



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

September 2010

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

FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND – LIGHTHOUSE AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN

Dear Transportation Planning Grant Applicant,

Congratulations! The project application you submitted for a Transportation Planning Grant has been selected for funding in fiscal year 2010-2011 pending approval of the State budget. Grant award information is available online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

Monterey received this good news on August 16. Once the State budget is passed the City will receive \$152,000 for the project. The project description in part is as follows:

The project goal is to create infill housing, a complete street along a multi-modal, regional transportation corridor, and a revitalized destination point on Lighthouse Avenue for residents, shoppers, and visitors. It will further the General Plan goals to focus transit-oriented, mixed-use development within the Lighthouse Avenue corridor. This project will be accomplished through creative and direct community engagement.

The project area consists of Monterey's Lighthouse Avenue corridor, which extends from David Avenue at the Pacific Grove City Limits to the Lighthouse Tunnel and connects New Monterey to Downtown Monterey.

The Lighthouse Avenue Corridor is an eight block stretch that supports an eclectic mix of over 50 businesses, including: furniture stores, restaurants, tattoo shops, book shops, antique stores, and other personal service businesses, as well as a senior center and park. It includes a mix of one and two story structures, providing opportunities for residential infill and affordable housing development.

The Lighthouse Corridor is used to capacity with over 68,000 vehicles per day (more than the Highway 68 corridor between Monterey and Salinas) and operates at a level of service (LOS) F, with limited options for alternative forms of transportation.

The function of Lighthouse Avenue as a multi-modal corridor is vital to a regional transportation plan that includes the Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) Bus Rapid Transit line that will connect major destinations with a fast, efficient bus line.

Your Association will keep you informed on this project and looks forward to participating in this important planning activity.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

13 NMNA Meeting - 7 PM

Hilltop Center, lower level.

Election of our NIP rep for 2011
Elizabeth Caraker, AICP, Principal Planner
Everyone is invited!

8 Waterfront Master Plan Meeting - 6 PM Monterey Conference Center

14 Community Policing Meeting - 6 PM Scholtz Park

14 Town Hall Meeting with Bill Monning - 6 PM Chautauqua Hall, Pacific Grove

MOVIES IN THE PARK – On Saturday, September 11, the New Monterey Business Association presents Movies in the Park at Scholtz Park, corner of Lighthouse and



Dickman. Bring the whole family and enjoy a cinematic evening under the stars in the Lighthouse District.

The classic blockbuster movie that remains one of the highest grossing movies of all time stars Harrison Ford as archeologist and adventurer Indiana Jones who is hired by the US government to find the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis.

All films will begin after sunset, but you are welcome to come early and bring a picnic. The Bay View Elementary School PTA will be selling snacks on site. Remember to dress warmly and bring blankets and/or chairs. Please do not bring pets or alcohol. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.



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).

For more information go to:
<http://www.lighousedistrict.net/movies/>

FOLLOW NMNA ON TWITTER – Do you Twitter? Your Association now has a Twitter account so you can get news fast. Check out <https://twitter.com/NewMontereyNA>

GARDEN NOTES – This month we take a peek at the Evans’s garden on Terry Street. Check out the additional photos on our web site (all photos courtesy of Larry Molmud): <http://www.newmontereyneighborhood.org/gardenEvans/>

Barbara Evans says: Our eclectic garden has several themes: native plants, plants in pots, year round color, tall “spiky” and “odd ball” plants, succulents mixed in, back porch vegetables and herbs, plants from friends or that remind me of friends, and gardener surprises. Gardening on our lot is very difficult because we built our home on decomposed granite that is terrible for plants but stable in earthquakes.



We have several large native pine trees, oaks, cypress, a volunteer holly bush/tree, toyons, and native vines. New volunteer trees generally just sit there for a few years until their roots finally reach the underground water table and then we can almost see them grow on a daily basis.

In order to plant camellias and rhododendrons I asked that the landscapers use an auger bit to dig a big hole in the ground and fill it with planting soil. Fifteen years later they have also reached the water table and must be trimmed and thinned regularly.

