The vibrant coastal town of Half Moon Bay, California truly shines during the fall and early winter seasons. Approximately 40 minutes south of San Francisco, this picturesque town is widely recognized as the pumpkin capital of the world. From great pumpkin weigh-offs, pumpkin patches, festivals and pumpkin ale on tap, Half Moon Bay surely lives up to its reputation. Seaside bluffs overlooking the beautiful Pacific Ocean offer an ideal hiking spot during the warm sunny days, while cool crisp evenings can be filled with shopping for holiday gifts on the quaint Main Street and dining on fresh seasonal produce at some of the top restaurants in the Bay Area.

Below is a summary of what’s new in Half Moon Bay. Download Half Moon Bay’s brand new app – iCoastside and also visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org for everything visitors need to plan their trip - from information on cozy inns and luxury coastal resorts, to renowned restaurants, farm visits, golfing, wine tasting, fishing, whale watching, surfing and much more.

Special Note: All locations are in Half Moon Bay unless otherwise noted.

- UPCOMING EVENTS –

**Half Moon Bay International Marathon**  
*September 23, 7 a.m.*  
The Half Moon Bay International Marathon (HMBIM) is back in Half Moon Bay. Runners will begin and end the race at Princeton Harbor, home to Mavericks Big Wave Surfing Contest. The marathon path features 26 miles of flat terrain stretching across the Pacific Ocean coastline and provides exquisite views of Half Moon Bay landmarks such as the Pillar Point Fishing Harbor, Point Montara Lighthouse and the world-famous Mavericks big-wave surfing area. To view the full course, visit [http://www.halfmoonbayim.org/](http://www.halfmoonbayim.org/). *Princeton Harbor, (650) 479-5RUN (5786).*

**Fourth Annual Hand-Blown Art Glass Pumpkin Patch**  
*October 13-15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*  
Half Moon Bay Art Glass will transform the grounds of La Nebbia Winery into a glistening glass pumpkin patch featuring the work of artist and glass blower Douglass C. Brown. This artistic installation will feature over 1,000 one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins available for purchase, each one personally handcrafted by Brown, who works year round to create this spectacular display. In addition to browsing this amazing pumpkin patch, visitors will be able to enjoy a range of other activities over the weekend. La Nebbia Winery will be open for guests to partake in wine tasting and to purchase bottles of wine. Bocce ball courts will offer fun for everyone, and Brown
will provide hot glass demonstrations for visitors to get a first hand look at how the pumpkins are created. La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy 92, (650) 283-5626, www.hmbartglass.com

40th Annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off
October 8, 7 - 11 a.m.
Pumpkin growers from California, Oregon and Washington descend upon Half Moon Bay with their colossal pumpkins to vie for the coveted title of heaviest pumpkin. Last year Leonardo Ureno’s 1,704-pound Atlantic Giant obliterated the formidable field of heavyweight growers under the worldwide media spotlight, taking home the coveted title and big prize money ($6 per pound plus another $1,000 special prize for the biggest pumpkin from California), and the new California state record. This year, he’ll compete to defend his title. In a pay-by-the-pound system, the winners receive $6 per pound for the champion pumpkin. A special $500 prize will be awarded to the "most beautiful pumpkin" as judged by the audience based on color, shape and size. For the first time, a special $25,000 bonus mega-prize will be awarded to any grower that grows the world’s first 1-ton pumpkin and breaks the world record in Half Moon Bay. The race is on. IDES Grounds, 735 Main Street, (650) 726-9652, www.miramarevents.com Media Contact: Tim Beeman, (650) 726-3491, tim@miramarevents.com.

