



Miraloma Life

President's Update

Bill Kan

The MPIC welcomes outside speakers to inform us about issues that may impact Miraloma Park. At the April MPIC Board meeting, our guest speaker will be the San Francisco Ratepayer Advocate discussing Recology's proposed rate increases. There will be a public hearing about the proposal on May 4th. Our meeting in April will provide a great opportunity for everyone to learn about the issue and prepare for the hearing. All Miraloma Park residents are welcome to attend the meeting: April 6, 7:00 PM at the MPIC Clubhouse.

In May, our guest speaker will be Kevin Guy, Director of the City's Office of Short Term Rentals. We asked Kevin to discuss the City's rules on short-term rentals and STR activity in Miraloma Park. This will be a good follow-up to a previous discussion on housing in San Francisco: earlier this year, Tina Cheung of Home Match San Francisco spoke to us about alternative ways in which homeowners can benefit while playing a part in helping expand housing opportunities in San Francisco. The MPIC is a strong advocate of the single-family zoning rules that apply to Miraloma Park, which is one of the stated objectives in our by-laws.

Did you know that Miraloma Park is one of the few communities in San Francisco with its own clubhouse? In my opinion, the Clubhouse at 350 O'Shaughnessy and Del Vale is the MPIC's second greatest asset. It ranks right behind all the members that contribute to the Club by helping with or participating in activities. As with anything, repairs and maintenance are needed from time to time. At the March Board meeting, we discussed a small (we hope) leak in the Clubhouse roof. As stewards of MPIC assets—which belong to the community—the MPIC Board has been seeking quotes for the cost of necessary repair work. Luckily, the Board has set aside reserves in anticipation of such spending.

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Events in April

MPIC Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2017. All MPIC members are welcome to attend MPIC Board meetings, but members wishing to address the Board should call 414.281-0892 to request to be placed on the meeting agenda.

See inside for
NERT and
Mt. Davidson City
Guide Walk
Announcements.

Board of Supervisors Votes 9-1 Against the Appeal of the Final Environmental Impact Report Certification to the Natural Areas Management Plan

Robert Gee, MPIC Board Member

On February 28, 2017, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors held a hearing on the appeal of the final environmental impact report certification (EIR) for the Natural Areas Management Plan. I came to make public comment on behalf of the MPIC to support the SF Forest Alliance's appeal requesting that the supervisors rescind the certification of the EIR and send it back to SF Planning for revision in order to minimize the damage to our parks and to speak particularly in regards to the impact to Mt. Davidson.

The appeal hearing was supposed to start at 3 pm and I arrived at 2:30 pm to easily find a seat in the Supervisors' chambers. However, due to other agenda items, most of us sitting in chambers were later asked to step outside and wait until the hearing finally started at 5:30 pm. In the meantime, I waited outside in line with many Miraloma Park residents who made the trek to city hall to wait their turn for hours to give public comment in support of the appeal.

By 6:15 pm, I approached the microphone where I stated to the supervisors that on behalf of the MPIC, the EIR

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A lot of the hard work by MPIC volunteers happens in between meetings and behind the scenes. For example, a recent MPIC initiative is to make City officials aware of special conditions along the steep slopes of Mount Davidson before they conduct or approve activities. With the recent rains, a resident recently suffered a mudslide that required three truckloads of debris to be removed from her backyard. Concerned neighbors unearthed (pardon the pun) a 1999 US Geological Survey study as well as an SF Department of Building Inspection internal memorandum warning of earth movement hazards on the steep slopes of the Mountain. (See inside for MPIC's letter to the SF Building Commission concerning the Department's use of these findings to reduce hazards to residents living adjacent to the Mountain's steep slopes.)

Knowledge is an essential part of disaster preparedness. Guido van Rijn reminds us in this issue of MPIC's reason for asking everyone to put up their OK/HELP signs for two weeks from the time you receive your sign in the April MLife. Various MPIC members have been working out the specific emergency recovery supplies and equipment to be purchased with the \$25,000 2016 District 7 Participatory Budget grant. Our NERT Coordinator, Joan van Rijn has devoted many hours to research various types of generators, radios, and other assets needed to facilitate robust recovery in the event of a major disaster and to develop the required procurement purchase order.

