# Miraloma Life

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April 2018

## Please VOTE For Miraloma Park's Two Participatory Budget Projects!

Voting will begin on April 1st and last through April 14th.

Go online to sfpbd.sfgov.org/district/7/vote

You can vote in-person at the West Portal and Ingleside Libraries as well as at City Hall, Room 273.

\*\*Read below about our two projects\*\*

### Please Vote for Lighting Avoca Alley/Staircase between Bella Vista Way and Myra Way



Avoca Alley Staircase looking from Bella Vista But the tree shad-Way up to Myra Way

Avoca Alley is the unlit, extended staircase between Bella Vista Way and Myra Way adjacent to the Miraloma Elementary School near a Muni #36 stop. The alley is a short cut to avoid walking an extra block to get from Bella Vista to Myra or vice/versa.

ed stairway is dark and especially haz-

ardous to walk on foggy/overcast/rainy days in the early morning and evening, particularly during the winter. Un-illuminated, the alley also has the potential to attract illegal activities and criminals. Lighting the staircase would increase safety for neighbors, students and parents and bus passengers especially the elderly, people with poor eyesight and children. The MPIC encourages our community to support this proposal and vote for it.

## Please VOTE for Miraloma Park's **Mobile Emergency-Response Unit**



We do not have a mobile, safe, secure storage area for our earthquake preparedness

equipment.

Vote to show your support for Miraloma Park's continued efforts in becoming earthquake ready before, during and after an event.

At our October 18th, 2017 Neighborfest on Omar Way we were able to put on display much of the emergency equipment Miraloma Park has obtained through your vote in previous Participatory Budget cycles. They include pop-up tents, solar generators, lanterns, sanitation equipment, medical supplies and other materials and equipment needed during a disaster. Not only does this equipment need to be stored, it needs to be stored in a way that can be delivered quickly to where ever it is needed within Miraloma

**Events in April** MPIC Board Mtg. April 5, 2018 7:00PM

Community **Connectors Classes** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30AM

**Events in May** MPIC Board Mtg. May 3, 2018 7:00PM

How to Get Your Pet Ready for a Disaster MPIC Clubhouse May 24, 2018 7:00PM

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

Park. A Mobile Emergency Response Unit makes the storage and quick delivery of emergency equipment possible.

When a disaster strikes in Miraloma Park, our residents will be called upon to respond. We are told that emergency services may not reach us for the first 72 hours following the disaster. Miraloma Park's level

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# From Capt. Hart of the Ingleside Station: What is Suspicious Activity?



Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate a crime-related incident has been committed, or about to be committed. Unusual items or situations: A vehicle is parked in an odd location, a package/luggage is unattended, a window/door is open that is usually closed, or other out-of-the-ordinary situations occur. The following are some examples of Suspicious Activity that are "In progress" crimes, which demand an immediate call to 9-1-1:

- An individual peering into vehicles, to try, and locate any valuables left unattended.
- An individual trying door handles to vehicles, and/or residences to gain access to the vehicle and/or residence.
- An individual checking front doors of residences to locate any unattended packages.

# Please VOTE for Miraloma Park's Mobile Emergency-Response Unit

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of readiness is determined by the preparedness of its residents and the availability of the necessary equipment to perform search and rescue operations. The Miraloma Park Improvement Club has started acquiring these needed materials. However, we do not have a mobile, safe, secure storage area for them.

# **Update on the Teresita Blvd Traffic** and **Pedestrian Safety Project**

From the MPIC Safety Committee

Four New Speed Cushions Proposed Along Teresita Blvd The MPIC has continued to work with Supervisor Norman Yee's office and the SFMTA on completing this project that is over 10 years old. One of the major outstanding items is the status of installing 3 speed cushions along Teresita Blvd that are fully funded. Speed cushions are speed humps with slots cut out in the profile for Muni vehicles. Given that Muni runs along Teresita, speed cushions are the only traffic calming devices that provide vertical deflection that can be installed on this street.

We are happy to report that SFMTA, after recently conducting a traffic speed analysis, will now fund four speed cushions. This will be in addition to the existing speed cushion on Teresita between Sequoia and Gaviota.

