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## 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program

### Monterey City Council cancels CONA sidewalk trip hazards phase II

This year, the Monterey City Council requested that the Neighborhood Improvement Program only focus on three criteria for projects; public health, safety and essential maintenance. This is exactly what the committee did and, in addition voted unanimously to set aside 20% of the NIP budget (\$400,000) for economic contingency. The Council did use this amount to restore the California History Room staffing, youth services, and to include Sunday hours at the Monterey Public Library.

CONA's number one project was the cleaning, repair or replacement of our

community center's emergency water tank. This was the first project recommended for funding by NIP.

Our second project was a continuation of our sidewalk trip hazard project. City staff determined that most of the trip hazards left here, were by city code, the responsibility of the adjacent property owners. The City Council did not change this code, therefore they voted to eliminate the project, and it was the only one canceled this year. NIP had disagreed, feeling that since NIP had constructed over 32 miles of curb, gutter and sidewalk in the city that they should maintain them. Our City Manager stated

that if the city is notified of a hazard they should send a demand letter to the property owner stating that the hazard must be repaired. By sending the letter, the city transfers legal personal liability of the hazard to the person named in the letter. So if your sidewalk was marked with paint by the city engineers, most likely you are responsible for the repairs.

Comments or disagreements should be addressed to the City Council as it was their decision to make. The vote was 3 to 2 with Councilmember's Haferman and Selfridge casting dissenting votes, agreeing to let NIP pay for the repairs.

### Fairgrounds Parking Program—Changes to parking barricade placements

Starting with the Fair this year, the City of Monterey Streets Department will now place the permit parking only sawhorses on the street in front of houses instead of the sidewalks. A complaint was lodged by a resident stating that their access was blocked by the signs on the sidewalks. The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requires open access. We are trying a new method for a trial period where the signs will be placed in the parking strip. Adjacent owners will be allowed to move the signs a few feet either direction so that their frontage parking is not impaired.

You also have the option of placing the signs on your landscaped area instead of the parking strip (not on the si-

dewalk). The signs must still be clearly visible from the parking strip and street. Let's all try to make this work. New residents have no way to know about our past parking impacts; it is up to the long-time residents to let them know how bad it really was before this program solved a serious problem.

#### Trash Day and our trash Cans

It has been noted for years that every Wednesday many of our residents have placed their trash cans on the sidewalks. There they sit until they are emptied on Thursdays. Sometimes they continue to sit there for days, the residents may be out of town or they arrive home late and keep forgetting to put them away. What you see all the time is walking residents,

who are forced to go in the street to get around these obstacles, easy for them, hard for mothers with strollers and small children, impossible for those with canes, walkers and wheelchairs. Changing decades of habit is going to take a lot of education. Obstructing city sidewalks is a city code violation; in past newsletters we have gone over the Monterey Police Departments efforts in issuing citations to end the practice of automobiles obstruction pedestrian sidewalk access, now we must add to this list not only parking signs but also trash cans. Let's make this a neighborhood so that everyone has full accessibility.

**CONA PARK DAY canceled....see story inside!**

## **Park Day canceled!**

It is with great regret that CONA must cancel its annual Park Day celebration. Our general membership meeting last March reached a consensus that the declining attendance and rapidly increasing costs would make this event not possible this year. The event for the last several years has been put on the shoulders of just 4 or 5 volunteers. Pleas for help have not been fruitful. It is time for our members to stand up and take on the responsibility to keep neighborhood celebrations going for the future.

A member at the meeting mentioned that they are interested in a holiday event. If you want to see this take place please respond as soon as possible with an email or phone message and we will call a committee meeting to make plans.

In the past, we have had turkey dinners with live entertainment (clowns, magicians, bands, etc.). Twice we rented the downtown trolleys for our own Christmas Carolers and raised donations for the Heralds Christmas Cheer program. We had a full 55 person turnout for each of these Trolley events. The trolleys drove us throughout the neighborhood singing holiday songs and the last time we even brought the show to the downtown hotels right through farmers market.

## **CONA traffic calming on HOLD!**

All the CONA traffic calming projects were put on indefinite hold by the Monterey City Council.

Last spring the Monterey City Council voted to place \$3 million dollars of previously approved Neighborhood Improvement Projects on indefinite hold pending the city's current financial cutbacks. The projects are not canceled, they are on hold. If the city needs the money for operating expenses they must vote with a 4/5<sup>th</sup> super majority vote to use the NIP money. Part of this package of on-hold projects are several CONA traffic calming projects. What we have so far is working very well. Speeds have fallen; they look great, but for the traffic calming plan to really work all the parts of it need to be finished. For the time being, we have no choice but to wait until the recession goes away. The majority of the other neighborhoods in Monterey also have their projects on hold.

