

District News

Fall/Winter 2026

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



Another successful open house!

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP Nearly 1,000 residents, friends, and family attended the District's annual Open House Safety Day on June 13. Besides the great BBQ and kids activities, dozens of presenters provided free information to help residents protect their homes and families. We thank our participating agencies, businesses, and attendees, and look forward to seeing you next year!

And now for some good news...

P.B. attains coveted lower fire risk status

We are happy to report that on July 1 your Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) was officially added to the Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL) by the State of California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The list recognizes agencies that meet rigorous best practice standards for wildfire prevention and planning, including fuel reduction, disaster preparedness, public outreach and education, and strict enforcement of defensible space and firesafe building codes.

Insurance companies are required to factor in the FRRCL designation when setting premium rates, and recognized communities receive priority for state wildfire prevention grants. Property owners who live in listed communities may also receive insurance discounts for taking steps to harden their homes and reduce fire risk. To view the list of actions that qualify for discounts, visit the "Safer from Wildfires" page at insurance.ca.gov, or contact your insurance provider to check your eligibility.

"This was no easy feat, and is a true testament to the (Cont. on page 2)



The District's compact wildland patrol vehicle can navigate rough forest terrain to monitor high risk areas and quickly suppress remote fires.

Undergrounding moves forward

Construction for Phase Four of the District's Undergrounding Overhead Utilities Program began in September. Construction of the roughly 4-mile project began on Lopez Road near the Pebble Beach Fire Station, and will continue up Lopez, and onto Sunridge and Ronda Roads. It will then wrap around Spruance Road down to Del Cervo Road. Trenching is expected to take 24 months to complete, after which AT&T, Comcast, and PG&E will install their utility lines. Overhead lines and poles are removed at the end of the project, slated for 2028.

It has been 15 years since we began this long-term, complex program to coordinate the undergrounding of the 12 miles of (Cont. on page 2)

**Workers install conduit for Phase Three
of the undergrounding program.**





Congrats Pebble Beach recyclers!

Our 19th annual Household Hazardous and E-waste Collection Event held on Sept. 26 was a great success, with 424 vehicles dropping off unwanted electronics, toxic products, medications, sharps, and other waste. All materials will be recycled, disposed of safely, or offered free to the public for reuse. We thank GreenWaste Recovery, ReGen Monterey, Clean Earth Inc., Pebble Beach Company, District fire personnel, and PBCSD staff for their combined efforts, and look forward to another successful event in 2027!



District honored for financial transparency

For the eighth year in a row, PBCSD has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting—the highest form of recognition that can be achieved for government accounting! The District was honored for its annual financial report, which can be found at PBCSD.org/records.

PBCSD reporting was judged by an impartial panel as meeting the highest standards for comprehensive, clear reporting with full disclosure and transparency. The award was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), which has more than 20,000 members in North America. The GFOA strives to advance excellence in public finance by providing best practice guidance, publications, and training.

Lower fire risk listing *(Cont. from front page)*

District's unwavering dedication to fuel reduction and wildfire readiness," said Battalion Chief Josh Silveira. "The countless hours of planning, coordination, and hard work invested in this effort will help make the community safer and more resilient for years to come."

PBCSD's Community Risk Reduction Team worked closely with partner agencies, neighboring municipalities, and forestry professionals to achieve the designation, which is reevaluated every two years. As a result of this multi-agency cooperation, the Cypress and Carmel Highlands Fire Protection Districts, the Cities of Pacific Grove, Monterey and Carmel-by-the-Sea, and the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District are now all designated as Fire Risk Reduction Communities. Statewide, only 12 counties, 42 cities, and 66 special districts and tribal entities met the state's exacting standards for listing this year.



CAL FIRE crews remove non-native, flammable acacia by hand on a Pebble Beach hillside too steep for equipment to access.



Maintaining our community's wastewater system safeguards human health and the environment. Here, local black oystercatchers inspect a tasty mussel bed.

Photo by Peter Monteforte

Sewer line construction starts soon

The District continues to systematically replace and rehabilitate deteriorating sewer lines to maintain our community's wastewater conveyance system. We are dedicated to replacing an average of one mile of pipeline each year to protect human health and the environment.

Construction will begin again in November to replace pipeline sections totaling approximately two miles. This year's project will take place in these priority areas: Sunridge Loop, Sunset Lane, and alongside the Monterey Peninsula Country Club maintenance yard. The District will alert affected

residents before work begins near their property. Residents will be able to drive to their homes during construction, and sewer service will remain uninterrupted. Once completed in summer 2027, approximately 20 percent of our community's 83 miles of sewer main line will be rehabilitated.

