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Cona Traffic Calming passes final hurdle!

Neighborhood Improvement Program and the Monterey City Council approve funding!

All the hard work has paid off! CONA received project approval and funding from the Neighborhood Improvement Program in May of this year for phase I & II of the Cona Traffic Calming Plan. NIP recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Monterey City Council earlier this month.

This process started when surveys identified speeding cars as the number one priority in our neighborhood.

Our 2001 NIP request was for a traffic calming study. That process was

completed in the spring of 2002. With projects identified and submitted, NIP approved funding for CONA Traffic calming phase I, \$163,000, phase II \$52,000, and last years approval of the school crosswalk on Casanova at Ralston of \$25,000.

In addition, a curb & gutter project on Bruce Lane, \$43,000, most likely will also be constructed as an NIP cut-off project. These projects are all now in the queue for design by the city. Construction is estimated to begin before next summer.

Other approved projects, such as synchronization of the signals on N. Fremont, NIP \$30,000, and drainage projects such as Airport Road, NIP \$150,000, to prevent flooding, all impact our neighborhood traffic and are now approved with funding in place awaiting finished designs.

Our neighborhood owes its appreciation to all the volunteers who attended the many meetings voicing support to bring us to this point of awaiting construction of these improvements.

Airport Chemical Cleanup Ahead of Schedule

The Herald front page headline said it all; "Pressure Pays Off".

Federal cutbacks in the program were turned around and new money found. This has resulted in an acceleration of the toxic plume cleanup in our neighborhood.

Take a walk up to our park and you will see the new cleanup plant. It is in

the process of the cleanup as you read this article. It functions 24 hours per day seven days a week. We would have been at this point in the year 2007 but the extra funding the project received has allowed the cleanup to start immediately. The companion cleanup plant located at the origination of the chemical plume (on the Airport) is having its

power supply hookup now as well. When it is operational, we will be attacking the chemical plume from both ends at once. This process will shorten the cleanup process by several years. What is important is that the chemical plume is contained, is being cleaned and has no pathway to impact our resident's health.

N. Fremont Drainage Phase I approved and funded!

It has taken many years and finally we are going to deal with the constant flooding of N. Fremont in the winter. Phase I will include the portion of N. Fremont from Long's to Chef Lee's. A link from Fairgrounds

Road through Motel 6 has already been completed. The Airport Road drainage project with the design already completed will divert water that normally flowed and flooded the intersection at Ramona and N. Fremont. This diverted

water will now flow to the Navy Lake. In a horrible economy with drastic cutbacks in the city, we are grateful that the city has recognized the significance of this problem and has allocated over one million dollars to fix it.

CONA PARK DAY – AUGUST 10, 2003 @ 1:00 P.M.

Neighborhood Improvement Program

The NIP committee approved installation of a new piece of playground equipment designed especially for toddlers. The Monterey City Council approved this expenditure of \$8,000 for our neighborhood park.

We will submit Traffic Calming Phase III next year and continue until the entire Plan is completed. It is possible that the total sum required will exceed one million dollars. This is what is required to return our streets to a safe condition. A side effect of these improvements will be street medians planted with attractive landscaping. Signs will be installed at each of the three entries to our neighborhood.

NERT

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team

No more excuses, now it is time to join the CONA NERT TEAM. You have three choices of classes. This first class of six starts on **Wednesdays Aug. 13, 20, 27, Sept 3, 10, and 17th** and they all are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The second class starts on **Wednesdays Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3 & 10** also 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Participants must attend all six classes in one section.

The third class is a two-Saturday class on October 4 and October 11th with times of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Participants must attend both classes to graduate.**

Please join your neighbors on the CONA team.

Register now by contacting Fire administration at 646-3900.

Cona web page!

We are now online! Our own informational resource!
(NEED VOLUNTEER TO KEEP CURRENT)

In an interest to better serve our membership, CONA has established a presence on the Internet at <http://www.cona.info>. But for this site to be useful, we need your help in several areas: Web Designer: We came up with the idea, but we know our limitations. If any Association members have the ability to create a site that is useful, and attractive, contact us at webmaster@cona.info. All members: We need your feedback and input about what YOU want on the site. Tell us what would be useful for you at comments@cona.info Typist: We need someone with a word processor to transcribe our bylaws into any simple word processing document, so that our copy on the web will be searchable and download faster.

Thanks for being involved!

