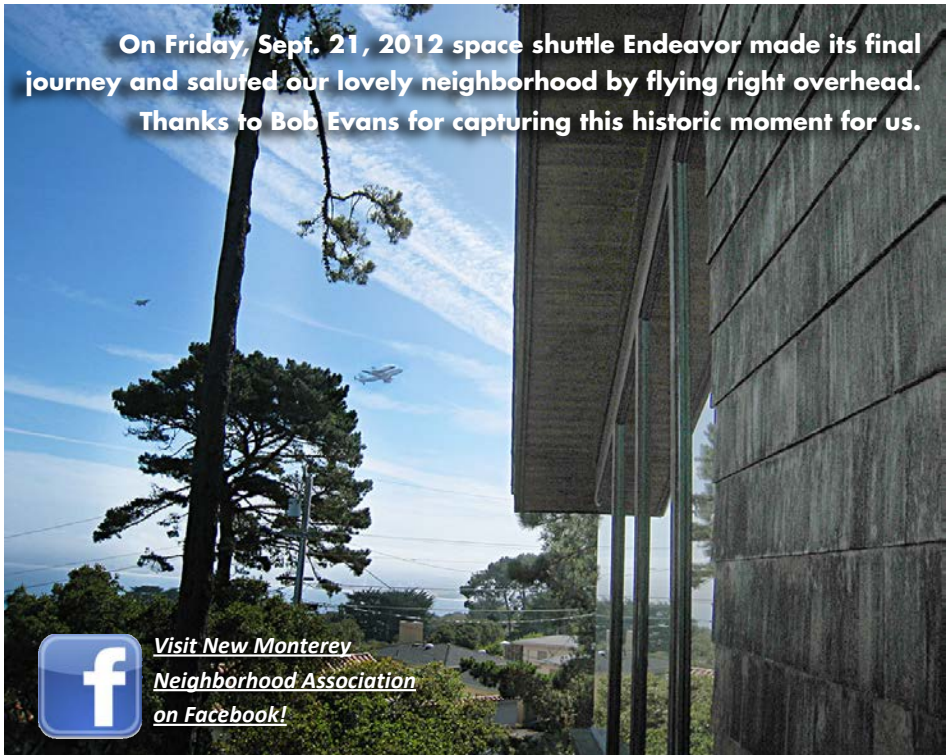


NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Dates To Remember

All meetings are at Hilltop Center at 7pm.

- **Monday, 10/15** (note change)
Next Neighborhood Meeting
- **Monday, 11/19** (note change)
Neighborhood Meeting
- **Monday, 12/10**
Neighborhood Meeting

Candidates Forum Report

The Candidate's Forum your association sponsored last Wednesday was a stimulating success. More than thirty people were there to hear four candidates for City Council answer questions. Mayor Della Sala was also there, even though he is running unopposed. It was a unique opportunity to take the measure of each man who asks for the right to make decisions on our behalf. (Libby Downey was not present).

Perhaps the most compelling difference in the candidates was their source of motivation to hold the office. Some felt the City was on the wrong track, some thought it was wasting resources, some thought it isn't listening to the people and some thought they had a duty to our

progeny. Each offered his solutions, thus giving the audience a clear look at the differences each would bring to the Council.

We are grateful to the candidates and our moderator, Beverly Bean, for giving their time for our benefit. No doubt all who attended left with a clearer sense of the issues and choices before us.

Code Enforcement

City staff members at our last meeting answered a number of questions of concerned to us. Hans Usler reported that the nadir of enforcement is now behind us with the hiring of additional enforcement staff. They began enforcing sidewalk encroachment and other safety issues first. On our list for them to address are the trash cans that stay out all week and the new fences that don't meet code. Let us hear from you about your concerns.

