

# MIRALOMA LIFE

June 2019 - Issue 10

## Upcoming Events

7 JUNE

**MPIC Board Meeting\***  
7:30 pm - MPIC Clubhouse

21 JUNE

**Annual MPIC Election of MPIC Officers & Directors**

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**Up on the Roof!**

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm -  
MPIC Clubhouse

TUES, WED, THURS

**MP Community Connectors Seniors**

10:30 am - See page 6 for locations

1 AUGUST

**MPIC Board Meeting\***  
7:00 pm - MPIC Clubhouse  
(No July Meeting)

\*Members wishing to address the the Board please contact: miralomapark@gmail.com or (415) 281-0892 to request placement on the agenda

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MPIC CLUBHOUSE  
JUNE 21



## CELEBRATE SUMMER IN THE CITY ON JUNE 21 VOTE FOR YOUR MPIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

### MPIC

The Miraloma Park Improvement Club hosts two events at the MPIC Clubhouse the evening of June 21, 2019 – Board of Directors election and “Up on the Roof!”, a fundraiser for the MPIC Building Fund.

The election of MPIC’s Board of Directors will take place on June 21; polls open at 5:30pm and close at 6:30pm. Eight of the current Board are on the slate. They are: Karen Breslin, Blake Engel, Debra Estrin, Bryan Forman, Daniel Homsey, Stephanie Boudreau Ma, Thomas O’Brien and Todd Siemers. Learn about each candidate on page 4.

“Up on the Roof!” follows the election. The Clubhouse will be transformed into a nightclub with music, appetizers, drink and dancing. Proceeds from the event go to MPIC’s Building Fund, which is used exclusively to make necessary repairs and improvements to the MPIC Clubhouse.

The doors will open at 6:30pm and the Paul Clanon-Todd Siemers Quartet will play from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The Quartet features Miraloma Park’s Paul Clanon on bass and MPIC Board Member Todd Siemers on saxophone. The Quartet played at MPIC’s Neighborfest, held in October 2017.

“Up on the Roof!” tickets go on sale on June 1 at [www.miralomapark.org/events](http://www.miralomapark.org/events) and are available at the door. Tickets are \$40 per person for MPIC Members and \$50 for others. Only cash and checks will be accepted at the door. Businesses and individuals can sign up to be event sponsors. A box on page 5 describes sponsorship levels and how you can donate to the event.

# Your Votes Made the Difference!

Jean Perata

MPIC is pleased to announce that the four Miraloma Park projects obtained enough votes in Participatory Budgeting so that they will be funded! Here are the winning Miraloma Park projects and the amounts of money awarded:

### Vision Zero: Pedestrian Safety near Portola Dr Overpass & SFFD 39

The grant application for a traffic study at this important intersection was awarded \$6000. This grant proposal received the third-highest number of votes in the District-wide vote! MPIC Board Member Blake Engel wrote this grant.

### Pathways for Historic Miraloma Park Improvement Clubhouse

A new path from Del Vale to the MPIC Clubhouse received a \$20,000 grant. MPIC President Joanie van Rijn wrote this grant.

### Miraloma Park Vulnerable Residents Shelter and Care Project

The grant proposal asking for resources to help vulnerable residents in a disaster received the entire amount sought, \$25,000. MPIC Board member Darlene Ramlose wrote this grant.

### Hop, Skip & Play on Omar Way

An active play space for all on Omar Way received \$25,000. Joanie van Rijn wrote this grant.



VISION ZERO

PATHWAYS FOR MPIC

SHELTER & CARE

HOP, SKIP & PLAY

Through Participatory Budgeting District 7 residents had the opportunity to decide how to allocate \$650,000 in District 7 neighborhoods. More than 2,000 District 7 residents cast nearly 18,500 votes, surpassing expectations. For this reason, Supervisor Norman Yee, President of the Board of Supervisors, identified additional funds in order to fully implement all the Vision Zero proposals.

MPIC thanks all who voted. The MPIC also sent a letter to Supervisor Yee, thanking him for making District 7 Participatory Budgeting possible.

