



WHAT'S NEW ALONG THE HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE, CA *September - December 2017*

Known as the “pumpkin capital of the world,” the [Half Moon Bay Coastsides](#) truly comes to life during the fall and early winter season. Located approximately 35 minutes south of San Francisco, this charming region is home to the highly touted pumpkin weigh-off contest and the widely anticipated annual pumpkin festival, along with holiday celebrations and artisan fairs, fun outdoor adventures and delicious local food, beer and wine. The gorgeous seaside views along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides provide the perfect backdrop for idyllic hikes and kayaking adventures, while the crisp evening air sets the mood for local holiday shopping along Main Street.

Below is a summary of what's new along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. Visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org for everything needed to plan a visit including information on cozy inns and luxury coastal resorts, renowned restaurants, farm visits, golfing, wine tasting, fishing, pumpkin festivities, surfing and much more.

Special Note: All locations are in Half Moon Bay unless otherwise noted.

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Cool Harbor Nights Car Show (free!)

The First Thursday of Every Month - 4 p.m. to Sunset

Car aficionados far and wide descend upon Pillar Point Harbor for Cool Harbor Nights, a coastal car and motorcycle show. Owners of classic cars, trucks, fancy motorcycles and hot rods have the opportunity to show off their pride and joy while providing a glimpse of early automotive and motorcycle technology. Many of the machines have taken years to create or restore. Families will enjoy the cruise down memory lane as they show their kids the vintage Mustang or hot muscle car just like they drove. Registered machines will be entered into a drawing for some fantastic prizes. The event is free and open to both exhibitors and spectators. *Pillar Point Harbor on Johnson Pier, Princeton-By-The-Sea. For more information and/or to register as a participant, contact Mary Botham, (650) 726-2722, mary@coastalcarshow.com.*

Barrel to Bottle Days

Sept. 16, Nov. 4 & 11, Dec. 2

Wine lovers can take part in a tradition known as “Barrel to Bottle” at La Nebbia Winery by bringing in their empty wine bottles and getting them filled with La Nebbia’s own wine. Guests can even bring in their own custom labels and La Nebbia will apply them to the bottle during the event, making for a fun conversation starter or a great gift. On September 16, refill bottles with a delicious red wine. On November 4, customers can indulge in a white wine, and November 11

and December 2 are once again perfect for red wine lovers. *Barrel to Bottle pricing starts at \$6 per 750ml bottle; 12341 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-9463, www.lanebbiawinery.com.*

15th Annual Bernese Mountain Dog Day (free!)

Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Farmer John's pumpkin patch is sponsoring the 15th Annual Mountain Dog Day! Last year, there were over 130 Bernese Mountain Dogs who visited Farmer John's pumpkin patch. Berner friends will be accompanied by John's Bernese, Clara Honey, along with her cousin Chloe who will welcome their old and new pals. Farmer John will be ready to give hayrides for his furry friends. *800 North Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-4980, www.farmerjohnspumpkins.com.*

10th Annual Hand-Blown Art Glass Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 7-8, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Half Moon Bay Art Glass will transform the grounds of La Nebbia Winery into a glistening glass pumpkin patch featuring the work of glass blower Douglass C. Brown. This artistic installation will feature hundreds of one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins available for purchase, each one personally handcrafted by Brown, who works year round to create this spectacular display. For those who wish to create their own piece of art, HMB Art Glass is offering several classes each day year around. La Nebbia Winery will be open for guests to partake in wine tasting and to purchase bottles of wine, while bocce ball courts will offer fun for everyone. Classes start as low as \$59 per person. Ask for the "NewClient40" special rate for up to 50% off website pricing. *La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, www.hmbartglass.com.*

44th Annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off (free!)

Oct. 9, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Superstar Gourd Growing Greats and their hard-to-believe, titanic orange orbs gather for the Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in the World Pumpkin Capital of Half Moon Bay. A special \$30,000 bonus mega-prize will be awarded to any grower who breaks the world record at Half Moon Bay, considered the "Super Bowl of Weigh-Offs." A host of veteran growers contend for the coveted title, the \$30,000 world record prize and thousands in additional prize money. In a pay-by-the-pound system, the winner will take home a hefty \$7 per pound for the champion mega-pumpkin. Superstar grower Cindy Tobeck's monster 1,910-pound weigh-off champion mega-gourd obliterated a formidable field of heavyweight contenders in winning the 2016 Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off. The grand champion gourd (along with the top five overall) will be on display at the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival on October 14-15. *IDES Grounds, 735 Main Street, (650) 726-9652, www.miramarevents.com. Media Contact: Tim Beeman, (650) 726-3491, tim@miramarevents.com.*

47th Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival (free!)

