

Auto Theft Safety (continued)
John W. Munsey, Chief of Police

- 6. Know where you're going. Avoid known high crime areas even if the alternate route takes longer.
- 7. Install an anti-theft system in your vehicle if it doesn't have one. Thieves are reluctant to steal vehicles if they know the cars can be recovered quickly. Many insurers offer discounts for the types of systems listed below.
- 8. Thieves prefer to work in the dark. Be particularly cautious at night about where you park your car. Park it in a well-lit area if possible.
- 9. Look around, especially in garages, parking lots and gas stations. If you notice someone loitering, consider moving your car.
- 10. Have your car's vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on each of the windows. Car thieves want to get off cheap. They don't want to go to the expense of replacing all the glass.
- 11. On an incline, leave your car in park or in gear with the wheels turned toward the curb or some other obstruction. This makes it harder for thieves to tow your vehicle.
- 12. If confronted by a carjacker, do not resist. Cars can be replaced; you can't.



TO:

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TOWN OF COLMA

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

MESSAGE BOARD

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Meeting
Town Hall
Council Chamber, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Wednesday, March 27, 2024

City Council Meetings are held in-person in the City Council Chamber and also virtually. If you would like to attend or participate in the meeting online you can do so via Zoom. For more information on City Council meetings, agenda, and how to participate remotely, please visit www.colma.ca.gov or call 650-997-8300. We hope to see you at the meeting in-person or online.

WELCOME PACKETS

If you have recently moved into the Town, and have not received a Welcome Packet with information about Colma and the benefits of residency, please pick up a packet at Town Hall during normal business hours or call 650-997-8300.

COLMA IDs

In order to participate in Colma events and programs, you must have a current Colma ID card. Please renew your Colma ID, at the Colma Community Center, if it has expired. A list of acceptable proofs of identification is available at the Colma Community Center and Town Hall. Please note that if you are a new resident and have resided in Colma for at least 30 days, you are eligible to receive a Colma ID. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Center at 650-985-5678.

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Colma Recreation Services
Colma Police Department



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City Manager's Update

Daniel Barros, City Manager

The City Council adopted the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan in March 2023, directing staff on the goals and priority programs for the next three years. At a special February 21st City Council meeting, staff presented the annual Strategic Plan Update. Staff updated the Council on the five Priority Program Areas: Resiliency, Operations, Economic Development, Community, and Capital. The update reported progress on critical Town initiatives, accomplishments, and goals for the upcoming year. To view the adopted Strategic Plan and the corresponding updates, please visit the Town's website at: <https://www.colma.ca.gov/strategic-plan/>.

One of the main areas of focus for the future, and one that remains a top priority of the City Council is Economic Development. Earlier this year, the Town was fortunate to have adopted the Housing Element Update along with the Zoning Code Update. These two documents have been years in the making and will serve as the catalyst for future economic growth throughout Town, providing an avenue for potential development of both much need housing in the region along with additional businesses to the Town.

Additionally, the Town remains focused on other priority areas as well. This year's emphasis on Community will surround the upcoming events that celebrate the Town's 100 year anniversary. Operationally, the Town is motivated to fill some critical vacancies including Administrative Services Director and City Clerk. Efforts to improve capitol infrastructure and maintain financial health remain diligent as the Town focuses on resiliency and a sustainable future for years to come!

Auto Theft Safety

John W. Munsey, Chief of Police

The Colma Police Department has experienced several auto thefts over the last few months and would like to advise residents of ways to keep their vehicle safe. Not all recommendations will deter theft 100%, but we hope by taking the following recommendations into account, there is a better chance of your vehicle not being stolen.

1. Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even while driving. Unlocked doors are easy targets.
2. When parked, never leave your keys in the car. Ensure windows are fully closed to prevent a thief from trying to open the door from the inside.
3. Never leave your car running and unattended. Even if your doors are locked, a carjacker only has to break a window to get in.
4. Avoid leaving valuables inside your vehicle. Keep high-value items like phones, purses, or other valuables hidden. Put valuables in your trunk before you get where you're going.
5. Do not leave your vehicle title in the car. Too often a car thief is pulled over and gets away from the police because he or she can produce the auto registration. (If multiple drivers use the vehicle, the best suggestion would be to hide the registration in a secret location in the car that only the owners know.)

