

## HISTORY BUFFS

### What's in a Name?

#### Have you ever wondered how a street gets its name?

It's easy to guess the origin of some streets, such as (Benjamin) Franklin and (Thomas) Jefferson, named for a founder and a president of the U.S. Others, such as Alvarado, are named for prominent early residents of Monterey whose houses were street landmarks.



*Street names signal city history*

Street names are often instant reminders of our community's rich and colorful history. For example, did you know that Dickman Avenue in New Monterey was named for famed artist Charles Dickman, who lived there from 1901 to 1914?

Try your hand at the following quiz, and the next time you are on a city street think about the story behind it.

- 1 This street was named for a well-known merchant, treasurer of the Mexican government in California and later town trustee. His adobe house still stands on the street and is a historical building.
- 2 Which two streets are named for land baron David Jacks?
- 3 What is the original name of Cannery Row?
- 4 Which four streets are named for governors of California?  
Clue: All were governors before California became part of the United States.
- 5 Which street is named for a soldier who lost his life fighting the great 1924 oil fire near Cannery Row?
- 6 Where was Washboard Alley?

**Answers:** 1. Abrego St., for Jose Abrego; 2. David Ave. and Don Dahvee Lane (phonetic rendering of Spanish "David"); 3. Ocean View Ave., renamed in 1957; 4. Alvarado, Castro, Figueroa, Micheltorena; 5. Private Bolio Rd; 6. Lighthouse Ave. due to water erosion in 1903.

## Volunteers

### Beautify the City

Sixth-grader **Sierra Garcia** is keeping our beaches clean with the help of more than a few friends. With a little guidance from the City, Sierra organized a "Save the Beaches" clean-up program last year.

At first, she gathered a few friends together to clean up Del Monte Beach every month. Now she sends email alerts with the date and time of the next clean-up to more than 40 volunteers. Her newest challenge is the California Coastal Commission's annual Coastal Clean-up Day at Monterey Municipal Beach. This year, Sierra served as a Beach Captain and coordinated the efforts of 103 volunteers. They collected 237 pounds of trash and 51 pounds of recycling in one day! Sierra is a very busy sixth-grader at Stevenson School, but she continues her community commitment to the monthly beach clean up. Well done Sierra!

**Glynn Wood** became aware of a significant amount of trash and debris when he switched from running to walking along Skyline Trail four years ago. He now covers 8 miles a week – trash bags in tow and sporting a yellow safety vest - to keep the forest trail pristine.

**Bob Flowers** has spent over 800 hours of his time gathering trash from one end of the Recreation Trail to the other since 2003.

Thanks to each of you!

If you are interested in information on volunteer opportunities with the City of Monterey, call 646-3719 or visit [monterey.org/volunteer](http://monterey.org/volunteer).

## Volunteers Needed!

Join the Colton Hall **Hosts & Hostesses** and be a vital part of the City's holiday celebrations. From greeting visitors to serving goodies during the City's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and Christmas in the Adobes, Hosts & Hostesses dish up warm welcomes in historic settings during the holidays.

**Continuing needs include:** Library Assistants, After-school Homework Helpers, Volunteers in Parks, weeding the harbor of invasive kelp, Presidio Guides, Community Emergency Response Team trainees (Classes start after January 1), Sea Lion Watch.