

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

Montecito Fire Protection District Headquarters

595 San Ysidro Road

Santa Barbara, California

**August 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**

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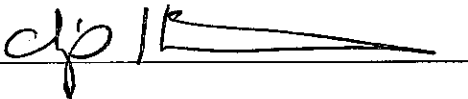
1. Public comment: Any person may address the Board at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Montecito Fire Protection District; 30 minutes total time is allotted for this discussion.
2. Consider RFP for Website services.
3. Report on "Chat with the Chief".
4. Report on August 21, 2013 presentation at Montecito Planning Commission.
5. Requests for items to be included for the next Community Outreach Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

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MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By



Chip Hickman, Fire Chief

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# Agenda

## Item #2





**DRAFT**

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF PROPOSALS  
(RFP)**

**TO REDEVELOP  
MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S  
WEBSITE**

**SOLICITED BY:**

**Montecito Fire Protection District  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
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**August 21, 2013**

## **Introduction**

The Montecito Fire Protection District (MFPD) was organized on June 20, 1917. The District is located in Southern Santa Barbara County, servicing an area of 21.7 square miles ranging from sea level to excess of 900 feet. The District borders the City of Santa Barbara on the west and Carpinteria-Summerland on the east. The Northern border is shared with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, and the Southern border is out at sea three miles into the Pacific Ocean.

The Montecito Fire Protection District is governed by a Fire Board of Directors. The District is organized under section 13800 to 13970 inclusive, of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, Fire Protection District Law of 1987.

## **Project Overview**

The Montecito Fire Protection District is seeking proposals from a firm or individual designer/website developer to redevelop its current website ([montecitofire.com](http://montecitofire.com)) to enhance its overall online presence. Our goal is to expand online information about the District's services and keep residents, visitors and others better informed about various services, activities and events, including emergency notifications.

The immediate goal of this project is to redesign the current website's existing content into a format that will be easily navigated, easily updated, that contains downloadable documents, and that will position the website for further growth and development in the future.

The new website is expected to consist of a main site with separate pages as required to incorporate all current website content and primary web services including e-mail links as well as links to outside websites. The information architecture that is the basis for the immediate upgrade must be able to handle increased content and additional features through the use of content management system (CMS) templates and add-on components/plugin-ins.

## **Scope of Services**

1. A website that is modern and visually appealing and accessible.
2. Website must display correctly in all major browsers; these minimally including: IE, Firefox and Chrome, Safari and Opera.
3. Design must conform to a look & feel that works with mobile and tablet browsers.
4. Website that meets ADA / 508 standards compliance.
5. Website that offers language translation.
6. Website management that does not rely on an outside webmaster to add new web pages/documents, make changes to existing pages, or update the look and feel of the website as-needed.
7. A design architecture that will allow for easy accommodation of new pages and features as well as future sub-sites.

8. Incorporation of RSS feeds or other subscription services that allow residents to subscribe to selected topics on the website. As a result, residents will automatically receive information updates via email or text messages.
9. Redundant back-up of system information.
10. Incorporation of Employment hiring form(s) and database(s).
11. Addition of AM Radio station streaming.
12. Conversion of all content and documents from the existing website into the new CMS-based website/templates.
13. Provide website management training to a minimum of four (4) District employees that will be responsible for updating website pages.
14. Provide one (1) year of website support, CMS maintenance and website hosting from the date the new website is “live”. This involves 8am-5pm, M-F phone support with remote access and minimum 2 hour call back support after hours and weekends.
15. Provide a proposal for website support, CMS maintenance and hosting beyond year one (1).
16. Describe and include any additional items, not listed above, to provide a new fully operational website.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be minimally judged based on the following criteria:

- Qualifications of the design/development team
- Past experience on similar projects
- Viability of the proposed content management system (CMS)
- Demonstrable web design skills
- References
- Stability of Firm
- Total cost

The successful firm or individual will demonstrate that capacity exists to develop an exciting “look and feel” for the new website, a reasonable process for development of the website’s information architecture, and ability to transfer and maintain up-to-date web content.

