



Watsonville Police Athletic League Adds New Location

The goal of the Watsonville Police Athletic League (PAL) is to guide youngsters towards responsible and mature citizenship; provide a common platform of growth for police officers, youth, and residents; encourage the principle of good will, friendship, and sportsmanship. PAL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that is funded by community sponsors/donations and grant programs. The Watsonville Police Department established the Watsonville PAL program as a youth crime prevention alternative in 1998.

PAL has run activities at their current facility at 130 Rodriguez St, since its establishment. This location on the south end of town has made it difficult for

children on the north end of town to take advantage of PAL's programming. The PAL Board of Directors' long desire of expanding the services to youth is now being fulfilled and hopes to serve more youth in a new area of town.

Thanks to the collaboration efforts between PAL and Neighborhood Services Division, PAL expanded its services by opening a second facility at 37 Davis Avenue, the former home of Neighborhood Services. This facility will allow PAL to provide the much needed positive outlets to children in this area.

A grand opening was held on October 9th that featured many activities for the children and a celebratory BBQ. McGruff the Crime Dog and Crime Pup were there to help celebrate the opening of this new facility!

PAL programming at the Davis location began on September 12th with a play day and obstacle course for youth. Future fall programming plans include an after school homework program. More programs will be added as funding becomes available and interest and need are determined.

Individuals interested in getting involved with PAL programming or to volunteer with PAL can contact WPAL at (831) 763-4146.



Keeping Up with Watsonville

Help Keep Watsonville Clean & Beautiful – Graffiti left on property has a negative impact on our neighborhoods and business districts. Help keep Watsonville clean and beautiful by assuring that any graffiti on your property is removed within 48 hours. If you see graffiti in your neighborhood, call 768-3133 or 471-1151.

City Facilities Will Close Thanksgiving Week – City facilities will be closed November 23rd - November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving. For non-emergencies or for water related emergencies call 471-1151. For health and safety emergencies call 911.

Be S.A.F.E. on Halloween – Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible. Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you. Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them.

Be Prepared for a Flood

With predictions of a wet winter here are some tips and resources to help you and your family prepare and stay safe.

Prepare: Maintain drainage channels and pipes on your property free of obstruction and debris. Keep an emergency supply with non-perishable food, water, manual can-opener, batteries, flashlights, battery-operated radio and a first-aid kit. Develop evacuation plans for your family.

Protect: If your property is in danger of flooding; sandbag areas where water may enter living spaces. Sandbags will be available at Fire station #1 located at 115 Second Street and at Home Depot. Come prepared to fill your own bags. If your property is in danger of flooding,



contact PG&E to request that your power and natural gas be shut off. The City of Watsonville Emergency Operations will order evacuations if needed so listen to local commercial radio, television or social media. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible, avoid low-lying areas.

Pay Attention: After a flood, listen

to the radio or check social media for emergency instructions. For your safety, avoid driving if possible and follow established procedures for property damage repairs. If repairs are needed, select a contractor who is licensed in his trade and is prepared to deal with post flood conditions.

Sign up for NIXLE messages for critical emergencies: www.nixle.com register your email address or text your zip code 95076 to 888777 to register your phone.

Emergency Resources

Community Development	768-3050
Watsonville Emergency Operations	768-3038
Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services	458-7150
American Red Cross	462-2881