About a year has gone by since the membership passed the vote for the MPIC to convert to a 501c (3) non-profit status. It has been years since the idea to become a 501c (3) first came up for discussion. One benefit of this classification is that contributions to the MPIC would be tax-deductible. Becoming a 501c (3) also allows the MPIC to qualify for certain types of funding and activity. The MPIC has been going back-and-forth with the State of California about our application over the last year, but I'm now pleased to report that it looks like the MPIC has cleared the big hurdles. The MPIC Board recently approved funding necessary to file the necessary documents.

Lastly, thank you to all those that responded to our ad for a *Miraloma Life* delivery person—the response was great, and we're very excited about our delivery team

of young people. These students work hard to complete their deliveries typically the first weekend of every month *Miraloma Life* is published, September through June.

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didn't adequately, accurately and objectively address the facts, evidence and issues arising from the Natural Areas Management Plan- that is the removal of 18,000 healthy trees especially the 1,600 on Mt. Davidson, the impact on greenhouse gas emissions, the use of herbicides in our parks to kill unwanted trees and other vegetation and the closure of a significant number of trails which would limit public access to our parks, especially the 2,900 feet of trails in Mt. Davidson which would limit access to only 6 acres. I said there were no mitigation measures identified to minimize or eliminate those impacts. The EIR stated that such concerns all have a "less than significant impact".

The Planning Department staff testified that all concerns have been addressed in the EIR, that herbicide use is expected to be similar to what it is now, that tree removal would occur over a 20 year period and that there was no new information raised that would change the conclusions in the EIR.

Supervisor Sheehy asked Planning, Rec and Park and Dept. of the Environment staff many questions about the use of herbicides. He made the interesting comment that due to herbicide use, "Glen Park was unusable to me". Planning said that the EIR evaluated the large scale tree removal and herbicides at the "program level" and not at "individual project levels". Planning says there isn't information available at the project level e.g. Mt. Davidson tree removal and herbicide use. That would be evaluated later on when Rec and Park will go back to Planning with their project level plans and Planning will review it in accordance with the EIR. Planning said that if the project level plan fits into the EIR, then no further EIR would be needed. If Planning finds that the project has significant impact such as the use of herbicides, then a supplemental EIR would be required.

Lisa Wayne, Rec and Park Natural Areas Manager, was asked what percent of tree stumps would be treated with the Roundup herbicide. She responded that small

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amounts of Roundup including Tier 2 herbicides must be used on cut stumps because they need to use something to prevent regrowth and they have no other options at this time. Then she said that Roundup is in the “*same category as eating bacon- same risk factor*” and that such herbicides are highly regulated with notifications but that “citizens can walk into Home Depot” to buy it.

Supervisor Norman Yee also asked questions about herbicide use and if the Department of the Environment test school yards and back yards for herbicides. The answer was no as they said the average of .08 oz per acre per year of active ingredient is a “small amount”. Supervisor Yee said that the use of herbicides was not adequately studied and that bothered him a lot and therefore he would vote to support the appeal.

However, the other supervisors said that since the EIR was a program level review and not an individual project by project level review, they could not support the appeal. Instead, they said that as individual pieces of the program are implemented by Rec and Park, Planning would look at the environmental impacts, the public would have the opportunity to express their concerns and if necessary, future appeals against individual projects would come to the supervisors. Surprisingly, none of the supervisors made any comments about the impact of trail closures under the Natural Areas Plan.

In the end, the supervisors voted 9 to 1 against the appeal. Supervisor Yee was the lone supporter of the appeal. The MPIC wants to thank the many Miraloma Park residents who came to City Hall and patiently waited to give public comment in support of the appeal.

Miraloma Park Improvement Club Public Statement Board of Supervisors Hearing- Appeal of Final Environmental Impact Report Certification-Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan February 28, 2017, 3:00 PM

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

My name is Robert Gee. I have lived in San Francisco all of my life and am a board member and past president of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club. Miraloma Park, a residential community of 2,200 homes along Mt.

Davidson, will be heavily impacted by implementation of the proposed Plan. I speak to you today on behalf of the Club and its 400 members.

The Club supports the SF Forest Alliance’s appeal requesting that you rescind the certification of the Environmental Impact Report for the Natural Areas Management Plan and send it back to Planning for revision in order to minimize damage to our parks, including Mt. Davidson.