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# President's Message: Accomplishments

Joan van Rijn

It's hard to believe I was elected almost a year ago. During this past year, MPIC has accomplished so many things. Our application for non-profit, 501(c)(3) designation was completed and mailed to the IRS for approval. We opened our Building Improvement Fund and have deposited very generous gifts; thanks to those of you who contributed. All four of our Participatory Budgeting projects WON and will be funded in the coming year. The Senior Community Connectors program is providing exercise and workshops three days a week. Darlene Ramlose is our coordinator and keeps the program vital. Our website is continuing to evolve and allow us to share information with all of you. Miraloma Life has had a remarkable "make-over".

We thank Sarah Mergy for her expertise in design and a creative approach to refreshing our 10-month, 2,200 copy distribution, neighborhood newsletter. If you have a topic you want to share with the neighborhood, please submit your articles. Deadline is always the 12th of the month preceding delivery. Miraloma Life doesn't publish in July and August; look for its return in September. The MPIC Board will also be hosting the first Board family dinner on Friday, June 7. We look forward to meeting the families of the Board members and sharing a meal together.

## Vote and Enjoy the Party, "Up on the Roof!"

I have mentioned before that MPIC established a Building Improvement Fund and one way to grow it is to have a party. All of you are invited to join with your neighbors and come enjoy some music, appetizers and dancing on June 21 at 6:30pm. That night you can vote for Board members, too. So, come a bit early, cast your votes and then enjoy the evening listening to Board Member Todd Siemers and his band. Tickets can be purchased on our website, <https://miralomapark.org/upontheroof> for \$40 per person for MPIC members. "Up on the Roof!" is fundraiser and I hope to see you there.

## Our Neighbor, Juvenile Hall

I hope you read my article in this issue about the interview with Chief Allen Nance of the San Francisco Juvenile Hall. Blake Engel, our Safety Committee Chair and I sat down with the Chief to talk about the proposed ordinance to close the facility in less than three years. We thank Chief Nance for his time explaining and answering our questions.

## Stop the Bleed – Save a Life

On May 9, 43 neighbors attended a training sponsored by Zuckerberg General Hospital at the Clubhouse. It was a joint NERT meeting with West Portal, Sunnyside, Glen Park, and the new Miraloma Block Champions. We learned how to stop someone from bleeding out and save their



*Robert Gee demonstrates how to self administer a tourniquet*

life. You can bleed out in 5 minutes; first responders can take 7 minutes to arrive. The Miraloma Park NERT Team is open to new team members; if you are interested visit <https://miralomapark.org/what-we-do/nert/> for more information. Thanks to all who attended.

## Miraloma Park Block Champion Program – First in the City

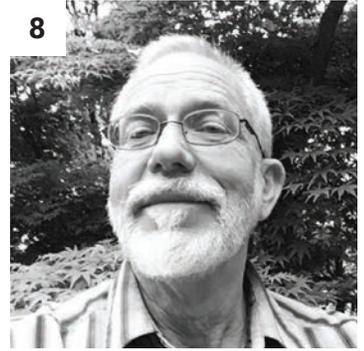
Congratulations to Robert Gee, Guido van Rijn and Daniel Homsey for launching the new Block Champion Program in Miraloma Park. This team has worked many hours developing and now implementing this new program to help our neighbors in times of disaster. Our participatory budgeting grant funded 31 caches of emergency supplies. These will be dispensed to the Block Champions upon completion of their training. The final training will be held in June. We congratulate each new Block Champion for their dedication to their block and helping keep all of us safer. For information about Block Champions go to <https://miralomapark.org/what-we-do/block-champion/>



# Meet the Candidates for the MPIC Board

## MPIC

Here are your neighbors running to be on the Miraloma Park Improvement Club Board. The election takes place on June 21 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the MPIC Clubhouse.



### **Karen Breslin [1]**

Karen has lived in the same Miraloma Park home since 1966. She has served in various leadership roles on the MPIC Board since 2005 including as President and Chair of the Transportation Committee. She is currently the Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee and MPIC delegate to the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods and the West of Twin Peaks Central Council. She is retired.

### **Blake Engel [2]**

Blake Engel has lived in San Francisco since 2001 and in Miraloma Park since 2017. He and his wife chose Miraloma Park for raising their family (one daughter so far, 19 months). They were attracted to the single-family homes, the public transportation, and proximity to nearby shopping and retail. He rides his e-bike to work, where he leads teams that create web and mobile software for Uber's new Freight business. Blake currently chairs the MPIC Safety Committee.

