



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood Association
PO Box 2642 Monterey, CA 93942

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12 – Hilltop Park Center
– 7PM

DAVID/PRESCOTT TRAFFIC STUDY

When neighbors met in April with the City's Traffic Consultant, projects were selected that can slow traffic on David and Prescott Avenues and reinforce the sense that people are traveling through a residential area, not taking a 'truck route.'

The projects include curb extensions (maybe 20' long) at corners of 10 selected intersections, colored crosswalks, 4 permanent speed display signs, (2 each near Prescott/Filmore and David/Cypress) and a mid-block median on David between Parcel & Lyndon.

A bicycle climbing lane is a proposed option on the north side of David between Lyndon and Devisadero, removing parking in that section. The bicycle lane is opposed by this association since the affected residents have not been polled to determine support.

Components of the adopted plan can be proposed for development as funds become available. NIP is the most likely source of development money. Adjacent resident support is a requirement for any funding.

Formal adoption by the City Council is tentatively set for **Tuesday, May 20, 2008**. All interested residents are invited to attend and share their points of view.

More information is available at our website: www.newmontereyneighborhood.org or the City's Traffic Engineering page: <http://www.monterey.org/traffic/index.html>.

FATE OF UNDERGROUNDING?

In recent months, several volunteers went door to door, gathering owner signatures to determine whether a majority on selected blocks were interested in finding out what it might cost to put utility lines underground.

More than half of the owners on Oak 500 block, Newton 500 & 600 blocks, and Grace 700 block responded in favor of knowing.

The Underground cost study approved for funding last year will also provide general cost-by-block that can be applied to blocks not in the original list. New Monterey's NIP subcommittee decided to use the results of the currently funded project for this year's newly qualified blocks.

Which blocks qualified last year? Jessie & Lobos 600-800 blocks, David 1480-1599 & 2098-2300, Grace 500 & 600 blocks, Terry 500-900 blocks, and Archer 500, 700 & 900 blocks.

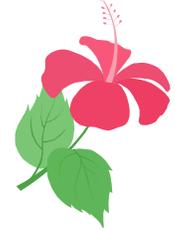
Special thanks to Darlene Delancy, Sharon Dwight, Bob Evans, Joanne Garden, and Robert Wemheuer for their many hours of distributing information door to door and checking back with neighbors.

NMNA Website: www.newmontereyneighborhood.org

NIP PROJECTS ARE VOTED

On April 24th, the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) committee voted to recommend 38 projects for inclusion in the City's 2008/2009 budget. Projects in or near New Monterey are:

- ❖ Prescott Cement Sidewalk & Corner Ramps 375K
- ❖ Hilltop Park Resurface Basketball Court 80K
- ❖ Prescott Speed Display Sign (near Filmore) 15K
- ❖ BayView School Benches, Shade Cover, Bikerack 12.5K
- ❖ Rec Trail Light Fixtures Upgrade 5K
- ❖ Cypress Park Security Light 2K



Attempting to address the wet condition of Prescott walkway during the winter and uneven walking surface year-round, the Prescott Sidewalk project --replaces decomposed granite walkway with 4'-wide tinted concrete *on the south side* from Taylor to Devisadero and *on the north side* from Lobos to Seaview

--adds new corner ramps on the north side from Lottie to Seaview (the south side already has ramps)
--adds elongated curb on the south side at Devisadero along the curve to slow traffic as it enters New Monterey.

More than half of NIP funds were voted for sidewalk and park improvements this year. NIP proposes to share the cost of seismic retrofit of the French Consulate 160K, renovate and enlarge the Skate Park 160K, capture runoff from Del Monte Beach neighborhood before it erodes the beach 160K, upgrade the Youth Center 50K, protect the Conference Center's mural that faces Del Monte/Pacific 50K, provide security cameras for the Sports Center parking lot 17K, replace a major piece of play equipment at Dennis the Menace Park 55K, and Greenbelt Maintenance in 3 neighborhoods 125K.

