

PEBBLE BEACH WEEDERS - BY KATIE SPITZ, DIRECTOR, DMFPO

There is so much to worry about these days it's a wonder that any of us can sleep. Personally, I lie awake in the dark worrying about weeds. Invasive, non-native weeds. Until Lahaina, only restoration ecology nerds worried about invasive plants. Now we all worry about them.

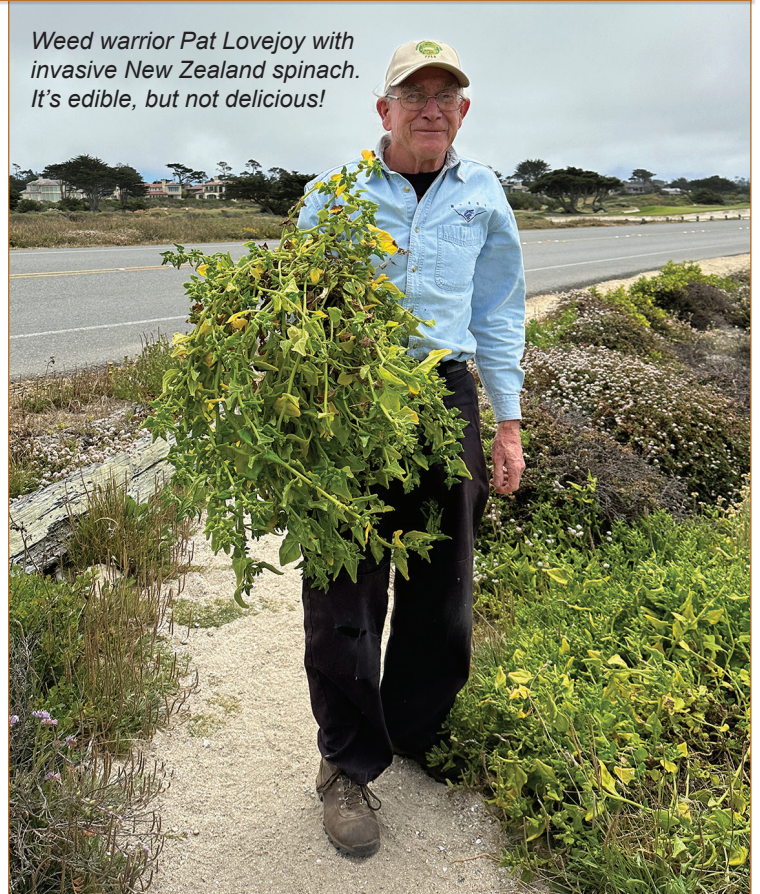
Invasive weeds are plants that came here from elsewhere, but are so comfortable and happy they move in, and slowly take over. It's a hostile takeover: these botanical thugs have no natural predators, so they thrive, destroying habitat diversity and ecological functions by smothering, starving, or poisoning the habitat's plants. They dry out earlier, catch fire faster, burn hotter than native California plants, and impede drainage. They are a global problem.

Restoring habitats requires removing invasive plants, which in turn requires volunteers. This is where people like us become involved! The power of individuals is impressive—Bruce and Judy Cowan, for example, removed weeds locally for decades. We owe them our gratitude.



Clearing ripgut grass at China Rock

Weed warrior Pat Lovejoy with invasive New Zealand spinach. It's edible, but not delicious!



During the last three years, a group of us has met to remove weeds here in Pebble Beach. We gather on a Saturday or Sunday for a few hours of work followed by picnic snacks provided by Del Monte Forest Property Owners. Believe it or not, removing weeds is rewarding, and doing it with friends is much more fun than working alone in your own garden. Not to mention the public good it accomplishes!

What has our group accomplished? Let's start by thinking of the Del Monte Forest as a jigsaw puzzle. We can't remove all the invasives threatening Pebble Beach. But weeding one section at a time is beneficial, because each fragment provides habitat for wildlife and insects.

Del Monte Forest Property Owners *Semiannual Meeting*

Sunday, October 29, 2023

2:00 to 4:00 pm

The Inn at Spanish Bay, Main Ballroom

DMFPO 2023 Members are Invited



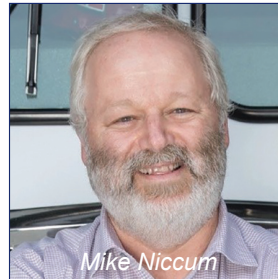
Enjoy Refreshments & Hors d'oeuvres



Frank Espinoza



George Nunez



Mike Niccum



Josh Silveira

Pebble Beach Fire Department

George Nunez, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE Monterey-San Benito Counties

Josh Silveira, Operations Battalion Chief

Frank Espinoza, Fire Prevention Chief

Mike Niccum, PBCSD General Manager



Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) contracts with CAL FIRE to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. Under the contract, CAL FIRE provides personnel and the District provides facilities, vehicles, equipment, and supplies for the services.

