

MIRALOMA LIFE

November 2018 - Issue 3

Upcoming Events

1 NOVEMBER

MPIC Board Meeting*
7:00 pm - MPIC Clubhouse

10 NOVEMBER

**Cornerstone Community Church
Community Brunch + Neighborhood Outreach**
10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church

6 DECEMBER

MPIC Board Meeting*
7:00 pm - MPIC Clubhouse

9 DECEMBER

MPIC Holiday Party!
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
MPIC Clubhouse
More details inside...

TUES + THURS

MP Community Connectors Seniors
10:30 am
Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church

*Members wishing to address the the Board should call (415) 281-0892 to request placement on the agenda

President's Message: Give Thanks!

Joanie van Rijn



Miraloma Park neighborhood volunteers cleaning up O'Shaughnessy Hollow on a beautiful October Saturday

November is the month of Thanksgiving, an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for all we have. I'm grateful that I live in Miraloma Park, a special neighborhood.

I'm thankful that many years ago neighborhood residents formed the Miraloma Park Improvement Club. We've been advocating for the neighborhood and building community for generations. The MPIC is only as strong as its Miraloma Park residents, and the residents make MPIC a robust organization.

The MPIC supports Miraloma Park NERT and has obtained grants through participatory budgeting so that our NERT has essential supplies to assist all of us in a disaster. MPIC brought to the neighborhood Community Connectors (a free program for seniors and disabled) and Resilient Miraloma Park (a community-driven disaster planning program). MPIC supports Miraloma Park Elementary, donating to school fund-raising activities, and supporting school initiatives.

I'm appreciative to the MPIC Board Members. They devote many hours to improve neighborhood safety, maintain natural habitats, ensure that planning guidelines are observed, promote resiliency, engage all residents and develop community.

Communication is essential for community. Through our website and Miraloma Life, we share news, ideas and experiences. Miraloma Life is produced by and for Miraloma Park residents. Thanks to all who contribute to Miraloma Life.

Miraloma Park is fortunate that we have a gathering-place, our Clubhouse. I'm thankful for this unique venue. On December 9, MPIC hosts its annual Holiday Party at the Clubhouse. I hope that you come to the party and celebrate!



State Government Overreach and California Senate Bill 831: Does One Size Fit All?

MPIC Planning and Zoning Committee

Numerous bills transferring authority for land use planning from local governments to Sacramento are making their way through the State Legislature. One such is CA SB 831 introduced by Senator Wieckowski and co-authored by Senators Atkins, Skinner, and Wiener. SB 831 will negate controls of building (and population) density throughout San Francisco's residential neighborhoods.

The way it is now

The SF Planning Code is designed "to promote and protect the public health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, convenience and general welfare, and for the following more particularly specified purposes:

- (a) To guide, control and regulate future growth and development in accordance with the General Plan of the City and County of San Francisco;
- (b) To protect the character and stability of residential, commercial and industrial areas within the City, and to promote the orderly and beneficial development of such areas;
- (c) To provide adequate light, air, privacy and convenience of access to property, and to secure safety from fire and other dangers;
- (d) To prevent overcrowding the land and undue congestion of population;
- (e) To regulate the location of buildings and the use of buildings and land adjacent to streets and thoroughfares, in such manner as to obviate the danger to public safety caused by undue interference with existing or prospective traffic movements on such streets and thoroughfares.

'Article 1.2, Sec 134. Rear Yards.

The rear yard requirements established by this Section 134 shall apply to every building in the districts listed below. To the extent that these provisions are inconsistent with any Special Use District or Residential Character District, the provisions of the Special Use District or Residential Character District shall apply. These requirements are intended to assure the protection and continuation of established midblock, landscaped open spaces, and maintenance of a scale of development appropriate to each district, consistent with the location of adjacent buildings... [in R1 and R1D] The minimum rear yard depth shall be equal to 25% of the total depth of the lot on which the building is situated, but in no case less than 15 feet.'



[Article 1. SEC. 101. PURPOSES. [http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/planning/planningcode?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:sanfrancisco_ca\\$anc=JD_Planning](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/California/planning/planningcode?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:sanfrancisco_ca$anc=JD_Planning)]

What if it passes?

SB 831 will render these and other SF Planning Code provisions, including single family zoning protections, null and void. Residential front and rear-yard open space and design review currently required under the SF Planning Code will cease to exist.

