



# CASANOVA OAK KNOLL

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Casanova Oak Knoll – A neighborhood in transition

### Unprecedented number of property sales changing neighborhood

**I**t all started a few years ago. In a neighborhood with homes seldom for sale, we started seeing rapidly increasing sale prices and many home sales. Absentee aging landlords started selling their longtime rentals, soon followed by aging seniors or their estates selling their homes.

We are having a record number of sales this year with sales prices approaching \$800,000 for small homes.

Looking at the changes we see some trends developing. Young couples with small children are predominately our new residents. Also, there are increasing numbers of seniors who are having

more and more difficulty maintaining their homes.

The City of Monterey is taking an active role in helping this senior population with a focus on four neighborhoods, CONA being one. The article below and one inside on neighborhood revitalization are cases in point. One of the speakers for our annual meeting will outline the help being made available. CONA will have a special meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. to fully answer all questions and to explain the many programs available to our residents.

You can see by the many informational items in the CONA quick views, several new issues are presenting them-

selves to our area. So many in fact, that we are going to schedule additional meetings this year for you to be able make decisions on the future of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood improvements, finishing the traffic calming, apartment to condo conversions, reinvigorating our neighborhood watch, community policing, development on N. Fremont Street, library service potentials, and development of the Airport Northside are just the beginning of the subjects that we need to discuss and let you decide.

**Please come to the meetings and be part of positive action to improve your neighborhood.**

## “The hearth was slowly sinking through the floor”

### Special City of Monterey program remodels homes for seniors!

*The following is an article submitted by a CONA member who has recently completed an entire home remodel under the City of Monterey's Housing Program. Seniors who face deteriorating homes have many options under these programs and what is most important is that the City oversees all the contractors and their work relieving the stress from the homeowner.*

**T**he hearth was slowly sinking through the floor on one side and the cant of the living room floor was being affected. Switch plates

were warm to the touch. In desperate need of help I called the City of Monterey and inquired about rehabilitation programs.

Thane Wilson, who runs the program, guided me through the process. A architect was selected, I chose the contractor, and a moving company packed my belongings. The city, via inspectors and Thane Wilson, oversaw all the work. It was the best decision I could have made.

The loans require the homeowner to be over 55 years of age and there are income restrictions. The loan rate was 5% simple interest with no monthly payment necessary if the homeowner cannot make the payment. Upon change of ownership the city is paid in full.

If you are interested in this program please call Thane Wilson, at the City of Monterey Housing, 646-5614, or you may call me, Tuppence Cabot, at 375-6241 and I shall be happy to share my experiences with you.

**CONA ANNUAL MEETING –March 16, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.**

## NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION UNDERWAY

The City of Monterey has launched a new program to encourage and help local residents improve their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Revitalization Project, funded by part of the City's community development block grant, will work closely with existing neighborhood associations to identify problems, opportunities, solutions, priorities and resources for neighborhood improvements. Visioning meetings will be held in each neighborhood during the coming months. The results from the meetings will be compiled, analyzed and formulated into a strategy plan that will be sent to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Once approved, the strategy plan will result in the designation of revitalization zones that will allow more flexibility in the use of community redevelopment funds.

The City has hired David Wright as its Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator. Wright is a part-time code enforcement officer based in the City's Housing and Property Management Division who will focus on solving problems in the City's northeastern neighborhoods: Oak Grove, Villa Del Monte, Del Monte Grove-Laguna Grande and **Casanova-Oak Knoll**. His focus will be to **obtain voluntary compliance with the City Code and enlist community resources to solve neighborhood problems** -- "helping neighbors help each other", as Wright puts it. Another part of Wright's role is to assist neighborhood residents in accessing programs offered by various City departments and to coordinate the City's response to inquiries and requests for assistance.

**Many people may not know about existing City programs such as the Major Rehabilitation Loans, Emergency Repair Loans and the Mr. Fix-it and Home Safety Grants Programs for home-owners who live in their own homes and meet certain income criteria.** The City also offers several programs to increase home ownership, including down payment assistance to first-time home buyers. New brochures have been recently printed in English and Spanish describing these programs and how to apply. They are available on request from the City of Monterey Housing and Property Management Division.

