WHAT’S NEW - HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE, CA  
September - December 2013

The Half Moon Bay Coastside truly shines during the fall and early winter seasons. Located approximately 35 minutes south of San Francisco, this picturesque region in widely recognized as the pumpkin capital of the world. From the annual Pumpkin Festival and weigh-off competition to pumpkin patches, pumpkin spa treatments, festivals and pumpkin ale on tap, the Half Moon Bay Coastside 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 along the Half Moon Bay Coastside. Download the brand new app – iCoastside and also visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org for everything needed to plan a visit including information on cozy inns and luxury coastal resorts, 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 –

Kite Festival  
September 14, 12 p.m. -3p.m.
Kite lovers unite! Bring the family and fly a kite over the bay at Oyster Point Marina Park in South San Francisco. Free kites will be given out to the first 1,000 children in attendance and the Oyster Point Yacht Club will be on hand to assist with registration, games and prizes. Free hot dogs will be given away and food trucks are expected to be on site as well. Event sponsor: San Mateo County Harbor District, www.smharbor.com.

Half Moon Bay International Marathon  
September 29, 7 a.m.
The Half Moon Bay International Marathon (HMBIM) is back! Runners will begin and end the race at Princeton Harbor, home to Mavericks Big Wave Surfing Contest. The marathon path consists of 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/. Princeton Harbor, (650) 479-5RUN (5786).
Fourth Annual Hand-Blown Art Glass Pumpkin Patch

October 11-14, 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 and there will be 50 free gifts given away each day. 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 firsthand 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 14, 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, superstar grower Thad Starr, a 45-year-old stay-at-home dad from Pleasant Hill, OR, cemented his growing legend by setting a new California State record with his ginormous 1,775-pound Atlantic Giant that dominated the contest on a picture-perfect morning in this west coast pumpkin mecca. Thad took 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 who grows the world’s first one-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.

43rd Annual Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival

October 19 & 20, 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.

11th Annual Haunted Hostel Halloween

October 26th
Spend the evening with ghosts, goblins and ghouls as the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel hosts

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the 11th 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 Invitational 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 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 2013/2014 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.mavericksinvitation.com.

**Try It, Buy It Vintners’ Marketplace**
*November 3, 1 – 4 p.m.*
The Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association is bringing the tasting room to Half Moon Bay! Celebrate fall with a new spin on Farmer’s Market where visitors can sip and buy wines that are not always available outside of a tasting room from the renowned winemakers of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The event will feature wines from more than 15 Santa Cruz Mountain wineries, some generally not open to the public or limited to weekend-only tastings. Location to be determined, call or check website for updates (831) 685-8463; www.scmwa.com.

**The Johnston House Foundation’s Holiday Boutique & Historic House Tour**
*November 2 – 3 & 9 – 10, 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.

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Raptorama Birding Event  
**November 8-10**  
The first annual winter raptor migration event will take place in Half Moon Bay, kicking off with a reception on Friday night to welcome the speakers and attendees. On Saturday and Sunday, participants will partake in concurrent lectures and walks during the day with a raptor expert serving as the keynote speaker on Saturday evening during dinner. The lectures and dinner will be held at Cameron's Outback with walks originating from Smith Field, Francis Beach and Pillar Point Marsh. *For more information, contact the Sequoia Audubon Society at (650) 529-1454.*

Night of Lights  
**December 6, 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.*

Boat Decorating Contest  
**December 14**  
Get into the holiday spirit by heading over to Pillar Point Harbor to stroll along the boats festively adorned with holiday lights and other trimmings throughout the month of December. The Annual Boat Decorating Contest will be held on Saturday, December 14, 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.*

Harley Farms Christmas Faire  
**December 14-15**  
The Christmas Faire at Harley Farms is the ideal place to pick up holiday gifts from local artisans while enjoying complimentary hot mulled cider and homemade cookies. Shoppers will find treasures including hand carved ornaments, pottery, photography, embroidery, jams chutney and of course, cheese! Harley Farms will be offering chic parcels of award-winning cheeses and popular goat milk bath and body treats presented in elegant and rustic packages, individually labeled for gift giving needs. *205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480, www.harleyfarms.com.*

**- 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. *Opens in mid-September. 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.*
Dungeness Crab Season Kicks Off
The highly anticipated Dungeness crab season kicks off on November 15th and runs through 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 or download.