### **Proposal Submissions**

Submissions should consist of the following:

1. Letter of interest
2. Overview and background of the firm or individual submitting this proposal.

3. Names of web designer(s), web developer(s) and content manager(s) that will work on the District's project as well as each individual's relevant experience
4. Proposal narrative, including your understanding of the Scope of Work, your vision for the project website hosting and other information you would like to include.
5. Detailed timeline of creation, implementation and training.
6. Information about the proposed content management system (CMS). This should include functional specs, licensing provided in proposal and links to websites that you've developed that use this CMS product.
7. Samples of or links to previous design work relevant to this project.
8. Reference contacts for similar projects. This including names and contact information for individuals who can speak to the team's qualifications.

### **Project Timeline**

- District requests bids August 21, 2013
- Deadline for questions September 4, 2013
- Deadline for submitting bids September 11, 2013

Proposal submissions should be submitted to Fire Chief Chip Hickman, by 5PM on September 11, 2013.

### **Proposal Delivery Address**

Proposal submissions should be addressed to:

Montecito Fire Protection District  
Website Development  
Attn: Chip Hickman, Fire Chief  
595 San Ysidro Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

### **Questions**

Questions regarding this project should be addressed to:

Montecito Fire Protection District  
Attn: Geri Ventura, Administrative Assistant  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
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Item #3



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Former top surfer Shaun Tomson breaks "The Code"; Montecito resident Michael Hammer's son Armie leaps from *Lone Ranger* to *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*, p. 6

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## THE SHOP GIRL

Former Antoinette creative designer Laura Dinning, a self-described lifelong shop girl, along with her Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising graduate daughter TJ, transform Coast Village corner space into Allora by Laura (story on page 20)



### Village Beat

"Chat with the Chief" slotted for Wednesday, 17 July; 1,200 attendees buy \$10,000 in tickets at July 4 Firefighters Breakfast, p. 20



### Born On The Fourth Of July

Kessler Buckley arrives just before noon, July 4; greeted by wide-eyed grandparents, feted by festive fireworks display, p. 35



### Miraflores Melodies

Six-time Grammy winner Leonard Slatkin leads Saturday night's Festival Orchestra; opens with Roberto Sierra's Fandangos, p. 44

## VILLAGE BEAT (Continued from page 12)

The next Montecito Association Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13.

### Leaning Tree Near Cemetery



A leaning tree on Cabrillo Blvd near Los Patos Way concerned one of our readers; local arborist Tim Downey says the lean is normal for the species

As a follow up to a Letter to the Editor published in MJ # 19/26, we contacted Santa Barbara's Urban Forest Superintendent **Tim Downey**, regarding the "leaning tree" near Cabrillo Blvd and Los Patos Way.

After surveying it, Downey tells us the tree, which is located on cemetery property, is an Araucaria columnaris, Cook Pine or New Caledonian Pine. "This species of tree actually bends naturally, and it is not unsafe or uncommon," Downey told us. At this time the tree will remain as is, according to Downey.

### Allora by Laura Opens

After being vacant over a year, the space at 1269 Coast Village Road has been filled with a new clothing boutique, Allora by Laura. Owned



Allora by Laura owner Laura Dinning at the new boutique on Coast Village Road

by Santa Barbara native and former Antoinette creative designer **Laura Dinning**, the shop offers several European clothing collections.

"I've been a 'shop girl' my entire life," Dinning told us earlier this week. She says she is passionate about retail and style, and hopes to bring the "quintessential Santa Barbara look" to Coast Village Road. She has worked in the industry since her teens, including buying and merchandising in Beverly Hills and Santa Barbara.

Dinning, along with her daughter TJ, a recent grad of FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising), have turned the corner space into an airy, open, clothing boutique. Racks and shelving are minimal, designed to showcase the clothing in an elegant way, Dinning described. The store features mostly women's clothes, handbags, shoes, and accessories, but will eventually feature a line of men's cashmere.

