



# Bay Village Homeowners Association

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## Message from Our New City Council Representative

Hello. My name is Ari Parker and I am your newly elected Watsonville City Councilwoman. I am a long-time resident in Bay Village with my 96-year-old Mother, Aurora. It's exciting to be a part of the wonderful improvements that are happening in Watsonville. As your elected representative for District 7, here are a few of those improvements.

One of the big upgrades we see here in Bay Village is Phase One of the Bridge Street Median Landscape Improvement Project. The City of Watsonville Parks and Community Services and the Public Works and Utilities Departments have been working on landscape improvements to the Bridge Street medians. The intent of this project is to implement sustainable improvements that beautify the medians, while reducing water usage and maintenance costs. The project will be completed in phases over three years and the first phase includes the medians between E. Bronte Ave and Suncrest Way.



*Current District 7 City Council Representative and Bay Village neighbor, Ari Parker.*

The city installed new irrigation mainlines in early February. As many of us saw, the California Conservation Corps worked on installing plants, irrigation, and also local mulch provided by Vision Recycling. This first phase of the project was successfully completed at the end of February.

### BOARD MEMBERS

- Marina Watts, President
- Emil Yappert, VP and Levee
- JoAnna Rottke, Treasurer and Editor
- Lauren White, Secretary
- Barbara Adamski
- Jim Borrego
- Bob Erbe
- RitaAnne Tripp

If you would like to be part of your Homeowners Association Board, please go to the web site and download the application form.

You are also encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Please check our calendar on the website for any last-minute changes.

### BOARD MEETINGS

**3rd Tuesday** of each month 3:00pm  
YWCA 350 East Beach St.

The project will eventually replace the grass at all five islands on Bridge Street with drought tolerant plants through the process of sheet mulching. Low growing plant species will be selected and spaced to allow them to grow to their natural size and shape so as not to grow beyond the boundary edge of the medians. The plant species selected will be irrigated by a low-volume subsurface irrigation system. Additionally, up to seventeen trees will be added to the medians and existing trees that are healthy will remain.

We have many talented people who live in our diverse local community. I am committed in making sure that all District 7 has the best representation possible. It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our new **District 7 Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Wayne Hayashibara.**

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# The Squeaky Wheel Really Does Get the Grease

“It takes a village” to keep our Bay Village clean, safe and beautiful! That means that the more voices raised about Village concerns the more will be done. How often have you had an issue on your street or in your neighborhood that required the involvement of the City of Watsonville? Are you wondering how to resolve it and who to contact? Having lived on Bridge Street as a homeowner these past 16 years, I have found the following contact information to be really helpful in resolving issues such as speeding, abandoned cars, unkempt front yards, and working with Parks and Recreation regarding the Bridge Street median, etc.

Below are the names, phone numbers and email addresses for common issues that occur in our Village. PLEASE contact them with your issues, be persistent, and make sure you copy our Mayor and Councilperson.

**Dept. of Parks & Recreation** - regarding Bridge Street & Blackburn medians, etc.

Nick Calubiquib, Director

831-768-3240

[nick.calubiquig@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:nick.calubiquig@cityofwatsonville.org)

Ben Heistein, Park Superintendent - Ben is very responsive

831-768-3150

[ben.heistein@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:ben.heistein@cityofwatsonville.org)

**City Council District 7** - Ari Parker

831-235-2567

[ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org)

**Mayor** - Francisco Estrada

831-768-3008

[francisco.estrada@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:francisco.estrada@cityofwatsonville.org)

**Dept. of Public Works** – Street issues – i.e. speeding, street repair, need for traffic/speed control, street lighting

Steve Palmisano – Director

831-768-3100

[steve.palmisano@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:steve.palmisano@cityofwatsonville.org)

831-768-3100

Maria Esther Rodriguez – City Engineer

[maria.esther.rodriguez@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:maria.esther.rodriguez@cityofwatsonville.org)

Abandoned Vehicles – vehicles that are wrecked – parked in street & not moved after 72 hours

831-768-3000 ext 5310

This may take a few tries – it seems there can be a problem with the extension but keep trying and you will get the recorded message that asks you to describe the vehicle, the address and your name and contact. MAKE SURE you indicate that you want to be contacted by IRMA HAAS with the Watsonville PD – she is the Police Department Community liaison who deals with abandoned vehicles.

**Code Enforcement** – Weeds, fencing, etc

You can file a complaint online (see Form Center website) or mail/take directly to the City office of Code Enforcement.

<https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/DocumentCenter/View/87/Property-Maintenance-Guidelines-in-English-PDF>

<https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/FormCenter/Community-Development-4/Code-Enforcement-Complaint-Form-43>

It takes all of us to keep our Bay Village safe and beautiful!

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The Parks and Recreation Commission consist of seven members appointed by the Watsonville City Council. This Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Council in all matters pertaining to recreation and parks.

The duties of this commission include:

- Provision of the annual budget
- Recommend new recreation and parks programs for the community
- Formulate new policies for acquisition and development of parks
- Care and removal of trees; acceptance or rejection of offers of donations of money
- Personal property or real estate to be used for recreation and parks
- Other duties relating to recreation and park matters as directed by the Council not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter
- <https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/191/Parks-Recreation-Commission>

### Doing Good for Your Neighborhood

Please feel free to contact me at [ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:ari.parker@cityofwatsonville.org) or leave a voicemail at 831-235-2567. I would love to hear any suggestions or concerns you may have.

## Reminder About Assessments

Just a reminder that Annual Report packets will be mailed this July and will include your Notice of Assessment. Dues must be received within 30 days of mailing the packet to avoid any late fees or interest.

**PLEASE DO NOT PAY UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR NOTICE.**

If you have moved this past year, please make sure we have your current mailing address. We also appreciate having other contact info, such as phone numbers and email addresses, just in case. We do not share your information with anyone.

## Advertise in the Bay Village Newsletter

We're now accepting small ads in our newsletter. This is a two-pronged effort to provide homeowners with references to local businesses, and to offset our printing and mailing costs.

The business card-sized ads will be limited to a maximum of four per issue and are not restricted to Bay Village residents or homeowners. The cost is \$100 for placement in an issue, and selection and placement are at the discretion of the Editor. If you'd like to advertise in an upcoming issue, please contact [BVHAEditor@gmail.com](mailto:BVHAEditor@gmail.com) for details.

Also, would you like to receive your Bay Village newsletter in your email as a PDF? Same look (except in color!), same content, but it saves money and trees, and arrives before it hits your neighbor's mailbox. Just send an email to [BVHAEditor@gmail.com](mailto:BVHAEditor@gmail.com).

Considering selling your home or interested in it's current value?  
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REALTOR® and Bay Village Homeowners Association Board Member.  
References available.



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## Our Levee Landscaping Got a Haircut and a Facelift



*Spring has sprung! Daffodils are blooming around the Bay Village sign.*

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you who donated money to our Levee Fund in addition to your annual assessment, we were able to hire Ramon Landscaping to do heavy weeding, pruning, and removal of many dead and unsightly trees from our levee section.

The levee already looked better, but then it was just a matter of time, waiting for what seemed like the endless rain to let up enough to do some much-needed planting, adding color and filling in the gaps left by the dead trees.

We're happy to say there are now five new flowering trees, and nearly forty new plants, all perennials, including Salvia

and some new Echium. It also looks like our existing Echium have flower spikes ready to go this year. The California Lilacs are dazzlingly blue, and several trees have pink buds.

Kudos to Emil Yappert for his continuing dedication to this attractive entrance to Bay Village. Please show your appreciation by removing trash when you see it, and donating again this summer to the Levee Fund.