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7:00 pm - Virtual

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GRANT FOR COMPREHENSIVE REDESIGN OF MPIC'S NATIVE PLANT GARDEN AWARDED!

Earlier this year we had asked Miraloma Park residents to vote for two Participatory Budgeting projects that would benefit our neighborhood – the redesign of MPIC's native plant garden and Resilient Miraloma Park's submission to fund the purchase of emergency supplies. The very good news is that both grant submissions (each for \$25,000) were approved! Thanks to all those in Miraloma Park and District 7 who voted for these projects.

Miraloma Park resident Dan Liberthson conceived the idea to redesign MPIC's native plant garden and fund the effort through a Participatory Budgeting grant. Dan has been an active supporter of MPIC for many years, serving as MPIC President and in other leadership roles. In late 2019 Dan presented the draft of his grant submission to the MPIC Board, who agreed to support his request. The Yerba Buena Chapter of the Native Plant Society will assist in selecting the native plants and the installation.

This grant will allow for the professional redesign of the garden as a low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, species-diverse, year-round demonstration native plant garden. A pleasing layout will be enhanced with educational signage, emphasizing the appeal of native plants to visitors and the plants' dependent animal species. The renewed and expanded garden will appeal aesthetically and educationally to residents and visitors. It will be an asset to the neighborhood and the City, encouraging development of similar native plant gardens in the community and addressing the global warming and species-depletion crises we face.

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MPIC Native Plant Garden...

MPIC thanks Dan for his initiative in conceiving this important project and writing the grant proposal and all who voted for the grant. MPIC is grateful to Supervisor Norman Yee who founded the District 7 Participatory Budgeting program.

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about the grant received to fund MPIC Resilient Miraloma Park's purchase of supplies to help the neighborhood if there is a power shutdown, other emergency, or disaster.

672 VOTES SUPPORT MIRALOMA PARK'S RESILIENCY PROGRAM!

The Resilient Miraloma Park Leadership Team's primary goal has been to prepare all residents for the eventual Big One as well as to provide emergency support when needed. Thanks to the leadership of Joanie van Rijn's and the NERTs as well as Daniel Homsey, Robert Gee and Guido van Rijn's creation of a Block Champion Program, a response team of over sixty individuals was formed that can serve Miraloma Park in the event of a major event. Over \$100,000 of emergency supplies have been acquired for Miraloma Park through Supervisor Yee's Participatory Budgeting (PB) Program.

Supervisor Yee's PB funding also initiated the Miraloma Park's Community Connectors and Always Active programs that are locally organized and directed by Darlene Ramlose. These programs fulfill a large part of the MPIC resiliency goal of creating a network of seniors by establishing opportunities for wellness through socialization, education and physical fitness. You may be surprised to know that some of our seniors have become quite adept users of ZOOM through online exercise classes. Classes are also offered on various educational topics (even ukulele) and are generally well attended. These are all sponsored by the Community Living Campaign and our local affiliate of Community Connectors.

Because the Resilient Miraloma Park Leadership Team is well established, it became relatively easy to transition to a COVID Response Team. Darlene was able to quickly network with her senior community and ascertain their needs. The MPIC COVID-19 Response Team was able to call on the NERTs, Block Champions and other volunteers to assist Darlene with her Community Connectors outreach program. These volunteers were also prepared check on the wellbeing of their more immediate neighbors.



The Miraloma Park smoke-filled skies at Noon on September 9

THANK YOU for voting for latest Participatory Budgeting round of funding. You have just added to Resilient Miraloma Park's capacity to respond to a major earthquake and many other forms of STRESS that we may be subjected to. Included in this funding package are:

- Solar powered generators to be distributed throughout the neighborhood. These 500 Watt-hour generators will primarily be used as cell phone and two-way radio charging stations.
- Additional two-way radios that will allow Block Champions and NERTs to easily communicate throughout mountainous Miraloma Park. When cell towers are down, neighborhood responders can still communicate and coordinate.
- Headlamps for handsfree lighting for seniors as well as NERT and Block Champion responders
- Cooking stations consisting of propane fueled twoburner cook tops. These burners will have enough BTU output to cook large vats of soups and stews to help feed a local group of neighbors should the need arise.

