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### Dates To Remember

- **04/06 (Sat):** CERT training. Preparing for Sheltering-In-Place & Evacuation.
  - **04/08 (Mon):** NMNA monthly meeting.
  - **4/10 (Wed):** NIP Committee public comment time.
  - **4/26, 27, 28 (Fri, Sat, Sun):** Big Sur Marathon (volunteers needed by CERT).
  - **5/13 (Mon):** NMNA monthly meeting. Jon Hill, MPUSD board member to speak.
- NMNA monthly meetings are normally held at Hilltop Center, 871 Jessie Street on the second Monday of the month.*

### Neighborhood Meeting

**Our regular meeting this Monday at 7pm we'll talk about the Housing Element of our Area Plan.** We have a mix of single family, planned unit developments, condominiums and apartments in New Monterey. The current plan opposes creating more Planned Unit Developments. Do we still feel this way? How do we feel about condominium conversions? Let's talk about what's working and what isn't and prepare for the Draft Plan the City is drawing up for us to be presented in just a month or two.

Warning- the Casanova/Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association is not happy with its proposed Area Plan.

### This Just In

**Expect forthcoming traffic delays** due to temporary lane closures, detours and on street parking restrictions on several streets between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., including two residential streets here on April 5th.

The City's contractor will be performing spot pavement repairs in preparation for the upcoming annual street resurfacing project on Lottie Street from Prescott to Irving and on Jessie Street from Withers to David.

Traffic on Del Monte Avenue and Camino El Estero will also be interrupted on April 2nd and April 3rd when work will be performed along these sections of streets:

- Del Monte Avenue, between Sloat Avenue and Palo Verde Avenue
- Camino El Estero, between Del Monte Avenue and Fremont Street

### Movies In The Park

**This popular event will be back** again this year says the New Monterey Business Association thanks to a grant from Monterey Salinas Transit. MST will sponsor NMBA's Movies in the Park this summer to promote its new Jazz route between the Aquarium and Sand City. It

will also have a FREE RIDE WEEK soon that will allow one to experience the route at no expense.

*BTW, watch for NMBA's tv ads that just started running and feature some of our business owners and their very unique enterprises.*

### City Crackdown

**Sensitive to the increase in unsightly conditions** in our neighborhood, Hans Uslar, Deputy City Manager, Plans and Public Works Director, recently said his department is actively looking into such things as trash containers left at the curb, weeds, abandoned vehicles, code violations and trash problems. Backed enthusiastically by the neighborhood associations, Uslar reminds us that his department issued several \$100 fines recently for trash cans put out or left out beyond the twenty-four hour window. With the dry season just ahead Uslar said property owners and residents are responsible for keeping weeds down and fire hazards to a minimum. Buildings that went thru architectural review or the Planning Commission approval process remain bound by the stipulations inherent in their building permit. *(Continued next page)*

### Membership Dues: 2013 NMNA Membership Form

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*(City Crackdown: continued from Page 1)*

**Usler says** lights, fences, trees, etc. continue to be subject to enforcement indefinitely. Some people, he says, have trouble throwing anything away and others seem to enjoy collecting things, like vehicles. There are limits and rules about what one can accumulate on one's property.

There is an inspector who busies himself enforcing the City's codes. He can be reached by calling 646-3750 or going to the City website, (<http://www.monterey.org>). Go to "I Want To..." "Get Help With..." and pick your subject from the drop down list. The Police Department can also be helpful with other sorts of complaints, such as noise, offensive behavior, intimidations and criminal acts. Vehicles left unmoved for more than 72hours are subject to impoundment. Its contact information is also on the website. Phone 646-3914. Contact a NMNA board member with questions or guidance.

## Police Department Update

**Chief of Police Phil Penko** hosted a meeting of Neighborhood Association representatives recently to address issues of concern to the neighborhoods. While crime is down generally, he said, it seems there is a spike in burglaries around the City. He recalled several businesses on Lighthouse Avenue were recently entered and computer equipment was taken. Similar events have been occurring throughout the City.

*Residential burglaries are also rising.* There were three or four teams of burglars working the City, mostly during daylight hours. They would ring the doorbell and come up with some innocuous reason for their presence. However, if no one answered they would go around and check the doors and windows for an easy access.

One person at the meeting, not from our neighborhood, actually walked in on burglars when he went home for lunch. They heard him and ran out the back door as he came in the front. He saw them and called the police. It took an hour and forty minutes for them to respond. He was not happy and there was some discussion about how the system works, how busy the cops are, how understaffed they are (18% less than ten years ago) and how crime has changed recently.

**Yes, we do have a gang problem.** They don't live here as a rule, they just visit a lot and they cause a lot of trouble. Also, methamphetamine use is abundant and at the root of the burglary problem.

On the cop's side is the improved technology that now allows them to use DNA to snare lots of bad guys. They can tie an individual to a crime through a cigarette butt, a finger print, a blood spot, a Kleenex, a toilet. They have a subject before they have a name. It just becomes a fill in the blank game to wait until the DNA match shows

up and they have their man- or woman. It's an equal opportunity profession.

*The takeaway was to call the cops!*

## NIP

**On April 10** members of the community have an opportunity to speak to the NIP committee about projects proposed for the coming fiscal year when it meets at the **Casanova Oak Knoll Community Center on Ramona 7 to 8:30 pm.**

### Proposed for funding this year:

- Belden 300 Widening
- Cypress Park Repairs/Upgrade
- Drake Belden Open Space
- Hawthorne/Dickman ADA Ramp
- Hilltop Park Landscape (S edge)
- Hoffman 1481 Walkway
- Lighthouse Adaptive Traffic Signal System
- Prescott/David Speed Signs (3)
- Prescott/Devisadero Entry
- Prescott 1650 Sidewalk Upgrade
- Rec Trail Repairs & Plantings
- Sand Replacement for
  - Archer Park Tot Lot
  - Hilltop Park Tot Lot
  - Oak Newton Park Playground
- Scholze Center Meeting Room Audio Enhancement
- Taylor/Irving Storm Drain Upgrade

## CERT News

**A new Community Emergency Response training** is starting Thursday, April 4, continuing each week through May 16. The training is free of charge. Open to ages 13 to 90+. 375-0841 to register.

Or come. Classes are taught in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) behind Fire Station 1 at Pacific & Madison, 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

• **04/06 (Sat): Preparing for Sheltering-In-Place & Evacuation.** CERT and the Monterey Fire Department will present a free workshop entitled Preparing for Sheltering-In-Place & Evacuation. The instructor will be Mike Brassfield, Emergency Planner and Monterey CERT member.

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