



Miraloma Life

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Be Part of the Miraloma Park Community!

By Bill Kan, President, MPIC



The Miraloma Park Improvement Club is *our* community organization. As the newly elected president, I welcome our newer residents and hope that newer and long-term residents will join us in our efforts to maintain a high quality of life in Miraloma Park.

Membership in the MPIC is open to anyone that resides in or owns property in Miraloma Park. It is an active volunteer organization that builds on the efforts of its members. Everyone is encouraged to join. Everyone is encouraged to share feedback and participate at events. Your input helps set the direction and your membership strengthens the voice of our community.

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Looking Back: My 4 Years as MPIC President

by Robert Gee



When I joined the MPIC board back in 2007, it was my first dive into a substantive role working with a nonprofit. This time it wasn't helping out at a church, but a neighborhood organization with a unique mission.

Though I was still working my full-time job with crazy hours, I had enjoyed the benefits of Miraloma Park life for 9 years, and decided it was time to volunteer my skills to help preserve this remarkable neighborhood and even improve it. I thank MPIC Director Karen Wood for hooking me and hoisting me onto the boat, because my service on the Board has been satisfying beyond expectation. Among other things, it has familiarized me with the inner workings of city government and opened my eyes to the importance of successfully working with city agencies

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How We Help

by the MPIC Board of Directors

One of the MPIC's most important goals is to achieve the best possible services for our residents from City agencies. We strategize with residents and help them to route complaints and concerns to City agencies, advocate with senior City management, using our contacts if necessary, and raise community awareness of issues of concern. Obtaining results, even with modest goals, isn't easy. But working together with our residents, we've been able to achieve some good outcomes. Here are examples.

300 block of Marietta Residential Burglary. In 2014, an observant neighbor heard and saw suspicious activity and called the police. Officers quickly arrived and nabbed the burglar and his lookout. So, what went wrong? The DA decided not to file charges. The two dozen or so Miraloma Park residents who commented on this lapse of prosecutorial zeal all had the same reaction: "What do you have to do to go to jail in SF?"

When suspects are arrested in connection

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Events in September

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MPIC
Board
Meeting*

Thursday, 7 pm,
Clubhouse

Events in October

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MPIC
Board
Meeting*

Thursday, 7 pm,
Clubhouse

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Laguna
Honda
open house

12-3 pm,
LH Hospital

22

Karaoke
Night,
6:30 pm,

MPIC Clubhouse

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

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There are numerous ways to participate. They include advocating for our community and participating in events that help you connect with neighbors. Representing the collective voice for the 2,200 households in Miraloma Park, MPIC members work closely with the SFPD, SFFD, City Attorney's Office, and the District 7 Supervisor on issues such as Safety and Transportation. The MPIC works with Miraloma Elementary to feature creative student works in *Miraloma Life*, our neighborhood newsletter. Partnering with the City's Neighborhood Empowerment Network, the MPIC launched Resilient Miraloma Park, a program to help Miraloma Park become more resilient in the aftermath of a major disaster. It also reinvigorated the Miraloma Park Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), which is one of the most active in San Francisco. Contact the MPIC to learn more.

Efforts to improve Miraloma Playground are underway. The MPIC is working with the Supervisor's office to obtain resources as well as assistance in navigating City government. Let us know how you may be able to help our community on this issue.

Get to know our community and share your talent at **Karaoke Night** at the MPIC Clubhouse on Saturday, October 22. Singing ability is optional. Halloween costumes are welcome but not required.

Help us bring events to Miraloma Park. Over the last year, volunteers arranged free cultural events such as the Kapalakiko Hawai'ian Band for live music and dance. Other events include crime prevention with the SFPD, a senior resource fair with various City agencies, and general fun with a taco truck and a jump house for kids. It is a great opportunity to have fun, enjoy and to get to know neighbors.

History buffs will appreciate the recent discovery of historical minutes of MPIC meetings. What a great way to learn more about life in Miraloma Park and San Francisco going back to the founding of the MPIC more than 80 years ago! Kathy Rawlins, who made the discovery, sees many parallels between past and present. Miraloma Park has a strong history of coming together in its celebrations and in community advocacy on matters such as education, safety, traffic, zoning conservation, and building. Contact the MPIC if you want to help curate and protect Miraloma history.

