



# The High Tide

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A Newsletter for Residents of Cañon del Sol

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The board wrapped up the year with the December "Zoom" board meeting. In this meeting, we started reviewing the reserve project list for 2021. Next year is not a painting year for any section, so most of the projects are of a much smaller nature. The board will publish the scheduled project list early in the new year. The board has also committed to evaluating, updating and consolidating some of the HOA rules and regulations. Please feel free to bring forward to the board any concerns/comments you have with the current published rules. The association rules can be found in the documents section of the Canon del Sol website.

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With the dues increase for 2021, many will need to update their automatic payment information. A link to the payment portal can be found on the Anderson & Company website at <https://www.acomgt.com>. Please feel free to contact Anderson if you have questions.

The pool has been closed for the winter season, and the hot tub is still closed by the county health office. We anticipate reopening the pool in the early spring, around April 1st (unfortunately, most likely with COVID capacity restrictions).

Last month I mentioned trying an online reservation system to replace the sign-up sheets. I am looking for some user volunteers to help evaluate this system; please send me a note if you are interested in assisting.

With the worst year ever winding down, and with hope that 2021 will be much better, I wish all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. Thanks for staying safe, and wearing your masks!

Cheers!

**Bob**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Free**

## DOWNDRAFT COOKTOP

(from neighbor's CDS home)

Kitchen Aide 36-inch electric cooktop with downdraft is approx. 3 years old and slightly used. Owner is remodeling and needs to take this one out.

If interested, contact:

Lynn Stein; lynnebene@yahoo.com



*\$25 in advance*

<https://fairgrounds-foundation.org/holiday-lights>

*Reservations may be made.*

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS DRIVE-THRU  
ADVENTURE: NOW THRU DEC. 27**

**THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN ONLY**

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

*\$30 at the door*

## Time To Renew Your Driver's License?

If you've received a DMV letter that requires a mandatory in-person visit to renew your California Driver's License, you probably qualify to renew online instead, without a visit, even if you are over age 70.

This results from Covid-19 restrictions.

See [www.dmv.ca.gov/portal](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal)



## EVACUATION PLANNING

We all have good intentions, especially when the new year arrives, but the recent fires are a good example of why it is important to be prepared to evacuate and to deal with the insurance company if there is any loss. This article has some good advice:

<https://tpgonlinedaily.com/now-is-the-time-to-make-your-evacuation-plan>





# ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS



## WINTER SOLSTICE

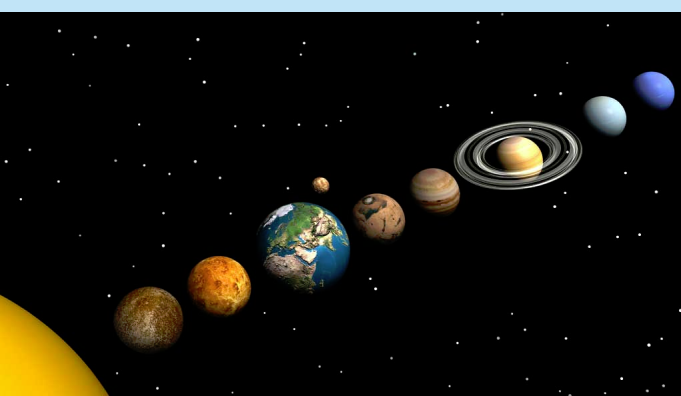
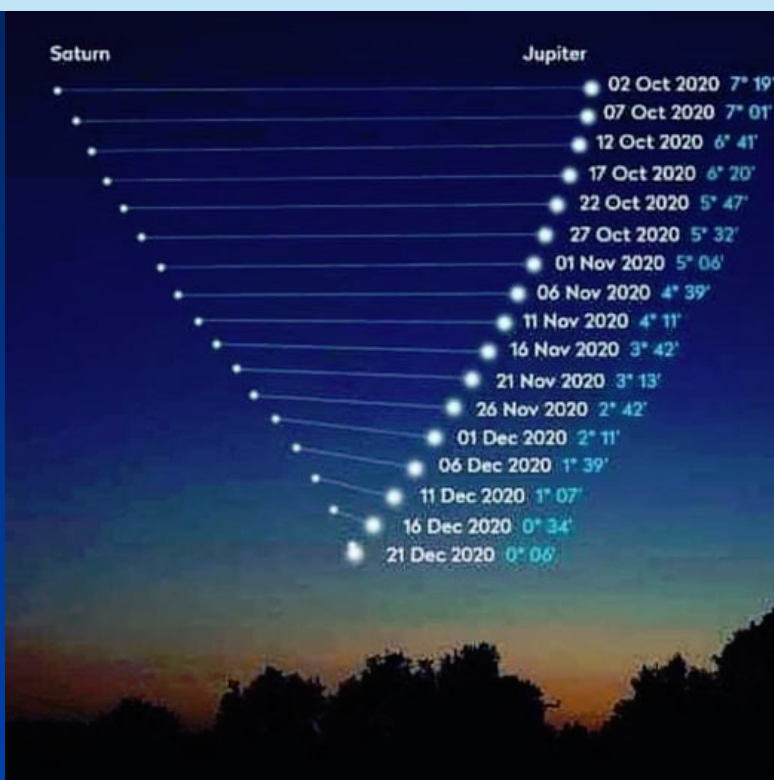
**Monday, December 21**  
**First Day of Winter**  
**Shortest Day of the Year**

**Mars** is visible in the southeast after sunset. The Red Planet reaches its highest elevation due south about 9 pm and sets at 3 am. By December 31, both of these events occur an hour earlier. Look for the "star" with the red glow.