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. 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.

Catch Fish with an App?
Technology has officially merged with the world of fishing and is capturing the hearts of seafood lovers everywhere! To discover the freshest catch of the day, simply download the FishLine app which lets you know where to purchase fresh, locally-harvested seafood anywhere on the coast between Half Moon Bay and southern San Luis Obispo County, CA. Purchase directly off-the-boat from fishermen and from local seafood markets, farmer’s markets, restaurants and cafés, as well as by mail order. Directions and recipes are available on FishLine but if cooking doesn’t sound appealing, leave the work to the fine folks at Princeton Seafood Company who are happy to cook up your fresh catch Monday-Friday! Pillar Point Harbor, http://phondini.com/fishline/.

Offshore Birding
Half Moon Bay is quickly becoming one of the top spots in the country for its offshore bird watching. The water is high in food content, which brings feathered friends from far and wide. Captain Tom Mattusch of the Huli Cat leads the way for passengers to enjoy rock fishing, salmon fishing, albacore, Dungeness crab and now bird watching. The birding experience is led by Alvaro Jaramillo of Alvaro’s Adventures, a birder and biologist with years of experience birding throughout the world, and much of it offshore. Join Tom and Alvaro for an adventure offshore, to see birds and whales which are usually seen on National Geographic specials. Pillar Point Harbor, (650)-726-2926, www.hulicat.com and www.alvarosadventures.com.

– ACCOMMODATIONS –

Half Moon Bay Lodge gets a Facelift
The Half Moon Bay Lodge, a Spanish-style, 80-room hotel, has completed a full renovation totaling $1.5 million. Each room, complete with a deck or terrace overlooking the acclaimed

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Arnold Palmer-designed Half Moon Bay Golf Links, is luxuriously appointed and the recent renovation sets them apart as the go-to destination for small meetings and corporate retreats. The complete renovation includes all new guestrooms, a new lobby, and expanded indoor and outdoor meeting facilities. Six unique meeting rooms now accommodate up to 60 guests, ranging from 450 to 900 square-feet in size. A new 400 square-foot covered patio is ideal for cocktail receptions. The patio remodel includes a fire pit, lounge furniture and views of the Half Moon Bay Golf Links. 2400 Cabrillo Highway South, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 726-9000, www.halfmoonbaylodge.com. Media contact: Jennifer Barry, (310) 396-7851, jbarry@thebarrygroup.net.

Mill Rose Inn #1 Bed & Breakfast
For the fourth year in a row, Mill Rose Inn has maintained its position as the #1 bed and breakfast in Half Moon Bay according to Trip Advisor! This award winning boutique Inn is renowned for an exuberant gardens, sinfully comfortable rooms and suites, delicious home cooked breakfast and easy access to the shops, galleries and restaurants of vibrant Half Moon Bay. 615 Mill Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 726-8750, www.millroseinn.com.

A Remodel at Seal Cove Inn - This serene hideaway set amongst a meadow of wildflowers and bordered by cypress trees, has undergone a complete remodel with additional projects on the horizon. The completed projects include new landscaping, gorgeous new hardwood floors in the downstairs common areas, new painted walls and a face-lift for the fireplace. The reception area has been updated and includes custom cabinetry and an open and inviting floor plan. Venturing into the dining room, guests will find custom-designed tables and chairs from a local craftsman. In addition, the living room furniture has been replaced and the rooms have been graced with all new sheets, pillows and towels along with a new signature line of bath products with lavender, cypress and eucalyptus scents. 221 Cypress Avenue, Moss Beach, (800) 995-9987, www.sealcoveinn.com.

Fall and Winter Romance at Beach House Hotel – This luxuriously appointed New England-style boutique hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Pillar Point features 54 ocean lofts, all with a patio or balcony and a fireplace. Romance is in the air and further heightened by the dramatic sunsets that the coastal town of Half Moon Bay is known for during the fall and winter months. To celebrate this magical season, Beach House is offering a “Coastal Romance Package” which includes a Junior Suite overlooking Pillar Point Harbor with a complimentary bottle of champagne, as well as a late check out at 2 p.m. on departure day. The “Coastal Romance Package” is available Sept. 15 – December 15, 201, Sunday – Thursday nights (only) and price is based on room type. 4100 N. Cabrillo Highway, (650) 712-0220, www.beachhouse.com. Media Contact: Marje Bennett, (310) 574-7870, marje@mbennettspr.net.

