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7 JANUARY MPIC Board Meeting* 7:00 pm - Virtual

*Members wishing to attend the virtual meetings should email: mpicpresident@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting invite.

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

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DID YOU KNOW? MIRALOMA PARK IS RADIO READY

Guido van Rijn

We are getting there! Miraloma Park, through Resilient Miraloma, is well on the way to setting up a two-way radio network. MPIC's Resilient Miraloma has established two radio networks dedicated to assisting residents in our neighborhood during and after a major disaster (i.e., earthquake, landslide, storm, fire, etc.) Long range radios have been distributed to 15 NERTs (Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams) as well as other Miraloma Park residents. These radio operators support the NERT Command Center that in a disaster, would be set up at the Miraloma Playground tennis courts. The NERT Command Center team will be kept informed of conditions in the neighborhood through our radio network. Search and rescue teams can then be sent out as necessary. HAM radio operators at the Command Center can communicate with SFFD should conditions like a major fire or a medical condition warrant it. Practice drills are conducted monthly. Many thanks go to Joanie van Rijn for setting up this emergency radio network as well as procuring, through Supervisor Yee's Participatory Budgeting process, the radios and thousands of dollars of supplies needed to support a local Command Center.



Luke Zepponi

MIRALOMA TEEN WINS WRITING AWARD!

Jean Perata

Congratulations to Luke Zepponi, of Bella Vista Way, for winning 3rd place in the SF Historical Society's Fracchia Prize contest! In honor of Golden Gate Park's 150th anniversary the Historical Society asked high school students to write an essay on "One perfect day in Golden Gate Park." Writers had to select 6 to 8 specific sites to visit during their walking tour of the park, giving the history of each stop they chose.

Luke's essay is entitled "It's a Ringer! One Perfect Day in Golden Gate Park." His walking tour begins at the Horseshoe Courts near the park's northeastern corner, and proceeds to the Horse and Horseshoe Pitcher Sculpture, Lick Hill, Phil Arnold Oak Woodlands Nature Trail, Coon Hollow, the vista from the Oak Woodlands Trail and the Fuchsia Dell.

Luke's winning essay will be published in the San Francisco Historical Society's newsletter, Panorama. The guided walking tours created by Luke and the other winners will be made available to the public in Spring 2021 in the format of a brochure. The walking tours will be available soon on a mobile app at https://sfcityguides.org.

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Did you know? Miraloma Park ...

Resilient Miraloma Park's twenty-seven Block Champions form the basis for the 2nd radio communications network. Block Champions prepare our neighborhood, one block at a time, to be household ready should disaster strike. After a disaster, and If the situation of a Block Champion's household is stable, they will organize a Block Support Center. Field teams will be sent out to check on each of the neighbors on the block. The radios will allow for communication between the Block Support Center and the outgoing field teams. If a medical, fire, or rescue operation situation requires more assistance than can

be locally handled, the Miraloma Command Center can be radioed for help. City emergency services will then be contacted. IMPORTANT NOTE: In a major disaster there is no guarantee that citywide emergency services will be available. That is why each block and the Neighborhood of Miraloma Park must be ready to stand alone for days if not weeks. Thank you, Daniel Homsey, Robert Gee, and Guido van Rijn, for organizing the Block Champion Program. Thank you Supervisor, Yee for funding it.





The radios used by Block Champions and the radios

used by the Miraloma Park's Emergency Radio team can communicate with one another. Combined, Miraloma Park has 37 radio operators. Given that each Block Champion has two radios our capacity for a total number of radio operators jumps to almost 70! Though the process of creating a well-functioning radio network is ongoing, Miraloma Park has a great start.