As we have stated in our previous submissions to Planning and Recreation and Parks, the EIR does not adequately, accurately and objectively address the facts, evidence, and issues arising from the Plan: removal of healthy trees and its impact on greenhouse gas emissions, the use of herbicides in our parks, and the closure of a significant number of trails which will limit public access our parks. Nor have mitigation measures been identified to minimize or eliminate those impacts. The EIR says these concerns all have “a less than significant impact”. Really?

We do not want healthy trees destroyed, especially the 1,600 trees on Mt. Davidson (18,000 Citywide).

We condemn the use of herbicides to kill unwanted trees and other vegetation.

We do not want our trails closed to us, especially the 2,900 feet of trails in Mt. Davidson, public so that the public has access to just 6 Park acres.

Please support the motion to reverse the EIR certification of the Plan and send it back to Planning

NEED HELP/OK Sign Drill

Guido van Rijn, Miraloma Park RMP and
SFSAFE Block Captain

On April 18th at 5:12 am in the year 1906, an earthquake struck San Francisco and the surrounding area; it killed 3,000 inhabitants and left more than half the population of 410,00 San Francisco residents homeless. Eighty percent of San Francisco was destroyed either through the earthquake itself or the devastating fire that followed. Though building standards and firefighting infrastructure (reservoirs, pipes, hydrants) and techniques are vastly improved, the more recent Loma Prieta earthquake that occurred on October 17th, 1989 has proved we are still quite vulnerable.

Last October Miraloma Park residents placed an **OK** sign in a street-facing window commemorating the 1989

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Loma Prieta earthquake. Now, in April, we can repeat this drill, this time to commemorate the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. **Please place the enclosed OK sign on a street-side window for two weeks following April's delivery of your *Miraloma Life*. Please also encourage your neighbors to do the same. Remember that this is only a drill.** Thank you for participating!

In a real disaster **OK** means "ALL IS CLEAR"; no assistance is needed. First responders such as a NERT team member or other first responder can bypass your home and attend to households where assistance is needed. **NEED HELP** means "ASSISTANCE



REQUIRED" due to injury, serious structural damage, gas or water leak, or other condition that requires immediate assistance. A NERT team member or other first responder will assist you as soon as possible.

A more immediate reason for this drill is to remind us that each household can take steps to prepare for the next big earthquake or other disaster by maintaining an adequate cache of emergency supplies as well as to create an evacuation plan should conditions require. On the Internet search the *FEMA Earthquake Safety Checklist* for some great preparation tips. Being adequately prepared before a disaster leads to more **OK** signs following a disaster.

Thanks to MPIC, Resilient Miraloma and NERT for making the distribution of the **NEED HELP/OK** sign possible. As a neighborhood, we are taking one small step toward earthquake safety and preparedness.

Mia Waller: New MPIC Clubhouse Rental Manager

Is this the same Mia Waller who use to teach at Miraloma Elementary? Yes it is! The MPIC would like to welcome Mia as our new Clubhouse/rental manager. Mia is an 8-year resident of Miraloma Park and lives on Teresita. April 2017 *Miraloma Life* Page 4

ita. She has one child at Miraloma Elementary and another at School of the Arts. She's been a teacher for 17 years including at Miraloma Elementary. Mia is currently running her own professional organization business. The MPIC is very fortunate to have Mia step forward with her always enthusiastic and bubbly personality to take care of Clubhouse management and rental operations. If you or anyone you know is interested in renting the MPIC Clubhouse, you can contact Mia at miralomapark@gmail.com.



Mia Waller

MPIC Safety Committee Update

Vacant House at 600 Block of Teresita: Previous Squatter Problem.

On January 17, 2017, Deputy City Attorney Victoria Weatherford responded to the MPIC that she was investigating the complaints at this address, that SFPD Capt. McFadden has brought this property to her attention, and that she has made referrals out to the appropriate City agencies to determine what health and safety hazards may exist at the property. On Jan 18, 2017 the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) sent a courtesy letter to the owner. On Jan 27, 2017, given the continued concerns about this property not being secured against trespassers, DBI issued a notice of violation (NOV) to the property owner which demanded an inspection of the entire premises in order to determine if it complies with the Vacant and Abandoned Building Ordinance. The owner didn't respond to the NOV so DBI sent a final warning letter on 3/7/2017.

