

Hello Fairmont Homeowners Association,

Happy New Year! I hope 2026 is a better year for all of us. I am out of town right now, but I wanted to share the Pacifica newsletter with you and stay in touch with our Fairmont neighbors. I look forward to talking with you again soon.



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CONNECT WITH PACIFICA



Hi Mayra,

Happy New Year, Pacifica! As we welcome the first week of 2026, we hope you are finding time to rest, reflect, and reconnect with what matters most. A new year brings fresh energy, and here in Pacifica, it also brings meaningful opportunities to engage, learn, and help shape our community's future.

This week's newsletter highlights ways to get involved, from sharing your voice in the City Manager recruitment process to applying for the Pacifica Police Department's Community Academy. You will also find updates on important local projects, upcoming events, and programs that support creativity, sustainability, housing, and community wellbeing.

As always, thank you for staying connected and being an active part of our Pacifica community.

Sincerely,

Yulia Carter
Assistant City Manager



Introduction banner photos featured above are courtesy of Stephen Johnson Photography.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PACIFICA POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY ACADEMY



SPRING 2026

Join us for an exclusive and unforgettable, hands-on opportunity to explore the roles, responsibilities, and commitments of the Pacifica Police Officers and Staff.



FEBRUARY 25 – MAY 6, 2026
WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:00 – 9:00 PM



TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.CITYOFPACIFICA.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/POLICE/COMMUNITY-POLICE-ACADEMY



CONTACT SGT. R. BIANCULLI
BIANCULLIR@PACIFICAPOLICE.ORG

Community members will learn and see demonstrations in:

- o **Patrol**
- o **Investigations**
- o **Evidence Processing**
- o **Traffic Safety**
- o **K9 Training and more!**



APPLICATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

The Pacifica Police Department is now accepting applications for its Community Academy, an 11-week program designed to give residents and workers an inside look at the roles, responsibilities, and day-to-day work of Pacifica Police officers and staff.

Through a combination of presentations and hands-on demonstrations, participants will learn about patrol operations, investigations, evidence processing, traffic safety, K-9 training, and more. The program aims to strengthen community partnerships, increase understanding of law enforcement procedures, and highlight the importance of community policing in keeping Pacifica safe

The Community Academy meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00–9:00 PM, from February 25 through May 6, 2026. Participants must be 18 years or older and live or work in Pacifica. There is no cost to participate, and all materials are provided

[Apply here](#) by Friday, January 9, 2026

City Manager Recruitment Survey

RECRUITMENT

TALK TO US

The City of Pacifica is seeking **YOUR INPUT** to guide our recruitment for a new **City Manager**. Share your feedback through the Survey Link below:

Survey closes Jan. 18

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QV3WXQX>

The City of Pacifica is seeking community input to help guide the recruitment of our next City Manager. Your feedback is an important part of this process and will help inform the qualities, priorities, and leadership approach we seek.

Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QV3WXQX>

 The survey closes January 18.

Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and for helping shape the future leadership of our City.

LOCAL & REGIONAL NEWS

Construction Notice

As part of the Lower Linda Mar Sewer Rehabilitation and Repair Project, the City's contractor (Ranger Pipelines) will be performing work at Crespi Drive and Peralta Avenue, as well as Escalero Avenue and Chico Court to address repairs needed after inspection of the new sewer pipelines. Work will take place from Monday, January 5th to Wednesday January 14th between the hours of 8am to 5pm.

Temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted on the streets 72 hours before work starts.

We understand that construction can be disruptive and are committed to minimizing any inconveniences to residents and traffic. Traffic control will be in place and lane closures will occur during construction. Please be mindful of the signage and directions from the flaggers when driving in the area.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please feel free to contact either:

Matt Kelly (650) 730-0212
Naomi Fuson (650) 291-9167



MEET & GREET

COME MEET YOUR
NEW SHERIFF



SUPERVISOR
RAY MUELLER



SHERIFF
KEN BINDER

JOIN US!

- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 6PM**
270 CAPISTRANO ROAD, HALF MOON BAY
- **TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT 6PM**
2212 BEACH BLVD, PACIFICA
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT 6 PM**
8945 LA HONDA RD, LA HONDA

Free Creative Writers' Workshop at the
Pacifica Sharp Park Library

Want to hone your writing skills in the new year? Come participate in a 6-week long creative writers' workshop at the Sharp Park Library!

Advance registration is required. [Please sign up here.](#)



Creative Writers' Workshop
**Bring Your Idea:
Let's Bring It to Life!**

Pacifica Sharp Park

Every Thursday, January 8 - February 12

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Develop your idea and strengthen your story with the support of a writing teacher and a writing community. So many stories have been written, but you bring your own point of view. In this structured and personalized workshop, we bring our writing to share: we exchange feedback and inspire one another.

