



CASANOVA OAK KNOLL

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Airport Hazardous Materials!

For over a year, our association has been attempting to obtain a copy of the Army Corps of Engineers Well Study of our neighborhood. This study was undertaken last summer to determine if any toxic wastes have leached off of Airport property into our neighborhood. We finally got hold of a copy. It contained many disturbing elements. Maps detailed several dumpsites and former fuel tank locations at the Airport Northside. It appears most were made when it was a Navy Base. Numerous fuel tanks had leaked and con-

taminated the soil in the immediate vicinity.

The worst problem that we are able to ascertain at this time probably emanates from a former concrete sump the Navy used to disperse dirty TCE (Trichloroethane), a cleaning solvent used to clean aircraft motor parts. The report details several locations on Euclid, Ramona and Airport Road that show high levels of TCE contamination in the water table. (Referred to as TCE plumes.)

Monterey City officials recommend that all private wells in the neighborhood stop using well

water for domestic purposes both as drinking water and as irrigation until they can analyze this problem. Joint meetings of several government agencies are at press time being arranged to determine answers and health threat levels to this problem.

CAL-AM CUSTOMERS ARE NOT AFFECTED. CURRENTLY THIS WARNING ONLY APPLIES TO PRIVATE WELLS IN CONA

A FULL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING WILL BE CALLED AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION

North Fremont Business Plan

Starting at the first of this year, many meetings have been held to formulate a business plan for North Fremont Street. Currently, our commercial area is the only one left in the City of Monterey without a business plan. After several meetings of affected businesses with representation of our neighborhood at each meeting, we held a neighborhood sub-committee meeting attended by those who checked the box showing their in-

terest on our membership form. Following this meeting, we held a neighborhood wide meeting after noticing all our membership. All these meetings produced a large volume of concerns and comments. The completed Plan has addressed all these issues. The next step is a Planning Commission Hearing evening session on August 22, 2000. After this hearing the Plan will go to the City Council. When the Plan is approved, the Business District

will take a vote to access themselves higher business taxes to provide the funding to run their new District.

The summation of these efforts will lead to a more beautiful North Fremont that has its own identity while attracting more high quality businesses to our area. Please come to the Planning Commission meeting and support our business neighbors.

SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2000

PARK DAY

BBQ SERVED 1:00 TO 2:00 P.M.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team

We are doing everything possible to make it easier for you to take this free training. You may use this training to help yourself or others in instances that may not be regional disasters. It could be a traffic accident, a sports injury or most likely just a plain old home accident. The point is, this training will help you deal with emergencies. It is time to make a stand and make a difference. The class times follows please call now!:

Saturdays August 5 & 12 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Wednesdays October 4 – November 8-7 P.M. – 9 P.M.

All classes are taught at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) downtown behind Fire Station #1 on Pacific Street.
Call 646-3416 for more information or to put your name on the roster for a class.

Neighborhood Improvement Program 2000

Approved projects this year included a renovation of the upper picnic area at our park. This will include new picnic tables on new concrete pads and new small barbecues. Also approved was an emergency water tank for Fire Station #3 on Montecito. This will supply water for drinking or for fires in a disaster. The 2000 street tree program we had last year will continue with the bonus that we received 50% more this year. We ran out of trees last year.

CONA Street Trees

This approved project will plant either a holly oak or a liquid amber tree. The trees must be planted in the city easement (usually 10 to 12 feet from the curb). **Plantings will be limited up to 2 per residence under the supervision of the city forester. All costs including planting are paid for out of neighborhood improvement funds. All those who requested trees in their membership renewal form will be notified. Any new ones need to call 373-1012 with their requests.** We will plant in the fall again to catch the winter rains. We will continue until the funds are exhausted. **First come, first served!**

CONA OFFICERS 2000

Richard Ruccello, president
Gary Carlsen, vice president
Fred Poirier, Treasurer
Art McKenzie, board member
Art Werner, board member

RECAP Neighborhood Garage Sale and Cleanup

It appears as though we had fewer sales this year, but the ones who participated said they were very successful. During the cleanup all dumpsters were filled. The yard waste container was packed solid, all of it to be turned into compost.

Like last year, we had a couple of instances of illegal dumping without supervision. The worst case was a 5-gallon can of what appeared to be used motor oil. As you know, this is forbidden and could have contaminated the entire load if we hadn't spotted it. It was separated out and properly disposed of. Last year we filled two big load trucks, this year we doubled that to four loads. This is an excellent neighborhood response.