The Miraloma Park Resiliency Program has become a model for many San Francisco neighborhoods. Joanie van Rijn has shared with many other neighborhoods how to start a local NERT Program . She managed to obtain \$50,000 in PB funding that supports a robust emergency equipment cache. Daniel Homsey has assisted in the formation of other Block Champion Programs. The short story is that Miraloma Park ROCKS when it comes to disaster preparedness. Miraloma Parks residents have supported, with your PB Votes, the necessary funding that supports the leadership team and our success. THANK YOU!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joanie van Rijn

As I reflect on the last two years as President of MPIC I am very proud of all we have accomplished together. I especially want to thank our wonderful volunteer Board Members, members of our committees and all of the residents in our community for their continuing support for the mission of our very special neighborhood. I believe that MPIC continues to play an important role in our rapidly changing world; it's a place we call home. MPIC is a club that honors its residents and works on their behalf.

Membership, now 639 residents, has doubled in two years, thanks to the hard work of Thomas O'Brien. MPIC recently received the tax designation of 501.c3, thanks to the dedication of MPIC's Treasurer, Robert Gee. This will allow the club to apply for challenge grants and do other charitable projects to support the neighborhood. During the past few years and with Supervisor Yee's Participatory Budgeting MPIC has written and secured votes for approval for over \$250,000 in projects that have come directly into our neighborhood. These funds have started our Senior Community Connector Program, our Block Champion program, and our successful Resilient Program with a cache of earthquake supplies to help our neighbors when disaster strikes. This year MPIC was awarded two new grants each for \$25,000.

Our neighborhood continues to be "sheltering-in-place" and most residents have not returned to a normal pattern of life. For the past six months, neighbors have helped others to shop, pick up medications and check in on those who may need a wellness check. We have painted rocks, we have banged pots and pans to support our health care workers and we have tried our best to keep our spirits

positive. We have gone to hear music on a driveway, we have walked the neighborhood in our masks and tried to keep our children occupied without the use of playgrounds. Yes, and now you are being asked to put up your OK sign again. I asked Guido to change the sign this time, I wanted it to say, OK ...but tired. Placing your sign in the window lets others know you are sharing in the neighborhood wide preparedness program. Please put your sign up today!

Last month I asked you all to make sure you completed the Cenus 2020, and asked you to register to vote. If you have it on your list, now is the perfect time to do it.

If you are a member of MPIC, please mail in your vote for our new Board. Go online to miralomapark.org to vote,

it's easy! Your new President will take over in November and the position will rotate every two months. If elected I will remain on the Board and will work to keep us safe, and the Best Neighborhood in the City.

Thank you for your kind words of support and I'll see you around the neighborhood, in my mask.



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT **MIRALOMA ELEMENTARY**

Cary Matthews

The school year started a bit differently for students and staff at Miraloma Elementary last month. Students and teachers are working and learning from home, and the daily Morning Circle has moved online to YouTube where Principal Noah Ingber celebrates the school's diversity by teaching students to say good morning in a new language every week.

Teachers have been working hard to adapt their lessons to online learning, and have gone above and beyond in their efforts; Principal Ingber reports that teachers have been working deep into the night to plan daily lessons. The school is hosting weekly Chromebook and hotspot distributions, and has distributed more than 150 Chromebooks so far this year.

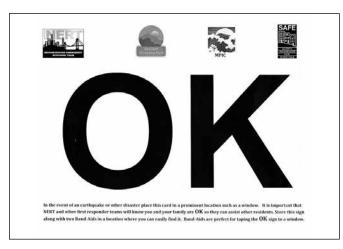
Miraloma Elementary School has a robust and passionate volunteer community, and while the school community is at home, volunteer opportunities are on hold due to SFUSD's strict rules to safeguard against the inadvertent spread of COVID. The school looks forward to welcoming everyone back to school as soon as it is safe to do so. Principal Ingber knows families are eager to get back to

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New School Year...

more normal activities, and asks that everyone understand the focus at the school right now is to support teachers and staff in providing high quality online instruction and keeping students engaged in a very unconventional learning environment. The MPIC would like to extend a huge thank you to Miraloma Elementary teachers and staff!