Wright is also working in close cooperation with the police officer team for the City's community policing initiative, the COPPS Program, in the Casanova - Oak Knoll neighborhood. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to call Wright and share your concerns and solutions as to how your neighborhood can be made a better place to live. You may contact him by phone at (831) 646-3995 and by e-mail at [DWright@ci.monterey.ca.us](mailto:DWright@ci.monterey.ca.us).

Wright will appear at the March 16<sup>th</sup> CONA meeting to introduce the Neighborhood Revitalization Project and answers questions. A visioning meeting with Casanova-Oak Knoll residents will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The City will mail notices of upcoming events and meetings in the Casanova-Oak Knoll neighborhood to property owners. Look for posted notices, as well, at locations near you.

## Neighborhood Improvement Program 2006

Several projects proposed and ready for your review at the annual meeting on March 16 are:

1. CONA Traffic Calming Phase V for \$175,000.
2. Twenty new driveway approaches to be awarded by neighborhood lottery.
3. Six new handicap ramps.
4. A joint use project between the City of Monterey and the Fairgrounds to improve and utilize the carnival area for baseball practice in the Fair's off season.

### DOOR PRIZES

All members at the annual meeting will receive a ticket for 4 door prizes that will be drawn for:  
**Fire Extinguishers**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### GENERAL MEETING

**March 16 – Thursday**

**7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**PARK CENTER**

**735 Ramona**

#### Agenda

- 7:00** Call to order  
Reports  
**2006 Election of officers**  
Old Business  
2006 Neighborhood Improvement  
2006 Priorities  
New Business
- 7:30** **Monterey Public Library**
- 7:45** **Monterey Police Department**
- 8:00** **Neighborhood Revitalization**  
**David Wright**
- 8:30** **Apartment conversions to condominiums – Monterey senior planner Rick Marvin**
- 9:00** Adjournment

### COME & BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR

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#### CONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### 2006 Calendar

**March 16 – 7:00 p.m.** Annual Meeting

**April 19** NIP hearings Community center

**May 17** Neighborhood Revitalization

**June 10&11 –** Garage Sale Sat.&Sun

**August 6 –** Park Day Sunday

## **Community Emergency Response Teams (Formerly NERT)**

### **Coming soon.....The Disaster Preparedness Fair!**

The very first City of Monterey Disaster Preparedness Fair is coming to you on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Del Monte Shopping Center! Learn how to prepare yourself and your family for a disaster. Every disaster has a common theme - emergency service providers are overwhelmed and can only deal with the most severe emergencies. In addition, often communication systems don't work, electricity and gas go out, and citizens become isolated. Are you prepared to survive for up to 72 hours without assistance?

At the Disaster Fair, you will learn what should be in a "disaster pack" and how you can prepare your household (and neighborhood) for a disaster. Meet emergency service providers, hear first hand about the tragic situation in the Gulf Coast area from local citizens who went to help out, and learn about CERT - the Community Emergency Response Team. CERT members are trained to work together as a team in the most critical hours after a major disaster. Neighborhoods with CERT members are equipped with emergency resources and instructed how to survive for up to 72 hours without outside assistance.

More information will be disseminated as the event draws near. If you have questions, call Monterey Fire Administration at 646-3900.

Roberta Greathouse

**CERT classes are scheduled on a regular basis in the City of Monterey. Call today and enroll your whole family in this valuable program. No costs, great dividends! 646-3900**

## **Monterey Resident 2-Hour Free Parking Program**

The City of Monterey offers a parking program which allows Monterey residents, displaying the proper decal, two hours of free parking, per parking stay in the West Custom House Garage (at Franklin & Tyler); the Waterfront attendant lot (at Washington & Del Monte); the Cannery Row Garage (at Foam & Prescott) and Cannery Row Lot #7 (at Foam & Irving).

