

MIRALOMA LIFE

January 2019 - Issue 5

Upcoming Events

6 JANUARY

MPIC Board Meeting*
7:00 pm - MPIC Clubhouse

17 JANUARY

NERT Meeting & Practice
7:00 pm - MPIC Clubhouse

TUES + THURS

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

WEDNESDAYS

MP Community Connectors Seniors
10:30 am - MPIC Clubhouse

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

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Block Champion Program Launches This Month

Building a Stronger & Safer Miraloma Park from the Block Up!



The Block Champion Program was designed in response to the growing body of evidence that neighbors who are connected socially are more likely to survive stress events and remain healthy, vibrant members of communities.

The program started in 2016, after seeing communities near and far come under incredible stress from earthquakes, hurricanes, wild fires and heat waves, our community voted to secure a participatory budget grant from Supervisor Norman Yee's office to create a program that empowers one or more neighbors on each block to be ready to care for their families and immediate neighbors during times of stress. Called the Block Champion program, participants receive a cache of supplies and customized training that advance their efforts to support the health and well-being of their neighbors should they need help. We have funding to support 31 Block Champions.

Orientation Meetings for the Block Champion Program

MPIC Clubhouse, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd., on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 7 to 8pm

Saturday, February 2, 2019 11am to noon.

Please visit the MPIC Block Champion web page at <https://miralomapark.org/what-we-do/block-champion/> to learn more about the Block Champion program and sign up to attend one of the orientations.

We are committed to creating a program that does not require a ton of time while at the same time generating a real benefit for you, your family and community. If you would like to learn more, email your Miraloma Park Block Champion team at blockchampion94127@gmail.com.

Be Ready, Be Connected, Be a Champion!



George Davidson and photo of Mount Davidson from 1885

You Know the Mountain. Do You Know the Man?

Jacque Proctor

When I say live on Mt. Davidson, many of my fellow San Franciscans respond by saying “where is that?”

Despite it being the City’s highest hill, even more obscure to most, is who was George Davidson? Oscar Lewis wrote the first detailed biography of our neighborhood mountain’s namesake in 1954 and lauded the pioneer scholar as having a dominant role in the beginning of scientific activity on the Pacific Coast for more than half a century, 1850-1911.

As head of a U.S. Coast Survey party in 1850, he prepared charts and other navigational aids for the sudden surge of Gold Rush ships coming to West Coast. For 45 years he charted virtually every mile of the coastline from the Mexican border to northernmost Alaska. His navigational data was known by West Coast mariners as “Davidson’s Bible.” Davidson’s Quadrilaterals, the base lines he measured in the Sacramento Valley and in southern California, upon which the primary triangulation of the Pacific Coast states is based, is considered one of his greatest achievements.

Elected President of the California Academy of Sciences in 1872, many consider him the “father of western science.” One of the few in the Academy with formal scientific training, he began work to move it to a larger space, open exhibits, hold public meetings, host noted scientists from around the globe, and collect funds to build a brand-new museum. Under his leadership, the Academy would become a major force in the development of astronomy on the West Coast and California becoming home to some of the finest astronomical instruments in existence.

Davidson established the first astronomical observatory on the Pacific Coast in what is now Lafayette Park in San

Francisco. Millionaire Gold Rush landowner, James Lick, was persuaded by Davidson to use his fortune to build the world’s first permanent mountain top observatory on Mt. Hamilton, as a gift to the University of California. This observatory set the standard for nearly every major astronomical facility built since and gained fame by bouncing lasers off mirrors placed on the moon by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. Oakland’s Chabot Observatory, one of the best available for public use, was built by Anthony Chabot at the urging of Davidson.

Expeditions to Japan and Corro Roblero to study the path of the planet, Venus, were led by Davidson and his geographical exploration of Alaska in 1867 resulted in his recommendation that the U.S. purchase the territory from Russia. He studied irrigation and reclamation methods in China, India, and Egypt. The route for the Panama Canal was mapped by Davidson. He held professorships and served on the Board of Regents for the University of California during his tenure there from 1870 to his death in 1911.

