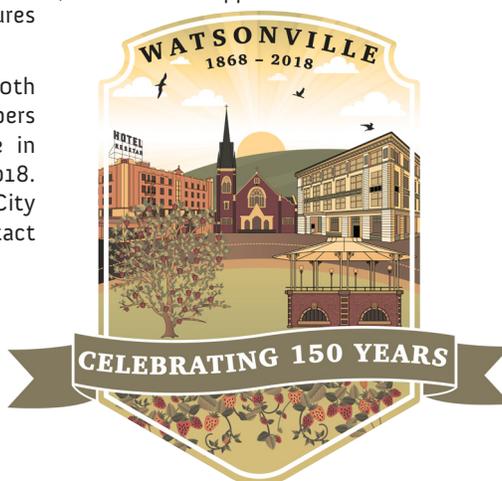
Various subcommittees are working on preparing a series of celebratory events and special projects such as a downtown gateway sign, videos to document the rich history of our town, a time capsule that will be kept in the downtown, as well as an application that documents historical buildings, places and special features of our City.

The members of the City of Watsonville 150th anniversary celebration hope that all members of the community attend and participate in the activities that will be taking place in 2018. Those interested in contributing to the City of Watsonville 150th celebration can contact Tamara Vides at [tamara.vides@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:tamara.vides@cityofwatsonville.org)

Information about all upcoming events will be available on the Sesquicentennial website at

[www.watsonville150.com](http://www.watsonville150.com)

(website currently under construction)



*Sesquicentennial Commemorative Logo*

## VISIT YOUR FREE CONSERVATION HEADQUARTERS



Are you interested in reducing the amount of your utility bill? The City of Watsonville Nature Center is your Conservation Headquarters and the place to come for free assistance and conservation tools. The helpful staff and exhibits are here to show you and your family different ways you can save money and conserve resources.

Bring your family to enjoy games, crafts and bilingual trail walks while learning how to save on your utilities. Receive FREE water conservation devices you can install

in your home in just seconds! Cash in on the City’s rebates by getting great ideas and information on how to replace your lawn, high-flow toilet or washer.

Our bilingual staff can show you how making less garbage can save you money on your utility bill. Composting, increasing your recycling, and using the green yard waste program are easy steps you can take now! Visit us and take home the “Compost Recipe” after seeing the “how to do it” compost exhibit.

The Nature Center is also the gateway to the wetland trails and features many of countless species that live here. Join us for a family nature walk every Sunday at 1:30pm. For more information call us at (831) 768-1622.



Questions or comments contact: Tamara Vides, Editor at 768-3034

## KEEPING UP WITH WATSONVILLE



**State of the City**  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2017 - 5:30pm**  
This event is free and open to the Public.  
**Civic Plaza Council Chambers**  
located at 275 Main St, 4th floor



**Free Mattress Recycling Program**  
Free drop-off of used mattress and box springs at the City of Watsonville’s Waste & Recycling Drop-Off Center. Free disposal for resident only. Commercial customers can dispose their mattresses for a small fee. Attendants will inspect mattress to ensure it can be recycled. Sofa beds, futons, soiled mattresses and crib mattresses are accepted for a fee.

For more information call 831-768-3133



**Be S.A.F.E. on Halloween**  
**S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.  
**A**void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.  
**F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.  
**E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.