If you are interested in becoming a Miraloma Park **Emergency Radio Operator please contact:**

Joanvanrijn@gmail.com

If you are interested in becoming a Miraloma Park Block Champion contact: guidovanrijn1975@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cary Matthews

Happy New Year Miraloma Park! 2020 was a challenging year on a lot of fronts, and I'm sure I'm not the only one happy to see it in the rear-view mirror, but I do want to acknowledge that challenging times provide opportunities for growth and silver linings. One of my silver linings has been to get more involved with the Miraloma Park Improvement Club. As the city began to shut down in March, I was looking for ways to support my neighbors and get to know the Miraloma Park community, and the MPIC welcomed me with open arms. I joined the Resilient Miraloma Park team in March and the MPIC board in June, and have since also joined the Publicity Committee and the newly formed Finance Committee. I jumped in with both feet and couldn't be happier to serve as Acting President for two months. Darlene Ramlose is Acting Vice President and will become Acting President in March.

I moved to Miraloma Park in 2017 with my two dogs, Rudy and Ginger, and from my first day moving in, neighbors stopped to say hi and introduce themselves. I have lived in San Francisco all my life and I have never experienced the closeness of community as I have in this neighborhood.

Membership

We hit a new high in memberships in November, reaching 702 members! A big thanks to Thomas O'Brien for heading our Membership Committee and to all of our members for supporting the good work of the MPIC. If you're not currently a member, please consider renewing your membership or joining for the first time using the envelope included in this newsletter. We also have a convenient JOIN button on our website (www.MiralomaPark.org/join). Don't forget that membership fees are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3).

Miraloma Life

MPIC has been publishing and delivering a printed newsletter to every home in Miraloma Park since the 1950s. The newsletter serves to promote neighborhood identity and raise community awareness of local issues and activities. Printing and delivery of the newsletter is funded through advertisements, membership fees, and clubhouse rentals. Unfortunately, revenues from these sources will not be enough to cover the costs of the printed newsletter this year due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. While the MPIC does have some savings to cover these costs, we need your help. Please consider a small additional donation to the MPIC when you renew your membership this year. The newsletter itself is put together each month through the dedication of an entirely volunteer Publicity Committee and with contributions from writers in the community, which we actively encourage. If you have an idea for an

article, please email miralomapark@gmail. com. I'm a relatively new member of this committee and I want to thank each member and writer for your dedication to the newsletter and for keeping our community informed.



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JOIN MIRALOMANS PITCH IN & CLEAN (MPIC) ON SECOND SATURDAYS

MPIC

The Board of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club has inaugurated a new maintenance program for the Clubhouse and grounds - Miralomans Pitch In & Clean! It's a new take on MPIC! The work effort begins Saturday, January 9 from 10am to noon and will repeat the second Saturday of following months during the same hours. We're looking for neighborhood volunteers to join this effort.

gloves." You'll also receive an email if the workday is cancelled due to rain or other necessity.

MPIC Second Saturday is a result of belt-tightening measures instituted by the MPIC Board. For some years the MPIC employed a gardener. The MPIC also employed a Clubhouse Manager, neighbor Mia Waller, to handle rentals and perform upkeep duties. Revenue obtained from Clubhouse rentals paid for these services. Because of the pandemic, MPIC has not had any rental income since mid-March 2020. As a cost-cutting measure, MPIC first reduced the gardener's hours and then advised him that we could no longer afford his services. Early in the pandemic we had to pause the Clubhouse Manager's services.







Left to Right: Board Member Todd Siemers on weed patrol at the Clubhouse; Board Member Jean Perata cleans area near storage container; Dennis Davison, MPIC member and spouse of Jean Perata, sweeps the walkways.

Every month an MPIC Board member will lead a team of 6 neighbor volunteers in the morning activity. The monthly tasks will include raking leaves, pruning bushes, sweeping up pine needles, trimming vegetation, removing weeds, sweeping the Clubhouse steps. Most of the work will be outdoors, but there may be indoor tasks too, such as labeling the circuit-breaker, sweeping floors, cleaning windows. Volunteers should wear a mask; COVID-19 precautions will be followed while working.

Want to volunteer? Click on this link: https://www. signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A82DA2FB6-mpic.

