

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

NMNA

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Watch for the Annual Holiday Sail on Monterey Bay this month. The vessels will leave the marina shortly after dark, and slowly parade along the Monterey Coastline. Photo by David Lang.

Important Dates

• Neighborhood meeting:

Monday, the 9th.

• Potluck with CERT:

Friday, the 8th, Youth Center, 5:30- 8pm

• Aquarium free for locals:

Saturday, the 7th thru Sunday, the 15th.

10-5pm . 15th is Community Day w/special activities

• Cooper Molera Adobe Fundraiser:

Sunday the 8th. Coopers Pub, Cannery Row

• Neighborhood Meeting:

Monday the 13th, Hilltop Center

• Annual Neighborhood Meeting:

Monday the 27th. Hilltop Center

NMNA monthly meetings are normally held

at Hilltop Center, 871 Jessie Street on the second Monday of the month.

Dues

Renewal of your supporting membership occurs January 1. Our dues have never been raised from \$10. Additional support allows us to reach more people largely by keeping the cost low. Your contribution of \$20 or more allows us to broaden our base which proves invaluable when we go to City Hall with an issue. We have a growing

Defense Fund we plan to use when we need to challenge the City and there are encumbering fees that must be paid first.

Also helpful is the use of your email address rather than the post office.

Production and postage are expensive.

Please let us know if we may reach you via email if you have not yet done so by sending your okay to Bob Evans at:

bobevans13@me.com

The Cooper-Molera Adobe

It's last Christmas on the tour? Plans are being developed to turn the Cooper Molera Adobe House and Garden into multiple commercial restaurants and shops. The National Trust for Historic Preservation (owner), California State Parks (operator), and the City of Monterey are looking at ways to make the site self supporting and converting it to commercial use seems to be the way it will go.

The Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists (AMAP) opposes this change on the grounds that the Adobe is an integral part of Monterey's history and should not be lost to the public and turned into a commercial enterprise. Christmas in the Adobes will include the Cooper Molera on

December 6th and 7th, but its days of being open to the public may be numbered.

AMAP will hold a fund raising event to support keeping the Cooper Molera operated by State Parks on Sunday, December 8th at the new Cooper's Pub on Cannery Row. The "Fandango" will feature the "Asi, Asi, Jasmine Flamenco Ensemble" and Terrence Farrell, classical guitarist, great food, music, dancing, and historic Cooper-Molera photos on the walls! Guests may wear their Early California costumes or come as they are. For more information, see www.amap1.org

Airport Report

Your association responds to aircraft noise complaints and works with the folks at the Airport to keep the FAA tower people aware of our concern with noise suppression.

We were fortunate to have a Tower Manager recently assigned here who responds to our complaints. As an example, we received an inquiry a couple of weeks ago about two propeller crafts that departed over New Monterey making more than a normal amount of noise. Thanks to Bill Fleisher, the current Air Traffic Control Manager, most of the departing planes now turn east after leaving on our runway of concern (#28). Others are normally jets which are supposed to be high enough when turning west that they have little affect on us. Thus, we wondered why these two planes were an exception. Ken Griggs, Manager of Airport Operations, checked for us and reported they were indeed an exception. They were being ferried from Monterey to Hawaii. To make the long trip they had extra fuel on board and asked for permission to depart using the

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Membership Dues: 2014 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: _____

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Deliver my newsletter via Email: Yes No

Comments/Suggestions?: _____

least amount of fuel necessary. The Tower granted their request.

We understand that there are always exceptions to guidelines. We just appreciate that we have folks in the Tower at MRY that recognize their responsibility to mitigate noise from aircraft when possible. They have made a big difference in our quality of life since last summer when we met with them and we appreciate that.

Because of our elevation, our proximity to the approach corridor and the status of vector technology we still have issues with noise. There is more that can be done to lessen aircraft noise, but we are grateful for the significant improvement we are enjoying now.

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)

For an update on the 26 projects underway go to our website for more information: <http://newmontereyneighborhood.org/>

Crime Watch

Both Marina and Carmel Valley report a large increase in burglary crime currently and no one is sure what could be the cause. The holiday season brings a bump in crime, but this occurrence is abnormal. What to do? Many of these crimes are opportunistic. When burglars lurk around they look for the easiest hit, such as an unlocked auto or an unsecured window. Simply by eliminating these attractive circumstances and adding motion detector lights you will help tilt the odds in your favor. Also, know your neighbor and look out for each other. Call the police if you see something suspicious.

Golden 55 Travelers

Maybe you should give yourself a Holiday Gift and take a trip with that mature itinerant group at Scholze Center this winter. Here are a couple of ideas to consider while you sit around wondering why life is so dull.

Holiday Shopping in San Francisco - Silver Bells, Silver Bells, its Christmas time in the City. Dec 7. Sorry, you missed this one. Sold out.

Dickens Christmas Faire - There will be over 120,000 square feet of theatrically lit music halls, pubs, dance parties and Christmas shops on winding lanes in San Francisco's historic Cow Palace. Saturday, December 14 Sorry, sold out, you missed this one, too.

Cirque Du Soleil - The magic of Cirque De Soleil returns to San Jose with its newest presentation "AMALUNA." Amaluna invites the audience to a mysterious island governed by Goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. Their queen, Prospera, directs her daughter's coming-of-age ceremony in a rite that honors femininity, renewal, rebirth and balance. In the

wake of a storm caused by Prospera, a group of young men land on the island, triggering an epic, emotional story of love between Prospera's daughter and a brave young suitor. Saturday, January 26 Cost: \$140 Register by December 23. You can still make this one!

New Year's Eve Mini Extravaganza - Dec 31, 3:00–5:00 p.m. Scholze Center. Enjoy a fun New Year's Eve party with your friends and those you haven't made yet. There will be time for chatting, eating fabulous finger food and dancing to the oldies! Call for reservations by December 20! Ages: 18 and over. Fee: \$2.00 per person

CERT Holiday Mixer

There will be a Community Emergency Response Team potluck dinner on Friday December 6 - 5:30 to 8pm at the Youth Center. All are welcome. This is a good time to stop in and take a look at this group. They are our very first responders in an emergency and they are looking for members. Sign up and more info at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DA9A82FA20-holiday>

City Code Crier

Rob Winningham, the new Code Compliance Officer recently addressed our meeting and updated us on his activities. He answered many specific questions from the audience concerning individual concerns. Rob, 646-3750, has published a flier that addresses many of the most common problems he faces. The subjects include: short-term rentals (which are prohibited), recent changes in case law regarding attempts by municipalities to limit the number unrelated person living in a dwelling (unenforceable), Housing Rehabilitation Grant Programs, Illegal Units, Parking Issues, including RV's used for living space and trash can rules.

Winningham put a lot of information into a very small space for easy reference. Pick up a copy at City Hall or download yours at: http://www.monterey.org/Portals/1/peec/codecrier/CityCodeCrier_Fall2013.pdf

Time To Renew Your Membership In NMNA. Please send your dues and donations now.

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