

NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

March 2010

Next meeting: Monday, March 8 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN – In December 2009, “the City Council directed staff to develop a long-term, visionary master plan for the City’s waterfront that will ensure the City’s future as a multi-day destination that is convenient, fun, and beautiful. The Waterfront Master Plan study area stretches from the west end of San Carlos Beach to the eastern end of Monterey Bay Park.” (City web site.)

What do you want to see on our waterfront? Your input is important to Waterfront Master Plan development. Plan to attend the first Community Meeting, March 10, 2010, 630 - 8:30 PM at Gilbert’s Restaurant in Heritage Harbor, upstairs banquet room (near the recreation trail).

What is your vision for our waterfront? Should all buildings on the Waterfront between Figueroa and Sloat be removed? How should kayak rentals be accommodated? What about moving the boat storage behind the train station to hide the parked cars? Why not build a parking garage like the one in Cannery Row near Casa Verde so visitors can park their cars and hop on a trolley to their destination? Do you want a train and train station in Window on the Bay? Do you want commercial development in San Carlos Park . . . in Window on the Bay . . . on public Wharf #2?

“Monterey Citizens deserve to have ultimate control over City-owned coastal open space . . . now and forever.” (Measure G 11/07/00.) Make your opinions known at the March 10 Waterfront Master Plan community meeting. Let’s take control of OUR public land. For more information go to: <http://www.monterey.org/waterfrontmasterplan/>

COMMUNITY POLICING CAN HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

One of the goals of our police department’s community policing efforts is for community members to assist the police by being additional sets of eyes and ears. On February 12, the police arrested five individuals at a Hawthorne street residence. The charges included narcotics possession and possession of stolen property. The arrests were the result of a lengthy, and still on-going, investigation that was commenced because several alert neighbors told police that unfamiliar people were visiting the residence at unusual hours and were staying for only a short amount of time.

Please help protect our neighborhood. Be alert to your surroundings. Pay attention to people and vehicles. If you see things that seem out of place, tell the police. Hopefully, what you notice has a benign explanation. If it doesn’t, you can be the neighborhood’s first line of defense. The community police contacts for our neighborhood are Sergeant John Short short@ci.monterey.ca.us 646-3822, Officer Ethan Andrews andrews@ci.monterey.ca.us 646-5600 ext. 2017, Officer Ron Blair blair@ci.monterey.ca.us 646-5600 ext. 2010, Officer Jason Debenedetto debenede@ci.monterey.ca.us 646-5600 ext. 2038, and Animal Control Officer Cathi Cristobal cristoba@ci.monterey.ca.us 646-3820.

NEW MONTEREY HISTORY – At the January NMNA meeting, Forest Epps, Senior Planner, presented a draft of the New Monterey Historic Survey. While the draft survey describes some interesting elements of the history of our neighborhood we came away feeling that there is more to know. Forest agreed to hold the survey process so the neighborhood can suggest additions.

NMNA is planning to host a New Monterey History Day in April. Have you lived here a long time or know someone that has? Do you have stories, pictures, or other information or know someone that has that will help complete the story of the development and history of the New Monterey neighborhood? Send suggestions to bsbevans@me.com or call 372-8323. Watch the newsletter and NMNA web site for the date, time and place of the New Monterey History Day.

NMNA GARDEN TOUR: MAY 22, 2010 – Be apart of the New Monterey Garden Tour. Meet your friends and neighbors and share local garden ideas and tips.

Do you, a neighbor, and/or a friend have a fun, relaxing, environmentally friendly, and/or a interesting garden that people love to be in and talk about? If so, nominate your garden or a garden you know of and be a part of the New Monterey Neighborhood Garden Tour sponsored by the New Monterey Neighborhood Association scheduled for May 22, 2010.

We are looking for folks to share their gardens with friends, family, and neighbors of New Monterey on May 22, 2010.

This will provide a great opportunity to get to know the gardens of New Monterey, and for neighbors to meet each other and share garden secrets.

Please submit a short paragraph with pictures of the garden to be considered to NMNA via Alexandra Albin, Garden Tour Coordinator. Email her: alex.albin@me.com, or call: 372-4813.

GHOSTS IN THE FLAMES – The Heritage Society of Pacific Grove has invited Point Alones and McAbee Beach Chinese Fishing Villages Descendents to be their honored guests on Friday, March 12th at 7 p.m. at a lecture by Sandy Lydon titled “The Ghosts in the Flames: The May 1906 Fire and Pacific Grove’s Search for Its Chinese Legacy.” This is special opportunity to learn about Chinese village history in Monterey and Pacific Grove. This lecture will be at the Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center (Pacific Grove Middle School).

Everyone is welcome (non-members will be charged \$10). For more information: http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org/pdf/HSNL%2010_February.pdf

**NMNA regular meeting – March 8 – 7 p.m.
Hilltop Center – Jessie and David**

HELP WANTED – New Monterey’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) needs more people to help us assess damage in the event of an earthquake or other regional emergency. (Think Haiti!)



A new series of seven Thursday classes begins March 4th and ends April 15th, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM in the Emergency Operations Center (behind Fire Station #1 at the corner of Pacific and Madison.) Learn about assessing building damage, basic first aid and triage, fire suppression, and search and rescue techniques.

To register or ask questions, go to: montereycert@hotmail.com Or call: 646-3416. CERT training is sponsored by the City of Monterey.

Two Quarterly Drills are planned by the Monterey Fire Department, a table top simulation on April 24th and a field test of the City’s new Damage Assessment procedure on June 26th .

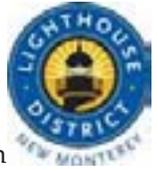
New Monterey CERTs will be responsible for checking on the condition of buildings from Devisadero to Cannery Row. All trained CERT and NERT personnel are urged to participate.

NIP IN 2010 – Close to 300 project ideas were submitted this year for possible NIP funding. With the City’s budget being hard hit, NIP funds are being used this year to help keep the City going until the economy begins to recover.

The NIP projects proposed this year will be held until next year. For a list of the New Monterey NIP projects held over to 2011 go to: <http://www.newmontereyneighborhood.org/>

What about projects that have already been approved? For a list of projects on the City staff’s active list go to: <http://www.newmontereyneighborhood.org/>

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS – Are you running a business out of your home in the New Monterey Neighborhood? Would you like to promote your business? You may be eligible to join the New Monterey Business Association as an associate member. Associate members enjoy most of the benefits enjoyed by full members, including the ability to post your business’s information on www.lighthousedistrict.net.



Download an information sheet with further details and an application form at: <http://www.socialwave.net/attachments/1783/> If you have any questions, contact Rick Johnson at 655-8070.

Membership Dues: 2010 NMNA Membership Form



Basic - \$10
Additional Support - \$20
or _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes No
Comments/Suggestions?

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