The projects next up were a median/crosswalk on Casanova just above Melway Circle and finishing the three way stop at Euclid/Ramona with a brick treatment for the crosswalks. The crosswalks were to solve the problem of apartment residents crossing Casanova to get to Safeway and Cypress Center. Presently, they just cross in front of traffic and of course, the medians slow traffic down. Euclid/Ramona is a troubled intersection in which the majority of cars do not stop at the stop signs. We noticed that the former Fort Ord now has motion sensor stop signs that flash LED lights to remind drivers to stop. Maybe this is an improvement we should look into. For now, we have to wait until the City Council frees the projects so that we can implement the rest of our traffic calming plan.

## **CERT-Council restores partial funding**

The Community Emergency Response Team budget was slated to be eliminated in the first budget go around. At their last meeting, the City Council voted to partially restore this budget item in at the 50% level. This program is under going a new analysis to make it more effective in the community. We will let you know if any additional classes are offered for training.

Our CERT team members are still available to help the Police and Fire Departments with whatever needs that can occur in the future. With the severe service cutbacks we are experiencing now and in the future CERT will be even more important to help with a future emergency.

## **On the Beat – Coffee with the Cops**

In an effort to broaden our community outreach efforts, the Police Department recently started a unique program called Coffee with the Cops, in which we schedule and advertise visits to different coffee shops around the City to give community members the opportunity to talk about issues in an informal setting. Each event is staffed by on-duty officers at no overtime cost to the City and everyone buys their own coffee or beverage of choice.

Our objective is to go where people frequently gather, interact with them in a non-enforcement setting, encourage them to ask questions, bring up concerns they might have, or just chat with an officer over a cup of coffee and learn more about what we do. The program is designed to improve our communication with members of the community.

The pilot program consisted of events at Starbucks on Cannery Row, at Bebe's Café, 2233 N. Fremont, and at Café Lumiere, 365 Calle Principal.

Initial public responsiveness and attendance to this unique opportunity has been promising. The Police Department is considering scheduling additional Coffee with the Cops in different venues throughout the City.

.....submitted by the Monterey Police Department

## **CONA Garage Sale wrap-up**

By our count driving throughout the neighborhood we saw 32 homes that participated in the annual Garage Sale on Saturday. There were a few on Sunday, far less. The numbers of buyers was steady up to about noon and then dropped off sharply. The economy has struck hard as it appeared to be a \$2.00 crowd. Whatever the item, whatever the value the common comment was "will you take two dollars". Things are going to change, but it is going to take a lot longer than anyone has thought.

This event, besides clearing out our garages, does bring a lot of folks into our neighborhood and from the comments I hear, a lot of them would like to buy a house here. Your comments about the Garage Sale would be appreciated, we can include your impressions into our website, send them to [www.cona.info](http://www.cona.info).

## **CONA Neighborhood Revitalization**

Your CONA Board has reviewed the draft Plan for this program. In the next couple of weeks, after a meeting with city staff over the details of this plan, a meeting will be called at our community center. Everyone will be able to comment on the direction of the revitalization of this neighborhood.

With your comments, the plan will proceed to the Monterey Planning Commission and then to the City Council for their approvals. City staff will then prepare grant proposals to submit to the Federal government. This designation can have a dramatic affect on redevelopment of both the residential neighborhood and the adjoining business district.

A quick review of the 2006 facilitated focus meeting we had at our community center resulted in the following priorities that were made by the majority of those participating.

The issue that received the most votes at this meeting was to find a way to lessen the vehicle traffic up Airport Road to the Airport Northside Light Industrial area. The Airport District has been pursuing an alternate access route for years. They invested millions of dollars in trying to install a road from the Airport Northside area to Canyon Del Rey. The City of Del Rey Oaks has opposed this direction in the past, new discussions are currently being held with them. The District then decided to investigate the possibility of going around the end of the runway with a road exiting onto Highway 68. This is their current project. Completing our traffic calming elements on Airport Road could also lessen traffic impacts.

The second ranked priority of the meeting was to reduce helicopter over flights of residential homes. The third priority was to address the condition or redevelopment of the Eddie's site on N. Fremont. Fourth was back to Airport noise abatement. Tied for fourth was an alternate entrance to the Fairgrounds carnival lot-this has already been completed and is working very well.