Undergrounding *(Cont. from front page)*

primary power and communication main lines in the Del Monte Forest. Since then the program has won multiple awards, and been recognized as a groundbreaking example for other municipalities. When Phase Four is complete, only two miles will be left to underground during Phase Five of the program.

We thank Pebble Beach residents in advance for their patience and understanding during construction, which will require one-lane traffic control in the active work area. Once the entire program is accomplished, we will realize the full benefits: reduced risk of forest-wide power outages, improved service reliability, and decreased fire risk from downed power lines.



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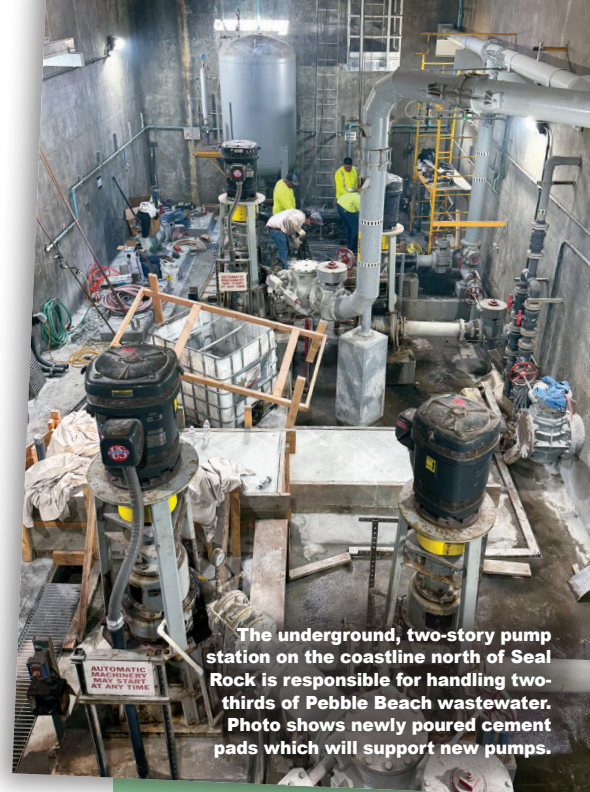
Seal Rock pump station update

The rehabilitation of the Seal Rock wastewater pump station on the 17-Mile-Drive coastline is now well underway. This critical piece of underground infrastructure is the largest of our community's eight lift stations, responsible for pumping two-thirds of Pebble Beach's wastewater up Spyglass Hill Road for delivery to the Carmel Area Wastewater District for treatment.

"The main construction challenge is that the pump station cannot be shut down—it must remain in continuous operation at all times to handle the constant inflow of wastewater," said PBCSD Principal Engineer Chris Simmons. "With its location directly on the shoreline, we must also use rigorous protocols to safeguard the environment."

During normal operation, two of the station's six underground pumps operate continuously to handle inflow. The next set of pumps automatically switch on in case of high flows or mechanical failure, and the remaining two pumps act as third failsafes. To maintain the required three levels of redundancy during construction, we have brought in two trailer-mounted pumps which operate on the surface. These temporary pieces of equipment will be removed when work is complete in early 2027.

Pump station improvements include six new pumps mounted horizontally for easier servicing, a new surge tank and access platform, new surface hatches, vent hoods, and fans, and upgraded electrical equipment that will help us diagnose pump issues more efficiently.



The underground, two-story pump station on the coastline north of Seal Rock is responsible for handling two-thirds of Pebble Beach wastewater. Photo shows newly poured cement pads which will support new pumps.

End-of-year recycling reminders

Schedule your bulky item pickups!

There's still time to use up your annually allotted bulky item pickups for 2026. Scheduling a date is a great motivator to tackle that garage, shed, or spare room. On January 1, your bulky item service resets to three pickups per household.

Each pickup can include:

- Two appliances or large items, (items containing freon such as refrigerators and air conditioners count as two items)
- Two cubic yards of reusable material such as clothing, rugs, and blankets in good condition for resale at the Last Chance Mercantile store.
- Five electronic waste items

Note: auto parts, hazardous waste, construction materials, large pieces of glass, and items longer than six feet or heavier than 200 pounds are not eligible.



Extra garbage must be in a black or gray plastic bag. Yard waste/organics must be in a customer can or bundled for composting—no bags allowed.



