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EVENTS COMING UP

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021 2 PM

OTNA SUMMER SOCIAL AT VETERAN'S PARK

City Information

Abandoned Vehicles 646.3973
Code Compliance 646.3750
Parking Office 646.3953
Police non-emergency 646.3830
Fire non-emergency 646.3900

<http://monterey.org>

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

<http://montereycert.org/welcome/>

Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program (NCIP)

[http://monterey.org/Residents/
Neighborhoods/Neighborhood-and-
Community-Improvement-Program](http://monterey.org/Residents/Neighborhoods/Neighborhood-and-Community-Improvement-Program)



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Underground Utilities Committee Suzie Grimes
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*We look forward to
working together to make
2021 the best Old Town
Neighborhood year ever.
We can't do it
without you!*



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“SUMMER SOCIAL AT VETERANS PARK”

COMING JULY 3, 2 PM

Old Town Neighborhood Association will have our first in-person gathering on July 3, 2021 at 2 pm. We will meet at the Veteran's Park Group 1 site, in the middle of the lawn area near the children's play equipment. Please do not park in the campsites, but park on Veteran's Drive or near the basketball/bocce courts. Look for the Old Town Neighborhood Association banner. This event is for the family so children are encouraged. There will be seating at the picnic tables, but you may also bring blankets or chairs to set out on the lawn adjacent to the tables. In lieu of our annual potluck, OTNA will provide individual chilled soft drinks, water, and prepackaged snacks to enjoy. There is no cost to attend, and it will be informal with perhaps trivia games or other non-contact games (feel free to bring your suggestions).

Come celebrate with us for the opening up of our community again!
If you have questions, please email oldtownneighborhood@gmail.com

 **President's Message**

It has been a long time since we have had a newsletter, due to the cancellation of in-person events since March of 2020. We were however, proud to put on a public forum for Candidates last September 30 which was held jointly with Monterey Vista Neighborhood Association on zoom and on local television. Although we have had no in-person meetings, your Old Town Neighborhood Association board has been busy on the zoom platform. We are looking forward to the return of meeting together.

A major new project the board is working on is a website for Old Town Neighborhood Association, which we hope to get online this summer. We owe a big thank you to Max Troyer, a fellow Old Town resident, for volunteering to get this started for us! Thank you, Max! As always, we are so grateful for those of you who volunteer to help with our organization.

This website will be an important source for some of the issues of Old Town and resources for residents. As always, if you would like to help on a committee, have an idea or want to work on a project, please email us at oldtownneighborhood@gmail.com

Gari Soulé
President, Old Town Neighborhood Association

New Website Coming!

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With the help of Old Town resident and OTNA member Max Troyer, we are working on a website for Old Town Neighborhood Association. Thanks, Max, for volunteering to help us get this off the ground! We hope to have info for City Services, OTNA Board and Committee Contacts, Resources, Membership, CERT, Historic Homes of Old Town, NCIP, Path of History (including a walk through Old Town) and Old Town Tidbits.



*If you have ideas for content, email us at oldtownneighborhood@gmail.com
This will be a work in progress, so watch for an announcement later in the summer.*

CERT news

CERT NEWS

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) conducted a quarterly drill in May to simulate searching for survivors of a mid-air collision of two planes over Monterey Bay.

Four teams searched

assigned grids in Monterey and Pacific Grove, found their dummy victim, stabilized the victim for transport, and returned to the Emergency Operation Center to debrief on the exercise. This is just one way in which members of the community are training to respond to emergencies. The CERT teams are called out occasionally to search for missing persons, particularly when a child or vulnerable adult is lost. The CERT teams have also been called out for lightning watch duty, for beach warnings and when the police and fire need assistance to keep the public away from dangerous situations. CERT has also trained residents to be prepared in their household for emergencies.



*If you would like to participate in the next class in September,
please email training@montereycert.org*

*The free class will be limited to 20 residents of Monterey, Pacific Grove,
Sand City, or Carmel.*

ANTONIO FERRANTE HOUSE (1928)

555 LARKIN
STREET

The Antonio Ferrante House was built in 1928. Its design is consistent with the Spanish Eclectic Style found in Monterey during the 1920s.

Typical elements include its parapeted

flat roof, Mission tiles above the covered porch, decorative metal balconet and stucco wall enclosing the front yard. Behind the residence is a wood-framed Western Style barn dated by the Monterey County Assessor's Office at c. 1900. Included in the historic designation, the barn is one of the few remaining examples of early outbuildings in the City.

Born in Isla de Femine, Sicily, Antonio Ferrante moved in 1903, with wife Angela, to Pittsburg, CA to work in the fishing industry. In 1925, the growing family relocated to Monterey and purchased the modest view-lot home on the hill. Antonio continued his work in the sardine industry now as an owner and captain of two Purse Seiner fishing boats, the Sea Queen and the A.A. Ferrante. The property's barn was utilized in his commercial fishing business.

The property has been passed down to Antonio and Angela's family members until being sold in 2017 to its current owners. Renovations have been undertaken to protect the structure while maintaining the charm of this lovely home.

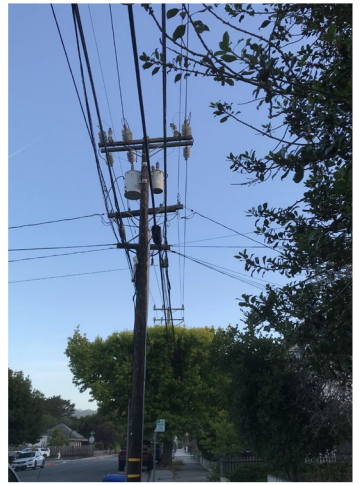


UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Our Old Town Neighborhood Undergrounding Committee is continuing to jointly meet monthly with Monterey Vista Neighborhood Association to work on a plan to underground utilities. This joint meeting is held by zoom the third Monday of every month. You can contact Suzie Grimes at suziegrimes@juno.com with your ideas and to become part of this committee.

In the spring of 2021, Old Town Neighborhood Association conducted a survey which was very positive toward the idea of moving utilities underground. The results of this survey will be posted on our website when that is ready to go online.

***Many residents
have submitted photos
of wires in Old Town that are
dangerously going through trees
or are particularly ugly and spoil
the look of the neighborhood.***



***If you have photos
to consider for
posting on the
website, please send
to Suzie Grimes,
with the label of
location.***

NCIP NEWS

As the city determines the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022, the status of the Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program fund is unknown. Obviously, this has been a trying year for Monterey. While it is possible the city will finance the fund at the defined 16% of the Transient Occupancy Tax, the council may again decide to transfer the NCIP money to the general fund. The city budget will be approved in June. So, stay tuned. Likewise, the process for restoring funding for the numerous existing projects is unclear, whether to work the list beginning with the oldest, the most favored (garnered highest number of committee votes) or the most urgent (safety concerns). Be assured, Old Town's Larkin Park project which was approved in 2015 is still on the list awaiting action. ***Thankfully a few urgent 2021 NCIP jobs have even been completed - green belt fuel abatement and the pedestrian crossing warning near the bus transit plaza.***



If you would like to join our Old Town Neighborhood Association, our dues are just \$20 per household. Please complete the attached and send a check for \$20 payable to OTNA.

☐ Yes! I would like to join OTNA. I am enclosing a check for \$20.00 per year.

☐ Please send me more information about OTNA.

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