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### ***Reflecting on 150 Years of People, Places, Events***

"They proceeded to affix their names to the completed Constitution. At this moment a signal was given; the American colors ran up the flag-staff in front of the Government buildings, and streamed out on the air. ... As the signing went on, gun followed gun from the fort, the echoes reverberating grandly around the bay, till finally, as the loud ring of the thirty-first was heard, there was a shout: 'That's for California!'" – Bayard Taylor, 1850

On October 13, 1849, the delegates to California's Constitutional Convention signed the document they drafted in our own Colton Hall. Now, 150 years later, we are marking that momentous event and Monterey's unique place in history with a year full of Sesquicentennial activities.

Join the street dance in front of Colton Hall, dress up in period costume. Watch the community parade and learn about historical events by attending exhibitions, lectures and theatrical re-enactments.

The community commemoration focuses on the Constitutional Convention, the 150th anniversary of the Monterey Public Library (the first library in California) and the contributions made by the many ethnic groups who settled on the Monterey Peninsula.

Discover the Monterey of yesteryear and learn about the people and events that make us special.

# October is the big month, so mark your calendars! On Oct. 2, we lead off with a downtown parade with horses, bands and fun for all.

Then five re-enactments of the Constitutional Convention will be presented live in Colton Hall between Oct. 7 and 13.

After the final performance on Oct. 13, everyone is invited to a dance concert of Alta California dances, followed by the Fandango – a street dance – in front of Colton Hall. Come in costume if you choose. Information regarding historically appropriate costumes will be available this fall.

Visit the Sesquicentennial Web page at

<http://www.monterey.org/focus/www.monterey.org/150years> for updated schedule details or call

Colton Hall Museum at 646-5640 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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### ***New Civic-Military Collaborations Benefit All***

We continue to build upon our successful civic-military partnerships by providing additional services to our neighboring military installations.

For more than a year, the U.S. Army has paid the City's costs to maintain the wastewater, stormwater and street systems at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center & Presidio of Monterey (DLIFLC & POM).

The City also leased the Presidio Historic Park and is moving forward with plans to reopen a military museum there and maintain the park as public open space.

As a result of these thriving collaborations, the U.S. Army recently contracted the City to maintain the buildings and continue to provide fire protection services at DLIFLC & POM.

The new contract means improved services for both communities at lower costs – another win-win situation for the Army and the City.

“Because of the success we’ve had in providing services at the Presidio of Monterey, we were able to expand our contract and at the same time provide additional benefits to our residents,” says Public Works Director Bill Reichmuth.

“Community members use the parks, the ball fields and streets at DLI, and we maintain the facilities at a level our citizens have come to expect.”

City staff will gain knowledge and expertise by maintaining a diverse array of buildings and facilities, including a shopping mall, library, fitness center and chapel as well as dining halls, barracks and classrooms.

As a part of the agreement, our building maintenance work force, once located at Ryan Ranch, will now operate from DLIFLC & POM – ideally centered in the heart of Monterey.

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## ***Sports Center Looking to Grow***

Building the Spirit ... that’s the motto at the Monterey Sports Center, one of the most popular sport and exercise destinations in the City today.

Since its opening seven years ago, the Sports Center’s reputation for providing a family atmosphere while still meeting the needs of the most serious athlete has continued to grow. The cost-effective programs and professional equipment and personnel have only added to the Center’s popularity.

As the demands for additional equipment and space continue to grow, we have examined the possibilities of expanding the 56,000-square-foot Center. Last year a study was completed and the City is moving forward with plans for the proposed expansion.

The expansion proposal includes: a much larger cardiovascular room, larger weight room, a fitness assessment area, fitness testing rooms, additional locker space, a larger multi-purpose room and relocation of the tot activity room.

The expansion would add about 25,000 square feet of new space.

During the design and preliminary development phase, look for your opportunity to review the project as it goes before the various commissions and committees.

For more information or to find out how you can get involved, call the Monterey Sports Center at 646.3700.

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### ***Fire Sprinklers in Home Save Lives, Property***

What's up with fire sprinklers? Well, what's really important is what's down with them. Fire sprinklers are credited with reducing the loss of life and property while also decreasing insurance costs.