The MPIC elections in June brought several changes to the Board. Two relatively new residents of Miraloma Park became officers. Pratibha Tekky, our new Vice President, and I joined the community three years ago. The MPIC also welcomes new Board members Ben Rojas and Joanie Van Rijn. Joanie has been the driving force behind the reinvigoration of NERT in Miraloma Park.



Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band, Election Night

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The Board is diverse, consisting of long-time and newer residents that are dedicated to Miraloma Park.

Big thanks go to Robert Gee, Gary Isaacson and Tim Armour. After two terms as President, Robert will stay on the Board as Treasurer and Safety Committee chair. The MPIC gratefully thanks Robert for his exemplary leadership, dedication, and generosity of spirit.

Gary, a long time Board member, rolled off the Board. Thank you, Gary, for serving as delivery coordinator of *Miraloma Life*. If you have a couple of hours to contribute to the Club every month, please contact the MPIC to discuss the newsletter coordinator role.

Tim rotated off the Board but will continue to chair the Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee. Kudos to the ZAP Committee for its work to maintain our neighborhood's pleasant visual appeal. The Committee works with City agencies to ensure that projects are aligned with the *Miraloma Park Residential Design Guidelines* adopted in 1999 by the San Francisco Planning Commission. Although all approval decisions are made by the City's Departments of Planning and Building Inspection, consulting the *Guidelines* before embarking on a home modification project can save you time and money.

The best ways to contact the MPIC is by email at miralomapark@gmail.com or (415) 281-0892. We look forward to hearing from you!

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and politicians to make Miraloma Park the great place it is today.

As I stood in the MPIC Clubhouse recently, reading the plaques listing former presidents since the Club's inception in the 1930s, it struck me that I was the first to serve 2 consecutive terms. Serving this long as your president was the most challenging task (outside of my work) that I've ever done. It was completely outside my comfort zone, but became easier as I worked with a great Board of Directors dedicated to working for Miraloma Park with tremendous commitment, knowledge of the workings of city government, will power, passion, energy, and

intellect. Serving as President has been an eye-opening experience that tested my ability to lead through change and divisive issues I've never had to deal with before, while trying to build a stronger community and respond to the many concerns my neighbors raised—from A-Z.

But it was my desire to make a difference, and the personal satisfaction and growth I experienced in the job kept me going. With the help of my fellow board members and members of the community, whose passion and drive (and reminders and kicks to my behind!) kept the ball rolling, I look back with satisfaction at the MPIC's achievements during my presidency. And then I smile, because I know my contribution has made a difference. Looking back, I can say I'm very proud of what we have accomplished. Here's just a short list.

MPIC Highlights, 2012–16

2012

Community Engagement: The MPIC partnered with Friends of the Urban Forest in a neighborhood-wide tree planting in Miraloma Park. The West of Twin Peaks Central Council held their meetings at our Clubhouse because the Forest Hill clubhouse was being remodeled. We established a presence on Nextdoor Miraloma Park. Clubhouse enhancement: parking lot upgraded. Events: Fall Fiesta, Holiday Party. Community advocacy: Successfully opposed US Fish and Wildlife's proposed "taking" of portions of 22 Marietta rear yards to buffer planned planting of an endangered manzanita in the adjacent canyon open space.

2013

Community Engagement: Hosted SFPD Ingleside Neighborhood Night Out at the Clubhouse. Held Resilient Miraloma Park neighborhood networking event. Collaborated with Miraloma Elementary School and SFPD to develop and implement a Parking and Traffic Congestion Mitigation Plan for the area around the school. Established Resilient Miraloma Park as a Club objective.

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As MPIC president, I served as a Supervisory District 7 Council member in the Participatory Budget process. Clubhouse Enhancement: Overhead projector installed by tenant church congregation. Events: Community Game Night after annual general meeting, Fall Fiesta with Karaoke. Community Advocacy: Meetings with Supervisor Yee re Mt. Davidson tree culling and pedestrian safety; continued advocacy with Sup. Yee and the Mayor re Mt. Davidson Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (SNRMP) issues, urging tree preservation and SNRMP revisions. Jump-started Miraloma Playground improvement discussion with residents and advocated for funding with Park & Rec and Sup. Yee. At Sup. Yee's Pedestrian Safety hearing at the Board of Supervisors, I testified regarding the need for pedestrian safety improvements in Miraloma Park. Met with SFPD Chief Suhr re community policing in Miraloma Park. Opposed David Chiu's legislation to legalize secondary units in single family (R-1) areas. Neighborhood Outreach: Posted By-laws and Articles of Incorporation on MPIC website. Used MPIC membership list to publicize events.