SFMTA's technical requirements for placing speed cushions require sufficient sight distance of the devices for drivers. Given the winding nature of Teresita, potential device locations are very limited. Of those locations that meet their sign distance requirements, SFMTA is recommending speed cushions on the following blocks:

- Between Fowler Way and Evelyn Way
- Between Isola Way and Reposa Way
- Between Rio Court and Bella Vista Way
- Between Melrose Ave and Verna Street (closer to Verna)

Beyond meeting the aforementioned sight distance requirements, these locations are recommended based on speed survey results, crash history, and previous resident feedback.

In the very near future SFMTA will be sending ballots to each household along the entirety of Teresita Blvd asking those residents to vote for all four proposed speed cushions or none at all. A SFMTA public hearing will then follow. The design of the 4 proposed speed cushions is the same as the existing on Teresita between Sequoia and Gaviota. We understand that these types of speed cushions do not create the vibrations or noise associated with speed bumps.

Teresita and Fowler Y- Changing the Yield Sign to a Stop Sign

A red zone was added on the southwest corner of Fowler to aid visibility. SFMTA reported that their engineer completed a review and determined that a stop sign was not recommended. The engineer's observations indicated cars were complying with right-of-way rules as well as substantiated by the overall safety record. SFMTA did submit a work order to upgrade the signage to replace the "Right Turn Only" sign with a right arrow symbol sign which should be installed soon.



Newly Painted High
Visibility CrossWalks
at the Teresita Blvd and
Marietta Drive Island
Many thanks to James
H. and other community

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## **Teresita Blvd Traffic Projects Update**

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members for expressing their concerns to SFMTA regarding the need for high visibility crosswalks that were just painted at this intersection. SFMTA stated back in May of 2017 that given the unique geometry of this intersection and the presence of a bus stop on the east side of Teresita Blvd, they agreed to paint high visibility crosswalks as well as a red zone adjacent to the crosswalk on the west side of Teresita Blvd. The red zone will set parked vehicles further back from the intersection improving both motorist's sight lines and visibility for pedestrians entering Teresita Blvd. A pedestrian crossing sign is also scheduled to be installed.

The MPIC is still following up with SFMTA on these concerns raised by residents:

- Reinstall the 25 MPH speed limit signs that were taken down between the 200 and 300 block of Teresita Blvd.
- Consider whether crosswalk lines should be painted on Teresita at Isola where the bus stops are.
- Consider whether crosswalk lines should be painted at the Teresita/Fowler Y.

# SB 827: SF Board of Supervisors Respond

By: MPIC Zoning and Planning Committee
As quoted in the March 2018 issue of *Miraloma Life*,
"SB 827 proposes to increase housing development
capacity in areas that meet minimum levels of transit
service with state-imposed minimum zoning standards
for certain key development controls. The bill would
have its greatest impact on the State's core metropolitan
regions with more extensive transit service. In San Francisco, this would be virtually the entire city." [Excerpted
from the February 5, 2018 Memo prepared by Planning
Department Staff at the request of the Planning Commission for analysis of the potential effects of SB 827 on San
Francisco.]

Meeting March 12, 2018, the BOS Land Use and Transportation Committee considered Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution opposing California Senate Bill 827, which would significantly limit San Francisco's local ability to recapture critical public value of development projects citywide and override local planning process. The Resolution was amended, with Supervisors Peskin, Yee, Fewer, and Ronen sponsoring.



What Single Family Neighborhoods Could Look Like Under SB827

AMENDED IN COMMITTEE FILE NO. 180162 3/12/2018: Resolution urging amendments to California Senate Bill 827, authored by Senator Wiener, to ensure the value of additional height and density is recaptured and that San Francisco's existing affordable housing programs and existing neighborhood character is preserved. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: 2 - Tang, Peskin; Absent: 2 - Kim, Safai. MPIC Board member Karen Wood attended the meeting and testified on behalf of MPIC in favor of Supervisor Peskin's motion. [Italics below are Ed's.]