42nd Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival
October 13 & 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The World Pumpkin Capital of Half Moon Bay celebrates its bountiful fall harvest with a fantastic lineup of rustic pumpkin patches, harvest-inspired crafts, home-style foods, expert pumpkin carvers, the Great Pumpkin Parade, a thrilling haunted house, a titanic weigh-off of champion pumpkins, pie-eating contest, pumpkin carving, costume contests, a pancake breakfast, a five & 10K run/walk and three stages with blockbuster entertainment. With so much to see and do, visitors can use iPumpkin, the official mobile application of the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, to navigate their way through the festival. iphone and ipad users can download the application for free. New to the festival this year is the first ever “Made on the Coast” locals’ block, which will feature art of all mediums created by artists who produce original art and reside on the coast. Check out these talented local artists between Kelly and Mill Streets on Sunday. Admission is free. Main Street, (650) 726-9652, www.miramarevents.com. Media Contact: Tim Beeman, (650) 726-3491, tim@miramarevents.com.

Tenth Annual Haunted Hostel Halloween
October 25
Spend the evening with ghosts, goblins and ghouls as the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel hosts the Tenth Annual Haunted Hostel Halloween. This spooky event is full of fun games, crafts and live entertainment, and offers the perfect opportunity to bring the whole family along for a night of fun. Come on by and take part in Halloween themed crafts and activities, all while showing off your scariest and craziest costumes. Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel, 16th Street & Highway 1, Montara, (650) 728-7177.

Mavericks Surf Contest
Contest Window – November 1 – March 31
Half Moon Bay is home to the world-famous surfing spot Mavericks, located one-half mile off the coast by Pillar Point Harbor. Mavericks is considered one of the most challenging surfing areas in the world, attracting the most elite surfers to brave the waves. The Mavericks Surf

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Contest, which can take place anytime between November 1 through March 31 (depending upon wave patterns), attracts 24 of the world’s greatest big-wave surfers who come to Half Moon Bay on just 24 hours notice to vie for the highly sought-after 2012/2013 Mavericks Surf Contest® title and a large cash prize. Guests can be part of the action by attending the Mavericks Festival, held on the grounds of the Oceano Hotel & Spa in Princeton Harbor. Admission is $10 per person ($20 at the gate, if not sold out) and includes: an official Mavericks Invitational poster, a program, wristband and admission to the festival grounds with access to food, giveaways, merchandise, a live stream of the contest action and a chance to meet and greet the surfers and legends of big wave surfing at the awards ceremony. Parking is extra and benefits the Boys & Girls Club of the Coastside.

Oceano Hotel, 280 Capistrano Road; 8 a.m. – sunset. For more information, call Mavericks Surf Shop, (650) 560-8088 or visit www.jeffclarkmavericks.com or www.mavericksinvitational.com.

Half Moon Bay Food & Wine Fare

November 3, 12 – 4 p.m.

Head over to the Oceano Hotel & Spa: Harbor Village Shops for the Third Annual Half Moon Bay Food & Wine Fare. Visitors won’t want to miss out on this opportunity to enjoy all the local wonders Half Moon Bay has to offer including beautiful views, delicious food and local wines from over 20 Santa Cruz Mountain wineries. Admission is free; tickets for food and beverages can be purchased at the event. Oceano Hotel & Spa: Harbor Village Shops, 280 Capistrano Rd.; (831) 685-8463; www.scmwa.com.

The Johnston House Foundation’s Holiday Boutique & Historic House Tour

November 3 – 4 & 10 – 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Get into the spirit at the Holiday Boutique & Historic House Tour held at the historic Johnston House. Guests will delight in the rooms adorned with Christmas trees, one-of-a-kind holiday wreaths, handcrafted items by more than 30 local and regional artists, gourmet treats and a selection of unusual gifts and holiday items are all available for sale. This is the perfect place to shop for ornaments, holiday decorations, jewelry, original artwork, textiles, home décor, and much more. This year a Winter Tea will be held in conjunction with the Holiday Boutique, complete with English-style tea, finger sandwiches, petit fours and other delicacies. The Winter Tea will be held in the depot of the historic Ocean Shore Railroad at the bottom of the hill where the Johnston House sits. Reservations for the Winter Tea are required. Highway 1 at Higgins-Purisima Road; (650) 726-0329; www.johnstonhouse.org.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse 140th Anniversary Celebration

