

Miraloma Life

The MPIC and Your Community Need Your Skills. Please Help Out!

by Robert Gee, President

All MPIC Directors are volunteers, and others not on the Board volunteer to do specific tasks that help keep Miraloma Park a great place to live. The more help we have, the better we can make our neighborhood. The MPIC is urgently seeking volunteers to help with:

- *Miraloma Life* newsletter advertising coordination
- *Miraloma Life* newsletter delivery coordination
- Assisting the Treasurer
- Serving as Clubhouse Rental Agent/Manager
- Assisting with code compliance assessment
- Assisting with street infrastructure project assessment

Our Resilient Miraloma Park planning team is looking for residents with the following expertise:

- General contractor
- Structural engineer
- Medical professional
- HAM radio operator

These tasks generally require only the occasional (e.g., monthly) commitment of a few hours. Many hands make light (and better) work! To learn more and volunteer, please email us at miralomapark@gmail.com or phone 415-281-0892.

Infrastructure Improvements in Miraloma Park

from the Department of Public Works (DPW) and PG&E

DPW: Sewer Replacement and Water Main Installation

Infrastructure improvements are required to support the needs of the City's growth and, at the same time, to replace existing facilities that have deteriorated due to age or have become obsolete. Paved streets and sidewalks improve access for pedestrians, bicycles, cars, and emergency vehicles. Wear

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The Park Salon

by Jim O'Donnell

As part of our series on businesses in Glen Park, this article explores The Park Salon, at 669 Chenery Street between Glen Park Hardware and Bird and Beckett Bookstore. I visited the salon to get some background and, wouldn't you know, the original owner Roberta Molina is still working there! She is a native San Franciscan and opened the salon in 1996 as The Artistic Hair and Company. She sold the salon to Tim Edwards, and it became The Park Salon. Last October, Lisa Marie Giannini-Richardson decided to

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Events in March

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MPIC Board Meeting*

Thursday, 7 pm, Clubhouse

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NERT training
6-9:30 pm,
Miraloma school

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NERT Team Drill
5:30-7 pm,

Miraloma Play-ground tennis court

Events in April

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MPIC Board Meeting*

Thursday, 7 pm, Clubhouse

* Members wishing to address the Board of Directors should call 415-281-0892 to request placement on the agenda.

Infrastructure Improvements

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and tear on cars is reduced, and transportation infrastructure contributes to increased neighborhood livability, appearance, and property values. To provide proper drainage, a storm-water management system is constructed at the same time as the roadway/sidewalk improvements.

This work has been performed in several phases over the past 10 months and is about 80% complete. The scope of work includes:

- Water main replacement
- [Federally mandated] Americans with Disabilities Act handicap-accessible curb ramps and catch-basins
- Roadway resurfacing curb to curb
- Traffic striping.

Current Status:

- All water main work is complete.
- Curb-ramp replacement is still in progress and will be ongoing for the next 6 weeks.
- Paving will follow immediately after the curb-ramps are complete. All paving in the Miraloma Park area should be completed by early May 2017.

Allowed work hours:

Monday through Friday, 7 am–5 pm.

Saturdays and Sundays, 8 am–6 pm. (Weekend work is not generally anticipated).

Impacts:

Traffic may be temporarily delayed at times as result of intersection and lane closures necessary to perform the work. “No Parking / Tow Away” signs will be posted 72 hours in advance showing project work-hours and parking restrictions. Access to private or commercial properties will be maintained at all times. Please observe parking and traffic signage and allow extra travel time in case of traffic delays during construction work.

Project Locations:

- Teresita Blvd: Portola Drive to Foerster Street
- Chaves Avenue: Rockdale Drive to Evelyn Way
- Del Sur Avenue: Juanita Way to Chaves Avenue.

Duration/Schedule:

Construction began in April 2015 and is scheduled for completion by summer 2016.

PG&E Gas Distribution Replacement Projects within Miraloma Park

Responding to questions from MPIC President Robert

Gee, PG&E has provided the following information about the pipeline replacement program, originally developed in 1984 to replace aging gas transmission and distribution pipes throughout its gas system. The program is focused on the replacement of steel and cast iron pipe installed prior to 1941. PG&E has completed replacement of all known cast iron pipe. Replacement of a particular section of pipe is based on a priority analysis.

