



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

**NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood Association**  
PO Box 2642 Monterey, CA 93942

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Feb 9 –Hilltop Park Center– 7-9PM

NMNA Website: [www.newmontereyneighborhood.org](http://www.newmontereyneighborhood.org)

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

New Monterey Neighborhood Association is hosting its annual **Membership meeting** at **Hilltop Park Center Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 PM.**

- Neighborhood Improvement projects (previously funded and future) will be discussed.
- Current economic doldrums could affect NIP and City finances generally. The City is looking at 5%, 10% and 15% budget reductions and asking for our suggestions.
- Election of up to eleven board members will take place. The current board is willing to continue another year. An additional four seats are open.

Your opinion matters. We hope you'll come, have a nibble, meet some of your neighbors, and share your thoughts. Join your neighborhood association.

## NMNA JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING Jan 12

The Board has decided to have two meetings in January

- Monday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - the regular monthly meeting
- Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - the annual membership meeting

Topics of the monthly meeting will include:

- 1) Action Steps to improve **City Code Enforcement**
- 2) Update of New Monterey **Area Plan** and
- 3) **Conformity-with-City-General-Plan review**
- 4) Planning details for **Annual Meeting**
- 5) **NIP strategies** in light of projected budget shortfalls

We welcome your participation.

A special thank you to John Kuehl and Chip Rerig for coming to our December monthly meeting to explain what the City does when people bypass the City permitting process or fail to comply. See our website for details.

## CERT HAPPENINGS

New Monterey's CERT team met Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> to begin planning 2009 activities:

\* **Sat. Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - A Work Day at Hilltop Park** CERT box & radio room to clean & inventory contents 10AM

\* **Thurs. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - review and practice using CERT documentation forms - Hilltop Park Ctr 7PM**

\* In April we plan a house-to-house meet-&-greet.

\* Mondays **2Feb – 16 Mar** Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) **training** is being taught at the City's Emergency Operations Center behind Monterey Fire Station #1 on Pacific Street. Learn how to make your home and work place safer. There's still time to register. Call Gemma at Monterey Fire Dept 646-3900 to reserve your place. Classes are at no cost.

*Time to renew your membership!*  
*\$10/year*

## NIP TALKS BUDGET STRATEGY Jan. 14th

As tourism slows and the economy becomes sluggish, the City is seeing a drop in revenues. What to do?

The Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Committee is holding a special meeting Wednesday **January 14th** in the **City Council chambers at 7 pm** to talk about projects previously-funded-and-not-yet-built as well as a strategy for next year's funding.

If you've been waiting to see a project built, please come. Hear what is being said and weigh in.

## BABY BOOMERS, THIS IS FOR YOU

There are more than 200 nonprofit organizations in Monterey County, many relying heavily on volunteers. Traditionally, volunteers have been retirees. Now that the Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) are retiring, there's a new trend with fewer volunteering.

To find out why, the California State Library has funded "Transforming Life After 50" grants to public libraries to explore this trend. The goal is to learn what changes organizations that employ volunteers will need to make in order to successfully engage, recruit & retain Baby Boomer volunteers.

Monterey Public Library has received one of those grants and is working with Monterey Bay Aquarium, California State Parks and other local agencies to survey local nonprofits and to collect first-hand information from Baby Boomers. It is expected that info gathered will help agencies better meet the needs and interests of prospective Baby Boomer volunteers.

The Library and its partners are now developing focus groups comprised of Baby Boomers who currently volunteer (or have previously been a volunteer) to discuss the challenges and rewards of their volunteer experience. The focus groups also need Baby Boomers who are not currently in the volunteer workforce but would like to contribute thoughts and ideas about the changing needs of volunteers.

Interested? The focus groups are scheduled for **Tuesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7pm** in the Ocean View Conference Rooms at the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**. Baby Boomers, contact Jean McCombs at 831 646-3949 or email [mccombs@ci.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mccombs@ci.monterey.ca.us) no later than Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.