November 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join the San Mateo Coast Natural History Association as they celebrate Pigeon Point lighthouse’s 140th anniversary of the lighting of their first-order Fresnel lens. Festivities will include docent-led tours of the light station grounds, where visitors will have the chance to get a close up look at the famous lens. Guests will also get to enjoy live music and light refreshments. Local authors will be there to sign copies of their books. Pigeon Point Road, (650) 879-0633, www.pigeonpointhostel.org. Media contact: Joyce Pennell, (650) 345-2001, jpennell@smcnha.org.
Night of Lights  
**December 7, 6 - 9 p.m.**  
Stroll along Half Moon Bay’s charming Main Street for some old-fashioned holiday spirit filled with carols, roasted chestnuts and eggnog. A special tree lighting ceremony in Mac Dutra Park will kick off the festivities at 6 p.m., followed by hundreds of children adorned in twinkling lights marching down Main Street in the Parade of Lights at 7 p.m. **Main Street. Media Contact: Charise McHugh, (650) 726-8380, charise@hmbchamber.com.**

Christmas Faire  
**December 8-9**  
The Christmas Faire at Harley Farms is the ideal place to pick up something special crafted by the area’s talented artists and artisans. Handmade treasures including hand carved ornaments, pottery, photography, embroidery, jams chutney and of course, cheese! The Christmas Faire is the perfect opportunity to get your holiday shopping going. Guests will enjoy complimentary hot mulled cider and homemade cookies while they browse. **205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480, www.harleyfarms.com.**

Boat Decorating Contest  
**December 8**  
Get into the holiday spirit by heading over to Pillar Point Harbor where the boats are festively adorned with holiday lights and other trimmings throughout the month of December. The Annual Boat Decorating Contest will be held on Saturday, December 8, where the best decorated boat will be chosen. Princeton Seafood Company will be serving complimentary hot apple cider and handing out stuffed animals donated by the community, while encouraging others to join together for cheerful caroling. **Pillar Point Harbor, #9 Johnson Pier, Princeton-By-The-Sea.**

Holiday Art Shop  
**December 9, 2-5 p.m.**  
On Sunday, December 9, the Half Moon Bay South Main Arts (HMB SOMA Arts) invites visitors to enjoy a leisurely stroll down Main Street, enjoy live music and take care of last minute gift shopping during the Holiday Art Shop. Made up of the art galleries, studios and other related shops in the 600-800 blocks of Main Street, HMB SOMA Arts will display a wealth of art treasures and unique gifts, such as original artwork, handcrafted jewelry and clothing, furniture and so much more. **Various locations from 604 Main Street to 840 Main Street.**

- LOCAL RICHES –

Farmer John Celebrates Pumpkin Season  
Farmer John’s Pumpkin Farm, a family-owned and operated specialty farm, opens up to the public during the fall season. Life-long farmers Farmer John and his wife Eda grow more than 60 varieties of pumpkins and squash. Visitors can also check out an authentic Native American Teepee and take a ride on a vintage tractor. **Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. 850 North Cabrillo Highway, (650) 726-4980, www.farmerjohnspumpkins.com.**

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**Dungeness Crab Season Kicks Off**
The highly anticipated Dungeness crab season kicks off on November 3rd and runs though the end of June. These large, hard-shell crabs with a sweet flavor and flaky texture are found along the northwest coast from the Aleutian Islands in Alaska to Northern California. Half Moon Bay has one of the largest concentrations of this seafood delicacy with more than 50 commercial boats fishing off Pillar Point Harbor, the last working fishing harbor between San Francisco and Monterey. Everyday, boats haul in their catch and visitors can purchase live crabs and fresh fish directly from the local fisherman. *To find out the day’s catch, call Pillar Point Harbor, (650) 726-8724, ext.3.*

Several local companies offer fishing and crabbing excursions:
- Half Moon Bay Sportfishing & Tackle, (650) 726-2913, www.hmbfishing.com
- Huli Cat Sportfishing, (650) 726-2926, www.hulicat.com
- Princeton Pantry, (650) 726-0110

