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NEWS RELEASE

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The City of Monterey will be celebrating the 4th of July with our annual Flag Raising Ceremony, Kick Off Parade and Big Little Backyard 4th of July Bar-B-Que & Entertainment Extravaganza. On Saturday, July 4, the Flag Raising Ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m., immediately followed by the Kick Off Parade at 10:15 a.m. The parade route is along Alvarado, up Del Monte and down Calle Principal in downtown Monterey and last approximately one hour.

Immediately following at 11:00 a.m. is the Admission Free Big Little Backyard Bar-B-Que and Entertainment Extravaganza held on the historic grounds of Colton Hall on Pacific Street. This event features non-stop live music until 5:00 p.m. Featured bands include the Monterey Community Band (11:00 a.m.), Chicano All Stars (12:10 p.m.), The Fundamentals (1:15 p.m.), Money Band (2:20 p.m.), Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums (3:15 p.m.), and the Greg Morrison Band (4:15 p.m.). Children's entertainment includes free carnival booths and games, face painting and strolling balloon artists. Lots of great food provided by non-profit food vendors will be on sale all day or you can bring a picnic lunch. Please leave all pets at home and note that this is an Alcohol Free family event.

Due to budget constraints and public safety concerns, there will be no fireworks display this year. If you are spending the day in Monterey, remember that fireworks of any type are prohibited in Monterey. Having them or using them could cost you at least $500. If you are visiting our beach, please bring your own garbage/recycling bag and take your trash with you. The City of Monterey thanks you and wishes you a fun and safe 4th of July!

The schedule for July 4 is as follows:

10:00 a.m.	Flag Raising Ceremony along Alvarado Street
10:15 a.m.	Kick-Off Parade begins at Alvarado and Polk streets, continues up Del Monte Avenue and down Calle Principal
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Lawn Party at Colton Hall on Pacific Street

Ride your bike to the Parade or Lawn Party and receive free valet bicycle parking at City Hall.
Sponsored by Monterey Green Action. Thank you for traveling sustainably. www.MontereyGreenAction.com

Tips for a safe and fun 4th of July:

- Follow ALL signs and detours
- Animals prohibited at all events (except guide/service dogs).
- Fireworks of any type are prohibited in the City of Monterey. Possession, display or discharge is a misdemeanor punishable by fines starting at $500.

5th of July Beach Clean-up

Help clean up the beach from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 5. For info call 646-3719 or sammon@ci.monterey.ca.us

For more information on the above events, call the 4th of July Hotline at 646-3996 or visit www.monterey.org/four for event and traffic info.

For traffic and parking updates, residents and visitors should tune the radio to 1610 AM.

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