Project Areas and their Years

- Myra Way between Reposa Way and Molimo Drive, 2016
- Agua Way between Chaves Avenue and Teresita Boulevard, 2017
- Burlwood Drive between Lulu Alley and Los Palmos Drive, 2019
- Sequoia Way between Omar Way and Bella Vista Way, 2019

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495 Los Palmos	3/1	\$1,100,000
73 Teresita	3/3	\$1,307,000
27 Gaviota	3/3	\$1,750,000



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(Note: Planned work is based on current plans, which are subject to change due to a range of factors, e.g., permitting, materials availability, availability of new technologies, and outcomes of PG&E's General Rate Case.)

R Gee: What are the benefits of moving the gas meter outside the house?

PG&E: Generally, the preferred location of a gas meter should provide immediate access for maintenance and operation. Indoor meter placement presents a lifelong challenge, so every attempt is made to move the gas meter to an outside location for all new and relocated gas services. Indoor meters also pose a safety risk should a gas leak develop from the meter or associated piping. PG&E recommends locating gas meters outdoors.

RG: What is the contact number to call if there are problems with the No Parking signs or other issues involving installation?

PG&E: As the projects approach, PG&E will post traffic signs within the project areas and customers may use the phone number on these signs to contact PG&E with questions. A QR code will also be located on these signs. Customers can scan these codes with a smart phone to get additional information regarding the project. Also, customers may call 415-695-3277 for project-related concerns (this number is included in the notifications sent to customers prior to start of construction).

RG: What are the plans for street repaving after replacement pipeline installation?

PG&E: PG&E repaves its excavations in accordance with standards set by the City of San Francisco, which can be found at the following website: sfdpw.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/sfdpw/boe/manager/DPW_Order_176-707.pdf.

(Please refer to pages 36-37 of the linked document titled "Section 12 Paving Restoration Requirements.") PG&E also adheres to the City of San Francisco's moratorium regarding any street that has been completely re-paved within the past 5 years in order to minimize the impact of excavation. PG&E will begin a final repaving of the project area once it has finished installing the identified pipelines within that area. After the installation is complete, it may take up to 4 weeks to finish repaving the project area. During this time, PG&E will place steel plates or temporary paving in the area to cover the excavations. PG&E will attempt to coordinate with other utilities that are also performing work in the area in order to minimize

the impact of excavation.

RG: We've had a number of residents complain that the color of the replacement sidewalk cement doesn't match the existing cement sidewalks. It's too bright! The existing sidewalks may have accumulated 30 or more years of dirt. I've told residents that they can power-wash the existing cement to make it match and I've heard that we could ask the contractor to add some lamp-black pigment to the new cement mix to darken it a little. Any thoughts on this?

PG&E: PG&E will do its best to match existing pavement, particularly if there is coloring in the concrete. However, please note that new concrete will almost never match old concrete, but the difference between the two will diminish as the new concrete ages.

RG: How far in advance are residents notified that their blocks will have their gas lines replaced?

PG&E: For major projects, PG&E sends letters to customers within the project area notifying them of the project approximately 30 to 60 days before the start date. If service to a customer's home will be affected, PG&E normally makes personal contact with that customer to discuss the project and its impact. Lastly, PG&E will post signs within the community 10 days before the start of construction.

Teresita Pedestrian Safety Improvements

To shorten crossing distances and slow cars making turns, SF-MTA has been expanding sidewalks at the corners of Fowler/Teresita, Gaviota/Teresita, and Teresita/Foerster at the bottom of the hill. These changes result from the MPIC's advocacy for pedestrian safety improvements along Teresita and were shared with the MPIC early in 2015 at a traffic and pedestrian safety meeting in Supervisor Yee's office and with Miraloma Park residents at the May, 2015 community traffic meeting held at the MPIC Clubhouse.