## Jupiter and Saturn will form rare "Christmas Star" on Winter Solstice

**Look to the west at sunset!**

On December 21, the *Great Conjunction* of Jupiter and Saturn will occur. This is when these two planets will appear closest in the sky. Jupiter and Saturn will sit just 0.1 degrees apart, or a mere one-fifth the width of the Moon. The next Great Conjunction will occur in 2080.



LOOK  UP!

# LIBRARY INFO



<https://www.santacruzpl.org>

**The county libraries remain closed. Here's what is currently open.**

## Book Drop Returns

All returned items are quarantined before being checked in. Allow one week for processing and to be removed from your account. No late fees will be assessed during the quarantine.

**La Selva Beach Open 24/7**

**Aptos Book Drop 12:30-5 pm  
Mon-Sat**

## Online Requests for Library Materials

**Grab & Go Lobby Service** replaces Curbside Pickup. When your items are ready, visit the Aptos branch (assuming that's

your pickup location).

**Grab** your things from the lobby, check them out yourself, and you're ready to **Go**.

## Grab and Go Schedule - Aptos

*Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 1- 5 pm*

*Wed: 10 am - 2 pm*

- Masks are required for Grab & Go pickup. Social distancing of 6 feet or more is also required.
- You'll need your library card number and PIN/password to check out your items with the self-checkout machines, which will be sanitized regularly.
- You can also download the library's app on Google Play or the Apple App Store and check out your things with your phone! Just do a search for "Santa Cruz Public Libraries" in the app stores.
- Public restrooms are not available at any branch.

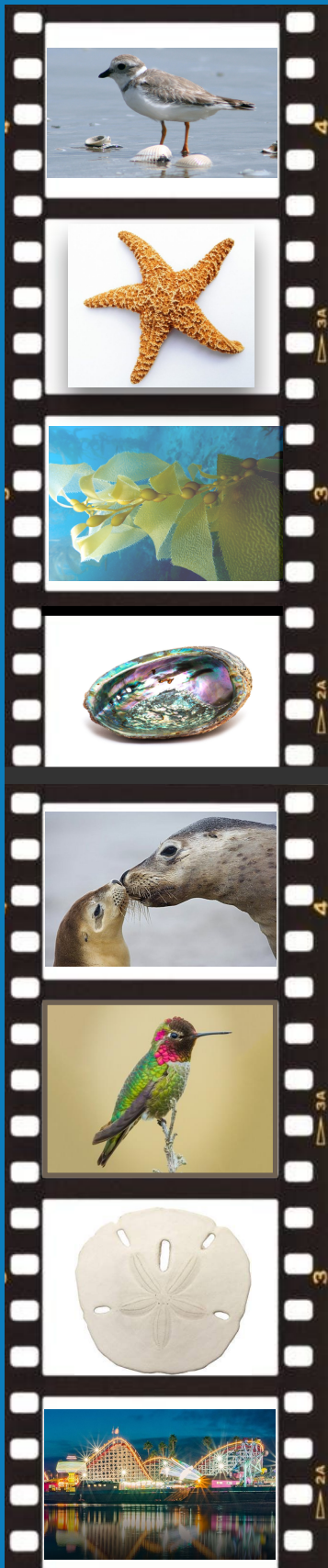
## More Services

1. The Aptos branch (and several others) offers computer access. A limited number of computers are

available for 45-minute sessions that you can sign up for on a first-come, first served basis. Check the schedule at [santacruzpl.org](https://www.santacruzpl.org).

2. Did you know that you can download e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies and music using your library card? It's free! More information at [santacruzpl.org](https://www.santacruzpl.org).
3. Watch SCPL content on its YouTube channel; it features a wide variety of streaming content: [www.youtube.com/user/SantaCruzPL](https://www.youtube.com/user/SantaCruzPL)
4. Free WiFi is available 24/7 at five branches : Downtown, Scotts Valley, Aptos, Live Oak and Felton.
5. SCPL Offers Curbside Print Services - The SCPL System is providing wireless printing at no charge during the Covid-19 closures. Print from any internet connected or Wifi-enabled device for pickup at the Downtown, Scotts Valley, Aptos, Live Oak or Felton Branch Libraries.





# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## Cañon del Sol Community Website

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

username: cds | password: surfandsun

## CDS Board of Directors

President	Bob Carpenter
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Anderson & Company, Inc.

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## CDS Property Manager

Tom Hewett | 831.722.4048 | [CDS@acomgt.com](mailto:CDS@acomgt.com)

## CDS Clubhouse

400 Abalone Drive, La Selva Beach, CA 95076

**Marine Mammal Rescue:** 831.633.6298

## First Alarm Security - Patrol Division

831.684.1111

## Police/Sheriff - Non-emergency

831.471.1121

## CalFire - Be Ready

[www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire)

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