Much of the clothing is Italian knitwear, cashmere, and silks, designed to be styled together to create a casual but refined look. Dinning also carries denim, cashmere tees, and 100% certified Mongolian cashmere scarves. Custom jewelry, featuring precious and semi-precious stones, will be



Certified Mongolian cashmere scarves are one of Dinning's most popular items at Allora by Laura offered soon.

Designers include Amina Rubinacci, Peter Cohen, Sally Lapointe, Azzedine Alaia, Hache, Borbonese, and Tapeet, among other names, all hand picked by Dinning. Allora by Laura will also feature a line of private label snake-skin bags. "The pieces are relaxed luxury," Dinning says, "Clothes that women love to wear."

Dinning says she is striving to offer the very latest in trends by designers who are the "next 'it' designer," and she only carries collections that cannot readily be found in major department stores. "I want shopping at the store to be an experience not found elsewhere," she said.

The store opened last Saturday, July 6, and a Grand Opening will be held in September, when the fall collections are unveiled.

The boutique joins high-end consignment store Mattie & Me, located on the other side of the Liquor & Wine Grotto, and a new men's clothing store, called Best Dressed Monk, which is expected to open in the fall in the space formerly occupied by Living Green. Allora by Laura is located at 1269 Coast Village Road. Call 565-2425 for more information.

### Montecito Country Mart Updates

While work continues on expanding the parking lot at Montecito Country Mart, owner **James Rosenfield** continues to fill vendor spaces in the mart, which will see the opening of several new stores this summer.

Last month marked the opening of Intermix, a men and women's clothing store with over 35 locations in the United States and Canada. The trendy boutique has opened in a section of what used to be Vons Pharmacy, which relocated next to Starbucks last year.

Expected to open in the next few weeks is Calypso St. Barth, a boutique



Intermix, a new clothing store in Montecito Country Mart, opened late last month

featuring a mix of casual and elegant women's clothing, accessories, home décor, and fragrance. The company, known for its upscale resort wear and home goods, has close to 40 shops throughout the country.

We're told Space NK is also poised to open in the Mart. Named after founder **Nicky Kinnaird**, Space NK is a London-based company with two-dozen stateside stores and 62 stores in the UK, featuring an "edited selection of the world's best beauty products." The beauty apothecary is known for its staff of skincare specialists and makeup artists who help customers find beauty solutions across many different brands of products.

The unnamed "farm-to-table" restaurant set to open this summer by Los Angeles Chef **Suzanne Goin** and business partner **Caroline Styne** is no longer happening, according to publicist **Jannis Werman**. "The deal is off due to extenuating circumstances," Werman told us, without more details. She did say there is a possibility of a restaurant deal in the future, but whether it would be in the Mart is unclear. The restaurant space, located across from Rory's Creamery, remains vacant and for lease.

Montecito Country Mart is located on the corner of Hot Springs Road and Coast Village Road.

### Chat With the Chief



Montecito Fire Chief Chip Hickman will host "Chat with the Chief" on Wednesday, July 17 in the Upper Village

Similar to Santa Barbara Sheriff's "Coffee with a Cop," Montecito Fire Chief **Chip Hickman** will host a "Chat with the Chief" next week. Chief Hickman will be at the Upper Village Green on Wednesday, July 17, from 10 am to noon to discuss Fire District

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## VILLAGE BEAT *(Continued from page 20)*

business and concerns with community members. There will be no agendas or guest speakers, just a chance to ask questions and get answers.

In other MFPD news, the Pancake Breakfast on July 4 served over 1,200 patrons, and grossed over \$10,000.

The money was raised by the Montecito Firefighter's Charitable Foundation (a non-profit organization), which established a fund to assist the families of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hot Shots, the nineteen firefighters lost in the Arizona wildfire on June 30, 2013.

One of the crewmembers lost in the blaze, **Sean Misner**, was the nephew of Operations Chief **Terry McElwee**, and the grandson of former Fire Chief Herb McElwee, who passed away last year. About half of the money collected was donated specifically for the Misner family; the other half went to the "Nineteen Lost," a fund for the families of the fallen firefighters.

