

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year! As we kick off 2026, we're excited to share this month's newsletter highlighting some fantastic local events and activities around Pismo Beach and nearby areas in San Luis Obispo County. Whether you're into nature, music, or community gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy this winter. Stay warm, stay active, and let's make January memorable!



### **Local Adventures Await!**

Below you'll find a selection of fun, nearby events and activities happening this January in Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo County. Whether you're looking for a peaceful nature walk or an evening out, there's something for everyone to enjoy this winter—get out and explore our beautiful Central Coast!

- **Whale Watching Tours:** January is prime time for gray whale migrations along the coast. Book a tour departing from nearby Avila Beach or Port San Luis for sightings of whales, dolphins, and sea lions. Tours run daily, weather permitting, and last 2-3 hours. Check with operators like Avila Beach Whale Watching or SLO Tours for schedules and rates.
- **S'mores Night at SLO Ranch (January 9, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM)** Join a cozy evening at SLO Ranch Farms for s'mores around the fire pits, local treats, and relaxed vibes. Location: SLO Ranch, San Luis Obispo. Free entry, but bring cash for snacks.
- **Wellness Reset by SLO Pressed (January 10, 10:45 AM)** A rejuvenating wellness event featuring juices, mindfulness, and community. Location: Shindig Cider, San Luis Obispo.
- **Morro Bay Bird Festival (January 15 - 19)** Celebrate birds with over 230 events, including guided walks, workshops, and expert talks. Great for nature lovers! Location: Morro Bay Community Center and various sites.
- **LO Central Coast Tour of Nipomo Native Garden (January 31, 9:30 AM)** Guided tour of native plants and gardens. Location: Nipomo Native Garden (about 15 minutes south). Free or low-cost

### **Brain Teaser of the Month:**

I travel thousands of miles without a plane or car,

Singing my song across the ocean near and far.

In winter off Pismo's coast, you might spot my spout—

What massive gentle giant am I all about?

**(Answer on 2<sup>nd</sup> page)**

I've been cruising around the community in the golf cart, diligently checking our roads for potholes, scanning for any water leaks, and keeping an eye out for weeds to ensure everything stays safe, efficient, and beautiful. This proactive care helps conserve water, prevent bigger issues down the line, and maintain our neat appearance—your help in reporting anything you spot is always appreciated, just swing by the office!

### **Park Reminders**



- Please remember to conserve water during any rainy spells.
- As a friendly reminder, Hacienda del Pismo permits only indoor pets that spend their primary time inside the home—this keeps them safe from local wildlife common along our coastal area and prevents unwanted pet waste in neighbors' yards and gardens.

Wishing you a joyful, healthy, and adventure-filled January filled with coastal beauty, butterfly sightings, and maybe even a whale spout or two!

Thank you for being such wonderful residents and for helping keep Hacienda del Pismo a safe, clean, and welcoming home for all of us. Your cooperation with our guidelines makes our community truly special.

If you have suggestions, stories, photos, or riddle ideas for future newsletters, please drop them by the office or give us a call—we'd love to hear from you!

**This month's brain teaser answer:** A Grey Whale!

Last month's brain teaser answer: A secret!

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