



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

April 2009

Next meeting: Monday, April 13 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

New From City Hall

Budget cuts continue to dominate the thinking of our City leadership. Let them know what you are willing to give up and what you deem essential in City services. They are interested in your thoughts. See the City web page or call City Hall with your input.

Update From The Aquarium

Representing the Aquarium, Eileen Cross gave us an update on things at the fish zoo. The Aquarium has attracted over 44 million guests and 2 million students over the last twenty five years. It will spend \$2 million in advertising this year, four times its normal budget. Special note: free admission on the 20th of each month through November for locals.

New Business Proposals

NMNA generally discourages national brands from starting businesses here. We want this to be a unique, locally owned business community. A Subway sandwich shop is proposed for 296 Lighthouse Avenue, at Dickman. Let a Board Member know how you feel about this proposal.

While far from our sphere of influence, a new resort is planned directly across the bay from us on the dunes north of the big sand hill in Sand City. It will have lights shining at night, it will use water and it will attract people in cars. Should our Association express our concerns about it?

Emergency Preparedness

When the big one hits will you be ready? Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is planning to circulate information in our neighborhood about what you should do to prepare to cope with the coming earthquake. Remember that the fire and police departments may not be available for perhaps three days when the Big One hits. Will you be able to take care of yourself and your family? We have room for more volunteers to become CERTs. Have you noticed the new CERT Box at Hoffman Park?

NMNA meeting – April 13 – 7 p.m. Hilltop Center – Jessie and David

Topics: NIP, Budget, CERT funding, Area Plan

Forthcoming Meetings:

Monday, May 11

Monday, June 8

Membership

More than ever before, the City Council is influenced by the number of members who belong to NMNA. Our voice is amplified by the membership roster. Please be sure your voice is heard at City Hall and *join your Association*. Strength is in numbers.

Dues are only \$10. Generous donations above this amount will allow us to mail the Newsletter to everyone. Budget wise, this is impossible now. Information is power. Ignorance is servitude.

Neighborhood Police Report

Over 50 residents attended an interesting meeting March 24, when police department representatives and the animal control officer updated us on crime, traffic and enforcement in New Monterey.

Highlights include:

Graffiti is discouraged best by removing it fast. If you see it, report it.

During a recent traffic enforcement saturation program, 112 citations were issued in one hour. We have asked for increased traffic enforcement in New Monterey. There are no passes available for residents. Just drive according to the law and you won't have to use your rear view mirror as much.

There are very few burglary or theft problems. It is opportunistic. Thieves look for the easiest target. Leave nothing visible in your car.

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Lock your car and house doors.

There are very few hard or soft drug problems in this community.

We are fortunate to have an alert police force. We live in a safe community largely because of its effort. If you get a chance, tell them they are appreciated!

Area Plan Update

It is in our interest, and required by law, that we create and periodically update an Area Plan. It is used by various civic agencies as a guide when making decisions affecting our community. It tells them what we want our community to be like and how we envision its future. Your Association will be updating the current Plan in a few months. If you are interested in the future of your neighborhood, please join in the conversation. Your ideas and assistance will be used and appreciated.

Dickman Senior Center

Marylalice Aiello announced a number of events for April, including a free lunch! The Spring Fling

Luncheon at 11am on Wednesday, April 15 will feature catered food and spicy music.

Two interesting trips, available to all, include a visit to Wild Things and the Steinbeck Salinas House. Then there is a trip to the Farmers Market at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. Both are Saturday trips. Call Maryalice for details and other events: 646-3878.

Neighborhood Improvement Program

The City seems poised to eliminate all NIP projects until the recession recedes. The City Council will vote April 30 up or down on NIP funding. Your NIP representatives will meet April 15 to devise a plan to protect as many of the approved projects as possible. Your involvement is critical if you wish to protect any of these projects. Call Sharon Dwight for more information: 375-0841.

Contact your Board

Your Board wants to hear from you with ideas and concerns. Please feel free to contact any one by US mail (POB 2642, Monterey, CA 93942) or on-line at www.newmontereyneighborhood.org



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