

MIRALOMA LIFE

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3 SEPTEMBER
MPIC Board Meeting*
7:00 pm - Virtual

*Members wishing to address the Board should call (415) 322-0211 to request placement on the agenda

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We've reduced the size of this Miraloma Life issue to 8 pages as a cost-saving measure. We'll return to a 12-page edition in October.



A DRAGON'S TALE

Kate Clements

It is said the journey of 1000 miles begins with one step. In the case of Miraloma Elementary School's phenomenal new mosaic staircase, which begins on Bella Vista Way near Dorcas Way, the journey of 55 steps began with a conversation between principal Noah Ingber and Miraloma parent Daniel Homsey in 2017. Miraloma Elementary has a number of "blank canvases": spaces that could be utilized for artwork to enrich the school site and community. Homsey,

who has worked with and in the city government for many years, advanced the idea to work with the city to realize the project.

Ingber and Homsey approached artists and local treasures Aileen Barr and Colette Crutcher: if the funding could be obtained, would they be willing to work on a mosaic for the steps leading from Bella Vista Way up to the kindergarten playground at Miraloma? The artists put it on their calendars, and waited to hear from the school.

Highly praised school volunteer, PTA board member

and Miraloma parent extraordinaire Ryan Silvers had previously led children's mosaic projects at the school. She agreed to spearhead the grant writing and communication, and embarked on making the mosaic staircase a reality.

A Community Challenge Grant was applied for and approved one year later. The SF Parks Alliance became a sponsor, and then worked with the newly formed Miraloma Arts Council to ensure completion. Silvers was responsible for handling the mountain of paperwork

necessary, including applications, work and maintenance plans, budgeting and insurance. She also coordinated with the artists, school faculty and the school community at large. And the project needed approval from both the SFUSD and Rec & Park at each step. Ingber related Silvers did all the "handholding" the city required, and that the project couldn't have happened without her.

The work of design and implementation began. Barr and project partner Crutcher, who had worked together on other staircase mosaics in the city,

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A Dragon's Tale

began with a series of workshops with all the teachers at the school to design the concept. The school mascot, a dragon, was the beginning element. Ingber said the multicultural aspect of the dragon made it all the more appealing as the unifying element. There was consensus the design should appeal to the entire neighborhood.

Teachers at the school choose the vocabulary, math, and science concepts within the design. Each of those elements is part of the school curricula. Children were given worksheets with the words "I can..." and "I am..." to complete. Incorporated into a rocket ship flame and the solar system, the words became part of the wall design closer to the top. In addition, each child was given the opportunity to make a tile for the wall in a series of hands-on workshops. At the 2018 Spring Festival, the larger community also had the chance to make tiles. Truly, this was a collaborative effort!

Barr says the layout of the staircase was an opportunity to create a real sense of discovery as you ascend, as well as discreet areas to concentrate specific themes. The bottom step begins with the snaking dragon tail, and it isn't until one gets nearer to the top and turns left that its head

comes into view. All are encouraged to explore the staircase and walls, and discover just how complex and delightful it is. Each visit I appreciate something different or spot something I missed on previous visits.

The production of the design was a wonder in and of itself. The design for the stairs was drawn to size on one sheet of paper, which was then cut to the size of each riser. The tiles were handmade, glazed and fired at Barr's studio, and the mosaic assembled at Crutcher's studio. The tiles were fastened to mesh panels, numbered by stair. Once the work was completed, everything was stored at the school until installation. Installers were hired, and then came COVID-19, which postponed the installation. Finally in July, installation was accomplished over several weeks.

With the project completed, I asked Barr, Silvers and Ingber to reflect on the experience and offer some thoughts.

Barr discussed what a good collaborative process the project was, and how much she enjoyed working on an unusual staircase that leant itself to exploration.

Silvers expressed her joy in working with artists of such high caliber. She also cited her satisfaction with the opportunity to beautify the city, contribute to the school's community and the surrounding neighborhood.

Ingber regards it as an invitation for children to understand that learning

isn't just "place-based" in a building, but is all around us, when we take the time look for it... "when you're outside and all your senses are activated, you learn instinctually without even realizing that you're learning."

I leave Silvers with the last words: "I'll never look again at staircases in the same way!"

For more information on the artists:

Colette Crutcher:

<https://www.colettecrutcher.com/publicart>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKpLBjfN5As>

Aileen Barr:

<https://www.aileenbarrtile.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXQXhAcLnyw>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joanie van Rijn

Black Lives Matter here in our neighborhood, Miraloma Park. We condemn Black racism.

