

OUR TOWN

Newsletter OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE

December 2017



Holiday Cooking Safety

The holiday season brings family and friends together and what better way to enjoy this time than with a home cooked meal? While cooking can be fun and relaxing it is also the number one cause of home fires due to unattended cooking.

The holiday season is the peak time for fires and Watsonville Fire Chief, Pablo Barreto, wants to share some safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe.



Remember to have a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the stove and any other areas where you have hot food or drinks. Remember to stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you are using a turkey fryer, keep an eye on it since its dangerous to leave it unattended.

Make sure to check your food regularly and don't leave your home. You can use a timer to remind you that you have food cooking. Keep anything that can catch fire – such as pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, curtains, etc. away from your stove top or any open flame.

Keep a lid nearby when you are cooking to smother small grease fires. If you experience a small grease fire, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the stove. If you have fire in the kitchen, get out and close the door behind you so that the fire stays contained to the area. Then call 9-1-1.

You can follow these easy tips to make sure you have a safe and fun holiday season with family and friends. **If you have any questions about fire safety, you can call our Fire Prevention office at 831-768-3231.**

Holiday Parties

The holidays are approaching and many of us will take part in the festivities this holiday season. We want to remind you that there are rules and regulations in Watsonville when hosting parties and functions that may require special permits.

If you are having a party or function with entertainment such as a band, DJ or amplified music, you may need to obtain a special event permit, sound amplification permit or both. In the City of Watsonville we have a noise ordinance that prohibits amplified music after 10:00 pm. **For more information regarding permitting contact Parks and Community Services Department located at 231 Union St. Watsonville Ca. 95076 or call (831) 768-3240.**



It's important to be respectful and mindful of our neighbors. Parking is an issue for many residential neighborhoods across the country. Please make sure your guests park in well lighted areas and in designated spaces. We all need to do our part in limiting alcohol consumption during the holidays and of course **"Do not Drink and Drive"**.

If you have a noise complaint or non-emergency concern please call our 24 hour non-emergency phone line at 831-471-1151

KEEPING UP WITH
WATSONVILLE



Watsonville Strawberry Festival Survey

Planning for the 2018 Watsonville Strawberry Festival has begun. This exciting annual festival will take place on August 4th and 5th. In an effort to strive for continuous improvement, we would like your input!

Please help us by completing this survey and sharing it with others who may be interested in providing feedback and input:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8MRP2Y



Senior's/Care Utility Users Tax Exemption

Senior's and Care customers living in the City of Watsonville are eligible for tax breaks on some of their utility bills.

To apply for the exemption:

- Download & complete the short application form (link below)
- Mail or deliver the form and a copy of recent P.G. & E bill to

City Finance Department
250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076
cityofwatsonville.org/169/Finance

Watsonville150.org



We are proud to announce that the Sesquicentennial website is live.

Follow us on Instagram

@Watsonville150

For questions please email us at:
watsonville150@cityofwatsonville.org