

# MIRALOMA LIFE

Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

MARCH 2023 - ISSUE 3

## Upcoming Events

**2 MARCH**  
**MPIC Board Meeting\***  
7:00 pm - In Person

**9 MARCH**  
**Neighborhood Safety Meeting**  
7:00 pm - Miraloma Park Clubhouse

**6 APRIL**  
**MPIC Board Meeting\***  
7:00 pm - In Person

\*Members wishing to address the Board should call (415) 322-0211 to request placement on the agenda. All persons attending must demonstrate proof of vaccination.

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*Perry D'Andrea crooning at the Clubhouse*

## SINATRA FANS COME OUT IN FORCE

Kate Clements

"This guy is the real deal." "Above and beyond." "With the lights down low, you would think it was Sinatra!"

On the afternoon of January 22, many a Community Connector senior turned out to hear "Perry Sings Sinatra," at the MPIC Clubhouse. More than 60 people had a traditional Italian spaghetti and meatball dinner, and listened attentively as Perry D'Andrea serenaded the attendees, often quietly singing along, with many Sinatra recordings, both the well known and less known. A few people even managed to dance in the back of the Clubhouse, despite the full-capacity event. The group had such a good time that Perry stayed on after his scheduled appearance time to continue entertaining the enthusiastic crowd.

Perry D'Andrea is well known in the Bay Area, making numerous appearances at public venues, corporate events and private parties. He started singing in public only in 2015, and has since become a professional performer of Sinatra's collected works. Last year he was the winner of Hoboken, New Jersey's "My Way Sinatra Sing-Off," an impressive feat for a relative newcomer to the Sinatra scene. The international competition has hundreds of entrants each year. The field of entry is narrowed down considerably by the judges, with the top baker's dozen singing for the crown.

The event was made possible by the hard work of Darlene Ramlose. Darlene leads the Miraloma

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## Sinatra fans ...

Park Community Connector group. She applied to the Community Living Campaign of San Francisco for a grant, which was ultimately approved as an event serving three neighborhood Connector groups: Miraloma, Sunnyside and Midtown Terrace. She hired Perry, to unanimous approval, and planned the event from start to finish.



While we thank Darlene, she extends her thanks to



the small army of volunteer "roadies" who took on the formidable tasks of setting up, taking down, and serving: Robert Gee, Barbara Wheeler and her family – Stephanie, Natalie, Owen and Soren; Michael Williams, Peter Renteria, Judith Priestly, Stephanie Ma, Ferruccio Morassi, Diane LaRosa, Laura Lison, Olivia Franco, Kevin Caravello, Michael Burton, Bridget Coyle, and Daryl Brown.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tina McGovern - Acting President



I am pleased to be named the MPIC Acting President. It will be difficult to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor, Robert Gee, but I will try.

I am pleased to be back in Miraloma Park. I was born and raised in San Francisco and grew up in the house

I now live in on Molimo Drive. I love this City. My dad's family immigrated to the Excelsior District from Italy and my mother arrived from Louisiana in 1947. My parents bought a brand-new home on Molimo Drive in 1960. My mother was the MPIC President in the mid 1970s and it is with great memories that I take this gavel for March and April.

I raised four children in San Francisco. They all attended St. Brendan School and St. Ignatius High School. Some of my best friends are still those who helped me raise my children.

Professionally, I have worked with purpose as a fundraiser for non-profits over many years and today I work as the Executive Director of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmologists. I also run a foundation which I founded for Coats Disease, a rare eye disease my son unfortunately was diagnosed with when he was 11.

I am an avid walker, book reader, dog and animal lover and proud grandmother to three littles with two more on the way soon.

It is with great pride that I serve you as President.

We have much good news to tell:

## Staying Safe

Safety issues throughout the City have been of particular concern and it is no different for all of us in the MPIC community. Thanks go to our hard-working Debra Estrin, our MPIC Safety Committee Chair, and Safety Committee members, for their work to organize and host a very important meeting on Thursday evening, March 9 at 7:00pm at the MPIC Clubhouse. We look forward to welcoming Ingleside Station SFPD Captain Derrick Lew alongside District Attorney Brooke Jenkins and representatives from SFSAFE.