And, according to Monterey Fire Chief John Montenero, automatic fire sprinklers are the future in fire prevention.

"We need to rely more on built-in fire protection to predict and control fire loss," says Chief Montenero. "Fire sprinkler systems play a key role in reducing life and property loss in our community."

Learn more about these life-saving devices:

#### **What is a fire sprinkler system?**

Automatic fire sprinkler systems supply water to a network of individual sprinklers, each protecting an area below them. These sprinklers open automatically in response to heat from unwanted fire and spray water on the fire to put it out or keep it from spreading.

#### **How do sprinkler systems help save lives and property?**

Sprinklers go on automatically at the first sign of fire danger and work immediately to reduce the effects. Sprinklers prevent fast developing fires of intense heat, which are capable of trapping and killing dozens of building occupants.

#### **Does the City have a Fire Sprinkler Ordinance?**

Yes. Automatic fire sprinkler systems are required in all new constructions that are more than 4,999 square feet in area. In addition, when the cost to remodel or repair an existing building of more than 4,999 square feet is more than 25 percent of the building's estimated value, then sprinklers must be installed.

#### **How much does a system cost?**

The cost of putting fire sprinklers in houses is, in most cases, less than the cost of new carpet. The technology exists, so if you're constructing a new building or remodeling your house, consider installing a fire sprinkler system.

For more information on automatic fire sprinkler systems or other fire safety issues, please call the Monterey Fire Department's Prevention Bureau at 646.3908.

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### ***Code Enforcement Tool Helps Stimulate Healthy Neighborhoods***

Healthy neighborhoods are our community's most valuable assets.

Maintaining those neighborhoods and our community's quality of life is part of our job.

One of the ways the City does this is through code enforcement. Local laws and City Codes help govern how citizens use, build on and maintain residential, commercial and other property. We try to educate individuals about these laws and inform them when they don't meet the requirements. As part of the process, the City continues to work with individuals until they are in compliance with the law.

A new enforcement tool – the Administrative Remedies Ordinance – was designed to help resolve code violations efficiently and effectively. Instead of writing criminal citations or taking other legal action, the City now has the option to give a City-administered citation or hold an internal administrative hearing. This gives us the opportunity to work with community members to resolve issues more quickly.

Education plays a vital role in code enforcement and is almost always used as a first step prior to the initiation of any enforcement action. But when enforcement action is required, the City wants to have the necessary resources to resolve such challenges in a timely and productive manner.

For more information on code enforcement, or if you have a specific complaint or problem you would like to discuss, please call the City's Code Enforcement Officer at 646.3915.

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## ***Join the Review Process***

Follow projects as they go through City channels. Community members are encouraged to participate in the review of development projects that come before the City.

### **How can I participate?**

Most development projects go before the Planning Commission. Citizens are invited to attend public hearings, submit comments in writing and/or review development applications and documents.

The plans for developments are available for public review in the Plans & Public Works Department located in the lower level of Colton Hall. Staff reports may be reviewed there as well or in the Monterey Public Library, prior to a public hearing.

### **How do I know when a project is up for review?**

Planning Commission agendas outline what projects are being considered. Agendas are published in the Monterey County Herald the Saturday before a meeting and are also posted at City Hall.

The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chamber at the corner of Pacific and Madison streets. Meetings start at 4 and 7 p.m. Meeting schedules are posted on the City's Web site. Check agendas for specific review times. For more information on the development review process and how to participate, call the Community Development Department at 646.3885.

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## ***Valves Help Prevent Sewer Backups in Your Home***

Raw sewage. Have you ever had it come out of your toilets, shower stalls or sinks? Though rare, some residents have experienced such unfortunate events.

While the City has an aggressive maintenance program that includes cleaning and inspecting sewer mains, it is still possible that a City sewer main can plug up and lead to sewage flooding. However, by installing sewer release valves on at-risk properties, owners can minimize their exposure to such an incident.

### **What types of property are at risk?**

Your house or building may be subject to flooding with sewage if the lowest utility fixture in your property is situated less than two feet above the nearest upstream manhole.