Sign up for the date you want to work. Prior to the work Saturday, you'll receive a reminder email which may contain additional information, such as "bring gardening

Both before and after the pandemic, Board Members volunteered their time, working on Clubhouse improvements. In recent months, Board Members and a few neighborhood volunteers have done some outdoor clean-up in and around the Clubhouse. But keeping the grounds and Clubhouse in good shape takes more effort and more hands. That is why the MPIC Second Saturday program was created.

The MPIC Board members look forward to seeing Miralomans on these Saturdays. It's a great way for you to meet your neighbors, beautify the neighborhood, preserve your Clubhouse and do a good deed. See you there!





MIRALOMA PARK

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

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

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

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Aidan, our back-up newsletter carrier, modeling a new vest

SPOT OUR MIRALOMA LIFE CARRIERS IN THIER NEW SAFETY VESTS!

In December, our newsletter carriers started wearing our new blue high visibility vests with the MPIC logo and identifying them as a Miraloma Life carrier.

WHAT HAS YOUR FAMILY BEEN DOING OUTSIDE **DURING COVID?**

The MPIC is sharing what activities Miraloma Park families are doing outside during COVID. If you would like to share in the newsletter what your family is doing outside, send us your short story (under 800 words) to miralomapark@gmail.com

When COVID hit, the Baird family transitioned from spending most of our weekends at Little League, chorus performances and soccer games to staying home - with nothing on the schedule. It forced us to slow down, which in retrospect, was in many ways, a good thing. With four boys, we were always on the go. Instead, we learned to enjoy the simpler aspects of life - and the boys gained a renewed interest in their outdoor play structure, scooter riding in their cul de sac, and boogie boarding at any open beaches. Since baseball was canceled, they took up tennis. Since soccer was no more, they played basketball with their backyard hoop (thankful for neighbors who tolerated the constantly bouncing ball.) As it was one of the only ways to see friends safely, they biked, and biked, and biked... suddenly, it seemed biking had become the new team sport. We even piled in a car and took a road trip, braving tent camping for a week in Yellowstone. With a wonderful community like Miraloma and the temperate climate of San Francisco, our family, like others, have learned to embrace the outdoors, in our own neighborhood and beyond. - CARINA BAIRD

DRAIN HEROES WANTED

MPIC



Civic engagement is the heart of any well-functioning neighborhood. One way you can be part of our neighborhood is by adopting a storm drain, a.k.a. a catch basin. Miraloma Park has quite a few drains already cared for by nearby neighbors, but our neighborhood still has many drains that could use some love.

San Francisco's Adopt a Drain began in 2016. There is a quiet satisfaction in adopting a drain in the neighborhood



and keeping it free of debris and plant materials which otherwise impede the steady flow of water in the sewer system. It's also a good family project to introduce



your children to the meaning of community - as long as you are with them to clear any "adult" debris first. In addition, it can be done in your own time frame. Currently, all of Miraloma Park's unadopted drains flow into the sewer system, not directly into the Bay, according to the map on the SF Water Power Sewer Adopt a Drain website. https://adoptadrain.sfwater.org/.

Adopt a Drain was started by Code for America, an umbrella group of volunteer brigades that work with local governments and community partners to better communities. Code for San Francisco created the City's program's web application free of charge. San Francisco's Water Power Sewer will give you all the instructions and free materials you will need, as well as emails of approaching storms when appropriate so you can keep your corner of MP safe from flooding and debris.

A comprehensive webpage with all the instructions you will need is at: https://sfwater.org/index.aspx?page=1184

If you have already adopted a drain, did you name it? Drainy McDrain Face? Rivers and Tides? Catchy Basin? Send us your names: we will print them in a future issue.

Below are two short videos on YouTube about the program:

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=Z1Virx3IAH0

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCPzLXCq4Ebt3WlCF9h2mc q

Winter weather is here! Our first big rainstorm arrived, and with it, many drains started to catch debris, impeding water flow. Be a "drain hero" and once you have signed up, send us your photos, too!



CARY MATTHEWS!