If you haven't joined us for meetings in our Clubhouse in the past, please take this opportunity to meet your neighbors, hear from our safety leaders, and attend.

## Housing and the MPIC

Our District 7 supervisor Myrna Melgar has introduced the Family Housing Opportunity Act which seeks to allow families in "high-opportunity zones" to expand their single-family homes to 3 and even 4 units. Her legislation addresses a plan required by the State to add more than 82,000 new units of housing in San Francisco. As written before in this newsletter by Robert Gee, this is Supervisor Melgar's latest housing proposal and is the beginning of the City changing zoning rules which the Board of Supervisors has passed and the Mayor has signed. The City wants to get rid of single family zoning, remove barriers such as public notice and discretionary review. We want to work closely with the West of Twin Peaks Council on how we should respond to the Supervisor's latest legislation. We thank our MPIC delegate Karen Breslin for her work with the West of Twin Peaks Council and for keeping us informed.

We need to stay aware, informed and vigilant as to how these laws will impact existing residential design guidelines, discretionary review, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Senator Scott Wiener's bills which affect housing and penalties for Cities who are not in compliance. We need to also be vigilant about Supervisor Melgar's legislation and how it relates to our seniors aging at home (which is not addressed in the legislation just passed at the Board of Supervisors).

## Membership

Thank you to our 800 members who support our community and the work we do. If you missed our January newsletter dues envelope, you can join or renew at our membership website page at <https://miralomapark.org/join/>. We are a qualified 501c3 tax exempt organization. Your membership donation is tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

## What do my dues support?

Your dues and donations support the publishing of our newsletter which keeps us well informed and is the envy of our sister organizations (Forest Hill, Golden Gate Heights). Your dues and donations help MPIC maintain our Clubhouse. The Clubhouse was built in 1943 and as those who own older homes know, maintenance of this crown jewel is important and is an ongoing necessity. At our beloved Clubhouse, we host activities designed for all who live in our community.

## Join us to Connect

In these post-pandemic times I see more people walking the neighborhood and talking to each other. It is a

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join us!

## MIRALOMA PARK SENIORS COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

### upcoming events:

**Tai Chi Exercise** on Tuesdays  
**Dance Exercise** on Thursdays  
10:30am at Cornerstone Church

If you are interested in attending, please contact Darlene Ramlose at [Darlene@sfcommunityliving.org](mailto:Darlene@sfcommunityliving.org) or by phone at 714-423-8844. You must sign up in advance as we will not accept walk-ins as space is limited due to COVID restrictions.

**Miraloma Walk the Neighborhood**  
Thursdays at 1:00pm We mask & social distance

**Ukulele Class**  
Tuesdays at 2:00 PM  
Contact Barbara Wheeler for details at [bawheeler46@yahoo.com](mailto:bawheeler46@yahoo.com)

**Connectors Zoom Social Hour**  
Fridays at 4:30pm  
See all current activities at <http://sfcommunityliving.org>

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Also visit us on our Facebook page:  
**Miraloma Park Community Connectors**

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### President's Letter ...

good thing now that the sun has come back out that we reconnect. If you are looking for organized ways to connect, the MPIC has put in place some unique and fun ways to meet. It is important for our mental and physical health to find ways to reduce isolation and improve our ability to remain healthy. Knowing our neighbors and caring for them is one uniquely wonderful aspect of living in Miraloma Park. Towards that end, we have launched the Seniors Community Connectors Program. This program provides once a week Always Active exercise program for older adults to strengthen and improve balance and has expanded to include different activities three days a week at the Cornerstone Church and MPIC Clubhouse.



## SAVE THE DATE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY MEETING MARCH 9, 2023

**Are you concerned about crime  
in Miraloma Park?**

Join us for a Neighborhood Safety Meeting on March 9, 2023 at 7:00pm at the MPIC Clubhouse. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, Captain Derrick Law of the Ingleside Station, SFSAFE and more.



