



The High Tide

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A newsletter for residents of Cañon del Sol

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President's Message

The Board did not meet this month so there is nothing to report with respect to actions taken. In the coming months we will be looking at the newly adopted reserve budget and considering requisite component repairs.

Outside of Board action, I can report that Santa Cruz County is in the process of considering amendments to its General Plan/Local Coastal Program regarding "coastal bluffs and beaches" that have a direct impact on Canon del Sol as well as other coastal development. These amendments are in the hands of the County Planning Department to be considered first by the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors with input from the Coastal Commission. I will be addressing a separate letter with respect to this matter to you shortly.

Work on improving the median continues at a pace that probably seems slow to many. Removing the stumps was a chore that exceeded expectations but has finally been completed, along with the leveling of soil. The next step is the installation of a water line under and across Sand Dollar Drive, which will be undertaken with participation from the farmer on both sides of Sand Dollar as well as our neighboring HOA. This work is now underway.

A good time was had by those who attended the holiday party on December 8. The number in attendance exceeded those in attendance at previous functions, which added to the festivities. Thank you, Pat Vance and John Mello.

Happy Holidays to all. As we move into 2019 let's hope it is a good year for all of us here at Canon del Sol.

Henry Bose

Important Reminder: Emergency Preparedness Preliminary Meeting

Our first community Emergency Preparedness meeting will be held this **Thursday, December 20 at 4 pm** in the clubhouse. This is a preliminary meeting for anyone interested in taking part in the planning process.

More information on page 5.



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Holiday Party, a Smash!

We had a good holiday gathering in the clubhouse on December 8. Pat Vance and John Mellow did their usual outstanding job of putting on a superb party. The food, supplemented by dishes brought by residents, was delicious. The decorations and table settings were most festive.

After much visiting, eating and libations, the gift exchange commenced, led by Marilyn Naussbaum. Marilyn ensured that everyone who brought a gift received a gift. Examples of the gifts include nifty desk supplies, candles, tea towels, day-by-day calendars, a flask, and a magnetic pick-up tool.

We missed those of you who could not attend and look forward to seeing you at a future gathering and around the neighborhood.



Pat Vance and John Mello pose by the tree.



Marilyn Naussbaum, with help from John Mello, facilitates the gift exchange. Both are at far end of room.

Coastal Rail Trail Ground-breaking Celebration Set for Jan. 10

The City of Santa Cruz and the Regional Transportation Commission are pleased to announce that the groundbreaking for the first segment of the Coastal Rail Trail—the San Lorenzo River Parkway Phase III/Trestle Trail Project—will take place on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the west base of the San Lorenzo River Railroad Trestle Bridge. The project, which comprises a portion of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network's Segment 8, will replace the existing 4-foot-wide walkway on the San Lorenzo River Railroad Trestle Bridge with a new multi-use trail that is 10-feet wide. The 32-mile long Coastal Rail Trail is a part of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network Master Plan.

The public is invited to celebrate — come rain or shine — with City and Santa Cruz County officials and community members who helped to bring this project to fruition over many years. The groundbreaking ceremony will be followed by a free-of-charge community party including speakers, refreshments, commemorative giveaways and Coastal Rail Trail engineering displays.

Attendees may park free of charge at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk River Parking Lot. Free bicycle valet parking is hosted by Bike Santa Cruz County.

The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network is planned to be a braided bicycle/pedestrian network along Santa Cruz County's coast to provide alternative transportation and coastal access, and foster appreciation for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.



Things To Do This Month

Pacific Voices Winter Concerts

Peace United Church – 900 High Street

December 15 – 7 pm

December 16 – 3 pm

Pacific Voices is a 70-person choir in its 25th year. Concert will include audience favorites from past performances, works by contemporary composers, pieces for introspection and African songs.