MPIC Comment: Vacant or abandoned properties not only are community eyesores, but also pose threats as public safety hazards and shelters of criminal activity. These buildings are often deteriorated beyond repair, overgrown with vegetation, and act as potential dumping grounds for debris and other hazardous materials. In addition, they attract vagrants and often harbor illegal activities. On August 27, 2009, the city passed the Vacant or Abandoned Building Registration Ordinance requiring property owners responsible for these lots to register their buildings with DBI. The code calls for an annual registration fee, maintenance and security requirements as well as designating future plans for the property. The intention of these laws is to prompt owners to improve abandoned buildings, restore them to proper Code com-

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pliance, and return them to community use. Property owner information is required to be posted visibly on a vacant building.

According to the Ordinance, a building shall be defined as vacant or abandoned if it (1) is unoccupied and unsecured; or (2) it is unoccupied and secured by boarding or other similar means; or (3) it is unoccupied and unsafe as defined in Section 102 of the San Francisco Building Code; or (4) unoccupied and has multiple code violations; or (5) has been unoccupied for over 30 days.

If you suspect a vacant or abandoned building, you may report the address to DBI's Code Enforcement Services at (415) 558-6454 or by email at dbi.codeenforcement@sfgov.org.

From the Ingleside Police Station:

March 15, 2017 8:04 am 700 Block of Teresita Burglary
March 10, 2017 11:12 am 100 Block of Evelyn Way Theft from Property
March 6, 2017 4:30 pm 500 Block of Rockdale Burglary
March 3, 2017 9:00 pm 400 Block of Myra Way Trespassing

Neighbors reported that a large number of young adults had broken into a house that was vacant and listed for sale and were holding a party. A large number of police showed up. Fortunately, the house was not damaged. It was observed that an individual who appeared to be the party promoter was standing at the front door and collecting money from individuals entering. Some of the party goers were seen being dropped off by car services.

MPIC Comment: It isn't unheard of for large vacant properties often listed for sale and in quiet neighborhoods to be used for pop-up parties. Social media is used to advertise the parties. It's important for residents to know their neighbors, to watch out for each other's properties and call police immediately if you see unusual or suspicious activities at vacant houses for sale.

February 2, 2017 6:43 pm Unit Block Marietta Warrants Arrest

Two aggressive door-to-door magazine solicitors prompted a citizen to call police. Ingleside Officers

Ahern and Calupad responded and talked to the two women solicitors. A record check revealed one of the two women had two outstanding warrants for her arrest, one a \$60,000 warrant out of San Bernardino County and another out of South Pasadena for \$100,000. They was taken to Ingleside Station and booked on the warrants. Report number: 170093955.

MPIC Comment: If you experience aggressive door to door solicitors and they don't leave when you ask them to, you should call the police! These individuals often have outstanding warrants. In addition, they may be casing homes for future burglary activity.

February 21, 2017 8:20pm Stanford Heights & Los Palmos --Evading

Dispatch sent Ingleside Officers Jensen, Ortega, and De-det to investigate a report of a man driving a 4-door Hon-

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da, with a loud muffler, waving a firearm in the air. The officers found the vehicle and driver on Myra way and followed it a short distance before turning on their emergency lights and siren. The driver, instead of yielding to the officer's pursuit, took off at a high rate of speed through the neighborhood blowing through stop signs and signals, including the one at O'Shaughnessy and Portola. The officers radioed for assistance and advised all units about the pursuit. Ingleside Officers Barreneche and Fillippi joined the pursuit which traveled into the Sunset District where the pursuit was finally cancelled out of concern for public safety at Sloat and Sylvan Drives. A computer check of the Honda revealed it was sold two days prior to a San Francisco resident. Report number: 170150204.

Editor's Note: Prompted by the concerns of Myra Way residents and aided by their proactive research, MPIC has sent the following letter to Mr. Angus McCarthy, SF Building Commission president. The letter begins our process of advocacy for increased safety measures to protect residents and their homes along Mt. Davidson's steep slopes from earth slides.



March 24, 2017

Mr. Angus McCarthy, President
Building Inspection Commission
1660 Mission Street, 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103-2414

Re: Erosion Control on Mt. Davidson to Prevent Landslides

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

On behalf of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC), I am writing to request your prompt attention to a matter of grave concern to our community regarding erosion control along the steep slopes of Mt. Davidson to prevent landslides.

