



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

July 2009

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

NEWS FROM CITY HALL: The City Council, tapped half of the funds recommended by NIP on a one time basis for some much wanted programs. The Library's Youth Services hours will not be cut. The California Room, a rich resource for Monterey history, will retain full service hours. Community Centers will continue reduced hours on Fridays.

It must be mentioned that City employees voluntarily gave up scheduled raises and agreed to take time off without pay to help the City balance the budget. (Approximately \$1 million.)

The approved budget eliminates 7 full time and 6 regular part time positions; provides no funding for 4th of July next year; eliminates Concerts in Colton Hall, Christmas Tree Lighting, Easter Egg Hunt, and Junior Soccer; closes the Library on Sundays; provides no pay for Choraleers or Community Band Directors; eliminates interlibrary loan service and reduces library collection purchases 30%. Capital maintenance and capital improvement accounts are seriously underfunded.

City Council continued discussion of First Night, State Theater, Colton Hall, and 4th of July to their July 7 meeting. At the same meeting the Council will discuss tapping the other half of the funds NIP recommended might be used for critical City programs. Your Council members will welcome your comments.

CERT: The Community Emergency Response Team members were certified in Incident Command System recently. The City agreed to provide a small fund for CERT practice drills. The New Monterey's CERT team is seeking funds to replace batteries for their radios (about \$20 each). It is likely the telephones will not work in an emergency such as an earthquake and the radios may be one of the few modes of communication available to us on this side of the tunnel. Note: can you take care of yourself and your family for three full days with no help whatsoever?

LIKE TO COOK? Martin Yan, host of the TV show YAN CAN COOK will be at the Conference Center on July 19, at 2pm to share cooking secrets with the audience. You can meet the star, get some cooking tips, buy his book and have a lot of fun with neighbors all in one place. The event is sponsored by the Library and costs only \$20. Check the website or call 646-5601 for details.

FOURTH OF JULY: How was it for you? Did you enjoy the City's celebration? Are there issues you would like your Association to present to the City for you? Contact a Board member with your suggestions.

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

Important Dates:

July 7 City Council Meeting, Council Chamber - 7:00 p.m.

July 9 Neighborhood Improvement Program Committee, Council Chamber - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

July 14 Planning Commission, Council Chamber - 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

July 15 Architectural Review Committee, Council Chamber - 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

July 16 Parks and Recreation Commission, Council Chamber - 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

July 21 City Council Meeting, Council Chamber - 4:00 - 11:00 p.m.

July 22 Library Board, Library Community Room - 5:00 p.m.

BUDGET: Your Association weighed in with the City Council on budget matters where we felt our voice could be meaningful. We discussed how important we felt it was to keep several services operating at capacity. These included the Sports Center, the Community Centers and the Library. We also suggested better planning for employee career development and in payroll cost control. Your Board believes it is important for the City administration and Council to know that the people in New Monterey are wary, watchful and willing to speak out on matters that concern them.

MEMBERSHIP: It's up! Thanks to all you new members who understand how important it is for our neighborhood to have a voice at City Hall. You joined a small, but potent group of citizens who understand that democracy starts at one's front door. Your castle may be ruled by a patriarch, matriarch or despot, but outside, we are supposed to be living in a form of democracy. That requires enlightened participation by citizens. It will not work without them. You have just tendered your support to this cause and with your support we are able to speak with a louder voice today than we did yesterday when we go to the City with our concerns. Your voice carries to the Halls of government! Thanks for being a concerned citizen!

PHOTO WALK: Monterey hosts a professionally guided Photowalk on July 18 and invites anyone with a camera and desire to improve his photo skills to join in, free of charge. You will meet many other locals who share the joy of capturing scenes in perpetuity for all to enjoy. Check for details: <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/>

FREE TOUR BUS: You have until Labor Day to hop on the trolley that looks like a cable car on steroids and runs all over downtown and Cannery Row. It's free and you can get off and on wherever you want. It's a fun way to see a lot of your town in a short time. Some people like to ride it just to talk with the world wide visitors who also travel on the trolley.

KIDS FLEA MARKET: Coming in September, children ages 6-17, can earn money selling their used clothes, games, toys and other items. Table space is limited and goes fast so don't wait - register at Hilltop Park Center from Monday, August 10 to Friday, September 11. An adult must supervise vendors under 12 years. Call 646-3975 for more information. Family fun for all ages. Sat 10:00am-1:00pm Sep 19 Hilltop Park \$15 booth space, Free Admission for general public

FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS: CNN, Coffee and Conversation. Join your neighbors on Friday mornings for

Membership Dues: 2009 NMNA Membership Form

Basic - \$10 Name _____

Additional Support - \$20 Address _____

Or Phone _____

Make checks payable to NMNA and mail to address below. Email _____

Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes No

Comments/Suggestions? _____



fresh brewed coffee, pastries and enjoy a friendly chat. Relax and watch the news or morning shows, discuss current events, play games or try out the new Nintendo Wii game system. .Fridays 9:30-11:30am at the Senior Center.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SENIOR CENTER: Drop by Dickman and Lighthouse to hear about the many exciting programs, events and trips offered this fall - featuring a special presentation of the New England Fall Foliage Tour scheduled for October. Refreshments will be provided and the Senior Center staff will be available to show you around the facility and answer any questions you have. Sunday, July 26, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Dues of \$10 are due and payable at the first of each year, but may be paid at any time. Additional contributions to support your Association's outreach are greatly appreciated. \$20 or more will allow the Association to be more effective on your behalf. All the funds go toward promoting your interests. All members are volunteers.

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