## RECENT GARAGE DOOR BREAK-INS IN MIRALOMA PARK

### MPIC Safety Committee

On January 31, 2023, between 4:30am and 5:30am there were two garage door break-ins on the 200 block of Juanita Way. In both instances, garage door windows were broken, the garage door emergency release latch was disengaged, and the garage doors were manually opened, allowing suspects to enter the garage. In one of the break-ins, a metal car antenna was left behind that was likely used to reach/pull the emergency release, which is very typical. The police sometimes find antennas, metal wire hangers, etc. at the scene of the break-in. These items are fashioned to be fished through small openings and broken windows.

One of the Juanta Way incidents resulted in the loss of some paper goods, and in the other, incident bikes and tools were taken. Garage door break-ins are occurring throughout San Francisco, and Miraloma Park is not excluded from that. It seems like the neighborhood has experienced one or more per month for a considerable amount of time.

We included flyers from SFSAFE in our February newsletter, which provided tips for reducing garage door break-ins, and would like to take this opportunity to reiterate some of those tips.

- Always close your garage door
- Reinforce the glass on the garage door by adding vinyl adhesive
- Install an interior manual garage door lock or look into the installation of a Surelock bolt that works with your electric garage door opener
- Install surveillance cameras on the exterior of your home

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In 2022 we helped quite a few neighbors buy and sell their homes:

990 Monterey Blvd \$4,150,000 Buyers  
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1 Brentwood Way \$2,100,000 Sellers  
263 Staples St \$1,360,000 Sellers

2023 Looks like it will be a busy year as well. We have several listings coming soon (please call for more info) in the neighborhood.

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## Break-Ins ...

- Deadbolts should be added to the door from your garage into your home
- Install motion-sensitive lights
- Do not leave your garage door remote in your car. Instead opt to use a remote on a keychain
- Tie your emergency release cord into a small ball; this will make it more difficult for thieves to reach the cord after they break the garage window
- Keep all tools in cabinet systems with locks, and be sure to hang and lock any bicycles
- If the garage door is equipped with a mail slot, a hood cover will prevent any view into the garage and its contents, eliminating enticement to enter

MPIC reached out to SFPD Captain Lew and asked for additional patrols due to catalytic converter thefts, garage break-ins and residential hot prowls. In response, Captain Lew said he asked patrol to spend more time in Miraloma Park at night and during the early morning hours when they are not responding to calls.

Everyone is invited to the MPIC Clubhouse on March 9, 2023 at 7 P.M. for a Community Safety Meeting. If you are concerned about crime in Miraloma Park, this is your opportunity to learn what you can do to protect your property, as well as your neighbor's property. Captain Derrick Lew of the Ingleside Police Station, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, and SFSAFE will be present to answer your questions.

## CORRECTION

Kate Clements

In my previous article on George Davidson in the February issue, I perpetuated a myth that Mt. Davidson was called Blue Mountain. That distinction belongs to the now named Mount Sutro. My thanks to resident historian Jacquie Proctor for bringing this mistake to my attention.

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# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING RETURNS IN MARCH 2023!

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District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar has announced her plans for the 2023 Participatory Budgeting program. The period to submit Participatory Budgeting applications opens on March 15 and closes on April 14. Individual District 7 residents must work with a District 7 organization or entity when submitting a proposal.

Grant categories this year include: Community Resilience & Recovery; Public Safety; Disaster Preparedness; Children & Seniors; and Vision Zero. Questions about the 2023 Participatory Budgeting process should be sent to Emma Heiken of Supervisor Melgar's office at Emma.Heiken@sfgov.org.

Supervisor Melgar will share Participatory Budgeting 2023 information via her newsletter, website, and social media, informing residents when the application portal goes live. Supervisor Melgar's newsletter can be accessed at <https://sfbos.org/supervisor-melgar-newsletter>

Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process in which community members propose projects and collectively decide how to spend part of the City's budget. The Supervisor's District 7 office is committed to building strong communities and increasing civic participation through this long-standing initiative. Here's how it

works: District 7 members and organizations propose projects for the District and then, District 7 residents vote on which projects should be funded. Projects receiving the most votes in their categories are awarded the grants.

In past years both MPIC and Miraloma Park residents have submitted Participatory Budgeting grant proposals in the areas of pedestrian safety, disaster preparedness and community resilience, neighborhood beautification, and creation of active play spaces. Almost all of the projects proposed for Miraloma Park received sufficient votes and were funded.

