



MAY 2014

CONFUSED ABOUT MEASURE O?

Before you vote, come to the **Measure O Forum** being sponsored by NMNA. We have invited representatives from Public Water Now 'Yes on O' and Cal-Am Water 'No on O' to come.

Monday, May 5, 2014

Hilltop Park Center (871 Jessie St)

7 to 9 PM upstairs main hall

The public is welcome to attend. Hear brief presentations and answers to general questions about Measure O, then pose questions of your own. This is your chance to meet people working on both sides of this issue and learn what is at stake in the June election.

MONTEREY HOSTEL

Saturday, May 3 from **2:30 to 5 pm** our Monterey Hostel at 778 Hawthorne will be honoring past and current board members of Central California Council and Monterey Hostel as well as volunteers and staff at a program marking transferring of ownership to Hostelling International. The program includes sharing of photos and stories, followed by a reception. If you plan to attend, please call 831 649-0375 or contact montereyhostelsociety@gmail.com.

For hostel room rates or information about upcoming monthly potlucks and programs about travel spots around the world, look at their website: www.montereyhostel.org.

NIP PROJECTS SELECTED

The Neighborhood Improvement Program Committee voted April 24th to recommend projects for funding in the coming fiscal year. With \$3 million to spend on neighborhood projects, NIP gave the nod to

- 1) Belden 300 Block Widening,
- 2) Radar Speed Signs on Prescott (1) and David (2),
- 3) David at Devisadero Open Space Acquisition, and
- 4) Presidio Historic Park Stables Condition Assessment.

Twenty-nine projects were funded. (See our website for the full list.) The Planning Commission reviews the project list May 27th. The City Council sees the list for the first time May 20th and approves the budget in June.

NIP Coordinator Tom Reeves retires May 1st. He will be sorely missed. Recruitment begins to fill his position.

NMNA TO SEE WATERFRONT PLAN

The City's Waterfront Master Plan is ready to go to Planning Commission May 13. If you'd like to learn some of the new ideas that it contains, plan to come to NMNA's monthly meeting the night before:

Monday, May 12

Hilltop Park Center 7 pm (downstairs)

Elizabeth Caraker, City Principal Planner, is our guest speaker. The Waterfront Master Plan was begun in 2010 to provide "... a long-term, visionary master plan for the City's waterfront that will ensure the City's future as a multi-day destination that is convenient, fun, and beautiful. The [Waterfront Master Plan Study Area](#) stretches from the west end of San Carlos Beach to the eastern end of Monterey Bay Park and includes Del Monte Avenue as its southern boundary. The Master Plan will also address specific areas of concern, such as improvements to the [Catellus Properties](#) and the proposed introduction of [Light Rail Transit](#) along Del Monte Avenue."

Traffic on Del Monte Avenue, parking and development in the Wharf area, Rec Trail access to Downtown, and amenities in Shoreline Park and Window on the Bay are all addressed in this Plan. Come learn more.

ART IN THE PARK

Join family and friends at **Hilltop Park Center** for the seventh annual "Art in the Park" special event. The event will be on

Saturday, May 17 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Children will be able to create cool and fun art projects from sand, stickers, stamps, masks, and much more. Our popular edible art stand will give kids the chance to decorate their very own cupcake or make candy jewelry and sandy candy art. A great opportunity for children to be creative, imaginative, and make gifts for themselves and others. Admission is free!

LIBRARY: STORIES FOR ADULTS

Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.

Join storyteller Carol Birch for "Steinbeck Out Loud!"- stories from John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, celebrating the 75th anniversary of this landmark novel. For ages 16-up. Tickets now available at the Help Desk, \$15 or 1 ticket free with a valid MPL or PGPL card. For information call (831) 646-3949 or email mccombs@monterey.org. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Public Library.