2014

Community Engagement: Met with residents re prospective Miraloma Playground upgrade. Kicked off Resilient Miraloma Park community meetings at Cornerstone Church Trinity Baptist Church (80-90 attendees). The California Native Plant Society held plant sale at Clubhouse. Events: Spring Fling, Senior Resources Fair. Dialog with Sup. Yee at MPIC annual general meeting. Community Advocacy: Continued support of San Franciscans for Livable Neighborhoods Housing Element litigation to protect single-family zoning in SF. Arranged Park & Rec abatement of illegal encampments on Mt. Davidson. Worked with SFPD to address delayed response to 911 request on Juanita Way. Met with Code Enforcement Division Deputy City Attorney for Ingleside District. Contributed Community Impact Statement to Court re 2011 violent robbery on Juanita Way. Attended City hearings re Housing Element and Board of Supervisors hearing re legalization of secondary units in R-1 areas. Attended SF-MTA stop sign hearing for Teresita side streets. Arranged for ABC7 news segment highlighting MPIC demand that the DA file charges against a suspect arrested burglarizing a Miraloma Park home,

resulting in the DA filing charges. At Board of Supervisors, opposed short-term rentals in single-family areas. Organizational Development: Initiated PayPal service for processing Clubhouse rental and security deposits. Designed and purchased MPIC banners.

2015

Community Engagement: Arranged 6-week NERT training at Cornerstone Church. Jump-started Miraloma Park NERT Team. Facilitated community safety meeting at Clubhouse featuring SFPD Ingleside Captain Joseph McFadden. Board members participated in Miraloma Elementary School Fair. Resilient Miraloma Park Executive Steering Committee formed, including Joanie and Guido van Rijn, Louise Custer, Darlene Ramlose, Bill Jeong, Bill Kan, and Jean Perata. Met with Japanese student survivors of Kobe quake. Attended Citywide resiliency meetings with 7 other community groups. Established MPIC Facebook presence. Clubhouse Enhancement: Floors refinished, new furnace and fireplace burner, LED lights, stove/oven replaced, water heater, gutters, porch and stairway repainted courtesy of Eagle Scouts. Obtained pro bono a professionally prepared, detailed assessment of cost of making Clubhouse ADA accessible. Events: Annual general meeting presentations on drought by SF-PUC representative and Miraloma Park resident landscape designer. Youth Guidance Center presentation to MPIC Board. Fall Festival. Sup. Yee dialogue with Board. Community Advocacy: Met with Sup. Yee, SF-MTA and DPW re Teresita traffic safety improvements. Community traffic meeting with SF-MTA and Sup. Yee at Clubhouse and follow-up meeting with SF-MTA, Sup. Yee, and Vision Zero. Took positions on Proposition F—control of short-term rentals and Affordable Bonus Housing program. MPIC Organizational Development: Worked on 501(c)3 application and revision of by-laws and Articles of Incorporation. Brought Steve Whitney, architect, onto the ZAP committee.

2016

Community Engagement: Attended Citywide resiliency meetings. Purchased NERT supplies. \$25,000 Participatory budget vote approved. Repavement of Teresita Blvd; PGE gas line replacement; ADA cutouts; Fowler, Gaviota, and Foerster sidewalk changes. NERT class at Miraloma Elementary—almost 60 certified NERTS in Miraloma Park. Initiated NERT Block Captain program. Events: SF Police Officers Assn and Sup. Yee's aide addressed Board in May 2016; Hawaiian music at June 2016 Election meeting. Bike safety class at Clubhouse. Community Safety Meeting re recent burglaries and auto

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thefts. Community Advocacy: Worked on SF-PUC parking lot rent issue. Organizational Development: Adopted reserve account and budget and helped organize new Publicity Committee.