We request you to take the free NERT training so that we have enough volunteers to continue this cleanup program. See the NERT article for class times.

North Fremont drainage project

Flooding occurs on N. Fremont every winter due to an absence of an adequate drainage system. The Airports continuing construction projects are contributing to this increase of storm water runoff. Passed over for the last few years this drainage project was approved by the City Council on July 18th. Construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2001 of phase I. Phase II, Longs to Safeway, will be applied for next year. These are the beginning projects slated to renovate North Fremont Street.

Neighborhood Services

CML Home Repair-owned by Gary Carlsen. Specializes in all phases of home repair, electrical, carpentry, and plumbing. If you have a small job that needs to be done, give him a call at 373-3426.

MONTEREY UNOCAL 76-owned by Harry Mucha, a member of C.O.N.A., at 2045 N. Fremont St. (next to Chef Lee's) 375-8415. Harry runs a full service neighborhood service station with full auto care. CONA members can obtain a smog inspection for a special of \$29.95 plus certificate. **Please show your membership card for this special offer.**

The association cannot check out or guarantee any work or services but merely lists them for your convenience. There will be a small fee of \$5 per service to cover the additional printing costs. Please call the Hotline at 373-1012 to arrange to give us the needed written information.

CASANOVA OAK KNOLL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Adopted as part of the City of Monterey's Master Plan in 1985

Policy 29 page 50:

Airport Road should not be used as an access road for further development of the area at the northside of the Airport. It should be used by the Airport only as an emergency or service road.

Policy 34 page 53:

Oppose the use of neighborhood residential streets by automobile and truck traffic going to and from the Airport and businesses on the Airport property.

Program 34b:

Complete the new roadway proposed on the Airport Master Plan from the northside of the Airport to Highway 68 and/or 218 prior to the construction of any additional development on the northside.

Program 34c:

Oppose the use of Airport Road and Casanova Avenue by construction traffic during development of the northside of the Airport and by business traffic after development is completed.

Since this plan was adopted by the City of Monterey the Airport District has engaged in a continuous development of their northside using Airport Road as the access point. The Airport District did purchase property that will give them direct access to Highway 218 (Canyon Del Rey). The City of Del Rey Oaks has opposed this access point. The Airport District refuses to arbitrate and bring to fruition this needed traffic remedy for our neighborhood.

The City of Monterey has opposed all this new development, but neighborhood and city protests have not been heard. Up to this point the general impression has been that the City of Monterey has been reluctant to use the legal option, this should be rethought.

The situation has reached a point of cumulative impacts that **must not be ignored any longer**. The Airport District must take an immediate position stopping all new development on the northside or implementing the new access road. The uses at the northside have changed from industrial type uses (sheet metal work, plumbing supply) to commercial retail generating many more trips by customers. Auto rentals, paint shops, auto repair, a large self-storage facility, and in 1995 a new hanger project. After this they paved the road to the Navy flying club specifically saying they were not adding new uses. Immediately following this paving project the area is now be-

ing heavily used as contractor's corporation yards. Residents of upper Casanova have vehemently protested the traffic increase and noise for the last several months to no avail. Now the Airport District is about to distribute a new Draft Environmental Impact Report for a **new hanger project**, twice the size of the last one. **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

Our neighborhood's quality of life, our property values, and now even our state of health is at risk. A few of our members have been waging the fight every month by themselves, it is time we all band together and speak in one voice to the Airport District.

The breaking point for us has come about the hazardous materials we have not been told about. Testing began on the Airport property in 1990. The testing began in our neighborhood in 1999 and the Army Corps of Engineers has recommended that it be extended further into our neighborhood for this year. We found out because a resident called us from Del Rey Oaks and gave us this September 1999 report. Receiving the report this way is not right. Citizens have a right to know information that will affect their properties and their health. When we know, you know, is a rule we must all live by.

At the May Airport District Board meeting we requested a copy of the Army Corps report and were told at this recorded public meeting that they did not have a copy.

I guess that says it all!

**THE MONTEREY AIRPORT DISTRICT MEETS EVERY 2ND. WEDNESDAY
THREE BOARD SEATS ARE OPEN IN THE NOVEMBER 7 ELECTION**

Monterey Airport District 648-7000