

**MARCH 14TH MONTHLY MEETING**

**Height matters**, especially if it takes your view. While Architectural Review Committee gets ready to decide how high buildings can go on Lighthouse, we ask you, our neighbors, to weigh in.

On Monday March 14, 2016, we'll open the floor to hear your opinions. Should 2-story buildings have a maximum height of 25' or 28' or 30'? Should the first floor have 12' ceilings, and second- and third-floor residential have 9' ceilings? (Most of our houses have 8' ceilings.) Is it necessary to have 3' between floors?

ARC will also consider 3-story height limits: 35' or 38' or 40'. Current maximums are 25' for two- and 35' for three-story.

Do you know something about construction alternatives? Does it matter to you? Come share.

**Monday, March 14**

**Hilltop Park Center (downstairs)**

**7 to 9 pm**

**LIGHTHOUSE SPECIFIC PLAN**

Architectural Review Committee plans to meet one more time to set Lighthouse Specific Plan height limits and review the revisions so far. The meeting is scheduled for Wed April 6. Members of ARC are listening. Share your thoughts.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!**

Thank you to all of you who paid your dues. Thank you, too, to almost a third of you who contributed extra. We appreciate your vote of confidence.

\$10/year provides you newsletters all year – and news flashes, if we have your email. Haven't renewed yet? A renewal form is enclosed this month.

**2016 NMNA BOARD**

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**NEW MONTEREY NIP PROJECT IDEAS**

Projects being considered this year include:

Aeneas Bridge Preservation – City-owned bridge in the 200 block of Cannery Row

Archer Park Security Lights

Del Monte Adaptive Signal System to improve flow of traffic through Washington/Del Monte and along Del Monte (matched 3 to 1 by grant & City)

Devisadero 700 block Drainage

Fish Hopper Art Piece restoration & signage at San Carlos Beach

Fish Hopper restoration & sign in Shoreline Park

Hilltop Park Center lights

Hilltop Park Center Floor plan master plan

Hilltop Park CERT container roof

Hilltop Park Jessie Walkway –Stop slope erosion

Irving D.G. walk (betw Archer & Pine) repair since removal of street trees

Laine 300 block Sidewalk/Widening

Lighthouse Av Bike Racks

Lighthouse/Foam Triangle landscaping

Lobos 700 block Drainage

New Monterey Street Name Signs II (Hoffman to David, Hawthorne to Oak) replace illegible signs

Newton 500 block Sidewalk/Widening

Rec Trail Stair Replacement betw David & Wharf I

Scholze Park Exercise Stations (3)

Scholze Park Parking Lot ADA Upgrades

Scholze Park Seating Wall and Park Entry, Phase II

Many Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) meetings are broadcast on cable TV.

» Review of New Monterey projects will be **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** in City Council chambers.

» Public Comment on New Monterey projects will be at Hilltop Park Center **Thursday, April 14** 6:30–9:00pm.

» Voting night is **Wednesday, April 27** in City Council chambers. A fascinating process to watch.

Next monthly meeting: Mon Apr 11 Hilltop Pk Ctr  
Presentation: Monterey County Fracking Initiative

### **Beginner and Intermediate computer**

**classes** on both Mac and Windows PCs are offered at Pacific Grove Adult School. For the **Spring semester, running from March 21 through May 28 (10 weeks)**, three Windows 7 classes are scheduled to be taught on Tues/Thurs:

- » PC Overview I for novice/beginners 9–11 am
- » PC Overview II for intermediate 11:30–1:30
- » PC Projects for specific individual projects 2–4pm

Online registration for Spring 2016 Classes opens March 7. You can register by calling 831–646–6580. No credit, no tests, designed for adults/seniors. Each course is 20 meetings, 40 hours total. Tuition is \$75.

**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.

#### **March 16-- Meg Clovis: What's in a Name: Place Names of Monterey County**

What's in a name? – History! Place names act as an abbreviated history book about Monterey County. A name can refer to a person or a physical feature, but more often than not, there's a story behind that name. What's in a Name will take you on a tour of Monterey County and examine some of the place names on the way.

#### **April 6 -- Peter T. Hoss: Yosemite as a Social Experiment**

Peter T. Hoss, son of an executive with the Yosemite Park and Curry Company which operated the visitor facilities in the Park, and a part time Federal Magistrate, will discuss 75 years of human history in Yosemite since his birth in Yosemite Valley in 1934 from personal observation emphasizing passions, politics, traditions, personalities, adventures and misadventures, a few humorous anecdotes and current controversies.

### **LIBRARY**

#### **Historic Monterey Newspapers on Microfilm Now Being Digitized**

The Library's holdings of Monterey newspapers on microfilm from 1846 – 1930 are currently being digitized and will be unavailable until approximately the end of April 2016. The digitized newspapers will be stored on a cloud host server where they will be accessible online from anywhere with an Internet connection. Searching will be faster, can be done by date, name, and event, and there will be adjustable tool for optimizing image quality for both text and photos.

### **Poetry Writing Workshop with Patrice Vecchione**

Saturday, April 2 2–3:30 p.m. Monterey Library  
Develop your poetry writing skills with a highly respected poet, playwright, and teacher. The workshop includes writing exercises, inspiration and feedback.  
For Adults and mature teens. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. For information or to sign up email [mccombs@monterey.org](mailto:mccombs@monterey.org).

This event is supported by Poets and Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation, with additional funding from the Friends of the Monterey Public Library.

### **Ebook Help Appointments @ Your Library**

Mondays, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, and 6/20.

The library offers free ebooks. Have you been meaning to try using them but aren't sure how to get started? Want tips and tricks to maximize your usage? Library Technology Volunteer Steven offers one-on-one help! Bring your device and/or laptop, then walk through the steps. Reserve a spot by emailing [refdesk@monterey.org](mailto:refdesk@monterey.org) or calling the library help desk at 646–3933. 6:30pm, 6:50pm, and 7:10pm appointments available.

### **Crafting for Adults!** Sunday, April 3 2–3:30 p.m.



Adult Craft Club meets in the Library Community Room the first Sunday of the month (unless it's a holiday.) The craft for April is **Cardboard Rescue!**

Space is limited! Sign-up at the Library Help Desk, call 831–646–3933, or email [refdesk@monterey.org](mailto:refdesk@monterey.org). Basic supplies to complete the project are provided.

### **SCHOLZE PARK**

#### **Crafty Scrappers-Scrapbooking Group**

Are you looking for a fun way to learn new scrapbooking techniques? Join fellow scrapbookers and exchange ideas while creating scrapbooks that showcase your memories. Bring your own materials. For ages 18 and older. FEE None  
1st Tuesday each month 2:30–4:30pm

#### **Drawing and Painting**

Exercise your mind through art. Beginning to Advanced artists will learn new art skills including drawing with colored pencil and charcoals and painting with oils and acrylics. Some materials provided. For ages 18 and older.

Tu 9:30am–12:30pm \$50/\$42 Mty Resident

Mar 29–Apr 19 (#11019–4),

Apr 26–May 17 (#11019–5) INSTRUCTOR: M. Gilmore