Usler mentioned several streets, such as Irving at Lobos and Irving at Devisidero, will be getting repairs, some with about half the normal budget available, and some with NIP funds. The emphasis will be on

moderate needs being met in order to stretch available dollars as far as possible, thus worst streets will get worse. He asked that his office be notified of streets needing repairs so that they can begin the process of repairing them.

Last Outdoor Movie of the Year!

Saturday, October 14th, Scholze Park at sundown you can see Ghostbusters with a ticket free at most businesses along Lighthouse Avenue. Bring a blanket or chair. Snacks available.

Airplane Noise

Is it just us, or has there been an increase lately? We were doing so well there, but recently it seems, many pilots are again taking off over the Peninsula, a route that unnecessarily causes disturbances on the ground. If the Air Force Thunderbirds can stay over the water, why can't everybody else do so? Complaints have increased. If you are concerned let us know. *We will get active again if enough of us speak up.*

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Information From The Presidio

Three representatives of NMNA recently met with Col. Clark and several of his staff to discuss the status of affairs at the Presidio. Clark is the Garrison Commander in charge of the Presidio, the Ord Military Community, Ft. Hunter Liggett and a few other installations. The Defense Language Institute is under a separate command.

Clark said the student body now numbers 3,500 students and just another 200 are expected next year. That will be the maximum for the foreseeable future, although by 2020 it will probably expand again. He said the traffic impact of those students, their teachers and support staff is about at the level we can expect indefinitely (ten years). As many as 7,000 people occupy the Presidio daily. Busing plans have been effective and parking space is being added with new five story construction, along with new barracks and classrooms, most of which will replace existing buildings.

Water and space constrict further expansion, which when needed in the future, will likely occur at Ord Military Community. We were pleased to hear that the expansion envisioned in last summer's Environmental Impact Statement Draft is largely on hold indefinitely, although several new buildings as noted are in the works.

We found Clark to be sensitive to the interests of the neighborhood, but limited by various constraints. He said while most of his direction comes from the great military bureaucracy, he is sensing a shift. In addition to a looming reduction in funds in the future, he also feels we will see some modification in the one size fits all approach to security. He will not be surprised, he said, if the Presidio isn't given some leeway in the future to adapt to less militaristic standards that bind him today. We take that to mean perhaps a nicer fence might surround the Post rather than the mostly barb wire topped cyclone fence we face today. We hope it means less ostentatious entry facilities and less lighting. We doubt, however that it means we will, in our lifetime, have transit capability or a gate on Hwy 68.

Clark concurred that community sensitivity to trees, ridgelines and views are considerations applied to development, although he still must find ways to fit in more classrooms, barracks, administrative support facilities and parking. He says the Army tries hard to be

a good neighbor, noting that while his community rotates almost completely every few years, our's stays fairly constant. He expressed his responsibility to address our needs as well as that to the future and the conditions he leaves for future generations in our neighborhood.

The Presidio began publishing a Community Newsletter recently and the second edition is now out and available for viewing via a link on the Association webpage. Besides, we want you to visit our site and become familiar with its content.

Bay View Playground

We are delighted that the playground/park is again fully available to everyone via the Hoffman Street gate or the stairs on Laine. One day we hope that the new redundant, spiteful fence will be removed, but for now, our children once again have this wonderful place in which to safely play. It will be left unlocked. We will rely on neighbors to watch for misuse and report it to the police department immediately. If this fails and abuse occurs, we will again face a fight to keep it open.

Bay View Academy Site Change Request

Present at our recent meeting to answer questions concerning Bay View Academy was MPUSD board member Jon Hill. He noted that Proposition 39 requires districts to provide adequate sites for charter schools. BVA asked to be moved to the Bay View campus. He said the board considered it carefully and decided its current site met its needs better and declined, saying there was no cafeteria, its space was more limited for future growth, it was less safe, less centrally located and generally substandard, were some of the reasons.

Hill explained the proposal for new uses of the Bay View campus which include a preschool, an evaluation center and treatment center for special needs children, hopefully to be open by the first of the year.

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