



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

July 2010

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

GARDEN NOTES – This month we are sharing June Michel’s garden on Lantern Lane. Check out the additional photos on our web site (all photos courtesy of Larry Molmud): <http://www.newmontereyneighborhood.org/gardenMichel/>

June Michel describes her garden thus:

I became a Master Gardener in 1997. The Master Gardener Program through UC Davis is an intense tour de force of every aspect of gardens, pest management, grasses, container gardening, and propagation. I highly recommend the program. Also, if you have a gardening question the California Master Gardeners will be happy to find the answer for you. The UC Statewide Master Gardener Program web site is at: <http://camastergardeners.ucdavis.edu/>. The local hotline is: 831-763-8007 M-W-F 9:00-12:00



We purchased our four-story home on a postage stamp size lot in 1999. It has been called the “Tree House” for about 30 years and came with three trees that stand four stories high.

When I moved to New Monterey I noticed that Laine Street had red ornamental plum trees up and down the street so I planted several in my garden. I love the color of the leaves and if truth be told, I’m having a hard time transitioning

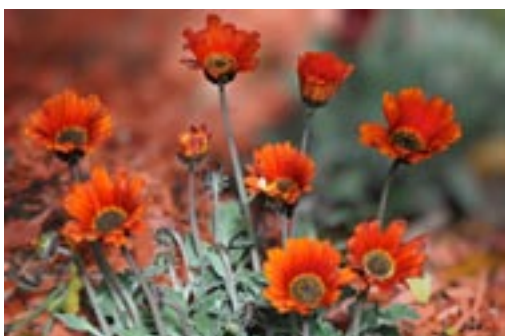


from my brightly colored but thirsty garden to a drought tolerant garden. So I use the red Laine Street trees for garden color.

Drought tolerant for me also means that instead of a wall of white roses, I have a wall of white solanum or Potato vine which is showy, covered with clusters of white flowers most of the year and drought tolerant once established. Another switch has been from Hydrangeas to drought tolerant Rosemary bushes and from petunias to African daisies.

In this way I was able to keep high garden colors while reducing my watering to once a week.

For such a small lot my garden boasts quite an edible harvest. I have three kinds of plum trees, a lemon tree, onions, potatoes, chiole, mint, artemisia, rosemary and lavender. This mix is just right for the butterflies and birds to enjoy as well.



NMNA Board Meeting - Monday, July 12. 7 PM Hilltop Center, lower level.

Guest Speaker will be Hunter Horvath speaking about Monterey Salinas Transit’s proposals for service changes to New Monterey.

Everyone is invited!

MOVIES IN THE PARK – The New Monterey Business Association is once again presenting Movies in the Park at Scholtze Park, corner of Lighthouse and Dickman. Bring the whole family and enjoy a cinematic evening under the stars in the Lighthouse District.



The first movie night will be **July 10** with Viva Las Vegas, starring Elvis Presley and Ann-Margret. Featuring 10 full song-and-dance scenes, this film is a lively romp just right for the summer.

All films will begin after sunset, but you are welcome to come early and bring a picnic. The Bay View Elementary School PTA will be selling snacks on site. Remember to dress warmly and bring blankets and/or chairs. Please do not bring pets or alcohol.

Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is free, but because space is limited tickets must be obtained in advance from any participating shop along Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey (look for the Movies in the Park poster in the window).

For those that like to plan ahead there also will be Movies in the Park on:

- July 10 - *Viva Las Vegas*
- August 14 - *Turner and Hooch*
- September 11 - *Raiders of the Lost Ark*



For more information go to:

<http://www.lighthouse-district.net/movies/>

I’ve incorporated a few Feng Shui ideas in the overall design, red/orange flowers for energy, sharp pointed spear-like plants to bring good fortune and Jade plant which is known as the Money Plant. Water features are soothing, good feng shui and great for birds. Frogs are considered lucky and our friends have given us many garden frogs which peep out from behind and under my flowers and plants.

Most importantly, my garden has to maintain the balance of beautiful plants and two rough and tumble dogs. I’ve accomplished this balance with the use of lots of wood chip ground cover. The dogs have their own areas to run and the wood chips help prevent garden dehydration.



I love my garden!



GRAFFITI IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD – Graffiti can be found in our neighborhood on street signs, catch basins for storm drains, retaining walls, trash cans, telephone boxes, etc. In short: there is no place “safe” from graffiti.