Davidson wrote in 1900 that he had traveled 401,888 miles during his lifetime – roughly 16 times the circumference of the world. An incredible accomplishment given the modes of transportation available at the time. The result of his many explorations and discoveries is that many geographical features are named for him, including our Mt. Davidson here in San Francisco. As a longtime member of the Sierra Club, the group successfully petitioned the Board of Supervisors to name San Francisco’s highest hill for Davidson when he died in 1911. John Muir was to lead the dedication on Feb. 22nd. Drizzly weather caused Muir to cancel and the ceremony was led by the club’s vice-president, Prof. Alexander McAdie.

Two other mountains have been named for Davidson: above Virginia City, Nevada, and on Nagai Island in Alaska. Also, in Alaska is the Davidson Glacier, Davidson Inlet,

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You Know the Mountain...

Davidson Bank, and the Davidson Range. Many more geographical locations bear his name, including the Davidson Seamount is southwest of Monterey and there is a NOAA ship named Davidson. As part of his coast survey work, Davidson named many geographical features and locations along the Pacific Coast, but he never named anything after himself. He went to great lengths to research if a name already existed from previous explorations and to sort out multiple names and spellings given to a place by native Americans, the early explorers, Spanish settlers, and subsequently, Americans. His preference was to use the earliest name and standardize its use and spelling, commenting once, "I found for Sausalito ten or twelve spellings and for Bonita four or five, to say nothing of different names applied for the same locality."

Our little mountain named to honor George Davidson's high number of achievements, serves as an inspiration to all of us who enjoy the City park at its peak.

President's Message

Joanie van Rijn

You Belong Here in Miraloma Park, We Are Happy You Are Here!

Happy New Year! I hope you had a joyful holiday and are ready to greet this new year with good health and energy to spare. I invite all of you to renew your MPIC membership and if you are still thinking about joining but have not gotten around to it. THE TIME IS NOW!

I want to THANK all of the people who joined Miraloma Park Improvement Club last year. We welcomed new members from the Community Connectors exercise class, which is free to all seniors, and to many new families who moved into our neighborhood.

We closed 2018 with the Holiday Party and Bake-off, one of our popular community events that MPIC has hosted for 26 years. MPIC also is sponsoring the Community Connectors FREE Senior exercise classes at Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church. MPIC has written grants through the Participatory Budgeting process and we have acquired more than \$125,000 in funding for our neighborhood. Projects include: funds for Senior programming, traffic calming, earthquake preparedness equipment, and the new Block Champion Program which begins this year. This work is done by residents who are members of MPIC. You can show support by joining or renewing your membership.

Your neighborhood's vitality derives its strength from you and your participation. You belong here in Miraloma Park and we are happy you are here. Please renew or join and become a member of MPIC.

Now is the time to go to the website:

miralomapark.org and hit the **JOIN** tab on the top of the page or use the convenient envelope and either drop your check into the mailbox at the MPIC Clubhouse or put a stamp on it. Either way, you have joined in supporting the best neighborhood in the City.



**BECOME
AN MPIC
MEMBER
OR RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

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MPIC does not share membership information with other parties or organizations.

NEW MEMBER RENEWING MEMBER Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed are my dues for the next 12 months (check one):

- \$12 Senior Member \$15 Single Member \$25 Family Membership
 \$35 Supporting Member \$50 Contributing Member \$100 Sustaining Member
 \$ _____ Other

PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL REMINDER TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP!

Your Resilient Miraloma Park Team: Winter Neighborhood Empowerment Network Meeting

MPIC

The MPIC has partnered with the City's Neighborhood Empowerment Network to create and implement a plan to strengthen our community so that during times of stress every resident will feel safe and empowered. The initiative, called [Resilient Miraloma Park](#) which was launched in 2014, is a highly-focused, professionally facilitated process which is generating meaningful outcomes that MPIC is stewarding through implementation.