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take the plunge and become the owner rather than just a stylist. “Right now,” she said, “we have six stylists who are all contractors, but we are strongly considering moving to an employee/employer relationship.” She plans to add more artwork from local artists to spruce up the walls and provide a venue for the possible sale of the art to interested patrons.



Lisa is a native San Franciscan, born in the Portola district near San Bruno Ave, who spent time in Belmont and then moved to Sebastopol for high school. She graduated from the Redwood Empire Beauty College in Santa Rosa and qualified for her state license at the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. A

professional for over 25 years, she lives with her husband in Marin County, where he restores boats. She has two daughters, both in college, one at St. Mary's and the other at University of Nevada, Reno.



“We are very serious about not having any ‘bad hair days’ around here,” Lisa says. A familiar expression in the business is the “confidence cut,” meaning that if you give her shop a shot at your hair needs, you will have the confidence to come back for more of the same. Proximity to BART is a great advantage for The Park Salon, as it is convenient for many transit users and just a few steps away from the heart of the Glen Park business community. “Location was a big factor in my decision to buy and operate the salon as an owner,” Lisa commented. She first worked as a stylist at the salon for 2 years and fell in love with the area.

“I would love to expand beyond our six current stylists and be open 7 days a week” Lisa told me. The shop is currently open Tuesday through Saturday. Of course, justifying expansion would require more clients. Give Lisa a call to discuss your hair styling needs at 415-584-3545, especially if you are looking for a step up in how you look!

Miraloma Park Emergency Preparedness Makes the Funding List

by Robert Gee

In mid-March, District 7 residents will vote on how \$550,000 in Participatory Budgeting funding will be allocated to community proposals. Participatory Budgeting is a completely community-driven process in which District 7 residents create ideas for projects, a Neighborhood Council made up of residents from different District 7 areas reviews and ranks proposals, and residents vote on which projects will be funded.

The February *Miraloma Life* described “Emergency Preparedness & Recovery for Miraloma Park Community and Seniors,” a \$25,000 Participatory Budget proposal submitted by the Resilient Miraloma Park Executive Steering Committee. The monies would be used to acquire critical equipment (portable generators, pop-up canopy tents, HAM radios, lanterns and Go-Kits for Seniors) for our Neighborhood Emergency Response Team and four Service Areas planned to assist residents after a disaster.

Great news! Supervisor Yee’s office has told us that our proposal has moved on to the next round for consideration! Now the SF Controller’s office is evaluating the proposal for feasibility and budget confirmation. If it is not viable as presented, Supervisor Yee’s office and the Controller will determine if minor adjustments will

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Miraloma Park Emergency Preparedness

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permit the project to move forward with the same objectives. Proposals submitted by other neighborhoods focused on pedestrian safety, neighborhood services, culture, schools, education, youth, and small businesses. This is the third year Supervisor Yee has secured continued funding for the Participatory Budgeting process. He is also the only Supervisor this year to have done so.

We don't know yet if our project will make the final ballot in mid-March, but if it does, we'll need all District 7 residents over 16 to vote for it at sites.google.com/a/normanyee.com/d7participatorybudgeting/home?. Online voting as well as in person voting at certain locations will be open for 1 to 2 weeks. We will post the voting link on miralomapark.org, announce the vote on Next Door Miraloma Park, and notify our MPIC members and those who are on our Resilient Miraloma Park distribution list. The final winners will be announced in April.

Summary of the MPIC Board Meeting of February 4, 2016

by Joanne Whitney and Dan Liberthson

Guests: Joanie Van Rijn, NERT Co-Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report Highlights (R Gee & V Antal): January 2016 net worth was \$37,735, up from \$34,096 in December, mainly due to membership dues collected (\$2,872). Total income exceeded total expenses by \$3,640 in January. Expenses included \$554 for 6 standing cocktail tables and \$394 for LED chandelier bulbs.

On-Line Motions: Motion to oppose the Affordable Housing Bonus Program (AHBP; approved).

Communications: A Reposa neighbor complained of street water buildup; research indicated that the water comes from a known aquifer. Complaints of lack of communication about what the City and its contractors are doing in street construction. D Homsey will investigate how communication between contractors and neighbors can be improved. Communication from SF-PUC re review of rental rate for the parking lot.