The resident parking decal can be obtained at the Parking Division Office located at 340 Tyler Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. To be considered a resident, a person must reside within the City of Monterey and show evidence by providing a current utility bill or rental agreement and a current vehicle registration; or be active duty military. There is an annual \$10 administrative charge for each decal. The permit is valid for one year from date of issue. For more information on this or any parking program, please call the Parking Division at 646.3953

## **Kelly Baldwin Promoted to Monterey County Fairgrounds CEO**

January, 2006, Monterey, CA, Kelly Baldwin has recently been promoted to CEO of the The Monterey County Fairgrounds. Kelly was formerly the Deputy Manager of the Fairgrounds for 4 years. In her position, Kelly is responsible for overseeing the Monterey County Fair, the Monterey Bay Race Place, and all interim activities that are held at the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

A Monterey County native, Kelly has over 16 years experience in the Fairs & Expositions industry. She is currently the Central Coast Area Chairperson of the Western Fairs Association and served as secretary for 4 years. She serves on the State Rules Committee of the Division of Fairs and Exposition, and is a member of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions.

Kelly also has an extensive background in the agricultural industry. She is a member of the California Women for Agriculture and a Community Leader in the Buena Vista 4-H Club. She is a member of the Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers. In 2005, she was voted Cattle Woman of the Year by the Monterey County CattleWomen Association.

**Kelly is very active in the business community and serves on the North Fremont Business District of Monterey's Advisory Board. The Fairgrounds is a member of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Seaside/Sand City Chamber of Commerce, and the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau. She is a graduate of the Leadership Monterey Peninsula Class of 2003. Kelly is married to Tim Baldwin, an attorney, and they have a 2-year old daughter and a 7-year old son.**

The Monterey County Fairgrounds is a premiere event center set on 22 oak-studded acres with parking. It is home of the annual Monterey County Fair, host to many major public and private events on the Central Coast, and the site of the Monterey Bay Race Place, a Satellite Wagering Facility. The Monterey County Fair is the 7<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association of the State of California.

For more information, call Kelly Baldwin, CEO, at (831) 372-5863 or check out the website, [www.montereycountyfair.com](http://www.montereycountyfair.com).

## **Library Bookmobile**

Did you know that Library services are available in our neighborhood every other Thursday from 5 to 5:45 p.m? Go online at [www.monterey.org/library](http://www.monterey.org/library) and literally peruse the library catalog and order books, films, music c.d.s, etc. and get them delivered at the Bookmobile stop. No more fighting traffic and looking for parking spaces! Pick up a library card right here at the next stop!

## Apartment Conversions to Condominiums

Very few Monterey residents can afford to own a home. Appreciation of homes has increased by double digits for the past 4 plus years. Only 40% of Monterey residents are homeowners compared to the State average of 69%. Monterey County ranked third in the nation for least affordable housing.

The conversion of apartment rental units into condominium for sale "affordable" units is one of method of enabling home ownership. As a result of Monterey's expensive housing market, it is estimated less than 10% of its residents can afford to purchase a median priced home. In a recent study by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the findings were that home ownership benefits owners by providing an opportunity to build equity in a secure investment and improves quality of life. In addition, there are community benefits including neighborhood and family stability, increased community investment, reduced crime, as well as fewer behavior problems and improvements in school performance among children. Homeowners have greater financial incentives than renters to improve neighborhood quality become involved in civic affairs, and maintain their property at a higher standard.

The benefits of conversion to a neighborhood are significant. Typically, substantial construction upgrades are invested in the property which improves the appearance and the value of all surrounding properties. More importantly, home ownership is the key to developing stable neighborhoods where residents take pride in their community. Beyond these advantages, condo conversions boost property taxes for schools and provide new monies for Monterey to invest in its neighborhoods.

The Monterey Townhouse Apartment at 825 Casanova Avenue is in the initial stages of presenting its condominium conversion plan to the city and the neighborhood committee. This project, if passed, will cut down the total number of units from 90 to 83 and add an additional 28 parking spaces to the project. This should significantly reduce the congestion of street parking. The developers plan to invest over 2 million dollars of upgrades to the property and neighborhood. The current tenants will be given the first opportunity to purchase their units or another unit within the complex. Those who do not wish to purchase will be given financial and informational assistance in their relocation. The mandatory creation of a homeowners association will help to ensure that the property and grounds will remain in good condition for many years to come.

