

MIRALOMA LIFE

Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

MAY 2023 - ISSUE 5

Upcoming Events

12 MAY
2nd Saturdays cleanup
at the Clubhouse
10am

4 MAY
MPIC Board Meeting*
7:00 pm - In Person

15 JUNE
MPIC Members
Meeting
7:30 pm - MPIC Clubhouse

*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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Mayor London Breed at the opening of the time capsule

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & TIME CAPSULE

Todd Siemers, Acting President

As I write this, Mount Davidson is still leaking water absorbed during the winter rains. I hope all of you made it safe and dry through this exceptionally rainy season. Our MPIC clubhouse has weathered the storms; some water sprung up through the foundation into the basement and a falling tree limb severed the wire which provides WiFi, blessedly missing the nearby power line. Our Second Saturday volunteers cleared most of the debris, though a broken limb remains lodged in the eucalyptus tree on Del Vale.

On a sunny April first, a time capsule was unearthed at the foot of the cross at the summit of Mount Davidson. The ceremony commemorated the centennial of the first Easter sunrise service, held in 1923 beside a wooden cross subsequently replaced by the current concrete one in 1934. The event was hosted by the Council of Armenian-American Organizations of Northern California which, since 1997, has been the legal owner of the cross, now a memorial to the victims of the World War I era Armenian genocide. The time capsule was removed with the help of members of Boy Scout Troop 88, the same troop which buried it in 1933. It contained newspapers, municipal records, a phone book, a leather bound Bible, and other items which will be on display at the San Francisco Historical Society museum at 608 Commercial St in June. Also on hand were civic and religious officials including our Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, and Mayor London Breed. Members of

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Time capsule...

Troop 88, now composed of both boys and girls, placed a new capsule containing contemporary ephemera, to be unearthed by their successors in 2123.

About a hundred people attended this year's Easter sunrise service. According to the Chronicle, estimated crowds of 50,000 were seen during World War II. I'm wondering what the world will look like when the new time capsule is opened a hundred years from now; I can only hope that those who climb the mountain, and Troop 88, will enjoy such lovely weather.

Wishing you a healthy and happy spring

Todd Siemers



MY EXPERIENCE AS A TRUSTED TESTER FOR WAYMO AUTONOMOUS CARS

Norman Nager

I have lived in Miraloma Park for 38 years. Since Covid began, I haven't owned a car and enjoy walking everywhere. The thought of me riding in a driverless car was something I never envisioned. But eight months ago, I decided to become a Waymo "Trusted Tester." Have you seen those white driverless Waymo Jaguar electric cars cruising our Miraloma Park neighborhood?



Waymo autonomous cars are implementing artificial intelligence with the help of cameras, radar, and lidar. When I want to get around San Francisco, I open the Waymo app on my phone and tell it where I want to go. The car shows up nearby and I have to unlock it with my app. When I open the door a pleasant voice says, "Hi Norman, nice to see you again." It waits for me to close the door, buckle my seatbelt and press the "Start Ride" button on the small screen facing the back seat. I'll admit I was pretty nervous when I first rode a few trips without a driver. The car carefully signals to enter the roadway and proceeds on its way to my destination. It often takes a less direct route than I would take in order to avoid crowded

streets and neighborhoods. It never exceeds the speed limit and always stops and yields for pedestrians. It is truly amazing to see this robot car handle all the various driving and traffic situations including navigating around double parked vehicles. As of today, Waymo doesn't go to every part of San Francisco as some neighborhoods are still being mapped out.

Waymo's performance wasn't always this good. When I first started as a "Trusted Tester," the car came with a human "specialist" who sat in the driver's seat and held the steering wheel for safety but did not actually drive. If the car got into a 4-way stop sign and couldn't figure out when it was its turn to go, the specialist would put it in manual and do the driving through the intersection. Every time the car got confused or did something problematic,

I would report it on my app review of the trip. With constant feedback from driver specialists and testers like me the robot was programmed and learned what to do in a myriad of driving situations. That's artificial intelligence in action.

I am quite comfortable taking Waymo around San Francisco. If at any point, for any reason, I want to end the ride before reaching my destination, I can simply push the "Pull Over" button on my screen and the car will find a safe spot and I'll get out. If I have any questions or concerns, I can push the "Rider Assistance" button and a real person will call in over the car's speaker system to help me.

The cost of a ride is equivalent to Uber or Lyft as I have compared the pricing for different destinations. Since autonomous Waymo is not yet approved as a paid taxi service in San Francisco, I see the cost of the ride but it is zeroed out.

Finally, riding in a driverless car makes me feel like a celebrity. It isn't every day that I get a chance to ride in an electric Jaguar, which is very comfortable. Every time we stop at a red light, or next to another car in traffic, tourists and others stop and stare and photograph me and my robot car. I will now have to invest in a whole new wardrobe to pose for this insatiable paparazzi.

MPIC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 2022 YEAR

MPIC Financial Committee

The MPIC Board continues to be so grateful for your continued support of our mission of Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community. Going into the third year of the Covid-19 pandemic, 2022 was an exceptional recovery year for MPIC. This recovery happened because of your generous support through your memberships and donations and with steady and new clubhouse rentals.