### **Debra Estrin [3]**

Debra grew up in Miraloma Park, attending Miraloma, Aptos, and Lowell. She is a retired attorney. Her community focus is safety in Miraloma Park. She serves on the MPIC Safety Committee and the Ingleside Community Police Advisory Board.

### **Bryan Forman [4]**

Bryan has been a Miraloma Park resident for 20 years. He is committed to preserving and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood. As a member of the Safety Committee, he keeps track of crime and advocates for police services. He has organized Neighborhood Watch meetings, clean-up days, is a certified NERT and a Block Champion. Professionally, he designs advertising. If you've watched TV anytime in the last 30 years, you've seen his work.

### **Daniel Homsey [5]**

Daniel Homsey is a 4th generation San Franciscan and a 2nd generation Miraloma Parkian. He lives on Bella Vista with his wife Catherine, a frequent Miraloma Life contributor, and their two children, Ajaccio and Violet, who are both enrolled at Miraloma Elementary. Daniel has been on the Board for 6 years and has been a champion for pedestrian safety, community beautification and disaster resilience.

As co-chair of the Resilient Miraloma Park initiative, Daniel has leveraged his expertise as a nationally-recognized expert on community disaster resilience to craft and implement strategies to protect the health and well-being of our most vulnerable residents.

### Stephanie Boudreau Ma [6]

Stephanie and her family moved to Miraloma Park two years ago. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and spending time with her three-year-old son and husband. She's most excited to help MPIC connect younger families.

### Thomas O'Brien [7]

Thomas O'Brien is an estate planning attorney who has lived in Miraloma Park with his wife, Susan, since 2013. They have two young boys, who will be attending Miraloma Elementary and Wind in the Willows Preschool in the Fall. Thomas and his family have enjoyed many MPIC events over the years.

Thomas joined the board in October 2018 after reading about the need for new board members in Miraloma Life. Since joining the board, Thomas has taken on the Membership Chair position, and led a past renewal drive that increased membership by almost 20% in just the first two months. Thomas hopes to continue to help increase membership by encouraging residents to look to the MPIC as a neighborhood social hub.

### Todd Siemers [8]

Todd was born and raised in Wisconsin. He has lived in Miraloma Park since 1981 with his wife, Linda and dog Maggie. Todd is a retired member of Carpenters Local 22. His interests include preserving the MPIC Clubhouse, neighborhood character and building community.

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WE ARE CHANGING  
STRANGERS INTO NEIGHBORS  
& NEIGHBORS INTO FRIENDS

## Miraloma Community Connectors Upcoming Events

Darlene Ramlose

**Alert!** From June 18 through June 27 all exercise classes (including Tuesday and Thursday classes) will be held at the MPIC Clubhouse at the regular time. Below are the special events all held at Cornerstone Community Church:

### June 6, 2019: Stronger Together

Research shows that we live longer, fuller lives if we cultivate relationships and reduce isolation. Learn more about this topic and participate in fun activities.

### July 11, 2019: Board Games and Potluck with Cornerstone Kids

### July 18, 2019: BINGO

Fun times. Bring your good luck charms for game time!

### July 25, 2019: Gardening for Health and Wellbeing

### July 31, 2019: Special Concert

Young local music students will play for Community Connectors at the Clubhouse at Noon. Refreshments provided.

### August 8, 2019: Brain Health

Steps we can take to improve brain health and reduce the risk of cognitive problems, including dementia.

### August 22, 2019: Visit from our Glen Park Library

Find out the many resources the library has to offer to seniors.

### September 5 & 12: Aging in Style

This two-session workshop will focus on aging and fashion. First session: The role of fashion in both self-image and the way others see us and the choices we make. Second session: Define our personal color and design, exchange our ideas with others, share our fashion ideas in a fashion show.

**The Community Connectors program originated as a result of Participatory Budgeting Grant.**



## On Vacation!

Miraloma Life will be on hiatus in July and August and will return in September.

Meanwhile, visit our website for neighborhood news!

