



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

October 2009

Next meeting: Monday, October 12 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

NOTES FROM BAY VIEW SCHOOL

Harvest Fair is Saturday, the 24th. This is a fun event and all are welcome.

With two classrooms closed and more layoffs to deal with, the staff at Bay View needs volunteer help. If you show up, they will use you. Our kids need you.

Our only local school is at risk of further cuts. Some classes may be moved to other schools, more grades may be combined and there is a remote risk that the school will be closed. It is time for high awareness and likely intervention by those who think having an outstanding elementary school in the neighborhood is a good thing, not just for our children, but for property values and quality of life of all those affected by its presence.

HOME WEATHERIZATION SERVICE

Free to low income families are two programs to help with winter heating expense. One helps weatherize one's home to reduce utility usage and the other helps pay heating bills. Call Central Coast Energy Services (831)761-7080 ext 123.

CHEAP SEATS

The last time this year that you can visit the Aquarium free is Thursday the 20th. During the Christmas holidays the Aquarium usually opens its doors to locals for a short time, but we have not heard if they intend to do so this year.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Our appointed representatives for the next year are Sharon Dwight and her backup team Joanne Garden, Bob Evans and Robert Wemheuer. These people will represent us at meetings meant to determine which neighborhood gets its pet projects done first. Currently, they are working to prioritize paving the sidewalks on Prescott Avenue from Taylor to Forest Avenue before the rains come. You may also notice the security lights being installed at Cypress Park thanks to their efforts.

Shortly, you may receive an inquiry from the NIP team asking what you want done to improve the structure of our neighborhood. It is your opportunity to see tax dollars spent just the way you want. Please give it some thought and return it promptly so it is counted.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Last summer we hand delivered hundreds of newsletters with the hope that by making our neighbors aware of this organization we could increase our membership. With the help of four hearty volunteers, over 800 newsletters were distributed monthly and our membership

increased 17 percent! With the advent of inclement weather, this program will halt. If you want to be sure to get your issue, you must sign up. We encourage you to subscribe via email. It is less expensive, it allows us to contact you with urgent information, and it is green. Your address is safe with us. We share it with no one.

CERT

Our Community Emergency Response Team is currently meeting to reorganize and plan for next year. With extensive training, members become the backbone of our neighborhood's security when an emergency occurs. There are over thirty members in our neighborhood, but we need more. If you want to be trained and authorized to help your community when a crisis strikes you may sign up at: <http://www.monterey.org/volunteer/app.html>.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our annual gathering of members will occur January 11 at our regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of the month. We encourage everyone who lives in New Monterey to come out and participate in the meeting. We will be setting our agenda for the year and electing our officers. Refreshments will be served. Save the date.

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I invite you to join our Association. We need your support to continue our work to make this neighborhood one of the best in which you have ever lived. We solicit your ideas. We encourage your participation as a volunteer worker or officer. Elections are coming in January. Call me if you are interested in serving your community.

Howard B. Fosler

TRASH CANS

As a reminder, trash cans should be put out at the curb no more than 24 hours before pick up and removed by 7 PM the day of your pick up service. Cans should be stored as discreetly as possible and not be visible from the street.

CITY FOCUS MAGAZINE

Another victim of the budget bomb is City Focus magazine. It will continue to be published, but it is only available on line if you subscribe to it. To subscribe, go to: <http://www.monterey.org/residents.html>

AREA PLAN UPDATE

Perhaps the most important item before us next year is updating our Area Plan. By law, each neighborhood has the right to determine its future by codifying what it wants from the City Planners and the Administration.

**NMNA meeting – October 12 – 7 p.m.
Hilltop Center – Jessie and David**

It is our way of telling the bureaucracy how we want it to deal with matters that come before it. It is the foundation of democratic process with regard to our neighborhood.

We are looking for people to help determine the future of New Monterey by designing/ updating a set of ideals to guide decision making over the next few decades. This heady stuff requires wisdom, sensitivity and skill. Can you help? Call Howard Fosler.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 6 – City Council meets
- Oct 8-11 – History Fest - Tours of the Presidio, Squid Day, Military Encampments, Museum tours.
- Oct 13 – Planning Commission meets
- Oct 26 – Public Flu Clinic VNA sponsored at Sports Center
- Oct 27 – Planning Commission meets
- Oct 29 – Fall Showcase of Local Businesses and Services- Conference Center
- Nov 14 – Just Run Kids 3K
- Nov 15 – Big Sur Half Marathon

REPORT FROM LAST BOARD MEETING

Council member Libby Downey briefed residents and the board about the ongoing process of providing sufficient water to the peninsula. She discussed harvesting water, storing it and creating it. The new water plan entails relocating the desalinization plant at Moss Landing to Marina where it can be coordinated with the waste management power plant already there to save energy costs. An existing wastewater plant is already there.

AIRPORT NOISE

Have you noticed the change? There is a noticeable reduction in noise from airplane engines. We think it is because the airport management heard our complaints and responded by clarifying departure procedures, asking the flying public to be mindful and requesting FAA cooperation . Your Association at work. Your public servants responding.

NMBA

Check out the New Monterey Business Association web site and at: <http://www.lighthouse-district.net/>

NOTE

Dues for 2010 are payable in January 2010.

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NMNA Website

newmontereyneighborhood.org

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? _____



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