



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

January 2011

Next meeting: Monday, January 10 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

NMNA ANNUAL MEETING – Just once a year we ask that you come out and update yourself on what is going on in your neighborhood. At our Annual Meeting you will learn what forces are impacting your community and what can be done to influence them. You will learn about what improvements are planned and what needs to be done, how we are preparing for the next emergency, what the City is cutting out to balance its budget (read services to be discontinued), DLI's plans and who among us is willing to invest their time to represent us.

You will be asked for your opinion. You will be encouraged to become more active. You will be given the chance to vote on the leadership of your community. And you will meet a lot of neighbors. There may even be snacks and beverages. We hope to see you there on the January 24.

NIP CYCLE BEGINS ANEW – Monterey's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) proposes capital projects to the City Council for funding each year out of the Transient Occupancy Tax (room tax). There are fourteen (14) active neighborhoods in the city, New Monterey being the largest.

Capital projects can be nominated until February 11th for consideration in the 2011/2012 budget year.

So far, New Monterey has 28 projects nominated:

- Street Widening of Newton 500, 600 & 700 blocks, Filmore 800 block, Lily 800 block, Oak 500 block
- Street Paving Dickman, between Foam & Lighthouse
- Sidewalks on Filmore 600 block (East side only), Lyndon 800 block (East side only), Taylor 600 block (West side with berm to prevent cars parking on it), Hoffman (South side between Grace and Lyndon), 1650 Prescott, and 615 Pine.
- Drainage at Dickman/Belden, Jessie 800 (West side), Lottie 700 (West side), Lottie/Irving (NW corner)
- Parks/Open Space Entry plantings at Prescott/Devisadero, Resurface Cypress Park Tennis Court, Scholze Park Wall/Trees & Security Lights
- Bike/Pedestrian Ramp from Hawthorne to Private Bolio
- Prescott/Parcel Curb Extensions
- Spencer 200/300 Underground Utilities
- Lighthouse Ave EIR & Preliminary Engineering
- Cannery Row/Rec Trail Crossing Pavers

Some of the 44 Citywide projects nominated include:

- Repairs to Sloat Monument (100 years old in 2011)
- Bike Rack installations around town
- Sports Center Hot Water System
- Colton Hall Repointing stonework
- Sollecito Park Artificial Turf
- Emergency Power hook-ups at various City buildings
- Window on the Bay Seat wall & Irrigation
- El Estero Picnic Area Improvements

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 1/10 NMNA Board Meeting Monday 7pm
Hilltop Center (lower room), Jessie & Withers
- 1/20 Lighthouse Area Specific Plan 8:30 am
Scholze Park Center, Dickman and Lighthouse
- 1/20 Lighthouse Area Specific Plan 6:30 pm
Hilltop Center (lower room), Jessie & Withers
- 1/24 NMNA Annual Meeting Monday 7pm
Hilltop Center (upper room), Jessie & Withers

DUES – It's time for us to ask for your support again this year by donating at least \$10 to the Association in order that it may remain vibrant and able to do the important work of City Hall oversight. Donations above that level go far to help us reach other residents and carry the message of Monterey's largest neighborhood to appropriate centers of power. You are expressing your awareness that constant vigilance is the price of freedom by adding your name in support of NMNA. We appreciate and need you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT – It's benchmark time and I have a suggestion for you. In reviewing 2010, let's take a look at what worked- those efforts, styles, programs, goals, relationships, etc. - and put more emphasis on them in 2011. Look at what didn't work for you and consider reducing or eliminating them from your activities this year. Sounds simple, but have you noticed how many people (certainly not us) keep doing harm to themselves? Why are they so delusional when it comes to their own behavior? It's time to reflect deeply and strive for personal improvement and happiness. Be the change...

Howard B. Fosler

There are more than 325 projects proposed this year so far. Between 30 and 40 will be funded.

Help your New Monterey NIP representatives set priorities. Come to the NMNA annual meeting Monday, January 24th to share your thoughts.

BAY VIEW ACADEMY – Formal proposals are in front of MPUSD to create a charter school at the Bay View School when it closes in June. This is very important for our neighborhood. We all know how important it is for young children to be schooled close to their homes. Much research supports small community schools. What may not be as obvious is how important a good local school is to the community as a whole. One of our board members had to revise his Craigslist rental listing for his house on Lily Street to reflect that "good schools nearby" will no longer be true once Bay View closes. He reports that a number of potential renters demurred when they learned there will be no neighborhood school in New Monterey. Potential residents are not in the mood to live in a place that does not provide good schools when they are available in other near by communities. Family homes are no longer as attractive here as they once were. Might this affect property values for us all?



**NMNA regular meeting – January 10 – 7 p.m.
Hilltop Center, Lower level – Jessie and David**

**NMNA ANNUAL meeting – January 24 – 7 p.m.
Hilltop Center, Upper level – Jessie and David**

LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE – Your board is actively lobbying the City to address the afternoon traffic problems on Lighthouse Avenue. It is inconvenient and unsafe to allow this condition to continue. It certainly affects tourism to be stuck in the tunnel sucking exhaust while returning from a day of wonder on the water's edge. This can't continue. But the City says it will be two years at least before any relief arrives. The current proposal calls for Lighthouse Avenue to be one way eastbound. Hawthorne Avenue may be made one way eastbound as well. Foam Avenue would be the main route westbound. The City has holding two meetings on January 20. One at 8:30 AM at Scholze Park Center and one at 6:30 PM at the Hilltop Center. You may attend the meeting most convenient for you. Both meetings will cover the same topics:

- Architectural Preferences Survey
- Update on the Citywide Transportation and Parking Study
- MST Bus Rapid Transit Shelter Design

There is lots of information at the web site:
www.monterey.org/lighthouseplan.

AIRPORT NOISE – We were recently reminded how much airport noise has abated when several large commercial aircraft were diverted from San Jose and San Francisco to MRY due to weather conditions. We remain thankful that the few people here that can impact airport noise have done a yeoman's job in mitigating the nuisance of excessive aircraft noise.

Membership Dues: 2011 NMNA Membership Form

Basic - \$10	Name	_____
Additional Support - \$20	Address	_____
or _____	Phone	_____
Make checks payable to NMNA and mail to address below.	Email	_____
	Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Comments/Suggestions?	

CERT CLASSES OFFERED IN JANUARY – If you are interested in knowing how to prepare yourself, your family and your workplace for emergencies – earthquake, hazardous materials spill, flooding, then you'll want to know that the Monterey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering free training on 7 consecutive Thursday nights beginning January 20th through March 3rd. Most classes are held at Monterey's Emergency Operations Center, Madison/Pacific behind the Fire Station.



is a national program organized under FEMA. Volunteers from teens to seniors work together to help themselves and their neighbors in times of need. Monterey has 8 neighborhood response areas. There are trained folks in Marina, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, North County & Salinas, too.

To register or learn more: email CERT at montereycert@hotmail.com or leave a voice message at 646-3416. We've recently gotten on Facebook, too. Search for Monterey CERT.

MONTEREY CERT QUARTERLY DRILL – Saturday, January 15th you may notice people driving around in the morning, wearing green helmets and vests. CERTs from the area will be locating the ten CERT storage containers around town and practicing basic skills. Give them a wave. They're training so they can 'Do the most good for the most people.'



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