We look forward to meeting with the neighborhood committee and answering any questions you may have. We understand the importance of your organization.

.....**John Yandle, representative for 825 Casanova**, email at [jyandle@ccarey.com](mailto:jyandle@ccarey.com) .

*apartment owner on Casanova who is in the process of converting their apartments into condominiums. This is the third proposal for apartment conversions to come up in the last few months. The other two did not close escrow and we understand will most likely be proposed again in the near future. You can expect many more proposals; the limited owner occupied housing supply on the peninsula is fueling the demand for more condominiums. In order to understand the pro's and con's of these conversions CONA encourages open discussion.*

### Some of the concerns expressed by CONA members thus far:

Currently CONA has a residential parking program on Melway Circle, required because of overflow parking emanating from the apartments on Casanova. CONA has received requests from both lower Ralston and Shirl Pat Way to institute a parking program on their streets for the same reasons (on hold until consensus is achieved).

The apartments on Casanova (one of the highest density streets in the city) are cheaply constructed and for the most part have between 1 and 1.5 parking spaces per unit (Mahara 820 Casanova is the exception having been designed as condominiums with 2 spaces per unit). Mahara has never sold a unit and has remained 100% rental. All proposals for conversions so far will not meet this parking level. The residents want to know if after conversions will the parking deficit be the same, worse or better.

Owner occupied units are always preferred to rentals. We have been told that if the apartments are converted and sold as owner occupied that nothing prevents the new owners from turning around and making it a rental again. In addition, it has been expressed that new owners who buy these units as vacation rentals may turn them into weekend rentals exacerbating the present situation. Real estate experts warn that if condominiums have 20% or more units rented instead of owner occupied it pretty much destroys the marketability of the remaining units and sends a red flag to lenders to not provide mortgages for new buyers. A strong well-funded condominium association would be required to maintain the owner occupied requirement.

Obviously a remodeled and more attractive condominium complex would be an asset to adjoining residential properties. We need to ensure that the conversion process does not create new problems.

The preceding issues and all your other concerns should be addressed at our meeting. We will have a brief discussion and questions at the annual meeting and CONA will set a special meeting in the next couple of months so you will have adequate time to fully discuss each of the proposals.

**CONA ANNUAL MEETING -- MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>. – THURSDAY -- 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

*The previous article is from a representative of an*

## Neighborhood Quick Views:

**Fleet Numerical** – The Monterey City Council at their July 2005 meeting did rezone this facility within our neighborhood to PC zoning. If you missed the article on this subject you can read it on our website at [www.cona.info](http://www.cona.info). A few months later President Bush approved the BRAC base closure list and Fleet Numerical was spared for at least for 5 to 10 years before the next closure round. Until then we will not know the complete ramifications of this zoning change.

**Bruce lane curb and gutters**, an NIP project, is now complete. We are told that regular street sweeping will now take place on this street every even Monday and odd Tuesday. If anyone sees it skipped please call the association number.

**Driveway approaches Phase II** – a cutoff project from last year appears to be getting close to funding. When it does, we will proceed with the remainder lottery addresses in last years Group C, March 2005 newsletter, also available on the CONA website. CONA has proposed a Phase III for this year. Monterey city staff does not agree with this project and we will face resistance to further phases. It is up to you to overcome and convince NIP of the value to you of a new driveway approach. Your opportunity to speak up is April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center, 735 Ramona. Bring a neighbor and spread the word. This project costs a fraction of the cost of rebuilding entire streets.

### Chemical Plume Updates

The chemical cleanup process in our neighborhood is under full operation. So far it is working. If you want more information the United States Army Corps of Engineers has now scanned over 6 feet of documents and it is all available online at [www.naasmonterey.org](http://www.naasmonterey.org).