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with crimes committed in Miraloma Park, the MPIC writes to the DA urging aggressive prosecution. We want the DA—and other City agencies—to recognize the neighborhood’s high community standard of safety. We also want to communicate to criminals that if they commit crimes in Miraloma Park, neighbors will report suspicious activity, police will respond swiftly, and the DA will prosecute. Aggressive prosecution is all we ask for. Do we demand conviction? No, because we respect and value the presumption of innocence. Without knowledge of evidence presented and other complicating circumstances, we are not in a position to advocate for conviction or for acquittal.

The MPIC wrote to DA Gascón urging reversal of the decision not to charge, and requested a meeting to discuss the matter. We did not hear back. But informational emails from MPIC sent to community contacts went viral and eventually reached Vic Lee of ABC7. Lee’s evening news piece prompted a reversal of the DA’s decision not to file on the Marietta burglary suspect. (The accomplice was remanded to Oakland, where he was wanted on an attempted homicide charge.)

Objective met: prosecution of burglary suspect.

200 Block of Juanita Burglary

A suspect was arrested in connection with the July 2015 burglary of 299 Juanita. MPIC president Robert Gee wrote to DA Gascón on August 19. MPIC Board members met with Ingleside District Assistant DA (ADA) Archie Wong to discuss the case and learned that (1) the DA’s office was prosecuting the case, (2) evidence presented by the SFPD was well prepared, (3) bail was set high, and the defendant posted bail, and (4) the defendant failed to appear for his court date, resulting in the issuance of a bench warrant for his arrest and forfeiture of bail. In addition, a criminal protective order was issued

for the defendant to stay away from the Juanita property and other properties related to the charges against him.

ADA Wong explained that when an absconding defendant is stopped for a minor violation or is arrested for other crimes—as often happens—the background check shows the outstanding warrant, and the suspect is arrested and remanded for the warrant. In such an instance, bail will not be permitted. This information was shared with the community via NextDoor and *Miraloma Life*.

Objective met: Advocate for appropriate consequences for criminal activity in Miraloma Park and raise the DA’s awareness of MPIC/Miraloma Park community safety standard.

300 Block of Marietta, Malfunctioning Streetlights

In 2016, a Marietta resident contacted the MPIC to report streetlights that had been malfunctioning for more than 3 years. Many neighbors had called 311 for repairs, and many City crews had attempted repairs, but without success. The proactive resident sent us photos of the lights and detailed accounts of neighbor involvement and City repair efforts. He wrote, “The lights do not come on at dusk; some nights one pole will stay completely off, and then the next night maybe only one light comes on from that pole. Most nights it takes until midnight for the lights to come on, if they come on...Our biggest concern is the number of cars with people in them hiding in the dark out in front...” We decided to address this problem at the senior management level, so MPIC president Robert Gee wrote to SF-PUC General Manager Harlan Kelly requesting intensive diagnosis to address the problem. This was not an easy one. But after much MPIC follow-up with Marietta neighbors and Mr. Kelly, and multi-agency coordination over a period of several months, the technical issues causing malfunctioning of the streetlights were resolved and proper street lighting restored.

Objective met: Repair malfunctioning streetlights.

Mt. Davidson Forest and the Natural Areas Plan: Update

by the MPIC Board of Directors

The Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (SNRAMP final EIR) comes before a joint meeting of the SF Planning Commission and the Park and Recreation Commission at noon on September 29, in Room 400, City Hall. This hearing is planned to decide whether or not to certify the EIR. You can read the first part of the 2011 Draft EIR

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here: <http://sfrecpark.org/parks-open-spaces/natural-areas-program/significant-natural-resource-areas-management-plan/snramp>. The Department of City Planning has not yet released the other half of the EIR, which is the Response to Comments, in which planners are to respond to concerns voiced by the public and present modifications meant to address them.

A sunshined copy of what is thought to be the final Response to Comments can be found via these links:

- <https://sfforest.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/3a-admindraftrtc-11-2015-for-tom-borden-request.pdf>
- <https://sfforest.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/3b-atta-admindraftrtc-11-2015-for-tom-borden-request.pdf>
- <https://sfforest.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/3d-atcc-admindraftrtc-11-2015-for-tom-borden-request.pdf>

According to Planning, there will be public comment at the joint Commission hearing.