- CULINARY NEWS –

Enchanting Hayloft Dinners
Harley Farms is opening their charming Victorian hayloft for private autumn and holiday farm dinners. This unique but popular venue boasts locally-sourced candlelit dinners which are a rustic and relaxing alternative to traditional company or family holiday parties. Dinners include five courses of farm-cooked local food and an interactive tour of the farm for up to 22 guests. 205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480, www.harleyfarms.com.

Fish ‘n’ Frites Opens

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For those craving fish and chips in Half Moon Bay, there is a new spot in town located right in Zaballa Square. Restaurant goers will enjoy indoor and outdoor seating and a fairly unique twist on the normal fish and chips. Choices include a selection of fresh fish on ice such as shrimp, tilapia, oysters, salmon, cod, sea bass, scallops, calamari and tuna. Batter is the next option and includes selections such as house, beer, tempura, rice (gluten free), cornmeal, and panko and oil choices such as rice, canola and peanut oil. A second location will be opening in the fall in Montara. 328 Main St., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 712-1520

Inaugural Harvest Dinner
The first-ever Harvest Dinner is taking place at Half Moon Bay Brewing Company on November 12. Emphasizing the local specialties from the San Mateo County Coast including cheese from Harley Farms, Dungeness crab, pumpkins and Markegard meats, each course features a local specialty paired with a seasonal home-brewed beer from the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company. The dinner is limited to 40 people and reservations are required. 390 Capistrano Rd. Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 728-2739, www.hmbbrewingco.com. Media Contact: Caitlin Sandberg, (530) 400-9207, caitlin@ellipsespr.com.

Pumpkin Cooking Classes
Every Saturday in October, the culinary team at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay presents a seasonal cooking class that highlights creative ways to incorporate pumpkin into a menu. Each class includes a culinary demonstration and a three-course pumpkin lunch at the Chef’s Table at the newly renovated Navio. Cooking classes are available Saturday, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 and are $75 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Reservations are required and classes are limited to 12 attendees. One Miramontes Point Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 712-7000, www.ritzcarlton.com/hmb. Media contact: Deanne French, (949) 240-5088, Deanne.French@ritzcarlton.com.

Online Farmstand
The highly anticipated online marketplace for fresh, small-farm produce, meat and cheese known as Pescadero Grown Webstand has launched on GoodEggs.com, much to the delight of residents in San Francisco and beyond. Eager eaters can sign up to receive a monthly box of freshly prepared farm food from seven Pescadero-based producers such as Harley Farms, delivered directly to their doorstep, or to a pick-up point nearby. www.pescaderogrown.org.

- WINE AND BREW NEWS –

Harvest Pumpkin Ale
Oktoberfest starts at the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company on September 16, along with the release of the Harvest Pumpkin Ale that will be available throughout November. This amber ale is made with more than 120 pounds of local, roasted sugar pie pumpkins and has a subtle pumpkin pie flavor balanced by a biscuit maltiness. Chef Gaston Alfaro will also offer a special Oktoberfest menu from September 16th through October 6th that will feature German items such as local sausages, Warm Potato Pancakes and Wienschnitzel. 390 Capistrano Rd. Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 728-2739, www.hmbbrewingco.com. Media Contact: Caitlin Sandberg, Ellipses Public Relations, (530) 400-9207.

Passport to the Wineries
November 16, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Passport Days are 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.scwma.com or email info@scwma.com. Media Contact: Megan Metz, megan@scwma.com.

Vintner’s Series
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, Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019, (650) 712-7000, www.ritzcarlton.com/hmb.Media Contact: Deanne French, Director of Public Relations, (949) 240-5088, Deanne.French@ritzcarlton.com.

Bottle & Cork
Wine lovers can take part in a tradition known as “Bottle and Cork” at La Nebbia Winery by bringing in their empty wine bottles and getting them filled with La Nebbia’s own wine. Guests can even bring 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 21, refill your bottle with a delicious red wine. On November 9th, customers can expect a white wine, and November 16th and December 14th are perfect for red wine lovers again. Bottle and cork pricing starts at $4.95 per bottle. 12341 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-9463, www.lanebbiawinery.com.

