



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

November 2009

Next meeting: Monday, November 9 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS** - Conservative financial management is paying off, according to Mayor Chuck Della Salla. In a recent conversation with your president, Mr. Della Salla said we are approaching the half way mark of the City's fiscal year and many eyes will be on the next Council Meeting when revenue from the Transient Occupancy Tax is reported. It represents about a quarter of the City's revenue and its trend is critical to what happens next. Della Salla notes that street maintenance and repair is a top goal currently, but its continued activity will be impacted by the report. Hawthorne Avenue improvements await those results.

Della Salla also highlighted Monterey's relationship with the military as an example of forward thinking civic management. In Washington, he says, many refer to that inter-relationship as the "Monterey Model" where coordinated infrastructure maintenance, for instance, benefits everyone.

**STREET RESURFACE PROGRAM** - You may expect to hear from the City's street repair contractor between now and mid December concerning resurfacing if you live on one of the following streets:

- Belden from Prescott to Irving
- Cypress from Prescott to Irving
- Irving from Pine to Belden
- Oak from Prescott to Irving and from David to Line
- Parcel from Prescott to 822 Parcel
- Reeside from Hawthorne to Laine
- Spencer from Drake to McClellan and from Irving to David.

Residents will be notified 72 hours prior to work starting on these blocks by Bond Blacktop, the contractor. See the "projects" topic on Monterey's webpage for more information.

**CERT NEWS** - Two Saturdays in January, 10 and 23, the Community Emergency Response Team instructors will offer CERT training. Learn how to make your home and work place safer and what to do in the event of emergencies large and small. Teens and older may participate. There is no charge. Contact Deme Kastros for more information. demekastros@msn.com 224-0167. It will be several months before another class is offered. Life skills. You'll be glad you did! Save the Date now.

**CERT Tools & Supplies** - New Monterey's newest CERT storage container is in position (see last month's newsletter for its location) and awaiting tools and supplies. Can you help stock it? Extra tools? Sheets, towels, rope, flashlights? Tax-deductible contribution? Anything you can contribute helps your CERT team to help the neighborhood in time of emergency. Call Sharon Dwight to learn more. 375-0841.

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS** - This is an especially good time to make an effort to generate some neighborly connections. We all know why we should have some relationship with our street mates; security, health, fire, friendliness. With the holidays upon us, this might be just the time to reach out

and (re) kindle the relationship with those with whom we share our quarter. A greeting, a wave, a small gift... who knows how we might benefit from such an outreach.

## IMPORTANT DATES -

- 12/7 NMNA December board meeting is changed to the first Monday for December only.
- 12/10 & 12 Christmas in Twenty Adobes. Candle lit and decked for the holidays
- 12/14 Christmas Boat Float Night
- 12/31 First Night
- 1/11 NM Neighborhood Annual Meeting (see below)
- 1/16 & 23 CERT Training

**HOLIDAY PLANNING** - If you never tire of seeing Christmas tree lightings you are in for a very exciting month. Christmas Tree Lighting Festivities are planned at:

- Del Monte Center 5 pm 11/21
- Steinbeck Plaza (foot of Prescott) 6 pm 11/27
- Colton Hall 6 pm 12/5

**TOP TV SHOW IN MONTEREY** - It isn't about dancing, getting lost or talent, it is about your government in action and it is there for you to view on cable channel 25 or on your computer. The Council and Planning Commission meetings are usually quite interesting. And there is more. Take a look. Maybe it is about dancing, getting lost and talent after all.

**NMNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING** - Once a year we invite everyone to attend our organizational meeting for the forthcoming year. On Monday, January 11, at Hilltop Center, your board of directors will put on a presentation. You will be informed on how this year went and what we expect for next year. Most importantly, you will be asked for your ideas and suggestions.

This year's meeting will be especially important, because soon we intend to start working on our Area Plan Update. That is where you get protection of your scenic view, your neighbor's compliance with decorum, your safety and your general quality of life. These revised rules are intended to guide City decision makers for the next decade and beyond. It is the rule book for dealing with change in New Monterey.

If you have expertise, experience or a compelling interest in such things please let us know, since we will need help developing a plan satisfactory to all.

**DUES** - We will be asking for your 2010 dues starting next month. Just \$10 takes care of your minimum membership level. That makes you a caring citizen whose views are counted and gets you a subscription to the newsletter. We need more than that to continue our outreach, promote our neighborhood ideals and to be able to appeal decisions. These are the only categories of expense to which your dues are allocated. Your board is all voluntary labor. The way to be sure you get your newsletter and your voice heard is to be a member.

**ON TOP OF HILLTOP** - Our underrated Hilltop Park Center includes a computer lab, darkroom, and a pottery studio. It offers an array of self-satisfaction classes. The Teen Room is open during the week. Teens, 13 - 18 years, can enjoy pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and internet access computers. It is right there! It is yours for the asking. Check it out on line <http://www.monterey.org/communitycenters/hilltop.html> or stop by.

**NEW MONTEREY BUSINESS** - Any vibrant neighborhood depends on top notch local businesses to support and enhance it. We are lucky to have over 100 such businesses right down the street. Six new ones have just opened. If we want them to survive, we must support them by trying out their services.

- Ace & Sons Construction, 484 Lighthouse Avenue, Suite 101
- American Burger Restaurant, 738 Lighthouse Avenue
- Doran Poma, Esthetician & Makeup Artist, 542 Lighthouse Avenue
- Good Stuff Boutique, 605 Lighthouse Avenue
- Metro PCS, 484 Lighthouse, Suite 102
- Subway Restaurant, 296 Lighthouse Avenue

You can get more information on our business community at <http://www.lighthousedistrict.net>

**EMAIL ADDRESS** - We can notify you when your copy of the newsletter is ready. You read it when and where you want. You are sure to get your copy, you save a tree and we save postage and shoe leather. May we have your email address?

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**Membership Dues: 2009 NMNA Membership Form**

<b>Basic - \$10</b>	Name	_____
<b>Additional Support - \$20</b>	Address	_____
<b>Or _____</b>	Phone	_____
<b>Make checks payable to NMNA and mail to address below.</b>	Email	_____
	Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments/Suggestions?	

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**Hilltop Center – Jessie and David**  
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**NOISE ORDINANCE** - No person shall cause, suffer, permit or allow the repeated or persistent emission of any noise or sound produced by any such person, by any animal or fowl, or through any mechanical means within his ownership, possession or control, by which reason of its raucous nature habitually disturbs the peace and quiet of any person.  
 Section 22-18 MCC

**NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT** - As the daylight diminishes and our schedules change we become more aware of the cycle of life. We realize that there are seasons to our lives as well as to nature. I invite you to consider how you are using this season, whether you are satisfied with what you are doing, whether you should be adjusting for your change.

You might find you want to give back more to your community. If so, consider becoming a member of the board of directors of NMNA for 2010. Your association is looking for people who want to add their measure for the benefit of their community. What's involved? Simply be interested, become informed and get active, be willing to dedicate some time. Ask one of our board members about it or give me a call. We need your help!

*Howard Fosler*

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**NMNA Website**  
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