The MPIC thanks Cary Matthews for her generous donation to help underwrite the cost of printing and delivering the Miraloma Life newsletter. The MPIC has been delivering the newsletter to 2,200 homes since 1954. We are one of the few neighborhoods in San Francisco that has a unique newsletter delivered to every home...and we want to continue to do so even during COVID. It's one reason Miraloma Park is so unique.

The MPIC has historically relied on advertising, membership dues and clubhouse rentals to help defray the cost of the monthly newsletter. But with our clubhouse shut down due to COVID we are considering all options to reduce our expenses.

Please consider making a donation of any amount to help underwrite the cost of our newsletter. The MPIC is a qualified tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization - tax ID 94-6092576. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



GOLDEN GATE PARK LIGHTS UP

Jean Perata

This winter visit "Entwined" at Peacock Meadow, Golden Gate Park. This forest of lights is the creation of San Francisco artist Charles Gadeken and it is part of the celebration of Golden Gate Park's 150th Anniversary. The light show continues until the end of February and may be extended to June 1.

Not far away is the light installation at the Conservatory of Flowers. Colorful flowers, butterflies and other designs are projected on the Conservatory building.

Sky Star Wheel, a Ferris wheel with enclosed seating, has an ongoing light show as well. It is found at 1 Bowl Drive, Golden Gate Park, directly across from the Bandshell, which hosts its own light show, "Revival."





FOR MORE ON HOW TO VISIT THE ENTWINED **EXHIBIT SAFELY:**

https://www.goldengatepark150.com/entwined

HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN BY CONTACTING 311

Robert Gee

When it comes to overflowing public garbage cans, graffiti on bus shelters and illegal dumping, the city will clean it up right away- but only if someone submits a 311 request. Download the SF311 app to your mobile devices for a quick and easy way to submit a 311 request.



OVERFLOWING GARBAGE CAN AT THE MT. **DAVIDSON BUS SHELTER & TRAILHEAD**



This overflowing garbage can at Myra Way and Dalewood (shown left) has particularly been problematic since the beginning of the shelterin-place due to the high number of visitors.

The trash can has no cover and is so small that it fills up quickly. Visitors leave their trash piled on top of or around the

trash can. The crows (and sometimes raccoons) get into the trash can and pull out the dog poop, food waste, etc. and spread it all around the trailhead and into neighboring yards. It's a health hazard.

The MPIC thanks the many residents who constantly submit 311 requests to get the overflowing garbage can

emptied, and spend a considerable amount of time each week picking up the scattered trash. We especially want to thank Heather Sears who brought this issue to our attention and has constantly been submitting 311 requests, asking for covered garbage cans, (shown right: covered can in Glen Canyon Park) writing to Supervisor Yee for assistance, and helping with this article.



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Help Keep Our Neighborhood Clean ...

The MPIC continues to submit many 311 requests to get the garbage can emptied and requested the following solutions: add another garbage pickup day, add a second can, or replace the existing can with covered cans. We've also contacted Supervisor Yee's office. Our tickets requesting covered garbage cans kept getting closed with the reason that Dept. of Public Works (DPW) only uses the open cement garbage cans. We then contacted the Mt. Davidson Rec and Park manager about installing the same covered garbage cans used inside city parks and was told that the garbage can at the bus shelter is technically not inside the park and is therefore the responsibility of DPW.

Due to the many 311 requests, Recology did add a black toter garbage can at the bus shelter. The garbage problem did improve. But Recology removed it a month later and our multiple 311 requests to add a second can have gone unanswered.

It makes no sense to keep submitting 311 requests for overflowing garbage when there are easy solutions. However, the city has yet to implement any of the suggested solutions except to keep responding to 311 requests to empty the garbage and clean up the area. We continue to work on the issue.

You can help by submitting 311 requests but note that there are two different types of requests to make: 1) for the trash can to be emptied, and 2) for the scattered trash to be cleaned up. The tickets get routed to different agencies. Here are the steps on the 311 Mobile App to request each ticket.

To get the overflowing garbage can emptied:

311 Mobile App Home > New Request > Cleaner Streets > Garbage Containers > Nature of Request (from dropdown) select "Overflowing Public Garbage Can", add description and photo, select "Submit" --> these tickets get re-routed to Recology.