**What should property owners do?**

Property owners are required to install both a backflow preventer valve and a sewer relief valve to minimize the chance of flooding at properties that meet the aforementioned specifications.

**How does it work?**

These two valves are installed in the sewer lateral outside of the building. The "lateral" is the underground pipe that carries sewage from private property to the City's sewer main. The backflow valve is installed downstream and prevents sewage from backing up into the lateral beyond this valve. The sewer relief valve is used to allow sewage generated within the house or building to flow onto the ground in case of an emergency.

It is important to remember to maintain your property. Both the backflow preventer and sewer relief valves should be inspected annually. For the backflow valve, remove the access cap and clean out any debris.

There are two basic types of sewer relief valves. One has a "trap" door that should be unlocked and opened. Check to make sure that all moving parts operate freely. Lubricate as needed. The other common type consists of a mushroom-shaped cap and a ball. The ball sits atop a riser pipe and prevents gases from escaping the sewer and prevents animals from entering the sewer. Make sure that both the ball and cap are in place and that the ball is free to rise off the pipe. For information about location of upstream manholes and other questions, call the Public Works Department at 646.3927 or the Building and Safety Division at 646.3891.

Sewer can't flow from the City sewer line into your home when a backflow valve is installed. The flapper inside the valve only opens in one direction.

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***Parks, Recreation Plan Up for Public Review******Citizens asked to make suggestions on programs, activities***

The Recreation Trail, City parks, community centers and the Monterey Sports Center. They are all popular recreation areas where many public activities are held.

The design, location and/or expansion of such parks and recreation facilities are governed by the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan was created to guide the City's work program regarding parks and recreation activities and potential growth for a 5 to 10-year period. The Plan, originally approved in 1986, was last updated in 1995. Today, much of the 1995 work program has been completed so the City is again ready to plan for future opportunities.

We need your suggestions and observations. We will be working closely with neighborhood associations to gather input on proposed neighborhood and citywide projects.

In addition, you are invited to attend Parks and Recreation Commission meetings on the third Thursday of each month to present your ideas and suggestions. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Or send your comments by fax, e-mail or voicemail; see contact information on the back page.

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### ***Fireworks Not Permitted***

Fireworks are spectacular but dangerous. Out of concern for public fire safety, the City of Monterey prohibits the sale and discharge of all fireworks within the City limits. Community members can still enjoy fireworks by joining us for the radio-synchronized firework display that is launched in the Bay, just off of Wharf II. The festivities get underway at 9:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 4. Please help make this a fire safe Fourth of July by not using fireworks.

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### ***Buildings Get Facelift***

New paint, roofs, signs and other exterior improvements are coming to many of the City's commercial areas thanks to the City's Facade Improvement Program. One project already in the works is the painting of Mariposa Hall on Lighthouse Avenue (pictured at right). The applicant chipped away the building's paint to find that the historic building colors were green and off-white. The new paint scheme reflects the building's historic roots. This fiscal year the City awarded 11 grants totaling \$40,000 to local businesses to improve their storefront facades. The facade program was developed to help enhance the appearance of existing commercial areas. Qualifying improvements ranged from helping to fund major storefront remodels to new paint jobs such as the one at Mariposa Hall. Individual grants were limited to \$5,000 or less per property.

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### ***Planning Commission***

#### ***Helping Shape the City's Future***

Good planning is essential for effective communities. Every city has the responsibility to decide how to use its land and guide the form and shape the city will take in the future. The Planning Commission is entrusted to help set land-use goals and evaluate individual project proposals to ensure that they are consistent with the City's adopted plan. Almost every decision of the Commission must strike a balance between private benefit and the overall public good. Composed of seven members, the Commission creates a vision for future development in the City. To define that vision, the members:

1. Conduct research on growth and development
2. Establish Plans & Public Works objectives



### 3. Outline planning strategies to achieve the community's objectives

During the decision-making process, the Commission relies on the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The General Plan, which governs the City's physical shape and character, is our major policy document. Monterey's General Plan was adopted in 1983 and is reviewed on an annual basis. Several sections of the Plan were revised in the early 90s. In addition, the City has adopted specific area plans for various commercial and residential neighborhoods.