What is the Neighborhood Empowerment Network or NEN? It is a cross-sector cohort of City-wide resident leaders, community & faith-based organizations, City agencies, private sector stakeholders, academic and philanthropic institutions. They align their expertise, programs, technical and financial resources to advance the development of tools, resources and methods that empower communities to strengthen their capacity to advance their resilience goals.

On December 3, 2018 Resilient Miraloma Park leaders: Joanie Van Rijn, Jean Perata, Bryan Forman, Guido Van Rijn and Robert Gee, along with other SF neighborhood teams attended the Neighborhood Empowerment Network Winter Meeting at the Red Cross office in San Francisco.

The meeting was led by Miraloma Park's Daniel Homsey, who is the Director of the Neighborhood Empowerment Network for the City Administrator's Office of SF.

Currently 12 neighborhoods in the City participate in their own Resiliency program under the NEN umbrella. Miraloma Park is one of the original 8 Resiliency teams.



January 17, 2019 @ 7pm Miraloma Park NERT's at the MPIC Clubhouse

Come learn about First Aid and practice your triage skills. We welcome all NERTs, certified or lapsed. January's meeting includes West Portal, Sunnyside and Glen Park NERTs. Let's practice together and get stronger.

Don't miss out on a chance to keep your skills fine-tuned!



Daniel Homsey leading the discussion with neighborhood Resiliency leaders

Along with each neighborhood reporting on their team's progress and successes, Daniel Homsey discussed:

- The organization called One Source, who is working with the resilient program on using artificial intelligence to provide potential earthquake impacts right down to the block level to identify potential liquefaction and potential red and yellow tagging of houses. This can be extremely helpful in planning mitigation and evaluating locations where neighborhood support centers might be located. Daniel said that One Source will be able to provide such data for each of the Resilient neighborhoods.
- The NEN and Resilient Bayview final toolkit regarding activating a heat center in their neighborhood and how it can be a template for other neighborhoods to follow. Credit was also given to Resilient Diamond Heights for their efforts on activating a heat center last year.
- Expansion of the Leadership Academy to teach our future neighborhood leaders. It was first rolled out in Resilient Ocean-Merced-Ingleside with great success. Finding new leaders is always a challenge.
- Success of 2018 Neighborhoodfest block party program where there were more applicants than available funding. The NEN is working on a how backyards can be used as a shelter in place strategy for the Resiliency neighborhoods to deploy. There was also discussion on the need for a general neighborhood activation strategy if a stressful event should occur. A prototype of the Neighborhood Emergency Operations Center that can be used by each Resiliency neighborhood is being worked on.



New Year's Resolution: Adopt a Drain!

Jean Perata



Storm drain on Teresita Boulevard in need of adoption



Catch-22 adopted and cared for storm drain

Thinking of a way to support your community this year? Why not adopt a drain? If you adopt a drain, you'll make sure that rain and water run-off goes where it should – to a catch basin drain and then the sewer. You'll help reduce localized flooding, promote safety for walkers and help beautify our neighborhood.

My husband and I adopted a drain at the corner of Teresita and Stillings. Why that drain? One of my neighbors had already adopted a catch basin close to our home. (Thanks, Jonathan!) I visited the SF Adopt-a-Drain website (<https://adoptadrain.sfwater.org/>) to see if a catch basin at the west side of the Stillings and Teresita intersection was available. Why that catch basin? It's close to our home and the drain is in a crosswalk and near a 36 Bus stop. (Both the crosswalk and bus stop see heavy foot traffic.)

On the website I found that some Miraloma catch basins had been adopted, but many are in need of adoption. I also discovered that the catch basin at Stillings and Teresita was open for adoption. As part of the adoption process, we were able to name the catch basin. I named it "Catch-22". My husband and I swept the gutters leading to Catch-22 and removed the pine needles, leaves and tree branches that had gathered at the catch basin. All went into the green bin.

