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A Special Holiday Safety Afternoon on the Wharf on Saturday, December 7th during 4th Annual Christmas on the Wharf Festivities to be held on weekends Dec. 6-22, 2019

November 22, 2019. Monterey, CA. Stay safe this holiday season and every day by learning more from safety experts in our community including the **Monterey Police Department, Monterey Fire Department and Be Smart**. A special Holiday Safety Afternoon will be held on Saturday, December 7th during the 4th Annual Christmas on the Wharf Festivities which are held on three weekends between December 6-22, 2019. Be sure to bring your family and friends this holiday season to create wonderful memories at Monterey's Old Fisherman's Wharf! There is a wide array of great entertainment, Santa visits, meet and greets with local authors, holiday princesses, beautiful decorations and much more! The schedule and more details are on www.montereywharf.com.

There will also be a **Holiday Safety Afternoon on the Wharf on Saturday, December 7th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.**

Representatives from the **Monterey Police Department** will be on site with giveaways and helpful safety tips for the holidays.

The Monterey Fire Department will also bring a **Monterey Fire engine and there will be Monterey Fire Boat demonstrations and tours in the Monterey Harbor** with the following schedule:

1 pm - 5 pm	Fire engine display
1 pm - 3 pm	Monterey Fire Department Table with giveaways
2:30 pm	Fire Boat Display in Inner Harbor
3- 4 pm	Tours of the Fire Boat at the California Dock

In addition, on site during **Holiday Safety Afternoon on the Wharf** will be representatives of the **Be Smart** public education program focused on protecting children from injuries and death resulting from unsecured guns in the home. This organization is accomplishing this by making presentations to parents, physicians, community leaders, school boards, and other groups with a vital interest in advancing the cause of protecting children from preventable harm as a result of unsecured guns in the home. All of its educational materials are available in both English and Spanish. Operating under the umbrella of Moms Demand Action, one of the most successful organizations of volunteers focused on reducing gun violence, Be Smart has just kicked off the program in Monterey County.

For more Information: www.montereywharf.com or call (831) 238-0777

More Christmas on the Wharf activities information:

Christmas on the Wharf will span three weekends from Friday, December 6th through Sunday, December 22nd including free weekend live entertainment, Santa visits, free refreshments during specific hours, Holiday Princesses, Meet and Greets with local authors and more!

Friday evenings (December 6th, December 13th, December 20th) from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Free cookies, cocoa, coffee and cider at the Wharf Tent from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Saturdays (December 7th, 14th, 21st) from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Free cookies, cocoa, coffee and cider at the Wharf Tent from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Sundays (December 8th, 15th and 22nd) from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Free cookies, cocoa, coffee and cider from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

(Also, Monday, December 23rd from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm for a Santa Visit.)

Christmas on the Wharf” will feature holiday musical entertainment including choirs and community caroling, a dazzling array of beautiful holiday lights and decorations, a 23-foot Christmas tree, silhouetted lit trees, tin soldiers, free sweet treats, free Santa “meet and greet” visits, photo ops with Santa, lovely holiday princesses and much more. There will also be giant holiday-lighted sea life animals and holiday-themed inflatables on display.

Families are encouraged to come meet Santa and his elves to create special memories. Enjoy free Santa visits at his “house” and have a photo op for kids and family. Christmas holiday princesses will also be on hand to greet the children and for photo ops. There will also be a toy drop at Santa’s house for Salvation Army - Monterey Peninsula Corps plus donations to the Salvation Army kettle at the head of the Wharf.

Each weekend of Christmas on the Wharf, there will be complimentary hot chocolate, coffee, hot apple cider and cookies (Friday, Saturday and Sundays – specific hours below) at the Wharf tent courtesy of Fisherman’s Wharf Association.

There will be free drawings for a dinner for two and more. Christmas carolers and other live entertainment will be featured each weekend (schedule to be posted on montereywharf.com). There will also be great Christmas shopping, dining, whale watching, fishing, watching marine life and more fun this holiday season on the Wharf.

The Wharf businesses will be beautifully decorated with hundreds of colorful holiday lights and a majestic lit Christmas tree. There will also be many Christmas specials provided by Wharf merchants.

On December 13th and 14th, the Wharf will be a stop off during the Christmas in the Adobes tours in Downtown Monterey. The Wharf is also a great place to view the Monterey Yacht Club’s Lighted Boat Parade on Sunday, December 8th.

Ice Skating by the Bay will be available at the adjacent Custom House Plaza from November 23rd until January 6th.

Many of the restaurants, stores and other businesses are open 365 days a year and everyone is invited to enjoy their special celebrations at the Wharf.

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Directions:

Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, California. Directions: GPS to 101 Washington Street. Parking in the Waterfront Lot adjacent to Old Fisherman's Wharf is available and locals with Monterey County ID can park free for 2 hours daily from November 29th - December 24th courtesy of the City of Monterey. There will be the free MST Trolley available at the East Garage that takes you right to the head of the Wharf daily from 10 am - 7 pm (except Christmas).

Parking is also available in the nearby City of Monterey East and West Garages in Downtown Monterey. Take the convenient MST Trolley to the Wharf on Saturdays and Sundays from the Garages. Rent a bicycle or ride your own, rent a Segway or simply stroll to the Wharf via Downtown Monterey or the Rec Trail. Directions: <https://www.montereywharf.com/map.html>