Our gardener rotates pots every season with flowers so we have color year round. We have a small area, filled with potting soil, full of daffodil bulbs that start blooming at the end of winter. I like tall things like foxglove, Japanese lilies and cane and trailing things like fuchsias, little variegated leafy green plants with white flowers and lobelia. Our gardener also brings surprises, plants that I never



thought of, or in some cases knew existed.

My favorite plants are plants that remind me of friends. I have a Ceil Brunner rose that was a 50 year anniversary gift. An “odd ball” pony tail palm that I saw on a friend’s back deck in Corvallis. We have a 30



year old ornamental tomato plant in a pot from Calexico that my husband brought from Cuyamaca College in San Diego as a house warming present. I used to have a rule that all my succulents must be clipped from someone’s yard. Later I expanded the clipping rule to geraniums. It is fun to remember where I obtained (stole) certain clippings that are now plants. Now as a senior non-pilfering citizen, the gardener brings in the new, interesting succulents and geraniums.

Our eclectic garden in the ground and in pots is a great morale booster, fun to watch change with the seasons and something that I enjoy admiring everyday.

Rainwater Collection: Bob Evans says: Our home has rain gutters with downspouts routed into a drain line that empties into the street. As Cal Am continues to raise rates it seemed a waste of a valuable resource to let that rainwater just flow into the bay.

I purchased a 200 gallon utility tank. It measures 48”L x 36”W x 30”H and fits under our front porch out of sight. This location allows it to be connected to the downspout serving the largest segment of our roof. I routed a pipe from the tank to soaker hoses in two planter beds lower than the tank. One bed is about 27 square feet and the other is a little more than 30 square feet.

A typical storm easily fills the tank and larger storms required that I have an overflow system. Our really foggy, drippy weather this summer has supplied as much as a quarter tank. A full tank will irrigate the two planter beds three or four times depending on how dry the soil is. Cal Am changed its usage tracking stats this year so its been hard to determine exactly how much water we have saved but there has been some savings.



CERT CLASSES OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER – Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes are being offered in three locations during the month of September in observance of Emergency Preparedness Month.

The 20-hours of training include preparing emergency kits for home and work, making your home safer during an earthquake (e.g. by storing chemicals away from each other & securing heavy objects), emergency medical, how to put out a house fire and more. Good life skills to know for teens through elders. And it's free of charge.

Monterey CERT is offering a Saturday-Saturday-Sunday class September 11, 18, 19 at the Monterey Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 8:30 - 4 each day. Sign up at montereycert@hotmail.com or leave a message at 646-3416.

Classes jointly sponsored by Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach CERT will be offered Sep. 20 to Oct. 9 on alternating Mondays (6-9 p.m.) & Saturdays (9-2) at Mid-Valley Fire Station. Contact Jennifer.Valdez@fire.ca.gov or Jeff@thefryegroup.com to register.

Salinas Fire is offering the same class material on 8 consecutive Thursday nights Sep. 16 to Nov. 4 at one of their fire stations. Contact philv@ci.salinas.ca.us for more information.

Those who complete the basic CERT course can take part in CERT team activities, if they wish. Monterey has 8 active teams with quarterly drills and additional training throughout the year. We welcome more participants!

CERT QUARTERLY DRILL SEPT 25

Calling all NERTs and CERTs!

Casanova Oak Knoll Park is the place to be on Saturday Sep. 25th 8:30 to noon for the mixed skills refresher quarterly drill.

- Two guest trainers will offer insights into how to help the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Simulations will require setting up Incident Command, Assessment, Search & Rescue, Triage, Emergency Medical, Radio Use & Documentation.



BILL MONNING – On September 14, 2010 our new Assembly member Bill Monning will attend a Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, and the Pacific Grove Residents Association. It is your chance to hear it from the horse's mouth and to tell the horse, er caballero, yourself what is on your mind.