Adopting a catch basin is easy. The interactive map at <https://adoptadrain.sfwater.org/> is easy to use and

interesting. It shows which catch basins and sewers are adopted and which aren't. It identifies those that drain to the ocean or bay and those in need – drains that tend to get dirtier than their siblings and need more TLC. Caring for an adopted drain is also easy. You're advised to clear the drain before it starts raining; put leaves and natural materials in the green compost bin and trash in the black garbage bin and clear about 10 feet on both sides of the drain.

So, give some thought to adopting a catch basin. Joint custody (adoption by you and your neighbor) is possible. Consider a family adoption. It teaches children the importance of community involvement and taking care of their neighborhood.



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MIRALOMA PARK COMMUNITY CONNECTORS SENIOR PROGRAM

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Wednesday and Thursday**

10:30 am to 11:30 am

**Tue & Thur: Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church
Wed: MPIC Clubhouse**

For more information contact:
Darlene Ramlose, Miraloma Community Connector
darlene@sfccommunityliving.org or
714-423-8844.

Visit us on our Facebook page:
Miraloma Park Community Connectors.

FEBRUARY & MARCH COURSES

Time to Choose, End of Life Options

Gaining Through Loss

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& supportive environment!

Miraloma Community Connectors Upcoming Events

Darlene Ramlose

MORE Always Active Exercise Class Options For 2019
Starting January 9th: New Wednesday Class at 10:30am
at the MPIC Clubhouse, 350 O'Shaughnessy.

January 10, 2019, 11:45 AM

Friendships and Relationships Workshop

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

January 30, 2019 - Noon to 2:00 PM

6 Week Diabetes Program

Healthy Living with the DEEP Program. An interactive class to help those living with diabetes live a healthy lifestyle.

Upcoming Courses in February and March:

The History of Miraloma Park - Presented by
Chris Carlsson.

A Time to Choose, End of Life Options - California's End
of Life Option Act (EOLA).

Gaining Through Loss - Emphasizes memoir-oriented
writing directed inward.



WATCH THIS LEGISLATION!

Strengthening Demolition Controls

On December 10, 2018 the MPIC sent a letter to Supervisor Norman Yee, asking that he support the Housing Preservation and Expansion Reform Act, authored by Supervisor Aaron Peskin. The proposed legislation fixes a loophole in the SF Planning Code that allows demolition to proceed as a remodel with smaller – and more affordable – homes being replaced by much larger structures. Read the MPIC's letter at:

<https://miralomapark.org/events/>

The MPIC thanks Supervisor Yee for co-sponsoring the legislation, introduced at the December 11 BOS meeting. (Supervisors Jane Kim, Rafael Mandelman, Hillary Ronen also co-sponsored the legislation; <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/LI121118.pdf>, **Agenda Item 181216.**) The measure is now before the Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee. Expect to read more about this important legislation in Miraloma Life and other publications!

15 Small Resolutions with Big Impact: Waste Less in 2019

Catherine Homsey

Happy new year to you, neighbors! Will you join me in taking small steps to make a big impact on the health of our planet? Here are 15 things you can do, starting today.

