

District News

Spring/Summer 2023

Newsletter of
Pebble Beach
Community
Services District



Fire protection and
emergency medical services

Wastewater collection,
treatment, and recycling

Recycled water storage
and distribution

Garbage collection,
disposal, and recycling

Supplemental law
enforcement



PBCSD's Safety Day Open House and BBQ

Sat. July 29, 10 am-2 pm
Pebble Beach Fire Department,
3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach

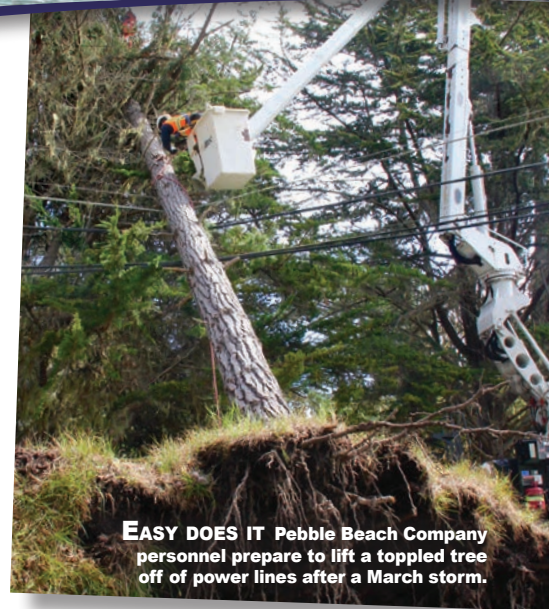
Join us for food, fun, and safety information
to protect your home and family!

Storms keep responders hopping

Severe storms in January and March kept responders on high alert at PBCSD, and in areas across the state. Forest residents endured prolonged power outages while District fire crews responded to 268 storm-related calls, mostly downed trees and power lines, flooding, and trees fallen on houses and cars.

District pilots with the CAL FIRE drone program flew 661 missions, including damage assessment and search and rescue, for the widespread flooding in the Pajaro, Salinas, and Carmel River basins, as well as storm surges that impacted residential areas along the coast. The livestream drone footage expedited FEMA disaster relief and allowed the Monterey County Emergency Operations Center to efficiently dispatch responders and equipment. Although there were no ocean rescues, drones were equipped and ready to drop life vests to victims if ocean conditions hampered normal rescue efforts.

Saturated ground and high winds toppled a record number of trees in the forest, blocking roads and making it hard to navigate *(Cont. on page 2)*



EASY DOES IT Pebble Beach Company personnel prepare to lift a toppled tree off of power lines after a March storm.



Safety Day Open House is back!

After a 3-year absence, we are excited to be planning this popular event once again! Check out all the fun displays and activities, and get the information you need to protect your home and family.

As always, we will have numerous exhibitors offering information, demonstrations, and services on many topics: electrical safety, CPR/first aid, native plants, fire extinguisher recharging, home security, fire safety, and more.

New this year for kids and adults: tour our mobile communications command center and try your hand at being an emergency dispatcher, or practice using a fire extinguisher with our new prop that tests for accuracy. *We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 29!*

Meet your neighbors, firefighters, and District staff, and enjoy the tasty free BBQ buffet (veggie options included).
Above: Kids can meet "Captain Cal" and learn about fire safety.





Protect your home, family, neighbors, and firefighters!

All Pebble Beach residents have received their annual Fire Inspection Notice in the mail. Please make sure your home is safe by removing flammable vegetation near structures, clearing leaves from the roof, and fulfilling all the listed defensible space guidelines.

Inspectors are visiting properties and will check all residences, businesses, and vacant lots until compliance is achieved. Please mail in your compliance form no later than July 1, or visit PBCSD.org and click on the Self Fire Inspection link to quickly and easily sign off on your property. *Questions? Please contact Fire Captain Shayon Ascarie at 375-9644. Thank you for helping us keep the forest firesafe!*



**Pebble Beach
Community
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PBCSD is a multi-purpose local government voted into existence by Del Monte Forest residents on July 1, 1982.

PBCSD administrative office (831) 373-1274

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Garbage collection and recycling GreenWaste Recovery: 920-6707

Free 24-hour sewer service: 373-1274

If water is overflowing into your home it is an emergency. Call us immediately, day or night.

Fire and medical emergencies Call 911

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California Conservation Corps volunteers clear dead and dying undergrowth near roadways.

Fuel reduction reaches milestone

PBCSD fuel reduction is reaching an important milestone this year. In 2023 we will complete the last major projects outlined in our long-term Fire Defense Plan. The plan is a living, breathing document continually updated with input from foresters and

biologists to protect forest health, in addition to residents and visitors.

