



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

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKERS

Monterey’s Chief of Planning, **Chip Rerig**, and Planner **Elizabeth Caraker** are coming to our monthly meeting **Monday, February 9th at Hilltop Park Center 7-9pm** to talk about New Monterey’s Area Plan. Adopted in 1991, the plan was expected to be relevant for 10 years. With Planning Department fully staffed, the work has begun to update area plans. Our guests will talk about the process and would like to hear from us.

A subcommittee of neighbors volunteered at the Annual Meeting to begin reviewing the current Area Plan to identify goals reached and policies no longer relevant. All interested residents and property owners are welcome to join us. Call Sharon at 375-0841 to be notified of the subcommittee’s next meeting

CERT HAPPENINGS

* **Sat Jan 31st** - The **Work Day at Hilltop Park** CERT box & radio room to clean & inventory contents was a huge success. Thank you to those who worked so hard!

* **Thur Feb 12th** - review and practice using **CERT documentation** forms - **Hilltop Park Ctr 7PM**

* **Mon Feb 9th** **CERT training** begins. If you want to get into the class, show up at the City’s Emergency Operations Center behind Monterey Fire Station #1 on Pacific Street by 6:30pm. Learn how to make your home and work place safer. Call Gemma at Monterey Fire Dept 646-3900 for info. Classes are at no cost.

FEES GOING UP

At their February 3rd meeting, the City Council voted: 1) to increase parking tickets by \$5 to \$30, and 2) (Jeff Haferman voting no) to increase all **Building Fees**. They go up 30% on April 1st and another 29% on October 1st, 2009. Residential Inspections go from \$15 to \$115. Staff explained that the fees will cover costs of performing plan review & inspections, plus staff training, records archiving, and unfunded mandates such as storm drainage and accessibility.

State law requires that the City must “determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the fee’s use and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed.” NMNA’s President questioned that paying for unfunded mandates has any relationship to roof replacement, water heater installation, or any of the other building fees charged.

Planning Commission recommended increases to all **Development Project Fees** in January. City Council will discuss those fees on February 17th.

Until now, there have been no fees for Historic Preservation review, permits to remove trees, demolition, temporary uses and banners, Preliminary Map Review, Certificates of Compliance, and Stormwater Erosion Control plans. Notification of public hearings has been included in the cost of applying for design review hearings.

Planning Commission is recommending full-cost charges for all of the above, and increasing minor Use Permits 75%, appeals 80%, and doubling all other fees.

NMNA FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING Feb 9

Topics of the monthly meeting will include:

- 1) **Guest Speakers Chip Rerig & Elizabeth Caraker** discussing update of New Monterey Area Plan and staff’s recent review for conformity with the General Plan
- 2) **Area Plan Review Subcommittee**
- 3) **Election of Board Officers**
- 4) Planning Commission: **Design Review Fees Increase**
- 5) City Council Actions:
 - Vehicle Circulation on Hilltop Park Playground
 - 59% increase in Building Fees

Everyone is welcome.

2009 NMNA Board

Bruce Crist	Joanne Kelly
Sharon Dwight	Nancy Runyon
Barbara & Bob Evans	Robert Wemheuer
Howard Fosler	

Board members of New Monterey Neighborhood Assn for 2009 are listed above. Officers will be elected on February 9th at the regular monthly meeting

It’s membership time!

Look on the reverse side near your address to see if your membership is paid for 2009.

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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RECREATION OFFERINGS

❖ AT MONTEREY SENIOR CENTER

Golden 55 Travelers still has seats available for trips to:

--Gilroy Outlets Sat, Feb 28

--**Grease** Sat, April 4 starring American Idol Winner

Taylor Hicks playing Teen Angel

--**Wicked** Sat, April 18

call 646-3878 for more information.

❖ **Open House** Sunday, February 22 1pm - 3pm

--Learn about new programs and events being offered this Winter and Spring.

--Meet instructors and non-profit agency representatives as they discuss the benefits of their services.

--Observe dance class demonstrations & student projects. -

--Learn about the New England Fall Foliage Tour scheduled for October 2009.

--Center staff will be available to give you a tour of the Center and answer your questions.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Hammers, Tarps, Tools of all kinds...

New Monterey's CERT team is working to fill a new 8'x20' storage container with emergency equipment and supplies. If you have tools you're not using or would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to this cause, call Sharon Dwight at 375-0841 to make arrangements.

Storage boxes at Hilltop Park and Hoffman Park will help CERT members serve neighbors' needs in times of emergency.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

*Feb 9 **CERT Class** 6:30pm EOC

*Feb 9 **New Monterey Nhood Assn Monthly Mtg**

Guest Speakers: Chip Rerig & Elizabeth Caraker

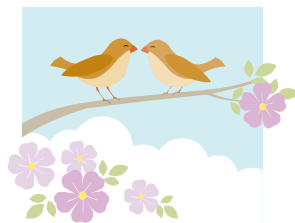
"How to update New Monterey's Area Plan?"

Hilltop Park Center 7-9pm

*Feb 12 **CERT Forms Practice** 7pm Hilltop Park Center

*Feb 17 **City Council: Development Fees** Council Chambers

*Feb 22 **Senior Center Open House** 1-3pm Senior Center



Membership Renewal Time!

LIBRARY EVENTS

❖ Big Ideas about Literacy and Love of Learning

Join New York singer-songwriter Patricia Shih, formerly of Cablevision's "Tell Me a Story", in a fun-filled concert with music, humor, storytelling and the learning about the pleasure of reading on Tuesday, February 17, at 3 p.m. Families with children ages 4-up are invited to attend and admission is free.

For more information call Dina at 646-5604

❖ Annual Chocolate & Wine Tasting Benefit

Friends of the Monterey Public Library invite you to this annual event on Friday, February 20, 7-9 p.m. in the Library. Enjoy delectable chocolate cakes, cookies, candies, fondue, ice cream, even chicken molé and chocolate beer! Sample a wide variety of delicious wines courtesy of Bargetto Winery, Pianetta, Hahn Estates, Chris Shake at Old Fisherman's Grotto, and many others. The event features announcement of the [Best Chocolate Cookie contest](#), live music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 in advance at the Check-out Desk or \$30 at the door. \$20 is tax deductible and all net proceeds benefit the Monterey Public Library. Must be 21 to attend. For information call 831 646-5601.

BOOKMOBILE STOPS

Wed Feb 18 & Mar 4 Hilltop Park Center 4:15-5:15pm

Thurs Feb 19 & Mar 5 Hoffman/Bay View School 2:15-3:15pm

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



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