The speakers will detail significant measures taken that led to Pebble Beach Fire Department being ranked in the top 1% of departments in the nation based on:

- Emergency Response
- Fire Planning and Fire Fuel Reduction
- Water System Improvements
- CAL FIRE Wildfire Response Capabilities
- Community Outreach and Education

To assist homeowners in maintaining coverage, the Pebble Beach Fire Department can provide information to insurance companies on its services, preparedness, and superior ranking that mitigate fire loss risk.

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PEBBLE BEACH CRIME - HOW DO WE COMPARE?

Does living in a gated community lower your risk of being a victim of property crimes? The short answer is yes, but... Although would-be criminals find it physically more difficult to get into and out of gated communities due to the presence of security personnel and advanced security cameras at the gate; and are less likely to be familiar with a gated community than non-gated ones, they do have fewer opportunities to case potential targets. Below are 2021 property crime stats from the cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove websites, and 2019 property crime stats from the Department of Justice for Carmel by the Sea, for comparison to Pebble Beach:

It is important that we continue to educate ourselves about the need for vigilance when it comes to safety and protecting our property. Some suggestions include installing a comprehensive security system that includes motion sensors around your property; keeping your doors and windows locked when you are away and closing garage doors when not in use. Remember to lock your car, keep valuables out of sight and garage your vehicle at home if possible. Most importantly, be aware of your environment and report suspicious activity. We appreciate the diligent work of our Pebble Beach security staff but... we must do our share. - Lucy Carlton, Chair, Del Monte Forest Property Owners Board of Directors

Property Crimes:

Monterey 2021

Burglary 125 Larceny/Theft 632

Pacific Grove 2021

Burglary 44 Larceny/Theft 188

Carmel by the Sea 2019

Burglary 20 Larceny/Theft 73

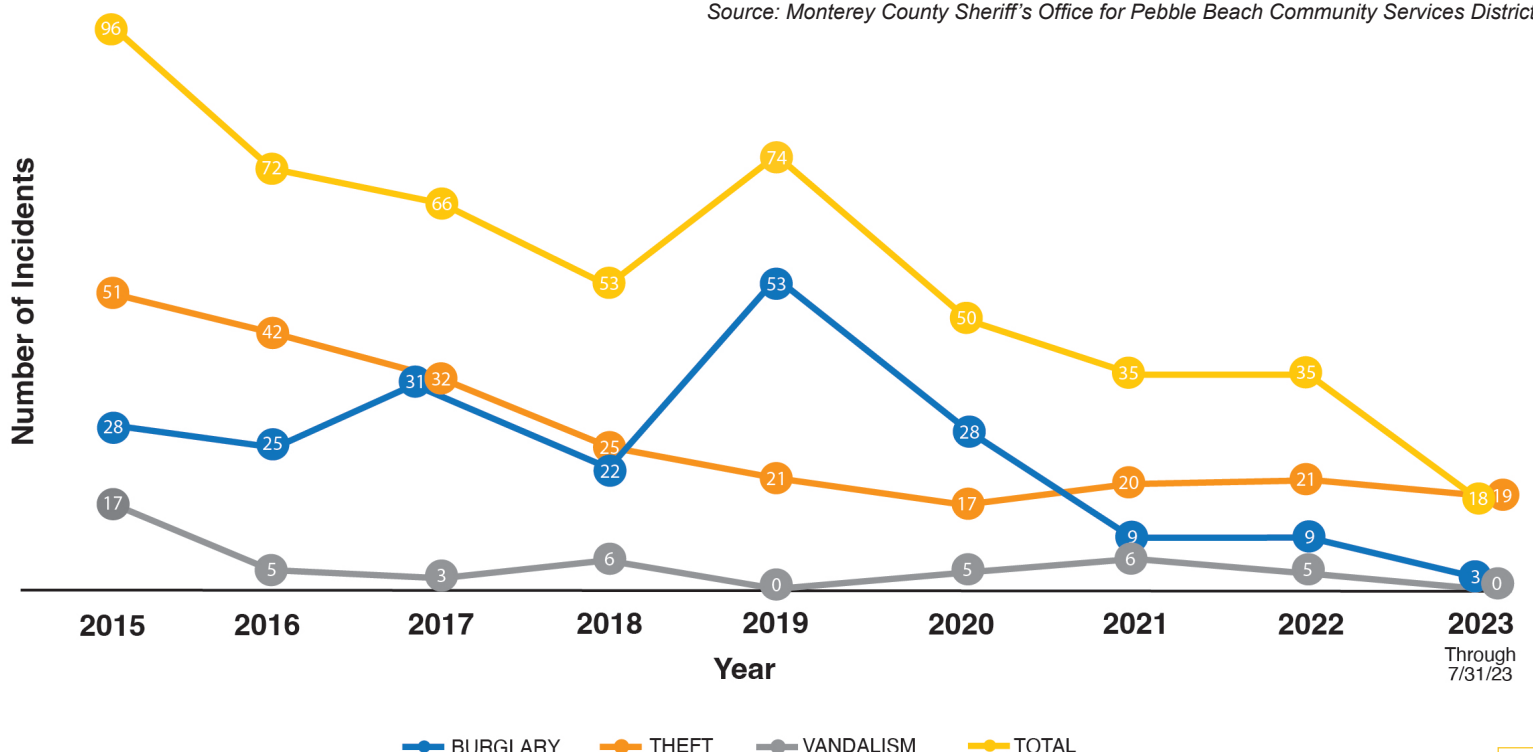
Pebble Beach 2021

Burglary 9 Larceny/Theft 20

CALLS FOR SERVICE CRIME REPORT STATISTICS 2015 - 2023YTD

BEAT AREA: 6Z-DMF / PEBBLE BEACH

Source: Monterey County Sheriff's Office for Pebble Beach Community Services District



Last year we worked near China rock removing ice plant, sea rocket, mustard and spinach. In a matter of weeks, the California poppies sprang up! Buckwheat, yarrow and seaside daisies started to fill in the voids left by the weeds. The speed of the return to a healthy habitat was exciting. Remember, invasive plants can produce thousands of seeds viable from 4 to 80 years, so vigilance is required.



Ripgut grass has invaded the dunes near Casita de Lemos (Gingerbread House). Ripgut is a particularly vicious grass because its barbed seed heads burrow into wildlife, ripping their intestines. Fortunately, at the time of removal, even though the seeds had set, they had not yet spilled. At least one year's worth of seed was stopped from infecting the dune, paying it forward, so to speak.



Sometime, you have to know when to fold. Our group spent three or four days removing French broom along SFB Morse Drive, as did another group of volunteers. Unfortunately the plant has returned with such a vengeance that eradicating it requires bigger weapons than volunteers can provide.

There is much more to say about the invasive plants, but space forbids. The one take-away? Restoring habitats requires helping hands. If this sounds like a plea for volunteers, you are right! It's a war on weeds. We need you.



Please contact Laura Paxton at dmfpropertyowners@gmail.com or Katie Spitz at k.spitz@me.com to get on our list. Our next event will be Saturday, October 14 at 9:30 am. 🐾



PulsePoint

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not just a job for emergency responders but rather a community-based issue that requires a community-based response. In no other medical situation is there such a vital reliance on the community.

The difference early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation can make in a Sudden Cardiac Arrest event is well known. Fifty-seven percent of U.S. adults say they've had CPR training, and most would be willing to use CPR or an automated external defibrillator (AED) to help save a stranger's life. Yet only 11% say they've used CPR in an actual emergency—that's a number that can be increased by working together.

When that life-threatening call comes in, emergency responders will be ready. But what if someone was already at the scene, applying lifesaving CPR and defibrillation until they arrive? With PulsePoint, the dispatch center immediately alerts CPR-trained individuals about nearby cardiac arrest events through the free PulsePoint Respond mobile app, and also lets them know the location of the closest AEDs.

PulsePoint response capability was launched by the Pebble Beach Fire Department in 2021. Responders throughout the area have registered through the PulsePoint Respond mobile application. Calling 911 is the first step in making sure help is on the way and also the first step in a PulsePoint activation. CPR needed alerts will be sent simultaneously to PulsePoint Responders with the dispatch of first responders to calls of unconscious and unresponsive victims likely needing CPR, within an overall situation that is safe for citizen response.

To become a PulsePoint Responder, download PulsePoint from the app store for your device. If needed, follow the instructions on the PulsePoint.com website at <https://player.vimeo.com/video/408581893?h=07815202a9>. The PulsePoint AED locator app can also be downloaded to your device. Both apps are free.

The PulsePoint Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public non-profit corporation based in California.



911 called for victim.



