

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS



ANNOUNCEMENT



ONE MORE REMINDER to join us for FREE Movies at Scholtze Park Starting July 14!



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Photo taken at last year's showing of UP!

Our Next Meeting

Monday, July 9, 7pm. Hilltop Center, Lower Level. Public invited. Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Caraker, Principal Planner, City of Monterey. See below.

Movie Date

July 14, 2012 8:45PM - Movies in the Park: The Princess Bride
Bring the whole family and enjoy a cinematic evening under the stars this and **every second Saturday of the month through September at Scholtze Park in New Monterey.**

Tonight's Featured Film, a cult classic (1987) directed by Rob Reiner, is a romantic comedy for the whole family. All Movies in the Park are held outdoors at Scholtze Park Community Center, located at the corner of Lighthouse and Dickman Avenues. Films begin just after sunset and you are welcome to come early and bring a picnic. Bay View Academy will be selling snacks onsite to raise funds for the school. **Remember to dress warmly and bring blankets**

and/or chairs. Please do not bring pets or alcohol. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: 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). At the event **your movie tickets will become raffle tickets**, entered into a drawing for great prizes from local businesses that sponsor this event.

Bay View Campus

The playgrounds at Bay View Campus have been designed and maintained as playgrounds for our neighborhood children for many years. When the school closed the School District agreed to keep them open. That agreement recently ended with locks placed on the entrances.

Recently, the lock on the Laine Street entrance was removed; however, the property is not being maintained. We are asking the City

to help find a way to once again make the playgrounds readily available to our children. Efforts continue.

Alternative Transportation

Well aware that automobile traffic has limits in many respects, the City has undertaken a study of alternative transportation modes and how to enable and encourage them. Traffic Planner Ariana Green asks for ideas on how the City can make bicycle, pedestrian and mass traffic better. Contact her with your thoughts at:

AGreen@ci.monterey.ca.us.

Prescott Speed Control

Preceding a permanent speed control annunciator soon to be placed on Prescott Avenue is the itinerant one the police department uses to calm speeding. After final arrangements with residents in proximity to the new sign are complete we will have the new sign installed near Filmore Street.

Membership Dues: 2012 NMNA Membership Form

Basic: \$10

Additional Support: \$20

or

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Traffic

Readers are aware how concerned your board has been about the traffic problems on Lighthouse Avenue. We believe the source of the chronic backups that frequently occur this time of year have their source on the east side of the tunnel. We think the problems start at Camino El Estero, are aggravated at Figueroa and work their way back to Washington Street where the pedestrian crossing signal requires a long red light to safely allow people to cross six lanes of traffic. This delay interrupts the flow sufficiently to back traffic up through the tunnel and frequently all the way to David Avenue.

Responding to our concerns, the **City Traffic Engineer, Rich Deal, studied the problem** and called in consultants to help evaluate the issue and offer solutions. We were not happy with the solutions proposed and asked for more review. Much of that latest effort is now ready for consideration and **Principal Planner Elizabeth Caraker will share the proposed changes with us at Monday's meeting.** They primarily concern the intersections east of the tunnel and involve traffic rerouting, one way streets and perhaps reconfiguration of the flow. It should be interesting.

As you know, the downtown business district traffic flow analysis is likely to involve massive realignments. Monday's information will involve mostly the part that impacts New Monterey, the Del Monte Avenue corridor. Funding for the changes is being arranged, so this may be the last time we get a chance to affect the outcome. If you have ideas or concerns please bring them to the meeting. We need your input.

City Staff Changes

Doug Stafford, Parks superintendent, recently retired after many years of ably maintaining and enhancing our parks. He continues to offer volunteer services in the spirit of commitment that marked his career. Promoted from within to replace him is Louie Marcuzzo.

We also lost the services of **Brian McMinn**, the engineer who helped design and construct many projects over the last few years. The City is looking for someone to fill those large shoes.

Historic Context Study

Last month at our meeting Senior Planner Christy Hopper gave a visual presentation on the status of her Historic Context Study. This is a mandated program in

: cities throughout California designed to create an
: awareness of the existing and potential properties of
: historical interest. Imagine what our downtown
: would be like had no one had the insight years ago to
: preserve the adobes. That is the issue she addresses.
: How do we determine what is worth saving and what
: do we do to protect them? Aided by some deep
: original research by our Sharon Dwight, Hopper
: evaluated 1700 properties and selected about 350 as
: likely worth saving. **There are special tax incentives
: for people who own historic structures to make the
: effort to keep them up. Final report is due in August.**

NIP Projects Hatching

- **Archer Park** will soon have new pavers to preplace uneven asphalt along the front and north side of the building.
- **Oak Newton Park** will shortly receive new, reduced energy LED lights and new light standards where needed.
- **Scholze Park** will have damaged curbs and gutters replaced and the paving along Lighthouse Avenue will be completed giving the park a new face. Take a look at the paving. It is the look that will be encouraged all along Lighthouse Avenue as opportunities occur to upgrade to this standard look.
- **Rec Trail** crossings in the Cannery Row area will receive new wave design treatment to make them more visible to drivers.
- **New street signs** were recently approved for Cannery Row that will have a fish on the top and will direct traffic to nearby businesses. The look is consistent with the Cannery Row Business District's program for some area identity.
- Perhaps most importantly, **state of the art UHF/VHF emergency radios** just received by CERT are now being tested and personnel trained in their use. Inspired by the communication problems between emergency responders on 9/11, your New Monterey CERT Team now has the capability of communicating with all branches of emergency responders bringing state of the art coordination into neighborhood just when needed the most.

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