

MIRALOMA LIFE

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Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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September 5

MPIC Board Meeting

Call 415-322-0211 to request placement on the agenda

7:45pm (to follow District 7 Supervisor Meet and Greet)

September 14

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

October 3

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7pm

FEATURE

Meet the District 7 Supervisor Candidates at the MPIC Clubhouse

Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 6:30pm
(doors open at 6:15pm)



Stephen Martin-Pinto



Myrna Melgar



Matt Boschetto

The MPIC invites Miraloma Park residents for a meet and greet with the District 7 Supervisor candidates.

This is an opportunity to meet the candidates, learn what their priorities are for District 7 and Miraloma Park, and ask your questions. We invited all 3 candidates because we want Miraloma residents to make informed

decisions when you vote in November.

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President's Message

by Robert Gee,
President

I hope you can join us on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 pm when the MPIC hosts the three District 7 supervisor candidates for a meet and greet with Miraloma residents.

During the summer, we tried to schedule a similar meet and greet event with the top 5 mayoral candidates at the MPIC clubhouse this Fall. Unfortunately, we just couldn't arrange to have all 5 candidates appear at the same time.

Thank you to all of the MPIC members who took the time to vote for our slate of officers and directors at our June election. Your vote shows you support the MPIC and the work that we do. The MPIC now has a President and VP serving a full 2-year term instead of rotating acting presidents, which we have had since mid 2020.

We had Mike Farrah from Supervisor Melgar's office join us at our June election/member meeting. Mike gave a brief update on (1) the Mayor's budget, (2) SF Planning's Rezoning proposals, (3) SFMTA's proposed traffic and pedestrian safety measures at West Portal, and (4) the redrawing of police districts. Many thanks to MPIC Board member Todd Siemers and his fellow band members who provided the jazz music entertainment at the election/meeting.

In July, the MPIC submitted a letter to SFMTA supporting the latest plan to improve traffic and pedestrian safety changes in the West Portal area, a location where many residents in Miraloma Park frequently visit.

I want to thank the volunteers from the California Native Plant Society (CANPS) who helped remove problematic weeds

in the MPIC native plant garden in June. The MPIC always appreciates the CANPS's expertise and assistance.

In late June, Supervisor Melgar announced the District 7 Participatory Budget winning projects for the 2024-2025 year. The Marietta median project that the MPIC voted to support was a winning project. I want to thank Miraloma residents Molly Tirpak Sterkel and Robin Shostack for submitting this project.

In August, the MPIC board voted to join the Diamond Heights Community Association and the Glen Park Association in asking the SF Rec & Park Dept to construct and integrate green infrastructure into the top of Glen Canyon Park that would absorb/buffer stormwater runoff and have positive impacts along Islais Creek.

Lastly, thank you to our Miraloma Park block champions Mike Anderson (Coventry Ct), Marlene Saks and Vivienne Antal (Teresita Blvd) for hosting summer ice cream socials with their neighbors. The MPIC is committed to supporting our Block Champions by helping them host these ice cream socials at different locations throughout Miraloma Park to inform their neighbors of the important role of Block Champions especially in disasters and the emergency equipment that the MPIC has provided them.



(above and below)
Coventry Ct Block Champion Ice Cream Social



MPIC 2024 Election Results

by MPIC

MPIC elections took place June 12-20, with an in person meeting on June 20th at the Clubhouse. The online and in-person voting again went smoothly. Thank you Jean Perata for coordinating the election. There was a high of 42 votes for the Officer positions and just a little fewer for the Board Members.

Elected Officers 2024-2026

- Robert Gee, President
- Patti Moran, Vice President
- Mary Fitzpatrick, Treasurer
- Stephanie Boudreau, Recording Secretary

Elected Board Members 2024-2026

- Cary Matthews
- Daniel Louie
- Darlene Ramlose
- Jean Perata
- Kate Clements (*Welcome to Our Newest Board Member!*)
- Mary Fitzpatrick
- Patti Moran
- Robert Gee
- Tina McGovern

Thank you Cornerstone Church Summer Youth Campers!

by MPIC

In June, as part of their community service activities across the City, the summer middle school youth campers from Cornerstone Church came to the MPIC Clubhouse to help us with a thorough cleaning of all our folding tables and other maintenance needs inside the clubhouse. We really appreciate their help!