# Interview with Chief Allen Nance Juvenile Hall

Joanie van Rijn



Recently there have been a series of articles in the San Francisco Chronicle, "Vanishing Violence", which describes the reduction of juvenile crime and how it impacts the juvenile justice system in the state. San Francisco has a Juvenile Hall located near Miraloma Park on Woodside Drive at Portola. Juvenile Hall is a short-

term youth detention facility for the City and County of San Francisco. The facility has the capacity to provide residential services for 132 youth, in a secure setting, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Youth at the facility fall into three categories: 1) youth in custody awaiting investigative action immediately after admission, 2) youth in custody per court order pending further court hearings, 3) youth in custody awaiting placement as per a court ordered disposition. While youth are in custody, they receive educational, medical and mental health services. Additionally, they receive training in socialization skills and general counseling from staff.

In addition to custodial care of youth, 650 youth come through Juvenile Hall each year. Most of these youth are admitted to the Community Assessment Resource Center (CARC). This is a diversion program run by Huckleberry, a non-profit. The youth have case managers that help prevent them from entering the adult criminal system. Many of the youth are un-documented and they have no resources to help them. There are families that cannot take care of their children after they have committed a crime and these children cannot go back to their families.

At City Hall, an ordinance was introduced by Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton and Sean Haney that would shut down Juvenile Hall in less than three years. The Mayor has created a Task Force to study this issue. The task force started meeting in April. Chief Allen Nance (photo inset above) is the Probation Officer in charge of this facility and is a member of this Task Force.

I met with Chief Nance three years ago when Resilient Miraloma Park member, Jean Perata, and I interviewed the Chief as a member of our HUB. A HUB is made up of organizations that advance the community's overall emergency preparedness on a daily basis, and provide essential support to residents as they recover from a stressful event like an earthquake. Jean and I wanted to know if Juvenile Hall could help Miraloma Park recover

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			733 Rockdale	2/1	\$1.4 M
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59 Stanford Hts	3/2	\$1.15 M	159 Marietta	4/4.5	\$2.45 M
175 Juanita	2/1	\$1.398 M			

after an earthquake. The Chief let us know that they have an industrial kitchen for feeding people, generators to provide power, a short-term food supply, a medical clinic and room for people, if needed, to be housed. Juvenile Hall, CVS Pharmacy, Mollie Stones, School of the Arts, and Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church are members of our HUB. Each has been interviewed and positively responded to a survey about their willingness to support our community after a disaster.

On April 16th, Blake Engel, Miraloma Park Safety Committee Chair, and I met with Chief Nance at Juvenile Hall. We were concerned about the future of Juvenile Hall. The Chief gave us over an hour to answer our questions and describe the Juvenile Justice system.

Juvenile Hall was refurbished in 2006; over \$46 million was spent. This modernization of the building allows for up

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## Chief Allan Nance...

to 132 youth to be housed. Currently there are less than 40. California State Law and the Superior Court govern Juvenile Justice. State law requires that youth must be detained until they go to court. Youth must be detained with warrants. The Superior Court has responsibility for Juvenile Hall not the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisor's responsibility is to fund juvenile justice and the Hall. Juvenile Hall is staffed by probation officers and sheriffs.

If the Juvenile Hall were to close what would become of the youth? If the youth were moved to another county, or out-of-state, how would their families visit them? Would the facility be used for another purpose? Would this save the City money? This issue is a complicated one. Chief Nance is proud of his employees. They are dedicated and committed to helping these youth. They want to help the youth in their "short-term" crisis and stabilize them after the emotional stress of being arrested. The youth are assessed for their risks and most importantly their needs. The staff prepares a plan to intervene for these youth so they can grow up to be healthy, productive members of the community.

Miraloma Park wants to support Juvenile Hall, our HUB member. We also want what is best for the youth in our City. MPIC thanks Chief Nance for taking the time to explain this situation so that we can let our residents know more about this issue and how difficult it is.



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## Senate Bill 50: Gone (for Now) But Not Forgotten

In March 2019 the MPIC Board voted to oppose Senate Bill 50 – the More HOMES (Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, Equity and Stability) Act on the grounds that it abrogates California cities' ability to enforce their respective planning code standards and other adopted design standards. We believe that land use decisions must remain under the authority of local governments which best understand and respond to local needs and conditions.