Oct. 14 & 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Half Moon Bay celebrates its bountiful fall harvest and autumn splendor with a special display of gigantically enormous heavyweight champion pumpkins, three stages of stellar live music, the Great Pumpkin Parade, a bone-chilling Haunted House, harvest-inspired crafts, home-style foods, expert pumpkin carver Peter Hazel sculpting a monster 10,000+ pound pumpkin, photos with the grand champion mega-gourd, pie-eating and costume contests, pumpkin carving for fun, and so much more! With so much to see and do, visitors can use [iPumpkin](#), the official mobile application of the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, to navigate their way through the festival. *Admission is free. Main Street, (650) 726-9652, www.miramarevents.com. Media Contact: Tim Beeman, (650) 726-3491, tim@miramarevents.com.*

Fourth Annual Coastside Brewfest

Oct. 21, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Enjoy some of the best breweries on the West Coast at the Fourth Annual Coastside Brew Fest, hosted by Mavericks Community Foundation. Held in the parking lot of Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, guests can enjoy unlimited tastes of their favorite brews from vendors including Alpha Acid Brewing Company, Alvarado Street Brewery, Barebottle Brewery, Deschutes Brewery, Drake's Brewing Company, Fieldwork Brewing Company, Hop Dogma Brewing Company, Temescal Brewing, and many more. Local food trucks offer guests the chance to purchase a wide variety of delicious bites, and the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company restaurant will be open for dining. This year's beneficiary is the Mavericks Coastside Foundation, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Coastside Hope. *Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door (includes souvenir glass); designated driver tickets are \$10. Tickets are available at www.coastsidebrewfest.com. 390 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-2739, www.hmbbrewingco.com. Media Contact: Evita Broughton, evita@ellipsespr.com.*

145th Anniversary Celebration Pigeon Point Light Station (free!)

Nov. 18, 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Perched on a cliff 20 miles south of Half Moon Bay, the 115-foot Pigeon Point Lighthouse and Historical Park, one of the tallest lighthouses in America, has been guiding mariners since 1872. During the 145th anniversary celebration, guests can enjoy live music, refreshments, face painting, native plant sales, grounds tour, and more. At 5 p.m. the iconic First Order Fresnel Lens will light in the Fog Signal Building, where guests can enjoy interpretive talks about the lighthouse. *210 Pigeon Point Road, Highway 1, Pescadero, (650) 879-2120, www.parks.ca.gov/pigeonpoint.*

2017 Colony of Coastside Artists Open Studios (free!)

Nov. 18-19, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Art lovers will flock to the annual Open Studios for the chance to score that perfect piece of local work. Hosted by the Colony of Coastside Artists, nearly 40 local artists will open their homes and studios to the public for this once-a-year showcase of their work. Peruse and purchase paintings, drawings, sculpture, jewelry, hot glass, and much more. *For more information, visit www.colonyofcoastsideartists.com.*

Night of Lights (free!)

Dec. 1, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Night of Lights is a free annual old-fashioned holiday event hosted in downtown Half Moon Bay on the first Friday in December. Visitors will enjoy trees decorated in dazzling lights while doing some holiday shopping in the unique coastal shops. The event features a tree lighting ceremony in Mac Dutra Park, a Parade of Lights down Main Street, carolers and musical entertainment, roasted chestnuts and activities for the kids. *Main Street. Media Contact: Charise McHugh, (650) 726-8380, charise@hmbchamber.com.*

- LOCAL RICHES -

Seasonal Bounty Awaits at Local Farmer's Markets

Shoppers can find a plethora of fresh, local produce available at the Half Moon Bay Coastside Farmers' Markets:

- Coastside Farmers' Market at Shoreline Station in Half Moon Bay. *Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through December 21, www.coastsidefarmersmarket.org.*

- Pescadero Grown Farmer's Market. 350 Stage Road, Pescadero. Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through October, www.pescaderogrown.org.

Dungeness Crab Season Opens

The highly anticipated Dungeness crab season officially opens in mid-November. Visitors can get their crab fix at Pillar Point Harbor, where fresh crab can be purchased from commercial boats. For those looking for a real hands-on experience, schedule a trip on the Huli Cat to catch your own crustacean feast. *Huli Cat, Pillar Point Harbor, 1 Johnson Pier, (650) 726-2926, www.hulicat.com.*

Farmer John Celebrates Pumpkin Season

Open mid-September through Halloween

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Farmer John's family-owned and operated specialty farm opens up to the public during the fall season. Life-long farmers Farmer John and his wife Eda grow more than 60 varieties of pumpkins and squash. Visitors can also check out an authentic Native American teepee and take a ride on a vintage tractor. *850 North Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-4980, www.farmerjohnspumpkins.com.*