Racial injustice and inequalities across society have been a part of national systemic discrimination and bias for too long. This will not be our future.

MPIC is committed to the active work of being anti-racist. We reject all behaviors, beliefs, and judgements that erode the rights and freedom

of people. As a non-profit, MPIC seeks to create a positive and welcoming experience in our neighborhood. We will strive to provide access and advocacy for all of our residents.

RESILIENT MIRALOMA PARK

We are now in the fifth month of COVID19 and our Resilient Miraloma Park COVID-19 Response Team continues to meet every Friday to establish ways to serve our residents. The COVID-19 Bulletin has been distributed since March and we are publishing our #21 bulletin. Jean Perata, Vice-President of MPIC, has spearheaded this effort and we are grateful for her work. Darlene Ramlose, a MPIC Board member and Community Connector Coordinator, keeps close ties with the Seniors in the neighborhood. Wellness calls are made and Thursday walk-around-the-neighborhood with social distancing and a Friday 'happy hour' zoom call help keep our Seniors connected.

NEW MIRALOMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIAISON

Our neighborhood welcomes new families and hope that they will join MPIC. In an effort to partner with Miraloma Elementary School, I have appointed Cary Matthews, a Board member, to serve as liaison to the school. Cary is very qualified. She is a math curriculum designer.

MPIC IS SPONSORING SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES' FORUM ON SEPTEMBER 23

MPIC is sponsoring the District 7 Supervisor candidates' forum with the League of Women Voters on September 23. Please plan on "zooming" with all the candidates. Choosing the right Supervisor is critical for our neighborhood. We want a Supervisor who will listen to our needs and respond effectively.

REGISTER TO VOTE

This year is an important year and if you have not had a chance to register to vote, now is the perfect time. The last day to register is October 22. We will be voting by mail so it will be safe and easy. www.Registertovote.ca.gov

GET A FLU SHOT

Public health officials are recommending that everyone get a flu shot this fall. More than ever we need all of the protection we can get. CVS will start giving flu shots in late August. Most health plans cover the cost as preventative medicine.

DID YOU COMPLETE THE CENSUS?

Every 10 years a census is conducted. It is very important to be counted. It is simple to do, takes only a few minutes and can make a big difference in how we receive government funding and representation in Congress. Go to www.2020census.gov

These past few months have been stressful for all of us. As I walk around the neighborhood, I see

so many residents being respectful by wearing their masks, socially distancing as they walk and sharing personal stories with neighbors trying to stay connected. MPIC thanks all of you for your kindness shown to neighbors, shopping for those who cannot go out, and being thoughtful in how we share this horrific time.

MPIC will hold its Board elections in October. I will be stepping down as President. I have served two years and it has been the greatest honor of my life. I have gotten to know so many neighbors and all of us have accomplished so many things. The Miraloma Elementary steps on the front page are an example of many hands working together to create a work of beauty.

Please take good care of yourself and your family. You are important to all of us.

MPIC ELECTIONS

In October 2020 the election of MPIC Officer and Board Members will take place. Given the COVID-19 situation, the election will be conducted electronically and by mailing-in paper ballots. Here is important information about the election:

Eligible to vote are MPIC dues-paying members who are 18+ years old and who are members of MPIC as of September 7, 2020. Miraloma Life is



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distributed to every house in Miraloma Park. For the purpose of election "eligible voters" are those who pay annual dues to MPIC. A Membership Application can be found online at www.miralomapark.org/join/ or call (415) 322-0211 to request a paper application and mailing envelope. If you are not currently a dues-paying member and want to vote in the election, the MPIC must receive your annual dues by September 7.

Eligible voters will be able to vote electronically or by paper ballot. In early October MPIC will email a link to a ballot to all members for whom MPIC has an email address. The link will advise you how to vote electronically. In addition, the October issue of Miraloma Life will contain a paper ballot and instructions for those who wish to vote by mail.

The polls open on October 7

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MPIC Elections

and will close at midnight, October 14. Electronic ballots may be cast between October 7 and 14 and those mailed to MPIC must be received by MPIC by October 14. All votes will be tallied on October 15. Each eligible voter should cast one ballot, whether electronically or by mail. MPIC representatives will count ballots cast by eligible voters and will ensure that only one vote per person is counted. The results of the election will be announced on the MPIC website and will be published in the November issue of Miraloma LiFe.

Photos of the candidates for office and their brief statements are included in this issue. Visit <https://miralomapark.org> for candidates' complete statements.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Here are photos of the candidates in the October election, along with some information about each candidate. Visit the MPIC website for their complete candidates' statements.