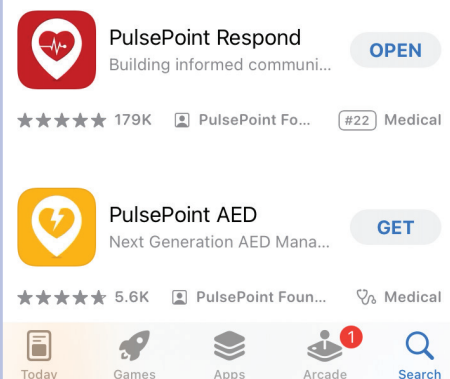
911 center initiates PulsePoint alert.



Nearby PulsePoint subscribers alerted simultaneously with emergency responders.



PulsePoint responders directed to victim location and notified of nearest AEDs.



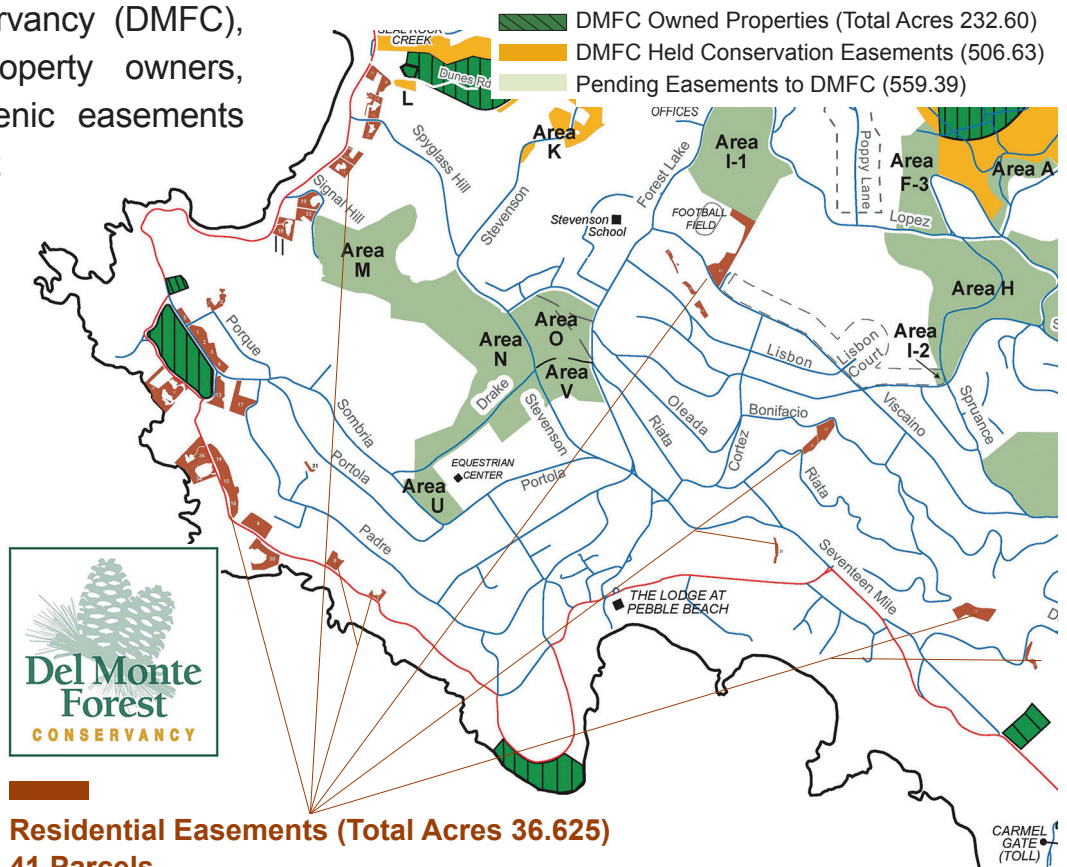
DEL MONTE FOREST CONSERVANCY - EASEMENTS

Story By Paul Gullion, Legal Counsel and Ned Van Roekel, DMFC Director


The Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC), as a service to Forest property owners, accepts conservation and scenic easements on individual parcels of Forest land, the vast majority of which are on residential properties. DMFC currently holds 41 such residential easements in Del Monte Forest, with several more easements pending.

When a property owner applies to the County for a building or similar permit, the County will often determine that per County and State regulations a conservation or scenic area on the property of the applicant is required to preserve certain resources. In accordance with the Land Use Plan for the Forest, DMFC is designated as the recipient of these easements. DMFC itself does not impose the condition that an easement is necessary. If an easement is required by the County, the County and property owner will notify DMFC an easement will be forthcoming, and details of the easement will be provided. DMFC counsel is typically the first point of contact, and conveys the necessary information to the DMFC Board of Directors.

