

WHAT'S NEW - HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE, CA SUMMER 2021

Located approximately 30 miles south of San Francisco, The <u>Half Moon Bay Coastside</u> is the perfect destination to escape the sweltering summer heat and enjoy outdoor activities in a refreshing temperature. With a mild summer climate averaging 65 degrees during the day, the area provides the ultimate weather for a plethora of activities including surfing the waves, kayaking, paddle boarding, horseback riding on the beach, and hiking coastal trails through diverse ecosystems.

Below is a summary of what's new along the magnificent Half Moon Bay Coastside. Visit <u>www.visithalfmoonbay.org</u> for everything needed to plan a visit including information on cozy inns and coastal resorts, celebrated restaurants, horseback riding on the beach, bike tours, wine tasting, fishing, whale watching, surfing, and much more.

*Please note that individual businesses are open on their own schedule. For more information on what travelers can expect when visiting the Half Moon Bay Coastside, <u>click here</u> or call (650) 726-8380.

- EVENTS -

Make It Main Street July 1 - November 4, 2021 First Thursdays from 1 - 7 p.m.

The first annual "Make It Main Street" will feature a collaboration between artists, musicians, and performers to celebrate local arts and culture and to support the shops in downtown Half Moon Bay. Stretching along five blocks of Main Street will be a rotating array of musicians, artists, storytellers, and poets plus a woodworker, a letterpress artist, sculptor, a guitar-builder, and a glassblower. Mac Dutra Park sets the stage for local writers, poets, essayists and storytellers to perform their works. Locally produced short films will be screened at the Oddfellows Hall throughout the evening. *Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay. For more information, contact <u>makeitmainstreet@coastside.net</u>.*

50th Half Moon Bay Ol' Fashioned 4th of July Parade & Festival

July 4 – 11a.m. - 4p.m. Parade: 12 - 1p.m.

This year's beloved parade is back on with plans to make an even bigger bang. The Ol' Fashioned 4th of July Parade has been expanded to include a music-driven community street festival entitled Coastside Rising "So Happy Together." Bookending the parade, there will be three live bands and a plethora of food and drinks including "Libations Lane" with craft beer, wine, and cocktails plus the "Stars & Stripes" Mobile Eats Alley with festive food trucks. The "Bright

Stars" Kidz Fab Funzone will feature a bungee jump, cornhole and tons of fun for the kiddos. *Main Street in downtown Half Moon Bay*. For more information, visit <u>https://www.miramarevents.com/4th-of-july-parade</u>.

30th Annual Farm + Fish + Flowers

July 24 - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Half Moon Bay's flourishing bounty of fruits and vegetables is in abundance during the summer, and there's no better way to take a bite than at the 30th Annual "Farm + Fish + Flowers." This unique event offers the public a special once-a-year opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at local nurseries, greenhouses, farms, and even a working harbor, many of which are not ordinarily open to the public. This year, a variety of experiences are available including special flower gardens, California native plants, a working dairy farm, organic vegetable farms, and more. Choose to tour one location for \$20 or \$40 for three locations; advance tickets required. Kids 12 & under are free. Box lunches are available for \$15. *To purchase tickets, contact the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau, (650) 726-8380, www.hmbcoastsidechamber.com*.

- ECO RICHES -

Coastside Farmers' Market Open through mid-December 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Saturdays only)

<u>The Coastside Farmers' Market</u> is an award-winning community treasure that features the best of the Coastside's locally harvested produce, flowers, honey, fish, pastured poultry, grass-fed meats, artisan bakers, and food producers in a lovely outdoor setting with live music provided by Coastside resident musicians. *Shoreline Station, 225 Cabrillo Highway. Media Contact: Erin Tormey, farmersmarket@coastside.net.*

Salmon Season is Here

It's time to grab the fishing rods and head to the ocean! The highly anticipated salmon season kicks off June 26 and runs through October 31. The area around Half Moon Bay is traditionally one of the best areas to fish for king salmon along the California coast. The season is also open for rockfish, lingcod, uni, and cabezon along the Coastside. For those who don't want to catch their own, the fishermen sell their daily catch. To find out what's available that day, call (650) 726-5727 #3. Pillar Point Harbor, 1 Johnson Pier, <u>www.smharbor.com/pillar-point-harbor</u>.

Here are some local companies offer recreational fishing excursions:

- Huli Cat Sportfishing, (650) 726-2926
- <u>Riptide Sportfishing</u>, (650) 728-8433

Goat Yoga!

Lemos Farm is hosting goat yoga for all ages and levels. Each session includes 45 minutes of yoga while 15-20 small goats roam around, nibbling at clothing, climbing, and cuddling up during relaxation poses. The class is followed by 15 minutes of petting zoo fun (including the chance to feed and brush the goats). \$35 per person. Available Saturdays and Sundays 10am-12:30pm. Must wear a mask and bring a mat. *To register, visit <u>https://www.lemosfarm.com/goat-yoga</u>. 12320 San Mateo Road, 650) 726-2342.*

Gorgeous Beach Picnic, Anyone?

