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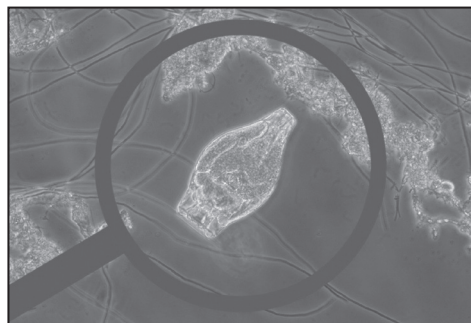
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## WASTEWATER BUG SPOTLIGHT: ROTIFER

Rotifers are the most common macro-invertebrate found in the environment, with nearly 2,000 known species occupying both fresh and marine waters. Rotifers range in size from 40 to 500 µm. For context, the thickness of a dime is a whopping 1,350 µm! The head of the rotifer contains a crown of small hairs called cilia which allows the rotifer to propel food into its mouth. Under the microscope, these cilia resemble a spinning wheel which is where rotifers got their name, "rota" is Latin for wheel. Rotifers are also often seen with a two-toed foot which they use as a grappling hook to move around their environment.



*Rotifers serve an important role at the El Estero Water Resource Center, this one if magnified x200.*

Rotifers are an important organism in the wastewater treatment process at El Estero Water Resource Center. They graze on suspended particles, bacteria, algae and decomposing organic matter in wastewater, which contributes to a much cleaner effluent. Rotifers are also excellent indicator organisms that allow observers to make educated assumptions about the surrounding environment. The presence of rotifers can often indicate desirable oxygen levels, low toxicity, and low amounts of suspended solids in effluent.

## VENUE DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND NONPROFITS

Looking for a place to host your holiday party or year-end meeting? The Parks and Recreation Department offers a 20% discount on venue rentals to all City of Santa Barbara residents and nonprofits. Available venues include beachfront properties, historic landmarks, community centers, and group picnic sites. Learn more at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Venues](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Venues)



*There is a diverse range of indoor and outdoor rentals to meet the needs of community members hosting year-end picnics, parties, and meetings.*

## SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT ADDS LACTATION POD FOR TRAVELING PARENTS



*Learn more about what Santa Barbara Airport has to offer to its passengers at [www.FlySBA.com](http://www.FlySBA.com).*

Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) is proud to announce the newest amenity for a traveling parent in need of a private space to breastfeed or pump while utilizing our Terminal, a secure and private Lactation Pod. This new facility can be found on the second floor of the Terminal building, past the TSA Security Check Point, and just to the right of Gate 2.

A parent in need of this facility can access the Lactation Pod via the Mamava app, available for Apple and Android devices. This smart lock technology ensures the safety and security of the parent to breastfeed or pump in private. The Lactation Pod is private, comfortable, and spacious, with controllable lighting and airflow, electrical plug for a pump, bench seating, and enough room for a stroller. The Lactation Pod size and design is also wheelchair accessible and incorporates handrail features.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT INSTALLS NEW EVACUATION SIREN ON POLICE VEHICLES

Over the last several months, the Santa Barbara Police Department has installed a new siren on their police vehicles. This tone is a unique sounding siren used to alert Santa Barbara community members of a need to evacuate a specific area and sounds similar to police sirens you may hear in Europe. The siren sound is known as the “Hi-Lo” tone due to the alternating quick transition “high” pitch to “low” pitch. This particular siren tone is only used in an emergency where you might need to evacuate.

This tone will not be used when officers respond to urgent police incidents or conduct traffic stops.

This siren tone will notify the community of the need to evacuate because of possible danger. This notification system could be used during a vegetation/wildland fire, any natural disaster; hazardous materials spill incident, or any other emergency that might require individuals to evacuate a particular area.



*This siren tone is not replacing any previous evacuation notification methods such as reverse 9-1-1, Everbridge text notifications, and personal door-to-door notifications.*

## CITY OFFICE HOURS AND ALL THE WAYS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

After adapting to an evolved work environment due to the pandemic while maintaining public service, City offices have been and continue to be open for business. Staff is ready to support and serve.

The Business Office/Cashier where community members can conduct transactions, like pay a utility bill, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. City Hall hours are 9 to 3 p.m. (longer when there are public meetings). These hours allow staff to assist the community with their service needs while also providing staff time to process those transactions during the hours that offices are closed to the public.

Because City Hall is closed every other Friday, most staff work a 9/80 shift, or 9 hours a day instead of the standard 8-hour-day. However, even when City Hall is closed the community can still take care of many of its business and service needs. A number of transactions can be conducted by mail, phone, or online.

You can pay a bill, apply for a land development permit, pay building and planning fees, apply for a residential parking permit and even apply for a job, all at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov](https://www.santabarbaraca.gov).



*There are many ways to conduct business at City Hall that allow for a smooth and efficient transaction.*



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SANTA BARBARA GOLETA CARPINTERIA UCSB

*Creek Week is an annual celebration of our creeks, watersheds, and the ocean, with many organizations hosting events to help build awareness and stewardship of the natural treasures of Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria.*

## CALLING ALL CROSSWALK HEROES

The City is looking for qualified, responsible, and caring people who can help keep our kids safe on their way to and from school. The hours are generally from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the morning and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Must be available for a split shift Monday through Friday. Scan the QR code for more information.



*Scan the QR code, it links directly to the City job posting!*