WHEREAS, Senator Wiener has introduced legislation that would mandate that local jurisdictions confer significant benefits upon developers in exchange for building residential projects within a onehalf mile radius of a major transit stop or a one-fourth mile radius of a high-quality transit corridor; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco applauds Senator Wiener's recent amendments to SB 827 to strengthen tenant rights with Right to Remain which mandates that the developer must provide tenants with relocation benefits, comparable rent for 42 months, and right of first refusal in the new building offered at the previous rent; and

WHEREAS, SB 827 would apply to virtually all residential parcels citywide based on the definition of transit rich, essentially allowing the State to override San Francisco's charter authority, circumvent local planning laws and limit value recapture; and WHEREAS, San Francisco has prioritized transit-oriented development throughout the city and in its various neighborhood area plans, particularly in the downtown core and Transit District Plan and neighborhood commercial corridors through HOME-SF;\* and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has led the region and the state in housing construction, while taking a balanced approach to development that prioritizes tenant stabilization and recaptures the maximum feasible value from private development for the public benefit, including implementing the highest affordable housing requirements in the country; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has maintained this leadership, even after the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and related affordable housing funding streams, because of its charter authority and strong local planning process; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has spent years working with communities on long range planning efforts resulting in value capture for affordable housing, transportation and infrastructure impacts; and

WHEREAS, In Planning Department analysis of SB 827, dated February 5, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference, staff identified concerns about the State's attempt to undermine San Francisco's

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#### SB 827: SF Board of Supervisors Respond

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sovereign local Planning Code and Design standards, which are the backbone of the City's commitment to creating livable, walkable and complete neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Local planning laws and regulations have proven critical and effective in protecting vulnerable communities of concern from the escalating impacts of gentrification, displacement and speculation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City of and County of San Francisco is committed to working with other jurisdictions, affordable housing and tenant advocates to address the State's housing crisis by amending SB 827; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is committed to working with its State Legislative Delegation to craft the necessary amendments to SB 827 in order to protect San Francisco's sovereign charter authority; recapture value from the added benefits of density and height; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges state leaders to fund affordable housing streams to address the housing crises; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco will continue to monitor the progress of SB 827 and may provide additional comments as the bill is heard at committee hearings; and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.

# President's Update

Bill Kan



Show your support for Miraloma Park. Vote for our two projects that made it on the 2018 Participatory Budget ballot for District 7. The MPIC's success in getting the District 7 Participatory Budget process to fund our Resilient Miraloma Park efforts is getting noticed. The competition

is greater than ever. Voting is from April 1st to 14th. For more details, see Supervisor Yee's announcement inside this newsletter. We need everyone who is eligible to vote and to help spread the word.

One of the Miraloma Park projects is for a mobile response unit and equipment. They will add to the ongoing efforts that make Miraloma Park one of San Francisco's best trained and equipped for disaster preparedness and *April 2018 Miraloma Life Page 4* 

emergency services. Newly appointed MPIC Board Member Jean Perata wrote the proposal on behalf of the MPIC. We are going up against four other neighborhoods in District 7.

The second Miraloma Park project is to light Avoca Alley, which is a frequently used staircase that connects Myra Way and Bella Vista. After her long service on the MPIC Board, Kathy Rawlins is still contributing by submitting this proposal. By day, kids and their parents use Avoca Alley to go Miraloma Elementary and riders of the 36 Muni bus use it for the stops along Myra. At night, the trees and brush make it one of the darkest pathways in Miraloma Park. Imagine how hazardous it can be on a dark, foggy evening. Lighting would greatly improve safety.

Voting for the Participatory Budget is easy. Supervisor Yee and his staff have successfully used a system that allows for voting online and in person. Voting will run for two weeks, between April 1st and 14th.

