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## SCHOLZE PARK CENTER TO REOPEN AUGUST 2

Monterey, CA. – On Monday, August 2, 2021 the City of Monterey will reopen Scholze Park

Center at 280 Dickman Avenue. The community center will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Programs for adults will include Tai Chi, drawing and painting, watercolor painting, sewing, bingo, bridge, film screenings, Meals on Wheels drive-thru meals for seniors, and other arts, crafts and exercise classes.

"Our popular programs, services and activities connect our neighbors and friends, and we are thrilled to welcome the community back to Scholze Park Center," said Karen Larson, Parks and Recreation Director. "For over 60 years, this beloved community center has offered people a place to socialize, be creative and stay active."

In March 2020, the City of Monterey proclaimed a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency order temporarily closed a variety of indoor public facilities, including the Monterey Public Library, Monterey Sports Center, Monterey Conference Center and four community centers.

In the past year, the Parks and Recreation Department shifted to virtual programs, served approximately 300 meals each week for a year during weekly produce distributions in collaboration with the Food Bank for Monterey County, organized monthly blood drives with the American Red Cross, and made improvements to Scholze Park's infrastructure and landscaping.

The Monterey Recreation Preschool programs, summer camps and field sports have also reopened and resumed.

The safety of the community and staff remains a top priority. Enhanced safety measures will include:

- Protective face coverings are required at Monterey Recreation community centers for all individuals two years of age and older to keep everyone safe;
- Eating is not permitted inside the facility;
- Hand sanitizer available throughout the building;
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be in place;
- COVID-19 protocols are subject to change.

For more information about Scholze Park Center programs or to request a modification to the mask requirement for medical or disability reasons, please call 831.646.3878. Learn more about Monterey Recreation programs or register online at <a href="mailto:monterey.org/rec">monterey.org/rec</a>.

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