'65852.2. (a) (1) A local agency may, by ordinance, provide for the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use. The ordinance shall do all of the following:

(A) Designate areas within the jurisdiction of the local agency where accessory dwelling units may be excluded for health and safety, including fire safety, purposes, based on clear findings that are supported by substantial evidence...*a local agency may not implement standards for minimum lot size requirements for accessory dwelling units and shall allow for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit that complies with this section on any lot zoned for residential use, unless the local agency makes specific findings that the construction of the accessory dwelling unit would adversely impact public health and safety, including fire safety.*

(4) An existing ordinance governing the creation of an accessory dwelling unit by a local agency or an accessory dwelling ordinance adopted by a local agency shall provide an approval process that includes only [administrative] provisions for the approval of accessory dwelling units and shall not include any discretionary processes, provisions, or requirements for those units, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision. In the event that a local agency has an existing accessory dwelling unit ordinance that fails to

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meet the requirements of this subdivision, that ordinance shall be null and...that agency shall thereafter apply the standards established in this subdivision for the approval of accessory dwelling units, unless and until the agency adopts an ordinance that complies with this section.

(5) No other local ordinance, policy, or regulation shall be the basis for the delay or denial of a building permit or a use permit under this subdivision.' [Excerpted from CA SB 831: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB831.]

Note: Senator Wiekowski's impressive list of endorsements includes State Building and Construction Trades. Senator Wiener's equally impressive list includes State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, Building & Construction Trades Council (San Francisco), and Building & Construction Trades Council (San Mateo).

Learn about the City's concern with maintaining a positive, visually appealing, and healthful urban environment:

SF Residential Design Guidelines <http://sf-planning.org/sites/default/files/FileCenter/Documents/5356-resdesfinal.pdf>

Miraloma Park Residential Design Guidelines (adopted 1999, SF Planning Commission) <https://miralomapark.org/neighborhood/design-guidelines>

MPIC Safety Report: October - November 2018

MPIC Safety Committee Adopts Strategic Goals

The MPIC Safety Committee is currently chaired by Robert Gee and composed of the following volunteer residents: Bryan Forman, Debra Estrin, Pratibha Tekkey, Blake Engel and Karen Miller Wood. The Safety Committee was originally started almost 20 years ago to optimize police services and community safety in Miraloma Park. The committee recently adopted the following goals which will guide its activities to serve the Miraloma Park community:

- A. Establish and cultivate relationships with the Ingleside Police Station, its captain and officers,
- B. Advocate for police services in Miraloma Park,
- C. Perform safety related advocacy for Miraloma Park with City agencies (e.g., the District Supervisor, the District Attorney's Office, the City Attorney's Office,
- D. Recreation and Parks Department, San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Department of Building Inspection, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, etc.),
- E. Promote crime prevention through education,
- F. Report on criminal activity in the neighborhood and, in specific cases of interest, report on new developments in those cases,
- G. Inform the community of activities and accomplishments of the Committee,
- H. Work with the city agencies to optimize traffic and pedestrian safety.

Results of SFMTA Stop Sign Assessment at Teresita Blvd, Marietta Drive and Bella Vista Way

