



# NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

June 2011

Next meeting: Monday, June 13 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SCENE** – Once again, an accident has occurred on Prescott Avenue at Terry Street when a northbound Lexus tried to turn left on to downhill Terry and was hit by a four-wheeler driven by a young man coming up the hill. As is often the case, the accident was the result of more than one mistake. The Lexus failed to yield to oncoming traffic. However, if the truck had not been speeding, estimated at least 35 mph at impact, it could have avoided the Lexus. Perhaps, if it had not been speeding, the Lexus driver would have seen it. Conclusion; be alert and watch for speeders on Prescott. They cause accidents, although they may not be charged with the accident.

**MOVIES IN THE PARK** – So popular was movie night at Schultze Park that the Business District is sponsoring the event again this year. There will only be one, perhaps two a month until fall and the event is very popular among teens, DLI students and families. Watch for the playbill. It is a fun, free event.

**CERT NEEDS STUFF** – Our Community Emergency Response Team is looking for tools now that it has a place to store them. Their neighborhood headquarters is located at the big storage locker on the basketball court behind Hilltop Park Center. You need to know that. Now that the lockers there and at Hoffman Park are secured they have a place to store tools and materials that may be needed in an emergency. You may have picks, shovels, brooms, hand tools, folding chairs, tables, storage containers, camping gear and other such supplies that they could use. If so, Sharon Dwight would like to hear from you.

**SCHULTZE PARK OUTINGS** – So many signed up for the ag tour we mentioned last month that the waiting list could almost fill another bus. But that didn't happen and a lot of us were disappointed that we were unable to go. It must have been one fun day. The lesson? Improve your decision making skills and commit right away the next time you see something you want to do. Life doesn't offer a second chance bus.

**PARKING ISSUE 600 BLOCK NEWTON STREET** – As on many of our narrow streets, it causes problems when big vehicles park adjacent to each other on opposite sides of a street and on Newton recently, it resulted in a health risk to a resident when emergency vehicles could not get by to respond to a call. The ambulance personnel were forced to walk farther than normal to reach the stricken victim.

This raises an interesting issue. If citizens looked out for such impediments they may cause, they

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 6/13 NMNA Board Meeting Monday 7pm  
Hilltop Center (lower room), Jessie & Withers
- 6/28, 29, 30 Lighthouse District charrettes
- 6/6 Response due for Presidio Of Monterey draft Environmental Impact Report
- Waterfront plan review postponed till 2/2012

**FROM THE PRESIDENT** – Our employees, the folks who make our city run, are under pressure. Another round of layoffs looms. Many of their coworkers are already furloughed. Almost everyone down there has voluntarily made pay concessions. They are being asked to shoulder more of their retirement and health insurance. And they are asked to work harder. Let's be patient with them and now especially, let's let them know how much we appreciate all that they do to make this such a wonderful place to live.

*Howard B. Fosler*

could be avoided. On the other hand, if the police were asked to patrol the area more closely, citations could be issued. Or the street could be widened to accommodate the large vehicles. Parking restrictions perhaps could be invoked limiting parking on one side.

Please let a board member know if you have an opinion about this matter.

**LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE** – You may have noticed the improvement in traffic flow along Lighthouse. The lights were retimed resulting in improved movement. Unfortunately, the lights are old and can easily lose their coordination, and we are about to be invaded by the dollar dispensing denizens from don't know where who, thankfully come here every summer. Before the queue extends back to David, enjoy it while you can. We will ask the City to reset them in the fall or as needed.

Meanwhile, the downtown merchants are trying to arrange a revised traffic flow that they think will help business in Old Town. Plans for fundamental improvement to Lighthouse Avenue are on hold pending that study's completion. Your association and the business associations on this side of the tunnel are tired of waiting. After all, the traffic backup was predicted in the mid 1970's and observed in the mid 1980's. No change resulted from the closure of DLI in 2001. At best, the revised traffic flow program for downtown is two years away, some say four years.

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**NMNA regular meeting – June 13 – 7 p.m.  
Hilltop Center, Lower level – Jessie and David**

**Lighthouse from page 1**

Your association is working on implementing a plan that will have traffic flow fluently in both directions while helping merchants on Lighthouse as well as Foam Street gain more advantage from the forty thousand vehicles that go by their shops daily. Your ideas are welcome.

**DLI DEVELOPMENT PLANS** – Your association received the earliest release of plans the DLI proposes to accommodate an increase in its student base and faculty by over 1,000 people within a year. The prodigious plans call for several multi-story buildings that are likely to impact views of neighbors and be visible off post. We are concerned about this and a committee is looking into the matter.

**NOISE FROM CANNERY ROW** – Occasionally, we hear complaints about music and amplified sound emanating from Cannery Row. The City is aware of our concerns about this and works to minimize those occasions that disturb our peace. For instance, the Blue Fin’s operating license was reviewed recently and among the issues reviewed was sound disturbance. The record shows no recent complaints about loud noise from the Blue Fin. That is the result of past complaints being handled responsibly. We expect the noise from the Row to be minimal. We expect a prompt response to complaints

about noise. Should you be disturbed by noise you may call the police who are equipped with sound monitoring devices. They are sensitive to our concerns and will act on complaints. It wouldn’t hurt to let one of your board members know about any incident as well.

**AT&T TO CARRY BROADCAST** – Although it is a condition of its license to broadcast City Council, Planning Commission and other meetings ATT has yet to comply. Myriad excuses fly, but the result is no broadcasting for those who get their cable signal from ATT. That is changing. Temporarily, the signal will soon be available on channel 99. Regular broadcast on channel 25 of many meetings is not far off, we are assured by AMP, the interim supplier of the service.

**NEW MONTERERY NIP PROJECTS GOING TO COUNCIL –**

- Dickman/Jessie/Lottie Drainage Improvements
- Sloat Monument Repair/Restoration
- Scholtze Park Security Lighting
- Cypress Park ADA Access Ramp
- Hilltop Tot Lot Wood fiber
- Laine/Pine Trip Hazards
- Lighthouse EIR/Preliminary Engineering



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