NIP PROJECT STATUS

Each quarter the City reports on progress made designing and constructing NIP-funded projects. New Monterey projects include:

CERT Base Radio/Tower Upgrades	Jun/Jul install
Cypress Park ADA Access to Tot Lot	No activity
Cypress Park Repairs & Upgrades	No activity
David/Terry Extended Curbs, Crosswalk, Median –	On hold for resident approval
Devisadero/Prescott Entryway Improvements – Fall?	
Dickman/Hawthorne ADA Ramp, 1650 Prescott Walk –	No activity
Hilltop Park Landscape Renovation	Almost Done
Hoffman 1481 Walkway	Design by Aug
Jessie Crosswalks at Irving and Withers	In Design
Lighthouse EIR/Preliminary Engineering – Selecting	Consultant
Lighthouse Adaptive Traffic Signal System – Matching	grant awarded Feb 2014
Lower Presidio Walkway Ph 1, 2 – Design almost done	
Oak Newton Park Security Light Replacement – Lights	received, project on hold
Prescott/Parcel Bulbouts	No activity
Rec Trail Repairs & Landscape	In Progress
Rec Trail Study & Signage – Sign Inventory complete;	Graphic Designer RFP in process
San Carlos Beach Shower Drain Replacement	CEQA
Scholze Ctr Mtg Rm Audio Loop Instl-Contract awarded	
Scholze Park Streetscape (Ph 2 Design)	No Activity
Sloat Monument Repair/Restoration - Selecting	Consultant
Taylor 600 blk, Archer/Drake Walk Repair – In Design	
Taylor/Irving Storm Drain Upgrade	No Activity

MAY CALENDAR

Sat May 3	Monterey Hostel Open House	2:30 – 5 pm
Sat May 3	Italian Garden Project	Mty Library 2 - 3 pm
Mon May 5	Measure O Forum	Hilltop Pk Ctr 7 – 9 pm
Tues May 6	Grapes of Wrath Aloud	Mty Library 7 pm
Mon May 12	NMNA Monthly Mtg: Waterfront Plan	Hilltop Pk Ctr 7pm
Sat May 17 th	Art in the Park	Hilltop Park 10 - 2

SAFETY TIP: Be sure your house number is visible from the street so emergency vehicles can find you when you need them.

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SCHOLZE PARK OFFERINGS:

Yoga for Everyone

"Yoga for Everyone" at Scholze Park Community Center has a new date and time. As of May 14, the weekly class will meet **Wednesdays, 12pm-1pm**. Everyone age 18 and up is welcome. No prior yoga experience is necessary. Class includes stretching, strengthening, breathing exercises, and a lot of laughter and fun. Fee is \$2 per class; mats are provided.

Bingo

Have lunch then stay for a lively game of Bingo, Black Out, Four Corners, Wild Card and much more! Enjoy refreshments and fun prizes too!

For Adults and Seniors.

Day/Time: **Monday 12:30pm-2:30pm**

Fee: \$.50 per card, 10 card maximum

Tap for Beginners

Learn the fundamentals of tap while enjoying fun music and working your mind and feet, as well as making new friends! Register at each class. For ages 18 and older.

Day/Time: **Mondays, 2:30-3:30pm**

Session: Continuous

Instructor: B. Czuleger Fee: \$2.00 per person

Love My Literary Club

Join with fellow book lovers, poets and creative writers to indulge in your favorite passion. Share interesting ideas about techniques of writing and enjoy meeting new friends with similar literary interests.

For Adults and Seniors

Day/Time: **1st Wednesday of every month 2-3:30pm**

Drawing and Painting (*Be sure to register ahead for this one*)

Exercise your mind through art. Beginning to Advanced artists will learn new art skills including drawing with colored pencils, charcoals and painting with oils and acrylics. Some materials provided. For ages 18 and older. Day/time: **Mondays, 9:30-12:30pm**

Session: June 17-July 8

Instructor: M. Gilmore

Fee: \$50 Program Fee/ \$42 Monterey Resident Fee

LIBRARY: The Italian Garden Project: Reconnecting to Our Food, Families and the Earth

Saturday, May 3, 2 - 3 p.m.

Experience the beauty and charm of the traditional Italian-American backyard vegetable garden and its relevance for reconnecting to our food, our families and the earth. Mary Menniti, founder of The Italian Garden Project, will share how these gardens serve as glimpses into the past that can lead to a brighter more sustainable future. Adults are invited to attend.

Admission is free, and no reservations are required. For more information contact Victor Henry at 831.646.2091 or email henry@monterey.org.