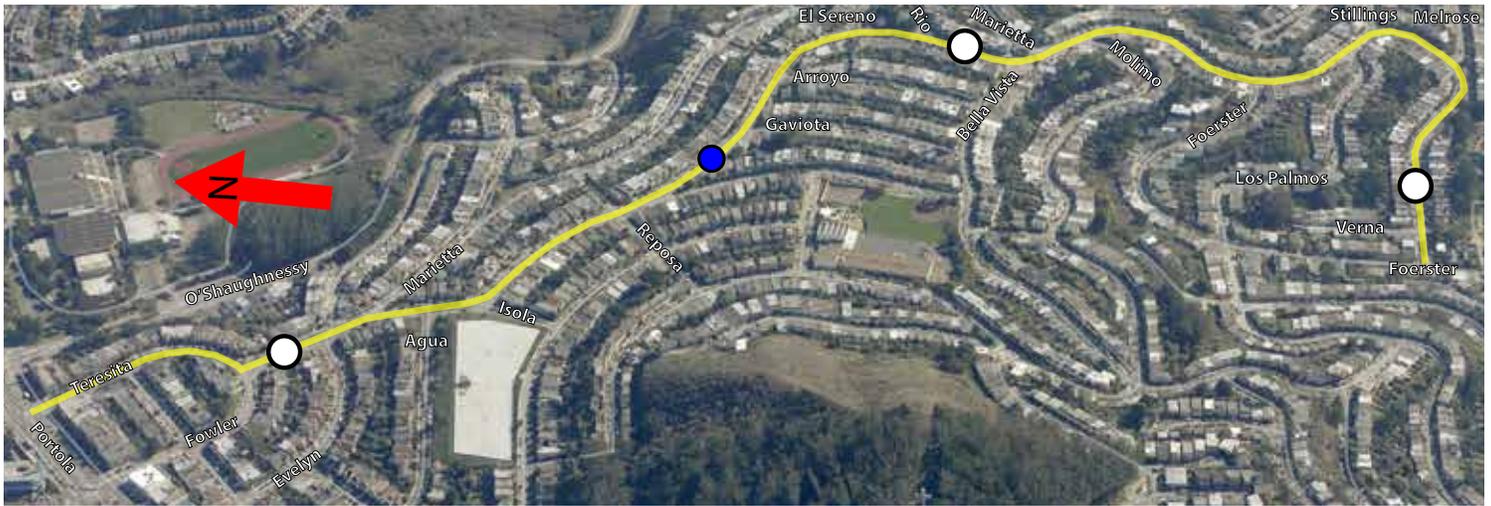
On September 26, 2018 Thomas Folks, Senior Engineer with the SFMTA, notified the MPIC that they could not support the stop signs initially requested by a resident and supported by the MPIC:

"Unfortunately, we currently cannot recommend your request after evaluating the location for STOP signs. The location is currently controlled with STOP signs at Bella Vista Way and Marietta Drive to clarify that vehicles entering the intersection must yield to those traveling along Teresita Boulevard as it is the major vehicular approach and classified as a minor arterial.

We have performed field evaluations at the location, which includes an examination of the sightlines, as well as pedestrian and traffic volumes counted during off-peak hours. Our guidelines call for the collection of off-peak hour volumes, which are projected up to estimate average daily traffic. The installation of STOP signs are assessed with consideration of daily traffic volumes at an intersection; your proposal for peak hour traffic counts at this location would exaggerate these projections. From our observations, the vast majority of users adhered to the right-of-way rules. This assertion is substantiated by the reported collision history of this location in the past five years by the San Francisco Police Department.

Currently high visibility continental crosswalks are installed across Marietta Drive, Bella Vista Way, and Teresita Boulevard to increase pedestrian visibility

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○ Final Planned Locations location of 3 Teresita speed cushions ● Existing speed cushion

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and notify motorists of potential pedestrian activity in the area. In addition, Pedestrian Warning signs and Yield to Pedestrian within Crosswalk signs are located along Teresita Blvd. A proposal for speed cushions on Teresita Blvd between Rio Court and Bella Vista Way is being considered...to help mitigate speeding concerns."



Portola - Marne - Miraloma Drive Intersection

Final Decision by the SFMTA on Teresita Blvd Speed Cushions

A second SFMTA public hearing on the 4 proposed Teresita speed cushions was held on October 5, 2018 at which was presented a petition signed by 20 residents on Teresita between Isola and Reposa opposing the cushion being placed in front of their homes. SFMTA stated that, in general, they try to place cushions away from houses that voted no, but between Reposa and Isola this was the only workable location based on their speed study analysis. To move the other three cushions to implementation while respecting resident concerns, SFMTA decided to drop the proposed cushion between Reposa and Isola and

implement the other three. These are between Fowler Way and Evelyn Way, between Rio Court and Bella Vista Way, and between Melrose Ave and Verna Street (closer to Verna).

SFPD Incident Reports: September 14, 2018 – October 12, 2018

Crime stats extracted from the SFPD database which is more accurate than the Crimemapping.com website.