Tired of being cooped up inside and longing for something fun and different to do? Plan a special picnic to gather with family, friends, and/or that special someone. Hidden Creek Events creates one-of-a-kind picnic set ups that include décor and a beautifully decorated tablescape. The menu features seasonal soup, an abundant charcuterie board, drinks of choice, and a dessert platter. Choose to have it at Hidden Creek Ranch and sit alongside San Gregorio Creek or pick your own location (consider one of HMB's many beaches or parks - just make sure it's in their service area). Make it even more special with an overnight getaway to the <u>Beach</u> <u>House</u> where guests have the option to add on a picnic as a special amenity during their stay. *For more information and reservations, call (650)766-2764 or visit <u>www.hiddencreekevents.org</u>.*

- ACCOMMODATIONS -

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay Turns 20!

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is celebrating its 20 year anniversary this year! Opened in 2001, this grand seaside resort and spa is situated on dramatic bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The hotel features 261 luxurious guestrooms, outdoor firepits, world-class dining, two championship golf courses, tennis courts, and coastal walking trails. In honor of this momentous occasion, the hotel is offering the "20 Years On The Coast" package that includes overnight accommodations, a sommelier-selected 2001 wine, and special chocolate cakes crafted with 20-year-old scotch whiskey (in homage to the hotel's setting reminiscent of Scotland). In addition, guests who reserve The Ritz-Carlton Suite or a Signature Suite (on weekend dates) will receive a choice of one of the following 20-minute spa treatments at the Spa: a back and shoulder massage; foot massage; or scalp massage (one offered per package). The package is valid through December 31, 2021. Rates start at \$975 per night. *One Miramontes Point Rd, (650) 712-7000, <u>www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/california/half-moon-bay</u> Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung, (650) 712-7007, Shelly.Auyeung@ritzcarlton.com.*

- CULINARY NEWS -

La Costanera (2.0)

On June 3, Pillar Point Harbor welcomed Peruvian restaurant La Costanera. Formally located in Montara, this new 10,000 square feet seaside-inspired space boasts water views with floor-to-ceiling windows spanning two floors, two bars, and a large patio. Featuring cuisine reminiscent of Chef Carlos' seaside vacations in Peru, the seafood-focused menu includes specialties such as *Scallops Carlitos* - pan-seared dayboat scallops, picantito de choclo, toasted nori and togarashi and *Langostinos Crocantes* - Mexican shrimp, crispy quinoa, house made BBQ-Inca Kola sauce and mashed sweet potato. *260 Capistrano Rd., (650) 728-1600, www.lacostanerarestaurant.com.*

Pizza + Pie

The name "Pizza Pie" is simple enough but the food definitely is not. The menu at this newly opened spot focuses on specialty pizzas and homemade pies with uber creative combinations such as the Cuban pork pizza with citrus mojo sauce, cabbage, and mozzarella and the maitake mushroom pizza with truffle aioli, charred green onion, and mozzarella. Dive into a square slice or order an entire pan. A selection of five decadent pies (also available by the slice or whole pie) includes key lime, chocolate cream, and more. 225 Cabrillo Hw.y, (650) 560-8467. https://pizzapiehmb.com/.

Mangia!

Fattoria e Mare is set to open this week and bring new flavors from Venice and other Northern Italian cities. Specialties include squid ink risotto with escabeche and a family-style bistecca alla fiorentina with a red wine reduction. There will be a strong emphasis on local seafood. The cicchetti menu will offer Venetian snacks and tapas-style dishes available in the bar area. *315 Main Street, https://fattoriaemare.com.*

Summer = Gelato

Gulino Gelato has moved into a new (and much larger) location on Main Street. Their renowned housemade gelato served in handcrafted waffle cones is a must-try in Half Moon Bay. On a daily basis there are 5-8 rotating flavors and those lucky enough may get to try their signature strawberry basil or pistachio (made from organic nuts from a nearby farm). A lover of gelato since his childhood summer vacations in Italy, owner Jean-Paul Guilino learned the art of the craft by training under a French chef at a culinary school in Bolgona. For those on the go, they're now selling pints. *643 Main Street, <u>www.gulinogelato.com</u>*.

A Taste of Hawaii

Half Moon Bay's wide range of culinary offerings has expanded to include Hawaiian BBQ. Every Friday and Saturday from 11a.m.-7p.m., the team at Nano's is serving up Hawaiian Kalua Pork Bowls, BBQ Chicken Musubi, Teriyaki tri-tip, and much more. Pre-order and take it to go or dine in at their new backyard patio. *523 Main St.*, *(650) 726-2182*, <u>www.nanosohanacafe.com</u>.