PLACE YOUR 'OK' SIGN IN A STREET FACING WINDOW **FOR THE FIRST THREE** WEEKS OF OCTOBER

Pandemic, fires, smoke darkened skies, PSPS (PG&E's Public Safety Shut Downs)! California and much of the nation is experiencing the "perfect storm" of natural disasters and the ensuing economic consequences of joblessness, homelessness, and long food lines at local pantries. It all seems to be never ending. The stress in all our lives is ticking upward. Are you a senior and/ or disabled resident of Miraloma Park and need help with grocery shopping or would just like someone to talk to? Contact MPIC at 415-322-0211 and someone will be made available to get your non-medical needs taken care of. If you are experiencing a medical condition contact your doctor. In case of a medical emergency, call 911.

Please let all of Miraloma Park know that we are in this together by placing the OK sign in a street facing window for the first three weeks of October. Despite all of the current negative events that seem to engulf us, we do need to remind ourselves that preparing ourselves and our households for a major earthquake should not be off of our agenda. Indeed, as many of us are sheltering in place due to the pandemic and/or severity of the smoke, it may

be a good time to review our disaster evacuation plans as well as to take stock of the entire household's go-bags, including pets. Please place your OK sign in a street facing window. Demonstrate your solidarity with other Miraloma Park residents in your resolve to be resilient in the face of current and all future events. Please remove the OK sign at the end of the three week period.

Need a replacement OK sign, visit Nextdoor or go to the MPIC website at:

https://miralomapark.org/wp-content/uploads/ Help-OK-Sign-1.pdf

SB 902 FAILED TO PASS, **BUT EXPECT TO SEE SB 1120 AGAIN**

Update: State Level Zoning Control Initiatives

MPIC Zoning and Planning Committee

Should meeting San Francisco's need for affordable housing require the elimination of local government authority to manage land use?

Some California legislators and the building lobby think so and have proposed measures that seek to override California's environmental protection law: the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; 1970), which requires a lead agency to provide and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to approve that may have a significant effect on the environment.

SB 902, Sponsored by California Senators Wiener and Atkins and the California building industry, would have authorized local governments to pass an ordinance "notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances enacted by the jurisdiction, including restrictions enacted by a local voter initiative, that limit the legislative body's ability to adopt zoning ordinances, to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located...a transit-rich area, (within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop or on a high-quality bus corridor, one with bus service of no more than 15 minutes between 6:00 and 10:00 am and between 3:00 and 7:00 pm Monday - Friday, e.g. the #43 along Portola Drive).

In addition, SB 902 would have mandated that an ordinance adopted under its provisions is exempted from review under CEQA.

SB 902 failed to pass out of the Appropriations Committee: there continues to be meaningful opposition to efforts to end local land use control and single family zoning. But similar measures continue to be proposed. (See https:// leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient. xhtml?bill id=201920200SB902)

SB 1120, the Planning and Zoning Law would establish a ministerial permitting processes and would exempt projects subject to those processes from CEQA review. The bill would impose a state-mandated local program for

...the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions.

This bill, among other things, would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing... [and with stipulated exceptions]. (Legislative Counsel's Summary of SB1120: https://leginfo. legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill id=201920200SB1120)

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ELECTION NOTICE



The Miraloma Park Improvement Club is conducting the election for certain Officer and Board Member positions from October 7 through 14, 2020. This Notice contains information for the election. Questions about the election should be sent to miralomapark@gmail.com or call 415-322-0211.

Miraloma Life's September issue contained a photo of each candidate and a candidate's statement. The September issue is available on the News & Events page of www. miralomapark.org (under News). Also, under Events you'll find a link to **Meet the Candidates** where you'll find a photo of each candidate and candidate's statement.

