

### **JAN 30 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

This once-a-year meeting is NMNA's time to elect new officers. Guest speakers that evening are **Kimberly Cole**, Chief of Planning and Public Works, and **John Kuehl**, Chief Building Official of Monterey, who will explain the new state law and Monterey's policies enabling **second residential units**. Come learn where they are permitted and what it takes to get the okay to build one.

**Monday, January 30**

**Hilltop Park Center (upstairs) 6:30-9 pm**

We will also discuss neighborhood priorities for NIP (Neighborhood Improvement) projects that same evening.

### **NMNA BOARD CANDIDATES**

Our Association By-Laws provide for up to eleven board members serving 1-year terms. There are monthly meetings of up to 2-hours duration where neighborhood project applications and city policy issues are discussed.

Members who have expressed willingness to serve in 2017 are: Robert Evans, Patricia Domingo, Sharon Dwight (NIP Representative), Laurie Hambaro, and Erika Weis McGrath. If you would like to work with the board to represent resident interests, come to the Annual meeting and let us know.

### **WANT TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD?**

Application forms are available year-round at the City Clerk's office to volunteer to participate on any of the city's boards and commissions. Applications on file are used to fill vacancies as they arise.

Cultural Arts, Historic Preservation, Library, Architectural Review, Planning Commission, Administrative Review, Parks & Recreation - there are many from which to choose. If you have an interest and have the time to contribute to our community, this may be something you want to check into. 'Job descriptions' are on the City's website or available from the City Clerk.

### **SUBMIT NIP PROJECT IDEAS NOW**

Unique to Monterey, the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) allows the general public to suggest capital project ideas for funding out of a dedicated city account from transient occupancy tax (TOT). NIP forms are available on the City's website: [www.monterey.org](http://www.monterey.org) or by calling 646-3921 and requesting one be sent to you.

Projects must be 'permanently attached' like street trees, drainage features, park improvements, building improvements. The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, February 17 at 5pm.

New Monterey neighborhood priorities for 2017 will be discussed at the Annual meeting January 30.

### **COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES**

This nonprofit Joint Powers Agency was started in 1969 to serve residents of Monterey County. It offers free and low-cost services to youth and families experiencing difficulties with mental and emotional health, drugs & alcohol, child behavior, parenting, domestic violence and homelessness.

Programs in Monterey include

- » **Safe Place**, offering counseling services and support for runaway and homeless youth and their families, anger management counseling for youth, and substance abuse education and intervention for youth 831 373-4421
- » **Safe Passage**, supportive housing for homeless youth age 18-21 831 717-4126
- » **Outpatient treatment** for drug or alcohol addiction 831 658-3811

There is a Family Service Center in Seaside 831 394-4622 that offers **outpatient counseling** on a variety of issues: from depression and anxiety to relationships, family life and more; **parenting education**; **domestic violence & anger management** group counseling; counseling for individuals impacted by **HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ** issues; **supervised visitation**; **Family to Family foster care** support; & **Pathways to Safety**.

All services are strictly confidential. Most are bilingual and offered on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay, and some are free. Call 831 658-3811 for information, to make a referral, or to enroll.

**GENTRAIN**

**» WEDNESDAY LECTURES**

• Jan. 18, 2017 Gamble Madsen: Shallow Pools & Deep Oceans, Artistic Interpretations of the Phenomenon of Water

• Feb. 1, 2017 Doug Smith: Geomorphology, The Science Behind Stunning Central Coast Landscapes

• Feb. 15, 2017 Carol Marquart: An Interview with Kurt Vonnegut Jr

**» TRAVELS**

• Sunday February 5, 2017: Aurora Theatre Company, Berkeley, California -- Tom Stoddard's *The Real Thing*. "...a play that reminds us why we go the theater and why we fall in love, and why, sometimes, it is worth all the effort." Grant Voth, will give a class on the play on Friday, February 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Lecture Forum 101, to enhance understanding and enjoyment of the play on Sunday in Berkeley.

The bus leaves MPC Parking Lot B on Fishnet Road at 9:30 am for arrival in Berkeley around 11:30. The play begins at 2:00 pm. Dropped off near the theater, participants choose from numerous restaurants for lunch prior to the play. The bus picks up in front of the theater for return trip to Monterey

The cost is \$78.00 per person which includes play ticket, bus transportation, snacks on the bus, and the class presented by Grant Voth. Make check payable to "MPC Gentrain Society" and mail to Wayne Cruzan, 75 Via Chualar, Monterey, CA 93940. Please put your telephone number on your check. Questions? Call Wayne at 831-375-2371.

**CITY OFFERS NOTARY SERVICES**

Did you know that you can go to the City Clerk's office or Police Department to have a document notarized? Effective January 1, those offices will charge \$15, the new fee approved in the state. Other city departments with notaries on staff may also provide this service. Ask

**CHOCOLATE & WINE TASTING BENEFIT**

It isn't too early to purchase tickets for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Library Benefit event.

**Friday, Feb 17, 7 - 9 p.m.**

Sample a wide variety of local wines, and enjoy a dazzling array of sweets and savories featuring chocolate in its many forms. The event features a beer garden, live music, "Balloon Pop" buy-a-prize, silent auction, live music and more! Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Must be 21-up to attend. Purchase tickets at the Library Help Desk or online at [www.mplfriends.com](http://www.mplfriends.com)

**LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

**Technology 101**

- Sat Jan 31 **Craigslist Tips & Tricks** 10:30 am Find & post local online listings for jobs, housing, & more.
- Sat Feb 18 **Facebook 101** 10:30 am Make the most of your Facebook account.

Space is limited and signup is required. For more information and to sign up call (831) 646-3933.

Mon Jan 23 **Live, Laugh & Learn** 6 - 7:30 pm

Through improvisational theater techniques, you will experience a room full of adults rediscovering the power of play. Wear comfortable clothing. Free. Sign up at Help Desk, call 646-5632 or email [thongchu@monterey.org](mailto:thongchu@monterey.org).

**2017 NMNA Membership Form**

<p>Basic Dues: <u>\$10</u>  Additional Support:  \$20 or ....  <u>Make checks payable to:</u>  NMNA  PO Box 2642  Monterey CA 93942</p>	<p>Name_____</p> <p>Address_____</p> <p>Phone_____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Deliver my newsletter by email?      Yes      No</p> <p>Comments/Suggestions</p>
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