On a rainy February 21, 2017 at 11 a.m., the owner of 435 Myra Way, whose backyard is the steep south-facing hillside of Mt. Davidson, informed us that she had a top soil landslide above her backyard that almost breached her retaining wall. When the landslide occurred, the owner stated, there were two Department of Recreation and Parks (DPR) employees about 20 feet above her house pulling vegetation on the very steep Mt. Davidson hillside. It should be noted that these City employees were clearly trespassing on the property as the property line extends upslope 100 feet from the back of her house. Because of the possibility that the removal of vegetation contributed to the slide, the owner asked the workers to stop their vegetation uprooting, but they declined to comply with her request. The owner then contacted Dennis Kern of DPR, who in turn contacted the workers and directed them to cease pulling the vegetation. The property owner also contacted Supervisor Yee's office regarding this incident. Jarlene Choy, Supervisor Yee's legislative aide, contacted Alex Randolph of DPR requesting that he advise the concerned property owner as to whether the vegetation removal was to continue and that he address the owner's concerns about the landslide. Several of additional residents of the 400 block of Myra who also live against the steep southern slope of Mt. Davidson have also voiced serious concerns about potential earth movement hazards.

In 1997, at the request of the SF Department of Building Inspection (DBI), the US Geological Service (USGS)

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MPIC Letter to Mr. Angus McCarthy, SF Building Commission President

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performed an assessment of earth movement-related safety hazards and damage on the City's steep slopes. On July 22, 1999, the USGS issued Maps showing locations of damaging landslides caused by El Nino rainstorms, winter season 1997-98, San Francisco Bay region, California by Jonathan W. Godt (USGS Report). It is our understanding that the USGS assessment was made at the request of DBI and that the Department subsequently issued a Memorandum (dated 2/27/98) based on the USGS assessment and including Mt. Davidson's steep slopes, where 1997-98 slides occurred after the rain had stopped. It is also our understanding that slides occurring after heavy rains are especially dangerous, because of the seepage of water into cracks in the bedrock which, in turn, can result in the substantial movement of earth downhill. If this information is correct, based on the amount of rain we've had this year, steep slopes are at risk of deep bedrock-like slides. (After a day of heavy rain, on January 10, 2017, a rock slide closed O'Shaughnessy Blvd. On January 18, 2017, O'Shaughnessy Blvd was again closed for 2 more days so that work crews could knock away loose rocks above the roadway.)

We would like to know how the USGS assessment and DBI memorandum are being used to reduce earth movement and resulting safety risks to citizens and property on or near the steep slopes of Mt. Davidson, especially to the properties located at 409 to 477 Myra Way and 433 to 463 Molimo Drive. The San Francisco Property Information Maps at www.propertymap.sfpplanning.org, at the Zoning Report Page for all of these properties states the following:

OTHER INFORMATION:

Control: Seismic Hazard, Landslide

Description: CEQA Impact: an Environmental Evaluation Application may be required for some types of development. Additionally, any new construction is subject to a mandatory Interdepartmental Project Review

Added: 3/20/2013

Control: Slope of 20% or greater

Description: CEQA Impact: an Environmental Evaluation Application may be required for some types of development.

Added: 3/19/2013

Please advise me 1) of the steps which DBI has taken to incorporate the information presented in the 1999 USGS assessment and in DBI memorandum into the Department's permitting process for slopes and 2) of the extent DBI has communicated this information to other City agencies, especially those with authority to impact steep slopes in San Francisco (public or private).

Naturally, we find intolerable any trespassing on private property—including that committed by City employees performing properly authorized work—and will address this illegal activity with appropriate City officials.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information that you might require. I can be reached at 415-281-0892 and at this email address and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

William Kan

President

CC: Daniel L. Lowrey, Deputy Director, Department of Building Inspection (Daniel.Lowrey@sfgov.org); Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Parks Department (phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org); Norman Yee, Supervisor District 7 (norman.yee@sfgov.org); Victoria Weatherford, Deputy City Attorney (Victoria.Weatherford@sfgov.org); Scott Sanchez, Zoning Administrator, Planning Department; Robert Gee, Safety Chair, Miraloma Park Improvement Club (Miralomapark@gmail.com).

Spring Cleaning – Time to Reduce!

Catherine Homsey, Miraloma Elementary Parent and Miraloma Park Neighbor

It's that time of year again! The sun is shining, flowers are blooming and Daylight Savings is giving us a headache. In other words, spring is here! With longer days and spring fever kicking in, a lot of us feel the urge to do some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to cleaning and straightening, consider reducing as well.