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A new Principal for Miraloma Elementary School

by Stephanie Boudreau Ma

Change is always hard, especially when it happens back to back. Over the last 12 months, we've been experiencing ongoing change at Miraloma Elementary School. In 2016, Noah Ingber joined Miraloma and was the principal for seven years; my son was there for his final two. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, Noah took some time away and Ms. Diane Thompson joined as our Interim Principal. Ms. Thompson was previously a teacher at Miraloma Elementary from 2009-2014. The teachers who had previously worked with her were excited to have her back at Miraloma ES in this leadership position.

Ms. Thompson helped lead us through change while the school was tasked with finding a new principal. Last month the interview panel met with three candidates and found an amazing person to take on the Principalship (yes, this is a real word). Our new Miraloma Elementary principal will be Rochelle (Shelley) Gumpert-Reid "Ms. Reid." She is a parent of two children, one of whom attends Miraloma. She has experience both in SFUSD and outside of SFUSD.

As a parent at Miraloma Elementary, I'm excited about the future of our school. I'm also a member of the PTA Board and an active participant of the School Site Council (SSC). It is my job to make sure that Ms. Reid has a supportive transition to her new role, along with the other parents and caregivers of Miraloma students, as well as the teachers and staff. If you know me, you know that one of my favorite sayings is, "it takes a village." That is true whether you are talking about raising a child, moving to a new neighborhood like Miraloma, or just living your life. It's the same here. It's going to take all of us, including the Miraloma community, to welcome Ms. Reid and make sure she's able to fulfill the goals she's set out for Miraloma Elementary. If you see her, please say hi and welcome her. We are excited to have her join the Miraloma family in her new role.

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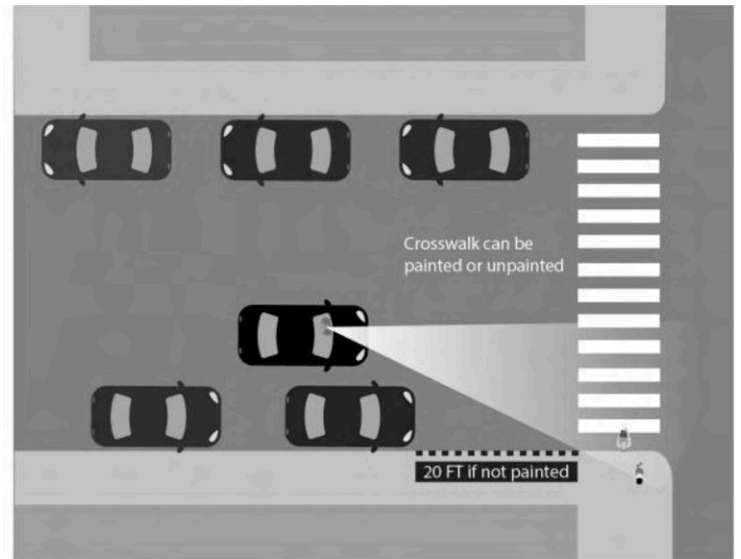
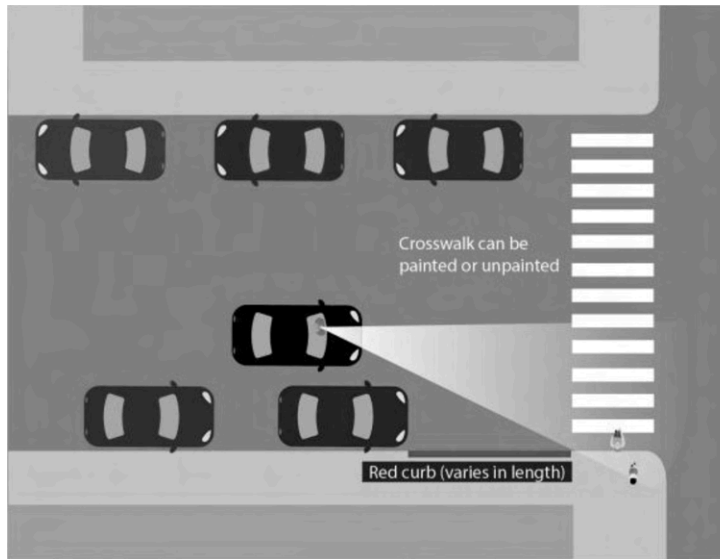


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California's New Daylighting Law (AB 413)

by San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency



These diagrams show how the clearance of 20 feet can make a big difference for street safety at our painted and unpainted crosswalks.

Starting on January 1, 2024, it is illegal in California to park within 20 feet of the approach of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, even if the approach does not have any red curbs painted.

What is Daylighting?