A standardized conservation template has been established which describes the easement area, identifies the property owner, County, DMFC as parties to the easement, and sets forth the restrictions on the easement area. Easement restrictions generally disallow any alterations or modifications to the easement area, or disturbance of any environmental or scenic resource.



Once the easement, associated monitoring plan, and other related documents are developed and approved by the County and owner, DMFC reviews the material, provides feedback and suggested changes. DMFC's policy on easement acceptance fees are discussed with the owner, and payment arrangements are made prior to DMFC signing and accepting the finalized easement. Fees vary depending upon the size and complexity of the easement. Once dedicated and accepted, it becomes irrevocable under California law, and is binding on subsequent owners of the property.

After acceptance, the DMFC forester will make periodic inspections of the easement areas to ensure compliance with the easement. If a violation is found the owner is contacted and the matter typically corrected promptly without further action required. DMFC is available to answer any questions the current or future owner of the property may have concerning the easement. 

A SHORE THING

Story By Gina Gianfala, A Pebble Beach Resident and Bay Net Volunteer

California is remarkable. The Bristlecone Pine, in the White Mountains, is among the oldest living organisms. The world's biggest trees by volume, the Giant Sequoia, grow in the Sierra Nevada. Right here in Pebble Beach, you find specimens of the tallest trees in the world, the Coastal Redwood.

Sequoias and redwoods are closely related. The primary difference is habitat. Redwoods grow in a narrow 450-mile band along the Pacific Ocean from the Oregon border to south of Big Sur, while sequoias live in subalpine regions of California at 5000-7000 feet.

Coastal redwoods require moderate temperatures year-round. Heavy rains provide water in winter and dense summer fog contributes moisture during dry summer months. Coastal fog condenses on redwood needles creating water droplets which are absorbed. Some of the water drips to the ground providing moisture to the understory.

Starting in the 1850s redwoods were logged extensively to satisfy demand for lumber. As a result, only 5 percent of the old-growth coastal redwood forest remains, of which 77% reside on private property. Most of the redwood forest is now young. In 2013 the tree was listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



Photos by Gina Gianfala

The largest surviving stands of ancient redwoods are found in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Redwood National and State Parks, and Big Basin Redwoods State Park. It is an awe-inspiring feeling to stand at their feet.

Redwoods can reach higher than a 30-floor skyscraper and live for 2,000 years or more! The tallest redwood discovered is named Hyperion, it reaches 379 feet. Redwoods store more carbon than any other tree. Their canopy hosts various animals and plant species.

The redwood is one of the few conifer species that reproduce from stumps and roots of the parent tree in addition to seeds. Cones are small, up to 1" in height with tiny seeds.

Coastal redwoods are one of the most valuable timbers in the lumber industry; second and third generation trees are extensively logged. The lightweight wood is valued for beauty and resistance to

decay. It is used in all things wood, furniture, shingles, fence posts, paneling, and surfboards - which one sea otter loves to steal.

Driving into Pebble Beach from Highway One heading towards the shore on 17 Mile drive, you find several groves of redwoods on both sides. As you encounter them, safely pull off the road and enjoy the sight of these amazing trees. 🌲



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Pebble Beach 9th Annual Zombie Run and Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, October 28th
9:00am-noon

Registration is full for the two running courses, the 5K Zombie Crawl (3.1 miles of steep hills) and the 2K Survivor Stroll (a flat mile perfect for strollers and youngsters) on picturesque Pebble Beach fire defense roads starting at the Pebble Beach Corporation Yard. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the race and emergency preparedness fair. Or just come, grab a taco or two, and visit with the Zombies and Firefighters.

DMFPO Hosts Flu Shot Clinic

Open to the Public

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Pebble Beach Community Services District
Forest Lake and Lopez Roads, Pebble Beach

Standard flu (Quadrivalent) – Age 2 and older

Flu Mist – Ages 2-49 years

High Dose (Quadrivalent) – age 65 and older

Flu Blok (egg-free) – Age 18 and older

COVID vaccines to be determined

Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association
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Music in the Village

Sunday, October 15, 2023
2:00PM to 4:00PM

Indian Village Picnic Grounds
The Dunes Road, Pebble Beach

Please join us on Sunday, October 15th for an afternoon of wine and elegant small bites in the beautiful Del Monte Forest. Enjoy live music performed by singer/songwriter Johan Sotelo, a finalist on Mexico's La Voz (THE VOICE). We can't think of a better way to enjoy a beautiful afternoon with family and friends!

Email dmfconservancy@gmail.com
or call 831.373.1293 to RSVP or if
you have questions about this event.

