

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, June 12
Hilltop Park Center 7-9 pm
(downstairs off small parking lot)

Thane Wilson, City Housing Programs Office, will present on the City of Monterey's Housing Rehabilitation Grant and Loan Programs. The program offers grants and loans to assist with repairs to qualifying City of Monterey homeowners. Come learn more about this program!

Dan Albert Jr, City of Monterey Councilmember, will also be present to introduce himself and take questions.

HOW WAS NMNA STARTED?

An Englishman who came to Monterey with his wife and family by way of Canada in 1930, who lived in New Monterey at 1199 Irving and worked as an auto mechanic through the Depression, got the idea that neighbors working together could make a difference.

That man, H. R. Lewis, was founder of New Monterey Neighborhood Association. Through the years, H.R. and his wife purchased many of the houses in the 700 block of Lily Street and owned them for decades.

When Hal and his wife moved to Fisherman's Flats in the 1960s, he also organized the neighbors into the Fisherman's Flats Homeowners Association.

Hal served as a Planning Commissioner 1951-55, then was elected to City Council, serving 1955-1963. That was the time when Monterey approved creation of Del Monte Center, the current alignment of Highway 1 and the Monterey/Salinas Highway interchange.

Hal helped create New Monterey Community Center at Scholze Park, was a founder of Carmel Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, and member of the Elks and Eagles Lodges, the latter located in what became The Dream Theater (where On the Beach is today.)

Hal lived to the age of 102.

NIP VOTES PROJECTS

April 27 the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) committee, made up of representatives from fourteen neighborhoods, voted to recommend projects to City Council for funding in the fiscal year beginning July 1. New Monterey projects recommended are:

Pine 800 block catchbasin upgrades	345K
Hawthorne/Irving curb extensions	240K
Hawthorne/McClellan curb extensions	208K
Belden/Drake Open Space Purchase Ph II	150K
Street Name Sign Upgrades, Above Oak St	5K
Wi-Fi at Hilltop, Scholze, Youth Ctr, & Casanova Oak Knoll Recreation Centers	22K

The first 'cut-off' project (recommended but only partially funded) is

Devisadero 700 block Drainage Swale	66K
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That project will likely be fully funded by January as construction of other projects is completed and left-over funding rolls back into NIP Ending Balance.

A restroom near Monterey Bay Park beach volleyball courts and parking lot received funding to complete it after 10 years delay. In response to the very wet winter, NIP voted \$250,000 to **Greenbelt Maintenance** in Skyline Forest, Alta Mesa, Fisherman's Flats/Deer Flats & 3 areas of Monterey Vista.

The committee had a record \$4.1 million to allocate. Thirty projects were recommended. City Council will consider NIP's recommendations at their June 20 meeting.

BELDEN 300 BLOCK WIDENING

Funded by Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) funds in 2014, widening of the 300 block of Belden Street is about to begin. The design is complete, a contractor hired. Work should begin by the first week of April, taking about one month in all.

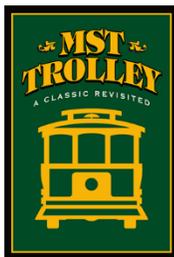
Curb & gutter will be moved back 6' on both sides of the street. New concrete sidewalk will be constructed next to the new curb. For the first time in almost 50 years, it will be legal to park on both sides of the street.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Would you like to learn more about how the NMNA operates? One great way is to join the NMNA board. Neighbors are being sought to fill vacant seats on the board. Contact Laurie Hambaro at 917-8346 or justinccase@msn.com.

SUMMERTIME TRANSPORTATION

The FREE MST Trolley is the best way to get around the City and avoid parking and traffic congestion. The free MST Trolley operates on a daily basis Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. The route serves Downtown Monterey, Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Look for the green MST Trolley signs to board along the route. Visit <http://mst.org/routes/monterey-trolley/>.



CANNERY ROW PARKING

Did you know that Monterey County residents can park in the Cannery Row parking garage (601 Foam Street) every day after 4 pm for free?! Just show your ID with a '939' zip code and you can enjoy Cannery Row without the additional hassle of parking fees.

COMING UP!

The Gentrain Society of Monterey Peninsula College has a great lecture on June 21st at MPC (LF103) from 1:30-2:30 pm. The lecture is free.

Monica Hudson: Historic Glimpses of Point Lobos

Monica Hudson, who has lived at Point Lobos for 45 years, will talk about this land long before it became a State Park. This magic point of land which was

home to native peoples as well as early colonists and immigrants who came from all points of the compass. She will talk about how it was a melting pot of cultures and how they used their resourcefulness to carve out a living here; how it served as a cattle ranch, whaling station, fishing village, dairy, sand and rock mining source, coal shipping point and commercial abalone cannery. The rum runners and smugglers used it, and it was treasured by artists who, to this day, flock here from all over the world to paint its fabulous landscape.

Whaling at Point Lobos When you walk the trails next time it might just be that these stories will keep you company. It will allow you to see the "the park" in a new light and treasure this gem even more when you know that we almost lost it to development, way back at the start of last century. You will come away with a new appreciation of how the magic of Point Lobos survived for us to enjoy today.

Come listen to this natural storyteller as she delves into Point Lobos' past. Her talk is illustrated with many historic photographs from her large collection. Her signed books will be available after the talk.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

We are working on a fun neighborhood event for August 26th. More info to come soon! Do you have ideas for fun neighborhood events that foster getting to know your neighbors? If so, email koicapps@hotmail.com.

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