Daylighting is the simple concept that safety is improved by removing parked cars next to crosswalks. By keeping the area next to crosswalks clear of parked vehicle obstructions, people walking and people driving or riding on the street can see each other better. Beginning January 1, 2024, remember to leave at least 20 feet (or one large car length) between a marked or unmarked crosswalk and your vehicle, so approaching vehicles can see the pedestrians.

How does it work?

Daylighting increases the visual field of both pedestrians crossing the street, and drivers pulling up to an intersection. The diagram shows how much easier the extra space makes it to see the curbs and the entire crosswalk. For pedestrians, daylighting means that they don't have to venture into the intersection and peek around parked cars to see if they have a clear path to cross. This is especially important for children, who are less visible at intersections. At the same time, drivers get a clearer view of the intersection and can easily see if someone is waiting to cross well in advance of reaching the crosswalk.

California Assembly Bill 413

AB 413 passed in October 2023 by the State Legislature and replicates the law in other states that similarly require people not to park right next to any crosswalk. Specifically, the law:

- Creates a new section of the Vehicle Code, CVC 22500(n), which prohibits the stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of any unmarked or marked crosswalk or 15 feet of any crosswalk with a curb extension anywhere in California.
- On a two-way street, only the space on the right-side approaching a crosswalk as one is driving is affected. However, on a one-way street, both the left and the right curb areas 20 feet from the crosswalk are no parking zones.
- Prior to January 1, 2025, cities like San Francisco will only issue a warning for a violation, and will not issue a citation, unless the violation occurs in an area marked using paint or a sign.
- Allows local jurisdictions to paint zones that are longer or shorter than 20 feet. When you see a red curb or parking prohibition sign next to a crosswalk just follow that distance. If there is no paint or signs, the 20 feet distance applies. 20 feet is about the length of a standard parking space or one large car-length.

Third Annual Senior Tea Party

by Community Connectors

On July 25, Miraloma Seniors gathered for the 3rd Annual Senior High Tea Party celebrated at Cornerstone Church. It was a delightful time to be together and celebrate. There was tea party music, delectable tea sandwiches, scones, sweets, and savory treats, with a variety of teas. Many residents in the neighborhood help by donating teapots, 3-tiered plates, teacups, and other accessories to help make the event special.

I would like to thank those who donated time and care to make this an extra-special event! Joan van Rijn, Barbara Wheeler, Linda Sam, Jennifer Okano, Ann Kerney, Margaret Lemus, Miriam Lemus, Linda Hmelo, Michael Williams, Guido van Rijn, Gino Morassi, and Daryl Brown.

A truly wonderful afternoon for all who attended! Join us next year!



Treasurer's Report

Thank you Miralomans for your contributions and financial support for our neighborhood association: Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC).

With funds from over 800 memberships, many donations, a grant from San Francisco's Participatory Budget Process and income from Clubhouse rentals for classes, workshops and private events, in 2023 we are able to:

- Publish and deliver the Miraloma Life Newsletter to over 2000 households
- Maintain the basic needs of MPIC's over 80 year old clubhouse and grounds
- Add to our reserves for emergencies and future economic changes
- Increase our funds for much needed capital improvements to the clubhouse
- Complete the repayment our Covid SBA loan
- Host the annual Holiday Party, Candidate nights, NERT programs and gatherings
- Communicate and advocate on a range of neighborhood issues
- Enhance Clubhouse landscaping and start a new Native Plants garden

In 2024, we look forward to your continued support and participation in MPIC programs and community events. We welcome every Miraloman's involvement in this work! Feel free to contact us and help connect and support our community.

2023 Financial information will be included in an upcoming issue of Miraloma Life.

Clubhouse Clean-Up



The next Second Saturday Clubhouse clean-up takes place on **September 14th** from 10am to noon. Join your Miraloma Park neighbors and tidy the grounds around our historic Clubhouse. The plants (and weeds)

are thriving, as we've come through summer with both warmer weather and foggy, wet weather. Please consider volunteering two hours of your time. Come with a friend, or make a new friend! It's always more enjoyable that way. Rain cancels. You can sign up at forms.gle/j7uMUUy4ZHcXhuteA

MPIC thanks those who attended the July 13 Second Saturday. Board Members Todd Siemers and Jean Perata were joined by the Clubhouse Committee Chair Mike Murray and Miraloma resident Tazi. Together, they worked on various projects: pulling weeds, cutting vegetation and repairing the front steps and handrail.

Another team of MPIC President Robert Gee and Board Member Todd Siemers volunteered at the August 10 Second Saturday. They were joined by Tazi. MPIC thanks the August 10 crew!

