

MIRALOMA LIFE

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Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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October 3

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

October 12

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

December 8

MPIC Holiday Party

At the MPIC Clubhouse

5pm-8pm

FEATURE

District 7 Supervisorial Candidates Meet at the MPIC Clubhouse



On the evening of September 5th, the MPIC organized an hour-long event to introduce our District 7 Supervisorial candidates to those who were hoping to hear more in-depth responses to their own concerns. The MPIC Board thanks our current Supervisor, Myrna Melgar; Matt Boschetto, and Stephen Martin-Pinto for agreeing to come to the Clubhouse.

MPIC President Robert Gee welcomed over 70 people who showed up to listen and become more informed about the candidates and their positions. It was a mix of all ages and opinions, and the MPIC was pleased to see so many engaged citizens. The evening was arranged to make the most of the limited time we had available. Arriving attendees

were given a list of possible areas of concern for discussion as well as blank paper to write down any questions they did not feel were addressed in the list. During the candidates' personal statements/introductions, the sheets were gathered and tabulated by the MPIC staff to rank which areas were of greatest concern to the attendees. The top three concerns:

1. Reducing crime: what approaches and programs do they support?
2. Housing supply/density, and how to meet the CA state requirements.
3. Position on the closure of the Upper Great Highway.

Our moderator Pratibha Tekkey kept the discussion on track and kept the candidates' answers limited to the allotted time. The candidates gave an outline of their positions and what they believed the best solutions for each area would be. They were not always in agreement, which gave the attendees a chance to consider which issues mattered most to them as voters. Towards the end a few additional questions required less in-depth answers, among them small business concerns.

An evening that started out warm ended by chilly fog rolling down the hill and into the canyon. Thanks to everyone who came out and made the effort to be part of a civil democratic event.

If you were unable to attend, and want to learn more on each candidates' take on the issues, please visit their websites:

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President's Message

by Robert Gee,
President

We had a great turnout of residents attending our District 7 Supervisor candidates' meet and greet event on September 5. Such an event hasn't been held by MPIC in at least 20 years. I hope you left the event informed about each candidate's plans on a variety of issues. I want to thank Mary Fitzpatrick and Pratibha Tekkey for all their efforts in helping to plan and moderate this event.

I along with some of my fellow MPIC Board Members and Miraloma neighbors attended the Mayoral debate at Riordan High school on September 12 that was organized by the Monterey Heights Neighborhood Association. The event was supported by Miraloma Park, West Portal, Westwood Park, Westwood Highlands, Saint Francis Wood and Sherwood Forest neighborhoods. Daniel Lurie, Ahsha Safai and Mark Farrell participated but Mayor London Breed and Aaron Peskin declined to attend.

This coming Mayoral and District 7 Supervisor elections are one of the most consequential in years. Be informed about all the candidates' positions on public safety, housing, budget, homelessness, small businesses, Downtown revitalization as well as streets and transportation. Your vote will have an impact on the quality of life in the City, the West Side and Miraloma Park.

In the March 2024 newsletter I wrote about SF Planning's

controversial Rezoning Plan and how it will impact Miraloma Park. (It would allow the commercial buildings on Portola to go up to 6 stories, but have no other impact for Miraloma Park.) The Rezoning Plan clearly impacts West Portal, Forest Hill, Glen Park, Sloat Boulevard, 19th Avenue and the Sunset commercial corridors, as well as other major corridors throughout the City. Public pushback at many neighborhood meetings as well as feedback at the Planning Commission's June 7 meeting clearly has SF Planning modifying the Rezoning Proposal. Mike Farrah from Supervisor Melgar's office informed me that any updates to the Rezoning Plan are now on hold until after the November election.

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) has just made a generous donation of 64 native plants to be installed along the sidewalk leading to the MPIC Clubhouse. They also provided us excellent guidance on how we can create low-cost educational plant signage at our redesigned native plant garden that will enhance visitor experiences. Thank you CNPS!

Lastly, I want to thank Darryl Browne and Darlene Ramlose for hosting the Block Champion Ice Cream Social on September 15 at Detroit and Melrose. It was a great opportunity to meet long time neighbors as well as new neighbors.

The Miraloma Park Block Champion program was created as a simple way to increase and sustain the block's capacity to support the health and well-being needs of the immediate neighbors during times of stress. Block Champions assume a leadership role and have been provided customized training and equipment by the MPIC with the responsibility of advancing their block's resilience by:

1. Increasing their neighbors' social connections
2. Engaging their neighbors about their level of disaster readiness before an event
3. Assembling a team of neighbors when necessary to craft and implement plans to support the care and shelter needs of their neighbors during times of stress.

(below)
Block Champion Ice Cream Social



Need Help/OK Sign

This is a Drill! Please Participate! October 1 -21

by Guido van Rijn



This October we are again reminded of the damage and loss of life caused by the 1989 earthquake. City officials will be giving speeches commemorating the occasion and reminding us to always be prepared. NERTs will be reminded to attend their semi-annual drill. This month it commemorates the 1989 earthquake. The April drill

commemorates the 1906 earthquake. Note that there are only 83 years separating those two major events.

How can you help commemorate the 1989 earthquake while, at the same time, create a more resilient Miraloma Park? We can

all take part in the biannual NEED HELP/OK drill by placing an OK sign in a street-side window for three weeks starting October 1st. Misplaced your copy? A replacement can be found at the MPIC website:

miralomapark.org/wp-content/uploads/Help-OK-Sign-2.pdf

Download it and place it on a street-side window. Share your commitment to disaster resiliency with your neighbors. Please don't forget to take it down after the three-week period. The simple act of participating in this drill helps bind the community of Miraloma Park together.