The rest of the priorities review will be included in the flyer announcing the neighborhood revitalization meeting at our community center in August. Priorities may have changed in the last three years, now is the time to bring up new ideas.

Concurrently with this new plan, our neighborhood association recommended to the City of Monterey a comprehensive plan to redesign the N. Fremont Street entrance from Canyon Del Rey. There was discussion at the Council level followed by several staff meetings onsite with the N. Fremont Street business district Board, and with our neighborhood board. Further meetings were held with officials of the City of Seaside. Our city staff has informed CONA that they are requesting a meeting of our association, Monterey City Staff and officials of the City of Seaside to discuss more details. We hope to combine this item and the revitalization meeting into a two part meeting.

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## **N. Fremont Street appearance counts**

**Look at it like it is your front door because it is!**

Everyone has been noticing the rapid deterioration of N. Fremont Street commercial district. For example the old Safeway building (fenced off with dying landscaping), the rotting and the graffiti plagued Bay Pet hospital. We do not have to elaborate on the condition of the other deteriorating buildings on this street; our residents have been pointing this out for over 25 years. Is anyone listening?

Have you noticed the removal of trees from North Fremont Street? The tree canopy is disappearing as tree after tree gets permits for removal. Boarded up buildings require strict enforcement of city codes or it will become so blighted no businessman will risk starting up a new business. The city should require that any paint used to cover graffiti be the same color as the building. Patches make it look even worse than it is.

We are now down to one real service station in Monterey with the closure of Harry's Union 76 station. Village Motors at Dela Vina is the last one in town. Shop local, help keep the last station open.

## **Neighborhood Improvement Program 2009 results!**

Voting is over and the City Council has approved the 2009 program as submitted by NIP. The only project rejected was the CONA sidewalk trip hazard phase II. The study completed last year shows that \$120,000 remains to be fixed that are property owner responsibilities.

Projects approved this year include greenbelt maintenance for fire protection, playground improvements, a new P.A. system for all three fire stations, Library maintenance projects, Sloat Monument repairs, Sport Center repairs, tile repairs to the tunnel downtown, and Dennis the Menace Park security light upgrades. More are listed on the city website at [www.monterey.org](http://www.monterey.org) under NIP.

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*Thank you, Tamara Costa*

## **2009 CONA Annual Meeting**

Last March we held our annual meeting. The following officers were elected to your board of directors. Richard Ruccello, president, Gary Carlsen vice-president, Tuppence Cabot, secretary, Darla Gustaitis, treasurer, Mike Brassfield, Paul Warfield, Denise Marsaquerria board members with Louis Algaze CONA webmaster ([www.cona.info](http://www.cona.info)).

## **Water meter covers**

An aging neighborhood has many problems. One of ours has been the dreaded rolled curbs that the original developer put into our streets. Most of our sidewalks abut the curb. Cars drive onto the curb and up over the sidewalk right on the water meter boxes. The boxes fail and slowly drop below the sidewalk and we have trip hazards. The good news is that Cal-Am is responsible and the CONA board has been diligent in following up this issue. Most of the boxes or box covers should be repaired by the time you read this, if not call and we will start a new list.

## **Service stations, Harry's Union 76 in particular**

are a community resource. It was so much more than a gas station. It is now boarded up and closed. We have been customers forever. I cannot tell you the number of times I have seen Harry going to a seniors home to jump start their car, drive them home from the station, pick them up, and reduce their bill so they could afford the repairs. His was the only business on N. Fremont to maintain a CONA membership and offer a nice discount every year to all our members. When the last service station is turned into a min-mart serving only gas and beer, where will we go to simply fix a flat, charge a battery, or get new windshield wipers? Everyone will be forced to drive rather than walk to get these necessary services. I thought we were focusing on local and green, apparently the oil companies have other plans

## **AIRFIELD Pavement Phase THREE PROJECT AT MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT**

Through the Airport Improvement Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Monterey Peninsula Airport District (MPAD) has recently received grant funding that will greatly enhance the Airport's airfield including the primary runway.

This project is a continuation of what had been done with the previous two pavement improvement phases. As with all transportation industries, a maintenance program is a critical component to maintain safety. This phase will address some of those areas in need of restoration to preserve current capacity and pavement integrity as well as address safety and drainage issues on the Airport's movement surfaces.

The first component of this project is to repair and improve a portion of the storm water drainage system and associated pavements in a southwestern portion of the Airport.

This will address drainage issues in the area before they become a potentially serious drainage and safety problem. The second component is Runway 10R-28L. It has not seen any upgrade in over 18 years and is in need of rehabilitation. The current pavement is quickly approaching the end of its life and needs to be repaired before it reaches a state where reconstruction is the Airport's only option. This portion of the project will install a three inch overlay to the main runway.