The MPIC sent a letter of support to the Dept. of Aging and Adult Services to secure funding for Miraloma Park Community Connectors for additional years. The program has been a great success since its launch in January. Check it out if you haven't yet. However, the program launched with funding for one year from the 2017 Participatory Budget. On-going projects are not eligible for more Participatory Budget funds, which meant that we need to look elsewhere in order to continue the program. What has been happening is that Joanie Van Rijn, Chair of the newly formed MPIC Seniors and People with Disabilities Committee and Darlene Ramlose, coordinator of Miraloma Park Community Connectors, have been coordinating with Supervisor Yee and other City agencies to continue the program. We encourage you to voice your support to continue the program and to share it with a neighbor that may need that little nudge to get better connected.

Stay tuned for the launch of the new MPIC website. Hopefully, it will be live by the time you read this article.

Volunteers on the MPIC Publicity Committee have been busy trying to curate and update content on the new website. You will know you are looking at a new www.miralomapark.org if you see a modern website with lots more photos and useful links compared to the old one, which looks more 1990s vintage. Aaron Proctor, who grew up in Miraloma Park, was the architect behind the new MPIC website.

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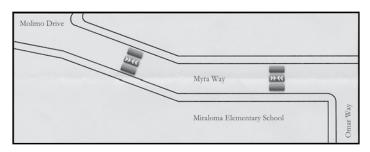
Crime continues to be an issue that has gotten more attention over the last year. Several people emailed the MPIC recently asking for more frequent communications about crime issues. They mentioned various forms of social media and Miraloma Life, which has the most complete reach. It is a monthly publication produced by volunteers and hand delivered to over 2,200 homes in Miraloma Park. As you can imagine, it can be difficult to provide frequent and timely communication on breaking issues. What we hope to do is to make use of social media such as Nextdoor and the new website to keep Miraloma Park informed. Complete the contact form at www.miralomapark.org if you would like an update when we post new items.

# **Update on Traffic Calming Measures on Myra Way**

MPIC Board Member Reza Vagefi

On March 2, 2018, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) held a public hearing regarding traffic calming measures proposed for Myra Way. These safety projects were originally voted for by District 7 community members in two separate proposals in the 2016 and 2017 Participatory Budget process. Their ultimate goal is to improve traffic speeds and safety in an important thoroughfare that courses in front of Miraloma Elementary School.

Based on their most recent analysis, SFMTA proposes the installation of two speed cushions between Molimo Drive and Omar Way on Myra Way (see diagram).



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# SUPERVISOR NORMAN YEE'S DISTRICT 7 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

YOUR DISTRICT. YOUR IDEAS. YOUR VOTE.

**VOTE APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> THROUGH APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>** 



# **VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

All District 7 Residents aged 16 and older can vote!



# **VOTE ONLINE OR IN-PERSON**

Select which projects you want to select online: <a href="mailto:sfpbd.sfgov.org/district/7/vote">sfpbd.sfgov.org/district/7/vote</a>

#### **VOTING LOCATIONS:**

West Portal Library 190 Lenox Way Ingleside Library 1298 Ocean Ave Supervisor Yee's Office City Hall, Room 273

#### WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process that gives community members the opportunity to participate in all aspects of the budgeting process: proposing ideas, voting on them and seeing them realized.

#### WHY IT MATTERS

**District 7** residents are able to help decide how best to spend \$550,000 for general projects and pedestrian safety improvements in District 7.

Questions? Problems? Contact <u>Erica.Maybaum@sfgov.org</u> or call 415.554.6517.

# **Myra Way Traffic Calming Update**

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One cushion is to be located in front of Miraloma Elementary and the other between the 510 and 550 Myra Way. Speed cushions are wider and flatter than traditional speed bumps with channels cut through to allow Emergency Response vehicles and the MUNI buses to pass through without experiencing vertical deflection. In addition, speed cushions do not create the vibrations or noise associated with speed bumps nor necessitate the removal of on-street parking.

We are happy to report that the proposed measures successfully went through the SFMTA Engineering Public Hearing process. MPIC Board Member Pratibha Tekkey represented MPIC at the hearing and provided support for the proposal. Our transportation planner, Nick Smith, will now work with San Francisco Public Works on a detailed design and implementation. Construction is expected later this spring.

