



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

March 2011

Next meeting: Monday, March 14 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

**NIP IS BACK IN BUSINESS** – Monterey’s Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) will be recommending up to \$1.9 million of capital repairs and projects in the upcoming budget cycle. Meetings have begun to define project scope and estimate costs.

New Monterey Projects are:

- Cannery Row Rec Trail Crossings (2 of 6)
- Cypress Park ADA Access Ramp to Play Equip
- Cypress Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Dickman 200 Block Paving
- Dickman/Belden Drainage Improvements
- Filmore 600 Sidewalk (East side)
- Filmore 800 Widening
- Hawthorne Paving (100-800 blocks)
- Hawthorne/POM Bike/Ped Ramp
- Hilltop Park (ADA) Replace Sand w/Wood Fiber
- Hoffman Walkway, Grace to Lyndon
- Jessie 800 Drainage
- Lighthouse EIR & Preliminary Engineering
- Lily 800 Widening
- Lottie 700 Drainage (West side)
- Lottie 800 Retaining Walls (2 West side corners)
- Lyndon 800 Walkway
- New Monterey Trip Hazards (401 Laine, 625 Pine)
- Newton 500, 600 & 700 Widenings
- Oak 500 Widening
- 1650 Prescott Sidewalk
- Prescott Devisadero Plants/Bench
- Prescott/Parcel Curb Extensions
- Scholze Park Security Lights
- Scholze Park Wall, Trees & Walkways from Light-house Ave
- Sloat Monument Restoration
- Taylor 600 Walkway & Berms

Owners and residents of the six blocks requesting street widening will receive letters in early March. We ask them to tell us whether they want the project. The NIP Representative will push for the one block with the highest percentage of people wanting it.

Meetings are broadcast from City Council Chambers over the cable by AMP on Comcast channel 25, 7 PM.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

3/14 NMNA Board Meeting Monday 7pm  
Hilltop Center (lower room), Jessie & Withers

**FROM THE PRESIDENT** – Your board elected its officers last month. The incumbents were all asked to continue in their jobs of running the organization and representing your interests downtown. All agreed to do so and all were confirmed by a vote. We have a uniquely experienced group at the head of the association. Some have held public office, some have been on other boards, some have run businesses, some taught – and teach-school and some have served our nation. They bring a wide spectrum of wisdom and experience to your association and all are actively serving your interests. Thank them. They deserve it.

Howard B. Fosler

NIP meetings through April are:

- Th Mar 31 Video of Alta Mesa thru Oak Grove
- Th Apr 7 Video of Old Town thru Citywide
- W Apr 13\* Public Comment (New Monterey)
- M Apr 18 Public Comment
- Th Apr 28 Voting Night

\* Note that the Wed Apr 13 meeting is at Casanova Oak Knoll Center, 735 Ramona.

Public participation is welcome. Questions? Sharon Dwight 375-0841

**TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS** – Every “adult” is welcome to join our very active travelers who leave from the Schultze Center on outings that may take you to the Nile, New England, Yellowstone or Moss Landing. Some are as simple as a ride to San Francisco and back. A more diverse agenda for intrepid explorers is hard to find. Look on line or call the Center for more information. It is inexpensive, all arranged for you and you will travel with neighbors.

**SHADES OF MONTEREY** – Collected by the Monterey Public Library, *Shades of Monterey* presents old photos of local residents’ daily life in our unique and richly diverse community. From picking berries on “Huckleberry Hill” to fishermen mending their nets on the wharf in 1939, the exhibit depicts Monterey at work, play and celebration. January 28, 2011 through April 4, 2011 in the Alvarado Gallery upstairs in the Convention Center.

**NMNA regular meeting – March 14 – 7 p.m.  
Hilltop Center, Lower level – Jessie and David**

**COLTON HALL'S BIRTHDAY** – On March 8, 1849, Colton Hall opened as a school, beginning 162 years of continuous public service as a meeting hall, court house, police department, WWII rationing station, and elementary school. In September 1849, Colton Hall was the site of the California Constitutional Convention, which led to California becoming the 31st state.

**FENCES** – Several fences not built to code cost their owners unnecessary expense recently. While some remodeled fences were built without a variance and were subsequently approved due to their appropriateness, they nevertheless cost their owners added fees and fines because they were not approved prior to construction. Other fences were torn out and rebuilt according to code - not an inexpensive matter. It is best to obtain approval prior to remodeling or building a fence. Fences must not exceed 4 feet in height in the front yard setback nor exceed 6 feet elsewhere without prior approval from the City.

**MEMBERSHIP:** – Please be sure you have paid your dues for 2011. Your membership will be dropped if we do not receive your financial support by May 1. We need your backing and numbers count. Can you

**Membership Dues: 2011 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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sign up your neighbors? Many of them may not know of the association's work and be glad to hear from you that there is a group looking out for their interests. For \$10 they can endorse that effort.

**Smart Meters** – The City Council, has passed a resolution asking PG&E to allow you to opt out of PG&E's plans to replace every electrical meter in the City with a new one that broadcasts its records. If you have strong feelings based factual data we want to hear from you.

**CHANNEL 25** – There are those that think the most entertaining show on TV is the City Council meeting. May we suggest that you look at Comcast channel 25 for a live or replayed showing of a meeting so you can decide for yourself if it is valuable to you. There is something to be said for watching the council in your own well heated living room with a requisite libation in hand. If missed a meeting or don't have Comcast cable, check the web and view the programs on-line: [http://www.monterey.org/tv/video\\_on\\_demand.html](http://www.monterey.org/tv/video_on_demand.html)

**WEATHER** – Even with all the rain this season please keep in mind you didn't have to shovel any of it.



<http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Monterey-Neighborhood-Association/123650897686649>



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**NMNA Website**

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