Beloved Garden Deli Cafe- New Location

After suffering a devastating fire last spring, the Garden Deli @ San Benito House is now operating out of a temporary location at Pizza Pie. Renowned for their housemade bread overflowing with the freshest meats, cheeses and vegetables, this HMB mainstay thankfully lives on. 225 Cabrillo Hwy., (650) 560-8467, <u>https://sanbenitohouse.com/garden-deli-cafe.</u>

- COCKTAILS, WINE, & BREW NEWS-

Sustainable Seaside Spirits

Jettywave Distillery is new on the scene and will soon be producing a variety of spirits such as gin, vodka, whiskey, and a moonshine with the trademarked moniker "Half Moon Shine." In the meantime, their on-site Swell Lounge, a metal bar cart created from an abandoned coffee trailer, is serving up delicious drinks. Citrus trees and pots of herbs serve double duty, decorating the outdoor area while being incorporated into their creative cocktails like the "Even Keel Turmeric shot," "Beach Trail Bingo," and the "Harbormaster's Old-Fashioned." *155 Broadway, (650) 291-8835, jettywave.com*.

A Tasting Tour Through CA's Top Wines

Barterra Winery has a new location in downtown Half Moon Bay! This family owned and operated tasting room offers a wide range of fine wines from California's top vineyards, with a focus on Italian varietals. Take a tasting tour through California's appellations from Santa Barbara to Mendocino and sip Pinot Noir, Merlot, Chardonnay, Sangiovese, Zinfandel, Cabernet, and much more. Be sure to try their 2018 Pinot Noir which won a Double Gold Medal from the San Francisco International Wine Competition and the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. Enjoy the new outdoor seating area and the sounds of live guitar (every Friday night from 5 to 7 p.m.) and stop by for a leisurely Sunday of bubbles and scones from 12-6 p.m. *315 Main Street, (650) 712-1635, barterrawinery.com*.

Brew Co. News

Half Moon Bay Brewing Co. has re-opened their bar area for the first time since March 2020. Outdoor dog-friendly seating on the patio is also available, as well as seating in their main indoor dining rooms. They currently have a variety of their classic ales available in 22oz glass bottles, as well as four fan favorite IPA's available in 16oz cans: *Word on the Street New England IPA, Disco Shark New England Double IPA, Simconed West Coast Style IPA*, and *Juicy Gossip New England IPA. To see today's beer list, visit <u>www.hmbbrewingco.com/beer</u>. 390 Capistrano <i>Rd, (650) 728-2739.*

Un-Wined at La Nebbia

La Nebbia Winery is an intimate local spot for wine tasting and there's lots going on this summer. Sip delicious wines and unwind in the garden or play a round of bocce ball. Enjoy live music every Sunday and be sure to stop by for "Food Truck Fridays" (held on the 2nd & 4th Fridays) kicking off on June 25. Their newly expended selection of epicurean offerings such as local cheeses, meats, olives, chocolate, and more make it easy to create a gourmet picnic. Open Thursday – Sunday. *12341 San Mateo Rd., 650.726.WINE, <u>www.LaNebbiaWinery.com</u>.*

Local Brews

Hop Dogma Brewery now boasts an expansive outdoor patio. Stop by this lively artisanal brewery to sip a wide range of locally brewed craft beers - from refreshing IPAs to thirstquenching pilsners. A special partnership with local restaurant <u>Lamas</u> allows beer-lovers to enjoy Mexican and Peruvian food with their brews. 270 Capistrano Road, (650) 560-8729, <u>www.hopdogma.com</u>.

- ARTS -

A Work of Art

Running through June 20 is the *Abstract Sculpture and Drawing Show* featuring the work of sculptor Paul Rubas and Pen & Ink Artist Martha Irwin. The juried *All Media Show 2021* runs from June 24 to July 18 and is open to all visual artists living in the SF Bay Area. *300 Main Street, (650) 726-6335, <u>www.coastalartsleague.com.</u>*

Tales of Love & Hate

The Coastal Repertory Theatre is featuring the play *Love Letters* through June 27. The play centers on two characters, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III who have lived separate lives for many years. But as they recount their dreams and disappointments by reading their letters to each other, it evolves into a mosaic of two lives woven together in love and friendship. *Native* Gardens runs from August 6- 22. In this brilliant comedy, cultures and gardens clash, turning well-intentioned neighbors into feuding enemies. Through June there are also movies shown every Sunday. *For a listing of upcoming shows, visit <u>www.coastalrep.com</u>. 167 <i>Main Street (650) 569-3266.*

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About the Half Moon Bay Coastside

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located 45 minutes south of San Francisco. Nestled between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, this breathtaking

region consists of four distinct areas - the North Coast, Half Moon Bay, the South Coast and the Redwood Region. Featuring the best of Northern California all in one place, visitors will enjoy miles of white sandy beaches, redwood forests, a historic downtown filled with local artisan shops, beautiful state parks, fields of wildflowers, and trails along ocean bluffs and mountain ridges as far as the eye can see. A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, farm fresh dining, shopping, biking, hiking and world-class golfing and surfing.

For more information on visiting Half Moon Bay, visit <u>www.visithalfmoonbay.org</u> or call (650) 726-8380. Like our <u>Facebook</u> page and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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