

# OUR TOWN

Newsletter OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE

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## MEASURE G SUPPORTS YOUTH PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

The Watsonville Police Department (WPD) wants to thank the community for supporting Measure G which has funded youth prevention and intervention programs. The goal is to reduce negative behaviors and provide youth with the tools they need to succeed in life. Below is a description of our youth programs:



### The Police Activities League (PAL):

PAL is a youth prevention program that has served 430 youth with the support of Measure G. PAL provides opportunities to youth and their families that otherwise would not been possible due to limited transportation, financial restrictions or lack of adult mentors.

**Below are some of the youth activities/events that PAL youth have had the opportunity to participate in:**

- Camp Hammer, a 2-day retreat that provided 50 youth with character building activities
- Back to School Event: provided backpacks to 150 local youth
- Leadership Conference: youth participated in workshops to learn about leadership skills

**The Caminos Program:** an intervention program that's helped 140 first time offender youth under Measure G. These youth and their families were provided with case management, counseling, mentoring, pro-social activities and Guiding Good Choices curriculum. Below are program updates:

- 103 youth have successfully completed the program
- 81% of those who completed the program have not re-offended
- 6,881 hours of community services were completed by the youth

The WPD is grateful to the Watsonville Community for continuing to support these successful programs that have become a vital tool in the prevention of youth delinquency. **For more information, please call 768-3300.**

## ARE YOU THROWING AWAY YOUR MONEY?



That wasted food goes to the land-fill and produces methane gas. Here is what you can do to combat climate change and rescue your wallet:

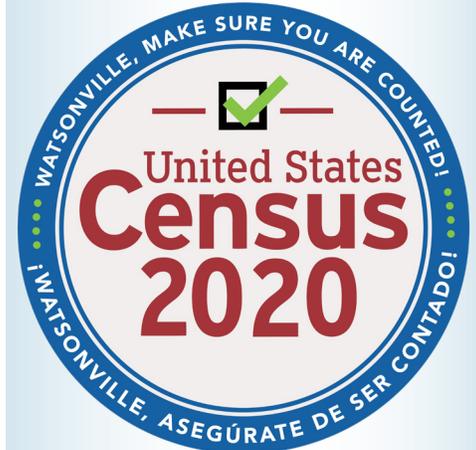
1. Plan your meals: buy only what you need.
2. Get creative with your leftovers.
3. Use ugly produce in baked goods, sauces, etc.

**Your proactive planning helps save water and other resources used to produce your food.**

On average a family of 4 throws away about 33 pounds of food, or the equivalent of \$40 every month. This is like coming home with four bags of groceries and throwing one straight into the trash.

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KEEPING UP WITH WATSONVILLE



**CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2020**

### Why is the Census Important?

- An accurate Census is critical to the economy and the well-being of Watsonville residents.
- Census data is used by businesses when deciding where to locate and where to invest.
- The census guides the allocation of millions of dollars for education, health care, emergency services, infrastructure and much more!
- Determines how many representatives we send to Congress and how voting districts are drawn.
- If everyone in Watsonville is counted, we will be on a strong path over the next 10 years, helping our economy and ensuring that our community has the resources it needs to thrive.



**Have doubts about what is recyclable in Watsonville or what to do with your used batteries?**

**Ask the Waste Wizard at [watsonvillewastewizard.org](http://watsonvillewastewizard.org)**