The nineteen hotshots lost their lives Sunday, June 30, while battling the 2,000-acre Yarnell Hill fire that was started by lightning on June 28.

Four off-duty firefighters and one retiree of the Montecito Fire Protection District joined hundreds of other agencies and firefighters attending the memorial service in Prescott, Arizona on Tuesday, July 9. In addition, one off-duty MFPD dispatcher volun-

teered with several other dispatchers from across the state of California to provide assistance in the Prescott and Yarnell Communications Centers so that their dispatchers could attend the services. A memorial service for Sean, headed up by MFPD, is scheduled for July 15 at 7 pm at Santa Ynez High School.

Additional donations can be made out to "Montecito Firefighter's Charitable Foundation" (Tax I.D. number is: 204817396). Reference "Nineteen Lost" or "Sean Misner" in the memo field of the check. Checks can be mailed to Montecito Firefighter's Charitable Foundation, PO Box 5881, Montecito, CA 93150.

## Village Fourth Draws Thousands

Last Thursday, July 4, thousands of Montecito and Santa Barbara residents came out to watch the Montecito Association's 18th annual Village Fourth, organized by former MA president **Diane Pannkuk**, with help from association members and parade chairman **Dana Newquist**.

Close to 40 groups or individuals entered the parade, which made its way down San Ysidro Road onto Santa Rosa Lane; a community gath-



Parade organizer Dana Newquist gives a pep talk to the kids leading the Village Fourth Parade



All Saints-By-The-Sea preschoolers hold up their banner before the parade

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Item #4







# MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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August 8, 2013

Santa Barbara County Planning and Development  
Montecito Planning Commission  
Attn: David Villalobos, Hearing Support Supervisor  
123 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Villalobos,

We are pleased to have been invited to participate in your upcoming disaster preparedness presentation on August 21, 2013. This is a great opportunity for the Fire District to inform the Montecito community of the programs we have developed to create a "resilient" community, utilizing an all risk approach. Our mission statement encompasses this premise:

*The Montecito Fire Protection District is a progressive organization committed to the protection of the people, property, and the environment. We exist to provide a professional and timely response to the needs of the community in preparation for, during and in recovery from emergencies.*

Given the current conditions, we will primarily focus on wildland fire incidents; but general disaster preparedness falls along the same guidelines.

In addition to reviewing some of our hazard reduction programs and other actions we have taken to prepare for and mitigate wildland fires, we plan on discussing the public's expectations versus reality relating to the kinds of resources available during disasters, and their capabilities. Additionally we will review all of the potential emergency notification systems, personal planning, and evacuation preparedness.

I have attached some general preparedness tips as well as some evacuation preparedness tips that could be included in your agenda or added to your website.

I look forward to working with you and your staff. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. I can be reached by phone at 805-969-7762 or email at [chickman@montecitofire.com](mailto:chickman@montecitofire.com).

Sincerely,

Chip Hickman  
Fire Chief





# GET PREPARED

## **GET READY**

The first thing you must do is make a list of important items (things that cannot be left behind)

- Medications, Prescriptions, eyeglasses
- Important documents, (birth certificates, tax records)
- Photos, art, jewelry and other important mementos
- Pets, pet food, leash and pet carrier(s)
- Computers or back up disks (*external USB hard drives large enough to copy or back up most people's entire computer. This is an easy way to keep a portable back up of your data - particularly if you do your banking on your computer.*)

## **BEFORE YOU GO (IF TIME PERMITS)**

- Close all windows and doors (inside and out)
- Shut off air conditioners and heating units
- Move furniture, curtains and draperies away from windows
- Disconnect motors on automatic gates and leave open and unlocked
- Fill trash cans and buckets with water, leave around exterior of house
- Soak rags, towels and small rugs in water to help extinguish small embers
- Attach garden hoses to spigots outside
- Place a ladder against the house on the opposite side from where the fire is approaching.
- Apply plywood over eave vents, subfloor vents, roof vents and windows.
- Turn all the lights on in your home (this will make your house more visible to firefighters in dense smoke.)
- Remove combustible fencing that leads to structures. (This can act as a wick if your home has good clearance otherwise.)