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CLOSED MONDAYS

MONTEREY UNOCAL 76-owned by Harry Mucha, member of C.O.N.A., at 2045 N. Fremont St. (next to Chef Lee's) 375-8415. A full service neighborhood service station with full auto care. **CONA members special discount. \$10.00 off any \$50.00 or more purchase of a product or service (excluding gasoline).** Please tell them you are a member for this special offer.

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Open Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Banquet Facilities Available for Corporate Meetings, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, and Any other Special Occasion. We will customize a menu for you.

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10% off for CONA members on all regular menu items. Please show CONA membership card for the discount.

Request Services Online

Log on to www.monterey.org, select City Hall and then create your own Public Works Service Requests!

Let the City of Monterey know about potholes, parking enforcement, illegal dumping, street lighting problems, curb and utility repairs. In 2002, the City logged more than 135 online service requests submitted 24/7 by residents and tourists through the Internet. The Internet access allows the residents to connect directly to the City's work management system. E-mails will keep the resident informed about the progress and completion of the requested work. Usually, the City responds within 24 hours to your request. No Internet access? No problem: Use the 'old' system - contact the City's Public Works Department at 646-3920 or stop by at City Hall.

Skyrocketing Water Pressure!

Leaking pipes finally drove us to repipe our 50-year-old house. We asked for a test of our water pressure. Normal pressure is around 65 pounds per square inch. Our pressure read 130 pounds per square inch. Double! No wonder the pipes were failing. The solution was a complete replumbing with a pressure regulator reducing the pressure back to 65 pounds. 130 pounds of pressure is a disaster waiting to happen.

Gary Carlsen, our vice-president has a gauge and he is willing to test your pressure at no cost to you, just a service for his neighbors. You can call for a test at 373-3426.

If you plan to replumb we recommend at least three bids. Ours varied up to 75% difference. The biggest downside to the cost, the mess of holes in your walls is you really notice the shower just doesn't have the power it used to. The one benefit of 130-pound pressure.

Cypress Center

Following submittal by Tony Sammut of a different noise study the Monterey City Council rescinded their original 4-1 votes to disallow a 24-hour operation on the Cypress Center property. Many residents came to oppose the 24-hour operation. We will be facing other projects as properties on N. Fremont are redeveloped in the future.

Mayor Albert, Councilwoman Canepa, and Councilman DeSalla voted to allow the 24-hour operation. Council members Vreeland and Roberson continued to support the neighborhood, and dissented.

Several issues still remain unresolved, and the association is working with staff and the developer in an attempt to get the project rolling and clean up the eyesore we have looked at far to long.

No restaurant has yet been selected, and the developer has recently received conceptual approval for the retail building from ARC. Chevron has not yet applied to ARC for its approval.

PARK CENTER PROGRAMS

PROGRAM: Dance Express
AGES: 18 and older
DAY/TIME: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
SESSION DATES: Three 4-week sessions
September 10 – October 1
October 8 – October 29
November 5 – November 26
INSTRUCTOR: M'kalah Conley
LOCATION: Casanova-Oak Knoll Park Center,
735 Ramona Ave. call 646-5665.

PROGRAM: Pool Pals
AGES: 55 and older
DAY/TIME: Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Excluding Holidays
LOCATION: Casanova-Oak Knoll Park Center, 735 Ramona Ave., 646-5665

Pool Pals is a free, drop-in billiards program for local senior citizens. So if you are tired of the same old routine, join the Pool Pals at Casanova-Oak Knoll Park Center. Bring a friend and share an afternoon enjoying a challenging game of pool.

PROGRAM: Mini Monet
AGES: 3 – 5 years
DAY/TIME: Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
SESSION DATES: One 4-week session
September 4 – 25, 2003
LOCATION: Casanova-Oak Knoll Park Center,
REGISTRATION: Pre-register at the Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department Office, 546 Dutra Street, 646-3866

“Mini Monet” is being offered by the Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department on Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. beginning June 12 – July 3 at Casanova-Oak Knoll Park Center.

Little hands will explore, create, and design works of art using many different types of paint and painting techniques in this unique class. Children will work with all sorts of different types of brushes and painting tools, and experience the wonderful world of art.

Grandma & Me Christmas Cookie Creations is being offered by the Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department on Saturday, December 13, from 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. at Casanova-Oak Knoll Park Center 646-5665. Grandmothers and their grandchildren ages 5-12 are welcome to join us for an extra special morning in the kitchen. Together you will design and bake tasty holiday cookies, work on craft projects, and spend some time together during this special time of the year. We will conclude with a tast-ing party and a special visit from Santa Claus.