Extra material stickers expire soon

Current stickers expire on December 31, and residential customers will be mailed 30 new stickers in January. Place one sticker on each extra can, bag, or bundle on your regular service day. *For more information or to schedule a bulky item pickup, please call GreenWaste Recovery at (831) 920-6707.*



GreenWaste Holiday Pickup Schedule



There will be a one-day delay on pickup during the days listed below.

Regular Pickup	Holiday Pickup
Thurs., Nov. 26	Fri., Nov. 27
Fri., Nov. 27	Sat., Nov. 28
Fri., Dec. 25	Sat., Dec. 26
Fri., Jan. 1	Sat., Jan. 2

Two ways to recycle your holiday tree



Note: remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and decorations.

Tree stands must be removed unless they are made of unpainted wood that is not treated. Flocked trees are not accepted.

1. Curbside pickup Mon., Jan. 4 through Fri., Jan 15 on your regular collection day (no need to schedule).

Trees taller than six feet should be cut down into smaller segments. After January 20, you can still dispose of small or cut-up trees in your green organics cart. *For more information, please call GreenWaste Recovery at (831) 920-6707.*

2. Drop-off through January 31

Bring any size tree, no cutting required, to the Pebble Beach Company Corporation Yard located at Lopez and Sunridge Roads.



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STAY INSIDE DURING STORMS A large tree fell across the Pebble Beach Country Club Gate entrance during the atmospheric river storm in February 2019.

Prepare for storms!

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has forecast a potentially historic “very strong” or “super” El Niño this winter, with heavy rainfall, strong wind gusts, and high sea levels. Preparing for storms is especially critical in the forest. Here are a few safety reminders:

Prune heavy tree canopies and at-risk branches that could snap and damage your home. Professional selective pruning allows for prevailing winds to pass through the tree canopy. Our local Monterey pine and cypress trees have shallow roots and can topple over in saturated ground. Watch for leaning trunks or cracking soil around the root zone after heavy rains.

Prevent flooding and water damage Make sure that gutters, downspouts, and drains are clear—they can clog quickly under tree canopy. Inspect your roof for missing or lifted shingles, and check the flashing at chimneys, skylights, and roof valleys. If your property has flooding issues, pick up free sand bags at the District’s self-serve station behind the firehouse at Forest Lake and Lopez Roads. Ring the fire station doorbell for help.

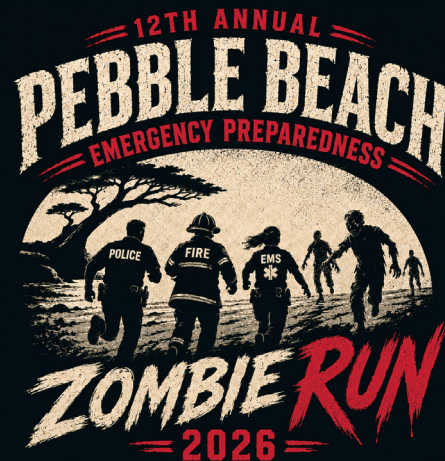
Prepare for power outages Refresh your disaster preparedness kit, test portable or house generators, and make sure backup batteries and devices are fully charged before storms.

Stay inside during storms Sign up for weather alerts and run errands in advance—falling trees are a real danger in the forest. Stay far back from the shore during rough seas to avoid sneaker waves and collapsing cliffs—or, better yet, avoid coastal areas altogether during storms. Waves can inundate 17-Mile-Drive in low-lying areas near Fanshell Beach, Bird Rock, and parts of Spanish Bay during high surf events.

We’re here for you—feel free to call the PBCSD Fire Station at (831) 375-9644 if you have any questions or concerns. For detailed information on emergency preparedness, please visit PBCSD.org, or readymontereycounty.org



**SIGN UP FOR
EMERGENCY ALERTS**
Download the PulsePoint app to receive local CAL FIRE alerts from the PBCSD fire department. Register with Alert Monterey County to receive emergency warnings and evacuation notifications.



Sat., Oct. 24, 9 am-noon
—registration opens at 8 am—
P. B. Corporation Yard, 4005 Sunridge Rd.

Get your heart racing at this fun, family-friendly event that also pumps up your emergency preparedness. Take in the gorgeous scenery as you dodge lurking zombies on our Extreme 10K Zombie Run, 5K Zombie Crawl, or stroller-friendly 2K Survivor Stroll through the Pebble Beach fire roads. After outrunning the undead you can enjoy post-race tacos, hang out with zombie firefighters, and check out the interactive displays, games, and demos on how to keep you and your family safe. Sign up soon at PBCSD.org—this event sells out each year!



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

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