## **GET GOING**

- Review your special needs plan – does a neighbor need assistance? Are your pets ready to go?
- Close your garage door behind you.
- Leave all access gates open.
- Can you carpool with a neighbor to reduce cars on the road?
- Drive safely and cautiously.
- Keep headlights on and windows rolled up.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

Heavy smoke.  
Flying embers and fire brands.  
Extremely heavy traffic.  
Panicked drivers.  
Abandoned vehicles.

## **TRAPPED! WHAT TO DO**

If you absolutely cannot evacuate here are some things to do to optimize your survival.

## **AT HOME**

- Stay inside your home, it's safer than being outside or in a vehicle. As hot as it gets inside your home, it is MANY times hotter outside!
- Close all interior and exterior doors, leaving them unlocked (including garage door *after* putting the car inside!)
- Stay CALM, and initiate contact with your out-of state relative.
- Call your local emergency number (i.e. 911) and inform the dispatcher that you cannot evacuate.
- Fill sinks and bathtubs with water.
- Shelter in rooms opposite the approaching fire.
- Stay away from perimeter walls.
- Stay as calm as you can and keep your family together.

## **IN YOUR CAR**

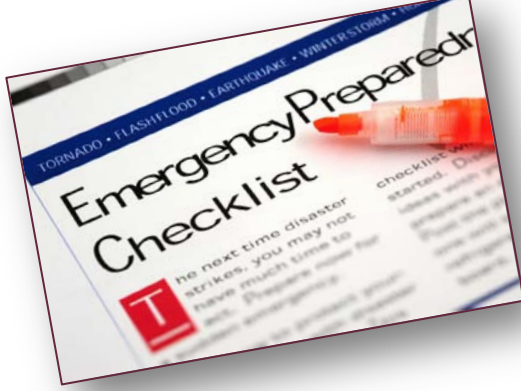
- Try to drive to an area clear of vegetation, away from wires and trees.
- Close all windows and keep doors unlocked.
- Turn on the A/C in "recirculation" or "max" mode.
- Lie on or as low to the floor as possible.
- Cover yourself with a wool or cotton blanket or jacket.
- Attempt to call your local emergency number (i.e. 911) and inform the dispatcher that you are trapped and where you are.
- Wait for the front to pass.

***Keep in mind that there WILL be smoke in your vehicle. After the fire passes, if you see flames in your vehicle, wrap yourself in clothing/blanket and exit the vehicle.***

***DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OUT RUN A WILD FIRE.***

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# GET PREPARED



A special congressional panel set up to investigate the catastrophes that occurred during Hurricane Katrina stated, "Americans themselves must play a more active role in preparing for natural disasters and not expect more from the government than it can deliver."

What are you doing for YOURSELF, to prepare for survival from any given disaster? Here in Santa Barbara, we face, earthquakes, flash flooding, firestorms, and possibly tsunamis just to name a few. We also face the threat of terrorism, which could include the threat of biological and chemical attacks.

Are you prepared to evacuate with a minimum of 72 hours worth of supplies at a moments notice?

There are six basics you should stock for your home in the case of an emergency:

water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items for medical conditions.

Possible containers include a large, covered trash container, a camping backpack or a duffle bag.

## Water

Store one gallon of water per person per day for at least a three-day supply (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for each person in your household for food preparation/sanitation).

## Food

Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water. If you must heat food, pack a can of sterno. Select food items that are compact and lightweight.

