

APRIL 10 MONTHLY MEETING

Catherine Stedman of Cal Am Water is returning to update us on the revised route of the 36" water main that will be crossing New Monterey.

Monday, April 10

Hilltop Park Center (downstairs) 7-9 pm

Because of engineering challenges, the pipeline will now go from Pacific Grove on Terry St to Withers, east to Lily St, the length of the 800 block of Lily to Irving, east on Irving to Spencer St, then south on Spencer into the Presidio. Learn about the construction timeline and ask any questions.

NIP PROJECT SELECTION THIS MONTH

There are 86 projects proposed for Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) funding this year, 18 of them in New Monterey/Cannery Row/Breakwater areas. One citywide project proposes WiFi at Hilltop Park, Scholze Park, Youth Center and Casanova Oak Knoll Park. (To see the complete list of New Monterey projects, see the March newsletter archived on our website www.newmontereyneighborhood.org.)

Cost estimates are running higher this year in part because of Clean Water Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and archaeological study requirements. Higher costs will result in fewer projects being funded. NIP Committee members will benefit from public comment as they try to decide the best use of \$3+million.

New Monterey projects will be explained Th April 6. Public comment about those projects will be heard W April 19. NIP voting will be Th April 27. All three of those meetings will be held in City Council chambers.

NMNA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Haven't renewed yet? \$10/year Stay informed. Share your opinion. We're here when you need us. www.newmontereyneighborhood.org

CAL-AM WATER METER CHARGES

There's lots of talk about increased water bills in recent days. If you had your water meter replaced in the past few years, you may now have a 1" or larger meter to provide adequate flow to support a Residential Fire Sprinkler System (RFSS). If you have no RFSS, you may be able to get a reduction of your meter surcharge rate. Read this Letter to the Editor published in the Carmel Pine Cone to learn more.

Dear Editor,

The article on Cal-Am's water rates was helpful in identifying the problem many customers are having because they are required to have a meter size which is larger than that needed for their general service. This increase in meter size is to ensure that their Residential Fire Sprinkler System has adequate water volume. The larger meters dictate a surcharge rate that often is three times what it would be for smaller meters. Customers basically are being penalized for having the mandated larger meters.

CAL-AM/PUC appears to recognize this inequity because in their description of water rates they say, "Any residential customer who has been required to install a Residential Fire Sprinkler System (RFSS) at their place of residence by local fire ordinances will be allowed to have their monthly service charge reduced by one meter size, provided it has been requested by the customer and verified by the Company that the lower size of meter would be large enough to provide adequate service to the residence. The RFSS Service is not considered a fire service by the Company, but is considered an oversized general metered service and therefore, only the rules and conditions of service for general metered service apply."

Most of the larger meters required for fire protection are 1" meters where the average residence can get by on a 5/8" meter (which is actually two meter sizes smaller). Unfortunately this reduction opportunity isn't well publicized and must be requested by the customer. A decision is made at CAL-AM after reviewing the information but they appear to be logical in their conclusions. This is a billing adjustment not a reduction in the physical meter. The key point is that there is a mechanism for potentially reducing the high water bills and every customer with the mandated larger meters could be wasting money if they don't check this out. They can by contacting CAL-AM's Joe Dimaggio at 646 3228.

John Peterson, Pebble Beach

NMNA BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

At NMNA's March 13 meeting, new officers were elected. Laurie Hambaro is our new president, Nicole Capps vice president, Garrett Hambaro secretary and Sharon Dwight Treasurer/NIP. (see introductions below.)

Help wanted: One of our board members moved from New Monterey, one resigned because of health. Can we interest you in taking a position on the board? Community involvement is the key to a successful city. We welcome your help. Contact Garrett Hambaro 233-4482 or email gham831@gmail.com.

Meet The NMNA Board

Laurie Hambaro, NMNA President –Is a lifelong resident of New Monterey. She became involved in the New Monterey Neighborhood Association with Ed and Liz Leeper. They drafted the current by laws. It was important that Cannery Row and the Lighthouse Business District were part of the neighborhood, both historically and geographically. The logo that is used on the newsletter and correspondence was taken from the area plan in place at the time. She served as a City of Monterey Planning Commissioner from 1986 through 1988.

One of her proudest accomplishments in life was to have the city designate The James Chappell House, built by her grandparents in the 1930's, on the corner of Pine and Irving, as a city Historic landmark. Preservation of the unique structure is ongoing. Information about this building's history is available in the library's California History Room.

Nicole Capps, NMNA Vice President, has lived in New Monterey for almost two years. Prior to living in New Monterey she lived in South Salinas for 14 years and was heavily involved in the Los Olivos-Riker Neighborhood Association the last four years. Nicole works in downtown Monterey for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Garrett Hambaro, NMNA Secretary, is a lifelong resident of New Monterey. He graduated from Monterey High in 2006, MPC in 2008 and studied Human Communications at CSUMB.

Sharon Dwight, NMNA Treasurer, has been an advocate for New Monterey since 1979 attending public meetings that led to New Monterey's first

area plan. In 1984 Sharon joined the New Monterey Neighborhood Association. Since 1990 she has been president twenty or so years. Between 1986 and 1991 she worked with community volunteers and city staff to draft New Monterey's second area plan. In 2016 she participated in the Lighthouse Specific Plan process. Sharon has spent countless hours, attending ARC, Planning and City Council meetings. She also worked with city staff and historians to create the New Monterey Historic Context report. Sharon was close friends with Liz Leeper, one of the first officers to serve in the New Monterey Neighborhood Association. Sharon campaigned for and was mentored by Ruth Vreeland, City Council-woman for 20 years. Ruth died tragically in a car accident in 2004. Sharon has honored these 2 great women by continuing to volunteer and advocate for Monterey. Although Sharon has stepped down as NMNA president, she will continue to serve as treasurer and NIP Representative

Bob Evans has served on the board in many capacities over the last 30 plus years: President, Treasurer and web master. He is a retired engineer and college instructor. He and his late wife, Barbara, first became involved with NMNA in the early 1980's. Liz Leeper asked for their help in organizing the neighborhood to ask the city to buy Hilltop School for use as a playground and community center. Along with Ed Leeper, Bob and Barbara were instrumental in forming Save Our Shores. That group successfully lobbied against building a golf museum at Window on the Bay and condominiums on Cannery Row between El Torito and the Chart House Restaurant. Without dedicated volunteers like Bob and Barbara our city would have less open space and fewer public ocean views. Bob currently serves as Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission.

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