DATE	TIME	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
9-14-2018	12:17	Sydney\Fowler/Portola	Larceny Theft - Shoplifting
9-15-2018	12:47	Foerster\Melrose	Intimidation
9-17-2018	0:15	La Bica \ Rockdale	Motor Vehicle Theft
9-18-2018	0:00	Teresita\Agua	Larceny - From Vehicle
9-18-2018	5:00	Teresita\Marietta	Larceny - From Vehicle
9-19-2018	23:00	Chaves \ Del Sur	Theft - from Vehicle
9-19-2018	16:00	Teresita \ Marietta \ Molimo	Larceny - from Vehicle
9-20-2018	9:13	Woodside \ Oshaughnessy\Portola	Larceny Theft - Other
9-26-2018	13:50	700 Portola	Robbery
9-29-2018	18:00	Portola & Evelyn Way	Indecent Exposure
A fifteen year old girl was surprised and startled when the driver of a red pickup truck exposed himself as she crossed the street. The young woman ran toward the nearby pharmacy to call police but during her trip the driver drove by and repeated the assault. Ingleside Officers Wise, Portillo, and Martinez searched the area for the suspect without success.			
9-29-2018	12:25	Melrose\Stanford Heights	Violation of Stay Away Order
9-29-2018	12:00	Teresita\Los Palomos	Motor Vehicle Theft
10-1-2018	4:00	Avoca Alley\Myra	Battery, former spouse or dating relationship/ Vandalism
10-2-2018	9:00	Teresita\Portola	Larceny Theft
10-2-2018	12:46	Woodside\Oshaughnessy\Portola	Larceny Theft from Building
10-6-2018	12:30	Foerster\Melrose	Dog Bite
10-11-18	20:30	El Sereno\Marietta	Motor Vehicle Theft
10-12-18	15:00	Woodside\Oshaughnessy\Portola	Battery and Stolen Property

Update on the Guilty Plea in the case of People v. Phouthalom Phasavath

This was the December 19, 2017 vehicle break in at the 200 Block of Evelyn Way. The defendant, Mr. Phasavath, was wearing a ski mask and left the scene in a vehicle with paper plates. He was caught shortly thereafter with the stolen property, burglary tools and mask down on Monterey Blvd. Mr. Phasavath pled guilty, but the judge agreed to a DEJ or "deferred entry of judgment" where if Mr. Phasavath adheres to certain terms over a period of time, the judge won't even enter the guilty plea and it will be purged from the record. The judge granted the DEJ is because Mr. Phasavath has a minimal criminal history and is still quite young. The intent is to not set a young person down a path of incarceration, more crime, recidivism, and further disruption to communities like ours. The DEJ decision was made over the objection of the ADA.

The ADA just informed us that Mr. Phasavath violated the terms of the DEJ and failed to appear in court and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He is now back in custody and will be sentenced on the previous matter; no date has been set as of yet.

Exploring a Neighborhood Program to Increase Security Cameras

We recently learned of the Cayuga Improvement Association's Security Camera Initiative, their program aimed to deter nuisances by increasing security cameras on both residential and commercial properties in their neighborhood. They must gather enough interested residents and business owners to negotiate a bulk purchase with a camera manufacturer or provider presumably at a material discount.

MPIC Safety Committee member Blake Engel is in contact with the Cayuga Improvement Association to learn more about their program and with other neighborhood organizations to determine if a similar program might be feasible for Miraloma Park.

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647 Teresita	4/2	\$1.495 M	421 Molimo	3/2	\$1.425 M
193 Marietta	3/3	\$1,495 M	190 Marietta	3/2	\$1.5 M
571 Myra	3/4.5	\$1.5 M	502 Molimo	3/2	\$1.65 M
44 Molimo	3/2.5	\$1.595 M	190 Marietta	3/2	\$1.5 M
10 El Sereno	3/3	\$1,795 M	417 Teresita	3/2	\$1.65 M
863 Foerster	4/2.5	\$1.95 M	160 Encline	4/3	\$1.785 M
			901 Rockdale	3/2	\$1.820 M
PENDING					
347 Los Palmos	2/1	\$899,000			
928 Teresita	3/1	\$1.295 M			
310 Cresta Vista	4/2	\$1.495 M			
207 Juanita	4/2	\$1.655 M			
953 Teresita	4/3	\$1.655 M			

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Miraloma Community Connectors Upcoming Events

Darlene Ramlose

Along with our popular weekly exercise classes held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am, we have some very exciting and impactful events in for our senior community.

Three-week workshop for Preparedness, First Aid and Fire Safety:

- November 1, 11:45 AM - Preparedness (get ready and be prepared for an emergency)
- November 8, 11:45 AM- First Aid (learn first aid to keep yourself and family safe)
- November 29, 11:45 AM - Fire Safety and workshop graduation.

You must attend all 3 classes to obtain a certificate and your emergency crank radio.

November 15, 11:45 AM- Hearing and Vision Clinic and workshop. Get your hearing and vision checked and learn about available options.

December 15, Noon - Christmas Potluck Party Bring your favorite dish to share. Fun and games for all. A great opportunity to socialize!