Include a selection of the following foods in your Disaster Supplies Kit:

- Ready-to-eat canned meats
- Canned fruits, and vegetables
- Boxed juices
- High energy foods



# GET PREPARED



## First Aid Kit

- Adhesive bandages, various sizes
- Conforming roller gauze bandages
- Gauze pads
- Germicidal hand wipes
- Antiseptic wipes
- Medical grade non-latex gloves
- Adhesive tape, 2" width
- Anti-bacterial ointment
- Cold pack
- Scissors (small, personal)
- Tweezers.
- N95 Masks

## Non-Prescription Drugs

- Aspirin or nonaspirin pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antacid
- Syrup of Ipecac
- Laxative

## Tools and Supplies

- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Cash (*This is VERY important! Chances are that the power will be out if it is a widespread disaster. ATM's don't work, and credit card machines don't work without power or phone lines!*) Have your cash in small bills as \$20's may be hard to break.
- *You don't want to have to pay more for your supplies because they can't make change!*
- Non-electric can opener, utility knife
- Fire extinguisher
- Pliers
- DUCT Tape
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Medicine dropper
- Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water
- Whistle (*How long can you scream before losing your voice?*)



# GET PREPARED

## Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelettes
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Feminine supplies / Personal hygiene items
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Disinfectant
- Household chlorine bleach

## Clothing and Bedding

*Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.*

- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Hat and gloves
- Warm clothes

## For Baby

- Formula
- Bottles
- Diapers - *Diapers were at a premium WHERE AVAILABLE after Japan's Tsunami/Earthquake*
- Powdered milk
- Medications

## For Adults

- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra eye glasses

## Important Family Documents

- Keep these records in a waterproof, portable container:
  - Will, insurance policies, contracts deeds, stocks and bonds
  - Passports, social security cards, immunization records
- Bank account numbers and Credit card account numbers
- Inventory of valuable household goods, important telephone numbers
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)





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# VILLAGE BEAT

by Kelly Mahan



## YMCA Update



The proposed pool house to be built at the Montecito Family YMCA as part of a major renovation

The Santa Barbara County Planning and Development department is soliciting comments by the public regarding the Montecito YMCA's proposed Master Plan update. The environmental document (a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration) is available to view online; comments should be submitted by Monday, August 12, by 5 pm.

The YMCA, located on Santa Rosa Lane in Montecito, has submitted a request for a revised conditional use permit to update the Master Plan for the purpose of renovating, enhancing, and expanding the existing facilities. The revised conditional use permit would allow for the demolition and reconstruction of existing buildings and the construction of several new buildings, as well as the continuation of existing programs including a selection of recreational, fitness and well-being programs for all age groups and licensed preschool and afterschool daycare programs. The proposed project includes an enhanced main building, a new preschool building, a natatorium with a new indoor pool, and a

gymnasium to cover the current outdoor sports court on the 4.25-acre site.

The YMCA currently operates their programs with approximately 10,732 net square feet of interior space in two buildings, plus approximately 1,725 square feet of covered exterior spaces and freestanding storage units. The property also hosts an existing 12,797 square foot outdoor sport court with night lighting. The proposed project, designed by architect Mark Kirkhart, will more than double the current square footage of the YMCA. The current membership would also be expanded from 1,550 to 2,050.

The plan to renovate the YMCA has been in the works for over two years; early on in the process many residents, as well as the Montecito Association, voiced concern over the style and scope of the project. After taking into consideration public comments, Kirkhart modified rooflines, changed building facades and colors, and modified the view of the gymnasium from San Ysidro Road. "Most of the changes have been cosmetic in nature," Kirkhart told us earlier this

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Montecito Planning Commission Chair Sue Burrows and Commissioner J'Amy Brown have helped organize an interactive informational presentation to get the community prepared in case of an emergency

The Commission will receive a community disaster preparedness report and an emergency management joint presentation by the Montecito Fire Protective District and the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services. Guest presenters will include Montecito Fire Chief **Chip Hickman** and **Richard Abrams**, CEM, from the County's Office of Emergency Management. Possible topics include current conditions of High Fire Season, fire prevention activities, notification systems, and neighborhood planning. The discussion will also include pet evacuation, family communications plans, 72-hour emergency preparedness supplies, and how to pre-planning an evacuation.

"We believe a safe community is a well-planned community and, because this is a very dry fire season, we felt the August meeting of the MPC would be an opportune time to hear about local emergency preparedness from both Montecito Fire District and the County's office of Emergency Management," said MPC chair **Sue Burrows**.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which starts at 9 am. Questions from the audience will be taken both before and during the presentation; residents watching from home can also participate by emailing questions during the presentation. Questions may be addressed to Commissioner **J'Amy Brown** at [j.amy.brown@att.net](mailto:j.amy.brown@att.net).