## North Fremont Street news:

**Monterey on Ice** during the holidays was a major success. Thousands enjoyed ice-skating and got to know our area.

**Banner program** – the new banner program brought bright interesting colors to our business district.

**Casa Moreno** has replaced the Sidewalk Café, it will feature freshly prepared Mexican food.

**Safeway's remodel is complete.** Raves over the remodeled interior. Rants over glacier cold temperatures inside, and exterior parking lot lights they are unable to turn off for over 6 months. With the closure of the downtown Safeway and the closure of Ralph's they will be facing a parking lot crisis with the only overflow area being our neighborhood.

**Mixed Use Commercial/Apartments** will be replacing the Bay Pet Hospital.

**Alcohol sale violations** – The Monterey Police Department and the California "ABC" ran a sting operation and nailed several N. Fremont businesses for selling to a minor decoy, Chevron, Longs, Quik Stop and Alliance Market. **CONA members predicted alcohol sale problems when we appealed to the California Alcohol Beverage Control to rectify the over concentration of licenses in our area.**

## New Park Center Director

Hello, my name is Cece Reinhardt and I am the director at COKPC (since October 2005). I come from Denver, Colorado and have been in recreation programming for 7 years. Before Colorado I lived in Tennessee where I received my graduate and undergraduate degrees. I am excited to bring my experience to the City of Monterey and look forward to getting to know the Casanova Oak Knoll community. I would love to meet you and hear what types of classes and programs you are interested in seeing at our community center. We currently have a preschool, Camp Lots-O-Tots, the after-school program, a teen drop-in program, specialty classes for youth, pool pals for seniors, taxi scrip booklets, as well as BBQ and facility rentals. This summer, please look for our new classes including guitar for teens and adults, dog training, chess for kids, drawing and much more. My door is always open so please do not hesitate to stop by the Center, introduce yourself and see what we have to offer. Our address is 735 Ramona Avenue, the phone number is 646-5665. Here is some information about our programs:

### Pool Pals

This program is a free, drop-in billiards program for local senior citizens 55 and older. 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. Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - excluding holidays.

### Kitchen Creations for Kids

**Kids, Kids, Kids! How would you like to learn how to cook and have fun at the same time? This class is the perfect opportunity to get in the kitchen and concoct some cool recipes, as well as create a take-home arts and craft project. There is no better way for kids to "cook things up" in a safe and fun environment than Kitchen Creations for Kids! Ages 7 – 12 years, Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. One 4-week session, March 1 – March 22, 2006. Pre-register at the Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department Office, 546 Dutra Street, 646-3866.**

### Bunny Brunch

Hippity-hop... Come take a look at what the Easter Bunny has brought! Parents and children will love this springtime event which includes brunch with the bunny, crafts, entertaining stories, and a grand finale egg hunt. Hope to see you there! Ages 3-6 years, Saturday, April 8, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pre-register at the Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department Office, 546 Dutra Street, 646-3866.

### Taxi Script Program

**The City of Monterey has a special transportation program to help seniors over 65. Yellow Cab taxi script is available at half price. You may purchase coupon books at our community center at 735 Ramona doing regular business hours.**

## CONA Traffic Calming Phase I

It would be impossible to capture on a single picture the new beautiful entries to our neighborhood. Phase II is complete on Ramona near Littleness with Phase III and IV approved and funded awaiting completed final designs. CONA has applied for Phase V this year with the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

We have had some bumps in the road, literally. Cars hitting the medians, carnival trucks running over them and cracking concrete and in one case someone driving directly over the middle of the median flattening the trees and plants. Our nearby residents have called the police, written down license numbers and reported descriptions of drivers repeatedly; hopefully the city will hold negligent drivers accountable. We have not heard.



## Christmas Toy Drive 2005

Again our CONA residents exceeded all previous records for giving. We had surrogate grandmothers and grandfathers make a special Christmas for many children. We literally took a car full down to our dedicated firemen and their families for the annual present wrapping party. You really must come down to see and help with this Christmas wrapping spectacular; it is definitely heartwarming!



## Sewer overflows – New Regulations

This summer all homeowners in Monterey will receive a letter from the city detailing each residents responsibility to install and maintain a sewer back flow prevention device in their sewer lines.