## LIBRARY NEARS ITS GOAL

Monterey Public Library launched its annual "Bucks for Books" campaign in December, receiving more than \$18,000 toward its goal of \$20,000 by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to help, send checks made payable

## RECREATION OFFERINGS

### ❖ AT MONTEREY SENIOR CENTER

**Golden 55 Travelers Newsletter** is now at Community Centers, the Recreation Department Office and the Library. Pick up a copy. To be on their mailing list call 646-3878.

### **Boomer Education 101**

Tuesdays Jan 6-20 5:30-7 PM Bob Petty discusses Medicare & Social Security enrollment, benefits and how continued employment interrelates. No fee. Register at the Senior Center. Information: 646-3878

### **Stress Reduction**

Tuesdays Jan 6-Feb 10 6-7 PM.  
Explore methods of meditation and relaxation using sound breathing & muscle relaxation. Mty \$25/Other \$36  
**Soups, Salads, Stews and More!** Mar , 6:30-8:30 p.m. A professional chef prepares local produce, offering tasting and recipes for delicious dishes. Mty \$36/Other \$47

### **EXTRA TOOLS?**

New Monterey's CERT team could use them in the supply boxes at Hilltop Park and Hoffman Park. Call Sharon Dwight at 375-0841 to arrange for pick up.

### **2008 NMNA BOARD & OFFICERS**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Sharon Dwight, President | Howard Fosler   |
| Bruce Crist, Secretary   | Joanne Kelly    |
| Nancy Runyon, Treasurer  | Robert Wemheuer |
| Bob & Barbara Evans      |                 |

Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month at Hilltop Park Center from 7-9PM. The public is always welcome

### ❖ AT HILLTOP PARK CENTER 646-3975

**Krafty Lil' Kids** ages 3-5 M 2-2:45pm Jan 26-Feb 23  
Explore different crafting techniques. Mty \$25/Other \$33  
**Eco-Art** ages 3-5 Fridays Feb 6-27 2-2:45pm  
Transform recyclables into artworks. Mty \$15/Other \$20  
**Daddy & Me Valentine's Day Baking Class** Ages 4-7  
Sat Feb 7 1:30-3:30pm Mty \$25/Other \$33 (per pair)  
**Hilltop Park Center Darkroom** ages 16+ Call 646-3975  
**10-hr pass** Mty \$50/Other \$70 **Drop in** Mty\$6/hr/Other\$8

To register for classes, call Recreation at 646-3866 or visit their office at 546 Dutra Street behind City Hall.

### **JANUARY BOOKMOBILE STOPS**

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| Wed Jan 7 & 21   | Hilltop Park Center     | 4:15-5:15pm |
| Thurs Jan 8 & 22 | Hoffman/Bay View School | 2:15-3:15pm |

Browse [www.monterey.org/library](http://www.monterey.org/library) for Monterey's & Pacific Grove's collections. Request materials for Bookmobile stops online *or* phone 646-3710.

### **JANUARY CALENDAR**

- \*Jan 12 **New Monterey Nhood Assn Monthly Mtg**  
Hilltop Park Center 7-9pm General Topics
- \*Jan 14 **NIP Budget Strategy** 7pm Council Chambers
- \*Jan 26 **NMNA Annual Mtg** 7pm Hilltop
- \*Jan 31 **CERT Work Day** Hilltop 10am-12pm
- \*Feb 2 **CERT Classes** EOC 6:30pm

### **2009 NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood Association Membership Form**

**Dues: \$10 per year** Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Make checks** Address \_\_\_\_\_  
**Payable to NMNA** Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
**and mail to:** Email \_\_\_\_\_  
**NMNA** Do you prefer your newsletter delivered via email? Yes \_\_ No \_\_  
**PO Box 2642** Comments/Suggestions?  
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*Membership Renewal Time!*