

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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NMNA



The City has applied distinctive graphics to Rec Trail crosswalks this week. The brightly colored blue and sand colored waves are a perfect way to make the crossing area visible to motorists and keep bicyclists and pedestrians safe. The funds for this project were provided by Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) funds.



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This Month

Are you confused by the dueling November ballot Measures K & M?

Before you vote, come to our monthly meeting and learn about each of the measures. We have invited speakers from LandWatch and Measure M.

Monday October 14 Hilltop Park large room upstairs 7pm.

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

Important Dates:

- **The NMNA meeting for October** will be on its regular date, Monday, the 14th.
- **Hilltop Center will be closed** on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day.
- **The November NMNA meeting** is rescheduled for the following Monday, November 18.

At Our Last Meeting

Our guest speaker in September was **Rob Winningham**, the City of Monterey's new Code Compliance Coordinator. He is a former Salinas police officer and understands not only the city codes, but the effective way police can be involved. He is interested in resolving problems related to building (such as

illegal units), health and safety, signage, illegal rentals and barking dogs to name a few. He urged residents to speak respectfully to their neighbors if there is a problem to try to resolve it. Board members Sharon Dwight and Howard Fosler suggested the next level would be to contact the NMNA. If those steps do not resolve the problem *you can contact Rob at 831.646.3750 or winningham@monterey.org.*

Rob's supervisor, *Chip Rerig*, the Chief of Planning, Engineering, and Environmental Compliance was also present and stated that his office can issue citations starting at \$100 for people found violating the code. For repeated violations fines can double and go even higher. If you want more information about the city code you can find the Citizens Guide to Residential Ordinances at http://monterey.org/Portals/1/building/resord_brochure.pdf

Longtime Monterey developer Carl Outzen brought his proposal to erect a mixed use building on the abandoned site on Lighthouse between Dickman and Reeside. The proposal has 32 apartments and on the upper floors and retail shops on the ground floors. There are a few small buildings on the property that will

be demolished. The project does not currently have enough water at the site, so Mr. Outzen came to NMNA seeking support to obtain 1.5 acre feet of the 4.5 acre feet of extra water that the City has available for redevelopment projects. Our board unanimously agreed to write a letter in support of his obtaining the additional water for much needed redevelopment of the site.

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 desalinization 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.

Neighborhood Improvement Project

(NIP) Status – The City of Monterey has a new GIS link. If you want to learn about NIP projects, go to: <http://gisags8.ci.monterey.ca.us/pub/engr/index.html> You can view projects by type or by neighborhood. You can see the original proposal form and a photograph of the project location. Fun exploration!

If you have specific questions, you can contact New Monterey's NIP Representative, *Sharon Dwight*, at 375-0841.

Membership Dues: 2013 NMNA Membership Form

Basic: \$10

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For the Love Of Monterey

The City of Monterey will host a free community workshop, "For the LOVE of MONTEREY." This workshop will explore why we love Monterey, and what we can do as individuals and as a City to transform that passion into action. *Peter Kageyama, author of the book "For the Love of Cities"* and international speaker, will lead this city-sponsored workshop that looks at how we connect within our own community, ways to improve and maximize that connection, and how to encourage more people to be 'in love' with Monterey.

Friday, October 18th from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.
at the Monterey Conference Center, Serra Grand Ballroom 1. Reserve your seat today by calling 646-5692 or email mgrath@monterey.org. Learn more at www.facebook.com/FortheLoveofMonterey or www.monterey.org

New Murals at Hostelling International

There are some bright new murals adorning the planters along side the parking lot for the International Hotel on Irving Avenue. They are colorful depictions of travel around the world and join the similar murals on the Hawthorne Street side of the property. All have been done by students at the Monterey High Art Academy and really brighten the neighborhood. David Martinez, the general manager of the hostel says he received a grant from Home Depot for the materials. NMNA provided support as well.

Come by and take a look. Out-of-town guests can be accommodated at very low cost – and close to home. There is also a monthly talk and pot luck dinner at the hostel the fourth Sunday of each month at 6 PM. Bring some food to share and visit with international travelers and your neighbors at the next one on October 28th. The talk will be about birds of paradise in West Papua New Guinea.

Call 372-5762 for information.

The hostel is at 778 Hawthorne Street

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.

New Park On Cannery Row?

Last spring, the Landscape Architecture department at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo was asked to develop some conceptual drawings for a park in the area between El Torito and the Chart House. The summer design studio (consisting of 15 students) presented its work at a meeting at the Hilltop Center on August 16th. A video of the presentations that were made on August 16 is now online at <http://youtu.be/HAFXMwUly9g>

David Watts, the professor in charge of the summer design studio, is in charge of a design studio this fall and has proposed that his students once again use the area between El Torito and the Chart House as the subject of their study. **You are invited to a session at the Hilltop Center on Friday, November 1 at 1:30 pm.** Professor Watts and his students will be there with the goal of gathering input from stakeholders and interested parties.

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