SPA –
Pumpkin Spa Treatments
Throughout the month of October, The Ritz-Carlton Spa is featuring a luxurious 90-minute Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Facial that utilizes a pumpkin enzyme mask. Pumpkins are not only a tasty treat, they also are nourishing to the skin. High in beta carotene and vitamins A and C, the mask leaves the skin smooth, plump and hydrated. Guests will also enjoy a 25 percent savings on the signature pumpkin body treatments. 1 Miramontes Point Road, Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019, (650) 712-7000, www.ritzcarlton.com/hmb.Media Contact: Deanne French, Director of Public Relations, (949) 240-5088, Deanne.French@ritzcarlton.com.

Yoga and Wellness
There is no better place to experience peace and serenity than Half Moon Bay. Half Moon Bay’s newest yoga studio, I Am Yoga and Wellness offers yogis the opportunity to experience hot yoga, Hatha yoga, medical Qigong, meditation and more. 455 Avenue Alhambra, #2 El Granada, CA 94018, (650) 726-9642, www.iamcoastside.com.

ART-
Wild Child Creative Art Studio
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Pint-size visitors can explore their wild and creative side at the newly opened Wild Child Creative Art Studio. This open, free play studio offers materials for art, sensory, dramatic play, music, dancing, tumbling and fine motor activities. Visitors are welcomed on a drop-in basis and events can be found by checking www.iamawildchild.com. 500 Purissima Street, (650) 440-4305.

- VISITOR SERVICES-

Tooth Emergencies
The office of Dr. Brian Sheppard is available for those unexpected tooth pains that could normally ruin a vacation. Providing comprehensive dentistry in Half Moon Bay for over 30 years, Sheppard Family Dentistry is now able to assist travelers with all of their emergency dental needs. 890 Main Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, (650) 726-3355, www.shepparddentists.com.

ZipCars in Half Moon Bay
A membership based car sharing service has made its debut at the Half Moon Bay Airport with the placement of two ZipCar vehicles. A perfect solution for out-of-area pilots or guests staying in Half Moon Bay, or anyone who needs to explore the local coastline for a few hours. (866) 494-7227, www.zipcar.com.

- ADVENTURES –

Half Moon Bay Adventures
Discover the hidden beauty of Half Moon Bay through the eyes of coastal natives. The adventure trips are geared toward travelers seeking an authentic experience custom-tailored to their own specific interests and needs. Adventure expeditions each take place in the mountain and coastal regions, where travelers are encouraged to explore the natural environment and culture in a way very few people ever do. (650) 759-3010; www.halfmoonbayadventures.com.

Moonspinner Sailing
Visitors to Half Moon Bay can now embark on luxurious sailing and whale watching adventures aboard the brand new Moonspinner, a Lagoon 440 luxury sailing catamaran. Moonspinner is also available for private day charters for corporate retreats and special occasions. Coming soon, overnight charters will be available for up to six guests who will spend the night in three beautiful staterooms, each with a queen size berth with beautifully appointed linens, private bath and shower. One Johnson Pier, Pillar Point Harbor, (650) 787-9263; www.moonspinnersailing.com.

- SHOPPING –

Gifts a GoGo Expansion
Known for handcrafted gifts from artists both local and afar and for gift baskets to suit every occasion, Gifts a GoGo has relocated to the heart of Downtown Half Moon Bay and doubled their space. Shoppers will delight in items such as hand-blown olive oil decanters, a vast pottery selection and jewelry made from recycled materials such as wine and beer bottles and guitar strings. 353 Main Street, (650) 468-3851, www.giftsagogo.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:

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• **Farmers Market** - The Harbor Village Farmers Market takes place at 10 a.m. every Sunday inside the mall. 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 will 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 will 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, 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.

270 Capistrano Road, (888) 606-4862, [www.shopharborvillage.com](http://www.shopharborvillage.com).

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**About the Half Moon Bay Coastside**
The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located approximately 35 minutes south of San Francisco. Nestled between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, this breathtaking region consists of four distinct areas - the North Coast, Half Moon Bay, the South Coast and the Redwood Region. Featuring the best of Northern California all in one place, visitors will enjoy miles of white sandy beaches, redwood forests, a historic downtown filled with local artisan shops, beautiful state parks, fields of wild flowers, and trails along ocean bluffs and mountain ridges as far as the eye can see. A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, farm fresh dining, shopping, biking, hiking and world-class golfing and surfing.

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