Some History


In 2012, a professional forestry consultant recommended that 11 trees in Mt. Davidson Park be removed for safety reasons. Subsequently, we learned that the City's Draft Natural Areas Plan (DDNAP) included a proposal to remove 1200-1600 trees from the Park, and we were concerned that public recreational use of the Park would

be curtailed and that there would be other undesirable consequences.

The MPIC supports native plant habitat restoration: in front of the Clubhouse is one of the most noted and best maintained native plant gardens in the City. The MPIC also actively advocated for the inclusion of a natural areas plan in the City's General Plan. Our opposition to the proposed DNAP is based on the extreme nature of the tree culling proposed. We advocated with the Park and Recreation Department for a balanced approach that respects the Mountain's natural and cultural history while also taking into account the present context and uses. Some of our concerns are outlined below.

- The Plan is incompatible with efforts to combat global warming by preserving and increasing the number of trees.
- The plan does not stipulate that trees replacing those cut down would be located on Mt. Davidson; replacement trees could be located anywhere in San Francisco.
- The DNAP proposed removal of 3,000 feet of trail on Mt. Davidson to protect native plants.
- Areas of concentrated tree removal would be the most visible areas within the Park, itself a major scenic and historic resource. Looking west toward the cross at the summit, all the trees to the right and down the hill between the two stone stairways would be cut down, and across the fire road and down the hill a wider swath would be cleared. This center of what is now the forest area would be cleared and replanted to replicate the grassland on the east side of the Park.
- The DNAP did not address the permanent increase in ambient noise levels heard within the Park that would result from the tree removal—noise from the 280 freeway, BART, and Portola Drive now mitigated by trees slated to be cut down.
- In addition, the DNAP did not consider the increase in wind levels in and around the Park that will occur when trees that currently serve as a windscreen are removed.
- The plan also did not consider the consequences of large-scale tree removal on animals and birds.
- The cost of removing the trees from Mt. Davidson could divert significant resources from basic maintenance of Mt. Davidson Park. Funding issues were not addressed in the Draft Plan.

We concluded our letter with the statement that unless



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these inadequacies in the DNAP project for Mt. Davidson are addressed, we would need to request withdrawal of Mt. Davidson from the Draft Natural Areas Plan.

Editor's Note: The MPIC Board carefully studies and evaluates all issues before taking a position, and we volunteer many hours per month to this effort. We do not claim—and never have claimed—to represent the views of all Miraloma Park residents (nor can any party or organization make that claim for all of its members). *The goal of the MPIC Board has consistently been to act, to the best of our understanding, in the best interests of the community in enhancing and preserving quality of life our neighborhood.* In this spirit, we participate in the public debate over governmental projects for which, as in the case of the DNAP DEIR, our views are solicited—so that flaws in proposed legislation that could degrade quality of life in Miraloma Park are noticed and, we hope, corrected.

For additional information about this topic, visit:

- <http://www.miralomapark.org/miralomalife/miraloma-life-online-%E2%80%93-january-2012>
- <http://www.miralomapark.org/miralomalife/miraloma-life-online-october-2012>
- <http://www.miralomapark.org/miralomalife/miraloma-life-online-march-2014>

Karaoke Returns to Miraloma Park!

Saturday, October 22, starting 6:30 pm, at the Clubhouse (350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd at Del Vale), the MPIC will bring you a free evening of fun, snacks, liquid refreshments, and meeting your neighbors. Come in Halloween costume or ordinary dress as you wish: all Miralomans are welcome—just bring your singing voice and enthusiasm. Thanks to Frank Bianchi for volunteering his services as the evening's "Karaoke Master."

Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Celebrates 150 Years

by Elizabeth Schindler, Laguna Honda
Health Program Planner

As a long-time San Franciscan and Miraloma Park resi-

dent, I always speculated about the historic, 1920s-era Spanish Revival building and what happens inside. Since I started working at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (Laguna Honda) almost 3 years ago, as a Program Planner in Administration, I have learned about the hospital's history and want to share it with fellow neighbors in Miraloma Park. Laguna Honda's mission is to provide a welcoming, therapeutic, and healing environment that promotes the individual's health and well-

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Laguna Honda Celebrates 150 Years

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being. This year marks 150 years since Laguna Honda began offering dedicated and compassionate service to the city. To celebrate this milestone, Laguna Honda invites SF community members, especially residents of Miraloma Park, to our Community Open House, on Saturday, October 15.