On May 16, 2019 Assemblyman Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced he would make SB 50 a "two-year bill," effectively killing the bill for now. SB 50 won't be considered again until January 2020, at the start of a new legislative session.

Responding to this development, Senator Scott Wiener, who had introduced SB 50 in the State Legislature, promised to press on with his bill and stated he would look for a way to revive SB 50 this year (Senator Wiener's district includes Miraloma Park.)

MPIC will continue to follow the status of SB 50 and will watch for similar legislation in 2020. MPIC knows that many residents have questions about SB 50 as currently written and how it impacts Miraloma Park.

For answers to your questions, go to:

<https://miralomapark.org/news/> -- **What is the impact of Senate Bill 50 (SB 50) on Miraloma Park?**





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# Earthquake Safety Fair Returns!

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The Department of Building Inspection (DBI) is sponsoring its annual Earthquake Safety Fair on June 11, 2019 at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove St, San Francisco. This free event takes place from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Don't miss your chance to learn from DBI experts who will answer your program and emergency preparedness questions. This event will feature exhibitor booths, informative workshops, hands-on emergency trainings and free raffle prizes. It's an opportunity for property owners to meet with various City agencies, contractors, design professionals, and financial resource specialists who will assist you with your building permit and earthquake safety questions.

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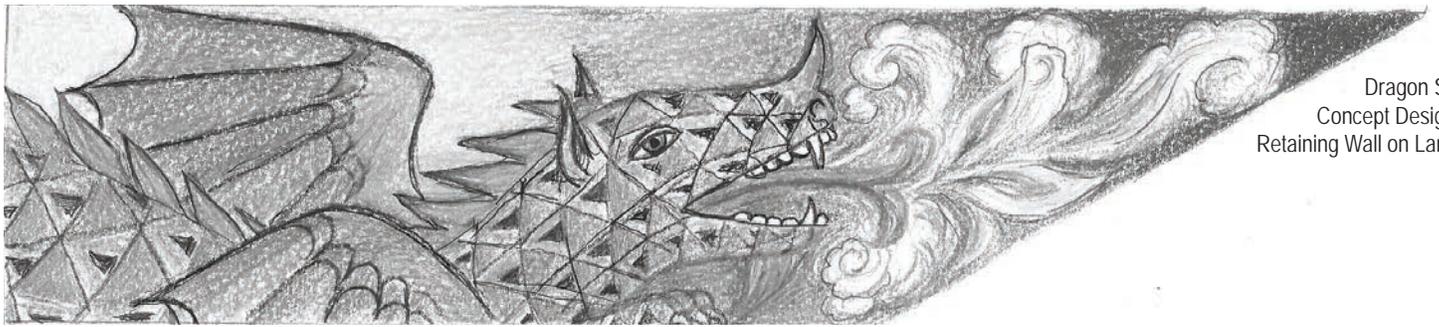
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The City of San Francisco's Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) provides a variety of services to seniors, adults with disabilities and veterans. You can learn about these services through the DAAS Benefits and Resources Hub (formerly Integrated Intake and Referral). The Benefits and Resources Hub was established in 2008 to streamline access to social services and maximize service connections.

Through a single call or visit, seniors and adults with disabilities are able to learn about available services throughout the City and apply for several DAAS services and multiple assistance services such as food support through CalFresh and meal programs, Medi-Cal, Adult Protective Services, and In-Home Supportive Services. You can also access veterans services here through the County Veterans Service Office, including disability benefits, income verification and educational benefits. Staff can provide information on additional community services that may be available to you.

The DAAS Benefits and Resources Hub is located at 2 Gough Street, San Francisco. For information on DAAS and other community services, call (415) 355-6700 or (800) 510-2020.

In addition, DAAS publishes a 200+ page Resources Guide which describes resources available to seniors and disabled adults. To obtain a copy of the Guide, contact DAAS or visit <https://www.sfhsa.org/services/access-empowerment/daas-benefits-and-resources-hub>.