1. Pledge to **buy no new clothes**. Go through your closet and sell or donate whatever you don't wear anymore.
2. In fact, vow to **buy used whenever possible**. Whether it's household items, tools, furniture, décor or vehicles, the resources used and pollution from the manufacture, packaging and shipping of new products is enormous.
3. Bring your **reusable water bottle and coffee cup** with you every day. The average American uses 167 plastic water bottles and 500 disposable cups every year. That's a lot of waste!
4. **Eat less takeout**. Plastic takeout containers, utensils, condiment packets, bags, etc. all add up to a lot of trash for each meal. Make it a habit to eat takeout only infrequently. Or, bring your own container to the restaurant and ask them to use it.
5. **Learn to grocery shop to produce less waste**. Bring your own fabric shopping and produce bags, shop in the bulk department with your own containers, choose glass or paper over plastic, make a grocery list. With just a touch more planning, you can save money and significantly reduce the amount of packaging and food waste you produce.
6. **Revamp your hygiene and beauty routines**. Choose a bamboo toothbrush over a plastic one, buy compostable floss (such as Dental Lace), make tooth powder instead of buying toothpaste, use a deodorant crystal instead of a stick. Replace your razor with a stainless steel safety razor. Eliminate products you don't use or need. Make your own products or buy them packaged in glass, metal or wood.
7. **Separate your waste**. All you need is one extra bin so that you can easily separate your compost, recycling and

trash. If you're not sure what goes where, Recology has a WhatBin feature on their website and it will help answer all your questions.

8. **Switch to green energy**. Solar panels are awesome if you are a homeowner. If you rent, it's very easy to switch to green energy! Check out cleanpowersf.org for more information.



Dare to be different - bring your own re-usable coffee cup

9. **Save water**. We all know California's next drought is just around the corner. Even if we have a rainy winter, keep your water-saving habits. Keep a bucket in your shower to collect water and use it to flush the toilet or water your garden. Use water left in glasses or bottles to water house plants. Use a water-saving shower head. Collect rain water in a bucket or barrel and use it to water the garden.

10. **Never use a plastic bag or straw again**. Americans use an average of one new plastic bag every single day. But you don't have to! Collect reusable bags and keep

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Stanford Heights - A Historical Perspective of our Neighborhood Reservoir

Mike McNaughton

After the 1906 earthquake, the City built a water storage system of reservoirs in the hills on San Francisco's west side in an effort to mitigate the disruption of water delivery to residents in the event of future quakes. The Stanford Heights reservoir at Agua and Teresita was constructed in the early 1920s as part of that plan and continues to serve as a storage tank of potable water for many City residents.

In 2002, San Francisco voters approved a bond measure to fund improvements to the aging water infrastructure, including seismic retrofits and safety upgrades to City reservoirs. In 2006, the SFPUC notified the MPIC and the surrounding neighbors of the reservoir, that work was ready to begin at Stanford Heights. This pending two-year project essentially included emptying the reservoir through normal use, removing the roof to facilitate rebuilding the massive tanks to meet modern-day seismic codes and putting it all back together. The MPIC formed a committee to proactively manage and minimize the daily impact on neighbors, and to leverage the opportunity to effect the overall look of the newly rebuilt reservoir. This included two years of frequent and persistent interactions with the PUC to advocate for a smooth process, mitigate inconveniences, and to attain the neighborhood's desired outcomes.

The MPIC made agreements with the PUC to limit work hours to weekdays (no evenings or weekends unless otherwise dictated by unavoidable circumstances), designate locations where heavy equipment and workers' cars could be parked, guarantee regular clean-up, and to repave streets and sidewalks once the project was completed.

In addition to managing the disruptions of the project itself, the most notable work included effecting choices regarding the physical look of the property. The barriers the MPIC and neighbors faced in advocating for desired outcomes included working within strict security guidelines imposed by U.S. Homeland Security, requirements for California dam faces and the PUC's operating budget.

The MPIC, neighbors and the PUC engaged in a debate over options for the security fence which surrounds the interior space, preventing access to the central operational area of the reservoir. Homeland Security dictated that the fence be of the "no climb" variety with small openings in the mesh. Many colors were evaluated prior to choosing black because it provided the least conspicuous appearance.

The pump-house on Agua near Chaves was originally planned by the PUC to be an industrial-looking structure



The Stanford Heights Reservoir Pump-house on Agua near Chaves

with no character. The MPIC encouraged the PUC's architect to consult and follow the Miraloma Park Design Guidelines created in 1999 and adopted by the San Francisco Planning Department, and to submit a design that would reflect the character of the 1920s/1930s Spanish Mediterranean-style homes in the area. The PUC was very responsive and co-operative with this request, submitted options to the MPIC, and ultimately constructed a building with design features in sync with the homes on the block, including a sloped roof with terra cotta tiles.