In conjunction with the runway overlay, other work will be required to be done as well. All associated areas will be re-stripped and improved as necessary (i.e. lights being raised, pavement re-strengthening, shoulder work, etc.).

According to Airport officials, a runway overlay project can normally take as many as three years to complete from planning to construction, including filling out the necessary paperwork to receive the grant, accepting bids on the project, hiring a contractor and conducting various tests. This project, because it is under the ARRA, had to be expedited in many ways. The District has had a very limited time (60 days) to put the grant together, award the bid and initiate the project. The grant is expected to employ a number of construction workers, all part of the federal stimulus package.

The third component of this project is pavement rehabilitation of Taxiway Echo. This is one of the few remaining taxiways that need to be treated to bring them within the confines of the FAA's required pavement management program. The project calls for an overlay to reduce wear while improving its integrity and safety. An area directly adjacent to Taxiway Echo will require re-stripping as well to maintain visual delineations for aircraft entering and exiting the main runway 10R-28L.

Construction will begin in late July with the drainage work; the runway overlay project will begin in late August and is expected to take approximately five weeks. There will be several weeks of nighttime sounds, particularly during the runway overlay portion of the project. The noisiest part of the project will most likely be the last few days when the workers are grinding in the runway grooves. The District is very aware of the likely noise and other issues and will work hard to minimize the impacts.

Projects like this are normally conducted during times of the year that are least likely to have rain. It is a balancing act between trying to not impact neighbors and yet keep the airlines operating so to cause the least impact to the local economy and passengers' flight schedules. If the Airport had opted for a daytime project, it would have cancelled airline schedules and increased the cost of the project. Additional information will be available on the Airport's website as well as in the media in the coming weeks as construction begins.

This project goes a long way to providing greater safety at Monterey Peninsula Airport, but the influx of grant money will also be a welcome shot in the arm for the local economy. Local firms have been hired to undertake the work. For more related information visit the Airport's website at [www.montereyairport.com](http://www.montereyairport.com).



## Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center Happenings

Hello neighbors! This summer is shaping up to be another beautiful summer in Monterey's "sun-belt!" Don't forget, the Casanova Oak Knoll Park BBQ areas are wonderful for your next birthday party or other special event. Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center itself, is an also indoor option for your next event. With a maximum capacity of 75 people, the light and airy center offers vaulted ceilings, a full kitchen, activity room and main hall area.

Don't forget to join in on the enriching classes and events offered at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center this Fall and Winter season. We will continue to offer Tot and Youth classes such as Masks, Pumpkins and Other Spooky Creations, Mini Monet, Tots In Motion, Studio Art for Kids, Egyptian Cabaret Style Belly Dance, Beginning and Intermediate Guitar and Piano and much more! Our Kids Kitchen Capers and Cooking Essentials for Youth Adults classes are also a great way to learn your way around the kitchen and whip up some delicious delicacies! We will also be offering a few "special edition" cooking classes for children – Spooktacular Sensations, and Treats to Be Thankful For.

Here is a sneak-preview of just a few of the many wonderful classes and events we will be offering with the upcoming Winter-Spring season: The Fresh Start Program and How to Make your Favorite Recipes Healthier, both taught by Dr. Gensel

Please note that our operating hours will be changing, beginning August 1, 2009. Our new hours will be Monday-Thursday 1 p.m.-9 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please feel free to call us at (831) 646-5665, email us at [deis@ci.monterey.ca.us](mailto:deis@ci.monterey.ca.us) or stop by anytime! We look forward to serving you soon!

Due to recent reductions in the City of Monterey's 2009-2010 budget, the hours of operation at four of the Community Centers have been reduced. Beginning August 1, 2009, the hours of operation will change to the following;

**Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center, 735 Ramona Avenue, Monterey 646-5665**

1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fridays

**Hilltop Park Center, 871 Jessie Street, Monterey 646-3975**

1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fridays

**Monterey Senior Center, 280 Dickman Avenue, Monterey 646-3878**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

**Monterey Youth Center, 777 Pearl Street, Monterey 646-3873**

10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Fridays

We do have online registration for many of our classes and programs, please visit our Recreation Department's main office at 546 Dutra Street, Monterey to register for an online account.