Dragon Steps  
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Mosaic animal, flower  
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ready for glaze and firing



## Miraloma Tiling Project Is Underway!

Ryan Silvers

During Miraloma Elementary School's Spring Festival in April, many Miraloma neighbors came out to meet artists Colette Crutcher and Aileen Barr, who have designed the Miraloma Park Southern Gateway Tile Project. For several hours on April 14 Miraloma Elementary students, parents and neighbors played with clay to make animal figures that will be glazed and used in the Tile Project. This project will transform the stairs and retaining walls from Bella Vista Way to the Miraloma Park baseball diamond. The design will start at the bottom of the stairs with animals and plants, equations and educational ideas, then move up to a dragon spitting fire and smoke into a night sky filled with planets and shooting stars.

To further the Southern Gateway Tile Project, we do need your support—so please consider making a donation. With a donation you will receive a golden star in the mosaic sky with you or your family's name.

**If you are interested in making a donation or participating in any upcoming tile-making workshops, email [arts@miralomasf.com](mailto:arts@miralomasf.com).**

The Miraloma Park Southern Gateway Tile Project was described in the April issue of Miraloma Life. Artists Colette Crutcher and Aileen Barr are renowned for their many public art works around the City. The artists are well-known for the stairways of the 16th Avenue Tiled Steps, which have been featured in articles and travel guides and become symbols of San Francisco.



From Top Left: Morning Glory; Lacy Phacelia; Seaside Daisy; American Cow Parsnip; Douglas Iris; Flowering Currant.

## MPIC NATIVE PLANT GARDEN IN FULL BLOOM

Kathy Rawlins

The MPIC Clubhouse garden is in full flower after the very wet Fall and Winter. It is gratifying that the garden can weather climate changes and continue to show the beauty of the many varieties of native California plants.

To give some background for those unfamiliar with the history of the Clubhouse garden we need to turn back the pages to the late 1990s. The Board had spent a few years updating the Clubhouse with new lights, drapery and floors. So it seemed only reasonable to look at improving the grounds. The strip of land along O'Shaughnessy Blvd was bare gravel with weeds. Not much to entice those passing by to notice the Clubhouse, set back from the road.

The City was promoting beautification by offering grants for those who could match the grants with money and community spirit. Dan Liberthson wrote and spearheaded an application for the grant and was able to convince the City to award the MPIC some money for the garden project.

The MPIC garden committee decided that if such an arid area was to thrive the best plan would be to use California native plants. They sought guidance from the Yerba Buena branch of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). Jake Sigg, President and Greg Garr, landscape expert, helped plan the garden plantings. The plants selected were not only California natives, but, also as much as possible,

plants consistent with the flora found in Glen Canyon Park, across O'Shaughnessy Blvd. from the Clubhouse.

In order to provide water to get the fledgling plants established, the committee had pipes installed to capture the water from the year-round stream that drained at the back of the Clubhouse. The pipes carried the water to the garden at the front of the property using soaker hoses.

After the plants were purchased, it was announced in Miraloma Life that volunteers were needed for the planting. Over 20 people showed up on a Saturday morning. There were parents with their children and adults who had lived in the neighborhood for many years. Everyone had a great time laying out the garden and putting in the plants with careful guidance from the California Native Plant experts. Original plantings included pink flowering currant, ceanothus, shooting star columbine, coffeeberry, stinging nettle, coyote bush, Douglas iris, and California poppy.

The MPIC continued to add to the garden over the years. Two major additions to the front garden were organized by Dan Liberthson in the early 2000s. In the last decade plantings were expanded to the hillside on the west, the patio area to the east, and the area behind the Clubhouse. The CNPS helped select additional plants for the MPIC garden each year at their annual Fall sales. When they lost the venue of the Golden Gate Park Hall of Flowers, the MPIC hosted their annual sales at the Clubhouse. In return for the generosity of the MPIC, the CNPS donated to the Club many plants to add to the gardens.

Thanks to all that work over so many years, with the help of gardener David Kimberling the Clubhouse now hosts one of the largest native plant gardens in the City. The MPIC garden has been highlighted in the annual CNPS tour of native gardens. Even the massive eucalyptus limbs overhanging the parking lot cannot keep the blue flowers of the ceanothus at the front of the property from blooming.

Please come and enjoy your Clubhouse grounds at their peak, in Spring and Summer and on into the Fall!

# Stop Fireworks and Explosives in Miraloma Park this July 4

Blake Engle

In Miraloma Park, we hope that this year's best fireworks show will be a legal one put on by the City, not illegal ones put on by your neighbors. When neighbors set off their own illegal fireworks, they put people and property at risk: themselves, neighbors, nearby homes, and surrounding trees and forested areas.