Committees: *Membership* (B Kan)—There were 448 members as of January 31 up from 445 in December. 199 membership forms processed in January (about 44% of current membership). Total Renewals were 212). *Events*

(K Wood)—Safety Presentation planned with Captain McFadden of Ingleside Police District on February 23 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Clubhouse; bicycling workshop scheduled on Feb 27, 1-5 pm at the Clubhouse. *Clubhouse Maintenance* (K Rawlins)—Motion to allocate up to \$200 to purchase warm LED lights for chandeliers to replace daylight ones that are too bright (approved). Safety grab bars have been installed in restrooms. *Zoning and Planning* (ZAP, T Armour)—Major work at 279 Bella Vista; work at 571 Myra shut down by Planner because exceeded permit scope; letter regarding 234 Teresita sent to Historic Preservation Committee detailing complaints about the mess around the property; new meeting planned with neighbors re 279 Bella Vista to resolve differences. *Streets & Transportation* (R Gee)—D Homsey to contact SF-MTA to address widespread discontent about lack of communication about street repairs. *Newsletter* (D Liberthson)—Meeting scheduled to explore goals of newsletter, publicity efforts. *Resiliency* (D Homsey)—Resiliency and NERT meetings well attended. New NERT training started at Miraloma School, with about 40 Miraloma neighbors attending. K Wood moved to spend up to \$550 to purchase new emergency supplies for neighborhood caches (approved). Resiliency committee setting up block captains to take charge in an emergency. Miraloma School principal Sam Bass has been very helpful with Resiliency Plan.

Community Organizations: *West of Twin Peaks Central Council* (K Breslin)—No funding reported for animal care and control replacement building; less money for homeless and parks; SF-PUC reported to be selling off properties. Resolution opposing AHBP legislation passed. *Coalition for SF Neighborhoods* (K Breslin)—Supervisor Jane Kim said there is no chance AHBP will be approved because of its internal contradictions and strong opposition. Coalition will oppose using Palace of Fine Arts for rental property.

To Spray or Not to Spray: Is this Really the Question?

by Dan Liberthson

In the March 2014 *Miraloma Life*, I published two articles that addressed the issue of regular herbicide use on Mt. Davidson. The newsletter issue containing these articles is available on line at miralomapark.org/wp-content/files/2014-03-MiralomaLife.pdf. Briefly, Anastasia Glickstern argued in one of the pieces ("Herbicide Use

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on Mt. Davidson”) that there is ever increasing use on our mountain by the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) division of several herbicides that have been found to be potential carcinogens and otherwise toxic, and that such use is unwarranted, and puts plants, animals, and humans at undue risk. Jake Sigg, presenting the point of view of the Natural Areas Program in “Why Judicious Use of Herbicides is Necessary on Mt. Davidson,” responded that “natural areas surrounded by intense urban areas cannot maintain themselves; the City does not have endless staff resources; and the [Natural Areas] program relies heavily on volunteers for weeding.” Mr. Sigg believes that without some use of herbicides (which though admittedly somewhat toxic he believes are reasonably safe), exotic invasive plants would overwhelm the native plant areas we ought to protect, destroy the urban forests we cherish, and leave only a monoculture of ivy, blackberry, etc.

Two years later, the situation has not changed, and the argument continues to be waged from both sides. Ms. Glickstern recently submitted a somewhat expanded version of her 2014 article, which Mr. Sigg said that he would not respond to as he had previously said all he had to say on the matter, and I declined to publish because

the material had largely been explored in her original article and because the MPIC has not taken a position on this issue, and thus it would not merit the extensive commitment of newsletter space necessary to do the issue justice. Probably this summer, though there have been delays before and may be again, the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (SNRAMP), will undergo public hearings during which herbicide use, among other issues, will no doubt be fiercely contested.

