



NEW MONTEREY Neighborhood News

July 2011

Next meeting: Monday, July 13th – Hilltop Center – 7 PM

Guest Speaker- Are you prepared for a 400% increase in your water rate? Ron Weitzman is a citizen concerned with the future of water on the peninsula. His focus is California American Water Company and whether it is serving us adequately. Perhaps no one else is as up to date of the issue as Ron is and he has agreed to spend some time with us at our meeting discussing his findings and conclusions. Come learn what the issues are and prepare to take a position on this important issue.

Bay View Elementary School- We are sad to say goodbye to Bay View Elementary School. After 103 years New Monterey no longer has a school. Bay View Elementary is now closed. Realizing how important a local elementary school is a group of Bay View parents and New Monterey community members have forged ahead and will open Bay View Academy, a public charter school on August 15th. However, due to a variety of factors the Academy will be currently located on the site of the old Del Monte Elementary School on Casa Verde Way and not in New Monterey.

Bay View Academy will have two kindergartens and one each first through fifth grade classes. Enrollment currently stands at just over 170 students. There are a few seats left for fourth and fifth graders and short waiting lists for all other grades. More information about this unique new community based school can be found at <http://www.bayview-academy.org/index.html> or call 831-704-6805.

Lighthouse Avenue- We all want improved traffic flow on Lighthouse Avenue but the City is spending countless man hours and dollars to juggle traffic directions between Hawthorne, Lighthouse and Foam in an effort to improve business and traffic flow. NMHA believes that the solution to the backup rests on the east side with adept management of the traffic control signals at Washington, Figueroa and El Estero. We can't seem to get the City to focus on this simple, inexpensive solution. Meanwhile, unless we make our desires known, brace yourself for a complete redo of the downtown streets done mainly to satisfy big name retailers who will be lured here to augment the small businesses in what we think is a well-meaning mistake. The confusion and expense will go on for years and as the longest recession in memory fades, the recovering economy will solve the problem by itself. Contact Mayor Della Sala at City Hall to make your thoughts known. Contact Howard Fosler if you want more information on this important issue.

From The President- Our monthly (except August) meeting is now called our neighborhood meeting in order to emphasize that it is open to all. We want you to feel invited

to attend them. You can learn what is going on and participate if you desire. We find that the more brains we have working the better the outcome tends to be. It's like hooking up computers in series. The results are often remarkable- much more than one alone could be. Besides, we have a need for more people to help with our work. If you are thinking about becoming more active in local affairs please come by or call one of your board members and discuss it. I suspect you will enjoy yourself by giving of yourself

Tours- Even if traveling poses problems for you there is a wonderfully diverse option available. Scholze Park Center sponsors all sorts of trips all over the nation. From Salinas Valley (last month) to San Antonio (October), you can get out of town with neighbors and have everything arranged for you. Train trips, tours of world class gardens, Broadway plays, dinner theater, boat rides, concerts and holiday shopping in the City are some of the events coming up. An Open House showcasing exciting travel plans occurs Sunday July 17 from 1 to 3pm. Visit the Center and find out about yoga and other activities available to all.

Budget- It's too soon to get excited, but revenue for the City appears to be rising. At least it is not still dropping. We may have seen the bottom of this unnecessary recession as more people become willing to spend rather than save their discretionary dollars. You can help by supporting local businesses as they struggle to stay on their feet. The hard part isn't over, but with luck it won't get any worse, either.

Movie Night- 07/09 (Sat): [Movies in the Park: Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid](#) All Movies in the Park will be held outdoors at Scholze Park, located at the corner of Lighthouse Ave and Dickman Ave. Films will begin after sunset, but 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. 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). [more info]

(Posted by: [lighthouseave](#)).



Help! - Your Neighborhood Association needs your help. Several of our members had to reduce their time and we could really use help in the following areas:

Help to edit and publish the newsletter

Monitor activities at City Hall

Help your neighbors with problems they are facing...construction, traffic, etc.

Working for the association, whether you can only spare an hour a week or more is rewarding, fun and important. Democracy begins with local action close to home.

Spencer Street- Take a look at the street widening going on in the 600 block. Is it worth the trouble, cost, mess and change to property frontage to have your street widened?

DLI Development- You may have heard the DLI is trying to determine if it should develop the DLI post to meet all the needs of its future students or if it should locate some of those facilities in the Ord Community. Of the several new structures proposed for the Presidio to accommodate one thousand more personnel, one or two are six story buildings. They acknowledge that views will be blocked on post and importantly, buildings will loom large from the outlying community looking at DLI. Now we can expect six stories there similar to the Embassy Suites and Marriott.

They also propose a new 148ft clear security area and fence around the perimeter with new well lighted security guard houses at each entrance. Artillery Road will be permanently closed off to DLI. Two new four story parking buildings will be built nearly flush to the perimeter. A swimming pool will be built adjacent to Presidio Curve, very close to the perimeter. A six story dormitory is planned for a gulch on the east side. Rain runoff provisions are included, but no detail is available, except that they are ugly. A new gate is planned for Hwy 68 sometime beyond fifteen years from now. No changes are proposed for Taylor Street. Most importantly, no provisions are proposed for the public's traversing of the post.

The Environmental Impact Statement Draft is available on line:
http://www.monterey.army.mil/dpw/env_assessment.html
We have registered our concerns. See our Facebook page.

Weeds- Many people have overlooked the ubiquitous weeds that are now seeding next year's crop. They must be removed if we are not to have a bumper crop next year. Corner lots seem to forget that their property extends to two streets the result being weeds growing next to thoroughfares. Perhaps your neighbor is unaware that the weeds need removal. An offer of help might be appreciated. Otherwise, call a board member and discuss the matter. City Code requires the weeds be removed.



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