January 10, 2019, 11:45 AM Friendships and Relationships Workshop Although we cherish our old friends, making new friends is good for you! There are many health benefits to friendships, just as a good diet, adequate and exercise. Learn how to strengthen and nurture your friendships and relationships.

All exercise classes and other events are held at Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church, located at 480 Teresita Blvd.



November 8, 2018 @ 7pm Miralmoa Park NERTS

If you are interested in becoming a Miraloma Park NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) Member join us at 7:00 PM at the Miraloma Park Clubhouse.

Topic for the evening: First Aid

Learn More:

miralomapark.org/what-we-do/nert



MIRALOMA PARK COMMUNITY CONNECTORS SENIOR PROGRAM

We're changing strangers into neighbors and neighbors into friends. All Miraloma neighbors over 60 are invited to join us for strength, flexibility and balance exercises.

Exercise every Tuesday and Thursday

10:30 am to 11:30 am

**Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church
480 Teresita Blvd.**

For more information contact:

Darlene Ramlose, Miraloma Community Connector

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Visit us on our Facebook page:

Miraloma Park Community Connectors

NEW EVENTS COMING IN 2019

January 10 - 11: 45 am

Friendship + Relationships Workshop

Learn how to strengthen and nurture your current and new friendships and relationships.

Walk...Talk... Hawk!

Ruth Cox, Miraloma Park Resident

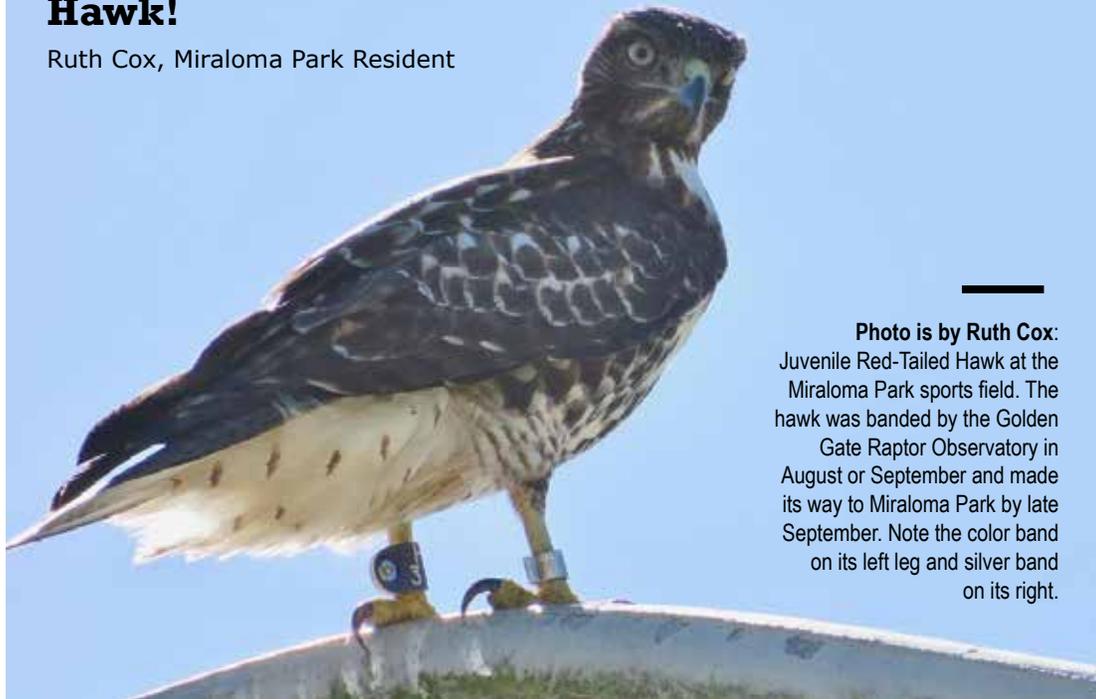


Photo is by Ruth Cox:
Juvenile Red-Tailed Hawk at the Miraloma Park sports field. The hawk was banded by the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in August or September and made its way to Miraloma Park by late September. Note the color band on its left leg and silver band on its right.

For many years on our “walk/talk” hikes around Mt. Davidson, my friend Kate Clements and I have observed plants, trees, birds, and a range of critters. But in late September, we had a truly unusual encounter. We noticed a rustling on the ground in bushes next to the Miraloma sports field. At first, we thought it might be a raccoon or cat, but were suddenly startled to see the creature take flight up to the top of the chain-link fence next to the baseball field. It was a hawk with a freshly caught mouse dangling from its beak!