To get the trash that has been scattered all around the bus stop and trailhead cleaned up:

311 Mobile App Home > New Request > Cleaner Streets > Street or Sidewalk Cleaning > Object (from dropdown) select "Overflowing Public Garbage Can", add description and photo, select "Submit" --> these tickets go DPW and a street cleaning crew is sent.

We also ask that you send an email to our new Supervisor Myrna Melgar letting her know about the garbage problem and the easy solutions.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Garbage, furniture and mattresses are still illegally dumped next to public garbage cans, bus shelters and other public spaces as well as on private property. (shown right: Illegally dumped trash outside Miraloma Park Clubhouse) Submit a 311 request and DPW will usually pick up the garbage within a day.



To report illegal dumping:

311 Mobile App Home > New Request > Cleaner Streets > Street or Sidewalk Cleaning > Object (from dropdown) select the type of garbage > add location, description and photo, select "Submit".

GRAFFITI

Graffiti needs to be removed right away. Submit a 311 request to report buildings, public property and other objects that have been vandalized with graffiti. DPW will usually clean it up within 2 days. (Shown below: Graffiti on Del Vale bus shelter)

To report graffiti:

311 Mobile App Home > New Request > Cleaner Streets > Graffiti > Object (from dropdown) select what the graffiti is on > add location, description and photo, select "Submit".



MPIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Crime Stats from November 1 - November 30, 2020*

*Partial report, full reports available online

INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT TIME	INTERSECTION	INCIDENT REPORT
11/01/2020	22:00	Los Palmos Dr \ Lulu Aly	Theft, from Locked Vehicle, >\$950
11/04/2020	7:20	Bella Vista Way \ Cresta Vista Dr	Possession of Burglary Tools, Vehicle, Stolen
11/06/2020	20:00	Arroyo Way \ Marietta Dr	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto
11/07/2020	16:36	Portola Dr \ Market St	Evading a Police Officer Recklessly
11/11/2020	10:00	Melrose Ave \ Detroit St	Burglar, Residence, Forcible Entry
11/12/2020	00:01	Verna St \ Los Palmos Dr	Burglary, Residence Under Construction, Forcible Entry
11/13/2020	13:00	Stilling Ave \ Malta Dr	Theft, from Locked Vehicle, >\$950
11/16/2020	8:00	Stanford Heights Ave \ Los Palmos Dr	License Plate, Stolen
11/17/2020	15:47	Melrose Ave \ Standford Heights Dr	Theft, Other Property, \$50-\$200
11/19/2020	9:20	Teresita Blvd \ Portoloa Dr	Lost Property
11/21/2020	9:00	Melrose Ave \ Detroit St	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto
11/21/2020	18:00	Standford Heights Ave \ Los Palmos Dr	Theft, from Locked Vehicle, >\$950
11/22/2020	21:00	Encline Ct \ Del Vale Ave	Theft, from Locked Vehicle, >\$950
11/23/2020	13:00	Teresita Blvd \ Portola Dr	Search Warrant Service
11/25/2020	19:00	Gatun Aly \ Molimo Dr	Theft, Vehicle Strip, \$200-\$950
11/25/2020	19:30	Sydney Way \ Fowler Ave \ Portola Dr	Theft, from Locked Vehicle, >\$950
11/26/2020	2:00	Rockdale Dr \ Isola Way	Theft, Vehicle Strip, >\$950
11/27/2020	22:00	Omar Way \ Myra Way	Theft, fom Locked Vehicle, >\$950
11/27/2020	23:17	Molimo Dr \ Myra Way	Theft, fom Locked Vehicle, >\$950
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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	
EMERGENCY FROM A MOBILE PHONE	

Suicide Prevention Hotline Poison Control Center Non-Emergency Police Dispatch Ingleside Police Community Room Anonymous Tip Line - Ingleside Police Anonymous Narcotics Tip Line Domestic Family Violence (24hrs) Animal Cruelty, Distress, Injury

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