“After this year we will no longer need heavy equipment like masticators and excavators,” said Fire Chief John Trenner, Fuels Reduction Manager. “Our focus will be on maintaining fire roads, evacuation routes, and other previously treated areas with goat herds and lighter equipment like mowers.”

Final projects are underway

Our firefighting goats are already at work, munching down the lush grass crops after winter’s soaking rains. The heavier fuel reduction projects are mostly on Del Monte Forest Conservancy property. This includes: the Hermann Lot, which will protect Macomber Estates and homes along Del Ciervo Road; Seal Rock Creek, which will safeguard residences on Stevenson Drive and Spyglass Hill Road; and the Navajo Tract bordering Pacific Grove. Once work is complete, we will have a fire break along the entire Pebble Beach border, benefiting all residents and visitors, as well as Pacific Grove, Carmel, and Monterey.

“We have reached this milestone thanks to many years of careful planning, consistent work, and the foresight of the PBCSD board,” said Chief Trenner. The District is a flagship example of how fuel reduction should be done, and I feel lucky and proud to be a part of this huge accomplishment.”



District pilots deploy a drone to assess flood damage after the Pajaro River levee breach.

Storms *(Cont. from page 1)*

in the forest. After working late into the night during a March power outage, District Maintenance Workers Jesse Huddleson and Ryan Casey had to sleep at the District offices when all exit roads were blocked. They had been monitoring backup generators at our eight wastewater pump stations. On January 5, the same crew members were traveling on coastal 17-Mile Drive when a rogue wave swept their 1-ton utility vehicle into a roadside marsh. Pebble Beach Company extricated the vehicle and used a front-end loader to remove large boulders and tree trunks from the road.

“As always, the excellent working relationship between the fire department, District maintenance staff, and Pebble Beach Company was key to meeting the challenges,” said Battalion Chief Josh Silveira. “We all share the same mission: doing all we can to keep the community safe, whether that’s marking downed power lines, diverting floodwaters, cutting trees to clear roads, or helping emergency responders to get where they need to go.”

The District also received help from the Sonoma County Fire District, the California Conservation Corps, and the California National Guard fire crew; in addition, our mutual aid agreements with Cypress and Carmel Highlands Fire Protection Districts provided extra staffing and equipment as needed.

Road project wins award

Drivers on the 1-mile stretch of Forest Lake Road between Lopez Road and Stevenson Drive are enjoying a smooth new roadway thanks to a recent award-winning restoration project. PBCSD entered into a public-private partnership with Pebble Beach Company to fix the road using an innovative method that reuses the existing pavement.

The environmental Cold-in-Place-Recycling (CIR) technique uses an impressive “train” of equipment which performs each step of restoration in succession, all at the same time. Granite Rock Construction removed and crushed the existing asphalt, mixed it with a binder, and compacted it back onto the road, which was drivable within 30 minutes of completion, greatly reducing traffic impacts.

“The CIR method dramatically reduced the carbon footprint of the project while also providing a pavement with superior performance,” said Nick Becker, Deputy General Manager/District Engineer. “And since we recycled the asphalt, we did not have to pay to haul it away, or to truck in new materials.” Instead of taking two weeks to complete, the project was done in four days, and at much lower cost. Pebble Beach Company deserves the lion’s share of credit for providing project planning, construction management, and traffic control.

We are delighted that the project received a Public Works Project of the Year award from the American Public Works Association, Monterey Bay Chapter. The merit award was presented for excellence in cooperative partnership, management, and cost-effective delivery.



Recycled asphalt is compacted onto Forest Lake Road using the CIR “train.”



PG&E crews feed electrical lines into a new underground substructure.

Undergrounding at halfway point!

The District is nearing completion of Phase Three of our long-term Undergrounding Overhead Utilities program—a project that seems more urgent than ever after the severe storms this winter, which felled trees and caused extended power outages.

“Despite the pandemic and this year’s perpetual storm events, we continue to make good progress,” said Nick Becker, PBCSD Deputy General Manager/District Engineer. “With Phase Three complete, we will reach a major milestone

by undergrounding half of the overhead mainline system within Pebble Beach.”

As this winter showed, we will not experience better system reliability until we complete all five phases of the project, undergrounding the entire 12 miles of PG&E, AT&T, and Comcast mainline distribution. We are now defining Phase Four project boundaries, to include a large section of overhead mainline that was significantly impacted by this year’s storms. While no mainline undergrounding can prevent outages due to equipment failures or downed secondary service lines, our project will benefit the most residents by reducing the occurrence of widespread blackouts, and the duration of outages.

