



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood Association
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FEATURED SPEAKER FOR AUGUST

Rescheduled from July, **Richard Deal**, City Traffic Engineer, will show one-way Lighthouse computer simulations, with and without a designated bus lane, at the Association's August monthly meeting. Come, ask questions, share your thoughts. This goes to City Council later this month.

Monday August 11, 2008
Hilltop Park Center
7PM – 9PM

STREET WIDENING BEGINS

August 4 Paul T. Beck Contractors begins a 45 day contract to widen the **700 block of Archer Street**. This project is funded through the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP).

Any resident concerns or questions can be directed to New Monterey's NIP Rep, Sharon Dwight. 375-0841

Widening of the **600 block of Spencer Street** is expected to go to bid in the next couple of weeks, with construction likely in October/November.

HOT ISSUES IN NEW MONTEREY

1) Does the New Monterey Area Plan permit conversion of apartments to condominiums?

City Council will consider a conversion project at 685 Spencer/701 Prescott tentatively on their August 19 7PM agenda.

New Monterey Area Plan Policy 1: Retain the present residential General Plan and zoning. Preserve, maintain, & perpetuate the single-family character of New Monterey. Prohibit Planned Unit Developments.

Program 1D: No new Planned Unit Developments will be allowed in New Monterey.

Staff interprets those as 'no PUDs in R-1 zone.'
NMNA opposes this conversion.

2) Should the City pay the owner/developer of condos at 585 Laine St more than \$128,000 to make a 'Work Force' unit into an 'Affordable' unit?

The owner was required to make 4 units 'affordable' and 1 'work force' to make up for 16 parking space deficiency on his project. (Those terms refer to a County-wide standard based on income level compared to median income.) Now he wants \$128,000+ to offer the unit at a lesser price on the market.

That same money used for first-time buyer down payment would be paid back to the fund for another buyer in the future. Money used as proposed goes into the owner/developer's pocket and is gone.

NMNA opposes buying down the Work Force unit.

Next Meeting: Monday, Aug 11 – Hilltop Park Center – 7PM

NMNA Website: www.newmontereyneighborhood.org

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER

Monterey Fire Department is offering a free series of 6 Monday night classes Sept 15 – Oct 20 to help teens and adults learn skills invaluable in times of emergency.

Learn about disaster preparedness at home & at work, fire safety, emergency medical, light search & rescue, disaster psychology and more.

Know what to do to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and co-workers. In an earthquake or major storm, emergency services are stretched thin; residents are on their own. Call Gemma at 646-3900 to sign up.

Classes are held at the Emergency Operations Center downtown behind the fire department on Pacific Street 6:30-9PM.

Trained As NERT? Attend class Oct 20th 6:30pm to be upgraded officially to CERT. We miss you. We need you.

What kind of emergency supplies to have in your vehicle? Walking shoes – you might have to walk home if roads are impassable. Water. Energy bar or other food that could give you a boost. Warm clothing or a blanket to help you stay warm.

AUGUST BOOKMOBILE STOPS

Wed Aug 6 & 20 Hilltop Park Center 4:15-5:15pm

Thurs Aug 7 & 21 Hoffman/BayView School 2:15-3:15pm

Browse the library collection online and request materials at www.monterey.org/library or by phone 646-3930. The bookmobile has books for all ages, magazines, dvds, and more. If you haven't visited for a while, check it out!

AUGUST RECREATION AT HILLTOP

Public Access Computers for adults M-F 9-1 pm

Monday Morning Stories & Adventures for ages 3-5 yrs

Mondays Aug 4-25 10-1pm \$30

Musical Beginnings for ages 18 months-3 yrs

Mondays Aug 25-Sep 22 4-4:45pm \$25

Musikids! ages 3-5 yrs

Mondays Aug 25-Sep 22 5-5:45pm \$25;

Afterschool program starts Aug 4.

Parents call 646-3866 for more information.

Hilltop Teen Room for ages 13-18 to enjoy pool, ping-pong, air hockey, & internet access computers.

M-Th 1pm-8:45pm, F 1-4:45pm

Hilltop Family Night for teens & their families

Wed 5-8:45pm Enjoy the Teen Room together.

WHAT WE LEARNED

Thane Wilson, Monterey's Housing Projects & Programs, came to our June meeting to introduce us to the broad range of programs offered to current and future home owners. If you are someone on fixed income who has a house that needs fixing or are someone who is trying to qualify to buy a house, call Thane at 646-3995 or email him at twilson@ci.monterey.ca.us. There are grants for repairs and others for safety issues. Thane would love to help you as he has a number of our neighbors. Call him. We have brochures at our monthly meetings that tell you more.

John Kuehl, Monterey's Chief Building Official, talked about the new Green Building Ordinance and Residential & Nonresidential checklists that explain how building smart/building 'green' works. Applications for building permits will come with requirements for 'greenpoints.' Call Dept of Building Safety & Inspection at 646-3890 to get a copy of the Checklist and learn more.

CERT Box at Hoffman Park - in review by ARC staff
Cypress Park Security Light – September?
David/Terry Crosswalk – No action yet
Fire Stn #2 & Hilltop Park Ctr Backup Water Storage Tanks – In Design
Hilltop Park – Resurface Basketball Court - Parking being redesigned; to Parks & Rec Commission for approval Sept?
Hoffman Park Landscaping/Walkway New handrails, old plants removed, paver bid about to be awarded, new plantings & irrigation follow.
New Monterey Undergrd Utilities Cost Estimate
Additional funding needed to award contract; NIP meeting late Aug/early Sep, City Council 2 weeks later.
Oak Newton Park Play Equipment - Equipment installed, new rubber surface needed
Prescott/Cypress Speed Display Sign – No action yet
Prescott Sidewalk (Taylor to SeaView) – Funding agreement goes to Pacific Grove City Council 8/20 6PM

Rec Trail Lighting Upgrade (San Carlos Beach to Wharf II) – September/October Installation
Safe Route to School – Study in coordination with Bay View & Colton parents continues as school resumes
Spencer 600 Widening Specs received; construct Oct/Nov?

CLEANING HINT OF THE MONTH Stinky dishwasher? Freshen it by putting a bowl with 2 cups white vinegar in the bottom rack and run the dishwasher through the complete cycle.

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

AUGUST CALENDAR

***Aug 11 New Monterey Nhood Assn Monthly Mtg**
Hilltop Park Center 7-9pm

Speaker: Rich Deal – Lighthouse 1-Way Simulation

***Aug 20 PG City Council - Prescott Sidewalk** PG City Hall
6pm

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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NEW MONTEREY NIP PROJECT STATUS

Archer 700 Widening construction begins 8/4
Bay View School Beautification – September Start