**Keep on Fishing**
The rockfish season will continue through the end of the year, so grab a rod and head to the coastline south of Pigeon Point, an area approximately 18 miles south of Half Moon Bay. Or, leave the work to the professionals, and buy freshly caught fish directly from the local fisherman at Pillar Point Harbor. Be sure to check out the harbor’s informational plaques by the main pier for insight into how local seafood is caught and what kind of boats can be found in the harbor. *Pillar Point Harbor, #9 Johnson Pier, Princeton-By-The-Sea.*

**Horticulture Heaven**
Yerba Buena Nursery, California's oldest retail native plant nursery, is home to more than 600 types of California native plants. This spectacular Santa Cruz Mountain farm setting includes a 1905 farmhouse, historic barn and extensive demonstration gardens. *19500 Skyline Blvd., Woodside, CA 94062; (650) 851-1668, www.yerbabuenanursery.com.*

Upcoming special events include:
- **Farmhouse Teas** - Set in a beautiful 1905 Victorian Farmhouse, come join the fun of a traditional tea service including sandwiches, scones, pastries and hot tea. There are three upcoming occasions on which these tea services will take place: Friendship Tea on September 8, the Fall Tea on October 13 and Harvest Tea on November 10 all welcome guests 12 and over. *All teas are at 12 p.m. Cost is $30 per person, prepaid by check only. Reservations are required, and close two days in advance.*
- **Christmas Tea** - Get in the holiday spirit at a tea lunch featuring a decadent three-course meal set in a 100+ year-old farmhouse. *All teas begin at 12:30 p.m.; $45 per person (available for those 12 years and older). Tickets are sold only in advance. Available on December 7 - 19 and 14 – 16.*

**Time for Low Tide**
Explore Half Moon Bay with Coastal Elegance, where guests can experience personalized eco-cycling and hiking tours along the breathtaking coastline. Beginning mid-October, guests will be able to experience Intertidal Adventure Nature Hikes along secluded beaches and beautiful reefs. Low tide only occurs during the daylight hours a few times a year, and in the fall the lowest tides

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occur in the afternoon until sunset. Guests can take advantage of this timing to explore the low inter-tidal zone usually 10-15 feet below the ocean surface. Discover abundant wildlife, iridescent seaweed and more, and learn about the vegetation and habitat of what is on the reef. To make reservations, contact info@coastalelegancetours.com or call (650) 712-8456. For more information, visit www.coastalelegancetours.com.

**Half Moon Bay is Happy!**
Half Moon Bay has been ranked one “America’s Happiest Seaside Towns” by Coastal Living magazine. Healthiness of the beaches, walkability throughout the town, weather and the “coastal vibe” of the town were just a few of the factors that secured Half Moon Bay a spot on the list of top seaside towns to live and play in. Another factor that made Half Moon Bay one of the top towns is its wealth of local produce. “The place is simply overwhelmed by the abundance of organic produce grown there. That’s the magic of this fertile township... [that] proudly maintains its agricultural heritage into the iPad era.”

**- ACCOMMODATIONS -**

**Get “Inn” at Mavericks**
Experience the magic of the Inn at Mavericks, sitting on a small waterfront bluff overlooking the picturesque Pillar Point Harbor and the Pacific Ocean. Guests are welcome to partake in any number of activities nearby, or simply relax on the veranda of a waterfront guestroom, enjoying the sights, sounds and smells. Now at the Inn at Mavericks, guests can take advantage of one of two new packages:

- **Ocean View & Seafood Too** – This package comes with a $25 gift card to the delicious Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, plus a bottle of wine upon arrival. $16 upgrade.

- **Honeymoon–Anniversary Special** – Celebrate that special milestone with a stay at the Inn at Mavericks, complete with a box of chocolates, a bottle of champagne and a bottle of wine when you book this special package. $10 upgrade.