Many ideas and options we're floated regarding the landscaping around the perimeter of the reservoir between the fence and the sidewalks on Agua, Isola and Rockdale, in an effort to enhance the overall look of the property. The MPIC and surrounding neighbors met with the PUC to debate the pros and cons of what to plant and how to keep it maintained, while being mindful of California Dam surface regulations requiring all plants and trees have non-invasive roots.

The final agreement included installing a drip system and planting drought-resistant prairie grasses and wildflowers to be maintained on a regular basis by the Water Department. The PUC also agreed to plant a diverse mix of drought-resistant shrubs along the "La Bica path" which borders the west side of the reservoir from Rockdale to Agua. The area inside the fence would remain covered in wild grasses and be maintained by the goats which was a new concept at the time.

The PUC has maintained the perimeter landscape on a somewhat regular basis until earlier this year when

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neighbors noticed a lapse in basic maintenance. The PUC response to neighbor and MPIC inquiries was that the former crew's contract was not renewed, without disclosing a plan for the future. After persistent communication and insistence that a basic level of maintenance be restored, the PUC agreed to assign a gardener to the reservoir to perform basic maintenance beginning in January.

Positive outcomes for the neighborhood are generally the result of dedicated neighbors in careful negotiations with City and State agencies. In this case, it's been a years-long journey to keep our neighborhood reservoir safe as well as looking the best it can, given the restrictions and limitations of budgets and regulations.

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15 Small Resolutions...

them by the door, in the car, at the office, etc. so you're never caught without one. For pet waste, compostable bags are available at most grocery stores. Tell servers "no straw" when you order.

11. Simplify your cleaning products. You really don't need a separate product for each cleaning task. You can clean your whole house using just baking soda, vinegar and liquid soap, while using reusable cloths. We make an all-purpose cleaner with one-part vinegar to three parts water with one squirt of liquid soap. It works on counters, floors, tables and everything else. Baking soda is an excellent scrubbing agent for tile, tubs and sinks. Use old dish towels or cut up old towels and t-shirts as cleaning cloths.

12. Drive less, walk more. Turn down your thermostat and turn off your lights. Transportation, heat and electricity are the largest sources of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change.

13. Empty your fridge before you shop. Don't let that healthy produce rot in the back of the fridge! You had good intentions when you bought it. Give yourself a chance to follow through. Before you grocery shop, make sure you've eaten what you already have, including leftovers. Save money and reduce waste in one swoop.

14. Eat lower on the food chain. Agriculture is the third largest contributor to greenhouse gases. Meat and dairy production creates an enormous amount of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous dioxide. Pledge to go without meat or dairy for a minimum of one day a week.

15. Just say "no." Refuse anything you don't need. This goes for things you buy as well as freebies.

Thanks for joining me in making 2019 a better year for the earth!

For more ideas, follow me on Instagram @ [joyofzerowaste](#) or visit my website at [joyofzerowaste.com](#).

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| 571 Myra | 3/4.5 | \$1.5 M | 647 Teresita | 4/2 | \$1,395 M |
| 864 Foerster | 4/2.5 | \$1,595 M | 610 Teresita | 3/2 | \$1,575 M |
| 25 Chavez | 5/3 | \$1.65 M | 44 Molimo | 3/2.5 | \$1,595 M |
| 867 Foerster | 5/3.5 | 1.88 M | 10 El Sereno | 3/3 | \$1,695 M |
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MPIC HOLIDAY PARTY & BAKE-OFF

This year's party was a success with over 30 desserts in competition for the main prize.

