



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

June 2009

Next meeting: Monday, June 8 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

## REPORT FROM LAST BOARD MEETING

City Council woman Nancy Selfridge shared her idea for a temporary diversion of Neighborhood Improvement Program funds to new endowment accounts to be established to support the library and the Sports Center. Your Board felt that a lot of organizational planning and implementation considerations should precede any further thought of diverting of NIP funds.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you live in or own property in New Monterey you are entitled to membership NMNA. If you pay your dues, you become a member. Members can vote. Members give meaning to the Association. A large membership carries more weight than does a small one and that is why you are important. If you want your voice heard, if you want someone watching out for your interests at City Hall, you should be a member. The Association needs the clout that comes with your membership! It needs your ideas, your involvement and your support!

## FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

No longer must we trek over the hill to enjoy a movie in the open air. The New Monterey Business Association, aka Lighthouse Business District, [lighthousedistrict.net](http://lighthousedistrict.net) will sponsor three movies this summer at Scholze Park (Dickman & Lighthouse). The first is THE GOONIES on June 13. It starts at sunset. Take a blanket or chair, dress warmly and meet your neighbors. It's free, but you must get tickets at supporting businesses along Lighthouse Avenue. See INDEPENDENCE DAY on July 11 and GREASE on August 8.

## BUSINESS DISTRICT UPDATE

Along with the Bamboo Reef Dive Shop, the NM Business District sponsors a monthly scuba dive opportunity just for you and the neighbors. It is easy, inexpensive and a great way to get yourself into the water on a regular basis with friends  
[lighthousedistrict.net/eventinfo.php?eventid=7047](http://lighthousedistrict.net/eventinfo.php?eventid=7047)

The NM Business Association also is offering Associate Memberships to those with home offices. Check: [lighthousedistrict.net/newsdetail.php?tid=6358](http://lighthousedistrict.net/newsdetail.php?tid=6358) for more information.

## NMNA meeting – June 8 – 7 p.m. Hilltop Center – Jessie and David

Speaker: Ksenia Kurtow, Recreation Director  
Hilltop Park Center

Ksenia will discuss the current and upcoming activities available to individuals and families.

Upcoming Meeting:

Tuesday, June 16 - 4 PM Council on NIP

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The price of democracy is constant vigilance. Your Association's most important role is that of vigilance. Please support our effort on your behalf by volunteering your time, your treasure or your talent. We could use all three, but as a good citizen, please measure up in at least one of these categories. We have a wonderful City staff and boards that work hard. We just need to keep an eye on them. You can help us make sure they do their job well on our behalf. Thanks!

Howard B. Fosler

## NIP APPROVAL PROCESS

June 2nd the City Council will look for the first time at the projects that the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) has recommended for funding in the coming fiscal year.

New Monterey projects going to City Council for approval are:

- 601 Drake Trip Hazard Repairs
- Hawthorne/Dickman SE corner Curb Ramp
- Grace 700 Widening at Prescott (first 100' on Grace)
- New Monterey Park Repairs
- Hoffman Park Design (to position the CERT Box)
- Cal-Am Reservoir Stormwater Capture Study
- Sloat Monument Drainage

For the first time in NIP's history, the NIP committee recommended \$400,000 not be allocated to projects so the City's budget can benefit from the interest from that money and, if the City finds itself unable to meet ordinary expenses, the City Council can take the money with a 4/5ths vote without effecting approved projects.

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## NIP continued

The City Council may vote on NIP and CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) June 16th. If you care about any of the recommended projects, plan to attend the June 2nd and June 16th meetings to answer questions or inform the Council of the project's merits.

At last month's NMNA meeting, NMNA voted to press for construction of the Prescott Sidewalk and Curb Ramps. While we believe that each of the projects on hold will benefit public health & safety, the sidewalk on Prescott will allow pedestrians to stay out of traffic during winter weather (10,000 to 12,000 car trips per day in that stretch of Prescott).

If you share this concern, please contact Mayor Della Sala and members of the City Council at City Hall, Monterey, CA 93940. They need to know your thoughts!

## WHAT'S ON TOP AT HILLTOP?

Teens 13-17 have their own clubhouse at the Center. It is a great place to meet friends in a safe, supervised, activity oriented space. Do you know a bored teen? Send them to the Center. Check the Center's web site for lots of other activities.

[monterey.org/communitycenters/hilltop.html](http://monterey.org/communitycenters/hilltop.html)



## Membership Dues: 2009 NMNA Membership Form

**Basic - \$10**

**Supporting - \$20**

**Outstanding**

**Citizen - Over \$20**

**Make checks payable to NMNA and mail to address below.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes  No

Comments/Suggestions?



## LIBRARY NEWS

The theme for children this summer: "Be Creative @ Your Library" Get your kids involved with this early. It will be interesting and very informative for them. Summer will fly by!



## SPEAKING OF SUPPORT

Please consider becoming a Supporting Member of the Association. A \$20 contribution will give you this status. It will help immensely in the accomplishment of our goals. Any contributions above \$20 will make you an Outstanding Citizen Member. Your money will be used exclusively to extend the influence of your Association in protecting the interests of your neighborhood. Everyone involved is a volunteer. Your additional support will help us get the Newsletter to a wider audience. The more members NMNA has, the more effective our voice will be at City Hall.

Share your priorities and opinions of City operation with your Board members. Let them know where to concentrate their efforts on your behalf!.

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