What: Laguna Honda Community Day

When: Saturday, Oct 15, noon to 3 pm

Who: Open to everyone, including children. No cost for the main event, but cash is suggested for food trucks.

Tickets for the film screening can be purchased at the door.

Activities: Visit Laguna Honda's History Room; learn about current services and clinical specialties; tour the hospital; eat from food trucks; meet past and present civic leaders; attend the film screening of *States of Grace*, a documentary on the rehabilitative story of a Laguna Honda physician; and, meet special guests from UC Berkeley.



Laguna Honda has stood as a civic icon for SF since 1886. Originating as an almshouse for the indigent, it provided relief during public health crises including the 1906 earthquake, smallpox, and polio epidemic. The Spanish Revival-style building was built in 1926 and served as a skilled nursing facility. In 1963, Laguna Honda was accredited as a hospital, and since has continued to transform itself and widen the scope of clinical services offered to meet the needs of its diverse service population.

Today, Laguna Honda, part of the SF Health Network and Department of Public Health, is a general acute care facility providing acute care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation services to San Franciscans. Rebuilt in 2010, the new Laguna Honda is California's first green-certified hospital and is a modern facility designed to promote integration, independence, and community. With natural light and large outdoor spaces, the 6-year old building is a healing environment—one of the largest skilled nursing facilities in the country and one of few publicly owned.

Residents at Laguna Honda have access to a comprehensive system of care that includes palliative and post-acute care, rehabilitation, restorative care, skilled

nursing, and specialty clinics. Specialized services are provided for those with Alzheimer's/Dementia, Complex Behaviors, HIV/AIDS, and/or Traumatic Brain Injury. Known for its long-term care of the elderly and disabled, Laguna Honda now also looks to build a reputation for providing short-term medical services and rehabilitation therapy that allow residents to be reintegrated into the community, with hope.

In the past, residents admitted to Laguna Honda with HIV/Aids diagnoses or severe debilitating injuries were resigned to spending the rest of their lives at the hospital. However, with trained specialists adopting a resident-care team model as well as leveraging advances in treatment options, average resident attrition rates and length of stay for both services have steadily declined. Those who show improved health while completing their individualized care plans are discharged back into the community. They leave Laguna Honda with positive care experiences, as evident by the 97% overall satisfaction rating by discharged residents during the last fiscal year. This achievement highlights the important role Laguna Honda fills as a partner in the SF Health Network and the Department of Public Health in meeting the health needs of all San Franciscans.

Aside from our upcoming Community Day, we host public tours the third Friday of the month. Please visit lagunahonda.org for more information or catch up with us on Facebook at facebook.com/lagunahonda.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Notes

by Joannie van Rijn

Miraloma Park NERT Team visits Battalion 9

On July 27, the Miraloma Park NERT Team visited SF Fire Department Battalion 9, on Ocean Ave at Phelan. Having heard a rumor that when visiting a firehouse you should bring a pie, we surprised them with two! Thanks to Bryan Forman and Robert Gee for bringing them. The Battalion Chief showed us where the large pelican boxes

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Miraloma Park NERTs at Battalion 9

for the NERT Teams are stored. These boxes contain the supplies needed for a NERT Team to set up a staging area and start assessing damage in the neighborhood. Miraloma Park's staging area is the tennis courts on Sequoia Way. The Battalion Chief reminded the NERTs that they are important in gathering damage information and being on the ground to help neighbors. Thanks to those who attended; we missed those who could not make it.

Introducing the MySF311.org website

San Francisco 311 has redesigned their website, MySF311.org, to make it easier to find and report information. You can now create an account to simplify submitting and tracking service requests. There are newly expanded search features, and alerts will be sent on a message scroll bar.