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TOWN OF COLMA www.colma.ca.gov		
Elected Officials		
Mayor	John Goodwin.....	650-997-8316
Vice Mayor.....	Ken Gonzalez.....	650-997-8305
Council Member.....	Carrie Slaughter.....	650-997-8315
Council Member.....	Helen Fisicaro.....	650-997-8304
Council Member.....	Joanne del Rosario.....	650-997-8347
Town Hall		
City Manager.....	Daniel Barros.....	650-997-8318
Interim City Clerk.....	Abigail Dometita.....	650-997-8300
City Attorney.....	Chris Diaz.....	650-997-8300
Accounting Manager.....	Jesse Bradley.....	650-997-8328
HR Analyst.....	Juan Rumayor.....	650-997-8306
Police Non-Emergency		
Chief of Police.....	John Munsey.....	650-997-8344
TIP Line.....		650-997-8337
Public Works/Engineering/Planning/Building		
Public Works Director.....	Brad Donohue.....	650-757-8888
City Planner.....	Farhad Mortazavi.....	
City Engineer.....	Cyrus Kianpour.....	
Report tree limbs, downed wires, flooded areas, sewer emergencies etc.:.....		
During non-business hours, call police non-emergency number.....		650-997-8321
Building Permits.....		650-757-8888
Colma Community Center		
Recreation Manager.....	Angelika Abellana.....	650-985-5682
Recreation Coordinator.....	Daisy Esquivias.....	650-985-5691
Sterling Park Recreation Center		
Recreation Coordinator.....	Dinora Navarro.....	650-991-3213
Colma Historical Association.....		650-757-1676
Creekside Villas Senior Housing.....		650-755-0610
Comcast Bulk Services.....		855-307-4896



TOWN OF COLMA TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 9AM-5PM

HOST YOUR OWN GARAGE SALE AT HOME!

LOCATIONS: STERLING PARK, VILLA HOFFMAN, AND VERANO NEIGHBORHOODS

MAPS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AFTER 5PM.

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 9AM-1PM

COLMA RES: FREE
NON-RES: \$10

SHOP OR SELL OUT OF THE TRUNK OF A CAR!

CALL 650-985-5678 FOR MORE INFO!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL! INTERESTED IN SELLING? VISIT THE COLMA COMMUNITY CENTER TO REGISTER YOUR TRUNK OR TO SIGN UP FOR TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE.



The Town of Colma Presents

Community & Coffee

Friday, March 22, 2024

Cops, Community, Coffee! Get to know our local law enforcement over refreshments and board games

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

DCPartnership: Healthy Aging Response Ream will discuss available resources surrounding health, wellness, transportation, food, and shelter

Free, 10-11am at the Colma Community Center



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 6500 985-5678

TOWN OF COLMA CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Colma Community Center

From 6pm to 8pm

Thursdays: March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11

Residents: FREE | Non-Residents: \$10.00

Ages 21 years & Older

Join us for games of corn hole, followed with a light dinner and drinks. Practice techniques with your friends, play for fun, or organize games with other players. Enroll in our tournament on our last game day and win some awesome prizes. Corn hole supplies will be provided but guests are welcome to bring their own.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (650) 985-5678



Mother's Day HIGH TEA

New! Ages 4+

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

10:30AM to 1:30 PM

Located in San Francisco. Transportation included.




REGISTER BY APRIL 5TH

\$66 - ADULTS
\$33 - YOUTH & SENIOR
\$110 NON-RESIDENT





EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Egg Hunt Registration will begin at 9:00am

- 0-3-year-olds* will hunt at 9:30am
- 4-6-year-olds will hunt at 9:40am
- 7-9-year-olds will hunt at 9:50am
- 10 years and over will hunt at 10:00am

*Ages 0-3 will be allowed to gather eggs with the help of one adult. For all other sessions, adults are asked to wait on sidelines, while their child(ren) hunt.

Saturday March 30, 2024 at 9:00am
Sterling Park Recreation Center

If you plan on attending the Eggstravaganza, please R.S.V.P. to the Colma Community Center (650) 985-5678 or Sterling Park Recreation Center (650) 991-3213 by Friday, March 22, 2024. Remember to bring your egg collecting basket. For more information, please contact the Town of Colma Recreation Services Department.

