



Pacifica Fun Facts



As reported by Jean Bartlett, Pacifica writer at large

People you will **always** meet in Pacifica, in no particular order, include:

musicians, history lovers, artists, authors, surfers, veterans, golfers, hang gliders, environmentalists, fisher folk, crabbers, multi-generational residents, community volunteers, dog walkers, skateboarders, hikers, bicyclists, ocean lovers, educators, foodies, wine and beer connoisseurs, Sports Hall of Famers, and owners of interesting shops and businesses. You might also meet natives Rob Schneider and Debi Durst, and other local celebrities including: Bruce Latimer, Morning Nichols, Steve Brown, John Stanley, Kay Stern, Dennis Willis, Toni Mirosevich, Jerry Barrish, Pidge Meade and Lynn Adams.



Debi Durst

Pacifica's first residents were the Ohlone people.

!Pacifica! means "peace" in Spanish. Fitting, but it's not where the city got its name.



Just 15 minutes south of San Francisco, when the City incorporated in 1957 its residents held a contest to name their hometown. They chose the name of the 80-foot statue that stood at the entrance of San Francisco's 1939/1940 Golden Gate International Exposition. The Goddess Pacifica represented the fair's theme: "Peace and Pacific Unity." The original statue is gone but the Pacifica Coastside Museum is home to its specially-made 8-foot replica.

Legendary explorer Don Gaspar de Portola discovered San Francisco Bay from Pacifica's Sweeney Ridge.



Jack Cheese: the story started here! Italian-born Stefano Mori brought his cheese recipe over from Italy in 1888 and whipped it up at his ranch, located at what is now Mori Point. A jerk friend stole the recipe, went to work for David Jacks on the Jack Ranch in Monterey, and "Jack" cheese boomed in Monterey. Now produced again in Pacifica, by the Pacifica Historical Society, it has spawned the slogan: "If You Don't Know Pacifica, You Don't Know Jack."

The old coastal hugging Ocean Shore Railroad once ran through the town!!

trails and parks galore

They include: Sweeney Ridge, San Pedro Valley Park, Mori Point, Pedro Point Headlands, Milagra Ridge, Frontierland Park, Pacifica Skatepark (this one for you skateboarders), Sanchez Adobe Park (home to the oldest building in San Mateo County), a seven-mile specially connected waterfront trail and the Devil's Slide Coastal Trail.

Pacifica Performances, Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica Spindrift Players, Pacifica Community Television...and there's a castle

A Few of Pacifica's Famous Yearly Events.

- ☉ Pacific Coast Fog Fest.
- ☉ Pacifica Beach Coalition's Earth Day of Action and EcoFest.
- ☉ Devil's Slide Ride (Run, Walk or Ride...Conquer the Slide).
- ☉ Pacifica PB&R Spectaculars: Spring Egg Hunt, 4th of July Celebration, Halloween Spooktacular, Winter Elf Market.
- ☉ Spindrift School of Performing Arts Holiday Show.
- ☉ Pacifica Jack Cheese Contest. ☉ Pedro Point Chili & Chowder Cook-Off.
- ☉ World Dog Surfing Championships. ☉ Terra Nova Car Show.
- ☉ Crab Season Open at the Pacifica Pier. ☉ Kahuna Kupuna Surf Contest.
- ☉ Rockaway Tree Lighting Festival. ☉ Pacifica Gardens By The Sea Tour.



Whale Watching!