**Packaged Deals at Oceano Hotel & Spa**
Coastal Living magazine named Half Moon Bay one of the top coastal towns in the nation, they also named Oceano Hotel & Spa the best place to stay while visiting. With great vacation packages, a day spa for relaxing massages, breathtaking ocean view rooms and all kinds of great amenities, what’s not to love about Oceano? Find out what the buzz is about and enjoy one of Oceano Hotel’s special outdoor packages:

- **Beaches and Bluffs** – Take in the stunning coastside from seaside bluffs to Montara’s historic lighthouse while exploring quiet beaches and Cypress groves along the way, all from the seat of a bicycle with the “Beaches and Bluffs Lighthouse Bike Package.”

- **Sea Kayaking Eco Adventure** – Discover the wonders of the sea while kayaking among seals, birds and other marine life in the Pillar Point Harbor or even out in the wild waters of the open ocean with the “Sea Kayaking Eco Adventure Package.”

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• **Unique Reef and Tidepool** – This unique package offers guests the opportunity to witness the hidden marine life of the California Coast with a tour of low inter-tidal zone below the ocean surface. Take advantage of the “Unique Reef and Tidepool Package” and try to catch a glimpse of seals, shorebirds, crab, anemones and sea stars.

• **Stay and Play** – The “Golf Stay & Play Special” offers guests the opportunity to play unlimited rounds of golf at one of the top golf courses in Half Moon Bay.

280 Capistrano Road; (650) 726-5400; [www.oceanohalfmoonbay.com](http://www.oceanohalfmoonbay.com).

**Posh Packages at The Ritz-Carlton**
This fall, guests can enjoy a posh getaway to Half Moon Bay while taking advantage of these fun packages at the luxurious Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay:

• **Posh Pooch** – Here’s another great package for man’s best friend. The “Posh Pooch Package” gives man’s each pooch a dog bed, Ritz-Carlton water bowl toy, and a welcome treat for in the room, plus a coastal trail map and a list of the top five things to do with your pooch while in Half Moon Bay. In addition, a $20 donation will be made to the Peninsula Humane Society in your dog’s name. **Rates start at $565 per night.**

• **S’more Romance** – Indulge in this fun new couples package, and receive lush accommodations with a private fire pit on the terrace, accompanied by a gourmet a s’mores kit for two. In addition, each couple will receive a $200 daily spa credit and full daily breakfast for two. **Rates start at $965 per night.**

*One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7040; [www.ritzcarlton.com/hmb](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/hmb). Media Contact: Steven Holt, (415) 312-8264, steven.holt@ritzcarlton.com.*

**Equinox at the Beach**
Just in time for the changing of the seasons, Beach House Hotel Half Moon Bay has unveiled a special “Autumn Equinox” offering for guests to enjoy what many consider the brightest, most spectacular sunsets of the year plus some of the best weather. From Sept. 21 – Dec. 21, 2012, guest staying overnight at the Beach House Hotel can ask for the Autumn Equinox Special and they will be given a complimentary bottle of California wine to enjoy in their room, with a choice of red wine or white wine. Fall rates start at $205 weekdays/ $275 weekends, plus tax, and are lower starting as of Nov. 16, 2012. [4100 Cabrillo Highway North, (650) 712-0220](tel:6507120220), [www.beach-house.com](http://www.beach-house.com). Media Contact: Marje Bennetts, (310) 574-7870, marje@mbennettspr.com.

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**- CULINARY NEWS –**

**Daddy-O**
Looking for a gourmet hotdog or a delicious hamburger? Look no further than the bright yellow caboose on Shoreline Station, opening this October. Serving all the classics, guests to Daddy-O’s can expect made-to-order hamburgers, hotdogs, grilled cheese BBQ pulled pork and other delicious options with a twist. No need for the vegetarian in the family to worry, as salads are on the menu too. **225 Cabrillo Highway South, (650) 560-9832.**

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HMB Oktoberfest
HMB Brewing Company, the ideal spot for delicious seasonal ales, tasty bites, scenic outdoor fire pits and live music, welcomes the arrival of its 13th fall season with special events, seasonal beer and delectable menu offerings throughout September and October.