Running for the following MPIC Offices:

TREASURER & BOARD

Robert Gee

Robert is currently our Treasurer, a CPA and retired from the Federal Government. He is involved



in our COVID-19 response team as well as with Safety, Resiliency, Disaster Preparedness, NERT, Publicity, Block Champions and Clubhouse programs.

RECORDING SECRETARY



Stephanie Boudreau Ma

Stephanie and her family moved to Miraloma Park three 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.

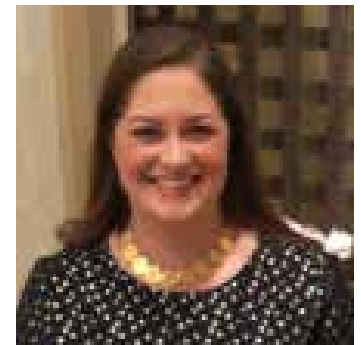
MPIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mary Fitzpatrick

Mary Fitzpatrick has lived

in Miraloma Park, near one of the hiking trails to Mt Davidson for about 20 years. She's interested in working with Miraloma Park Improvement Club on disaster preparedness, finances.



Cary Matthews

Cary became involved with the MPIC through Resilient Miraloma Park and she's excited to become more involved in the Miraloma Park community.

Patti Moran

Patti Moran moved to Miraloma in 2012. She is 5th generation San Franciscan and a lifelong SF Giants fan. Patti became more involved with Miraloma Park Improvement Club as a volunteer with Resilient Miraloma Park and is excited to be considered for the MPIC board.



Jean Perata

Jean has been an MPIC Board member since 2018 and Vice-president from 2018-2020. She's a member of the Publicity, Clubhouse and Resilient Committees.



Darlene Ramlose

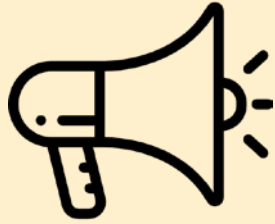
Darlene is the Team Leader for the Shelter and Care Team (NERT) in Miraloma Park and works with various services, including Miraloma Park Community Connectors, to ensure the well-being of our seniors and the vulnerable here during COVID-19.



Joan van Rijn

Joanie was President from 2018 - 2020. She appreciates all the work the Board is doing to keep Miraloma Park the best neighborhood in the city.

SAVE THE DATE



Emergency Preparedness Classes

In October we're offering Emergency Preparedness classes online. Classes take place on October 8, 15 and 22 from 3:30 - 5pm.

David Munoz, the Seismic Safety Coordinator for CYC is teaching the classes. Anyone can attend. Registration information will be included in the October issue of Miraloma Life.

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<http://sfcommunityliving.org>

Other Activities:

Miraloma Walk the Neighborhood
Thursdays at 1:00pm
Meet at Cornerstone Church parking lot

Connectors Zoom Social Hour
Fridays at 4:30pm

Save the Dates!

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For more information contact:
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MPIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Crime Stats from July 1, 2020 Through July 31, 2020*

*Partial report, full reports available online

INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT TIME	INTERSECTION	INCIDENT REPORT
7/01/2020	14:55	Lulu Aly / Burlwood Dr	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto
7/01/2020	12:30	Teresita Blvd / Edna St	License Plate, Stolen
7/05/2020	10:00	Teresita Blvd / Sequoia Way	License Plate, Stolen
7/08/2020	1:22	Sydney Way / Fowler Ave / Portola Dr	Burglary, Store, Forcible Entry
7/09/2020	18:00	Stillings Ave / Nordhoff St	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto
7/13/2020	15:15	Teresita Blvd / Portola Dr	Search Warrant Service
7/13/2020	18:00	Woodside Ave / Oshaughnessy Blvd / Portola	Burglary, Apartment House, Unlawful Entry
7/21/2020	17:00	Juanita Way / Del Sur Ave	Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Property
7/30/2020	8:00	Teresita Blvd / Marietta Dr / Molimo Dr	License Plate, Stolen

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Detail Photograph of the Miraloma Park Elementary School Mosaic Steps



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Deadline for submissions is October 12, 2020

Submitted articles become the property of MPIC.



GOOD TO KNOW: MIRALOMA PARK RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miraloma Park Residential Design Guidelines is to promote quality design and preserving as much as possible, the neighborhood's architectural character.

www.miralomapark.org/neighborhood/design-guidelines

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY FROM A LAND LINE	911
EMERGENCY FROM A MOBILE PHONE	(415) 553-8090
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 https://policecomplaints.sfgov.org/
San Francisco City Services (abandoned vehicles to graffiti clean-up to Muni issues + more)	311 https://sf311.org/
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