Last month, I wrote about the 5 Rs as a way to reduce waste and consumption: **Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot.** If you follow the 5 Rs in order, you will automatically reduce your consumption and therefore your waste. In the process, you will simplify your life and spend less money.

In the spirit of spring cleaning, let's talk about that second R: **Reduce.** Reducing is one of the most satisfying parts of a zero waste lifestyle. When you reduce your belongings, everything becomes easier. You have fewer things to clean and organize as well as less clutter to deal with. When you open your closet, instead of standing there trying to figure out what you have and what to wear, you only have things you truly love because they flatter you and fit your style. When you open your bathroom cabinet, instead of pawing through a mass of products, you simply pick up the one thing you are looking for because it's exactly what you want. Reducing simplifies your life by saving time and stress associated with sorting through too much stuff.

In addition to making your life easier and more pleasant, you also release your things for someone else's use. For example, that slow cooker you bought but only used once can now be used by someone who otherwise would have purchased a new one. This is another benefit of reducing: you reduce the waste associated with the production, packaging and shipping of new products because you have allowed someone to buy used instead.

So, how to get started? I suggest starting with your

clothes. This is the easiest type of item to reduce. Collect every item of clothing and put it in one place. Pick up each item and decide: do you truly love it? Does it make you happy, or as the tidying expert, Marie Kondo, says, does it spark joy? The trick is to **decide what to keep rather than what to get rid of.**

You don't have to think too much about how often you wear it or anything like that. Just pick it up and pay attention to how you feel when you hold it. Do you smile a little? Do you think about how it makes you feel good to put it on? Do you feel nothing? Do you feel guilt because it was a

gift or because you rarely wear it? Use these impulses to make your decision. Only keep the things that make you happy. Don't keep things out of guilt! You don't need to feel guilt when you open your closet every day!

When you decide what you love and want to keep, you just release the rest. It's that easy! Make three piles: keep, donate or sell. You can skip the sell pile if you don't want to deal with this step, but if you have expensive pieces in good condition you may want to consider selling, trading or consigning them.

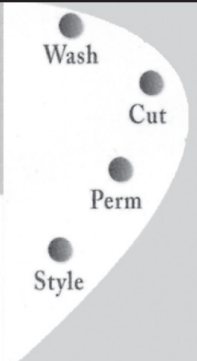

Once you have made your decision about what to keep, you can organize. There is no point in organizing without reducing. The mess will just come back if you still have too much stuff. After you have reduced and organized, you will find it is much easier and faster to get dressed in the morning! You won't have to stare at your closet,



Second-hand dress,

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APRIL 2017 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling All NERTS!

The Citywide NERT drill is on Saturday, April 22. It will be held at Marina Middle School from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Please RSVP by April 17 for the drill and order your lunch.

It's a great time to go and practice your training. Come meet other Miraloma Park NERTS!

www.eventbrite.com/e/nert-graduates-citywide-drill-tickets-32310364169

Guide Walk: Mt. Davidson!

Join Miraloma Park historian and resident, Jacquie Proctor, on this free City Guide walk of Mt. Davidson Park on Saturday May 6 at 1PM. Explore the inspiring history of San Francisco's highest hill on this stroll through a 38-acre nature preserve to the amazing view and gigantic monument at its 938 ft. high summit. Meet at the 36 bus line turnaround near the intersection of Dalewood and Myra Ways. Some steep trails can be windy and muddy. Wear a jacket and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels.

Short Term Rental Application Notice

MPIC has received a courtesy notice from the SF Office of Short Term Rentals of an STR application for 565 Rockdale. For more information or to give feedback, visit www.shorttermrentals.sfgov.org or call 415.575-9179.



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searching for something you feel like wearing because you know everything in it looks good on you and makes you happy. You will also have less laundry to do! You will have a sense of peace and calm when you look in your closet rather than feeling overwhelmed.

To keep your closet organized, apply the same process before deciding whether to buy something. Instead of buying on impulse, think about each purchase. Does it truly flatter you? Do you feel happy when you try it on? If not, don't buy it!

Also, try to buy used clothing when possible. Clothing takes a lot of resources to produce: oil, water, pesticides, etc., and it also produces water and air pollution to make and ship it. This is coming from someone who used to binge buy clothes so believe me, it is totally possible to make this change.

