



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
CAO Weekly Report

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SPECIALREPORT



A beautiful day greeted enthusiasts who came to enjoy the water and amenities at newly reopened Lake San Antonio.

County Notes

- > April 22nd is Earth Day. Celebrate by learning more about [reusable bag ordinances in the county and many cities](#). Do your part!

Staff, Boaters and Campers Celebrate Lake Reopening

A wave of good fortune from Mother Nature changed the fate of Lake San Antonio this year. The popular lake and camping spot was able to reopen after being closed to the public for nearly two years.

Before it closed, the lake was a shadow, make that a *shallow*, of its former self. It had been hard hit by the drought and dropped to just 5% capacity, but thanks to the massive winter storms we experienced, the lake is now up to more than 50% capacity.

County work crews had to prepare the recreation area for visitors again and the lake will be reopening in phases to allow staff to monitor systems which have been dormant for some time.

“Supervisor Simón Salinas was the driving force challenging us to find a way to reopen Lake San Antonio this year,” commented RMA Management Specialist John Guertin. “On a very short timeline, RMA – Parks and California Parks, Inc. staff really rallied to the cause, pulling together to make repairs and prepare the lake facilities for the public to enjoy.”

The first phase kicked off this past Easter weekend. The lake will be open weekends only through May 14th. Once word got out that San Antonio was open again, boaters, campers and other enthusiasts turned out in large numbers and were waiting in line on opening day. 546 cars came into the lake area over the weekend, bringing an estimated 2,000 happy visitors. Check out [videos posted on social media by park concession workers](#) - meet the first one in line to get into the park and see the massive line of campers and trailers.



Part of the long line to get into Lake San Antonio last weekend.

. During this first phase, here is what will be available at the lake:

- The South Shore gates will open Friday 7:00 a.m. to Sunday 8:00 p.m.
- The boat launch ramp at Harris Creek will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- Camping will be available at Harris Creek, Loops A through D, and Redonda Vista, Loops A through D, first-come, first-serve. No reservations.
- Redonda Vista Loop E will be available for group camping only with a minimum of five paid sites per group to reserve.
- Lodging units at Lynch will be available, two-bedroom/one-bath units to three-bedroom/three-bath units.
- The General Store at Lynch will be open.
- There will be no lifeguards at the beaches. Swimming and boating will be “at your own risk.”

The second phase will begin May 19th. The South Shore Park and lake area will open seven days a week, the Lynch Launch Ramp and Campgrounds, Loops A through D will open and campsite reservations will be accepted.

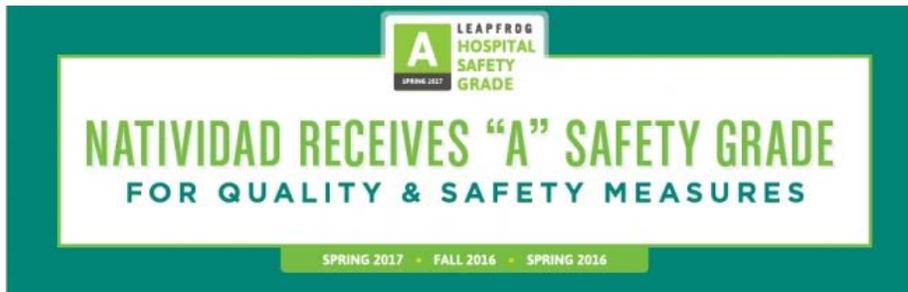
Finally, on June 9th, the North Shore Park for camping and boating will open, including the very popular lakeside camping and all the lake’s launch ramps will be open.

Not only are recreationists happy about the reopening - county staff is happy as well. The lake closure presented challenges and a loss in revenue for the county. Be sure to spread the word that the lake is back open for business!

NMC ‘Leaps’ For Third Consecutive Safety Award

Natividad Medical Center has been receiving a lot of recognition for its high quality health care, but its most recent award is a three-peat for safety.

The hospital has received a safety grade of “A” for the third time in a row from The Leapfrog Group, one of the country's leading organizations in measuring and publicly reporting hospital performance. This top grade showcases NMC’s commitment to improve patient safety, prevent medical errors and minimize injuries, accidents and infections.



The Hospital Safety Grade is a twice-annual assessment of more than 2,600 hospitals across the nation. The grade includes 30 evidence-based patient safety measures of publicly available hospital data, including how often a hospital gives patients the

recommended treatment for a given medical condition or procedure and what happens to a patient while receiving care. NMC is one of 823 hospitals in the U.S. and one of 68 hospitals in California to receive an “A,” which ranks it among the safest hospitals in the nation.

“We are proud and honored to receive the top grade from The Leapfrog Group three times in a row,” says Dr. Gary Gray, NMC’s CEO. “The recognition shows our collective commitment to making safety a priority at our hospital and to our high standards of care and high patient satisfaction.”



NMC received the same top safety grade of “A” in April and October 2016 as well as a Top Hospital award from The Leapfrog Group in December 2016. You can see details of the measures used for the grade and how Natividad performed for each one [here](#).



The Sheriff's Office Says Do Spring Cleaning in Your Medicine Cabinet

Prescriptions help us fight sickness and disease but old, expired or forgotten about medications can be a recipe for trouble.



That is why the Monterey County Sheriff's Office takes part in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day each year. This year, the take back event is Saturday, April 29th.

This is a simple and safe way to get rid of old prescriptions before they become a problem for the environment or for you and your family. Flushing old medications down the drain or to the landfill in trash is dangerous for the environment. Old prescriptions can also be targets for those who might abuse them.

There will be many drop-off locations in the tri-county area. If you don't find a place near you in the list below, you can search for a collection site using your zip code on the [DEA website](#).

MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	PRUNETREE CENTER PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF CVS/PHARMACY	17579 VIERRA CANYON ROAD	SALINAS
MARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT	MARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT	211 HILLCREST AVENUE	MARINA
SEASIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT	SEASIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT	440 HARCOURT AVENUE	SEASIDE
GONZALES POLICE DEPARTMENT	GONZALES POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION LOBBY	109 FOURTH STREET	GONZALES
CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT	CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT	SE JUNIPERO AND FOURTH AVENUES	CARMEL
MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	CROSSROADS SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF BANK OF AMERICA	HWY 1 & RIO ROAD	CARMEL
CAPITOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT	CAPITOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT	422 CAPITOLA AVENUE	CAPITOLA
MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	PINE CANYON FIRE STATION PARKING LOT OF FIRE STATION	51251 PINE CANYONE ROAD	KING CITY
HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT	TARGET	1790 AIRLINE HWY	HOLLISTER