Through focused storytelling craft and resources, you build your ability to engage and connect with readers in your unique voice. Whatever your preferred form: essay, letters, poetry, journals, short story, memoir, novels, histories, ideas...it's all within the structure of storytelling.

This program is for adults (18+). Register at smcl.org/events.



Pacifica Welcomes New Economic & Housing Development Manager



The City of Pacifica is pleased to welcome Gretchen Heckman as its new Economic and Housing Development Manager, a newly created role focused on supporting local businesses, advancing housing opportunities, and strengthening the City's long-term economic resilience.

To learn more about this appointment and Ms. Heckman's background, [read the full press release here](#).

A promotional graphic for a webinar. The top half features a white marble background with fresh produce like almonds and asparagus. A circular logo on the left contains the text '2025 INDICATORS REPORT' and 'Local Food Actions for a Cooler Future'. The main text reads 'Webinar for the Community: How to Advocate for Plant-Forward Policies' and 'January 14th | 5:30 - 6:45 PM | On Zoom'. The bottom half has a blue background with three circular portraits of speakers: Samantha Lau (Plant Based Treaty), Dr. Ulka Agarwal (Campbell Climate Advisory Committee), and Jan Liband (Plant Based Advocates). The Sustainable San Mateo County logo is at the bottom center.

2025 INDICATORS REPORT
Local Food Actions for a Cooler Future

Webinar for the Community:
How to Advocate for Plant-Forward Policies

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SAMANTHA LAU
Plant Based Treaty

DR. ULKA AGARWAL
Campbell Climate Advisory Committee

JAN LIBAND
Plant Based Advocates

Sustainable San Mateo County
Economy. Equity. Environment.

Food nourishes us and enlivens us. But the choices we make in terms of what we eat can impact our health and have a devastating impact on our climate. Food is the third largest source of greenhouse gases, yet receives far less attention than other sources.

Join Sustainable San Mateo County on January 14th for the free webinar "How to Advocate for Plant-Forward Policies". This session will clear up myths about the impact of food on our health and environment, and it will provide community advocates, students and residents effective strategies to influence decision-makers in their cities, schools and workplaces to support plant-forward policies.

Featuring experts Samantha Lau (Plant Based Treaty), Dr. Ulka Agarwal (Campbell Climate Plan Advisory Committee) and Jan Liband (Plant Based Advocates), you'll gain the tools to drive sustainable food system change right where you live.

Wednesday, January 14

5:30 - 6:45 p.m. on Zoom

[Register HERE](#)



ADU FEASIBILITY CONSULTS

FREE IN MOST SAN MATEO COUNTY LOCATIONS

Are you interested in building an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and looking to take the next step? Our team will assess your property's unique characteristics and provide tailored information on the steps you can take to bring your ADU vision to life.

Residents of most San Mateo County jurisdictions can sign up for a free virtual consult with an ADU expert, sponsored by the ADU Resource Center of San Mateo County, a non-profit focused on supporting ADU development.

Learn more about this offering, see if you live in a participating location and sign up by scanning the QR code.



SIGN UP

Fill out a sign up form. Learn more by visiting the QR code or smcadu.org/contact



MEET WITH A SPECIALIST

Meet with an ADU expert to discuss your project goals and ask questions



GET A CUSTOM REPORT

Receive a customized report with options for your property and next steps

650-241-8336 smcadu.org/contact info@smcadu.org



San Mateo
County



WE ARE LOOKING
FOR VOLUNTEER
FACILITATORS!

Uplift Teen Group:

Facilitate and inspire youth through a 6-week support group!



Ending the Silence:

Share your mental health story to empower youth and end the mental health stigma!



**FACILITATOR
REQUIREMENTS**

- Flexible availability Mon-Fri 8am-3pm (Role is 2-5 hours/week)
- Between the ages of 18-28
- Has lived experience with mental health struggles
- Reliable transportation to schools in San Mateo County
- 4-5 hour training



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
OLIVIA@NAMISANMATEO.ORG**

Volunteer Opportunity for Young Adults (Ages 18–28)

NAMI San Mateo County

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) San Mateo County is seeking young adult volunteers (ages 18–28) with lived experience of mental health challenges to support youth-focused programs in local middle and high schools.

These flexible volunteer roles involve 2–5 hours per week, a 4–5 hour required training, and weekday availability between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reliable transportation within San Mateo County is required.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

Uplift Teen Group Facilitator

Support a 6-week peer group for youth ages 11–18 focused on building healthier thinking patterns and coping skills. Facilitators use their lived experience to help create a safe, supportive space for teens.