This operation is essential to prevent the city main sewer flow blockages from backing up into your home. With the backflow device installed, any backup will be discharged into your front yard instead of inside your home. All residential properties with a drain trap in their home 2' or less above the nearest street manhole will be required to install one of these devices. It will be the responsibility of each homeowner to hire a plumber to install this device. The common aluminum "mushroom caps" and removable lid cleanouts will no longer be enough. The backflow devices actually flip up and block all sewage from entering your home.

The letter you will receive this summer will clearly describe what you need to do. At that time you can call the city Building Inspector with any specific questions.

## Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

The school district has just completed a study compiled by a 30-member committee called the "District Task Force to assist the district in developing a Facilities Master Plan".

This committee was tasked with evaluating all the district's schools and facilities. The committee analyzed both building new schools and modernizing existing ones. Parents with children in Monterey schools need to actively monitor any changes that may be proposed because it will directly affect the future of Monterey schools.

## Laguna Grande Park Clean up Follow Up!

We met at the park on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM. There were 23 community members, 4 officers, the City's volunteer Coordinator and a Parks & Rec worker with his dump truck. We picked up trash along the waterfront from the bridge to the large empty lot behind M&S. Sgt. Frank Russo brought a small boat so we could pick up bottles and discarded items from the water around the bridge. We managed to take out 3 truck loads of trash and garbage, including a shopping cart and a baby seat. We finished the day with a pizza picnic and really got to know each other. It was a fine day and an excellent project. We left the park much cleaner than we found it. Thanks and many kudos to all who volunteered their time and effort.

Eric Stidham

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Please save this notice so you will not forget these meetings

## **CASANOVA OAK KNOLL NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Wednesday., May 17, 2006**

**6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center  
735 Ramona**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION**

## **PIZZA NIGHT**

**PIZZA AND SALAD WILL BE SERVED!**

**Come prepared to identify problems, opportunities, solutions and resources. Your ideas are welcome!**

**Sponsored by The City of Monterey Housing & Property Management Office Neighborhood Revitalization Project in cooperation with Casanova Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association.**

**Reservations strongly encouraged. Call 375-6241 by 5:00 p.m. Sunday., May 14<sup>th</sup>..**

**To learn more about neighborhood revitalization or upcoming meetings, email Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator David Wright, [dwright@ci.monterey.ca.us](mailto:dwright@ci.monterey.ca.us)**

## **C.O.N.A. ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our neighborhood had an organization as far back as 1958, but there was a long period of inactivity on the part of our neighbors in the 70's. In 1982 the problems facing our neighborhood started to accumulate. The Mahara condominiums brought them to a critical point. It was this project that focused resi-

dents on forming a renewed neighborhood association that could deal with our problems. As you review the **short highlights** (included would be an annual garage sale, and park day), please note how the successes have changed **your quality of life in our neighborhood**.

#### 1983

- Neighborhood Plan & Survey
- Reopened Fairgrounds Road to Jazz Festival parking.
- Park renovation & cleanup
- \$22,000 HUD grant

#### 1984

- CPR class
- Neighborhood mediation classes
- 45 street trees planted
- Neighborhood Watch-1st in Monterey to implement a full watch program & paid for our own signs.
- Carved Park sign (by Leland Peterson)
- Neighborhood Plan completed with highest survey results in City
- Door viewers & smoke alarms specially installed for members.

#### 1985

- CDBG funds for sidewalking one side of Airport Road. \$50,000
- Life membership to Planner Butch Cope
- New Bookmobile ordered for City
- J.C.Penny Community Service Award
- P.G. & E. Community Service Award

#### 1986

- Capital Improvement Program -\$50K Casanova right turn lane to N. Fremont
- Street sweeper is back!
- Fairgrounds parking program
- Sidewalks curbs & gutter on Ramona

#### 1987

- Stop sign installed at Bruce Lane
- New retaining wall with landscaping at Fairgrounds & Airport Road
- Dundee fill in sidewalks completed
- Sidewalks installed on Lerwick
- Ramona side street stop signs
- Casanova finished in fill sidewalks and added a school bus stop area.
- Ralston granite boulders oak island
- Garden road walkway approved