Our strong financial position has allowed MPIC to:

- Continue to publish the Miraloma Life newsletter without interruption that is delivered to 2,200 homes and businesses
- Maintain the basic needs of our 80 year old clubhouse and grounds
- Increase our savings to get through emergencies and future economic downturns
- Increase our reserves for clubhouse capital improvements
- Allow us to begin repaying the Covid SBA loan
- Begin to hold community events and programs again at the clubhouse
- Continue our advocacy of a wide variety of neighborhood issues.

We look forward to your continued support in 2023 especially for this newsletter and our programs that help MPIC advocate and do good work in Miraloma Park.

MPIC FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2022

Income and Sources as of 12/31/2022

Memberships	\$16,571
Clubhouse Rents	\$66,635
Newsletter Advertising	\$4,292
Donations – General and Capital	\$4,076
Event Related Income	\$198
Investment Income	\$89
Total Income and Sources	\$91,861

Expenses and Use of Funds

Clubhouse Operations Total	\$34,016
Newsletter Expenses	\$13,816
Insurance and Taxes	\$1,928
Event, Administration and Office Expenses	\$3,508
Total Expenses and Uses	\$53,268
Income - (Expense)	\$38,593

Assets as of 12/31/2022

Cash

Tri Counties Bank	\$99,108
First Republic Bank-Capital Improvement Fund	\$15,336
Bank Accounts	\$114,444

Other Assets – Non Cash

2016 Participatory Budget Disaster Equipment	\$15,257
2017 Participatory Budget Emergency Response Unit Equipment	\$21,089
2022 Participatory Budget Power Outage Recovery Supplies for Block Champions	\$24,999
2022 Participatory Budget Care and Shelter Equipment	\$24,426
Clubhouse Land and Building	\$11,260
Other Assets	\$824

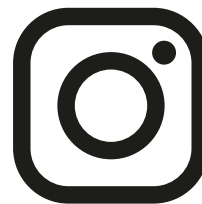
Other Assets – Non Cash \$97,855

Liabilities

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan	\$24,200
Clubhouse Security Deposits	\$8,157

Liabilities Total \$32,357

Net Worth As of 12/31/2022 \$179,942



WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

The Miraloma Park Improvement Club has launched an Instagram account. Registered by the MPIC, **@miralomapark**, we welcome you to like, tag, follow, and/or share your images. If you don't have or want your own Instagram account, you are welcome to submit photos to **miralomapark@gmail.com**. We're looking forward to your take on the neighborhood!



MIRALOMA LIFE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Publicity Committee is looking for local talent to produce and deliver our hyper local newsletter. Your contributions will help our community remain informed and entertained. We are currently looking for **writers** of local news, **editors**, and a person to **oversee the delivery of the newsletter to our carriers**.

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

We look forward to hearing from you.



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

990 Monterey Blvd \$4,150,000 Buyers
966 Teresita \$1,510,000 Sellers
453 Teresita Blvd \$1,630,000 Sellers
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.

We also offer some very creative options to buy before selling and/or to renovate and stage your property quickly, affordably and pay for it at close of escrow through our Aethos Revive program.

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SAVE THE DATE! MPIC MEMBERS' MEETING AND JUNE OFFICERS' ELECTION RETURN!



The MPIC is holding a Members' Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse. On the same evening and prior to the start of the June 15 meeting, the MPIC will conduct an election for certain MPIC Officer and Board Member positions. In 2020, the MPIC was required to suspend in-person Members' Meetings due to pandemic restrictions. The MPIC is happy to announce that the meetings are resuming!

Meeting Information

All Miraloma Park residents are invited to attend the June 15 meeting to learn about MPIC's activities that support the neighborhood, how you can be involved, and meet current Officers and Board Members. Refreshments and food will be served. Attendees will automatically be entered into a drawing; gift certificates for local businesses will be awarded.

Election Information

Anyone wishing to nominate someone for a position on the MPIC Board should attend the May MPIC Board Meeting, which will take place on May 4, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Clubhouse. Nominations for Board positions close on May 4. The election will be conducted by online and in-person voting, with in-person voting taking place immediately prior to the June 15 meeting. MPIC dues-paying members are eligible to vote in the election. Details regarding voting procedures, as well as information on candidates running for office, will appear in the June issue of Miraloma Life.

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BECOME AN MPIC MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

ONLINE AT:

<https://miralomapark.org/join>

OR BY MAIL:

Complete this form and mail with your dues, check payable to:

MIRALOMA PARK IMPROVEMENT CLUB, 350 O'SHAUGHNESSY BLVD, SF, CA 94127. No cash, please.

The MPIC is a qualified tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization – tax ID 94-6092576. Your membership donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. MPIC does not share membership information with other parties or organizations.

☐ NEW MEMBER ☐ RENEWING MEMBER Date: _____

Name: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Supporting Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Contributing Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Sustaining Member |
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HAVE YOUR CHILDREN OUTGROWN THEIR BOOKS? HAVE CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO DONATE?