This year, SFPD Ingleside Chief Captain Jack Hart is accentuating prevention methods to ensure that the illegal usage of fireworks and explosive devices does not occur, and if it does, that it will pose reduced risk.

**The first thing** we can do as a community is to be watchful in the days and weeks leading to July 4. When people are planning to set off a large amount of explosives on July 4, they often test them in advance.

The moment you see or hear explosions that may be a firework, call 911 without hesitation. Provide a description of the individuals and if you can, which house they may live in. If you can safely do so, take a picture



of the individuals or pull a video clip from your security camera so you can provide it to law enforcement.

Captain Hart has made it clear that any such report will be taken with the utmost seriousness and he will obtain a search warrant for illegal explosive devices. This will set an unambiguous atmosphere of safety and zero tolerance for these unsafe explosives.

**The second thing** we can do is to be vigilant about overgrown areas of weeds and brush in advance of July 1. Start calling 311 today with complaints of risky areas, as the City is aiming to clear this sort of flammable material by June 1. This will significantly reduce the amount of tinder that could spark a serious fire if illegal fireworks shows do occur.

**Third**, if you see or hear any explosive devices or fireworks in your neighborhood on July 4, please call 911 immediately. It will be a busy night for 911 dispatchers and for officers, but it is critical that Miraloma Park neighbors call and stay vigilant.

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## Surveillance Technology Legislation puts San Francisco in The Limelight

Blake Engle

Do you have a security camera on the exterior of your home? Do your neighbors have one? With camera prices down and availability of powerful technology up, the answers to both those questions are increasingly 'yes.'

But on May 14, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted 8-1 to support an ordinance entitled "Acquisition of Surveillance Technology," which significantly curtails how the City can deploy cameras and other new technologies. It also adds hurdles for the City to make use of footage from security cameras owned by private citizens.

What is "surveillance technology?" The ordinance defines it broadly, from futuristic facial recognition, mobile DNA capture, or gait recognition software all the way down to very familiar closed-circuit cameras.

Security cameras are used on private residences, business entities, and City buildings. They are valuable for many purposes: peace of mind, deterrence of wrongdoing, or evidence of a crime committed against you, your property or others.

Most cameras don't have advanced facial recognition. But when they are connected to the internet, the cameras become more than a camera: they can store video indefinitely and the video itself can be analyzed and tagged with faces, license plates, biometric data and more.

### Essential Tool for Law Enforcement

Even basic cameras have become an essential tool of law enforcement. Neighbors can come to the aid of each other and provide footage to solve a crime or return stolen property. Police and investigators visit the scene of

a crime and visually assess the area to see if a neighbor has a security camera pointed at the street. They often will knock on doors to inquire as to whether a camera was running at the time of an alleged crime, and may ask a camera owner if they are willing to provide footage.

In Miraloma Park, that is exactly what happened recently on Juanita Way. A burglar was apprehended because of video evidence and later pleaded guilty to the crimes alleged.

The San Francisco ordinance is an attempt to protect against the erosion of personal and data privacy. In China, advanced facial recognition technology is used to monitor racial and ethnic minorities. In the UK, closed-circuit security cameras are ubiquitous. Cameras anywhere can identify people at a distance without their consent, enable government overreach, or allow racial bias in facial identification and errors which endanger social justice.

The San Francisco ordinance, authored by Supervisor Aaron Peskin, was supported by the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Coalition on Homelessness, and a racial justice group called Color of Change. It was opposed by Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association, Stop Crime SF, and the Miraloma Park Improvement Club.

Although the ordinance imposes new restrictions, they were initially even more strict before groups such as Stop Crime SF and the Miraloma Park Improvement Club intervened to oppose.

A letter from the Miraloma Park Improvement Club to Supervisor Yee requested changes to the ordinance, including clarifying that the SFPD may not only receive but also use video footage. The advocacy group Stop Crime SF submitted 13 amendments and backed it up with a letter-writing campaign.

These efforts prompted the Board of Supervisors to add language to allow the City to both receive and use the footage. This was an important victory in providing safety and justice in our community.