Here's a list of Miraloma Park projects that have been funded through the District 7 Participatory Budgeting program: Over \$100,000 worth of emergency supplies for the Miraloma Park NERT program, local NERT responders and Block Champions and care and shelter supplies; solar powered flashing pedestrian crossing lights at Del Vale and O'Shaughnessy; a study to assess pedestrian safety at Teresita and Reposa; traffic survey (and subsequent new traffic striping and stop signs) of the intersection at Portola Drive, Miraloma Drive and Marne Avenue; lighting of Avoca Alley; speed humps on Myra Way near the school; installation of the active play space, "Hop, Skip and Play on Omar Way"; the redesign of the MPIC native plant garden, the cement walkway from Del Vale to the Clubhouse, and the initial funding of the Community Connectors program.



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## MIRALOMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS UNITY WITH MURAL

Kate Clements

A blank exterior wall at Miraloma School will be beautified as part of the Inclusive Schools Week (ISW) program, which takes place every December in San Francisco. According to the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), the ISW program provides the opportunity for SFUSD educators and community members to educate students about disabilities and the intersection of disabilities with other categories of identity, like race, gender, class, cultural heritage, language preference and other differences.

Spearheading this project is art teacher Daniel Doherty. He is part of the VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) department of the School District. He has been working with students in the district since 2017.

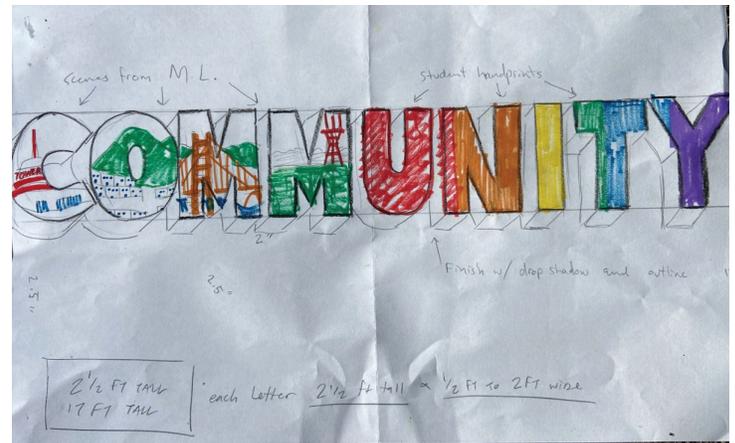


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Join our fun group of neighbors celebrating our community! Please send a message to: [miralomapark@gmail.com](mailto:miralomapark@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.



Here are Doherty's thoughts on the mural: I am hoping to capture the unique charm of the school, and the neighborhood, and the wonderful imagination of its students. The mural will be a collaboration between parent volunteers, students and myself. The theme for this year's ISW was "unity" and seeing how the word sits within "community", we thought we might paint large block letters spelling "COMMUNITY" and highlighting "Unity". That led to talking about the Potrero Hill Mural that was done in the style of old postcards, with snapshots of the place pictured inside the letters. Then we decided to fill the letters with pictures of neighborhood landmarks with the children decorating the space around "COMMUNITY." I am excited to be painting in such a prominent space, as most students pass by this wall on the way into school. We settled on the idea of hand prints as it gives the entire



school a chance to be a part of the process and will serve as a reminder of their time here at MES.

To see some of Daniel Doherty's work, go to Everything Must Go! - Clarion Alley Mural Project

As the project moves forward, I know many of you will stop by to add your encouragement and cheer the students and adults.

## MIRALOMA PARK TRIVIA QUESTION

**In 1933 during the depression, Margaret May Morgan, the first woman to sit on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and others on the Easter Sunrise Committee, solicited \$1+ contributions to build a concrete Cross on Mt. Davidson. It replaced a wooden cross that had burned down. The Cross was completed and lit for the first time on March 25, 1934. Who lit the Cross on March 25, 1934?**

(See backpage for Trivia answer)



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## GARDEN OF THE SEASON

### MPIC

What says "Spring" like the color green? This Garden of the Season features plants of the genus *Aeonium*, also known as Tree Houseleeks.