I dashed home to get a camera and was delighted to find the hawk still perched on a lamp pole finishing its lunch. I snapped a few pictures and observed the bird with binoculars as it lingered all afternoon in front of the playground, making several more hunting attempts. Later, zooming in on the photos on my computer, I realized that both legs had been banded. We contacted neighbor Jean Perata, a volunteer for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) to inquire if she could tell us what the bands might mean.

After looking at the pictures, Jean confirmed that it was a juvenile Red-Tailed Hawk banded by the GGRO. For over 30 years, the GGRO has been a program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in cooperation with the National Park Service. It was formed in the early 1980s to track the Golden Gate migration, an annual flight of tens of thousands of hawks, eagles, falcons, and vultures, birds collectively called “raptors.”

Jean said that during the fall migration, GGRO volunteers band about 1,000 hawks. The bands are provided by the U.S. Bird Banding Laboratory; they are silver in color and each has a unique 9-digit code. A few years ago, GGRO began a study, banding Red-Tailed Hawks and Cooper’s Hawks with a green or lavender color band (in addition to the silver band). Each color band has a unique 3-digit alphanumeric code (a capital letter above a two-digit number) repeated twice.

The color bands are easier to read through binoculars or telescopes. The GGRO hopes that people will report the information on the color band so that more data can be captured on individual hawks, such as where and when the hawk was observed. These reports will increase our ability to understand where these birds go, how long they live, their survival rates, and habitats they use. For other “community scientists” out there, if you see a color band on a hawk, please note whether it was on the bird’s right or left leg, and try to read

the code on the band or get a picture (e.g., through your spotting scope or with your digital camera). Report sightings to the Bird Banding Laboratory at www.reportband.gov and call the GGRO with any questions at **(415)331-0730**.

It was a delightful surprise to participate in community science across the street from our house! As more mice appear in our neighborhood (and homes) this fall and winter, it’s important to remember never to use rodenticides or any form of poison to kill rodents, as they are a main food source for the magnificent raptors visiting our hill. Our Miraloma Park neighborhood can play a role to support the study of migrating birds of prey along the Pacific Coast and help to preserve raptor populations in California.



Learn humane ways to rid your home of rats and mice:

Raptors Are The Solution (RATS)

<https://www.raptorsarethesolution.org>

You’ll find answers to these questions:

How can I safely kill rats and mice?

What over-the-counter rat and mouse poisons should I avoid?

Where can I find scientific articles on rodenticides, wildlife and pets?

Do some pest control companies use non-toxic solutions?

District Attorney George Gascón Meets with Neighborhood Association Leaders

Robert Gee, MPIC Safety Committee



On September 20, 2018, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón (inset) held his first meeting with neighborhood association leaders to discuss community public safety concerns. MPIC Safety Committee Chair Robert Gee attended the meeting on

behalf of the MPIC. Neighborhoods represented included Sunnyside, South Beach, Union Square Merchants, Yerba Buena Center, Eureka Valley, Castro, Bayview, Lower Polk, Middle Polk, Cole Valley/Haight Ashbury, Buena Vista, Potrero Hill and Nob Hill. Surprisingly, the MPIC and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association were the only west side neighborhoods represented at this City-wide neighborhood meeting.

I stated that the principal crime concerns for Miraloma Park were residential burglaries, stolen vehicles, and thefts from vehicles and that it's important for our community to learn how cases are addressed by the DA's office and the courts. But by far the largest crime issues cited by the attending neighborhoods involved quality of life offenses. The list below shows issues cited in descending order of their importance to the various neighborhoods, many occurring daily and often.

- Lots of homeless concerns.
- Rampant open drug use.
- Aggressive street behavior. Many neighborhoods said there were many different types of street people: those who want help, those who don't, those just passing through the neighborhood. Many just sit around, and residents are unable to get out of their houses.
- Mental health.
- Large quantities of needles on streets. Union Square reported collecting 1,800 needles per month from their streets.
- Public defecation.
- Car break-ins.
- Vice issues.
- Sit/Lie violations.
- Trash on the streets.
- Open drinking.
- Panhandling.
- Traffic and pedestrian issues, illegal crossing.

- Shoplifting.
- Illegal camping.
- Health Code violations involving dogs.
- People living in cars.
- Residential burglaries.