Eligibility To Vote

Persons 18+ years who were dues-paying members of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club as of September 7, 2020 are eligible to vote.

Voting Procedures

This election is being conducted using electronic voting and paper ballot procedures. Ballots must be cast between October 7 and 14, 2020. Voters should cast ballots either electronically or by paper, but not by both procedures.

Electronic Voting

MPIC dues-paying members who have given MPIC their email address will be sent a link to vote electronically. On October 7 MPIC will email these eligible voters a link to the electronic ballot. Or, after October 7 you can access the electronic ballot by visiting the **News & Events** page of www.miralomapark.org and clicking on Election **Notice**. The Election Notice (pdf) will include a link to the electronic ballot. Once you access the electronic ballot, follow the directions. After you vote the ballot, you will receive confirmation that your vote has been accepted.

Paper Ballot

This issue of Miraloma Life contains a paper ballot. The paper ballot may be duplicated. Cut this ballot from the issue or duplicate it. Vote the ballot and place the ballot in an envelope, addressed to MPIC, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94127. Include your name and address on the envelope. Failure to include your name and address on the envelope will result in your vote being invalidated. In order to be counted, your paper ballot must be received by MPIC by Wednesday, October 14.

Tally of Ballots

On October 15 the MPIC election committee will tally all ballots received. The committee will ensure that only eligible voters' ballots will be counted. The results of the election will be posted on www.miralomapark.org and reported in Miraloma Life's November issue.

MPIC OFFICIAL BALLOT

To Vote in favor of a candidate, place a mark on the box next to the candidate's name.

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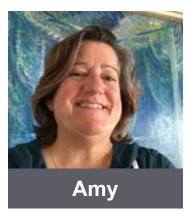
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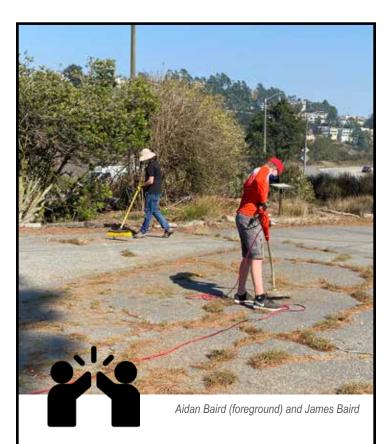
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THANK YOU TO OUR CLUBHOUSE VOLUNTEERS!

The MPIC clubhouse parking lot was in desperate need of a pandemic haircut. The MPIC thanks our volunteers Aidan Baird and his dad, James for helping to remove the weeds in the clubhouse parking lot. Watch this space for future announcements each month to sign up for helping out at a clubhouse volunteer day - all while maintaining social distancing. Tasks include weeding and sweeping along with light maintenance work around the clubhouse.

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MIRALOMA PARK COMMUNITY CONNECTORS SENIOR PROGRAM

We can stay connected and active online! Our ukulele classes are continuing on Zoom, and our social connection in this time of distancing is thriving through the San Francisco Community Living Campaign with resources, classes, and more on our website at

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!

Emergency Preparedness Classes

being offered online. Class dates: October 8, 15 and 22 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

For more information contact:

Darlene Ramlose, Miraloma Community Connector

darlene@sfcommunityliving.org

(714) 423-8844.

Visit us on our Facebook page:

Miraloma Park Community Connectors

SIGN UP! **Emergency Preparedness** Classes



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

David Munoz, the Seismic Safety Coordinator for the Community Youth Center (CYC) is teaching the classes. Anyone can attend. CYC is a nonprofit and one of our MPIC partners.

Overview of the Classes:

San Franciscans live in one of the world's most at-risk seismic zones and those who live and work here must take steps and prepare themselves for the next Big One, so they can work with the City to recover and rebound quickly. The Seismic Safety Outreach Program aims to prepare San Franciscans for all hazards, with an emphasis on Sheltering in Place. The training will focus on empowering the community throughout the Disaster Cycle: "Pre Disaster", "During Disaster" and "Post Disaster".