For the purpose of this drill everyone is OK. In the event of an actual disaster, large or small, place the NEED HELP or OK sign in the window. Let first responders – neighbors, NERTs, fire and police personnel – know whether you NEED HELP or are OK. It's a quick and easy way to let our limited resources be deployed where they are needed. Please participate!

IMPORTANT: Be sure to remove the OK sign after the three-week period. It would not be desirable having the OK sign in your window should an event, requiring first responders, occur. OK could, under those circumstances, provide a false message to those who are there to help.

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by Kashka Czerw

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Treasurer's Report

by MPIC

MPIC Income vs Expense Jan 1 - Dec 31 2023		
Income and Sources		
	Club Memberships	\$ 17,042.00
	Clubhouse Rentals	\$ 69,627.00
	Donations to MPIC	\$ 5,004.00
	Miraloma Life Advertising	\$ 3,191.00
	Event Income	\$ 282.00
	Investment Income	\$ 629.00
	Total Income and Sources	\$ 95,775.00
Expenses and Use of Funds		
	Clubhouse Operations	\$ 36,428.00
	Insurance and Property Tax	\$ 10,150.00
	Mialoma Life - printing and delivery	\$ 14,651.00
	Adminstration - Finance, Office Expenses, Fees	\$ 4,181.00
	Holiday Party and other Events	\$ 3,385.00
	NERT support	\$ 371.00
	Total Expenses and Uses	\$ 69,166.00
	Income vs Expenses	\$ 26,609.00

MPIC - Net Worth as of 12/31/2023		
Assets		
	Checking - Operations	\$ 94,480.00
	Savings - Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 23,465.00
	Total Bank Accounts	\$ 117,945.00
Other Assets - Non Cash		
	From Participatory Budget Grants	
	2016 Disaster Equipment and Supplies	\$ 15,257.00
	2017 Emergency Response Unit Equipment	\$ 21,089.00
	2022 Care and Shelter Equipment	\$ 24,426.00
	2022 Power Outage Recovery Supplies for Block Champions	\$ 24,999.00
	Clubhouse Land and Building	\$ 11,260.00
	Other Assets	\$ 739.00
	Total Assets	\$ 215,715.00
Liabilities		
	Clubhouse Security Deposits	\$ 9,166.00
	Total Liabilities	\$ 9,166.00
	Net Worth	\$ 206,549.00



Save the Date

ALL MIRALOMA PARK RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

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DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE



Joe Henderson: Local Legend

by Jean Perata

Joe Henderson (1927 – 2001) was one of the great jazz saxophonists and a composer who wrote many tunes. He lived in San Francisco. It's reported that at one point, he lived in Miraloma Park, on Los Pamos Drive.

Joe Henderson was born in Lima, Ohio in 1937. He first played the drums, switching to tenor saxophone at age 13. He was also interested in piano and composition. After high school he studied at Kentucky State College, then Wayne State in Detroit from 1956-60. He led his own band in Detroit in 1960 until entering the Army that year, playing in the Army band until 1962.

After leaving the Army, Henderson moved to New York City. His first recording was for the Blue Note label. From 1963 to 1968, he appeared on nearly 30 albums for Blue Note. In 1967, he signed with the Milestone Records label. In New York City he played with great jazz bands; at the end of the decade, he spent more than a year with the Herbie Hancock Sextet (1969-70). He joined the pop band Blood, Sweat & Tears for a short time in 1971.

Henderson left New York for SF in the early 1970s. Around the same time, Milestone Records moved its headquarters to San Francisco. He continued to play saxophone and in 1991

Verve records signed Henderson to its label. He made at least five studio albums with Verve. From 1978 to 1982, he taught at the SF Conservatory of Music. His discography is extensive; he recorded at least 32 albums as a leader and over 100 as a sideman. He lived, played, and taught in the City until his death in 2001 at the age of 64.

The SFJAZZ Center honored Joe Henderson by naming a performance space for him. The Joe Henderson Lab (JHL) – is a rectangle measuring 22 by 44 feet with a small stage at one end and seating for exactly 107 listeners. It's at the northeast corner of the SFJAZZ Center. The JHL is lined by floor-to-ceiling walls of glass – you can see straight out to the street, and passersby can see straight into the room. When the SFJAZZ Center opened in 2013, the room was slotted as a rehearsal space for the SFJAZZ Collective, the organization's all-star octet, and for the SFJAZZ High School All-Star

ANNOUNCEMENT

Clubhouse Clean-Up



The next Second Saturday Clubhouse clean-up takes place on **October 12** from 10am to noon. Please consider volunteering two hours of your time. Bring a friend, or make a new friend! It's always more enjoyable that way. Rain cancels. You can sign up at <https://forms.gle/j7uMUUy4ZHcXhuteA>

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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.

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Contact Darlene (see details above)
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8/2/2024	10:00 PM	240486363	Battery, former Spouse or Dating Relationship	Open or Active	KENSINGTON WAY \ MIRALOMA DR \ PORTOLA DR
8/2/2024	10:00 PM	240486363	Terrorist Threats	Open or Active	KENSINGTON WAY \ MIRALOMA DR \ PORTOLA DR
8/9/2024	4:33 PM	240505985	Robbery, Chain Store, w/ Force. Officer Cvetovac responded to 600 Blk of Portola Dr regarding an Estes robbery at a store. Upon there arrival, Officers where informed a suspect entered the store and stole some merchandise. When store employees attempted to stop the suspect, the suspect attacked them. (In California, an Estes Robbery occurs when a shoplifter or thief tries to take some merchandise from a store and is approached by store security or loss prevention and the shoplifter either pushes past the security guard or in any way uses force to get away. The use of force or threats by the individual elevates shoplifting to the more serious crime of robbery.)	Open or Active	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD
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