#### **NEED HELP/OK**

By Guido van Rijn

Please participate. Post the OK sign in your front window for two weeks after receiving the April edition of Miraloma Life. Note that a paper version of the OK sign has NOT been inserted. If you have not saved previous OK signs, it can be downloaded through Nextdoor: Miraloma Park at the time Miraloma Life is distributed. MPIC members will receive an email with the OK sign as an attachment. Go the MPIC website (http://www.miralomapark.org/about/join/) if you wish to join. Memberships start at just \$12.



Participating in the **OK** sign DRILL demonstrates a willingness, in the event of a major earthquake, to be as self sufficient as possible through the storage of food, water, flashlights, a medical kit,

and other necessities to shelter in place for many days and even weeks.

Remembering the April 18, 1906 earthquake reminds us *April 2018 Miraloma Life Page 6* 

why. The 1906 earthquake brought about the deaths of up to 3,000 people and displaced as many as 300,000. Eighty per cent of San Francisco was destroyed, much of it by the resulting fire. The rebuilding of San Francisco made it architecturally stronger and better, though in October of 1989 our vulnerabilities still showed with the deadly Loma Prieta Earthquake. The Loma Prieta Earthquake registered 6.9 on the Richter scale and lasted about 20 seconds. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake registered ten times more powerful (7.9) on the Richter scale, lasted more than twice as long (with significant fore shocks and after shocks), and had an epicenter just a few miles off the coast of San Francisco.

After a major earthquake city services will be overwhelmed. The only ones we can rely on for quite some time (days or even weeks) are our neighbors and ourselves. An **OK** sign posted during a disaster tells your neighbors, as well as first responders, such as local NERT teams, police and fire personnel, that they need not stop by your home to assist. All is well. After an earthquake a NEED HELP sign indicates there is an immediate need for assistance. Please participate as we continue to perform this twice a year DRILL, in April and October, in remembrance of the two major disasters that have struck our city in 1906 and 1989 earthquakes. They will not be the last.

# Spring Cleaning—The Zero Waste Way

By Catherine Homsey

Spring is here! Despite my difficult relationship with Daylight Savings, I do love the longer days. The sunlight just seems to give us more energy, doesn't it?

When we get that boost of energy, a lot of us feel like doing some spring cleaning. Did you know that you can clean your house without chemicals or excessive packaging? Not only is it healthier for you and your family, but it saves money and reduces waste. Below, I've put together a little guide to alternative cleaning solutions.

#### All Purpose Cleaner

You do not need to buy all purpose cleaner for your home. It is so easy and cheap to make. Put ¼ cup white vinegar and a drop of dish or castile soap in a spray bottle (you can just reuse one after rinsing it.) Fill to the top with water, and voilà – you're finished! If you want to get really fancy, infuse the vinegar with orange or lemon peels for a little scent.

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### Spring Cleaning—The Zero Waste Way

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Speaking of scent, did you know that scented products contribute to air pollution? The NOAA released a study last month that showed up to 25% of air pollution was caused by chemical products. Even products that have "natural" scent contained a significant number of volatile chemicals. I don't know about you, but I don't want to breathe that stuff.

#### **Dishes**

There are quite a few options for biodegradable dishwasher soap, which comes in recyclable cardboard boxes. We like Seventh Generation Free & Clear. Use white vinegar as a rinse aid.

When it comes to hand washing dishes, it gets a little tougher. Even the best ones come in a plastic container, which must eventually be thrown away. I used to buy Oasis dish soap in bulk with my own container. Then I realized the gallon size plastic jug I poured it from would just be thrown away. (Ok, technically recycled, but plastic recycling is so inefficient that it only delays it going to the landfill.) So, now I am going to try making my own liquid soap using a bar of castile soap. I've heard it's fast and easy – we will see!

#### **Scrubbing**

Just use **baking soda.** We buy it in bulk with our own container use it on tile, sinks and even on cast iron pans. To make it easy, put it in a parmesan shaker which you can get at Cost Plus or a restaurant supply store for less than \$2.

To scrub pots and pans, we use a **stainless steel scrubby.** It's much more effective than plastic scrubbers and lasts longer, too. When it's used up, it can go in the recycling bin.