### Register your Camera

Even as these new restrictions go into effect, it does not make it impossible for security camera footage to bring about criminal justice. All Miraloma Park residents who have security cameras should consider registering them with the District Attorney's office. Register yours today at the website of the District Attorney: <https://sfdistrictattorney.org/register-your-camera>

We will continue to cover the topic of security cameras in future issues of Miraloma Life. In the meantime, if you haven't purchased a security camera yet, now is the time. Show your support for your neighbors and the safety of our community in Miraloma Park.

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## Earthquake Safety Fair Returns

In addition you can attend workshops on various building issues. Workshops include: Changes with the updated Vacant Commercial Storefront Ordinance; Home Remodeling Process Made Stress-Free - Meet the Experts, and Making the Best Use of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) & Unit Legalization Programs. Attendance at each workshop is limited. Learn more about the Earthquake Safety Fair and sign up for the workshops in advance at <https://sfdbi.org/earthquakefair>.



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## MPIC Safety Committee Report

### SFPD Incident Reports

April 1 – April 31, 2019

DATE	TIME	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
4-1-2019	17:10	Coventry Ln\Hillcrest\Myra	Suspicious Occurrence
4-5-2019	12:30	Juanita Way\Fowler Ave	Recovered Vehicle
4-5-2019	6:30	Gatun Aly\Molimo Dr	Simple Assault, Battery
4-9-2019	11:15	Teresita Blvd\Portola Dr	Found Property
4-10-2019	3:26	Sydney\Fowler\Portola	Burglary-Store, Commercial, Forcible Entry, ATM Crime
4-15-2019	16:30	Teresita Blvd\Gaviota Way	Burglary, Residence Under Construction, Forcible Entry
4-15-2019	19:00	Teresita Blvd\Agua Way	Motor Vehicle Theft
4-16-2019	3:00	Portola\Kensington\Miraloma	Theft from Locked Vehicle >\$950
4-16-2019	16:21	Teresita Blvd\Arroyo Way	Suspicious Occurrence
4-18-2019	15:00	Foerster St\Melrose Ave	Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, ATM, Phone
4-18-2019	15:00	Foerster St\Melrose Ave	Theft from Locked Vehicle \$200-\$950
4-21-2019	11:30	Teresita Blvd\Edna St	Theft from Locked Vehicle >\$950
4-31-2019	17:35	Bella Vista Way\Molimo Dr	Burglary, Residence Under Construction, Unlawful Entry



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## GOOD TO KNOW: MIRALOMA PARK RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES



For decades, the visual appeal of Miraloma Park has attracted home buyers to the neighborhood, and Planning Department design review has contributed to preserving its special and attractive character. The purpose of the Miraloma Park Residential Design Guidelines (adopted by the Planning Commission in 1999) is to facilitate the design review process by focusing on architectural features specific to Miraloma Park. In addition, the Guidelines can prevent costly and time-consuming Discretionary Review proceedings.

Learn more: [www.miralomapark.org/neighborhood/design-guidelines](http://www.miralomapark.org/neighborhood/design-guidelines)

*Note: Guidelines are about style. Only the Planning Code regulates building dimensions.*

## Important Numbers

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<b>EMERGENCY FROM A MOBILE PHONE</b>	<b>(415) 553-8090</b>
Suicide Prevention Hotline	(415) 781-0500
Poison Control Center	(800) 222-1222
Non-Emergency Police Dispatch	(415) 553-0123
Ingleside Police Community Room	(415) 404-4000
Anonymous Tip Line - Ingleside Police	(415) 587-8984
Anonymous Narcotics Tip Line	(800) CRACKIT
Domestic Family Violence (24hrs)	(800) 799-SAFE
Animal Cruelty, Distress, Injury	(415) 554-9400
Office of Citizen Complaints Against SFPD	(415) 241-7711 <a href="https://policecomplaints.sfgov.org/">https://policecomplaints.sfgov.org/</a>
San Francisco City Services (abandoned vehicles to graffiti clean-up to Muni issues + more)	311 <a href="https://sf311.org/">https://sf311.org/</a>
PG+E Call Before You Dig	811
SF Building Dept Code Enforcement Hotline	(415) 575-6863 <a href="mailto:Planning.CodeEnforcement@sfgov.org">Planning.CodeEnforcement@sfgov.org</a>
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