

ANNUAL MEETING FEB 1ST

On Monday February 1, 2016 **City Manager Michael McCarthy** is coming to listen to *you*. What is your #1 issue? Have you a problem the City could help you resolve? You'll have the first hour to share. (Mentioning successes is welcome, too.)

Members will elect new board members that evening. We'll discuss New Monterey's priorities for Neighborhood Improvement spending, too.

Monday, Feb 1

Hilltop Park Center (upstairs)

7 to 9 pm

LIGHTHOUSE SPECIFIC PLAN

Monterey's Architectural Review Committee will probably be discussing Lighthouse Specific Plan design guidelines at their **February 3** meeting. Postcards will confirm. The public is encouraged to take part in the fine-tuning of this document.

There could be one additional meeting to review lighting standards and suggested changes before it moves on to Planning Commission.

To see the latest draft, go to "City of Monterey Lighthouse Specific Plan," then click on the blue heading "Draft Lighthouse Area Specific Plan - Updated 10/19/15."

Building Heights Neighborhood residents are concerned that the final draft has no height limits and speaks generally about 'form-based' review. Join us at ARC in actively working to include actual height limits in the plan. Views from properties in New Monterey are at stake.

If our efforts prove unsuccessful, a core group of residents has begun planning a city-wide referendum to put it to a vote whether to set a maximum 35' height limit.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

\$10/year provides you newsletters all year - and news flashes, if we have your email. Renew today!

Next monthly meeting: Mon Feb 8 Hilltop Pk Ctr
Topic: Tree Ordinance Revisions

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Locations for Neighborhood Watch signs have been decided. So far Laine 400, McClellan 400/500, Spencer 600, Archer 600, Pine 800, Hoffman 1100, Terry 700, Lottie 800, Lobos 600/800, Jessie 800, Devisadero 700, Withers 2000/2100/2200, & David 2100/2200/2300 have indicated interest. Do you want to be part of this? Bob Kohn is ready to help you get your neighbors organized. (643-9935)

NEED SANDBAGS?

There are bags and sand available at Fire Station #2 at 582 Hawthorne Street. You can fill and take as many as you need. (Tip: Fill the bag to half-full so there is bag left to twist and tuck underneath, keeping the contents from spilling out.)

Twitter.com/cityofmonterey has live updates during storms. Facebook.com/cityofmonterey and the twitter site provide information about local resources that can be a big help. If you need sandbags and aren't up to the task of filling and hauling, go to either site and explain your need; city staff will try to help.

HISTORY CORNER (from City of Monterey's website)

"Records indicate that on March 22, 1884, a group of citizens formed a fire fighting force to give fire protection to the rest of the town's citizens. Their equipment consisted of buckets and axes. During that same year, they received a two-wheel hose cart, which was pulled by hand. A volunteer force was formed consisting of 25 citizens....

1912 The (Monterey) fire department volunteer membership continued to grow, numbering about 80 citizens. A second fire station was located in the Oak Grove area of Monterey and a third located in the New Monterey section of the city. Each fire station was equipped with a hand drawn hose cart and miscellaneous firefighting equipment. Fire Station One, or headquarters, housed a hand drawn ladder wagon and a hand drawn hose cart. Large bells were placed in the towers of these fire stations. Fire fighters would ring these bells to summon other fire fighters to duty. The different fire companies would take great pride in getting to the fire first. It was a race from start to finish, and the best trained company would usually win."

NIP SUBMITTAL TIME!

It's that time of year again – time that you can propose improvements within the city that would be paid for by transient occupancy tax.

So far we have two **drainage** projects, one for Devisadero 700 block, the other Lobos 700 block. A request for pothole repair in Taylor 600 block may be referred to Streets division.

Potential **park**-related projects include
+ timber retaining along the path at Hilltop Park that goes along Jessie to David Avenue

+ Several projects at Scholze Park:

- 1) completion of new wall and stairs along Lighthouse frontage (design is complete)
- 2) par stations at the Drake side of Scholze Pk
- 3) play equipment nestled beside the gas station retaining wall at Scholze Park
- 4) improved access from Scholze Park parking lot to the park center

+ Rec Trail Step Repair (5 sets between Aquarium and the Wharf)

NIP PROJECT UPDATE

- Belden/Drake Park Purchase – In negotiation
- Street Sign Replacements – Additional signs for lower New Monterey being made
- Taylor/Irving Stormdrain upgrade – construction about to begin

GENTRAIN LECTURES *held Wednesdays in LF 103 1:30 – 2:30 pm. No charge or registration is required. \$2.00 parking permit required for non-society members. Parking permit machines (quarters only) are in each parking lot.*

Feb 3, 2016 -- Gregor Cailliet: The Diversity and Habitats of Fishes (& Other Marine Organisms) in Monterey Bay New Monterey's own Gregor Cailliet will cover the diverse marine habitats in Monterey Bay, describing their environmental features and characterizing how this influences the flora and fauna that inhabit them.

Feb 17, 2016 -- Howard Burnham: "No Coward Spirits" The Reverend Patrick Bronte on His Remarkable Children Actor-writer Howard Burnham has devised a characterization of the aged Reverend Patrick Bronte granting an interview to the novelist and biographer, Elizabeth Gaskell, in which he reviews the lives of his four celebrated children – Charlotte, Emily, Anne and Bramwell.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Sun Jan 24 "Ed Ricketts & the Publishing of Between Pacific Tides" 2pm lecture by Don Kohrs
Reservations required.

Fri Feb 19 11th Annual Chocolate & Wine Tasting Benefit. 7–9pm Ages 21 up. Sponsored by Friends of the Monterey Public Library. Tickets in advance \$30/\$35 at the door.

SCHOLZE PARK PLAY, *Adult group excursions: There are still spaces available for these adventures and others. If you see one that interests you, register right away at Scholze Park Center.*

Sat Feb 27 Chinatown/Asian Art Museum Tour
Learn about the culture of this area and explore the sights, sounds and shops of this unique part of San Francisco. Visit some of the most popular areas of Chinatown including the Bank of Canton and the Sing Chong building or enjoy lunch at one of Chinatown's famous restaurants. End the day with a stop at the Asian Art Museum, one of the largest museums in the Western world devoted to the arts and cultures of Asia. Level walking/stairs; active tour. Cost: \$67 Register by Jan 26

Sat Mar 19 Oscar De La Renta Retrospective
This world premiere retrospective of Oscar de la Renta's work celebrates the life and career of one of fashions most influential designers. This exhibition at the de Young Museum in San Francisco will display more than 100 ensembles produced by de la Renta over five decades. The exhibit is curated by Andre Leon Talley, former American editor-at-large for Vogue, and is presented in collaboration with the house of de la Renta. Level walking/stairs. Register by Feb 17
Cost: \$73

Sat Aug 13 Beautiful: The Carole King Musical
Beautiful, presented at the Orpheum Theatre, tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the sound-track to a generation. Level walking/stairs. Active tour Cost:\$172
Register by March 2