#### 1988

- Sidewalk infill continued on Airport, Edinburgh, Littleness & Stuart
- Cypress Bowl building torn down
- Installed City of Monterey entry monument on N. Fremont.
- N. Fremont Street name change
- Caroling Trolley for Christmas

#### 1989

- Major remodeling of park, new playground equipment, barbecue area
- Approval of sidewalks on Airport, Euclid, Fern and Bush Streets
- Approve bike path on Mark Thomas
- Successfully opposed Ramona 14,000 sq. ft. office building

- Successfully petitioned Monterey Planning Commission to require more attractive design on Blockbuster
- Successfully opposed live entertainment at Brick House

#### 1990

- Airport Road beautification project
- Airport Road & Olmstead intersection approved & in design
- NIP purchased property for a Community Center

#### 1991

- Airport implements noise abatement
- Community Center planning started

#### 1992

- Fairgrounds **stops** motorcycle racing
- Generator added to Park Center
- Fairgrounds carnival gate landscaped with funds from C.O.N.A.

#### 1993

- Community Center opens!
- Pre-school started at Center
- Ivy street sidewalks approved
- Airport sound insulation under way
- 1993 Xmas Caroling Trolley Ride \$1,237 for Herald's Christmas Cheer

#### 1994

- Emergency Preparedness Class
- CPR Class
- Parking Ordinance approved
- Lilac sidewalks approved
- Voting precinct moved to Center
- Questionnaire compiled
- Neighborhood 5 year plan completed
- Water storage tank for Center
- N. Fremont landscaping approved
- Picnic area renovation approved
- Spaghetti dinner fund-raiser for teen equipment at Center

#### 1995

- N.E.R.T. graduated 25 team members
- Purchased 2 Emergency radios
- Obtained special FCC license
- Picnic area renovation completed
- CPR class
- Acoustical tiles & carpet added to the Community Center

#### 1996

- N.E.R.T. graduated almost 50, #1
- Playground fencing & flagpole
- Purchased 3rd. emergency radio
- Emergency Operations Center passed

#### 1997

- Full time director at Park Center
- NERT radio base station Park Center
- 3 additional NERT radios A.T.&T.
- New park lawn & irrigation (NIP)

- NERT steel storage shed to be installed at our Park

#### 1998

- Successfully raised funds for police night scope and new canine unit.
- Activated NERT team 3 times during heavy rains in February.
- Resident parking program for Melway Circle started.

#### 1999

- First 2 day neighborhood garage sale
- Neighborhood 8 dumpster cleanup with NERT supervision
- Largest NERT drill in city's history
- First CONA City Council town forum at our Park Center
- 35 street trees planted
- NERT emergency shed installed

#### 2000

- Exposed Airport toxic plumes
- New N. Fremont Plan adopted
- N. Fremont Phase I drainage passed.
- 40 street trees planted
- Storage added to Park Center
- Upper BBQ area renovated

#### 2001

- Restored \$350K Health Risk Study
- Additional \$1.5M accelerates cleanup
- \$35K CONA Traffic Study
- Melway drainage improvement
- Opposed PUD development
- \$150K Airport Road drainage passed
- \$7.5K in additional street trees planted

#### 2002

- Melway/Casanova drainage NIP \$52K
- Casanova/Ralston crosswalk \$25K
- Stuart partial street closure \$8K
- N.Fremont signal coordination \$30K

#### 2003

- Cona traffic calming I&II-\$215K
- New playground equip -\$8K
- Bruce Lane curb&gutter -\$43K
- Chemical cleanup accelerated 3 yrs.

#### 2004

- NIP 20 driveway approaches \$60K
- CONA traffic calming phase III \$200K
- Solar speed signs \$30K
- Park Center pre-school deck \$5K
- Park Center power window opener \$4K

#### 2005

- New Park Bench installed at Park Center
- 3 New CONA entry signs approved
- CONA Traffic Calming Phase IV
- NIP 20 driveway approaches Phase II

**2006 More to Come**

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