- **Oktoberfest & Pumpkin Harvest** – Join HMB Brewing Company for a special release party on September 12 as they debut their two new fall beers in celebration of Germany’s Oktoberfest and pumpkin harvest season. Experience the Oktoberfest Ale with a mellow sweetness that is balanced by the bitterness and flavor of Hallertauer hops, a classic German variety. Or delight in the 6th annual Pumpkin Harvest Ale, featuring a subtle pumpkin pie flavor complimented by a biscuit maltiness. The Mavericks Pumpkin Harvest Ale is available September through November at the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company and at the 42nd annual Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival. Release party: Wednesday, September 12, 6 pm-7 pm at the Mavericks Beer Garden.

- **Oktoberfest menu** - Guests to HMB Brewing Company can also look forward to the restaurant's annual addition to the menu, featuring a German style menu in honor of their Oktoberfest beer. New menu items include a special Oktoberfest cheese and meat platter pairing German sausages with cheese and fresh fruit; *Sauerbraten*, a classic German pot roast made with marinated tri-tip; and *Wienschnitzel*, a breaded tender turkey breast. Savory side dishes such as potato pancakes, slow-cooked red cabbage, warm potato salad and sauerkraut will also be available. **Available September 12 – October 7.**

- **Obama or Romney?** - Half Moon Bay Brewing Company is once again holding an “Alection” to commemorate the presidential election. Leading up until Election Day in November, anyone who buys either a bottle of red-labeled Romney Ale or a blue Obama version has the option of voting for either presidential candidate, and the brewery will release the results.

- **Beer & Cheese Dinner** – Check out Half Moon Bay Brewing Company as they join forces with the Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company to create this one-of-a-kind beer and cheese pairing dinner on September 24. Experience tasty *Original Blue*, *Toma* and *Vintage White Cheddar* cheeses perfectly paired with the Brewing Company’s fall beer selection. **September 24; $50 per person, reservations required.**


**September Special at Crab Landing**
For an unforgettable dining experience, visit Crab Landing in Pillar Point Harbor, where floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows look out on the stunning harbor, offering breathtaking views of the gorgeous California Coastline. Crab Landing boasts a delectable menu featuring locally farmed produce and fresh, local sustainable seafood. Throughout the month of September, guests can enjoy a special dinner menu from Sunday-Thursday evenings. Start with a tasty shrimp cocktail, then a choice of soup or salad, followed by a delicious broiled pork chop rib, marinated in olive oil and garlic with a side of seasonal vegetables and pan seared parmesan mashed potatoes. Finish it off with a key lime martini dessert, all for $26, excluding tax. **260 Capistrano**

[www.visithalfmoonbay.org](http://www.visithalfmoonbay.org)
Cloud 9 Foot Spa
Opening in mid-September this 4,000-square-foot massage spa will be a relaxing oasis offering foot and body massage services. 2320 Cabrillo Hwy, (650) 450-9008.

Mizu Salon
Mizu Salon on Main Street is expanding and offering new services! Nearly doubling in size, Mizu Salon now offers fantastic new services including facials, body treatments and wraps, lash extensions and tinting and expanded wedding services. 300 Main Street, (650) 726-2088, www.mizusalon.com.

- VINE NEWS -

Passport to the Wineries
November 17, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Passport to the Wineries is back again, featuring over 50 Santa Cruz Mountain wineries. Enjoy the scenery filled with mountain top vistas while enjoying the winding drive through the Santa Cruz Mountains, where the trail is half the experience! This Passport Program offers a unique opportunity for guests to visit wineries not typically open to the public at other times. Guests will tour the facilities, meet the winemakers and sample their product, including special wines poured only for participants in the Passport Program. Passports never expire and are valid until all the wineries have been visited. $45 per person. For more information or to order a passport, call (831) 685-VINE (8463), visit the website at www.scmwa.com or email info@scmwa.com.