The DA discussed his office's various ways of addressing graffiti offenses, the cost of which is \$20 million/year and for which just a small group of offenders in the Bay Area are responsible, with 174 YTD arrests and only 20 police reports filed. The DA's office has been trying to come up with creative solutions to prevent future tagging and gave an example of one individual who was arrested that faced up to 10 years in prison. Overall tagging decreased after the arrest. Instead of incarceration, the DA had the defendant agree to search terms, no graffiti tools, and cleaning up a geographical area of tagging done by fellow taggers.

The DA's office provided these statistics for residential and auto burglaries:

CRIME TYPE	INCIDENTS REPORTED	ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	PROSECUTION RATE	CHANGE
Residential Burglaries	4402	453	10%	89%	Down 6%
Auto Burglaries	49,000	822	1.6%	82%	Unavailable

The DA discussed the DeShawn Patton auto burglar case which involved a serial repeat offender. Learning that the assigned judge was leaning towards granting a lenient sentence—i.e., no jail time—the DA's office notified community groups and the media, with the result that citizens showed up in court. Patton was sentenced to four years in state prison. The DA urges citizens to attend court hearings and trials, as their presence assists prosecutors' efforts.

With respect to burglaries, the DA's Crime Strategies Unit works with SFPD district stations, the community, the SFPD burglary unit, and DA data analysts focusing on serial burglars. They look to time of day, locations of crimes, and types of vehicles involved. (Burglars often use rental cars.) It is important for the community to provide video evidence and to come to court. The DA stated that organized crime groups are responsible for most SF burglaries.

DA Gascón also described the problems resulting from the understaffing of his team: each of his line attorneys carries on average more than 100 cases, and San Francisco cases spend more time in courts than do those of other cities. A misdemeanor case can spend 5-6 days in court; a felony case can take 2-3 weeks in court to be resolved. There are no bench trials in San Francisco: are only jury trials.

One participant asked how the neighborhoods can help the DA's office to obtain increased funding. Mr. Gascón replied that we, the neighborhood groups in attendance, need to lay out a blueprint of actions and based on that blueprint, determine the funding needed.

The main strategy in auto burglary prosecutions is to identify repeat offenders who commit the vast majority of the crimes. The DA's office works with the SFPD to improve investigations and provide evidence leading to higher conviction rates.

Public nuisance issues represented the largest concerns of the neighborhoods present at this meeting. They meet with individual officers on quality of life cases, each of which is unique and requires creating an individualized strategy. Police officers issue citations for quality of life crimes, which typically are infractions. The DA's office doesn't prosecute infractions—only misdemeanors and felonies. Often the SFPD and DA's office create strategies for serious repeat infraction offenders. For example with a repeat transient playing amplified music day and night out in the street, SFPD measurement of the music's decibel level can elevate the offense from infraction to misdemeanor, thus involving DA prosecution of the offender. Unfortunately, court tend to dismiss quality of life crime cases.

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The DA mentioned the recent 9th Circuit Court of Appeals opinion in which the Court ruled that police can't arrest someone for an illegal encampment unless the city provides them with housing. That case is causing the DA's office to rethink how to handle homeless encampments since there isn't housing sufficient to meet the needs of approximately 7,000- 8,000 homeless.

The DA said that he created the Sit Lie law and admits it doesn't work and it was a personal failure. He said he created the concept of the Community Police Advisory Board in each police district. (The MPIC is a member of the Ingleside Community Police Advisory Board). In order to tackle the latest issues, he says that creative thinking is needed, that courts need to be held accountable and working together with the communities and government- things will change.

He said mental health diversion for all crimes was signed by the governor resulting in such cases never seeing jail or court. There is a need to come up with creative ways to move homeless off streets and into

treatment facilities. Currently, there can be a 3 month wait for mental health services.

In general, government and communities together have to find ways to come up with solutions.

Infractions really have no consequences for individuals, and no warrants are issued for non-payment of infractions. The police and DA need to find a way to elevate the crime to a misdemeanor or felony level using creative strategies. A creative strategy for homeless encampments would consider whether any stolen property was found in the tent. That would elevate the offense of an illegal encampment from an infraction /ticket. He repeated that his office and police need to come up with different strategies.

Next Steps

The DA's desire is to start holding monthly neighborhood leader meetings with the goal of the large group developing effective and efficient solutions to the quality of life issues raised in this meeting. However, the MPIC believes that attending the DA's monthly meeting with such a large and diverse group of neighborhoods is not the most effective method of addressing our community's needs unless the subject of the meeting involves one of the primary concerns for our neighborhood. There are just too many neighborhoods with competing concerns.