In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Commission also considers subdivision ordinances, the State Planning Law and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

As part of the work program, the Commission:

- Develops and maintains a General Plan
- Develops more specific area plans to augment the General Plan
- Develops zoning and subdivision ordinances to implement the plans
- Performs annual reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on the Capital Improvement Program and Neighborhood Improvement Program
- Reviews development applications for their compliance with City plans, ordinances and programs

The Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 4 and 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more info, please call the Plans & Public Works Dept. at 646-3885.

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## ***Architectural Review***

### ***Preserving Monterey's Unique, Historic Make-up***

Monterey is full of character. From New Monterey to Old Town, from Fisherman's Flats to Cannery Row. Each of our neighborhoods – commercial and residential – has distinct features that make it special.

In order to maintain these unique attributes, the City established an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to encourage and promote development that is harmonious with the surrounding area, as it exists.

The seven-member ARC is composed of citizens with expertise and/or interest in design and architecture. ARC reviews all aspects of a proposed project that deal with the outside appearance.

Some of these include access, on-site circulation, grading, tree impacts and building placement. The Committee also analyzes landscape areas and planting, architectural style, bulk, mass and color to make sure they conform to the adopted guidelines.

What projects go to ARC?

Projects must demonstrate conformance with all applicable zoning standards before architectural review. Projects with proposed waivers in setback, lot coverage, floor-area ratio or parking must first be reviewed by the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator before going to ARC.

ARC meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information about ARC or design guidelines please call the Plans & Public Works Department at 646-3885.

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## ***Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts***

### ***Promoting Public Arts Throughout the Community***

Monterey's history and wide variety of public art make it a unique community. As we work to

document our history and enhance our cultural arts program, the City has established a group of community members to help guide our community's path.

The Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts Commission acts on matters affecting the operation of Colton Hall Museum and regarding the City's art and history collections, including public art. The seven members visit sites; attend workshops and meetings; analyze projects; and then recommend policies to the City Council. The Commission is also charged with promoting cultural arts in Monterey. Members oversee a cultural arts grant program that provides support every year to a wide variety of programs and events in the City.

That's one of the main reasons Commission Chair Mary Buskirk volunteered for the position. "I am totally committed to promoting the arts and to protecting the historic treasures of the Monterey region. Serving on the Commission gives me an opportunity to have a positive impact on both."

The Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts Commission meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information, call our Cultural Arts/Historical Facilities Division at 646-3991.

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## ***Historic Preservation***

### ***Working to Preserve City's Diverse Past***

Monterey's heritage is rich with resources. We have artifacts and remnants that reveal stories of other times and other eras. The Native Americans who first settled here. The Spanish and Mexicans who once governed the area. The transition of Alta California to statehood. The Cannery Row when sardine was king.

The Historic Preservation Commission is the steward of this heritage. The Commission oversees restoration of the City's historic structures and recommends policies to the City Council.

In addition, the Commission is leading the way in revising the City's historic preservation ordinance and developing programs to encourage property owners of 19th and 20th-century buildings to designate their structure as historic.

Commissioner Paul Davis, a licensed architect, takes his commitment to the Commission seriously.

"The City's history and character are very important to me since I grew up here. I am also interested in reviewing projects from a technical perspective using my architectural background."

The Commission, which has seven voting members and several non-voting members, is unique among City commissions and committees because it is certified by the State Office of Historic Preservation to meet historic qualification requirements. All members are either historians, design professionals or have extensive experience supporting Monterey's history.

HPC meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information, please call our Plans & Public Works Department at 646-3885.

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## ***Monterey Public Library***

### ***Enriching Lives, Providing Resources***

Helping people develop ideas, learn and improve their lives – that's what the Monterey Public Library is all about. By providing materials and services that enrich the intellectual, recreational and cultural life of the community, the Library serves a purpose unlike any other institution.

The Monterey Library Board of Trustees is charged with continuing this long tradition of enrichment.

Unlike other City boards and commissions, the Library Board of Trustees is an administrative board and hires the Library Director and recommends the Library's budget to the City Council.