RESIDENTS: \$1.00

NON-RESIDENTS: \$6.00



THE TOWN OF COLMA PRESENTS:

SAUSALITO DAY TRIP

TUESDAY MAY 21, 2024 10AM-4PM

EXPLORE THROUGH TOWN FOR SCENIC VIEWS AND CHARMING SHOPS

TRANSPORTATION, LUNCH & DESSERT INCLUDED

ADULT \$60
SENIOR & DISABLED \$33
NON-RESIDENT \$101

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 3, 2024 TO AVOID PROGRAM CANCELLATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (650) 985-5678



TOWN OF COLMA

SPRING CAMP

APR. 8 TO APR. 12

STERLING PARK
427 F STREET, COLMA

OUR ACTIVITIES
FIELD TRIPS, ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTSIDE SPORTS & GAMES

EXTENDED CARE HOURS AVAILABLE 8AM - 6PM

OPEN TO AGES 5 - 12

FOR MORE INFO CALL 650-991-3213
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.COLMA.CA.GOV

RES. FEE: \$25 FOR SESSION

NON-RES. FEE: \$150 FOR SESSION

10AM - 4PM DAILY

March Adult and Senior Programs

Friday, March 1, 2024—Friday Films

11:30am-2:30pm @ Colma Community Center

Adult \$6 | Senior \$2 | Non- RES \$10

Wednesday, March 6, 2024—Ladies Social

10:30am-12:30pm @ Sterling Park

RES—FREE

Wednesday, March 20, 2024— Senior Luncheon

11:30am-1:00pm @ Colma Community Center

Adult \$5 | Senior \$3 | Non- RES \$20

Wednesday, March 20, 2024— Cooking Class

6:00pm-8:00pm @ Colma Community Center

Adult \$39 | Senior \$10 | Non- RES \$65

Friday, March 22, 2024 — Community & Coffee

10:00am-11:00am @ Colma Community Center

FREE

Friday, March 29, 2024 — Breakfast and Bingo

10:00am-11:00am @ Colma Community Center

Senior \$5 | Non- RES \$20

March Youth Programs

Saturday, March 16, 2024— Parent's Night Out

6:00pm-10:30pm @ Sterling Park

RES YOUTH \$5, NON-RES \$20

Kids Club After School Program

Monday-Friday 3:00pm-6pm @ Sterling Park

Wednesday, March 6, 2024—Learning Wheels

4:00pm-5:00pm @ Sterling Park

FREE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024—Cooking Class

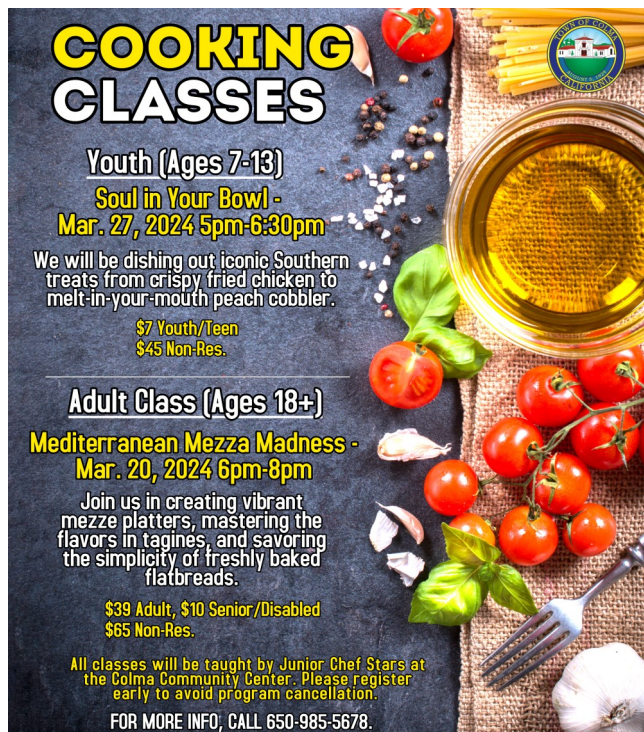
5:00pm-6:30pm @ Colma Community Center

RES YOUTH \$7, NON-RES \$45

Saturday, March 30, 2024—Eggstravaganza

9am @ Sterling Park

RES YOUTH \$1, NON-RES \$6



COOKING CLASSES

Youth (Ages 7-13)
Soul in Your Bowl -
Mar. 27, 2024 5pm-6:30pm

We will be dishing out iconic Southern treats from crispy fried chicken to melt-in-your-mouth peach cobbler.

\$7 Youth/Teen
 \$45 Non-Res.

Adult Class (Ages 18+)
Mediterranean Mezza Madness -
Mar. 20, 2024 6pm-8pm

Join us in creating vibrant mezza platters, mastering the flavors in tagines, and savoring the simplicity of freshly baked flatbreads.

\$39 Adult, \$10 Senior/Disabled
 \$65 Non-Res.

All classes will be taught by Junior Chef Stars at the Colma Community Center. Please register early to avoid program cancellation.