I would hope that, when these hearings do happen, expert testimony from the SF Department of the Environment’s IPM division as well as from parties opposing herbicide use will clear rather than further muddy these waters. In the meantime, it is apparent that the use of herbicides is of growing public concern, because many communities and countries have enacted controls on their use, and the city of Richmond, CA has banned the application of the commonly used Monsanto herbicide Roundup (glyphosate; for details visit truth-out.org/news/item/29244-will-richmond-reject-roundup-the-case-for-banning-glyphosate). Perhaps predictably, Monsanto insists its product is safe used as directed, but this doesn’t necessarily mean, as the company’s demonizers insist, that it cares only for profit and not a whit for public well being.


At this point, I believe that anyone concerned about the safety of herbicides should exercise due diligence and do his or her own research into, and thinking about, this issue. Is a ban on some or all herbicide use over-reacting? We live in an environment saturated with all sorts of potentially harmful chemicals. Stickers on each of our cars warn that toxic chemicals are present inside them, and artificial soccer fields are now under investigation as possibly carcinogenic-- similar warnings are to be found in many public places, yet we continue to drive and go about our business and play soccer without seriously fearing our imminent or even ultimate demise from cancer. Most of us appear not to be discernably affected, short or long term, by the toxins in our environment. Perhaps the underlying question really is: Must we live with some degree of risk in order to preserve our amenities and way of life, and how much risk is too much? This will preoccupy us when the SNRAMP hearings begin, so we ought to consider educating ourselves, using the internet and other sources, starting now.

NERTs in Action at Miraloma Playground

by Joanie van Rijn, NERT Coordinator

Miraloma Park has an active Neighborhood Emergency

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NERTs in Action

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Response Team (NERT). It's member "NERTs" have been meeting and practicing how to respond to a disaster here in our neighborhood. On March 16 at 5:30 pm, the Miraloma Park NERT Team will set up a staging area at the Miraloma Playground basketball/tennis courts (Sequoia Way at Omar Street) to practice a post-earthquake drill. Wearing our green hard hats and NERT vests, we will practice for disaster scenarios that could occur in Miraloma Park. Please stop by from 5:30 to 7:00 pm to see your NERT team in action. If you are a NERT member but haven't attended a meeting, put on your hat and vest and become an active volunteer! For more information email joanvanrijn@gmail.com.

Miraloma Park NERT Training Saves the Day

Recently a Miraloma Park NERT volunteer witnessed a serious automobile accident. The driver of the struck vehicle was severely injured and bleeding profusely from her head. Another witness called 911 while the Miraloma NERT got her NERT supply kit from her car. The supply kit contained a package of medical rubber gloves and a full package of MaxiPads for applying sanitary pressure to a wound. A passing nurse ran to the scene and took over until the police and paramedics arrived.

Free NERT training, currently being held in Miraloma Park, is available in various locations throughout the City. It involves one night a week for 6 weeks, and prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By training as a NERT, you will gain skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property, learning how to get prepared, identify hazards, extinguish small fires, conduct light search and rescue, set up treatment areas, and help reduce survivor stress.

Becoming a NERT member confers many benefits. Carrying your NERT kit in the trunk of your car may save a stranger's life or that of a family member riding in your vehicle. Our neighborhood becomes more resilient and prepared the more neighbors become trained as NERTs. It's a good thing to do! Visit sf-fire.org/neighborhood-emergency-response-team-NERT for the training schedule.

Do You Know Where Your Gas and Water Shut-off Valves are Located?