The homeowners, Christy and Glendon, have lived in Miraloma Park for four years, with their children, Enda (3 years) and Eleanor (9 months). They love their garden, which is easy to maintain and needs infrequent watering. Christy and Glendon are Bay Area natives and have lived in San Francisco for over 10 years. They were drawn to Miraloma Park for its quiet, small-town feel, while still being close enough to BART to their favorite restaurants and shops in the Mission.

Thanks, Christy and Glendon, for greening-up Miraloma Park for Spring!



## MPIC CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP ON SECOND SATURDAYS CONTINUES!

On March 11 the Second Saturday Clean-up of the Clubhouse grounds takes place.

To join, sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A82DA2FB6-mpic](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A9A82DA2FB6-mpic).

If you have difficulty signing up and want to join the next cleanup, please send an email to [miralomapark@gmail.com](mailto:miralomapark@gmail.com) or leave a message at 415-322-0211. We look forward to seeing you among the volunteers. Rain cancels!

Bring your gloves and hat; MPIC provides all other necessary equipment, such as rakes, gardening tools, brooms, etc. Your participation is very much appreciated.

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## MIRALOMA LIFE STAFF TRANSITIONS: GOOD-BYE, SARAH AND HELLO, BUTLER!

### MPIC

Sarah Mergy joined the staff of Miraloma Life in September 2018 as the Graphics/Layout editor. She immediately transformed the publication, giving it a new look – from the masthead to the font and layout. Thanks to her, the online version is in color! Unfortunately, Sarah's other obligations have caused her to step away from her post. The Miraloma Park Improvement Club thanks Sarah for all she's done to make the monthly neighborhood publication engaging and fun to read; we appreciate her dedication and sharing her creativity with us.

Butler Looney has volunteered to take over as the new Graphics/Layout editor. Butler and his wife, Dara, and son Ryder have lived in Miraloma Park for 6 years. He's a graphic designer by trade and has worked on branding and packaging projects for major corporations. MPIC welcomes Butler to the Miraloma Life staff and appreciates that he's sharing his significant experience and creative talents with us!

# MPIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Crime Stats from January 1, 2023 - January 31, 2023

Incident Date	Incident Time	Intersection	Incident Description
1/6/2023	3:33 PM	TERESITA BLVD \ FOWLER AVE	Vehicle, Recovered, Auto
1/8/2023	7:24 AM	CRESTA VISTA DR \ COVENTRY CT	Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Peace Officer Duties, Receiving Stolen Property, Possession with Knowledge,  Officers Chew and Lustenberger responded to a report of a possible catalytic converter theft.
1/14/2023	9:30 AM	TERESITA BLVD \ REPOSA WAY	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto
1/16/2023	4:10 AM	SYDNEY WAY \ FOWLER AVE \ PORTOLA DR	Burglary, Store, Forcible Entry  Officers Caine and Chang responded to investigate a commercial burglary. Per the caller, the suspects were using a pickup truck to ram the building and make entry.
1/20/2023	4:00 AM	TERESITA BLVD \ ISOLA WAY	Malicious Mischief, Breaking Windows
1/26/2023	10:30 PM	JUANITA WAY \ MARNE AVE	Assault, Aggravated, W/ Force, Resisting, or Obstructing Peace Officer Duties
1/26/2023	2:00 PM	STILLINGS AVE \ DETROIT ST \ VISTA VERDE CT	Burglary, Residence Under Constr, Forcible Entry
1/29/2023	6:00 PM	MELROSE AVE \ STANFORD HEIGHTS AVE	Theft, From Locked Vehicle, Vandalism.
1/30/2023	4:35 AM	JUANITA WAY \ DEL SUR AVE	Vehicle, Stolen, Attempted
1/30/2023	6:00 AM	EVELYN WAY \ JUANITA WAY	Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Vehicle
1/30/2023	10:40 AM	WOODSIDE AVE \ OSHAUGHNESSY BLVD \ PORTOLA DR	Theft, From Unlocked 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.

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

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*Trivia Answer: President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a golden telegraph key in Washington, D.C., lighting the Mt. Davidson Cross on March 25, 1934.*

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