FOR MORE INFO, CALL 650-985-5678.



APRIL 24th* APRIL 25th 5PM to 7PM

Early Bird Registration Nights SUMMER CAMP

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR SUMMER PLANNING WITH OUR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION. PREVIEW SOME OF OUR CAMP ACTIVITIES, GET ANSWERS TO ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS, AND REGISTER FOR ALL OF YOUR DESIRED DATES.

Colma Community Center

*April 24th for Colma Residents Only
 Please make sure your membership is up to date beforehand as we will not be able to renew it on site on the day of the event.

For More Information:
 Email: dinora.navarro@colma.ca.gov
 Phone: 650-985-5681



The Town of Colma Presents

Colma Game Night

JOIN US AT COLMA COMMUNITY CENTER FOR SOME OLD FASHION FUN AT OUR ANNUAL COLMA GAME NIGHT. THE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE CLASSIC MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT GAMES, BINGO, AND PRIZES! FOOD, SNACKS, AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Friday, March 8, 2024
 6:00 - 9:00 PM
 At The Colma Community Center

Residents: Free
 Non-Residents: \$20

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 650-985-5678



TOWN OF COLMA

ESCAPE THIS TRUCK

Residents: Free
 Non-Residents: \$10.00

Saturday March 9

Sterling Park Recreation Center
 3:00pm to 6:00pm — Ages 12-17 years old

JOIN US AT STERLING PARK AS WE RECEIVE A VISIT FROM ESCAPE THIS TRUCK! JOIN YOUR FRIEND INSIDE THE TRUCK FOR A PORTABLE ESCAPE ROOM. AFTER YOU ESCAPE, CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORY WITH DINNER AT STERLING PARK.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (650) 985-5678

Fitness Classes

Mondays, Zumba Gold

10:30-11:30am

@ Colma Community Center

Tuesdays, Zumba Evening Class

5:45-6:45pm

@ Colma Community Center

Thursdays, Happy Chair Yoga

11:30-11:35am @

Colma Community Center

Saturdays, Boot Camp Fitness

8:15-9:15am @ Sterling Park

Saturdays, Zumba Toning

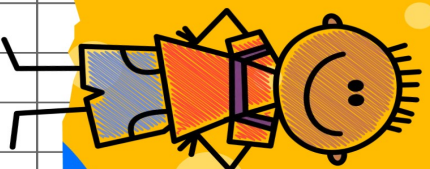
9:00-10:00am @ Colma

Community Center

TOWN OF COLMA



**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**
.....
Colma Recreation Services



CHILDREN'S DAY
CELEBRATION

- > 3:30-5:30PM
- > ALL AGES
- > FREE
- @ THE COLMA
COMMUNITY CENTER

BOUNCY HOUSE, CRAFTS,
SNACKS, GLITTER TATTOOS,
STICKER STATION, AND
MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US AT
650-985-5678



CRIME BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2024

Information in this report may not include all responses or participation of the Colma Police Department.

Crimes Investigated

In January of 2024, we took 130 reports, slightly down from 146 reports in December. We arrested 53 people for 45 misdemeanors and 8 felonies; issued 267 criminal, traffic, and parking citations; and conducted 81 traffic enforcement stops. Between February 1st and February 13th, we have already taken 48 reports, made 21 arrests, issued 130 citations, and conducted 18 traffic stops.

Between January 23rd and 25th officers took 11 reports which included assaults, warrant arrests, thefts, lost property, and narcotic offenses. One case, which occurred on the 25th at approximately 4:30pm, officers were dispatched to a local restaurant on the report of a male who used narcotics in a bathroom. Upon their arrival the officers immediately observed that the individual was overdosing from Fentanyl poisoning. They requested fire and medics to respond and started to initiate life saving measures. Officers provided NARCAN to the individual, who after two doses, began to regain consciousness. By this time the Colma Fire Department had arrived on scene and took over care of the patient.

Between January 26th and 27th officers took another 8 cases. One case in particular occurred on the 27th when Colma Officers received a notification from our license plate reading cameras of a felony vehicle in the area of Serramonte Boulevard and Junipero Serra Boulevard. The vehicle was associated to a kidnapping that occurred in a neighboring agency's jurisdiction earlier in the day. Officers responded to the area and located the vehicle in the drive-through of a business in the 500 block of Serramonte Blvd. With the help of the San Bruno Police Department and the Daly City Police Department, a high-risk felony stop was conducted. The vehicle was occupied by a solo driver, a 25-year-old male from San Francisco. He was detained by officers without incident. A loaded handgun was later found concealed in the vehicle.