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What if the water supply is unavailable after a quake? Shut off your water valve to prevent flooding. Locate

your water valve, which may be outside your home, and turn the dial (generally clockwise) to the OFF position

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NERT Notes

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to prepare our community to recover well after a major disaster. For complete pet disaster survival guidelines, visit the SF Animal Care and Control site: [http://sfgov.org/acc/pet-preparations-](http://sfgov.org/acc/pet-preparations-emergency-or-disaster)

emergency-or-disaster, which includes:

- Red Cross shelters do not accept pets. Prepare a list of back-up arrangements, such as homes of friends and family, hotels that allow pets, boarding facilities, veterinarians, and/or shelters.
- It is generally not recommended that you leave your pet behind during an evacuation. If you must, follow these guidelines to help ensure your pet's safety.
 - Post a highly visible sign in a window to let rescue workers know how many pets were left behind.
 - Leave plenty of water in a large, open container that cannot be tipped over.
 - Leave plenty of food in timed feeders (check local pet supply stores). These will prevent your pet from overeating.
 - Do not tie or cage your pet! Chances for survival are greater if it can escape easily.

To learn more about the SFFD NERT and its volunteer training program, visit <http://sf-fire.org/neighborhood-emergency-response-team-nert>.

MPIC Board Meeting of August 4, 2016

Highlights: MPIC net worth was \$32,260 at end of July and membership 406. Joanie van Rijn and Ben Rojas were elected as Directors at the well-attended June Election/Hawaiian music night. Fire Chief Hayes-White was contacted re no police officers on Mount Davidson on July 4. J van Rijn was appointed administrator of a grant to the neighborhood for disaster preparedness supplies. A Publicity Committee was constituted to generate and vet *Miraloma Life* articles.

Motions: *Approved*—October Karaoke night; *Miraloma Life* will not accept ads for political candidates or issues. *Other*—No quorum for vote re supporting West of Twin Peaks Central Council letter asking for City management of coyotes; a letter concerning the MPIC Board's concerns will be sent to the Wildlife Commission. A vote
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re supporting Quentin Kopp's appointment to the Ethics Committee was not taken due to issues re supporting a political candidate, to be clarified by Kan.



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Miraloma Park Improvement Club

July 20, 2016

Dear Supervisor Peskin:

The Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC) represents Miraloma Park, an entirely single-family-zoned neighborhood. One the MPIC's basic commitments to that neighborhood is to support preservation of single-family zoning, which in large part accounts for the pleasant livability and desirable character of our neighborhood. In recent years we have seen a steady erosion of the City's commitment to single-family zoning, starting with legalization of in-law apartments regardless of zoning and continuing with the legalization of short-term rentals of residential housing regardless of zoning.

The latest actions detrimental to single-family zoning have been the loosening of regulations regarding ADUs that has recently occupied the attention of the Board. To the best of our understanding, the compromise you worked out—although preferable to the Wiener/Farrell proposal in some respects—still threatens our city's single-family zoning and the amenities it affords, including ample rear-yard open space. The MPIC hopes that you will dedicate further efforts to addressing the issues raised by Kathryn Devincenzi in her July 19 letter to you (and prior correspondence), in which she questions whether, under the compromise you negotiated, the Zoning Administrator is allowed too much latitude to sanction rear-yard in-fill.

Supervisor Peskin, many SF residents have invested in homes in single-family-zoned residential areas under the assumption that the City would honor its promise of this zoning. Degrading RH1 zoning, ostensibly because the City needs more housing, unnecessarily breaches faith with single-family home owners, when other less harmful solutions are available to address housing shortfalls. We urge you and the Board to defend single-family residential zoning and not allow it to be further degraded.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Kan, President

cc: Board of Supervisors, Kathryn Devincenzi

Mt. Davidson History Stroll

Sat, Sept 10, 1-2:30 pm

Meet at Sherwood Ave and Myra Way (Muni 36 bus shelter/turnaround).

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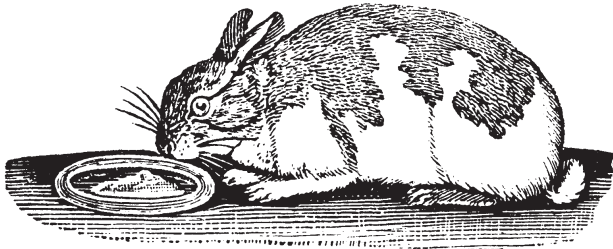


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No MPIC membership information is shared with other parties or organizations.

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Suicide Prevention Hotline	415-781-0500
Ingleside Police Community Room	415-404-4000
Parking Complaints	415-553-1200
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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
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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
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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.

The Guidelines are at www.miralomapark.org.

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