Jean Perata



The school year is almost over and Spring-cleaning time is here! If you find that you have children's books that aren't being used, here are some organizations that will take them:

Children's Book Project

The Children's Book Project was founded in order to give books to children who need them for equity in literacy, learning, and life. Since 1992, the Project has given away more than 3 million books to children from under-resourced communities throughout San Francisco and 21 additional California counties. The Project collects donations of new and like-new books for children of all ages, from infants to teens. Teachers, caseworkers, and other staff of organizations who work with children from under-served communities visit the Project's Book Bank and select the books they need for the children they serve, many of whom have never owned a book.

You can make an appointment to drop off books at the Project's Book Bank, 2166 Palou Street, SF. Books can also be dropped-off at: Alexander Book Company (50 Second Street); Books, Inc. Laurel Village (3515 California Street); Books, Inc. Marina (2251 Chestnut Street); Folio Books

(3957-24th Street); Just for Fun (3982-24th Street).

To learn more about the Project, visit childrensbookproject.org.

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)

Friends of the SFPL sells donated items to further their mission of supporting the San Francisco Public Library system. In addition to books, Friends accepts CDs, DVD & Blu-ray, vinyl, computer & videogames, and books on CD. The items must be in good condition.

You must make an appointment to schedule a donation drop-off. Friends does not accept donations, no matter how small, without an appointment. You can make an appointment online. To learn more about this program or make an appointment visit friendssfpl.org or call 415--522-8606.

Little Libraries in Miraloma Park

There are several Little Libraries in Miraloma Park. Some of them can be found at: 75 Coventry Court; 60 Agua Way; 175 Omar Way; 87 Gaviota Way; Los Palmos Gardens -adjacent to 141 Los Palmos Drive.

BELLA VISTA/BURLWOOD GARDEN, ONE YEAR ON

Kate Clements

When Orla O'Hara and Marc Tanenbaum started to work in earnest on the corner garden at Burlwood and Bella Vista, one of the points they made was that what was going to happen would be up to nature as well as nurture: some of the plants were going to do really well, they would crowd other things out, and some plants would disappear either by the hands of the gardeners or the environment. It would be whatever it was going to be.

One year on, here's what Orla had to say: "When I see photos of our garden from last year I'm so impressed

with how much it has grown and filled in since then. Some plants have been casualties of gophers but mostly the plants have thrived. Our neighbor George Nauyok continues to turn up regularly with random new plants to add to the garden. With all the recent rainfall, I haven't been needed in my position as Chief Waterer. It feels like this rainy winter has really helped the plants establish themselves."

"The garden continues to delight us. Small groups of people regularly sit on the garden benches to chat or even picnic. And we've been impressed with how much our neighbors enjoy and appreciate it. Our apple and pear trees have small buds now. Who knows maybe one day we will even have fruit in our lovely community garden!"





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 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

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

MPIC CLUBHOUSE CLEAN-UP ON SECOND SATURDAYS CONTINUES!

The next Second Saturday Clubhouse clean-up takes place on **May 12 at 10am**. Join your Miraloma Park neighbors and tidy the grounds around our historic Clubhouse. The plants (and weeds) are thriving in the warmer weather. The Winter rains have caused a growth spurt! Please consider volunteering two hours of your time – it's a great cause.

Sign up at tinyurl.com/mpicsecondsaturdays. If you have difficulty signing up and want to join the May 13th Second Saturday cleanup, please send an email to miralomapark@gmail.com or leave a message at **415-322-0211**. Thanks to all who volunteered their time in April!

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

Incident Date	Incident Time	Intersection	Incident Description
3/4/2023	12:00 AM	LULU ALY \ BURLWOOD DR	Burglary, Hot Prowl, Unlawful Entry
3/9/2023	3:46 AM	CRESTA VISTA DR \ COVENTRY CT	Theft, Vehicle Strip, >\$950
3/9/2023	8:00 PM	JUANITA WAY \ MARNE AVE	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto
3/11/2023	11:40 PM	GATUN ALY \ MOLIMO DR	Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Property
3/12/2023	6:00 PM	TERESITA BLVD \ FOERSTER ST	Vehicle, Stolen, Truck
3/16/2023	4:16 AM	TERESITA BLVD \ PORTOLA DR	Theft, From Building, \$200-\$950
3/17/2023	2:20 AM	MYRA WAY \ REPOSA WAY	Vandalism to Vehicle, Vehicle, Stolen, Attempted
3/16/2023	4:30 PM	BELLA VISTA WAY \ BURLWOOD DR	Burglary, Residence Under Constr, Forcible Entry
3/18/2023	4:30 AM	BELLA VISTA WAY \ CRESTA VISTA DR	Burglary, Residence, Unlawful Entry
3/16/2023	11:00 AM	EVELYN WAY \ JUANITA WAY	Theft, From Locked Vehicle, \$50-\$200



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miralomapark.org/neighborhood/design-guidelines

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2nd/4th Tuesdays 6:30–8pm
3rd Sundays 4–8pm (check website as
actual dates will vary)

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sivanandasf.org/classes/class-schedule/

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Sunday 2:00pm; 11:00am Service,
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