



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

April 2010

Next meeting: Monday, April 12 – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

APRIL IS HISTORY MONTH FOR NEW MONTEREY – As you know, the City has completed a preliminary Historical Survey. Now we want refine the Survey with additional data on New Monterey’s history.

We will begin this process at our April meeting with Dennis Copeland. Dennis is in charge of the City Library’s California History Room & Archives. He will present a summary of New Monterey history resources and a bit on the history of New Monterey.

Then on April 17 from 1 to 4 PM, NMNA will host **New Monterey, A Sense of Place**, an event at the Archer Park Center. Everyone, especially long time residents, is invited to come to Archer Park and share their personal stories about living in New Monterey, why or how they came to live in New Monterey, what New Monterey was like in the “old days,” where did people work, where did children go to school, what was the impact of the military, etc. Bring your stories, photos or other memorabilia that will help us develop a picture of how New Monterey was in the “old days,” how it has changed over the years and what contributed to those changes.

We will record these stories and photos so they can be added to the Library’s collection of historical information.

You can help make this a successful event by encouraging our long time residents to take part in this event.

BAY VIEW ACADEMY – What is it? When will it happen?

On Tuesday, April 6, at 7 PM at Bay View Elementary school (Prescott and Belden) you can hear about the plans for converting Bay View Elementary into a new Charter School. Planning is in the early stages.

The group of parents and neighbors working on the Petition want to hear your ideas at this early stage! This meeting will be a chance to discuss what you would like to see in this new Charter School:

- How a Charter School can provide a better education for your children
- School configuration choices between K5 / K6 / K8
- Enriched Academic Program - Art / Science / Music / History / Community
- How it is open to all children, not just those currently attending Bay View
- How to get involved

This is a unique opportunity to participate in the formation of this School, consistent with its philosophy of involving teachers and parents in all major decision making.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 6 – 7 PM – Bay View Academy Launch Meeting At Bay View School – Learn about what might be in store for Bay View School.
- April 12 – 7-9 PM – NMNA Board Meeting Hilltop Center – Public invited.
- April 17 – 1-4 PM – History Day, New Monterey, A Sense of Place – Archer Park Center, Archer
- April 22 – 6 PM Police Community Report Senior Center - Dickman and Lighthouse

FROM THE PRESIDENT – The board asked me to serve another term as your president. It is an honor to accept.

This year I believe we should work toward building more community connections. By that I mean having each of us think and act in a way that brings us closer to our neighbors, kind of like a Midwest feeling of neighborhood with people actually talking and relating to each other.

It starts with a wave as one drives down the street. It continues with a few words said to people one hardly knows. It deepens with a random act of kindness for a family down the street. It flourishes when someone treated kindly passes it on. Can we do that?

COMMUNITY POLICING – Monitoring the Police Log is another function of your Board. Watching police activity in our neighborhood helps us keep you informed of trends and areas worthy of your heightened awareness. We are gratified that an alleged drug house on Drake Street was recently identified resulting in appropriate action to eliminate it. Drugs are not an apparent problem here, but the complexion of the problem is changing, according to a recent conversation with Sgt. Frank Russo. While methamphetamines and cocaine continue to affect many communities, prescription drugs used illegally are causing more problems now. Oxycontin and suboxone are two drugs used by today’s modern junkie. They are often acquired from the medicine chest of a relative, although large quantities are also available on the street. These are heroin like products and just as dangerous. While they are perilous to the user, the issue for the public is crime. These drugs are expensive, thus requiring a user to have a source of revenue to support his frequent use. That is where we come in. We can unwillingly supply him with goods that he can fence to raise money to support his habit.

That’s where the police come in. They don’t like people stealing from us and vigilantly work to interrupt the cycle. We can help. Most of the crime in our area is opportunistic, in that thieves normally don’t do a lot of planning. They watch for a chance to steal something of value and if they think they can do so easily with little chance of being

**NMNA regular meeting – April 12 – 7 p.m.
Hilltop Center – Jessie and David**

caught, that item finds itself on its way to a new owner and the thief gets another happy day compliments of an inattentive victim. Lock your doors, leave valuables out of sight and be mindful of strangers. Several teenagers were recently chased, but not caught after stealing from a dozen or so cars in upper New Monterey (Area 3) one night recently.

Officer Ron Blair, one of the patrolmen assigned to our area, says he will discuss items such as vagrancy, drugs, gangs, traffic and inebriation at the next Community Update Meeting scheduled for the Senior Center at 6 PM on Tuesday, April 22. He stresses the importance of a positive citizen/officer relationship if our community is to continue to enjoy its relative peace and safety.

We want to congratulate Brent Hall who was named Officer of the Year along with Nancy Sanchez and Darnell Whitt whose efforts were highlighted recently by Chief Tim Shelby.



DUES – You can support your neighborhood association’s work by being a dues paying member. The modest fee of \$10 adds your name to the list of citizens who care what happens to their neighborhood. This is the only way you will be sure to receive the newsletter. Check the expiration date on your address label.

Membership Dues: 2010 NMNA Membership Form

Basic - \$10
Additional Support - \$20
or _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Deliver my newsletter via email? Yes No

Comments/Suggestions? _____



NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN TOUR – The first annual New Monterey Neighborhood Garden Tour was rescheduled to 2011 so we have enough time to include several noteworthy gardens and to get input on what else you would like to see included in such an event.

Our intent is to bring together people of similar interests to share their avocation . We also want to showcase outstanding accomplishments in remodel architecture and micro agricultural husbandry. Suggestions, offers and supporters are needed.

We are going have a small section of our newsletter feature a home or garden, including on-line pictures. It will include ideas and tips you can use. If you have a home or garden you are proud of please submit entries to Alexandra Albin via email: alex.albin@me.com or phone: 831.372.4813.

FRIENDS OF THE MONTEREY LIBRARY is having a fund raiser to recharge the Vreeland Folklore Collection. Donate \$75 before May 22 and you will be invited to a Tea Party in June with the Vreeland family on what would have been Ruthie’s 75 birthday. All monies go directly to books and story-telling programs for children & adults.

Make checks payable to: MPLFriends/Vreeland Collection and send to Monterey Public Library 625 Pacific St., Monterey, CA 93940. For more information: 831-646-560.

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