

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

MARCH 2013

NMNA

We really miss our students of Bayview School. You are a huge part of our history. Photo: 1921, Courtesy of The History Company



Important Dates

NMNA monthly meetings are held at Hilltop Center, 871 Jessie St, in Monterey

• **Monday, April 8:** Next NMNA meeting of your association. Open to all.

• **Wednesday, April 10:**

NIP Public Comment Opportunity

• **April 26, 27, 28:** Big Sur Marathon: CERT Volunteers needed.

• **Monday, May 13:** NMNA May monthly meeting. MPUSD Board member Jonathan Hill, Guest Speaker. Open to all.

• **Saturday, June 8:** CERT/CERV Community Potluck: CONA Park.

• **Thursday, July 4:** Parade Downtown Monterey. CERTS march.

New Officers Appointed

Following an interesting and well attended annual meeting in January when a new board of directors for your association was elected, that board elected from its members the officers who will guide the activities during the next year. Sharon Dwight was elected President. She was president before and has held various offices for many years. She will also continue as NIP representative. Ken Wanderman was

elected Vice President. Bob Evans continues as Treasurer. Howard Fosler was elected Secretary, but declined to serve. That position remains open. Nancy Runyon is representative at large. She will be representing the association at various meetings.

New Monterey Plan Review in 2013

Come to the March 11 meeting of NMNA to learn from one of the City's planners about the process and schedule for the review and update of our neighborhood's Area Plan later this year. The New Monterey Area Plan was adopted in 1991 and is supposed to be reviewed and updated every ten years.

A Specific Plan, the term used now for what used to be called an Area Plan, is a tool for the systematic implementation of the General Plan, the city's long-term blueprint for development. It effectively establishes a link between implementing policies of the general plan and the individual development proposals in a defined area, in this case, New Monterey above Lighthouse Avenue. A specific plan may be as general as setting forth broad policy concepts, or as detailed as providing direction to every facet of

development from the type, location and intensity of uses to the design and capacity of infrastructure. The Specific Plan will guide development decisions for the next ten to twenty years.

NMNA will discuss a different topic each month (e.g. Urban Design, Traffic Circulation, Trees) to determine which programs are complete, which should be continued, and what new topics should be addressed. We plan to discuss the first four sections of the Area Plan at the March meeting: Preface, Introduction, Planning Area and Neighborhood Issues. You can see a copy of the Area Plan on our website at www.newmontereyneighborhood.org/areaPlan/AreaPlan%20cover-6.pdf.

This is the time for you to make an impact on your neighborhood, to fix what you think is not working well and to advocate for changes you feel will improve our community. Plan to come and share your thoughts.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't done so yet this year, please take a few moments to fill out the membership form included in this newsletter and mail it along with your membership dues.

Membership Dues: 2013 NMNA Membership Form

Basic: \$10

Additional Support: \$20

or

\$ _____

Make checks payable to NMNA and Mail to:

P.O. Box 2642

Monterey, CA 93942

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Deliver my newsletter via Email: Yes No

Comments/Suggestions?: _____

New Website for Community Use Now Available

www.newmonterey.nextdoor.com is a private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. Nextdoor's mission is to bring back a sense of community to the neighborhood, one of the most important communities in each of our lives. It is like Facebook but only those that live in New Monterey can register and use it. It's an easy way for you and your neighbors to talk online it's free. newmonterey.nextdoor.com currently has 15 households registered.

People can use Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about any topic of interest to the neighborhood and neighbors
- You can ask questions and get responses from neighbors - it is interactive versus the one way communication found at the NMNA website.
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Call that nice man down the street by his first name

If sufficient residents choose to use this resource your Association will consider integrating it into a more advantageous mode for everyone to use. Let us know what you think of it.

Guest Speaker at May NMNA Meeting will be Jon Hill

Our representative on the board of education and a resident of the neighborhood, Jonathan Hill, will be our guest speaker in May. Expected to be well along by then in selecting a new Superintendent, Hill will bring us up to date on the process, give us his views on the condition of the District and answer questions from the audience. Save the date. Hill invites conversation in the meantime with anyone interesting in talking before then via his phone [747-1272] or email

[\[jonhillmpusd3@att.net\]](mailto:jonhillmpusd3@att.net).

Fitness and Creativity Available at Scholze Park Center

Gentle Exercise:

Exercise for strength and flexibility to music and laughter. Includes warm up, low-impact aerobics, muscle toning, cool down and stretching. A fun way to work out!

M.W, F 10:30-11:30 a.m.

March 11- May 31, (no class May 27)

Pre-registration is required

Fees: for 12 weeks \$93 \$70 MRY Res Fee



Watercolor Painting: (Beginner)

Explore the beauty and versatility of painting with transparent water colors, from fundamentals of color and composition to bold mixed-media experimentation. Join the fun and the challenge of creative watercolor painting. It's not too late, but call now.

Wednesday, March 6 - March 27: 10 am to Noon

Pre-registration required.

Fees: \$34

\$26 MRY Res Fee

Hilltop Park Center Offerings

If you have a young person in your life ages 5 to 12 who really likes to build things, you'll want to know about this:

Four different LEGO® classes taught by Play-Well Technologies staff during the last two weeks of March!

• For 5-6 year olds:

Pre-Engineering 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m., March 18-22
Jedi Engineering 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m., March 25-29,

• For 7-10 year olds

Engineering FUNdamentals 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.,
March 18-22

• For 7-12 year olds

Green Engineering 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.,
March 25-29.