Tickets \$15-20

brownpapertickets.com/event/3744734

More info: pacificvoices.org

Agape Dance's Nutcracker Ballet

Cabrillo College's Crocker Theater in Aptos



Dec. 22 at 2 pm and 7:00 pm – petite performance
Dec. 23 at 1 pm and 4:30 pm – grande performance

Tickets: AgapeDance.com or Cabrillo Box Office
831-479-6154 (Thurs-Sat 12-6)

Upcoming Events

Women's Adventure Film Tour

January 26 from 7 to 9:30 pm

Rio Theatre - 1205 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz

Some of the world's most inspiring women in adventure. . . women doing extraordinary things.



Tickets: <http://www.womensadventurefilmtour.com/new-events/2019/1/26/santa-cruz>

Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour

February 21 to February 24

Rio Theatre - 1205 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz

Journey to exotic locations, paddle with the wildest waters, and climb the highest peaks.



Tickets are on sale now and sell out every year.

Online: brownpapertickets.com

In person: at the Bicycle Trip
(cash or check only)



Bruce Munro at Montalvo

Stories in Light

On view through March 17

Montalvo Arts Center

15400 Montalvo Road, Saratoga, CA

A nighttime exhibition, inspired by C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*. Stroll through Montalvo's gorgeous historic gardens and grounds and be enlightened.

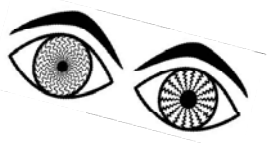


All ages are welcome.

Health & Fitness

Digital Eye Strain

This condition occurs when your eyes feel tired, blurry and strained after prolonged screen time on your computer, phone or tablet. Keep your peepers primed with the American Optometric Association's 20/20/20 rule: **Take a 20-second break after staring at a screen for 20 minutes by looking at something 20 feet away.**



Library

La Selva Beach Library Hours

Sun & Mon	Closed
Tue & Wed	10 am - 7 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Fri & Sat	12 pm - 5 pm



Dec. 28 Movie at 10 am:

Crazy Rich Asians

PG-13 2018 Drama/Comedy 2h 1m

Recipe Corner

Toffee Walnuts

3 C. walnuts, shelled	2 T. Water
½ C. brown sugar	4 T. butter
½ C. granulated sugar	1 T. pure vanilla extract

1. Line a half sheet baking sheet with parchment. Set aside.
2. In a large saucepan, combine sugars, water and butter. Stir to combine.
3. Attach a candy thermometer.
4. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Add walnuts.
5. Stirring constantly, cook mixture until it reaches 285-290 degrees, being careful not to burn the mixture. Remove from heat, add vanilla extract and still well.
6. Quickly spread nuts on a lined baking sheet. While warm, use two forks to separate the nuts. Allow walnuts to cool until hardened. Store in an airtight container.

Medication Disposal

CVS in Watsonville (1933 Main Street), near Nob Hill, has a medication disposal box near the pharmacy.



Restaurant Tidbits

The Dream Inn's Aquarius Restaurant and adjoining Jack O'Neill Lounge will be closing from January 2 through mid-February. Both spaces will undergo renovations.



WANTED:

Residents' News

As always, I'd love to include any personal news you'd be willing to share (birth of a child or grandchild, new pet, wedding, travel, milestone anniversary, you won an award, etc.). Have a recipe to share? Do you want to start an interest group of your own?

We'd love to read all about it!

I'm always interested in your newsletter feedback.

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Emergency Preparedness

Mary Ann Herlihy and John Mello are formulating a plan for CDS emergency readiness. To this end, they have organized two meetings for residents.

Planning Meeting. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20 at 4 pm in our clubhouse. This will be a preliminary meeting for anyone interested in taking part in the planning process.

General Meeting. All residents are invited to attend the first general meeting on Friday, January 11 at 6 pm, also in our clubhouse.

For more information contact:

- John Mello I-got-rhythm@att.net
- Mary Ann Herlihy maryannherlihy@att.net

As we all know, disasters don't plan ahead, but you can! Start planning now if you have not already done so: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>



Rooftop Solar Experience at Canon del Sol?