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Ending the Silence (ETS) Presenter

Share your personal story as part of a 1-hour presentation in middle and high schools aimed at reducing stigma, increasing mental health awareness, and connecting students to resources.

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If you're interested in making a meaningful impact on youth mental health in San Mateo County, we encourage you to apply.



JOIN OUR TEAM

Top Salary with incentives:

Up to \$155,844 (7/2025)

Up to \$159,872 (7/2026)

Up to \$169,722 (7/2027)

Incentive Pay:

Higher Education

Tuition reimbursement

Longevity

POST Certificate

Bi-Lingual

Special Assignments:

SWAT

Detective

K-9 Handler

Motorcycle Officer

Gang Task Force

Force Options Instructor



APPLY HERE



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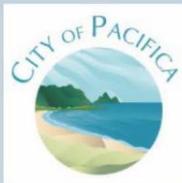
AHNI TRAIL WORKDAY

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH* | 9AM - 12PM
MEET AT THE PARKING LOT AT THE EAST END OF FASSLER ROAD

Join the City of Pacifica's Open Space and Parklands Advisory Committee (OSPAC) for a trail maintenance workday. We do trail repair, invasive plant removal, and more!

Workday performed in various weather conditions where poison oak and ticks occur. Be prepared and take the following appropriate precautions:

- Dress in layers and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, long-sleeves.
- Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided.
- Bathrooms are not available on site.
- Volunteers under 18 need written permission from a parent or guardian. An adult must accompany those under 16.
- Liability release required and can be signed morning of the workday.



Questions? Contact OSPAC member Arlene Patton at:
pattona@ci.pacificaca.us

**No trail workday September 13th, 2025*

Safety Messages Brought to You By
North County Fire Authority



Issues with Fire Insurance?

Make sure your home is safeguarded from wildfires. Visit uphelp.org for resources to help protect your home.



Visit northcountyfire.gov for more safety information.



HIP Housing's Mission is to invest in human potential by improving the housing and lives of people in our community. [HIP Housing](#) enables people with special needs, either from income or circumstance, to live independent, self-sufficient lives in decent, safe, low-cost homes.

To achieve our mission, HIP Housing provides the following programs:

- [Home Sharing](#)
- [Self-Sufficiency](#)
- [Property Development](#)



Please note: This newsletter is sent weekly on Friday and content is current at that time. Those who have not opened the email by Monday receive a reminder email, and some content may no longer be current.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

01/05	-	CANCELLED Planning Commission Mtg
01/07	6:30 PM	Beautification Advisory Committee Mtg
01/12	6:00 PM	City Council Mtg
01/13	6:00 PM	Economic Development Committee Mtg
01/14	6:00 PM	Climate Action & Resilience Committee Mtg
01/14	6:00 PM	Library Advisory Committee Mtg
01/20	7:00 PM	TUESDAY Planning Commission Mtg
01/21	6:30 PM	Emer Preparedness & Safety Commission Mtg
01/21	6:00 PM	Open Space & Parkland Advisory Committee Mtg
01/26	6:00 PM	City Council Mtg
01/28	6:30 PM	Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission Mtg

[City Council and Planning Commission meeting agendas](#)
[All other Committee & Commission meeting agendas](#)

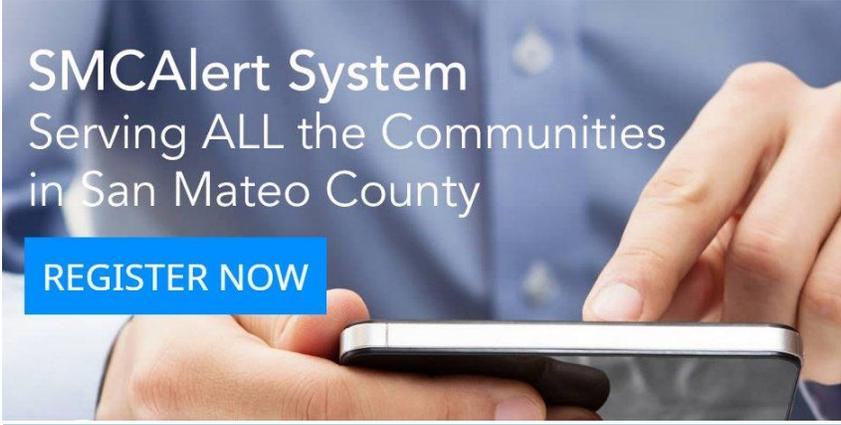
Agendas are made available close to the meeting date and can be found by following the links above.

PRESS RELEASES

[12-23-2025 New Economic and Housing Development Manager](#)

Recent City of Pacifica and Pacifica Police Department press releases are available on the City of Pacifica website under City Government - [Press Releases & Media Bulletins](#).

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