We decided that we would continue to be more effective working directly with (1) Maggie Buitrago, our ADA liaison for the Ingleside District, (2) Capt. Hart and the Ingleside police station and (3) the Ingleside Community Police Advisory Board on crime issues impacting our neighborhood.

Ed.'s Note: Do you see a problem here? If the police and DA need continually to develop "creative" strategies in an effort to achieve at least some measure of community safety, something is broken in our City government.

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Shopping without Waste

Catherine Homsey

Have you tried shopping second hand? You've probably shopped garage sales or antique stores and found some gems, right? A lot of people are fine with buying second hand, household items, but some people have trouble buying clothing second hand. Why is this and why does it matter?

It probably isn't obvious, but the production and distribution of new clothing produces enormous amounts of waste and pollution.

Americans throw away about 25 billion pounds of clothing every year. 80% of it goes to the landfill or incinerator.

Textile production is one of the most polluting industries, producing 1.2 billion tons of CO2 equivalent per year, more than international flights and maritime shipping. A large portion of clothing manufacturing occurs in China and India, countries which rely on coal-fueled power plants. That's just the textile production. Dyeing, treating, packaging and shipping produces its own CO2 emissions, as well as water pollution.

What to do? Well, to start with, when you are finished with your clothing, donate, sell or give it away. If it's no longer wearable, recycle it by putting it in a bag in your blue bin, or upcycle it.

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Think about all those CO2 emissions that come from new clothing. There are lots of reasons people resist buying used, but there's no reason not to try it. Second hand clothes are no dirtier than new – especially when you consider that new clothing has been

treated with toxic chemicals and tried on by people. You wouldn't wear something new without washing it, right? It's the same for second hand stuff.

If you think you won't be in style, think about that. First of all, people buy and discard clothes so frequently that the clothes in second hand shops are really not that old. Second, where did we get the idea that we can only wear what came out this season? We've bought into the idea that we need to update constantly. But this practice is actually terrible for our planet, the air we breathe, the water we drink and for our bank accounts!

So, you're ready to shop second hand. Now what?

Make a list of what you need – Walking into a thrift store without a plan can be overwhelming.

Make a budget – This will help you avoid impulse buys.

Know your closet! Go through your closet. What do you love? What don't you wear? What is special about the things you love?



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Know yourself! If it looks great on you, go for it! If makes you look or feel dumpy, just say no!

Hassle free - Wear clothing that will make it easy for you to try things on.

Visit the store sections that match your list. Flip through all the clothing, even beyond your size section. You may find something perfect in the smalls although you usually wear medium.

Relax, and take your time.

Try it on. Don't judge by the brand or the size label.

Take your time in the dressing room. Look in the mirror from different angles. Fit is the most important thing! If it doesn't fit well, you won't wear it.

Don't be afraid to tailor something. Here are some guidelines regarding repairs or tailoring:

Easy Fixes:

- Shortening the hem or sleeves, bringing in the waist, or tapering.
- Repairing a torn seam.

Medium Fixes:

- Replacing buttons, zippers, and hardware.
- Resoling or mending shoes. A good cobbler can do this, but make sure the shoe is worth the cost.
- Rips in the fabric, not along a seam.

Hard Fixes:

- Repairing damaged embellishments like beads, sequins, etc. This may cost a lot.
- Tailoring heavily structured pieces like blazers. It can be done, but it will be expensive.

- Replacing a lining. Again, this requires time and expertise, so it will cost money.

Impossible Fixes:

- Making something bigger. Most clothes don't have the extra fabric required.
- Repairing cracked leather or fur. Once leather starts to crack, there is no way repair it.

Now that you have an idea of what to look for, walk through the store a few times. It's easy to miss things the first time.

Try not to overbuy -

If you don't love it, don't buy it.

If you're on the fence, **put it on hold and think on it.**

Check the fabric and the care instructions. Make sure it's easy to clean.

Does it work with other items you already own?

Can you envision wearing it regularly?

Don't buy clothing for a goal weight or lifestyle you aren't currently living.

Don't be afraid to leave empty handed! It's better to leave the store with nothing than to buy something you won't really wear and will have to discard later.

Wash or clean your new-to-you clothing right away.

Finally, enjoy yourself and feel proud that you are saving resources and

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