1st Place:
Darlene Ramlose
Holiday Crack

2nd Place:
Roxanne Frye
Bread Pudding

3rd Place:
Jeff Hendry
Buche de Noel

Gingerbread house decorating, live music, clown entertainment, jambalaya and mac-n-cheese; libation, desserts and good conversation were enjoyed by all.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS:

Clockwise: 1/ Jambalaya chef Chuck Frye (right); 2/ Party Co-chair & sax player, Todd Siemers; 3/ Neighbors checking out the desserts for judging; 4/ Party Co-chair Daniel Homsey & family; 5/ Former MPIC President, Robert Gee.



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MPIC Safety Committee Report

Register Your Video Camera with the SF District Attorney's Office

By registering your home or commercial video camera, you can help hold offenders accountable and reduce crime in our neighborhood. To register your camera visit: <http://sfdistrictattorney.org/register-your-camera>. It only takes a few minutes to register.

Auto Burglaries Continue to Decrease, Arrests Rise

The SFPD issued a press release on November 20, 2018 announcing a 16% year-to-date decrease in auto burglaries Citywide. The SFPD has been increasing plainclothes teams and doubling uniformed foot patrols, expanding investigative resources at district stations, creating a General Crimes Unit to address serial auto burglars, identifying and focusing on burglary hot spots, and increasing training for fingerprinting. In the first 10 months of 2018, SFPD booked or cited 331 people for auto burglaries, a 31% increase over total bookings and citations for 2017.

"We're seeing consistent and significant progress in our efforts to stop auto break-ins," said San Francisco Police Chief William Scott. "But we recognize that too many San Francisco residents, workers and visitors continue to be impacted by these crimes."

Car thieves only need seconds to break in and steal your valuables. By following Park Smart tips when you are shopping or parked outside of your home, you can help prevent auto burglaries:

- Never leave valuables in view. Place items in your trunk prior to arriving at your destination.
- Keep all items such as backpacks, purses, cameras and ID on your person.

- Park in a lot with an attendant, if possible.
- Keep packages with you until you're ready to leave- or move your vehicle to a different location each time you load items into your trunk.

File a police report if your car has been burglarized. This helps the police identify where crime is occurring and neighborhoods that need additional police patrols.

The SF District Attorney's Office has an auto burglary hotline and tip line. If you have information that can help the police and DA apprehend an auto burglar; if you have a partial license plate number or suspect vehicle information, call the Hot Line at 415-553-7337 or contact the Tip Line at <https://sfdistrictattorney.org/auto-burglary-tip-line>.

SFPD Incident Reports: November 14, 2018 – December 11, 2018

| DATE | TIME | ADDRESS | DESCRIPTION |
|---|-------|--------------------------|--|
| 11-21-2018 | 15:50 | Sydney\Fowler/Portola | Investigation Detention |
| 11-28-2018 | 16:52 | Miraloma Dr\Juanita Way | Fire Report |
| An alert neighbor looked out his window and saw flames shooting up from a home nearby. He dialed 911 and soon several fire units were on the scene along with Ingleside Officers Hoge and Cephus. Investigators talked to the owner who said it was undergoing renovation. The cause of the fire is still unknown but may be related to the renovation. | | | |
| 11-29-2018 | 12:45 | El Sereno Ct\ Rio Ct | Larceny Theft |
| 11-30-2018 | 9:34 | Teresita Blvd\Portoal Dr | Burglary of Residence Involving Juvenile |
| 12-5-2018 | 11:30 | Encline Ct\Del Vale Ave | Burglary of Residence |
| 12-7-2018 | 11:29 | O `Shaughnessy\Del Vale | |
| Officer Rodgers, on his way to work, called dispatch after finding an open safe by the side of the road on O'Shaughnessy Blvd. Items around the safe indicated it was taken in a home burglary the month before in the Taraval District. The safe, and the surrounding evidence, was transported to Ingleside Station by Officers Carew and KlaiB and kept as evidence for the burglary incident. | | | |
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