



New Skate Park at Ramsay Park



Construction of the new skate park at Ramsay Park is almost complete. The skate park should be open by mid-spring, weather permitting. Staff and members of the community have been meeting to plan the grand opening ceremony, which is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2016.

Wormhoudt, Inc. designed the new skate park and took into consideration, when designing the park, the input received from the public who attended two workshops hosted by Parks and Community Services Department.

The park will be over 10,000 square feet, which is about fifty percent larger than the existing skate park at Ramsay Park. The park is located near the Main Street entrance of Ramsay Park,

making it very visible and easier to access than the current skate park located in the back of Ramsay. The new park is being constructed out of concrete and will feature plaza style elements along with a bowl. The new skate park is a dramatic improvement over the current park that features a limited number of steel ramps. The new park will provide a much better experience for a wide range of skaters and will be the only park of this type in the county.

The Parks and Community Services Department thanks all of the community members who took part in the planning of the new skate park and are currently planning the grand opening ceremony! **For more information, call 768-3240.**

Improving Permit Review & Approval of Small Solar Systems



Great news for Watsonville home owners who are considering going solar! The City of Watsonville has adopted an ordinance for the installation of small Solar Photovoltaics energy systems that will bring the City into compliance with Assembly Bill 2188. The City is using the California Solar Permitting Guidebook issued by the Governor of California's Office of Planning and Development to help develop guidelines for the permitting process. The Solar Permitting Guidebook is a resource for local

governments, and permitting agencies, building owners and solar installers to help navigate the permitting process as efficiently as possible. By implementing its recommendations, the City can reduce permit processing times while facilitating the installation of green technology.

The city has posted the Solar Permitting handbook checklist on the website, if your solar project meets all the criteria in this checklist, it will be eligible for the expedited plan check. The great news for homeowners is that all licensed solar contractors understand these requirements and can help your project comply with the checklist. Your project needs to meet general building, electrical, structural and fire safety requirements to be eligible for the Expedited Permitting.

We offer expedited permitting for eligible

Keeping Up with Watsonville

Wheels Car Show @ Watsonville Municipal Airport: April 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. come and enjoy the hot rods, food and the local band! For more information call 768-3575.

Earth Day / Day of the Child: April 24, 2016. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ramsay Park

Time for Spring Cleaning!

Drop off your extra garbage at the Waste & Recycling Drop-off Center located at 320 Harvest Dr., Gate 4, Monday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Household Hazardous Waste accepted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the 2nd Saturday of each month. City residents only! Call 768-3133.

Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2016 Cesar E. Chavez Awards:

- Yesenia Abundis
- Lilian Constanza
- Olga Yesenia Fuentes
- Ramona Linan
- Atalo Paniagua
- Abel Sanchez
- Cleotilde Sanchez
- Marisa Upson
- Daniela Valenzuela



projects on Wednesday mornings between 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. on a walk-in basis or applications for eligible projects may be submitted on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. with a three (3) working day turnaround.

If your project is not eligible, your plans will be reviewed through regular review process and are subject to a ten (10) working day turnaround.

For more information call 768-3050.

Your City Directory

Police (Records)	768-3370
Mayor Felipe Hernandez	768-3001
City Council	768-3008
City Manager	768-3010
Library (Main Branch)	768-3400
Parks & Community Services	768-3240
Permits	768-3050
Utility Bill Payments	768-3455
Water/Garbage	768-3133