Vino Veritas
The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay continues its acclaimed Vintner Series through the end of the year featuring several renowned California wineries. Every Friday through Sunday from 4 - 6 p.m., the ENO Tasting Room will host a Wine Educator from one of the featured wineries to present and educate guests about the latest wines in its portfolio. The tasting fee ranges from $25 to $35 per person, based upon the vintner. Visitors can also choose to heighten their tasting experience with hand-selected cheeses and chocolates from ENO for an additional fee. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712-7040; www.ritzcarlton.com/hmb. Media Contact: Steven Holt, (415) 312-8264, steven.holt@ritzcarlton.com.

Bottle & Cork
Take part in a tradition known as bottle and cork at La Nebbia Winery. Wine lovers can recycle wine bottles by bringing in their empties and getting them filled with La Nebbia’s own wine. Guests can even bring in their own custom labels and La Nebbia will apply them to the bottle during the event, making for a fun conversation starter or a great gift. On September 15, refill your bottle with a delicious red wine. November 3 customers can expect a white wine, and November 10 and December 8 are perfect for red wine lovers again. To find out what kind of wine will be poured, visit the La Nebbia Winery website two weeks before the event. Bottle and cork pricing starts at $4.95. 12341 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-9463, www.lanebbiawinery.com.
Double Gold Again
Barterra Winery has a lot to brag about after bringing home its second double gold medal for its Barterra 2009 Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at the San Francisco International Wine Competition. Wine lovers throughout the US will get to try this award winning wine as Barterra Winery represents Half Moon Bay as they take part in a nationwide tasting tour. No need to follow them on tour, as Bay Area wine lovers can visit Barterra Winery on Main Street and experience this delectable wine right at home. 643 Main Street, (650) 712-1635, www.barterrawines.com.

- ARTS & CULTURE -

Chasing Mavericks
*Chasing Mavericks*, a biographical film based on the life of Mavericks surfer Jay Moriarity, hits theaters on October 26. The film follows Jay on his journey to conquer the massive waves at Mavericks, and shares the friendship he makes with mentor Rick “Frosty” Hesson along the way. Staring Gerard Butler, Jonny Weston and Elisabeth Shue, audiences around the world will get a look at beautiful Half Moon Bay where the movie takes place and was filmed. For more information and to watch the trailer, visit www.livelikejay.com.

The Taming of the Shrew
Enjoy an evening of classic comedy as the newly formed Half Moon Bay Shakespeare Company makes their debut with “The Taming of the Shrew.” Featuring 19 actors from Half Moon Bay and around the Bay Area, this talented crew will leave audiences delighted. Performed in the Outback at Cameron’s Inn, audiences can make a night of it as they cozy up on a blanket and enjoy Cameron’s menu and open bar before the play begins. Tickets can be purchased for $20 in advance at Coastside Books or at the door. *Show dates are from September 7-9, 14-16. Cameron’s Inn, 1410 Cabrillo Highway. For more information, visit* www.hmbshakespeare.org.

- SHOPPING –

Harley Farms’ Milk Paint
Visitors to Harley Farms can now take a stroll up the path from the old farm shop and visit the new Mercantile Shop where, among many local products, they will find goat milk paint. Yes, you heard that right. Taking a cue from the simple, do-it-yourself feel of Harley Farms, their new milk paint emulates the kind of paint one might have found on farms 100 years ago. Milk paint has a beautiful suede finish, giving the finished project a look of frescoes and vintage painted furniture. This biodegradable and non-caustic paint will hold up inside or outside and comes in a variety of beautiful colors, inspired by shades found on the farm and in Pescadero, which can easily be mixed. *Harley Farms’ milk paint can be found on site at Harley Farms or online at* www.harleyfarms.com, 205 North Street, Pescadero, CA 94060; (650) 879-0480, www.harleyfarms.com.

