



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

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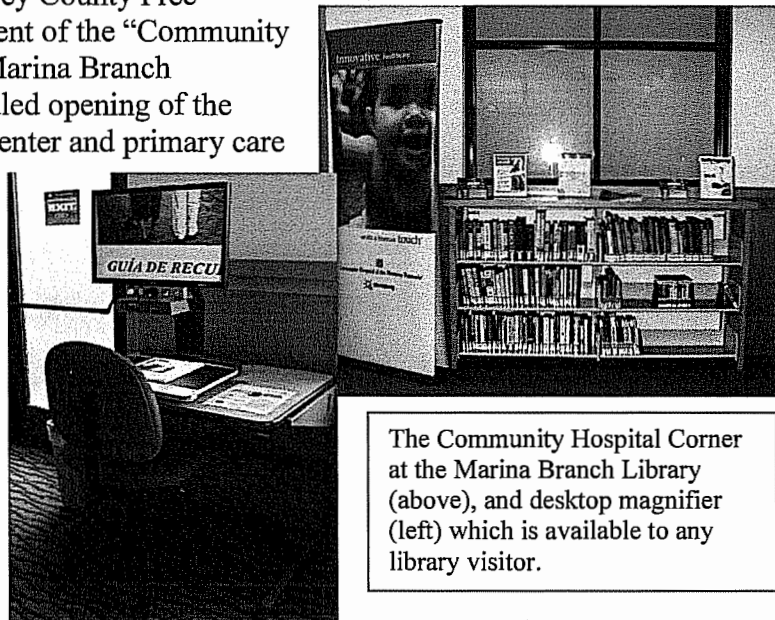
This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer.

This Week's Topics: Monterey County Free Libraries teams up with Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for some healthy reading, Elections is enjoying a breather while awaiting news of a special state election and the Clerk of the Board welcomes a new team member.

Libraries

Thanks to a generous gift of \$20,000 from Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, a new Health and Wellness Resource Center has been established at the Marina Branch of Monterey County Free Libraries. The development of the "Community Hospital Corner" in the Marina Branch coincides with the scheduled opening of the hospital's new wellness center and primary care office, which is expected to open later this year in Marina

To date, the Community Hospital Corner collection features 228 books, 24 DVDs, and 7 health related periodicals



The Community Hospital Corner at the Marina Branch Library (above), and desktop magnifier (left) which is available to any library visitor.

which provide health education and awareness. The books include adult and children's books in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and in large type. More books and DVDs will be added to the collection in the coming months. Patrons of other Monterey County Free Libraries branches can place holds on the items for delivery to their branch.

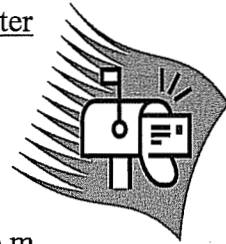
In addition, the donation funded the purchase of a desktop video magnifier and 22" monitor for visually challenged patrons. Any patron can use the magnifier to enlarge the print of a regular sized print magazine, newspaper, or book.

Monterey County Free Libraries is pleased to partner with Community Hospital in its goal of providing a continuum of health education, awareness, prevention, and treatment to the community.

Elections

May 3, 2011 Special All Mail Ballot Election – Monterey Peninsula Water

Management District vacancy: In late December, this office received a request to conduct an all mail ballot election to fill a vacancy on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors. To date, there are three qualified candidates seeking to fill the vacancy, which is a four year term through December 2015 in District One. The deadline to file nomination papers to seek this office is 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2011.



After a busy few years (since the beginning of 2008, this department has conducted 14 elections as well as hosted a week-long learning conference for the State Association), the spring of odd-numbered years is a time when the Department hopes to work on special projects and other general work in order to reorganize and ready staff for the next busy election cycle.

At this time, Elections is working on the following projects:

- ✓ Physical assessment of polling place locations to determine compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- ✓ Researching neighborhoods for alternative sites, and/or preparing for site mitigation if necessary
- ✓ General management and “clean up” of voter registration rolls
- ✓ Research and preparation for redistricting
- ✓ Voting machine maintenance and rotation
- ✓ Research of current legislation
- ✓ General office maintenance and clean-up

Elections is also awaiting news regarding a statewide special vote this summer, and may have to be fully prepared to conduct this election with less than 90-days notice.

Clerk of the Board

The Clerk of the Board's office is pleased to announce an addition to its staff. Gail Borkowski welcomes Christie A. Marcella as Senior Board Clerk.



Christie A. Marcella

Christie previously worked for Howard Stein-Hudson in New York, a consulting firm specializing in transportation planning and public involvement/strategic planning. Christie facilitated public workshops on transportation projects, coordinated public outreach, managed various projects and provided bilingual skills to encourage participation of Spanish-speaking community members.

Christie has been in Monterey County for a year and a half and is excited to join the Monterey County family.

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