Location: Chautauqua Hall
16th Street at Central Avenue, Pacific Grove.
Time: 6:00 p.m.

For more additional information, contact Monnings's Monterey District Office at (831) 649-2832

BAY VIEW ACADEMY – After 105 years Bay View Elementary will close at the end of this academic year. A group of parents and community members have been working to develop a charter school to replace Bay View Elementary. A charter school is a public school funded by the State in the same way the MPUSD schools are funded but it is managed by a separate governing group, in this case the Bay View Academy.

While an initial attempt to "convert" Bay View failed, the group feels strongly that this community should have an elementary school that students can walk to and one from which they can visit important local resources such as the Aquarium on foot. This leaves two possible sites for BVA: Bay View Elementary and Hilltop. BVA is pursuing both possibilities. Initial discussions with MPUSD have been non-committal. Initial discussions with the City have been positive.

At the September 21 City Council meeting BVA will propose a plan to share the Hilltop Center with a "startup charter" school consisting of six classes, Kindergarten through grade 5. All existing Parks and Rec. operations at Hilltop will continue with little or no modification. Having BVA at Hilltop will also provide opportunities for after school programs such as arts and crafts, foreign languages, a chess club, etc. These programs will be operated jointly by Parks and Rec. and BVA, a bonus for both programs.

If you think it's important to have an elementary school in our neighborhood then you are urged to do two things: go to <http://www.bayview-academy.org/contact.htm> and let BVA know you are interested; attend the September 21 Council meeting and let the City Council know you want an elementary school in New Monterey. For more information contact any of the BVA officers: William Shaw, President - 658-0787, Brian Greenshields, Vice-President - Cathy Gomes, Secretary - 645-9445, Robert Evans, Treasurer - 372-8323.

COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING – Find out what is happening in your area and what you can do to help identify issues and solve problems.

Your team will update you on what has been going on in your area since the last meeting and it is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors.

Sgt. John Short, 646-3822 - Short@ci.monterey.ca.us

Officer Ron Blair, 656-5600 x 2010

Officer Ethan Amdrews. 656-5600 x 2017

Officer Jason Debenedetto, 646-5600 x 2038

Location: Scholtze Park Center

Dickman and Lighthouse

September 14, 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the Community Policing Initiative see:

www.montereypolice.org



WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN – Community Meeting #4 will be held on September 8 in the Monterey Conference Center, Serra 1 Ballroom, at 6 PM.

Free parking in the West Parking Garage after 5:30pm.

This is the last scheduled community meeting, so it's important to resolve as many issues as we can. Whether buildings such as the Del Monte Beach House and Monterey Bay Kayaks stay at their current location, what happens with the existing dry boat storage, and potential future locations for open space and activity areas are some of the still-to-be-determined issues that are explored in the two alternatives to be presented at the upcoming meeting.

"It is important for everyone to participate, as this will be our plan and we need to have input from everyone," stated Council Member and Waterfront Subcommittee Member Jeff Haferman.

There is the last opportunity to mix and match elements from the alternatives to produce a waterfront that works for residents and visitors alike. This is your best chance to influence what goes forward in the planning process.

Attend and share their thoughts. The decisions made today will effect our waterfront for years!

More information on the project, including summaries, photographs and videos of the previous meetings, can be found at the City's website:

www.monterey.org/waterfrontmasterplan

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (NIP) –

Each September the NMNA recommends a candidate to represent the neighborhood on the City's NIP Committee. The City Council actually appoints the NIP Committee members.

This is the group that gets to determine what gets fixed in our neighborhood from NIP funds. The representatives have a lot of authority and responsibility to see that the money is spent wisely, not only in our neighborhood, but in every other neighborhood in the city as well.

Our Bylaws state: "A nominee for NIP Representative must be a NMNA Board member and have served at least one year as NIP Representative or as an Alternate to have enough knowledge of the NIP Process to be effective." We will elect our candidate to represent the Association for next year at the NMNA meeting on September 13.

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