- ACCOMMODATIONS -

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay provides a magnificent backdrop for the perfect coastal California vacation. Whether roasting s'mores in a terrace fire pit, relaxing on the bluff after a spa treatment, or enjoying a much-needed getaway, this stunning retreat offers a selection of packages and special offerings:

- **Fire and Wine Package**

Valid through Dec. 31

Escape to the Northern California coast for the ultimate romantic getaway. Enjoy majestic ocean views with walk-out access to a patio featuring a private personal gas-burning fire pit. The Fire and Wine Package includes Terrace Fire Pit accommodations, a bottle of wine from a featured winery in our Vintner Series, s'mores kit for two to roast on the fire pit and rose petal turndown. *Rates start at \$870 per night; includes resort fee and overnight valet parking.*

- **Drone Academy** – Take advantage of the picturesque coastal backdrops of The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay with the new “Drone Academy” experience, offered in partnership with gadget rental company Lumoid. This interactive class teaches guests to fly and operate drones, capture aerial photography, and take home tangible memories of this iconic coastal resort. *\$300 per person*

One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.auyeung@ritzcarlton.com.

Stay and Save at the Beach House Hotel

For visitors looking for the perfect Northern California coastal getaway, the Beach House Hotel has created a variety of packages to meet any need, from romantic getaways to coastal escapes and relaxing spa retreats that will help guests indulge in all Half Moon Bay has to offer.

- **Winter Wave** – With temperate weather year-round, Half Moon Bay is the perfect winter escape. Guests who stay two nights can make even more of their experience with the *Winter Wave* promotion, offering 10% off room rates over select winter dates; a savings of up to \$37 per night. *Available Nov. 12, 2017-Mar. 30, 2018; Rates start at \$211.50; savings vary by room type.*
- **Stay and Save** – for guests who are tempted to stay a little longer in Half Moon Bay, the *Stay and Save* package is just the convincing they need. Stay three nights or longer and receive 15% off your room rate over select winter dates; a savings of up to \$61 per night. *Available Nov. 12, 2017-Mar. 30, 2018; Based on availability. Rates start at \$199.75; savings vary by room type.*

4100 North Cabrillo Highway; For more information about the Beach House Hotel or to make reservations call (650) 712-0220 or visit, www.beach-house.com.

- CULINARY AND BREW NEWS -

A beloved destination known for its award-winning, handcrafted beer, sustainable coastal cuisine, and scenic outdoor patio, Half Moon Bay Brewing Company is the place to be this fall for a variety of special events and offers:

- **“Crowler” Launch** – Guests will soon be able to take Half Moon Bay Brewing Company’s award-winning, handcrafted beer to-go with a 32 oz. crowler – the can’s take on a growler that combines the flexibility and portability of growlers with the quality-preserving properties of a can.
- **Fall Brews** – Beginning September 1, the HMB Brewing Company will re-release three signature beers from Brewmaster James Costa including;
 - **Take it to the Limit Barleywine** – an American-Style Barleywine with Crystal and Munich malts presenting strong fruity-esters in the aroma.
 - **Papa Juice Old Ale** – a small batch, limited release old ale aged in Buffalo Trace Bourbon barrels.
 - **Pumpkin Harvest Ale** – a full-bodied Amber Ale made with locally grown Sugar Pie pumpkins roasted with a secret blend of spices added to the brew kettle.
- **Halloween Party (October 28)** – Get ready for this family-friendly party complete with live music, dancing, a costume contest and fun prizes.

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- SPA NEWS -

Spa Specials

Get pampered this fall or give the gift of relaxation to someone special with these great spa specials from Oceano Coastal Spa.

- **Fall Breeze**- enjoy a soothing Swedish massage with the scent of the season – aroma therapeutic Sweet Pumpkin. *60 minutes for \$110 (normally \$130)*

- **Coastal Glow** – this brightening mini facial paired with a warm Shea butter hand and foot scrub and massage that leaves guests feeling ready for the new season. *75 minutes for \$130 (normally \$150)*

Packages are valid Sept. 1-Oct. 31; excludes Saturdays. 270 Capistrano Road, (650) 263-2008, www.oceanocoastalspa.com.

About the Half Moon Bay Coastside

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located approximately 35 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 wild flowers, 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 www.visithalfmoonbay.org, download Half Moon Bay's free app iCoastside or call (650) 726-8380. For the latest news on the area, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org/blog, join us on Facebook www.facebook.com/visithalfmoonbay and follow us on Twitter @visithmb and Instagram @visithalfmoonbay.

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