

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2013

NMNA



Through the efforts of NMNA resident and board member Bob Evans, and Cal Poly's Matt Parker and others, a new proposal is starting to take shape on the Cannery Row waterfront. We ask you to please join the discussion.



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Important Dates

• **Monday, September 16,** Monthly Neighborhood Meeting, Hilltop Center, 7-9 pm. (Our meeting would normally be on the 9th, but Hilltop will be closed then for Admissions Day.)

• **Saturday, September 28,** Kid's Flea Market, Hilltop Park, 10 am to 1 pm.

• **Looking ahead:**

The NMNA meeting for October will be on its regular date, Monday, the 14th. Hilltop Center will also be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

The NMNA meeting will be rescheduled for the following Monday, November 18.

NMNA monthly meetings are normally held at Hilltop Center, 871 Jessie Street on the second Monday of the month.

NMNA Meeting Speaker

Our guest speaker this month is **Rob Winningham**, the City's new Code Compliance Coordinator. He is coming to our meeting to explain what he does and to hear from us where we would like him to focus his time and energy. Here is your chance to learn the rules about fence height, building additions, campers parked at residences, noise problems,

trash and weed accumulation and similar issues that may be of concern.

Agenda:

That evening, we will also wind up our discussion of Area Plan Elements. Come talk about: Public Services (Library, Police & Fire, Sewers, etc.), Soils and Geology, and Commercial Uses in our residentially-zoned neighborhood. We are developing suggestions for changes for inclusion in the neighborhood-wide survey to be circulated later this year that will support our Area Plan update.

Buy Cal Am?

Our guest speaker in August, Tom McDonald, supports public purchase of the private water company, saying it would save a bundle, but it must be done now. Citing some startling figures, such as a

22% rate of return now earned by Cal Am as obvious reasons for the move, McDonald said if we don't act now before the company acquires the desal plant as an asset we will have to reimburse them for it and pay a premium price as compensation. The time is now, he asserted. His organization, Public Water Now, is holding meetings around the area to inform citizens of their views. For more

information check the website: www.PublicWaterNow.org.

New Park On The Row Under Consideration

The Stohans property is enduring financial stress presently which might make it available again. If so, there are those who believe it would make a perfect open space to showcase our beautiful bay. Board member Bob Evans asked a class at the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo to develop some conceptual ideas of what might be appropriate for the site. These ideas were recently presented to the public for the first time at Hilltop Center. Those attending were enthralled by the eight student proposals, all loaded with originality and fascinating space utilization. The best ideas will be selected and presented to the Parks and Recreation Department for further consideration. Local support will be essential to the success of this project. *If you feel this is a good use for the site please contact Evans or Parks & Recreation to see how you can help the project along.*

New Coffee Speed Stop Opens

Strategically located just before the tunnel, Bright Coffee, New Monterey's newest coffee spot, inside Lilify at 281 Lighthouse Ave, offers delicious coffee, espresso, tea, chai, juices, and tasty goodies such as fresh fruit, packaged nuts and bars, granola, handmade chocolates, and fresh muffins.

Parking is usually available right in front making it a fast stop for a quick coffee and nosh to go. Bright Coffee is open Mon-Sat, 6:30am-2pm, and Sun, 7am-12pm. Lilify is interesting all by itself.

Membership Dues: 2013 NMNA Membership Form

Basic: \$10

Additional Support: \$20

or

\$ _____

Make checks payable to NMNA and Mail to:

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Name: _____

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Deliver my newsletter via Email: Yes No

Comments/Suggestions?: _____

Kids Flea Market-

Who needs eBay when you can shop locally!

Children, ages 6-17, can earn money selling their used clothes, games, toys and other items. Booth space is limited and goes fast so don't wait - register at Hilltop Park Center by Wednesday, September 25. Vendors under 12 years must be supervised by an adult. *Saturday Sept. 28, 10:00am-1:00pm. Hilltop Park \$15 booth space, Free Admission for the public. Call 646-3975 for more information. Family fun for all ages.*

Bay View School

The preschool has nearly enough children enrolled to begin operating. Planned hours are from 7:30am to 6pm. Call MPUSD for information.

Boosting Music Boosts Grades

So says Michael Mascarello, President of the Monterey High School Music Boosters, an organization of parents who support the high school band. The group is looking for donations to support its activities and continue the long tradition of music at Monterey High. The nonprofit group is asking the community for urgently needed donations to enable them to continue to provide materials, instruments and travel for the bands. *Send your tax deductible contributions to MHSMB, PO Box 2195, Monterey, 93942. Mascarello can be reached at 601-2233 or mhsmusicboosters@gmail.com.*

Improvement Projects

New funds will soon be available for capital improvement projects in our neighborhood. The range of possibilities is wide and includes retaining walls, curbs, gutters, parks playground equipment and much more. It must improve the neighborhood and be permanent in nature. If you have a suggestion it is time to formalize your ideas and get in touch with one of our NIP representatives. Projects need to go forward now because they need to be approved locally and submitted by December 1 to be considered in the 2014 funding round. We will provide more information next month.

Airport Noise

Numerous complaints about low flying, noisy aircraft nudged the association's Airport Committee back into action recently. Following a letter to the airport and tower, board member Howard Fosler met with the management to discuss what could be done to better control air traffic over our neighborhood. Fosler pointed out that the Auto Weekend event for the last several years created the most air traffic of the year and has thus been the noisiest event by far. He requested heightened adherence to the noise mitigation rules endorsed by the airport and applied by the tower FAA personnel.

Probably not noticed by many residents was the abnormal quiet of that weekend. The FAA and the airport collectively managed to keep flights into MRY over our heads to a minimum and the noise from take offs almost unnoticed. There is a copy on the association's website of the report that the committee developed that lays out the steps we asked them to employ to accomplish this result. A letter recognizing their effort and thanking them for their cooperation followed.

Trim the Trash

Responding to complaints from the neighborhood and encouraged by your association the City is continuing its effort to get the trash cans on and off the streets in a timely manner. It seems there are still those who think it's ok to leave them out. It's not. Hans Uslar, Deputy City Manager, Plans and Public Works, reminds us the rules require that "no person shall leave any residential container or containers, or any other items for collection on specially designated collection dates, at the street curb or in any other place on the property visible from the street before 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day of pickup and beyond 7:00 p.m. the day of collection."

Uslar said in a report to your association that Ted Terrasas, his Sustainability Coordinator, is averaging 12-13 notices per month for the New Monterey area. These carry a fine that increases progressively with each citation.

It is timely to note that leaves and other yard cuttings must not be allowed to accumulate and must be removed to reduce fire risk. Sec. 14-10. Public Nuisance.MCC says: "No ... person occupying or having charge or control of any building, lot or premises within the City shall permit weeds (or combustible material) to remain upon the premises, public sidewalks, streets or alleys between the premises and the centerline of any public street or alley."

Saturday Night At The Movies

It's time to watch *Jaws* again, but this time outdoors and just blocks from where the critters live, and it's presented free (tickets must be acquired ahead) by NMBA and the JAZZ bus on the 14th at Scholze Park at sunset. Ask a business on Lighthouse for more information.

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