For lighter scrubbing jobs, use a **natural scrub brush** made of bamboo, metal and natural bristles. For little crevices, use an **old toothbrush.** 

#### Windows

We use the **all-purpose cleaner** on windows and mirrors and it works great.

Use a **cleaning rag** to wipe the windows after spraying them. We cut up old towels and t-shirts and these work great for all types of cleaning.

#### **Floors**

**All purpose cleaner** does it again! Just spray and mop. Or if you prefer the bucket method, make a mix of warm water, a few drops of dish or castile soap, and a splash of vinegar.

When you need to replace your **broom**, consider a wood handled broom with natural bristles.

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ACTIVE			PENDING, continued		
739 Foerster	2/1	\$899,000	809 Foerster	3/2	\$1,200,000
28 Sequoia	3/2.5	\$1,595,000	64 Marietta	3/2	\$1,449,000
955 Portola	3/2	\$1,695,000	15 Miraloma	3/2	\$2,095,000
PENDING			SOLD		
36 Marietta	3/2	\$999,000	100 Teresita	4/2	\$1,950,000





# Spring Cleaning—The Zero Waste Way

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#### Air Freshener

**Use plants!** They clean the air naturally and add beauty. **Open the windows.** If you have good air flow and a clean house, your house will not need air fresheners. That said, we've all had mishaps, like burning something or forgetting to turn on the fan when cooking fish. The quickest and best way to clear smells out of your house is – you guessed it: vinegar! Just simmer some vinegar on the stove and it will suck the stink out of the room in no time.

Ok, so what about the **bathroom?** You've seen that Poo-Pourri product, right? Did you know you can make your own in less than five minutes? Take a small glass spray bottle and fill it with ½ **vodka and** ½ **dish soap**, then top it with a few drops of pure essential oil. Spray it in the toilet beforehand and it creates a film on top of the water to seal in smells. It's like magic!

#### Laundry

We buy eco-friendly powdered laundry detergent in bulk using our own container. If you don't have access to package free, opt for a biodegradable and eco-friendly powder in a recyclable cardboard box. Wash only full loads and use cold water and line dry as often as possible. This saves energy and also makes your clothes last longer. Also, avoid fabric softener and dryer sheets. They aren't necessary and are full of unhealthy chemicals.

Happy cleaning!

For more tips, follow me on Instagram @joyofzerowaste

# **Update From the MPIC Safety Committee**

Updates on Miraloma Park Cases that Involved Arrests
The MPIC Safety Committee is in contact with the assigned Asst. District Attorneys in the following cases to monitor the status of the cases, learn of any preventive tips to pass on to residents, to submit a community letter of support where necessary and to attend any hearings to show that the community cares about the crime. Safety Committee members are also following up with police on other recent burglaries to find out if any arrests have been made, learn of any preventive tips to share with our community and pass along any suspect/vehicle information for residents to watch out for.

People v. Phouthalom Phasavath, Court Number 17018708. This was the December 19, 2017 vehicle break in at the 200 Block of Evelyn Way. On that date, a car owner left his home, walked toward his parked car nearby, and noticed a man, wearing a black ski mask, peeking around the back of his car. Suddenly, the suspect who was holding a brown box, jumped into an older Volkswagen with paper plates and sped away. The victim walked to his car and noticed a back window broken and items, including the brown box, missing. He called police and fortunately, the suspect, driving the Volkswagen, was soon spotted and stopped by Ingleside officers at Monterey and Ridgewood. The victim was driven to the scene and identified the car and its driver as the suspect in the auto burglary. The victim's brown box, containing Christmas presents, was found in the car along with burglary tools and a ski mask. The suspect was arrested for auto burglary. Our neighborhood does experience auto break-ins and in the majority of cases, there are no witnesses or arrests. There is a prehearing conference scheduled for April 5, 2018. A prehearing conference is essentially a settlement conference where the attorneys attempt to negotiate settlement, and if it fails then they set it for a hearing before the judge. There is a 2015 news article where an individual with the same name was arrested in South San Francisco for burglary, possession of stolen property, burglary tools and committing a felony while out on bail.