*After over a year I can report
"Come on in, the sunlight is fine!"*

by David M. O'Rourke, CDS Homeowner

In September 2017, my wife and I completed an install of Canon del Sol's first rooftop solar photovoltaic system. We accomplished this with the excellent cooperation of the Canon del Sol Board of Directors and a local solar installation company.

While I was confident that solar worked, I did wonder how well it would work given the different sunlight characteristics of our La Selva Beach area where there are more clouds on more days which will reduce solar production. The system has exceeded my

expectations and in year one yielded an annual \$252 billing credit from PG&E, and a zero \$\$\$ bill for my entire 2018 electrical consumption. You may have noticed Canon del Sol has also been transitioned (if you didn't opt out) to Monterey Bay Community Power. I'm going to be very interested to see how my annual 2019 billing works out since MBGP reimburses for overproduction at a higher rate than PG&E.

Our 24-panel 7.68 kilowatt system is large by most residential standards, and oversized for a typical homeowner. Canon del Sol residents could easily benefit from a much smaller, and therefore more affordable, system. The system was sized in anticipation of future full-time occupancy; we also drive electric cars which greatly increases a home's electrical consumption once you start charging your car at home (but no longer have a gasoline bill).

For those considering a solar system, a review of your 12-month electrical bills will yield your annual consumption. Annual consumption of 6,000-8,000 kWh would not be outlandish nor abnormal for our area. My system's 2018 production was 11,680 kWh. If you calculate that on a per panel basis it is **486 kWh produced per solar panel per year**. A modest 12-panel 3.84 kW system would cover most CDS owners' annual consumption.

Due to how solar is billed in California, you don't even need to cover your entire annual usage to end up with a **zero \$\$\$ bill at the end of the year**. How is that possible? PG&E residential Time of Use (TOU) rate plans "credit" you more for each kWh produced during the day, and charge you less for every kWh consumed at night. So even a very modest 6- to 8-panel solar system may be able to wipe out your annual electrical financial bill, even if it does not cover your annual kWh usage.

There are some details in "going solar," and I won't burden this article with all of the gory details. Any local solar contractor can easily explain and document the impact on your annual electrical bill. If you'd like to speak with me directly I'd love to say hello to my fellow residents and I'd be more than happy to share my solar experience.

If you do decide to proceed with solar, it will require you to sign and accept the Canon del Sol HOA solar accommodations. Please work with the board should you decide to proceed, and let your solar contractor know there will be some approvals required prior to the install beginning. Installation itself is typically quick and painless, with installs typically taking 2-3 days to complete once the contractor is onsite.

Some statistics for my system from 2018 are as follows:

2018 Annual Production

11,680 kWh Hours produced
(11.68 megawatt-hours)

2018 Maximum Production day

51.10 kWh on June 21, 2018 (summer solstice)

2018 Minimum Production day

2.63 kWh on January 8, 2018
(must've been very rainy with dark clouds)

2018 per-panel Average Production

11,680 kWh/24 panels =
487 kWh/year per-320 watt panel

2018 Average Daily Production

11,680/365 days = 32 kWh/day on average

And you can play along at home by viewing my Canon del Sol's daily/monthly solar production for yourself at the following web link:

<https://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/public/systems/GZRz1317196>

If you have any questions about solar or wish to see my actual 2018 production/consumption and see how PG&E actually handles the billing please feel free to contact me:

David M. O'Rourke
orourkedavid.m@gmail.com.

I'll be happy to meet and show you my Canon Del Sol system and share my experience.

Below is the production chart for Jan. 1, 2018 - Dec. 15, 2018—guess which days were sunny or cloudy! Have a wonderful year! I look forward to more solar in the complex so that we can all benefit from green power and lower electrical bills!



Helpful Information

Cañon del Sol Community Website

www.canondelsol.com

username: cds | password: surfandsun

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