

ANNUAL MEETING 1-29-18

George Riley will be speaking about Measure H₂O at NewM NA's annual membership meeting. There will also be a vote on proposed changes to NewM NA's By Laws, discussion of Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) project ideas proposed for 2018, and election of up to eleven members to the association board.

Monday, January 29

Hilltop Park Center (upstairs)

6:30–9 pm (Note the earlier start time)

Everyone is welcome to attend.

PETITION DRIVE EXPLAINED

There is a petition being circulated to qualify a feasibility study to be placed on the November ballot. What is the least expensive way our community can get good quality water? What are the implications of signing the petition and of a possible vote? George Riley will be addressing those questions and more at our annual meeting **Monday, January 29th**, beginning at 6:30 PM.

George is a retired Navy officer, worked 29 years in local government management, 26 in California, and was San Mateo County Director of Housing and Community Services before moving to Monterey in 1997. George's knowledge of Peninsula water issues runs deep: he was a founder of Citizens for Public Water in 2005, co-founder and current managing director of Public Water Now, an intervenor with CA Public Utilities Commission since 2009, and member of the Mayors Water Authority Technical Advisory Committee.

Come learn more about public vs. private water.

NIP PROPOSALS DUE 2-9-18

Monterey's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) was created after a vote of Monterey residents in 1985. At least 16% of the city's Transient Occupancy Tax (Room Tax) is earmarked for Neighborhood and City capital projects each year. It topped \$3 million last year.

A committee of neighborhood representatives recommends a list of projects to the City Council each year. Project ideas are submitted for consideration by residents, business owners, city staff, and visitors to the area. The deadline for submitting ideas this year is 5 PM Friday, **Feb 9th**. Forms are available online (search for City of Monterey NIP) or call 831 646–3921 to request a proposal form.

MEMBERS TO VOTE ON BY LAW CHANGES

It has been a dozen years since New Monterey Neighborhood Association made any changes to our bylaws. Responding to questions that have come up through the years, your NewM NA board is recommending five revisions. The enclosed ballot is being sent to the full membership for a vote.

Why make a change?

1) Membership has been limited to residents and owners of residential property. We propose to expand that to include occupants of residentially-zoned property, such as Trinity High School.

2) NewM NA Zone of Influence includes Lighthouse Curve, Shoreline Park and contiguous coastal features. It is proposed to add the Presidio and Holman Highway to that list. Changes there could potentially affect New Monterey residents.

3) Notifications by email and social media have proven effective communication tools. We propose to add these to current options: phone calls, newsletters and meetings.

4) There has been discussion in previous years whether two residents of one household can hold one seat or two on the board. The proposed new sentence answers that question.

5) The By Laws have been silent on how the By Laws may be changed. The new section XII spells out the process followed by earlier boards.

How will votes be counted? Members (those who have paid their 2018 dues) will be able to vote on the proposed changes by ballot. A ballot is being sent along with this newsletter. It can be mailed in or brought in person to the annual meeting Monday January 29th at Hilltop Park Center. People who attend the annual meeting who pay their dues that evening will also be given a ballot. Once all ballots have been turned in, members of the board will tally the results and announce the outcome at the end of the meeting.

Have a question? Ask a board member. (list on back)

WANT TO BE A BOARD MEMBER?

Current board members are willing to serve another year, but that leaves as many as five additional seats on the board open. Would you like to be more involved? Curious about what's going on and how it works? Contact a board member to learn more – or come to the annual meeting and volunteer.

TRINITY OPEN HOUSE

Trinity Christian High School, our neighbor at the former Bay View School campus, is holding an Open House **Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 pm** so members of the community can meet the school's educators and learn more about their programs. Call 656-9434 or email trinityhigh.org for more information.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

At the beginning of each calendar year, we invite you and your neighbors to join New Monterey Neighborhood Association. Dues are \$10 per year.

New Monterey Neighborhood was established originally in the 1930's to give residents a voice at City Hall. After a period of dormancy, NewM NA was revived in the 1970's and has been going strong ever since. Whether helping neighbors navigate City regulations or helping applicants get feedback during a review process, NewM NA is here. We help you stay informed and help City officials understand resident concerns. Help us to support you. Renew your membership today.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

Monterey neighborhoods, New Monterey included, have seen a rise in burglaries and break-ins over the past several months. Many of these have been during daylight hours. To protect yourself and your belongings,

- * keep valuables in your vehicle out of sight
- * lock your doors and windows when you are away.
- * If you see or hear something suspicious, a person or a vehicle that seems to be acting strangely, call Monterey PD 646-3914. They are happy to check it out.

Graffiti? Please report graffiti as soon as possible, but do it safely; don't approach suspects on your own. **If the vandalism is "in progress," call 9-1-1.** If no suspect is present, call 646-3914, OR complete an online service request <https://monterey.org/police/Report-a-Crime>

NEW CERT CLASS, Spring 2018

There's still time to sign up for Community Emergency Response training (CERT). All classes are taught in Monterey. Anyone may enroll by sending an e-mail to: training@montereycert.org. You will receive a confirmation with class location details.

The next CERT training takes place over **three consecutive Saturdays**: Saturday **February 24th**, Saturday **March 3rd** and Saturday **March 10th**. Class time each day is 8:20 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Break for lunch from 12-1 each day. CERT is offered free of charge

ALERTMONTEREYCOUNTY

Everyone with a landline is automatically notified of an emergency or disaster. If you have a cell phone, you need to register online with Alert Monterey County.

WATERCOLOR AT SCHOLZE PARK

Always wanted to try your hand at watercolor? Would like to meet some new people? Consider **Paint Night** #11053-1 **F Mar 23** 5:30 - 7:30 pm \$10
Enjoy a relaxing evening, learn the basics of watercolor painting and leave with a new piece of art. Age 18+

HILLTOP PARK CENTER CERAMICS NEWS

The Ceramics Studio at Hilltop Park Center is being expanded. Sign up now for **Ceramics for Adults: Beginner /Intermediate** Each session \$85 for Monterey residents 18+ Explore the wonderful world of clay! Learn basic hand-building techniques and work on a potters' wheel. Discover unique decoration and glazing methods. Develop a personal sense of form using fundamental skills. A 25-lb. bag of clay is included with class fee. Additional bags of clay may be purchased for \$15 each.

#11085-1 MW 6-8:45 pm **Jan 22 - Mar 5.** (Not 2/19)

#11085-2 MW 6-8:45 pm Apr 2 - May 9

Drop-in Hours The Ceramics Studio is open M-F, reserve or drop-in, ages 16+. Call 646-3975 for availability. Users provide their own materials (i.e. clay, tools and glazes) and Hilltop provides a workspace, use of a pottery wheel and kiln firing. Orientation is required prior to first use. 10-hour punch pass \$50 or Drop-In fee \$6/hr

MPC GENTRAIN WED LECTURES 1:30-2:30 pm

+ **Jan 17** -- (LF 102) Whatever Happened to the Duchess of Windsor? : A Staged Reading by Carol Marquart (with very interesting photos)

+ **Feb 7** - (LF 103) Beneath the Blue: Coupled Imagery and Maps Render the Water Column Transparent .. Marine biologist James Lindholm will explore the mysteries of the undersea environment, explaining how new techniques are providing data that help decision-makers manage the marine environment.

Invite your neighbors to join the New Monterey Neighborhood Association. Only \$10 per year.

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