by Jennifer Frank, NERT Block Co-Captain

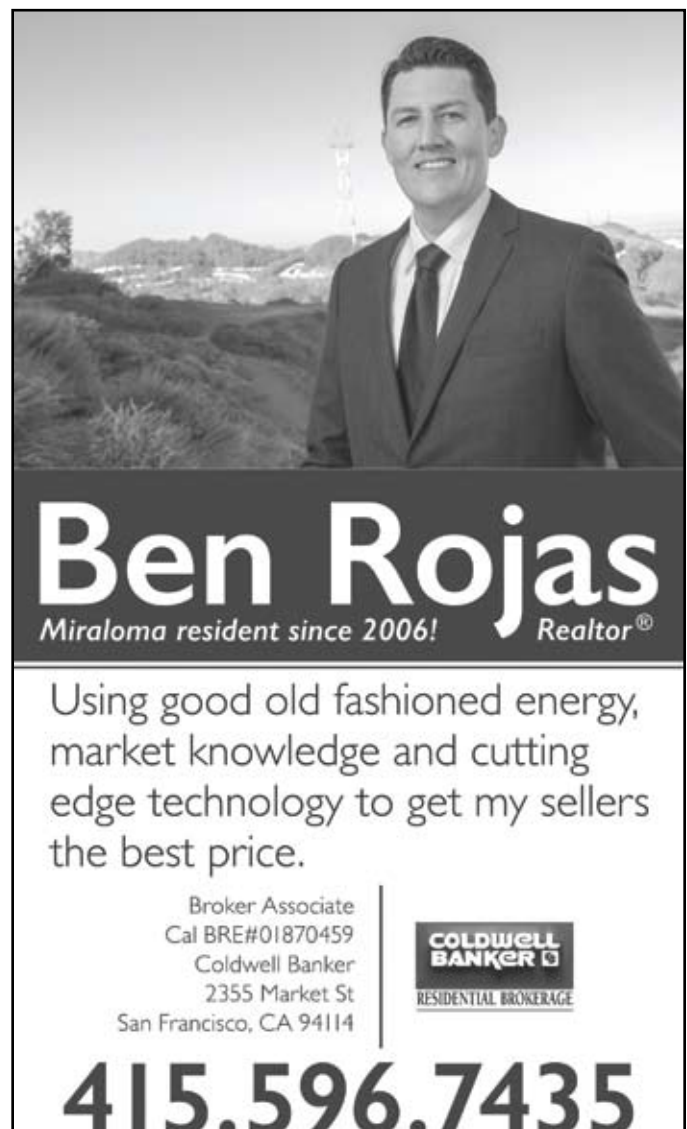
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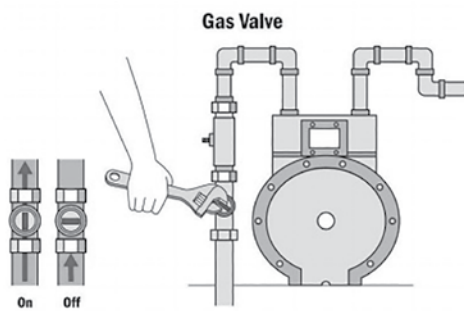


Gas Shut off: Gas mains are usually in the garage or basement toward the front of a building next to the main gas meter, however they can be located outside of a building. Be sure to locate and identify your gas shut-off valve in advance, because not all shut-off valves are located in the usual locations. It's a good idea to attach the shut-off wrench or tool to the valve, e.g. using a string, so it will be handy when needed, as searching for it in an emergency will waste valuable time.

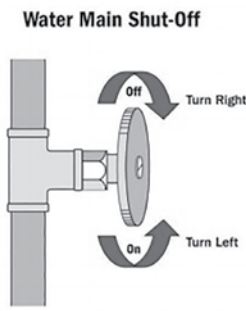
When to shut off the gas:

- If you smell gas or hear a hissing sound, inspect your meter. If the un-numbered wheels are spinning, you have a leak even if you are not smelling gas.
- When a building has collapsed or sustained heavy structural damage, shut off the gas at street level. Using a wrench or 4-in-1 tool (pictured below), turn the lever $\frac{1}{4}$ turn counterclockwise so the lever crosses the direction of the pipe.

For safety reasons, never turn the gas back on! Call PG&E to do this!



Gas Shut-off



Water Shut-off



4-in-1 tool

Note: To verify your shut-off is functioning normally (not stuck), turn the lever $\frac{1}{8}$ turn, then turn it back to its original position. Do this once a year. If your valve does not operate, call PG&E to inspect and repair it.

Water Shut-off: Locate and shut off your internal water main. If there is a severe leak or the building has collapsed, shut off the water at the Water Department shut-off, typically located in front of a building in the sidewalk or in the street. Check this shut-off and remove debris yearly, using the 4-in-1 tool.