The presentation, which will be attended by First District Supervisor **Salud Carbajal**, will begin at 9 am on August 21, and is expected to last 1.5 hours. The MPC meetings are held in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, Room 17, County Engineering Building, 123 Anapamu Street. The presentation will be televised live on Cox Channel 20.

## Laguna Blanca Head of Lower School

Last month, Laguna Blanca School announced the appointment of **Andy Surber** as the new Head of Lower School. Mr. Surber brings over 15



Andy Surber has been selected as Laguna Blanca's Head of Lower School

years of experience in education, and began his new role at the Montecito campus on July 1, 2013.

Laguna Blanca Board of Trustees formed a Search Committee, composed of trustees, Lower School parents, teachers, and administrators, to identify outstanding candidates. "We believe Andy is a terrific fit to lead the Lower School into the future and build upon its strengths," said Search Committee Chair and Board Member **Hani Zeini**. "The committee was duly impressed by Andy's positive energy, focus on child development, collaborative leadership skills, and administrative experiences, and we believe he will be a tremendous asset to our school."

Mr. Surber comes to Laguna Blanca from Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School in Memphis, Tennessee, where he held the position of Head of Lower School for four years. He also has elementary teaching and middle school leadership experience at Phoenix Country Day School in Paradise Valley, Arizona and at Dakota Elementary School in Dakota, Illinois. In addition to administrative and classroom duties, he has coached track and field, basketball, and football at the middle and high school levels. Mr. Surber earned a B.S. in Child Development from Rockford College and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

"I'm thrilled to be joining this wonderful school community, and I'm looking forward to meeting each Laguna Blanca student and their family," Surber said.

Mr. Surber and his wife, **Mary**, have two sons, **Keenan** (9) and **Logan** (7), and a newly adopted boxer named Stryker. He and his family look forward to relocating to Santa Barbara from Memphis this summer.

Families interested in meeting Mr. Surber and learning more about Laguna Blanca are welcome to drop by for a chat and enjoy a summer tour. For information, call **Kim Romanov** at 969-1085 x415.

# SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

compiled by Kelly Mahan from information supplied by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

## Public intoxication in Summerland

Tuesday, 30 July, 6:21 pm – Deputy Welch was dispatched to the intersection of Hardinge Avenue and Ortega Hill Road in Summerland. At the bus stop at the intersection, several citizens were waiting for the bus; they pointed the deputy in the direction of a man who had been urinating in public. The deputy noted the man smelled of alcohol and was intoxicated. The man admitted to urinating in public and drinking too much alcohol. He was arrested for public intoxication in the interest of his safety and the safety of the community. He was housed at the Santa Barbara County Jail pending sobriety.

## Scuba Diver's Body Found off Padaro Beach

Monday, 5 August, 5:15 pm – The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Coroner's Office identified a scuba diver who was discovered in the water off Padaro Beach on Saturday, August 3rd. The decedent is 49-year-old **William Frank Grgurich** of Portland, Oregon. Next of kin has been notified.

Grgurich was discovered by residents who were walking along the beach in the 3300 block of Padaro Lane around 11:45 am. Sheriff's Deputies responded, along with personnel from the Summerland Fire Department. By the time they arrived, several residents had already pulled Grgurich out of the water.

The circumstances surrounding his death are under investigation by the Coroner's Office but it appears at this point that he was diving alone. No further information will be released at this time.



# MONTECITO FIRE REPORT

by Geri Ventura

## Vehicles vs. Horse Trailer

Friday, 19 July, 2:32 pm – E91, B914 responded with Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District to a traffic accident involving two vehicles and a horse trailer, Northbound Hwy 101 at Sheffield Drive. A truck pulling the horse trailer had lost a wheel, causing a collision with the other vehicle. There were no injuries to any of the occupants or the horses in the trailer; however traffic was slowed for quite a distance until the vehicles were towed from the location.