Generally, cultural and educational institutions have similar structures to help ensure that outside influences do not encumber intellectual freedom or the public's access to information



that reflects many points of view. Established by the City Charter in 1911, the five-member Board also selects material for the Library and enforces Library regulations. Library Board Chair Mary Waldorf says she is proud of a host of activities the Library has recently undertaken.

"All the projects demonstrate admirably how the Library serves one of its major functions: preserving and making available to all citizens the ongoing story of Monterey," Ms. Waldorf says.

The Board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Library. For more information call the Monterey Public Library at 646-5603.

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## ***Neighborhood Improvement***

### ***Enhancing the Community One Project at a Time***

Sidewalks, curbs and gutters, new traffic signals, parks and community centers.

Many such projects are made possible because of the dedicated neighborhood representatives who sit on the NIP Committee.

The Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Committee makes numerous City projects a reality, projects that might otherwise be delayed or go unfunded.

"This committee is democracy in action," says Sharon Dwight, this year's NIP Committee spokesperson. "Each of us on this committee is proud to be part of this unique program that benefits people of all ages in every neighborhood of the City."

Established in 1985, NIP directs tourist-generated dollars directly back into the City's residential neighborhoods. Under a City Charter Amendment, at least 16 percent of the money collected from hotel taxes (Transient Occupancy Tax) must be spent on neighborhood and community improvements.

The president or other representative from each of the City's established neighborhood associations sits on the committee. All members are nominated by their respective association and confirmed by the City Council.

NIP members review all potential projects and recommend to the Council, which should be funded.

"We review each project that is submitted and recommend those that are felt to be of the greatest community need," says Ms. Dwight, who is the New Monterey neighborhood representative.

Projects can include improvements to parks and recreational facilities; improvements to other public buildings; upgrades or installation of sidewalks, streets, storm drains, sewers, lighting and traffic control devices; or the purchase of open space.

The NIP Committee meets as required. For information, call the Construction Management Division at 646-3997.

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## ***Parks and Recreation***

### ***Providing Places, Programs for Enjoyment***

Quality recreation and leisure programs and safe and attractive parks and recreation facilities foster a healthy, active community.

Here in Monterey, the Parks and Recreation Commission helps develop the top-rate programs, activities and maintenance schedules we have all come to depend on.

"There are so many exciting projects just waiting to unfold," says Commission Chair Jeani Cooney. "I'm proud to be a member of the Commission and be able to support and meet the needs of Monterey families."

The seven-member Commission oversees a diverse program that includes camps, parades, community centers, parks, baseball fields, playgrounds and the Recreation Trail. The Commission helps develop the network of events and programs that meet the needs of all age groups.

Projects the Commission has brought to the community include the Monterey Sports Center, five Community Centers and Dennis the Menace Playground.

Activities in the works include: a skate park, soon to be located behind Frank E. Sollecito Jr. Ballpark; bleacher expansion at Jacks Park; improvements and expansion of the Scholze Park Center; and expansion of the Monterey Sports Center.

The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information, call the Recreation and Community Services Department at 646-3866.

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## ***For History Buffs Only . . .***

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### ***Cascarones enliven Sesquicentennial events***

"This being the last night of the carnival, every one has broken his last egg-shells. But few of them contained cologne or lavender; nearly all were filled with golden tinsel. Ladies and gentlemen too are covered with the sparkling shower, and the lights of the chandeliers are thrown back in millions of mimic rays..." – Walter Colton, 1847

CRACK! The eggshell is shattered over your head, and a sudden shower of confetti is caught in your hair. Laughter fills the air and the dance goes on...

A scene similar to the one described by Monterey's Alcalde, Walter Colton, about a party at Thomas O. Larkin's house in 1847 will grace the streets of Monterey this October.

Cascarones are eggshells filled with confetti or cologne that were broken "upon the heads of the opposite sex" during festive dances that enlivened many parties of 19th-century California.

William Heath Davis, writing of his life during the infancy of the State, suggested that Cascarones, a pre-Lenten Carnival custom, had originated in Spain and Mexico.

In keeping with tradition, cascarones will be a part of this year's Sesquicentennial festivities.

The Monterey Civic Club has volunteered to transform many eggshells into cascarones for the Fandango, a public street dance, to be held on Oct. 13 in front of Colton Hall. The Fandango was a popular dance in the 1840s and 50s.