What's Growing in Our Backyards

by Denise Louie

The current exhibit of color photos of California native wildflowers at the SF Main Library is inspirational. You'll see a field of mixed, bright-colored wildflowers near the front door of the Jewett Gallery. We city dwellers typically don't see this if we don't visit wild lands, but it is likely akin to what John Muir saw when he traipsed through California in the 1800s. These landscapes and wildflowers are our natural heritage and worthy of our protection. This photographic exhibit runs through Sunday, March 27. For more information, visit sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1020941601 (Beauty and the Beast, i.e., wildflowers and climate change).

How many reasons can you think of for planting local native plants? The SF Department of the Environment (DOE) says the main reason is to restore local biodiversity. March 2016 Miraloma Life Page 8

sity by enhancing habitat for butterflies, bees, birds and other wildlife; to conserve our local geologic resources; to recharge local groundwater; to help prevent erosion; to improve water quality; to maximize water conservation in landscaping; to enrich our sense of the place where we live; and to promote pride in our local natural heritage.* Read more about local wildlife.** Learn more with

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A year ago, I mentioned a new website put together by City agencies, including the DOE and SF's Planning Department. It is a "plant database for creating habitat." Whether you like woodland, chaparral, grassland, riparian, dunes, coastal scrub, or wetland, you can find suggested native plants at this new address, sfplantfinder.org/index.html. Our best source for local native plants

is our local California Native Plant Society chapter. Call Sales Coordinator and Chapter President Ellen Edelson at 415-531-2140.

Caring for indigenous habitat is local and statewide, as well as nationwide and worldwide. If you've been reading my columns the following will be a familiar concept. "On a national level, the BLM [Bureau of Land Management] works with the Plant Conservation Alliance, a group of more than 300 public and private organizations that share the same goal: 'to protect native plants by ensuring that native plant populations and their communities are maintained, enhanced, and restored.'" Learn about the importance of native plants and pollinators in the US, their challenges in the face of human activities and climate change, and how we can show we care about the diversity of naturally occurring plant and animal spe-

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Kitchens, Closets, Bathrooms, Decks
Install/Replace Flooring
Wood Floor & Cabinet Refinishing

What's Growing in Our Backyards

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cies. See the BLM's quick reference on "Native Plants" at permanent.access.gpo.gov/gpo59244/IB2015-052_att1.pdf.

"In October [2015], after years of effort by the scientific and conservation communities, the White House released a memorandum directing all Federal agencies to incorporate the value of natural infrastructure (aka natural capital or native plant communities) and ecosystem services into Federal planning and decision making. Agencies will develop policies that promote consideration of ecosystem services in planning, investment, and regulatory actions. Ecosystem services include water purification, storm protection, pollinator habitat, soil fertility, flood control, pest control, and climate change mitigation."

Join the environmental movement that focuses on native species and whole ecosystems. Join Nature in the City (local to SF), the California Native Plant Society (statewide), or the Center for Biological Diversity (nationwide). Then join volunteer groups to restore local habitat. Or join local gardeners of native plants at the SF Native Plant Garden Tour on Sunday, April 24, 2016. See cnps-verbabuena.org/gardens/annual_garden_tour.html for details.

* sfenvironment.org/article/plants/find-plants-to-grow-wildlife-habitat

** sfenvironment.org/solution/visit-birds-butterflies-and-plants

*** sfenvironment.org/solution/volunteer-to-restore-habitat-and-increase-biodiversity

How Much do you Know About Miraloma Park?

by Joanie Van Rijn

Just for fun, take this short quiz based on articles found in *Miraloma Life* newsletters.

Q1. What does MPIC stand for?

- a) Most People Inspect Carefully
- b) Miraloma Park Improvement Club
- c) Military Police Industrial Command

Q2. Which items should not be flushed down your toilet?

- a) Dental floss
- b) Personal hygiene wipes

- c) Salt water
- d) All of the above

Q3. What is RMP?

- a) Railroad Mud Patrol
- b) Reduce Money Program
- c) Resilient Miraloma Park

Q4. What is the name of our Ingleside Police District Captain?