The City Council's **May 28 Study Session** will review the NIP projects before the budget is voted upon in June. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Street Widening?

Several residents requested NIP to consider widening and providing sidewalks in 5 blocks of New Monterey this year: Spencer 200, 300 & 500 blocks, Newton 600 & 700 blocks. Residents and absent owners were all contacted. Responses were light, with fewer than half of the households saying yes. Neighborhood NIP representatives did not press for NIP funding.

Who Do You Call?

LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE ONE WAY?

It's an idea that is moving forward – slowly. Expect the Planning Commission and City Council to begin the formal review process as early as this summer. Preliminary traffic data is being gathered and alternatives studied now.

BRIDGE OFFERS HOPE OF RELIEF

A bridge that connects the Marina parking lot, Fisherman's Wharf, and the Recreation Trail to the Downtown and parking structures...A bridge that allows pedestrians and bicyclists to conveniently and safely get from one side of Del Monte Avenue to the other without crossing 8 lanes of traffic...A bridge that allows traffic on Lighthouse and around the Curve to keep moving...A bridge that sits low and fits into our historic downtown, making a positive welcoming statement to all who pass. Here is a sketch of such a bridge:



Attempts to get local match funding for transportation grants through NIP failed this year, but the hope lives on.

Recreation Offerings: “Art in the Park” for Ages 3-12 Sat May 31 10am-3pm FREE Have fun with face painting, stamping, sandart, spin art & cupcake decorating!
“Creative Gardening” June 12 – 2nd Tuesday each month Adults & Seniors at Senior Center 6-8pm Register 1st class
“Soups & Salads” #1 of 6 Workshops June 12 6:30-8:30pm Age 18+ Senior Center \$36 resident How to store/cook local produce. Professional chef shares recipes for tasting.
“Summer Playground Program” Register June 16 at Archer Park or Hilltop Park Center \$45 Resident Info 646-3866
“Mental Gymnastics” June 18-Aug 6 or Aug 27-Oct 15 Senior Center Wed 1-3pm Adults & Seniors FREE

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2008 DUES?

There's still time!

2008 NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Dues: \$10 per year Name _____

Make checks Address _____

Payable to NMNA Phone _____ FAX _____

and mail to: Email _____

NMNA Do you prefer your newsletter delivered via email? Yes No

— **PO Box 2642** Comments/Suggestions?

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Department who is attuned to the tempos of your area,

you're going to be happy to learn that Community Policing is alive and well in the neighborhood.

For **Area 1** (Cannery Row to Lighthouse Avenue), call Officers Delgado and Bruno. For **Area 2** (Hawthorne to Newton Street), contact Officer Blair. For **Area 3** (Lily to Devisadero), Officers Andrews and Plasser are your contacts. A call to **646-3830** will be forwarded to their voicemail so they can return your call.

If you want to speak to someone immediately, you may call Officer Stedham at 646-3819.

PARKING TICKETS BEING ISSUED

The City has received complaints from walkers who have been forced out into traffic by parked cars/trucks. State law says the vehicles are wrong. To address the problem, the Police have begun a serious effort to discourage the practice – by ticketing offenders. If you park on the curb or sidewalk, save a neighbor, save your green. They're looking for you.

SHRUBS EMERIL DRIVERS

Spring is the time for plant growth. Our Traffic Division reminds us that corner houses with lush greenery that has grown too tall blocks drivers' view of on-coming traffic. Help your neighbors stay safe.

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We welcome your questions. We're here to help.

Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of each month at Hilltop Park Center from 7-9PM. The public is always welcome.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***May 12 New Monterey Nhood Assn Monthly Mtg**
Hilltop Park Center 7PM

***May 20 City Council David/Prescott Traffic Study**
City Council Chambers 4PM

***May 28 City Council Budget Study Session: NIP**
City Council Chambers 4PM

***May 31 Art in the Park** Hilltop Park 10AM-3PM