From the Library

Monterey Public Library is offering two talks of possible interest:

• **Hypnosis: The Ancient Cure**

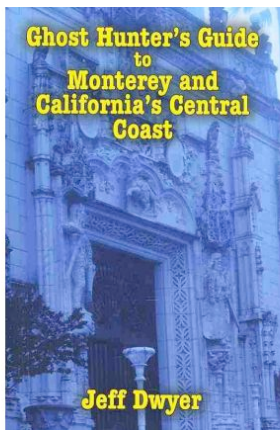
presented by Gabrielle Mancuso, PhD,
Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about Hypnosis and the amazing benefits of Hypnotherapy. This lecture is part of The Next Chapter: Designing Your Ideal Life Program Series that covers health and well-being, planning for the future, following ones spirit and other interesting topics for the second half of life.

For more information about Dr. Mancuso see the following links:

www.DrMancuso.com; www.Facebook.com/IntuitiveHypnotist;

www.Facebook.com/DrGabrielleMancuso;



• **Ghost Hunter's Guide to Monterey and California's Central Coast**
talk and Book Signing
by Author Jeff Dwyer
Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
at the Casa Estrada Adobe, 470 Tyler St., Monterey.

Author Jeff Dwyer will present a program about ghost hunting in Monterey and the surrounding region. He will sign books, available for sale for \$14.95, following the program. To learn more about this book, go to the library's website <http://www.monterey.org/library/Events/EventsforAdults.asp>



Nader Ahga is a sponsor.
(Note: 5:00-6:00 PM - private reception for 1849 Society members)

This program series, held in the Library Community Room, is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Public Library and the Monterey Public Library Endowment Committee. Adults are invited to attend and admission is free.

Reservations are required. Call 831.646.5632 or email thongchu@monterey.org



Ma's Green Living Grand Opening

Ma's Green Living is an eco-friendly home goods store featuring functional, fun, and funky items. They offer bulk refills of bath, body, and cleaning products as well as eco-friendly home goods, beautiful art, jewelry, toys, cards, and more. Ma's Green Living, located at 801-A Lighthouse Avenue, is scheduled to open on Saturday, March 9.



NIP Process Continues

By February 15, ninety-six NIP project proposals (seventeen from New Monterey) were submitted for NIP Committee consideration this year. Staff and engineering consultants are starting the process of defining scope of work and estimating cost to design and construct each one. Among the New Monterey projects are:

- park improvements,
- walkway repairs,
- widening the 300 block of Belden,
- and creation of a dog park.

Letters to property owners and tenants will be distributed this month to learn which projects have the greatest support.

Members of the public are invited to come in April to share their thoughts.

Wednesday, April 10 at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center 7 to 9 pm will be the first opportunity. Thursday, April 18 is a possible second meeting in City Council chambers, 7 to 9 pm. Voting night will be April 25.

If you haven't ever watched the NIP voting process, you'll find it interesting.





Great News for Bus Riders

Public transportation users and those who could benefit from it should be happy to hear the new speedy bus connection from Sand City to Cannery Row with stops in between is now fully functioning. Limited stops, indicated by the new bus stops, special activation methodology that turns the traffic lights green or holds them for the bus and other improvements account for the speedy ride. *It only takes thirty minutes or less to make the run. The objective of the route, the one*

with the biggest potential ridership, is to provide workers with a fast, inexpensive (\$2.50) mode of commuting.

The unfortunate side is that the busses will constrict traffic when they pull into a stop and all those left in cars will continue to often have a very slow exit from this side of the tunnel. Traffic Director Rich Deal says the new traffic light hardware is nearly all installed, but he is out of money and does not expect funding for perhaps a year from now.

Timing the lights requires very intricate, expensive programming and will have to wait, he said. Reminded of the backups on President's Day Weekend that often extended to Dewey Street in PG, he said we should be thankful the tourists are back to enjoy our nice weather.

Deal said the work at Pacific and Del Monte, which has the highest accident rate in the City, took priority and

is intended to make the intersection safer. It will not improve traffic flow significantly.

CERVMP is Born

Happy Birthday, Monterey CERV! Community Emergency Response Volunteers of the Monterey Peninsula, our 501(c)(3), was approved in February, 2012.

CERV THANKS all Monterey CERT volunteers who gave time, expertise and \$\$ during 2012.

- 43+ CERT volunteers participated in the Big Sur International Marathon & Big Sur Half Marathon
- 50+ CERT volunteers participated in the July and December Potlucks.
- We raised \$1,470 in our CERV's BIG IDEA campaign through Monterey Gives 2012.
- We raised funds to buy inventory for CERT Del Monte Beach, Hilltop, Monte Vista & Pacific Grove CERT Containers.
- We built ongoing relationships with PG Hardware, M&S Hardware and Ordway Drugs to support local businesses while substantially reducing costs of CERT inventory/training items.
- Community Foundation of Monterey County to conduct 4 CERV Seminars in 2013 and support for CERT inventories at containers with active CERT teams.
- Pacific Grove Methodist Church. \$1,500 to support Pacific Grove CERT teams need for inventory and awareness/team building.

UPCOMING EVENTS. We will announce dates for more seminars, soon.

CERV Seminars:

- Sheltering-in-Place and Evacuation: Mike Brassfield.
- Emergency Preparation for People with disabilities and functional challenges: Mike Castenada.

Events:

- Big Sur Marathon: April 26, 27, 28. Volunteers Needed.
- CERT/CERV Community Potluck: June 8. CONA Park.
- Parade JULY 4TH: Downtown Monterey

THANKS to the agencies/organizations/foundations that contributed to our 2012 grant proposals.

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