## Brush Fire in Summerland

Saturday, 20 July, 8:57 pm – E91, along with resources from Santa Barbara City, Santa Barbara County and Ventura County, assisted Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District in the extinguishment of a brush fire at Lookout Park in Summerland. Smoke from the fire slowed traffic on Hwy 101 in the Summerland area; however, there were no injuries or structures damaged by the blaze.

## Gas Leak on Sycamore Canyon

Monday, 22 July, 7:49 am – ME92, SQ91 responded to a natural gas leak outside in the 2300 block of Sycamore Canyon Road. The leak was coming from an open trench, and firefighters maintained scene safety until the Gas Company arrived.

## Downed Tree on Cold Spring Road

Wednesday, 24 July, 3:10 pm – ME92 responded to a large tree blocking the road in the 800 block of Cold Spring Road. A large tree branch fell, bringing electrical and cable lines down with it, causing a power outage in the area. ME92 established scene safety until Edison de-energized the power lines.

## Vehicle Fire on Hot Springs

Friday, 2 August, 10:54 am – E93, SQ91, and B915 responded to a vehicle fire at Hot Springs and East Mountain Drive. While traveling down Hot Springs, the daughter of the driver noticed smoke inside the vehicle. The driver quickly pulled the vehicle over, assisted all other occupants out of the vehicle, then dialed 9-1-1. Upon arrival firefighters found the vehicle engulfed with the flames, which had extended to a nearby oak tree. Firefighters quickly contained the fire, preventing any further extension. The road remained blocked until full extinguishment was reported.

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## Montecito Planning Commission Presentation: “Emergency Management Professional Response and Citizen Preparation”

The following Press Release was provided by J'Amy Brown, Commissioner on the Montecito Planning Commission.

Montecito Planning Commission—Interactive Informational Presentation “Emergency Management—Professional Response and Citizen Preparation”

When: August 21, 9AM (Montecito Planning Commission Regular Meeting: First agenda item. The item is expected to last 1.5 hours.)

Where: Planning Commission Hearing Room, County Engineering Building, Room 17, 123 Anapamu Street. The presentation will be televised live on Channel 20 beginning 9AM (On Cox, Channel 20 is on the Non-HD, lower community channels.)

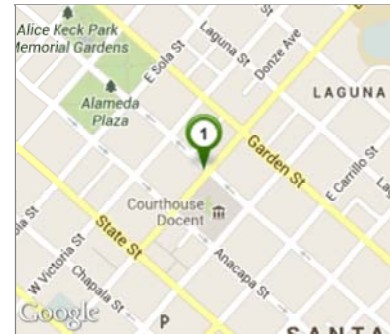
What: The Commission will receive a community disaster preparedness report and an emergency management joint-presentation by the Montecito Fire Protective District and the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services.

Who: Chip Hickman, Chief Montecito Fire District, Terry McElwee, Operations Chief Montecito Fire District, Geri Ventura, Public Information Officer. and Richard Abrams, CEM, Office of Emergency Management, County of Santa Barbara will lead the presentation. Special Interactive Opportunity: Questions from the public will be accepted both before and during the presentation. Please email Commissioner J'Amy Brown ([j.amy.brown@att.net](mailto:j.amy.brown@att.net)) Due to privacy issues, questions will be read, but names will not be announced.

Quote from MPC Chair, Sue Burrows, for Publication:

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“Personal preparedness plan is also part of community preparedness, so the MPC will seek



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input on how citizens should prepare themselves before an emergency. The discussion will include pet evacuation, family communications plans, 72-hour emergency preparedness supplies, and how to pre-planning your evacuation.

“Due to the important nature of this presentation, we want to encourage the community to participate in the discussion in a timely manner. To that end, we invite the public to attend the hearing, which starts at 9AM in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, or citizens may send questions to the commission before the hearing. We are also going to make a special effort to take questions, live, during the hearing via email. Questions may be addressed to Commissioner J’Amy Brown at [j.amy.brown@att.net](mailto:j.amy.brown@att.net)”

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