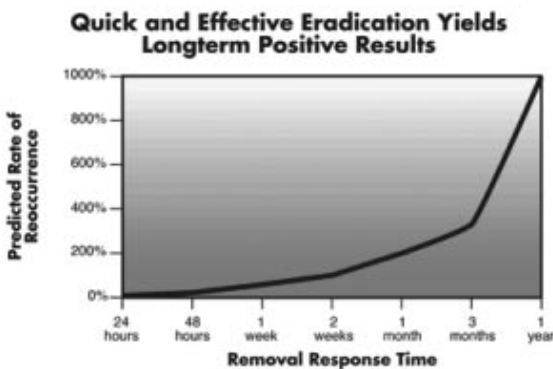
The responsibility for the abatement of graffiti lies with the property owner, be it the City, public utilities, you or your landlord. Monterey takes a proactive approach to help abate graffiti as soon as possible after it occurs.

The ordinance requires that once graffiti is reported to the City, a “Notice to Abate Graffiti” is sent to the affected private property owner within 5 days. If the owner either fails to respond to the Notice within 5 days (either by abatement or by appealing the Notice), the City may arrange to abate the graffiti. The property owner will then be charged for the City’s direct costs, as well as administrative expenses incurred by the City. Failure to reimburse the City for these costs within 90 days of their invoicing can result in a lien or a special assessment being placed on the property.

Under the ordinance, any person found to have placed graffiti will be charged with a misdemeanor, may be fined and may be required to make restitution to the property owners who were affected by his acts. If the person is a minor and unable to pay, his or her parents may be held liable for payments.

If you see graffiti in our neighborhood, please notify the City as soon as possible by calling **646.3914**. This the non-emergency line is staffed 24/7. Please be sure that you give the operator as exact a location as possible and a description of what was tagged (i.e. AT/T utility box, wall, trash can, light pole, etc). Many of these items have identification numbers on them. If possible, provide the identification number when you report the graffiti. If you have a photo, send it to suggest@ci.monterey.ca.us.

Experience has shown that the faster the abatement process is completed, the less the chances are of recurrence. Please remain a responsible neighbor. Do your part to keep our neighborhood graffiti clean.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT – One definition of a community is a group of people who have common values and who look out for each other in a way as to assure that those values are sustained collectively. We encourage everyone to sing the National Anthem publicly, for instance. We want a local elementary school. We encourage everyone not to litter, to maintain the outside of their homes and to raise socially responsible children.

It would enhance our neighborhood if we were more active with this. Some people don’t understand community values, others are unable to keep up for various reasons. For instance, there are those who may appreciate help weeding their lawns or painting their exteriors. Others may need help with their trash containers or transporting their children. Some may appreciate help getting groceries and other necessities. When one is sick, a little help makes a big difference. We can teach civic responsibility by being civically responsible.

With the notion that by helping those who need it we all benefit. I encourage you to look for ways to help our neighbors one on one. Pick up his trash. Take her a casserole. Watch her kids. Take him with you.

It really isn’t hard. It just takes a big heart and a feeling that we are all in this together. Community.

Howard B. Fosler

JUST ONE BLOCK!!! – Local business owner Mark Lolik, Bay Photo Lab, has launched a campaign to keep trash out of the bay and ocean. The inspiration for his project stems from a number of factors.

One thousand miles north of Hawaii lies an area known as “The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.” The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is estimated to be 10 million pounds of swirling trash and plastic, 300 feet deep. This is a slurry of broken down plastics that is often eaten by wildlife who have in many cases confused it with food. Animals studied in the area commonly have over 50 pieces of plastic within their stomachs.

20% of all plastics created annually are recycled – where does the other 80% go?

Storm drains, especially on coastal/hilly areas, where the town slopes towards the ocean help casually discarded items right into the ocean – daily cleanup and monitoring are necessary.

Mark and his staff have been actively cleaning Lighthouse Avenue since January. This activity was covered by KSBW and can be viewed at:

<http://www.ksbw.com/video/22793679/index.html> and on the web only at: <http://www.justoneblock.org/>

In addition he has enlisted a number of other Lighthouse business to clean their blocks. Let’s not let the neighborhood be a part of the problem!

JOIN MONTEREY BAY PHOTO IN CLEANING & MONITORING



JUST ONE BLOCK!