Happy spring and happy reducing! Thanks so much and please follow me on Instagram @joyofzerowaste for more tips.

The San Francisco Civil Grand Jury Calls for Volunteers

Since its beginnings in the 1930s, the MPIC has been recognized as the neighborhood organization for Miraloma Park by the City government and its agencies.

Recently, the San Francisco Superior Court wrote us to spread the word on its call for volunteers to serve on the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury for the 2017-2018 term.

Required by the California Constitution, the SF Civil Grand Jury represents an opportunity for citizens to serve San Francisco as the "watchdog" for San Francisco. It is charged with investigating the operations of City government, including officials, departments and agencies. The Civil Grand Jury issues reports that are heard before the Board of Supervisors. In 2016, it published reports on San Francisco's Crime Lab and on San Francisco Homeless Health and Housing.

The application deadline is May 31, 2017. Nineteen members will be drawn randomly from a pool of qualified applicants to serve for a one-year term. Applicants must

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• be US citizens and 18 + years of age,
• have resided in San Francisco for at least one year,
• have no felony convictions, and
• be able to communicate in English.

For more information and an application, see <http://civil-grandjury.sfgov.org> or call (415) 554-6630

New: the Mayor's Home Match SF Program Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development

Home Match San Francisco is a joint program of Northern California Presbyterian Homes & Service and Episcopal Senior Communities. The program is a project funded by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development. Our mission is to expand housing opportunities to low and moderate income people who live, work, or attend school in San Francisco by maximizing existing housing stock.

The program provides a platform, tools, and support to connect homeowners and home seekers. Home Match San Francisco offers homeowners both cost sharing and income stability--a practical, economical, and convenient way to remain in your own home. Our team of professional staff recruits, interviews, and pre-screens all Home Match applicants to ensure compatibility for each and every home in our program. We assist home owners and home seekers through the meeting and matching process and continue to be there along the way.

Here is how it works. Each applicant completes an application that includes a living style questionnaire. Staff personally interview each applicant to find out more about who they are and what they are looking for in a housemate. We use this information to identify compatible matches. Factors considered in the matching process include pets, parking, private bathrooms, kitchen usage, and the ability to pay the rental amount set by the homeowner.

Our city wide database consists of pre-screened applicants who either work, live, or attend classes within City limits. We match our seeker applicants with homeowners who have extra rooms that are safe and affordable here in San Francisco. It's our way of helping to keep neighborhoods in place while providing a multi-generational exchange option for seniors who want to age in place.

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Mayor's Home Match SF Program

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If you need companionship or just additional income to offset the rising costs of home repairs, taxes, or medications, our program may help you to achieve your goals. Together a matched pair will work with staff to develop their unique and individual shared living agreement.

For additional information on this program and to find out how we can help you with your housing needs, please contact info@homematchsf.org or call 415-351-1000.



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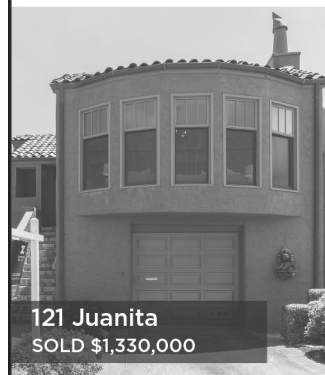
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Please complete and mail with your dues to the Club address below. Make check payable to **Miraloma Park Improvement Club, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94127**. (No cash, please). Thank you!

☐ 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):

☐ \$12 Senior Member(s)

☐ \$15 Single Member

☐ \$25 Family Membership

☐ \$35 Supporting Member

☐ \$50 Contributing Member

☐ \$_____ Other

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

Important Phone Numbers

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 All City Services 3-1-1 or www.mysf311.org
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 Call Before You Dig (PG&E) 8-1-1
 Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
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 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
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 SFPD Tip Line 415-587-8984
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 Dumped Item Pickup – DPW 3-1-1
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 Code Enforcement Hotline 415-554-3977
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Adopted in 1999 by the SF Planning Commission to promote preservation of neighborhood character by encouraging residential design compatible with neighborhood setting, our neighborhood-specific *Guidelines* facilitate the process of permit application and Code-mandated design review and can prevent costly, time-consuming Discretionary Review proceedings. Learn more about them at www.miralomapark.org

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