People v. Joran Furst, Court No. 18000781. This was the January 13, 2018 aggravated assault case at the 400 Block of Melrose. Ingleside officers were on routine patrol when they spotted a stolen black Acura, with Florida license plates, double parked in front of an address on the 400 block of Melrose. The officers placed their patrol car approximately 15 feet in front of the Acura facing the front of the vehicle. When the Acura's driver noticed the patrol officers, he started the Acura and accelerated into the front of the patrol car in an attempt to escape. When he couldn't move the patrol car, the suspect exited the Acura and ran away only to be apprehended a short time later on the 600 block of Mangles Street. He was arrested at the scene and was transported to San Francisco General Hospital for treatment. Later, he was booked for aggravated assault on a police officer and other crimes before being taken to the county jail. Surprisingly, the defendant entered into an early resolution of the case. He pleaded guilty to Vehicle Code Section 10851, the theft of a vehicle, which is a felony. He was sentenced to 3 years of probation, 6 months in county jail, a search

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condition, restitution to the victims, as well as standard fines and fees. The case is now considered closed. Interestingly, there was a 2011 news article of this suspect, a parolee, being arrested in the East Bay for hot prowl burglaries.

**People v. Susan Tran and Jason Alba.** Court No. 18002575 and 18002576, respectively. This was the February 14, 2018 arrests at the 400 Block of Melrose. Over 10 Ingleside officers were dispatched to serve a search warrant. The officers staged outside and while preparing to serve the warrant they observed a man exit the home and enter a stolen-Haul truck and drive away.





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Ingleside officers followed the truck and arrested the suspect in the 600 Block of Monterey. Inside the truck were various burglary tools including a crow bar and bolt cutters. They also found stolen documents inside the vehicle. Shortly, thereafter, the warrant team entered the home on Melrose and found methamphetamine packaged for sale, two firearms, stolen computers, id's, dozens of ammunition rounds, almost \$3000 in cash, stolen credit cards, and a master key to Ford vehicles. A man inside the home had several outstanding felony convictions for drug possession and sales involving a firearm. A woman in the residence had several felony warrants for her arrest as well. The DA's office charged both defendants with multiple felonies. The defendants are scheduled for a preliminary hearing on May 15, 2018.

Our assigned Assistant District Attorney Liaison, Margaret Buitrago, has been working closely with the Ingleside Plainclothes Team to abate any criminal conduct and make arrests in this case and the February incident is a direct result of those efforts.

**People v. James George Paras.** Court No. 2505207. This was the September 2017 Bella Vista Way/Teresita Blvd multiple hit and run and DUI incident. The next court hearing was on March 21 for another pretrial conference. The assigned ADA is continuing to attempt to resolve the case or have the matter set for trial. However, the ultimate discretion lies with the judge. The of-

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fer the ADA extended to the Defendant is 180 day's jail, 4 years of probation, restitution to all victims, 9 month First Offender DUI program, and all fines and fees. Unfortunately, the defendant has not accepted the offer and the ADA has not received any counter offers from his attorney.

# MPIC Supports SB 916- Act to Amend the Auto Burglary Definition

The MPIC sent a letter to State Senator Scott Wiener expressing our support of his bill, SB 916, to amend the auto burglary statute which will ensure that individuals who break into vehicles can be prosecuted for felony auto burglary when they've broken a window to gain access to the car, even in the absence of evidence that the vehicle was locked.

#### Crime Stats

<b>Date of Incident</b>	Time	Location	Type of Incident	Source	
2/14	8:43AM	900 Block Teresita	Theft/Larceny	Crimemapping.com	
3/1	6:50 PM	100 Block Encline Court	Burglary	Crimemapping.com	
3/2	9:17 AM	Unit Block Coventry Court	Vehicle Theft	Crimemapping.com	
3/5	9:39 AM	800 Block Detroit Street	Burglary	Crimemapping.com	
3/8	11:21 AM	Unit Block Stanford Heights	Burglary	Crimemapping.com	
3/19	8:52AM	Coventry Court	Burglary	Nextdoor.com	
A residential burglary just occurred at 0852 hours in the area of the unit-block of Coventry court. According to the 911 caller, the 4 "approximately 16-year-old suspects wearing hoodies" fled on foot on Coventry Court; one carrying a gym bag, toward Coventry Lane and Myra Way. If anyone has video pointed in the direction of where these suspects came from, the crime itself, or on the streets that they fled, please call Capt. Jack Hart at 415-404-4030 or email him at jack.hart@sfgov.org					
3/20	PM	Arrovo Wav	Burglary	Nextdoor.com	