You too can be a part of the Sesquicentennial preparations. When you make scrambled eggs, omelets or even bake cakes or cookies, please blow out the eggs instead of cracking them.

Then rinse them well and deliver the eggshells intact, preferably in their cartons, to our Volunteer Coordinator at the Personnel Dept., 399 Pacific Street. Call 646.3719 for more information.

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### ***Bells Mark Historic Road, Sites***

Three new El Camino Real bells now mark the original site of the Spanish Presidio of Monterey that once sat on "the King's Highway."

El Camino Real once connected 21 missions, three pueblos and four presidios – including the one in Monterey.

Early this century, the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) placed 450 bells along the 700-mile route that ran from San Diego to Sonoma. CFWC, which provided the bells to the City, continues to add and relocate bells.

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### ***Volunteers***

#### ***Helping Children Learn, Understand is Powerful Be a Homework Pal. Change a Child's Life!***

##### **What is a Homework Pal?**

Homework Pals help children in kindergarten through fifth grade, providing one-on-one homework assistance in a particular subject. The program is provided through the Monterey Public Library.

##### **How much time does it take?**

Two hours per week, on weekdays, for four months.

Pals must attend a one-day training session. The next training is scheduled for August 14.

##### **Where do Homework Pals work?**

The program is operated at local elementary schools and after-school program sites.

We need you! Homework Pals needs additional volunteers who enjoy working with children. For more information, call the Homework Pals Program Coordinator, Dina Stansbury, at 646.5604. For more volunteer opportunities, see the Calendar Insert in this issue of City Focus or call 646.3719.

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### ***City Offers Tax Incentive on Historic Property***

Owners of historic buildings in the community can reduce their property taxes through a new program offered by the City.

##### **How does it work?**

California law, the Mills Act in specific, allows the City to enter into a contract with a property owner to change how the County Assessor calculates taxes on their property. The Assessor utilizes an "income" as opposed to a "value" approach to determine the property value. In exchange, the property owner guarantees to preserve and maintain the historic property.

##### **Who is eligible?**

All owners of historic properties are eligible to apply. Tax savings can be substantial for property owners, particularly if the building was recently purchased. Property owners who have a pre-Proposition 13-tax rate will probably not see a tax reduction. Tax savings will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

##### **How do I apply?**



Don't delay. If you are interested in this program, please call the Plans & Public Works Department at 646-3885 today. It will take time for contract approval and wording. All contracts must be recorded no later than December 1999 to qualify for year 2000 tax savings.

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## ***New Community Channels Coming to Cable Line-up***

AMP is bringing PEG to your TV very soon.

These acronyms are our shorthand for a new type of television programming that will soon be a part of your cable line-up.

PEG stands for Public, Education and Government Access television programs. PEG programs focus on all aspects of community life – ranging from the services and activities of community organizations; the programs and events of schools and local, state and regional governments, to college and training courses and workshops.

Community members of all ages produce such PEG programs. This is usually done with the help of training and equipment available at a community media center. A new nonprofit, Access Monterey Peninsula (AMP), has formed to operate a community media center and to coordinate PEG activities on behalf of Monterey residents, the City, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and other partners that will hopefully join the collaboration.

AMP recently appointed its first executive director, Paul Congo. Mr. Congo comes from Boulder, Colorado, where he held a similar position and brings years of experience in PEG programming with him.

Stay tuned; the best is yet to come! Call 333-1AMP for more details or e-mail

[amp@ampmedia.org](mailto:amp@ampmedia.org)

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## ***Removing Weeds***

Around Your Home, Property Can Prevent Fires

Summer is here and the potential for fire will be even greater than normal because the late rains fueled the growth of more weeds and brush.

To help reduce potential fire hazards, the City educates property owners about potential fire dangers on or around their property through our Weed Abatement Program. As a part of the program, Fire Dept. and Construction Management personnel survey the City for potential hazards and notify property owners of these concerns.

How can you help? Inspect your property and remove weeds and other fire hazards. A moment of your time today could prevent a catastrophe tomorrow.

