We at the Monterey Regional Waste Management District are proud of the environmental services and programs we support which make every day feel like Earth Day. We recognize that we couldn't do it without our dedicated staff, Board of Directors and YOU! We all have a part in protecting our world, conserving resources, and preserving our natural world for the next generations.

In celebrating Earth Day 2021, we would like to promote some "feel good" Earth Day activities that you can share with your family and friends virtually and in the great outdoors, from a film festival in your living room, to learning how to have a earth friendly household and be a more environmentally conscious 'fashionista', to giving a little TLC to the spots in our communities that could use a little love. (BTW- All groups are practicing safe COVID protocol, so please remember to wear your masks, wash your hands and keep a safe, but friendly 6 ft. apart.) Enjoy and celebrate our beautiful planet, today and always.

#### HANDS- ON -STEWARDSHIP

Citizens for a Sustainable Marina- Contact: 831-277-7690
 Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - Plant natives, set up community garden beds, spread chips, water and remove European grasses from this oak woodland restoration project. Next to Marina Library playground (192 Seaside Cir., Marina) Sunday, April 25th. 10am-1pm. Massive community cleanup of abandoned camps east side of Salinas Ave.at top of Carmel Ave. in Marina's new Sea Haven residential development.

# Help with Cleaning Up our Community Earth Week or Anytime

- Host your own clean up and apply for free disposal vouchers. Afterwards, encourage your children or students to turn scrap into art. See Monterey County's website to learn more.
   Clean-Up Days | Monterey County, CA
- Sustainable Seaside is hosting opportunities to clean up the community with Sunday's, April 25th,
   Broadway Ave Clean Up from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. as well as daily opportunities with their Earth Friendly
   Households Program . <u>Earth Friendly Households Program</u>

## **Calling all Gardeners**

- Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. -Bring your gloves, hat and sunscreen and prepare to get your hands in the soil. Marina Tree and Garden Club is hosting a service day at Goodwill Food Garden Project in Marina. Located on Imjin Parkway between 2nd and 3rd avenue in Marina, the garden has been the outdoor classroom for 10 years where many locals have learned to grow and harvest their own food. The garden will be closing in May. Come out and help the MT&GC club members prepare the site for the next endeavor.
- Sustainable Del Rey Oaks invites you to Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day this Saturday, April 24th from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. They welcome you to bring your gloves and help with the stewardship of the public Butterfly Garden they've created in Del Rey Oaks (adjacent to the municipal tennis courts off Rosita Road and Canyon Del Rey). At this kid-friendly event you can learn about the Earth Friendly Households program, sustainable practices, trees, local flora and fauna, and our Monterey Bay. Take your picture with a butterfly or a honeybee! Special guests Maris Sidenstecker (Save the Whales) and Jeff Condit (MontereySEA) will distribute materials in English and Spanish on Our Water, Our World. Fun GIVEAWAYS and donuts!

#### **RAISE YOUR AWARENESS**

- Want to be a more aware fashionista? Learn where, how and what your clothing is made from? Slowfiber, is to textiles and fashion what "slowfood" is to the culinary world. Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PMTO 6:30 PM PT You are invited to a virtual slowfiber, Fashion Revolution Fashion. Zoom Room <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85194555350">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85194555350</a> For more info. Call Jaqui, Slowfiber, Monterey at 831.901.3168
- MEarth Offers Virtual Earth Day Event, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., presenters, demos, craft projects, garden tours and films...join this awesome group for a very full Earth Day! https://mearthcarmel.org/mearth-day/
- Free film fest in your living room? www.OneEarthFilmFestival.org offers you just that all week long. Be inspired by the stories presented by students, scientists, change makers who bring light to the challenges and the energy and innovations for solutions.

### **GET OUT IN NATURE**

• When is the last time you gave a tree a hug, or listened to the birds sing, or watched a whale breach?

We are so fortunate here in Monterey County to find nature, if not in your own back yard, within just a few miles from home.

If you haven't checked out some of our marvelous open spaces lately, consider a hike or a picnic in one of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks. <a href="https://www.mprpd.org/">https://www.mprpd.org/</a>