



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

November 2010

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

**BAY VIEW ACADEMY** – After eleven months of intense study and work, the Board of Directors of the Bay View Academy (BVA) have completed the petition to open a charter school and delivered it to the MPUSD. MPUSD now has 30 days to hold a hearing on granting the petition.

Along the way this group of parents and community members have raised over \$12,000

to pay for legal and fiscal council and printing of brochures and petitions. They also went through two rounds of signature gathering. First they gathered signatures from 129 in district prospective students for their Proposition 39 application to use Bay View Elementary as the site for the charter school. Then they gathered the signatures of 108 families who support the petition. In total the parents of 156 prospective students, or 95% of the anticipated enrollment of 165, have indicated interest in having their students attend BVA.



**Some of BVA Board of Directors at MPUSD**

BVA's philosophy centers on the belief that every child, given the right opportunities and environment, can flourish through student-centered, project-based learning that enhances core courses by expanding the student's horizons with enrichment activities. These activities will include the arts and music, language learning, and hands-on science experiments, all with the goal of keeping students excited about learning. BVA intends to sustain students' natural excitement for learning by partnering with all the educational, research, and cultural organizations in the vicinity of BVA, including: the Monterey Bay Aquarium, NOAA, Monterey Bay Boatworks, and other resources.

As a free, public school, BVA will be open to all children. Once the charter is approved, parents interested in having their children attend need only complete a simple application. Should the number of applications exceed the available seats, applicants will be selected by lottery.

For more information, visit the BVA web site at [www.bayview-academy.org](http://www.bayview-academy.org), where you can sign up for updates on the charter approval process, and learn how



you can support BVA's educational mission. You can also contact Dr. William Shaw, President at 831-658-0787.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS?

Would you attend an occasional informal mixer at a local business?

Would you like to include people from other Neighborhood Associations or the City?

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

**Mon., November 8** – New Monterey Neighborhood Association - Hilltop Center, 7-9 p.m

**Tues., Nov. 9** – Priority-based Budgeting, Monterey Conference Center. Drop in and decide how you would spend \$500 on City services anytime from 2-5 or 6-9 p.m.

**Wed., Nov. 10** – Priority-based Budgeting, Monterey Conference Center. Drop in and decide how you would spend \$500 on City services anytime from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Sat., Nov. 13** – CERT training - Hilltop Park. 9am to noon.

**Wed., Nov. 10** – Sewer Rates, Council Chamber, 7-9 p.m

**Wed., Nov. 17** – Lighthouse Specific Plan, Scholz Park, 8:30-10:30 a.m

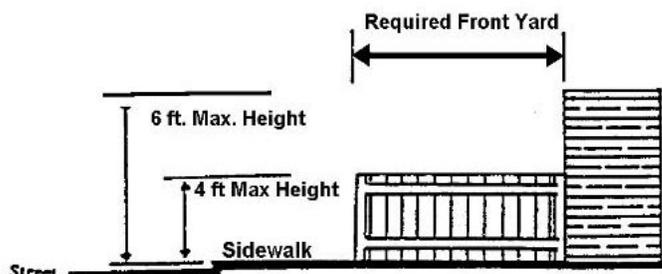
**FROM THE PRESIDENT** – With one of the most interesting elections of recent times behind us, it's time to regather ourselves and settle in to the changes that are about to take place. We will be gracious losers, hopefully, as well as humble winners, and keep in mind that all this can change in just two years. Meanwhile, we can take pride in the fact that tradition in this country suggests that the losers will bow to the will of the majority and become the loyal opposition.

Another way to adjust to the new reality is to ignore things on the federal and state levels for a while and focus on local matters. The big difference here is that you really can make a difference locally. You can affect the outcome of change by becoming a force for what matters to you. Schools, poverty, the aged among us, traffic, children, literacy, religion, peace, your neighborhood ... all cry out for someone to care. Is this the time for you to get involved? Not now? When?

*Howard B. Fosler*

**FENCES AND VISIBILITY** – Have you watched a fence along Prescott go up and down recently?

Here is why: "The maximum height of a fence or wall shall be six feet, except in required front or side yard adjoining a street of a reverse corner lot, where the maximum height shall be four feet. In addition, all fences and walls shall be subject to the driveway visibility requirement of Article 18 - Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations. Corner lot fences or walls shall be reviewed by the Traffic Committee. On corner lots, there shall be no visual obstruction at the intersection caused by fences or walls which could constitute a traffic hazard within an area defined by a corner cut-off line between two points, each measured 30 feet horizontally along the front and side property lines from the point of intersection of said property lines at the street corner."



*City Code Chapter 38, Article 18.10*

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

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR – MEGAN HEATH** – When I was a Korean Language student at DLI ten years ago, I vowed to return to Monterey as soon as I separated from the Army in 2003.

I've come to love all of Monterey County. I feel so grateful to live here and feel the need to 'earn my keep.' I created a blog called "The Lettuce Curtain," as an 'homage' to this magical place. I've also become very involved in the community.

While participating in the Leadership Monterey Peninsula program in the class of 2008 I became aware of the socioeconomic division between the Monterey peninsula and the Salinas Valley that is sometimes referred to as the "lettuce curtain." Through some volunteer activities with the Arts Council for Monterey County, I also learned about a 'digital divide' in South County.



So many people in our local farm worker communities have no computer access which severely limits their education and employment options. This is why I created the South Monterey County Center for Arts & Technology two and a half years ago as an initiative of the Monterey County Business Council. SoMoCoCAT brings free digital media and computer literacy training to South County residents with the aim of developing a stronger future workforce.

Although I'm committed to South County, I remain rooted in Monterey and have big ideas for New Monterey. My latest pet project is to get local artists' work to fill the empty storefronts in the Lighthouse District.

I'm excited about the potential we have to make this neighborhood even better and I look forward to becoming more connected and involved.

For more, go to <http://www.SoMoCoCAT.org> and <http://LettuceCurtain.wordpress.com>

**NMNA AT WORK** – Recently Bay View Elementary held their fall Carnival. Your association was there handing out information about the association and its work.

During the event neighbors reported that some youth were acting improperly in one of our parks. Your association reported this to the police department and they are now keeping a close eye on the park.

Another neighbor reported that a new sign on the fence near the cell phone tower in upper New Monterey warns that you should be farther away than their house. Your President contacted the Planning Department and they are now reviewing the file on the cell tower. Stay tuned.

Pictured below are our garden advocate, Alexandra Albin and President Howard Fosler, working to improve our neighborhood, one crutch at a time! 😊



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**NMNA Website**

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