

# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

January 2010

Next meeting: Monday, January 11 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 7PM at HILLTOP PARK CENTER

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Once a year, everyone who lives or owns property in New Monterey is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the New Monterey Neighborhood Association, where you have the opportunity to express your views and help establish an agenda for your Association to follow.

Our guest speaker will be Mayor Chuck Della Sala, discussing Monterey's budget strategy for 2010, answering your questions and receiving any suggestions you may wish to share with him. We will prioritize Neighborhood Improvement projects requested so far, and elect the 2010 Board of the New Monterey Neighborhood Association.

The meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 7pm at Hilltop Park Center, Jessie at David. Refreshments will be served.

**Elections** - We will nominate and elect board members to serve NMNA in 2010. The current members of the board, Howard Fosler, Bob and Barbara Evans, Bruce Crist, Joanne Kelly and Sharon Dwight, are willing to continue another year. The Board can be as many as eleven strong.

This is your opportunity to make a difference. If you care about New Monterey and would like to work with the community to make a difference, you are encouraged to join the Board. Please contact a board member for more information.

**JANUARY NMNA MEETING GUEST SPEAKER** - Forrest Ebbs, Senior Planner, will be the guest speaker at the January 11th meeting, discussing the Historic survey of New Monterey. The City is identifying buildings and sites that may have an historic significance to the neighborhood. We know about the cannery workers living here, but did you know about the spring, baths and bottling site that once existed in the 600 block of Spencer Street? Those of you who have lived here your whole lives can help. The City wants us to know our history and to preserve it. Come learn what you can do to help.

**Spotlight on Seniors** - We want to highlight each month a seasoned survivor on this hill who has made an impression on our community. This month we honor Eileen Miller, 94, who has lived here for most of the last 30 years. Eileen lives in the 1100 block of Hoffman with her daughter, Anne Ziegler and granddaughter Amanda. She lived in the big house at Hoffman and Spencer while her husband was alive and while she taught special education in Hollister and elsewhere. While her golf game is currently on hold, Eileen still loves to garden and cook, although she has given up traveling after having a stroke in 2007.

**From Your President:** We have had a successful year defending our neighborhood and making improvements. Among our accomplishments are improved traffic enforcement on our three main avenues, insisting on several occasions that the City abide by our Area Plan in its use and zoning decisions, contributed our views about budget issues, met with City officials regularly concerning issues of policy and implementation that affected our neighborhood, asked for assistance to enforce the limits of time trash bins can be on the street, moved Lighthouse Avenue traffic realignment to a priority, gave up claims to NIP money to help with the budget shortfall, engaged with the Business Association to add our support to our business community, stood up for our Bay View School children, met with DLI personnel about their plans for expansion and the impact it will have on us, have two emergency storage CERT units installed, increased the distribution of our newsletter from just over 100 to just over 800 (this issue will go to over 1300 homes) and we increased our membership by 22 percent!

Will you join us in 2010? Only by joining NMNA will you continue to find out what is influencing your neighborhood. Only by subscribing can you tell what others here find too important to ignore. And only by joining can you and your neighbors become an influential force that affects outcomes in the community where you live.

The 2010 agenda is huge. We look forward to an Area Plan Update and a Specific Area Update. This later update will focus explicitly on things that can be done to take our community into the future. And we are identifying the elements of our Historic Area. We live in a wonderful locale and we aim to make it better. Vigilance remains our primary duty.

*Howard B. Fosler*

**CERT Classes** - In January, two Community Emergency Response Team trainings are being offered to the public:



- A 2-Saturday series January 16 & 23 will teach the full CERT curriculum: topics such as fire suppression, home, car and work emergency preparation, search & rescue, first aid, and structure assessment. Course materials, instruction and basic equipment are free.
- A 90-minute morning refresher Saturday, January 30 will qualify all folks who were trained for NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) to upgrade to CERT.

CERT is a volunteer program offered by the City of Monterey and National Homeland Security. For more information, email [montereycert@hotmail.com](mailto:montereycert@hotmail.com) or call the CERT message line (831) 646-3416. Someone will call you back with information about times and places. Everyone 13 and older is welcome to participate.

**TO CUT OR NOT TO CUT** - Several black acacia trees along Lighthouse Avenue in front of the Senior Center have a temporary reprieve as staff and Architectural Review Committee discuss their fate.



- Cut all of them down because they are planted too close to a wall and plant new trees?
- Or cut down only those trees that are an immediate public safety hazard and come up with a design to modify the current old, damaged wall and walkway, and plant new trees where they will enhance the park and Lighthouse Avenue.