For more information about the Weed Abatement Program, call the Monterey Fire Department at 646-3900 or stop by the office at City Hall.

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## ***Fourth of July, 1999 in Monterey - for current July 4th information, go to [www.monterey.org/four](http://www.monterey.org/four)***

It's almost time for the annual Fourth of July Celebration and our good old-fashioned hometown parade down "Main Street."

A tradition since 1988, the Big Little Backyard Bar-B-Que and Entertainment Extravaganza featuring live music, great food and free birthday cake – to celebrate the City's birthday – takes place on the grounds of historic Colton Hall and is followed by a fireworks display off Wharf II. The Flag Raising Ceremony and Kick-off Parade were added to the festivities in 1990.

This year's parade promises to be a winning combination of pageantry and patriotism with generous portions of fun and is guaranteed to tickle both the young and young-at-heart! See you there on Sunday, July 4.

10 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremony on Alvarado Street and Kick-off Parade, from Alvarado, up Del

Monte Avenue and down Calle Principal to Jefferson Street.

11 a.m. Big Little Backyard Bar-B-Que and Entertainment Extravaganza in front of Colton Hall.

Food for sale.

9:15 p.m. Fireworks Display off of Wharf II.

### **Y2K Info**

For information on Y2K issues, please visit our Web site at [www.monterey.org/y2kinfo.html](http://www.monterey.org/y2kinfo.html)

We've posted some basic information regarding the Millennium Bug and the City's efforts to ensure that all of our systems are ready to ring in the year 2000.

Requests for the Y2K information sheet can be made by voicemail, e-mail or fax.

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### Safety Tips

#### Know First Aid

The following first-aid and safety tips can help you deal with common emergencies. Remember, if you have any doubt, call 911 immediately.

- **Bleeding:** Apply direct pressure over the wound. Find the cleanest cloth available and hold it firmly on the wound. An elastic wrap, such as an Ace bandage, works well to hold the cloth in place. Don't apply any bandage too tight. When using a pressure bandage, always check for good circulation (pulse & skin color) beyond the injury. Spurting blood or any bleeding, which can't be stopped in one minute, is a 911 emergency.
- **Burns:** Cool the burn. Pour tap water over a burn for several minutes. Get immediate medical attention for anything more than the most minor burn.
- **Eyes:** Flush the eye(s). When any foreign material, liquid or powder gets into an eye, flush the eye with tap water for several minutes. Seek medical attention.
- **Falls:** Don't move the person. Neck and spinal injuries are always a possibility with a fall so keep them from turning their head and call 911.
- **Chest pains & shortness of breathe:** Call 911. Chest pains, shortness of breath, anxiety and pains radiating to the arm can be signs of a heart attack.
- **Slurred speech & difficulty moving:** Call 911. Slurred speech, partial or total loss of movement in the arms or legs and a drooping mouth can be signs of a stroke.

The City offers CPR classes through the Monterey Fire Department. Call 646.3900 to register.

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### Top 10 Recycling Tips

1. Think before you throw. Is it really garbage or can it be recycled?
2. Buy larger quantities, it eliminates over-packaging and saves resources.
3. Lead by example. Your children watch what you do and learn by your actions.
4. For picnics and camping trips, bring a clear plastic bag to save recyclables. Clear bags help to avoid confusing the recyclables with trash.
5. Recycle yard trimmings or begin a composting program at your home.
6. Buy products made from recycled materials. This saves trees and water.
7. Tie tree trimmings in 4 foot by 4-foot bundles and place next to recycling bins if they do not fit in the yard-waste container.
8. Donate clothing and toys to charity organizations.
9. Remodeling? Bring wood to the landfill to be mulched. Take appliances to the Last Chance Mercantile in Marina.
10. Remove your address from mass mailing lists to cut down on the amount of junk mail you receive. Mail a postcard with your name and address asking that your name be removed from the mailing lists being sold to major mailing list companies. Send postcards to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assoc., P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9908. Commercial accounts: Do you have a need to recycle

landscape trimmings or yard waste? The City is interested in beginning a program to recycle yard waste from commercial establishments, and we need your input. Please call Angela Brantley at 646.5662 to discuss this possible option or for more information on recycling.

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