#### **Miraloma Senior Community Connectors**

Thank you to all who have made our Senior program a success! Our exercise program for strength, flexibility and balance is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30AM to 11:30AM at Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church,located at 480 Teresita Blvd. On designated Thursdays, we have special events designed for senior interests:

#### Upcoming events:

April 5 – Kitchen Herbalism – Herbs for health and well being

April 12 – Healthy Salad – Recipe and demo for healthy eating

April 26 – CPR class

Upcoming in May: Memoir writing, first aid, senior preparedness, and Healthy Living a 6-week program aimed to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle, and help those fighting chronic disease. For more information contact your Community Connector – Darlene Ramlose at *darlene@sfcommunityliving.org* or by phone at 714-423-8844.

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#### SFPUC Updates Miraloma Park on Water Rate Increases and the Status of Blended Groundwater Supply

On March 21, Suzanne Gautier and Simone Hudson from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) came to the MPIC clubhouse and gave residents an update on the proposed water rate increase for 2019-2022 as well as an update on the blended groundwater supply project. Residents who attended asked great questions.



The city hired outside experts to analyze the city's water and sewer service operating and capital improvement needs to determine the next four year rate package for the period 2019-2022. The proposed increase is an average of \$10 a month and would also have an annual increase for the next 4 years. The increase by law can only cover the cost of water delivery and a reserve. Besides proposing rate increases to households in SF, other municipalities in the Bay Area that also get their water from our Hetch Hetchy water system will have their rates also increased. Many questions were raised about how these other municipalities could help subsidize any rate increase that is being proposed. Under the law, the city cannot make a profit from selling water. It can only recover its cost of service and a reserve. The proposed

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# SFPUC Updates on Water Rate Increases, Status of Blended Groundwater Supply

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increase in rates is principally related to ongoing sewer system improvements.

SFPUC wanted to remind us that there are still plenty of rebate opportunities and incentives for low income residents, water saving retrofits, toilet replacements and rain water/gray water diversion discounts.

Everyone is encouraged to go to *www.sfwater.org* and use the rate calculator to see what their rate increase will be. The next step is for the proposed rate increase to be heard by the SFPUC commission on April 10.

#### Blended Groundwater Supply Program

The Board of Supervisors held a hearing on the blended groundwater program last year and continued that hearing because the city had yet to start implementing blending. Since April 2017, the city has added small amounts of ground water from wells into our drinking supply. Currently, about 1.1% of our total drinking water consists of blended ground water from wells. Residents expressed concerns about pesticides seeping into the ground water. The SFPUC stated pesticides have not been detected in the ground water wells being used. It's expected that the Board of Supervisors will call up their hearing sometime in the next couple of months now that the SFPUC has actual water quality data results to report on since more ground water is being blended on a consistent basis.

#### **Save The Date**

On June 21, 2018 at the MPIC's annual election night event, our guest speakers will be (1) Capt. Jack Hart, Ingleside Station, (2) Margaret Buitrago, Assistant District Attorney and Ingleside District liaison and (3) Victoria Weatherford, Deputy City Attorney and Ingleside District liaison. Come and get an update on the latest issues they are working on in our community.



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# **Important Phone Numbers**

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EMERGENCY Land Line 9-1-1 or Cell Pho	one 415-533-8090		
All City Services 3-1-1 or	www.mysf311.org		
	police.org/reports		
Call Before You Dig (PG&E)	8-1-1		
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)	I-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		
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Norman Yee, Supervisor Dist. 7	415-554-6516		
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# **RENT the MPIC Clubhouse**





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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, 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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