We have come a long way since 2011 when we began working on this long-term vision to improve service reliability in the forest. We estimate it will take ten more years to complete the entire project, after which we will prioritize further undergrounding, including main egress routes in and out of Pebble Beach.

Meet the new Staff **Luis Martinez,** Maintenance Technician

We welcome Luis Martinez to the PBCSD maintenance crew. Luis has 16 years of stellar professional experience which is vital for the smooth and efficient operation of our wastewater collection system, as well as the Forest Lake Reservoir reclaimed water distribution system.

“I like the challenge of troubleshooting mechanical problems, and the satisfaction of fixing them,” said Luis. “There’s a lot of different systems here so the variety makes every workday new and interesting.”

Luis comes to us from Monterey One Water, where he was a maintenance mechanic for over seven years; before that he served as a mechanic and crew leader at Earthbound Farm. On any given day, you can find him responding to emergency calls from residents, servicing our main lines, or making repairs on our pump stations, reservoir blowers, or chemical systems.

“I enjoy working with my fellow crew members, and District management is always happy to hear suggestions from us who work out in the field,” said Luis. “I’m grateful to be working at an agency that has a great team, from top to bottom!”



Bookmobile Schedule!

The Monterey County Free Library bookmobile visits the District parking lot, 3101 Forest Lake Road, every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Questions? Please call Scott Nichols, library assistant, at 796-3080.





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Pebble Beach Security staff and law enforcement work hand in hand to keep the forest safe. Shown here are (from left) Security Officer Vince De Runa, CHP Officer Lee Walters, and Security Supervisor Joe Olivares.

If you see something, say something

“It takes a village” to keep our community safe and secure.

Exchange phone numbers with your neighbors so you can alert each other to suspicious activity.

If something seems amiss, please report it immediately to Pebble Beach Security at 625-8428, or the Monterey County Sheriff’s Department at 647-7911 (*note: call 911 directly for emergencies or crimes*

in progress). Please do not hesitate to call. You are their eyes and ears in the community, and your input could help solve or prevent crimes. *Here are some examples of things to report:*

Suspicious behavior

Unknown individual in a vehicle who appears to be surveilling or photographing a home or facility. Slow-moving vehicles that might be casing the neighborhood. Someone going house to house trying door handles/gates, ringing doorbells and leaving quickly, taking packages, or checking mailboxes. A stranger asking for personal information about a neighbor or yourself (travel plans, work schedule, etc). Someone looking into car windows, loading a vehicle with valuables, or removing parts from a vehicle.

Suspicious sounds

Glass breaking, agitated dogs barking continuously, house alarms, gunshots, screeching tires/collisions sounds, screaming or crying.

Peculiar situations

Unknown vehicles left in odd locations, parked carelessly, or left open. Windows or doors left open that are usually closed/locked. Packages or luggage left unattended.

What to report

Description of the person, when and where the incident occurred, vehicle type/color, and license plate, if possible. Let us know if you have security camera footage, and alert your neighbors to the situation.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe!



Thieves sometimes watch houses to determine when they are left unoccupied. Make note of unfamiliar vehicles that might be casing your neighborhood.

Save the date! **Big GREEN**

Free Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Event

Saturday, August 12,
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
PBCSD parking lot

3101 Forest Lake Rd., Pebble Beach

It’s time to start collecting those unwanted items from your home, office, and garage to take advantage of this convenient annual event. We will transform the District parking areas into a drive-through recycling center with drop-off sites for all your old electronics, unused pharmaceuticals, and household hazardous waste. District staff will even unload your car for you, so don’t miss this chance to declutter and go green!

Let’s work together for a zero waste future!

Please help renew our local resources by separating your recyclables, organics, and garbage into the correct carts.



GREEN ORGANICS CART

Blue recycle cart: Paper, cardboard, metal, glass containers, and #1, #2, and #5 plastics only. *No plastic bags please—recycle them at your participating supermarket.*

Green organics cart: Yard trimmings, leaves, branches, and food scraps (no raw meat or liquids). *No bags of any kind please—that includes biobags, plastic, or paper.*

Grey garbage cart: Only materials that can’t be recycled or composted, such as styrofoam, black plastic food trays/containers, food pouches, compostable plastic, shrink-wrapped bottles, takeout coffee cups, paper towels and tissues, etc. *Please do not put batteries or hazardous materials in the garbage.* Place batteries on top of your cart in a clear plastic bag for collection, and call GreenWaste Recovery at 920-6707 for pickup of other e-Waste items (or see the article above).



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