Nasturtium Art of Living: Meet the Artist
Nasturtium Art of Living is a fantastic place to acquire stunning hand-made Gilded Glass Tableware that dinner guests are sure to fawn over. While this stunning glassware can be found at over 400 retailers throughout the US and Canada, including San Francisco’s De Young Museum, artist Sudi Taleghani has set up her very own shop in Pillar Point Harbor with her sister. On September 8, guests are welcome to visit the Nasturtium Art of Living to meet Sudi Taleghani, who will be available to answer questions about her glassware and sign products. 440
Luz Luna
Get a little taste of Central and South America in Half Moon Bay at the new Luz Luna boutique on Main Street. Owner Gina Fisher travels home to Guatemala three times a year to bring beautifully crafted housewares, clothing, bags, baskets and jewelry to her store. In addition to the beautiful products, guests to Luz Luna will also find colorful items from other countries, including Columbia, Peru and Ecuador. 604 Main Street, (650) 240-6550, www.luzlunaimports.com.

Cunha’s Grocery Store
The doors of historic Cunha’s County Grocery store are open again on Main Street, this time under new ownership! The lease of this nearly 90-year old store has been taken over by Mark Khoury, a man who is no stranger to the business. However, even though the ownership has changed, guests can still expect a store very similar to the one they have grown accustomed to including meat, wine and cheese, fresh and local produce downstairs and souvenirs, dishware and clothes upstairs. Shoppers can look forward to a new sandwich station and a butcher in the back, something Khoury is plenty familiar with as the son of a butcher. 448 Main Street, (650) 726-4071.

Butler Golf
Play 18 holes at any golf course in the world, right here in Half Moon Bay. Now available on the driving range at Butler Golf is TrackMan, a program that allows guests to play golf using a video simulator on a big screen in front of them, measuring ball launch as well as the 3D movement of the club. TrackMan calculates the length, side and trajectory of the shot, then Butler Golf uses this data to properly custom fit any golf club for its optimum performance for the individual player. 270 Capistrano Road, Ste 18, (650) 726=2323, www.butler-golf.com.

The Shops at Harbor Village
The Shops at Harbor Village are alive with fantastic events throughout the end of the year. Grab the family and bring them along to check out some of these fun activities while you shop:

- **Farmers Market** - The Harbor Village Farmers Market will continue at 10 a.m. every Sunday inside the mall and front entrance of The Shops at Harbor Village. This year round farmers market features a diverse array of vegetables, fruits, fish, meats, cheeses, breads, flowers and more from local families and farmers from the Coast and Northern California. Shoppers can also enjoy live music, pony rides, petting zoos and other entertainment while they browse the selections.

- **Halloween** - This October Halloween is taking over Harbor Village. All month long, activities and events will keep shoppers engaged including costume and pumpkin carving contests, kids’ jumpers, prizes and more. The “Pumpkins by the Pier” pumpkin patch will also be open seven days a week through October 31, and shoppers can receive exclusive discounts and coupon packages from local business when they buy a pumpkin.

- **Holiday Spirit** - Harbor Village is getting into the holiday spirit this Christmas. Bring the kids to meet Santa Clause every Saturday and Sunday in December and take your own free pictures. Harbor Village will also be showing free children’s Christmas movies from 5-7 p.m. every Friday in December through Christmas. Shoppers can look forward to entertainment for the whole family every weekend in December including live music, www.visithalfmoonbay.org
face painting and other fun activities to make your holiday shopping a fun experience. Don’t forget to check out the Harbor Village Christmas Tree Farm while you’re there.


Gifts A GoGo!
From baby gifts and gift baskets packed with fantastic gourmet food, cheese and chocolates, Gifts A GoGo, scheduled to open September 29, is the one-stop-shop for finding that perfect gift. Unique gift baskets, candy bouquets and cookie bouquets are all packed full with only the best quality products. La Piazza, 604 Main St., Ste D (650) 468-3851, www.giftsagogo.com.

Savvy Skirts
Savvy Skirts has a prime new location on Main Street. Known for their “fabulously functional” gifts and accessories made for women by women, shoppers will find a wide array of jewelry, hats, scarves, cards, shoes, spa, home and office accessories and much more. Zaballa Square, 300 Main St., Half Moon Bay, (650) 560-0142, www.savvyskirts.com.

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