## City of Monterey contact numbers

*(save this list for future reference)*

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## Remembrances of CONA history

Some of our members have been mentioning the past history of our area; so we thought it would be interesting to print a little of what is no longer. A touch of our past:

Our neighborhood was for the most part, built around 1948 to 1951. Back then N. Fremont Street was called Fremont Boulevard and was part of Highway 1. The freeway wasn't even an idea. Tourism wasn't a main economic factor yet., and life was a lot slower.

Up at the Airport, the Navy had an Air Facility where Fleet Numeric is today. Started in World War II, they had barracks, a hospital, training facilities, a lot of planes and even a four lane bowling alley. The single seat jet trainers were really loud. They even had a jet engine testing facility where the golf course is now located. The engines ran all night long.

Over on Fremont a popular restaurant was the Spindrift, turned into the Bamboo Gardens and then an all-you-can eat Perry Boys. It is now the Dialysis Center. Next door at Beverly's Fabrics sat a Coca Cola bottling plant. How many remember Toy Town? Down the street was the Oaks BBQ where Motel 6 is now located. This BBQ was surrounded by a beautiful grove of Oak Trees. McKinneys BBQ was a tiny converted house at the corner of Airport and Fremont. This place would be a star on the Food Network today. Behind it was a 1930's motor lodge that is now CVS, the former Longs. Across from McKinney's was the House of Seven Pleasures (that's where the date palm came from), this is now Eddie's. Over the entry door it was all glass and a young lady in a show girl costume swung back and forth on a swing. It was risqué then, now high school students wear less.

Outdoor World was the location of Skyway Market. Yes, we had a supermarket right here. At one time the car wash location had trampolines built flush to the ground and were rented by the hour. Before Blockbuster we had a Standard Oil full service station and before that a trolley car diner.

Foster Freeze preceded Grandma's Kitchen and the Ramona Motel location held an 18 hole miniature golf course with an entertainment room of pinball, pool tables and arcade games. It was fully lighted and was very popular at the time. Remember this was before cable when families actually played together.

Not too many remember the feed store, then Tanaka's Nursery, where the old Safeway used to be. Across the street Cypress Center goes back to Cypress Bowling Alley and before that a pig farm. In fact most of Casanova where all the apartments are, used to be truck and chicken farms. The new Safeway was preceded by Ralphys, an Albertsons, and before that, Montemart. It originally was just a big hole that everyone referred to as the swamp.

This was just a little nostalgia going down just one side of the street. We haven't touched on the old Polo fields now the Navy golf course, the Skyview (Park) Drive-in Theater on Garden Road, the Original Spindrift, Blue Ox, Cerritos at Highway 68 and other distant memories. Hope you enjoyed it, and next time we will try to cover the other side of N.

Fremont Street. Let us know what we missed and any personal stories you have and we will include them in the next newsletter.

## North Fremont Street News!

**Monterey Cookhouse** has opened in the former Point Joe's location. Fire roasted specialties. Remember to shop local and patronize our own neighborhood businesses.

**Old Safeway** - there is absolutely no movement on a new tenant, Safeway controls who can rent this property.

**CVS** is remodeling the interior of the former Longs.

**Harry Mucha's Union 76** is now closed. We expect Union 76 to turn it into a mini-mart not a full service station.

## Foreclosures hit CONA

We are not immune from the national disgrace of this economic collapse. It is a disgrace because this recession is plagued with financial fraud from Wall Street to national banks. Leaving good citizens to pay the costs and pick up the pieces.

Just reading the legal notices in the Herald, and that is a difficulty all its own, we have counted at least seven foreclosures in our neighborhood. One property has been listed twice. Foreclosures affect everyone's property values. It brings all property values down, affects refinancing, and leaves neighbors with properties next door to them in deteriorating conditions. Property values fall and then taxes fall taking local governments with it on the way down.

If you see a home posted with a foreclosure notice it is incumbent on the neighbors to contact the bank listed and demand they keep up the landscaping, enough people call and they do respond.

## CONA VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CONA has repeatedly asked for someone to fill this position. We are not short of volunteers; in fact we have pages of members that checked volunteer position boxes on their annual membership forms. The problem is trying to find someone to volunteer for a job months later. Life changes and people have trouble budgeting their time. We need a coordinator to pursue these lists until they match a volunteer to a specific task.

It would all be phone work. If you want to help there are lots of tasks that need to be done we need someone to connect everyone to the right job.

The City of Monterey is in the middle of large cutbacks to their budget which translates into less service for its residents.

So, if you have wanted to get involved in your community by volunteering some time, this is the job that needs to be done now. Please call 375-6241 or email to [conamonte-rey@aol.com](mailto:conamonte-rey@aol.com).