- a) Mike Flynn
- b) Henry Lee
- c) Joseph McFadden

Q5. Miraloma Park is in which supervisorial district?

- a) District 5
- b) District 7
- c) District 2

Q6. Our District Supervisor's name is:

- a) John Avalos
- b) Aaron Peskin
- c) Norman Yee

Q7. About how many homes are in Miraloma Park?

- a) 2,200
- b) 1,500
- c) 1,900

Q8. How many gallons of water should you have stored for an emergency lasting 72 hours?

- a) 2 gallons of water, per person, per day
- b) 6 gallons of water, per person, per day
- c) 1 gallon of water per person, per day

Quiz Answers: Q1. b; Q2. d; Q3. c; Q4. c; Q5. b; Q6. c; Q7. a; Q8. c

Come to the Cabaret!

by Lisa Petrie

Welcome to the infamous Kit Kat Klub, where a raucous ensemble takes the stage nightly and tempts us to leave all our troubles outside. As life in pre-WW II Germany grows more and more uncertain, will the decadent allure of Berlin nightlife be enough to get people through their dangerous times? Defiant and melancholy, brazen and gleeful, *Cabaret* sizzles and provokes with some of the most memorable songs in theater history, including *Cabaret*, *Willkommen*, and *Maybe This Time*. Winner of 12 Tonys and 8 Academy Awards, this musical from the creators of *Chicago* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman* is about following your heart ... while the world loses its way.

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Come to the Cabaret!

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You can come to the cabaret just outside Miraloma Park, at the Ruth Asawa SF School of the Arts, where incredibly gifted student performers will transport you to another time and place.

Dates: March 11-13; 18-20 / Fri & Sat 8 pm, Sun 2 pm
(more information at sfsota.org/cabaret)

Where: 555 Portola Dr. San Francisco (enter from O'Shaughnessy Blvd, first left turn after Portola traveling east)

Tickets: \$15-25; phone 415-695-5700 or email boxoffice@sfsota.org

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Please complete and mail with your dues to the Club address below. Make check payable to Miraloma Park Improvement Club, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94127. (No cash, please). Thank you!

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ Please send me an email reminder to renew my membership.

Enclosed are my dues for the next twelve months (check one):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Senior Member(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Single Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Supporting Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Contributing Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Other |

No MPIC membership information is shared with other parties or organizations.

Important Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY	9-1-1
All City Calls	3-1-1
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Non-emergency Police Dispatch	415-553-0123
Suicide Prevention Hotline	415-781-0500
Ingleside Police Community Room	415-404-4000
Parking Complaints	415-553-1200
Abandoned Cars	415-553-9817
Security Survey/Nbd. Watch	415-673-SAFE
Office of Citizen's Complaints Against SFPD	415-241-7711
Narcotics Tips (anonymous)	1-800-CRACKIT
SFPD Tip Line	415-587-8984
Domestic/Family Violence (24hrs)	415-864-4722
Stray, Abused, or Dangerous Animals	415-554-6364
Dumped Item Pickup – DPW	3-1-1
Vital Records	3-1-1
Code Enforcement Hotline	415-554-3977
Graffiti Cleanup – DPW	3-1-1
Police New Graffiti Hotline	415-278-9454
MUNI Shelter Damage/Graffiti	1-510-835-5900
Ingleside SFPD Hearing-Impaired line	415-404-4009
School of the Arts	415-695-5700
Norman Yee, Supervisor Dist. 7	415-554-6516
(norman.yee@sfgov.org)	

RENT the MPIC Clubhouse



MPIC Members get a discount.

Trash and recycling available.

Free parking in the adjacent parking lot.

Call 415-281-0892 for rates/availability

Or E-mail: miralomapark@gmail.com

Miraloma Park Residential Design Guidelines:

Adopted in 1999 by the SF Planning Commission to promote preservation of neighborhood character by encouraging residential design compatible with neighborhood setting, these Guidelines facilitate the complex process of permit application and design review and can prevent costly, time-consuming Discretionary Review proceedings.

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