The New Monterey Business Association has been urging the City to redesign the wall, seating and entrances to the park. Several residents and business owners urged the City to develop a plan before removing the tree canopy along the Lighthouse sidewalk.

**Dues** - Now payable, your dues make this all possible. Please guarantee you receive your newsletter and have your voice heard by being a member. Dues are just \$10. Contributions greater than that help expand our membership and allow us to challenge decisions that affect our neighborhood. The work is important. Volunteers do it all, but we need your financial support. Please consider a sizable contribution now to make sure we are heard at City Hall.

**Tasty Time** - Don't miss the Library's Annual Chocolate and Wine Tasting event. Graze through cookies, petit fours, chicken mole, ice cream and much more, including local wines, all for \$25. Exercise your decadence in the name of a worthy cause. 7-9pm at the library on February 19.

**FYI, Bike Riders** - The City Council just approved an amended Bicycle Master Plan that will link a commute route from David Avenue to east end of Hawthorne, up a ramp into the lower Presidio and across the existing path where it will connect to Old Town. Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) is requesting NIP funding for design of the Hawthorne ramp. Once a design is complete, the city is eligible for grant funds to build it.

**City Code Spotlight** - *Vicious dogs. Any dog which has on one or more occasion bitten or otherwise injured any person other than his owner or a trespasser upon private property where such dog is kept, or any dog which has otherwise demonstrated on one or more occasion vicious, dangerous and/or fierce propensities such as, but not necessarily limited to, unprovoked threatening or molesting any person or causing substantial damage or injury to any public or private property, shall be a vicious dog within the meaning and intent of this Section.*

*No person shall suffer, permit, or allow such vicious dog to be on, in, or about any public or private property within the City (other than private of which the dog owner has lawful ownership or control) unless said dog is secured or restrained by a leash, rope, cord, or similar device attached to the collar or harness of the dog, which device is held by some person or attached to some stationary object. Provided, further, that such dog shall be muzzled at all times other than when upon private property of which the dog owner has lawful ownership or control.*

MCC Sec. 6-28.

**NMNA Regular Meeting - January 11 - 7 p.m.  
Hilltop Center - Jessie and David**

**NMNA Annual Meeting - January 25 - 7 p.m.  
Hilltop Center - Jessie and David**

**It's NIP Time Again** - If you have noticed something broken or a place where something could work better, the City of Monterey invites you to submit your idea to the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) committee for possible funding. You can complete an online form at [www.monterey.org/planning-engineering/nip](http://www.monterey.org/planning-engineering/nip) or call 646-3921 to request a form. Submittal deadline is February 12, 2010.

For more information about NIP come to our Annual Membership meeting January 25

- to learn which projects have been nominated so far
- to help us prioritize the most needed projects, and
- to learn the status of projects funded in prior years.

Your New Monterey NIP representatives this year are Sharon Dwight, Joanne Garden and Bob Evans. Call 375-0841 if you have questions.



**2009 NMNA Board Contacts**

- Howard B. Fosler - 373-6323
- Bruce Crist - 333-1876
- Sharon Dwight - 375-0841
- Barbara & Bob Evans - 372-8323
- Joanne Kelly - [cassego@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cassego@sbcglobal.net)

**NMNA Website**

[newmontereyneighborhood.org](http://newmontereyneighborhood.org)

**Important January Dates:**

**January 11, NMNA Regular Meeting, 7pm Hilltop Park Center**

- **Forrest Ebbs** - New Monterey Historic Survey

January 12, Planning Commission Meeting, 4 pm session, 7pm session City Hall

January 16, CERT Class Begins

January 19, City Council Meeting 4 pm session, 7 pm session, City Hall

**January 25, NMNA Annual Membership Meeting, 7 pm Hilltop Park Center**

- **Mayor Chuck Della Sala** - Monterey's Budget Strategy for 2010

January 26, Planning Commission Meeting, 4 pm session, 7 pm session City Hall

January 30, NERT Refresher Class 9 am

## WHAT HAS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHED?

Since 1985, your Association and NIP funds have accomplished many neighborhood projects including:

- San Carlos Beach park instead of a golf museum,
- Hilltop Center vs a lot of very small apartments,
- at least 32 blocks of street widenings,
- sidewalks on Irving, Prescott, Hoffman, McClellan, Drake, Dickman, Reeside, Hawthorne, Foam & Wave that involved no widening of the street,
- access ramps in lower New Monterey where street widening will not be done,
- pathways on the Irving right of way between Parcel & Lyndon, on the Dickman right of way between Foam & Cannery Row, on the Irving right of way between Wave and Cannery Row (Bruce Ariss Way), and across the Lower Presidio Historic Park,
- drainage improvements on Jessie, Lobos, Lottie, Alice, Hoffman, Lyndon, Withers, Parcel, Terry, Grace - \$3 million in total
- park upgrades at Hilltop, Cypress, Archer and Hoffman Parks,
- playground upgrades at Bay View School for after school community use,
- planting street trees on neighborhood streets and in the Lighthouse Business District,
- the preservation of the last 3 remaining Cannery Workers Shacks on a portion of Bruce Ariss Way, and much much more!



