



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
CAO Weekly Report

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SPECIALREPORT



The red ribbon flutters to the ground as current and former supervisors and CAO Lew Bauman welcome the public and employees to the Monterey County Government Center – Schilling Place.

County Notes

- > Spring is here and time to clean up!
[Watch for recycling events in your community.](#)

Schilling Place Opens its Doors

It was an open house nearly three years in the making. This week, Monterey County opened the doors to its Government Center at Schilling Place.

A lot of work went into renovation here, something that was acknowledged by supervisors speaking to crowds who came to enjoy the open house event. This gathering brought community and business leaders, media, a few former employees from the building's Household Credit days and lots of curious county employees. Visitors enjoyed tours of the building and light refreshments.

If you'd like to watch the entire welcoming ceremony, Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio from Administration has posted it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv6njEpdDLk>. Thank you, Maegan!



A view of the open house festivities from the second floor.

Now that the party is over, there is a lot of moving to be done. Over the next three months, more than 300 employees from a variety of offices will be moving into their new Schilling Place workspace.

RMA will have offices on the first floor as well as the entire second floor for staff and a spacious permit center to serve the public. The Elections Department, Water Resources Agency and Economic Development are also moving operations. The Health Department is moving its Behavioral Health Division there as well as Children's Medical Services, Clinic Services Call Center, Business Services, Public Health Prevention Programs, EMS and Public Guardian.

Schilling Place has some great amenities including a fitness center which will be managed by the Employee Wellness Program ([click here for details](#)), cafeteria services and many training and conference rooms. Congratulations to the team which completed this renovation project on budget: Assistant CAO Dewayne Woods, Interim Deputy Director of Public Works/Facilities Benny Young, Acting Chief of Public Works/Facilities Don Searle, Program Manager Judy Jeska and Real Properties Specialist George Salcido.



Program Manager Judy Jeska is interviewed by Amy Wu of the Salinas Californian (above). Angeline Sickler and Domi Hernandez find their cubicle locations at the open house event (right).





L-r clockwise: Employees on the tour, Registrar of Voters Claudio Valenzuela shows Treasurer-Tax Collection Mary Zeeb the new Elections Department Observation area, Assistant CAO Dewayne Woods with the new Schilling Place sign and RMA staff are all smiles seeing their new spacious work areas.



The Library Wants Your – Story

Are you a veteran? Do you know a veteran? Please spread the word – Monterey County Free Libraries is looking for veterans who will share their experiences as part of a project to preserve these stories.

Instead of checking out a book about someone else's life, the Veterans Resource Center at the King City Branch of Monterey County Free Libraries (MCFL) wants veterans to 'check in' their stories. The library will be hosting a recording session to capture the voices, experiences, and life stories of our local veterans.

"Monterey County has a rich history of military service and our veterans have wonderful stories to share," said Library Director Jayanti Addleman. "At MCFL, we take our role of helping preserve our heritage and history very seriously and hope that our veterans will be willing to come spend some time with us, recording their stories for future generations and for the community at large."



A 'listening station.'

Here is a sample of a story recorded at a recording event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzHOD5ip4Hs&feature=youtu.be>

The recording event will be Friday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the library which is located at 402 Broadway in King City. Interview sessions are limited to eight veterans so please apply and schedule an interview as soon as possible at this link:

<https://www.storycenter.org/listening-station-king-city>

Recording sessions last 15-30 minutes and use a 'listening station,' an iPad-based tool. These are easy to operate and veterans will be assisted in the project.

Participants will be able to hear their recordings, which will be sent via an online system. The stories will become part of the Monterey County Free Libraries Archive as well as the California State Library. Come be a part of local history!

A 'Honey' of a Happy Ending During Animal Services Adoption Event

In the classic James Bond flick "Dr. No," Honey Ryder tempts Bond in an iconic bikini scene. The Honey Ryder Commander Archie Warren from the Sheriff's Office and his wife Laura

adopted from Animal Services this week used her wiles too – substituting big brown eyes and a sweet personality for that bikini.

And it worked. This Honey Ryder got her man – and woman too!

“My wife Laura and I adopted Honey Ryder at the Monterey County Animal Center this week,” explains Warren. “We had visited the shelter on my wife's birthday. We were broken hearted after losing our dog Money Penny to heart disease.”

(In case you hadn't noticed, Warren is a big James Bond fan.)

Honey is the Warren's second adoption from Animal Services. Beloved Money Penny also came from the center seven years ago.

“The loss of Money was very hard for the both of us and we still miss her dearly. She slept beside me for seven years,” says Warren.

When Warren called his longtime friend Mike Richards who is interim Operations Manager at Animal Services and told him of their loss, Richards suggested they come see a little stray that had just come in, and the rest is the happy ending we love to hear about.

The Warrens came in during the first week of Animal Services Spring Fling adoption event which offers half price adoption fees thanks to a grant from Friends of Community Animal Services.

Check out the adoption special prices [here](#) and come find your own Bond girl or boy. You don't need to be a secret agent to open your heart to a new best friend!



Honey Ryder's shelter intake photo above and her new family selfie with Archie and Laura Warren below.