On January 28th officers conducting routine patrol through one of our shopping centers, located a vehicle parked in a disabled parking spot that was not displaying a placard. Upon contact with the driver, it was determined that her driver's license was suspended, and she was not disabled. Further investigation revealed that her accomplice was inside the retail store. It was determined that the accomplice had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. Upon being arrested, stolen property was located on her person. Upon searching the vehicle, additional stolen property was located. It was determined that prior to stopping in Colma these two females had just committed a grab and run theft from a retail store in the Serramonte Mall in Daly City. The two females were issued citations and released from the scene. Any crimes in Colma were averted by the officer's proactive approach to contacting them for the disabled parking violation.

On January 29th officers responded to a local business on the report of a subject who was in the process of stealing merchandise. The subject had cut the security cables off merchandise and was concealing it into a bag. Officers made contact with the individual and detained him for the theft investigation. This subject was known to the officers, as the Colma police department arrested him in the past for outstanding warrants, drunk in public, various thefts, criminal threats, and felony assaults. As the officers were conducting follow up with this theft, they learned that the subject had sexually assaulted two victims while inside of the retail store, one of which was a juvenile. The subject was arrested and booked into jail for vandalism of the security device and the sexual assault of the two women. He was released from jail on February 13th having served his time and pleading no contest to the case.

Between January 30th and February 6th officers took another 31 cases. These cases ranged from assaults, burglaries, traffic collisions, narcotics related offenses, warrant arrests, vandalisms, and thefts.

On January 7th officers were at the San Mateo County Southern Courthouse in Redwood City, to testify for a preliminary hearing for a prior case. Colma Officers were aware the male suspect had an out of county, \$50,000 felony warrant for his arrest. As Officers were on the 4th floor hallway of the courthouse, they observed the male suspect. The male was made aware he had a warrant, and upon seeing Colma Officers, he turned in the opposite direction and started walking away. When officers approached him and told him to stop, the male started running towards the fire escape stairwell and began running down them. Colma Officers pursued the male down the stairwell, continually yelling at the male to stop, which he ignored. Upon getting to the 1st floor of the courthouse, an observant citizen alerted officers that the male ran into a restroom. Officers located the male inside a bathroom stall and placed him under arrest for the warrant and resisting arrest. During a probation search of the male, a set of vehicle keys were located. A DMV check of the vehicle revealed the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Santa Clara Police Department. During a search of the stolen vehicle, a plastic bag with forty-eight rounds of ammunition



were located. Officers recognized this ammunition to have the ability to penetrate armor. Two catalytic converters that appeared to have been sawed off of vehicles were also located in the vehicle. Christopher Lang, 37-year-old San Leandro resident, was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle, taking a vehicle without owner's consent, possessing armor penetrating ammo, resisting arrest and his felony warrant. He was booked into the San Mateo County Jail.

On February 9th officers were dispatched to a business in the 1700 block of Hillside Boulevard, on a report of an intoxicated male being verbally aggressive towards security officers. Officers were updated that the male was physically fighting with security officers and all parties were fighting on the ground. As officers attempted to detain the male, he bit one of the officer's hand, causing minor injuries. The 39-year-old male from San Francisco, was placed under arrest for battery against a police officer, assault, and disorderly conduct. He was booked into the San Mateo County Jail. The male was released from jail the next morning on bail.

Between February 10th and 13th officers took another 12 cases ranging from fraud, thefts, possession of stolen property, and verbal disturbances. One case occurred on February 10th when officers were on routine patrol in one of our retail shopping centers. Officers observed a subject exiting the store with a large box underneath his jacket and bulging pockets of his jacket. Officers attempted to speak with this individual, but he decided to flee on foot from them. Officers eventually detained the subject and identified him as a person who we have had numerous prior cases with. He has been arrested 13 previous times by our agency for narcotics, thefts, resisting arrests, warrants, and robbery in 2021. He is also on probation. The individual was issued a citation for being in possession of stolen property and resisting arrest. He was released with a citation.

Community Events

02/04/24	Worship Services	Mercy Housing
2/11/24	Worship Services	Mercy Housing
2/18/24	Worship Services	Mercy Housing
2/21/24	Senior Luncheon	CCC
2/25/24	Worship Services	Mercy Housing
2/29/24	Mercy Monthly Breakfast	Mercy Housing

Colma PD Statistics as of 1/23/24 through 2/13/24, 1449 Total Incidents