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Joanie van Rijn Receives Award

by MPIC

SFFD Chief Jeanine Nicholson has awarded Miraloma Park's Joan van Rijn Outstanding Volunteer Service for Teambuilding in the NERT program due to her ongoing efforts on behalf of the city-wide NERT effort.

The San Francisco Fire Department created a pilot program to organize all of the NERT Coordinators into a Battalion-based structure. Joanie took on the responsibility to become the very first NERT Battalion Coordinator. The largest Battalion for NERT with 24 neighborhoods, Batt 9 stretches from Visitacion Valley to Miraloma Park to Stonestown. Joanie has arranged regular meetings for the last year to bring Coordinators in the Battalion together to collaborate, share information, and provide advanced

training from invited guests. These training sessions have been videotaped and made available to other NERTS on YouTube. She created a game "Truth or Nah," a way to practice details from the NERT training manual. As you can see, this is a tremendous effort, and we are lucky to have such a dedicated community representative in Miraloma Park. Many thanks, Joanie!



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Tai Chi on Tuesdays

Always Active exercise on Thursdays
10:30 am at Cornerstone Church

If you are interested in attending, please contact Darlene Ramlose: Darlene@sfcommunityliving.org or by phone at 714-423-8844. You must sign up in advance as walk-ins are not accepted due to limited space.

Miraloma Senior Walks in San Francisco

Contact Darlene (see details above)

We are looking for someone to lead the walking program. Please contact Darlene if you are interested.

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Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

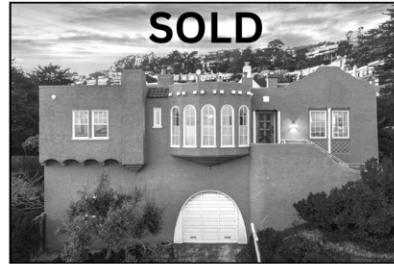
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August 29 - SMFTA - Learn how to travel around the city using an Essential Trip Card for low-cost transportation.

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Date	Time	Incident #	Description	Status	Intersection
7/9/2024	1:00 AM	240427345	Trespassing. Officer Cvetovac and Officer Ocreto responded to the area for a call regarding a burglary at a residence under construction. The victim told officers that several power tools were stolen from the construction company.	Open or Active	DETROIT ST \ MELROSE AVE
7/12/2024	8:00 AM	240443200	Theft, From Building, >\$950	Open or Active	DORCAS WAY \ MOLIMO DR
7/16/2024	3:00 AM	240443476	Burglary, Hot Prowl, Unlawful Entry. Officer Chang and Officer Ocreto responded to the area for a call regarding a burglary. The victim told officers that he woke up early in the morning to shuffling sounds, but believed it was his family member, so he went back to sleep. When the victim woke up in the morning, he discovered that a suspect had broken into the garage and stolen their belongings.	Open or Active	RIO CT \ TERESITA BLVD
7/16/2024	12:52 AM	240442600	Mental Health Detention	Open or Active	DEL VALE AVE \ ENCLINE CT
7/17/2024	8:00 AM	240446624	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	EL SERENO CT \ RIO CT
7/19/2024	3:42 AM	240450158	Burglary, Non-residential, Forcible Entry. Officer Lama and Officer Rechsteiner responded to the area for a call regarding an alarm activation. Officers arrived on scene and discovered that the front door was damaged. The officers searched the business but the suspects had already fled the scene. The victim arrived at the scene and told officers that numerous items, including a cash register had been stolen.	Open or Active	PORTOLA DR \ UNNAMED 039
7/23/2024	7:06 PM	240460248	Trespassing	Cite or Arrest Adult	FOERSTER ST \ GATUN ALY
7/23/2024	9:00 PM	240460953	Burglary, Residence Under Constr, Unlawful Entry. Officer Cvetovac, Officer Daggett, and Officer Reyes responded to the area for a call regarding a burglary at a house under construction. The victim, who was the owner of a drywall company, told officers that when he arrived to the scene, he discovered that the garage door was wide open, the lock box on the front door was damaged, and the key that should have been inside the lock box was missing. The officers searched the home, but the suspects had already fled the scene. The victim told officers that several tools had been stolen as well as several appliances.	Open or Active	DORCAS WAY \ MOLIMO DR
7/24/2024	12:30 PM	240462943	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	JUANITA WAY \ UNNAMED 039
7/31/2024	2:00 PM	240478592	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	MARIETTA DR \ TERESITA BLVD

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