



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

December 2009

Next meeting: Monday, December 7 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

**DECEMBER NMNA GUEST SPEAKER:** Forrest Ebbs, Senior City Planner. The City is about to launch the New Monterey Historic Reconnaissance Survey. Mr. Ebbs will present the draft Historic Context Statement for the New Monterey Historic Reconnaissance Survey. The Historic Context Statement tells the history of New Monterey and offers the basis for determining which properties might potentially be historically significant. Come and learn more about your neighborhood.

**BAY VIEW SCHOOL:** Will the school board decide to close Bay View? The decision is scheduled for the MPUSD meeting December 10. Let's hope that the board will realize that small, neighborhood elementary schools are worth much more than they cost. There are simpler, more cost effective ways of solving the current budget problems. Be there, support our school!

**IMPACT ENFORCEMENT:** Your guests may appreciate a warning that the Monterey Police Department is out in force. By putting special emphasis on DUI arrests along commercial corridor streets in New Monterey and elsewhere in the City they hope to continue the reduction in accidents involving alcohol. Impact enforcement will continue until the first of the year.

**DUES:** You can support your neighborhood association's work by being a dues paying member. The modest fee of \$10 adds your name to the list of citizens who care what happens to their neighborhood. This is the only way you can be sure to receive the newsletter. Supporting contributions above \$10 gives the association not only an influential head count, but as importantly, the funds with which to do its work. We have had contributions of as much as \$100 from people who understand the importance of citizen vigilance and the need to constantly strive for improvement in our neighborhood.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE:** Speaking of improvement, have you noticed how much upgrading has occurred over the last few years on this side of the tunnel? Recession notwithstanding, there are a remarkable number of lovely remodels and landscape enhancements that really shine brightly along our quiet streets. Thanks to all of you who have so tastefully improved your property. It is a benefit to all and we appreciate it!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Dec 7, NMNA Board Meeting (on the first Monday just this time) Public invited.
- Dec 10, School Board votes on reconfiguration and what to do with Bay View School.
- Dec 12, Pet Parade. Cannery Row
- Jan 11, NMNA Board Meeting Hilltop Recreation Center 7-9pm Public invited.
- Jan 25, NMNA Annual Meeting. All residents of New Monterey encouraged to attend. 7-9pm

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Time for you to say what is important to you. Attend the annual meeting of your association. How will anyone otherwise know what gripes you? Your association's reason for being is to make this neighborhood as "gripe free" as possible. So come, share your thoughts and find out how many others feel the same way. We will prioritize our NIP Wish List while setting the agenda for our association for next year. And, you will elect your Board for 2010. Get involved, be a candidate for the Board. Nominations from the floor are encouraged. Revised date: Monday, January 25, Hilltop Center, Jesse at David, 7pm. Light snacks will be served.

**NIP:** You should have received your Project Nomination form from the City. Each year the City solicits resident suggestions for capital improvement projects for your immediate neighborhood. We have received several inquiries asking how one can ask for street improvements, such as sidewalks, street widening, storm drains, traffic calming and crosswalks. An NIP project proposal is the way to make such suggestions. If you can't find your Project Nomination form, you can also do it on line at the City's website: <http://www.monterey.org/planningengineering/nip/> And remember, you can participate in prioritizing neighborhood improvement projects by attending the NMNA Annual Meeting on January 25.

**AREA PLAN UPDATE:** A reminder, our Area Plan update will begin next year. We are looking for people to help with the update. If you have vision, talent, training and/or a desire to see your neighborhood evolve in a healthy, creative way we need to talk. Please call a Board member and get involved!

**PET PARADE ON CANNERY ROW:**

On Saturday December 12, the 2nd annual Pet Parade on Cannery Row starts at the American Tin Cannery. It then proceeds along the Coastal Recreation Trail and travels to Cannery Row's Steinbeck Plaza. All four-legged friends are invited to participate in this free, fun & festive family event. Pre-registration is required for parade participants. Check-in begins at 10:30am at the American Tin Cannery. The SPCA and Animal Friends Rescue Project and will be offering on-site adoptions in the Plaza in front of Bubba Gumps during the event. A doggie costume contest will follow at Steinbeck Plaza with prizes for the best dressed pet. The Cannery Row Company sponsors this event.



**SANTA VISITS ALVARADO STREET:**

Santa will be in town on two Saturdays, December 12 & 19. Also enjoy a free wagon ride thru the old town. These events begin at 10am. Good family fun.



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

**SPECIAL PARKING DEAL FOR LOCALS:**

- Cannery Row Garage  
One hour free or totally free after 4pm
- Waterfront Lot (behind Urgent Care)  
Two hours free
- West Garage  
2 hours free until Christmas

**TAX AVOIDANCE SCHEME:** The City's Finance Department estimates that if people diverted just 10% of what they spend outside the City, and spent that 10% in Monterey instead, they would generate \$500,000 in additional revenue for the General Fund. The General Fund finances many of the City services residents enjoy, such as Recreation and Library programs. That is a lot of revenue that can be raised without more taxation.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:**

Annual Dues are payable now for 2010.

**Membership Dues: 2010 NMNA Membership Form**



**Basic - \$10**

**Additional Support - \$20**

**Or** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes  No

Comments/Suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

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