Link to sign up: **HERE**

If you can't make the classes- no worries. We will make recorded videos available on the MPIC website.



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SB902...

Although SB 1120 failed to pass the full house due to time constraints, it is likely to be reintroduced in the new session, as it was unanimously passed in the Senate. This bill would end single-family zoning in California.

According to the 9/1/20 LA Times,

California lawmakers nearly sent a bill to the governor that would have essentially ended singlefamily zoning across much of a state mired in a housing crisis. Then they ran out of time.

In a legislative season marred and compressed by the coronavirus outbreak, the California Assembly approved Senate Bill 1120 three minutes before the midnight deadline Monday for bills to pass both houses, a time enshrined in the state Constitution. But Tuesday came before the Senate could vote. The bill, which would have allowed for duplexes on single-family lots, likely had a good chance.

Its author was Senate leader Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) and the bill previously passed the Senate 39 to 0. It needed to go to the Senate again only because the Assembly amended it slightly. The failure raised questions among supporters as to why Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) brought up the bill at 11:30 Monday night, and it marked another setback for a multiyear push by some activists and legislators to tackle California's housing crisis by boosting density.

SB 1120 came out of the January defeat of controversial Senate Bill 50, which would have allowed for four-plexes on most single-family lots and low- and mid-rise apartment buildings in places near transit and job centers, regardless of whether they were single-family neighborhoods.

Atkins introduced her duplex bill in February, saying it was a way to boost supply while respecting neighborhood character. SB 1120 wouldn't have outlawed single-family houses. But it would have required local governments to permit applications to convert a house into a duplex or to demolish a house and build two units, either as a duplex or two single-family houses.

https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/ story/2020-09-01/california-assembly-sb-1120duplexes

ZAP Committee Note: The idea of preserving neighborhood character by destroying zoning protections is an exuberant flight of fancy even for California legislators. They need to hear from the voters.



PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR **WILDLIFE SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN**

Some decorations can harm wildlife, so please avoid using:

- Fake spider webs,
- Decorations made of entangling fibers, which can easily trap birds and other wildlife so that they can't escape; and
- Those with small, dangling, edible-looking parts, which can be ingested by wild animals and cause death.

Have a great Halloween—pandemic notwithstanding—and thank you for helping wildlife to keep safe!

For more information about Halloween and wildlife, visit https://www. discoverwildcare.org/keep-halloweensafe-for-wildlife.





BACK TO SCHOOL: FREE LITTLE LIBRARY **GIVE-A-WAY**

Miraloma Park Seniors enjoy classes through the Community Living Campaign (CLC). They are offering a Little Free Library to the Miraloma Park Community!

We are encouraging people to write-in and apply to own it! CLC will provide you with all you need to have a little library box on your property.

The box, installation and even your first books! You will be able to paint the box your colors! The only message: "Take a Book, leave a book" should be on your box & we will also place a CLC Community Living Community Campaign sticker on your box.

How to apply: Just e-mail us why a little library box would be welcome addition to your home, street and community. The email can be sent to Darlene@sfcommunityliving.org

Our neighborhood children love Little Libraries. We would like to hear from you!



With more than 20 years in San Francisco—and extensive sales in Miraloma Park—I can help you navigate a rapidly-evolving market.

Dan's Real Success Story



148 Judson Avenue 2BD 1BA House

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"I could not have asked for a better realtor."

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Amy's Real Success Story



1685 Page Street 2BD 1BA Condo

SOLD for \$1,535,000 In Contract in One Week

"When in crisis, Judson is who you want on your side."

Right at the start of the pandemic, Amy went into contract on a new house for her family. She was nervous about selling her condo at the height of the crisis. Amy says, "Judson was cool as a cucumber the entire time and helped arrange everything for a seamless sale. I was able to sell my home at a price I wanted and move into my new home that I'm so happy with. I'm not saying that Judson has a crystal ball, but his predictions about the market sure did work in my favor!"



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Deadline for submissions is October 12, 2020

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