## WHAT CONCERNS YOU ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

- Does traffic move too fast on streets near you?
- Are your children able to play safely on your street?
- Is your neighbor planning a second story that will shadow your house or block your view?
- Are cars parking on your sidewalk?
- Are barking dogs or graffiti a problem?
- Are your telephone, cable, and power lines unsightly and dangerous?
- Do you want clean, clear sidewalks on your street?
- When will you be able to drive through the DLI to get down town?
- Is Lighthouse Avenue traffic is a problem?
- Is the playground equipment in our parks old and in need of replacement?
- Do our parks need better lighting in the evening?
- Is our neighborhood prepared for a natural disaster?
- Has my neighbor added an illegal rental unit?
- Are you satisfied with City services?

**If you share any of the above concerns, read on to find out more about your Neighborhood Association.**



## NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Make checks payable to NMNA

and mail to:

NMNA  
PO Box 2642  
Monterey, CA 93942

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

May we deliver your newsletter via email? Yes  No

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

**Sign me up! My check for dues is enclosed:**

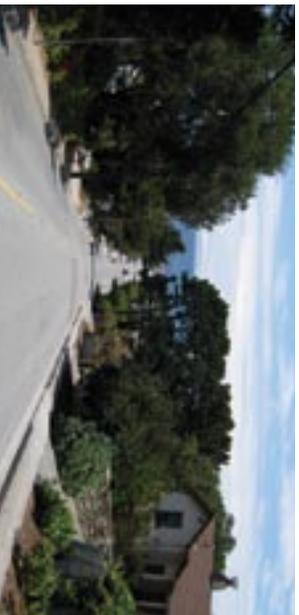
**Dues - \$10**

**Additional contribution for Association outreach**

## ABOUT YOUR NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The purpose the Association is to preserve and enhance the quality of life and residential quality of our Neighborhood. We accomplish this by:

1. Promoting zoning and architectural review which reflect existing neighborhood character.
2. Monitoring City actions to insure they honor our desires for the maintenance and development of our community.
3. Sustain communication channels within New Monterey so that members feel at ease contacting any of the directors to lodge a complaint, provide advance information of the filing of a use, re-zone or variance permit or discuss any topic which falls within the general purpose of the organization.
4. Keeping all members informed of pending actions, current status, and decisions on items that come before the Planning Commission or City Council as well as items of a general nature that are of interest to the membership. This may be accomplished through email, a phone call, a newsletter or a general meeting.
5. Nominating and supporting qualified candidates for election to the City Council and appointments to the Planning Commission and other advisory bodies.
6. To support and promote small locally owned business and business development in our commercial area in character with our area's past and to help formulate its future.



## WHY JOIN THE NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

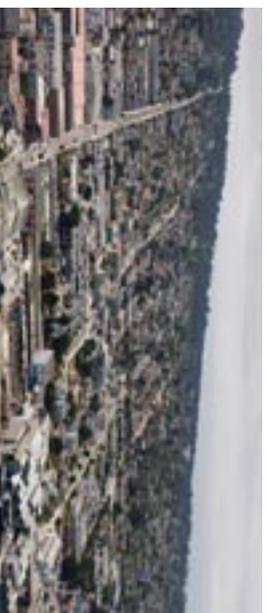
We are the largest neighborhood in the City with 2200 households and a fifth of the City's population. Yet City council members and staff frequently ask Neighborhood Association representatives: "how many people belong to the Association, how many attend monthly neighborhood meetings, how many voted on a given issue?"

By joining the New Monterey Neighborhood Association you can counter the dismissive attitudes of council and staff members who don't live in New Monterey and often don't seem to care about New Monterey.

Do you care about your neighborhood? Are you interested in maintaining and improving the neighborhood? You can help simply by joining! Numbers count! Dues are just \$10. (An additional contribution will help with outreach to your neighbors.) If you can attend some of the monthly Association meetings, that would be meaningful. If you want to participate in other neighborhood support activities, that will be significant! But, at least join! We need to show City Hall that we all care about our neighborhood. Please have your support counted by joining the New Monterey Neighborhood Association.

Thanks so much,

Howard B. Fosler  
President



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