



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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SPECIALREPORT



The Seaside Family Health Center is ready for its grand opening on Monday, July 3rd.

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Health Department Celebrates Opening of Seaside Clinic

Construction began last fall and is finally completed. That means the Health Department's Seaside Family Health Center can officially open its doors.

The clinic is now in a new building behind its old location. Its new address is 1156 Fremont Boulevard in Seaside and will open this Monday, July 3rd. But the project is not yet complete. Still to be accomplished: the demolition of the old building and construction of a new parking lot.

But that isn't stopping the clinic from opening its doors. During the demolition, a temporary entrance and parking lot can be found nearby on Hilby Avenue. Signs will be posted to help patients locate the temporary entrance.

In 2015, the Seaside clinic served 47,000 patients. The new Health Center is 70% larger and boasts 32 exam rooms, five rooms for patient education and group activities, a dental suite, a spacious waiting area and a children's play area.

"We are very excited about the opening of the new Seaside Family Health Center," said Julie Edgcomb, Administrator of Ambulatory Services for Natividad Medical Center and the Monterey County Health Department. "It will allow us to provide increased access to much needed care for residents of Monterey County, regardless of their ability to pay."

The new Health Center was made possible by a unique partnership between Monterey County and Montage Health, the parent company of Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Montage Health paid for the land and construction and will lease the building back to the County.

4th District Supervisor Jane Parker, whose district includes the health center, praised Montage for its participation, which kept clinic plans on track when the costs exceeded the County budget. Parker also has praised partner Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas for its role in bringing much needed dental services to the clinic.



Health Center staff is moving equipment from the old office to the new – luckily, they only need to roll items a short distance!

Schilling Place Cafe Opens

Now that all the county departments scheduled to move into the Government Center at Schilling Place are settling in, some planned employee services are being rolled out.

With 14 offices and departments now in the facility, it was time to launch food services. The



building had an existing cafeteria space when it was bought by the County, and an RFP was issued for a company to operate that food service area.

The Schilling Place Café opened this week. It will be open 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The café features a burrito bar, salad bar, grab and go salads,

sandwiches and snacks, as well as a prep area for deli and grilled sandwiches. There are plenty of tables and chairs in the dining area and even a patio area.

PDF Management, which operates food service outlets throughout the state, was selected to run the café through a concession agreement which is a revenue generator for the County. If you are looking for an alternative lunch spot, call your colleagues who are working at Schilling Place now and make a lunch date to try the new café.



Opening day diners try the lunch menu (at left). Chefs prepare deli and grilled sandwiches (above). Making a selection from the to-go section (below).



County Animal Services Teams Up with City Shelter to Help Pets This Holiday

Each year, both the county and city shelters fill up with lost pets who've run away due to holiday fireworks and other noisy activities. Did you know that many are never reunited with their owners?

The shelters, which are both located on Hitchcock Road in Salinas, are teaming up to do something about it! They are waiving fees for owners who reclaim their pets throughout the holiday. The fee-free time will run Friday, June 30th through Saturday, July 8th.

It can be expensive to reclaim a pet, with boarding and impound fees along with late license penalties which often apply. All those fees will be waived to help reunite pets and owners.

Lost pets from the unincorporated areas of Monterey County, Greenfield, CSUMB, Sand City, Del Rey Oaks and Carmel should be taken to 160 Hitchcock Road (Shelter #1).

Lost pets from inside the City of Salinas and Marina should be taken to 144 Hitchcock Road (Shelter #2).

An ounce of prevention can avoid all these troubles! Here are some practical tips to protect your pet during the Fourth of July:

Where to look for missing pets:

Monterey County Animal Services
160 Hitchcock Road, Salinas
831-769-8850

www.mtyhd.org/pets

Hours:

Tue – Sat 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Salinas Animal Services
144 Hitchcock Road, Salinas
831-758-7285

www.SalinasAnimals.com

Hours:

Tue – Sat 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Don't let this happen to your pet! Take precautions so your furry friend won't have to spend time 'behind bars.'

- Resist the urge to take your pet to fireworks displays.
- Make sure your pets are wearing identification tags.
- Do not leave your pet in the car.
- Keep your pets indoors at home in a sheltered, quiet area.
- Never leave pets outside unattended, even in a fenced yard or tethered.
- If you know that your pet is seriously distressed by loud noises like thunder, consult with your veterinarian for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety.
- If you plan to go away for the holiday weekend, make plans to have someone watch your pets so that they remain safe while you are away.
- If your pet does get lost from home, don't wait to look for it. Search your local animal shelter as soon as you determine that your pet is lost as pets without ID are only held for three business days.