

FEB 13 MONTHLY MEETING

Ted Terrasas, Sustainability Coordinator for the City, will tell us about the **Monterey Bay Community Power** (MBCP) project and take back to City Council our thoughts.

Monday, February 13

Hilltop Park Center (downstairs) **7–9 pm**

The board will also elect officers and set goals for the new year.

NMNA 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

At the Association's annual meeting January 30, board members for 2017 were elected. Nicole Capps, Robert Evans, Patricia Domingo, Sharon Dwight, Laurie Hambaro, and Erika Weis McGrath were selected to represent you. The new board will elect its officers Monday night, February 13.

NIP PROJECT IDEAS SO FAR

At the annual meeting, NMNA members supported spending money to prevent public water damaging private property and to complete projects already started. They didn't favor using NIP funds to do normal maintenance. Ideas discussed were:

- *Belden/Drake Open Space II (additional money for purchase)*
- *Cypress 500 sidewalk and widening*
- *Devisadero 700 Drainage, E side only*
- *Hilltop Park Tennis Court Resurfacing (6K)*
- *Hilltop Park Tot Lot Fence Replacement (20K)*
- *New Monterey Street Name Signs III*
- *Pine 800 Crown Removal and Drainage Improvements*
- *Scholze Park Wall II (construction \$ for approved design)*
- *Taylor 600 walkway*

"Hawthorne/McClellan curb extensions" has been added since the meeting. A request for tree trimming will be referred to the city's forestry division.

NIP forms are available at www.monterey.org/NIP or by calling 646-3921. **Submittal deadline is 5pm Friday, Feb 17.**

MONTEREY BAY COMMUNITY POWER

Monterey City Council is one of 19 local government agencies weighing whether to join Monterey Bay Community Power, a regional project that aims to provide electricity to residents and businesses throughout Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties through the new Community Choice Energy (CCE) model.

CCE enables communities to choose clean-source power at a cost equivalent to PG&E, while retaining PG&E's role in maintaining power lines and providing customer service. The CCE model helps ensure local economic vitality because money from rates paid by local customers stays local. Surplus revenues that would normally flow to PG&E will stay in the community to help fund renewable energy projects, create jobs and stimulate the economy.

Ted Terrasas, Monterey's Sustainability Coordinator, will tell NMNA members about the Monterey Bay Community Power project and answer your questions at NMNA's **Monday, Feb 13 meeting 7pm at Hilltop Park Center.** The City Council wants public feedback before voting next month.

For more information, visit their website: <http://montereybaycca.org/>

THE STATE OF OUR WATERSHED

David Stoldt, General Manager & Larry Hampson, District Engineer of Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, will be discussing "The State of Our Watershed" at the Unitarian Universalist Church Feb 13 7pm (at the same time as NMNA's meeting), 490 Aguajito Rd, Carmel (off Aguajito at Hwy 1 and 68).

After the drought, the fire and the flooding, what is the condition of our watershed?

How will the Water Management District function in the role of a Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency (SGMA)?

What is the status of water supply projects (Deep Water Desal and Pure Water Monterey)?

CULTURAL LINKS IN MONTEREY COUNTY

Do you enjoy Art, Music, Theater? The Arts Council for Monterey County can help you find local galleries, arts organizations, artists & classes throughout Monterey County.

Money a little tight? Many have programs and special offers. Take a look at these for Seniors [HTTP://ARTS4MC.ORG/SENIORS/MONTEREY](http://arts4mc.org/seniors/monterey)

Want to know more? Call 831-622-9060. They are at Sunset Center Room 5, San Carlos at 8th St. Carmel, CA 93923 MAIL: PO Box 7495, Carmel, CA 93921

MONTEREY PUBLIC LIBRARY

• T Feb 14 Health Benefits of Olive Oil and Dark Chocolate: Lecture and Tasting 6-7:30pm
Cardiologist and Quail & Olive owner, Stephen Brabeck, MD and Integrated Pharmacist Brian Ellinoy, PharmD will discuss how olive oil and dark chocolate are essential to preventing heart disease and other chronic illnesses. Samples of olive oils and dark chocolates will be offered.

Adults are invited to attend. Admission is free, reservations are required. Sign-up at the Help Desk or contact Sirie Thongchua at (831) 646-5632 or thongchu@monterey.org.

• T Mar 14 Stories for Adults by Patrick Ball 7pm
A special evening blending two of the oldest traditions of the Celtic world as America's premier brass strung Celtic harpist performs "Come Dance with Me in Ireland" - stories of W. B Yeats. Adults only. Advance tickets only at the Help Desk. \$15 or one free w/valid MPL card. Questions? Email mcombs@monterey.org. **Tickets now on sale.**

CHOCOLATE & WINE TASTING BENEFIT

There's still time to purchase tickets for the 12th 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

ALLIANCE ON AGING

As we go through life, we discover there are community resources available to help us navigate unfamiliar territory. Alliance on Aging is one of those resources.

They offer Tax Counseling for the Elderly, Medicare Basics seminar (**Mon, Feb 27** 5:30-7pm at the Harrison Memorial Library, Ocean at Lincoln in Carmel), Long Term Ombudsman advocacy, opportunities to volunteer, activities like Valentines Day Dance **Th Feb 16** at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside (Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Dancing 12:30-3:00 p.m. Live Music by: Mike Noonan Cost: Lunch & Dancing \$4; Dancing Only \$2). and much more. You can sign up for their newsletter. www.Allianceonaging.org 646-1458
NMNA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

At least half of you have renewed your memberships - and many of you have generously donated additional funds. We thank you for your support. Let us know how we can help you.

2017 NMNA Membership Form

Basic Dues: \$10
Additional Support:
\$20 or
Make checks payable to:
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PO Box 2642
Monterey CA 93942

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Deliver my newsletter by email? Yes No
Comments/Suggestions