

Kiosk

New Library Programs Mondays Starting Jan. 6

Pop-Up Children's and Teens' Library at the Farmers' Market
Check out our latest children and teen books!
Play a board game, card game or seek and find.
MONDAYS 3:00 pm-3:30 pm

Wednesdays Starting January 8

Drop-in Crafternoon
Make and take something fun!
WEDNESDAYS, 3:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Activities at the Library's temporary home

Pacific Grove Public Library
542 Lighthouse Ave Suite 111
Pacific Grove

Tuesdays at 11 am

Preschool Stories

Thursdays at 11 am

Baby Rhyme

First Wednesday of the month

at 5-6:30 pm
"Lego" my Library

Second Wednesday of the month

at 12:00 pm
Music with MaryLee (all ages)

Saturday, February 22

Fort Ord National Monument Planting
10am – 1pm
Giggling & 8th Fort Ord Entrance in Seaside, CA

Wednesday, February 26

DINE OUT WITH FRIENDS
Victorian Corner Restaurant
541 Lighthouse Avenue PG
372-4641

Victoriancornerpg.com
Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
8:00am -3:00pm • 5:00pm to 9:00pm

A portion of your check will be donated to support the Pacific Grove Library



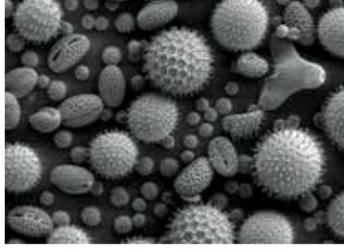
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Merkley, Congressmen Introduce Bicameral, Bipartisan Bill To Prevent the Extinction of Western Monarch Butterflies

American agriculture depends on survival of the species and other pollinators

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Oregon's Senator Jeff Merkley and Representatives Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20), Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24), Rodney Davis (R-IL-12), and Rob Woodall (R-GA-7) today led the introduction of the Monarch Action, Recovery, and Conservation of Habitat (MONARCH) Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would provide urgent protections for the struggling western monarch butterfly, a pollinator that is integral to supporting American agriculture and whose population has dropped by 99% since the 1980s.

"As the western monarch butterfly comes closer and closer to extinction, we don't just risk losing these beautiful creatures—we also face an increasing threat to American agriculture and our food supply," said Merkley. "This is an urgent issue that requires urgent solutions. That's why we must do everything we can to implement experts' conservation plans and save these species before time runs out."

"My district on the central coast of California is home to four of the top 10 high priority overwintering sites for western monarch butterflies. Sadly, as climate change continues to degrade their habitat, we have seen a huge decline in the number of monarchs on the Central Coast and along their migratory path," said Rep. Panetta. "The MONARCH Act will provide critical federal investment in the activities needed to save the Western Monarch butterfly population from extinction. By actively restoring and protecting key monarch habitats, we can also help facilitate the conservation of other essential pollinators."

PACIFIC GROVE – Earlier in the day, Robert Pacelli brought it to my attention that Washington Park could be utilized as a "sister sanctuary," so I took it upon myself to start the conversation between Bob Pacelli and Congressman Panetta, making us the "Three Amigos." As I left, I overheard Bob say, "I think if they use the money to replant Washington Park it would be outstanding that's the real home of the monarchs in PG there use to be 100's of thousands of them in the park it's been deteriorated by natural & other causes some say it needed a fire for its natural cycle to work some say dog dung killed it. The good news is that the trees in WP are all native and if its done right your grandchildren will be hanging with the monarchs."

The Cedar Street Times looks forward to continuing this conversation next week.



The Three Amigos – (Left to Right) Webster Slate, Jimmy Panetta, Robert Pacelli

Leaf Blower Ordinance Passes Council



By Marge Ann Jameson

The Saturday morning sound of lawn mowers is a pleasant memory from my childhood. Then came leaf blowers. Not so pleasant.

In fact, many who want them banned include reference to negative health impacts from combustion engine leaf blowers, including not only the noise itself but air pollution and dust creation. And they also complain about debris being blown onto adjacent, non-owned property.

At the insistence of residents, the City Council has attempted to mitigate or completely ban the noise. It's been on the Council agenda a number of times – November 1, 2017, August 7, 2019, and September 18, 2019.

In August, staff was directed to delay implementation for a year to allow businesses and residents to make changes in their equipment. Battery or corded type leaf blowers and vacuums were exempt from the ban.

The existing code required sound-measuring equipment, not to mention the presence of staff to use the measuring equipment. The average number of leaf blower complaints received by the Pacific Grove police, code enforcement, and environmental programs staff is estimated to be one per month, plus the fact that often the complaints come in after the work is completed.

At the February 19, 2020 City Council meeting, the issue was addressed once again and included a draft ordinance. A ban on leaf blowers passed and will see a second reading on March 4, 2020.

Noting that the use of leaf blowers also "degrades the quality of life in Pacific Grove."

The ordinance includes the following standards of noise pollution:

The level and intensity of the noise, the question of whether the noise is usual or unusual (natural or unnatural), the proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities, the time of day and duration of the noise.

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