

MIRALOMA LIFE

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Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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January 2

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

January 11

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

February 6

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FEATURE

MPIC Holiday Party!



by MPIC

December 8th brought many cheerful families to the MPIC's yearly holiday party for our community. Adults and children alike listened to wonderful renditions of standards by Todd Siemers on sax, Paul Clanon on bass, Ken Chou on piano and Jack Kern on drums. Mr. Shap again brought magic and merriment to the stage, with the aid of audience members and some captivating sleight of hand. Balloon creations abounded.

All this takes a concerted effort by many hands, and is a free event to the community. Chuck Frye provided the always appreciated jambalaya. Michael Dolan made the vegan dish. Families brought cookies and brownies to share. Neighbors who pitched to get the party ready were Roxanne Frye, Dennis Davison and Jessi Harrison and Michael Harrison. Board Member Jean Perata emcee'd and worked the kitchen. Other MPIC Board Members working to keep the party going were Cary Matthews, Tina McGovern, Jessi Harrison, Daniel Louie, Mary Fitzpatrick, Patti Moran, Stephanie Boudreau Ma, and Kate Clements.

Thanks to all who attended and made the event special!





President's Message

by Robert Gee,
President

Happy New Year to all Miralomans! I hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday season and were able to enjoy the time with family and friends both near and far.

We begin the year with our annual campaign: Please become a member of MPIC and/or renew your annual membership!

I want to thank all of you who have supported the MPIC by becoming members last year as well as the generous support of our residents who made special donations.

Please join our 700 members and support our mission, our volunteers and Board Members who work tirelessly to ensure that we have a great community to live in and be safe. We have included an envelope in this newsletter for you to use to send in your membership. Or you can join/renew at <https://miralomapark.org/join/>. The MPIC is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Your membership donation as well as any additional donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. If you have any questions about your membership, send an email to miralomapark@gmail.com or leave us a voice message at 415-322-0211.

We continue to advocate with the City on many issues including safety, resiliency, disaster preparedness, representation by our city supervisor, block champions, community building, housing, transportation, traffic issues as well as seeking grants for different projects.

Your membership dues and other generous donations also support publishing this newsletter, maintaining our Clubhouse built in 1943 where we host activities and events as well as the programs and engagement opportunities which support our mission of **Celebrating, Informing and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community**.

Since 1954, the MPIC has published this **free** 12-page newsletter delivered monthly, 10 months per year, to 2,200 homes and businesses in Miraloma Park. We are one of the few neighborhoods in the City that still distributes a neighborhood newsletter. Our newsletter's purpose is to promote neighborhood identity, strengthen community and raise community awareness of relevant issues and activities, such as disaster preparedness; to make available articles about the City's governmental and political processes and plans and promote individual participation in the development and implementation of these plans; to disseminate information about crime and safety and programs being offered such as our senior community connectors; to provide information on community preservation and public resources; to provide information about local events, provide articles on the history of Miraloma Park and Mt. Davidson, articles on lifestyle, conservation of resources, environmental protection, local nature and wildlife.

Each new year gives each of us a chance to renew our goals and start afresh. MPIC wishes you and your family a healthy, joyous and fun new year.

We look forward to receiving your membership and thank you for your support.

Supervisor Melgar Holds Portola Avenue Merchants Safety Meeting

by MPIC Safety Committee



Each year residents of Miraloma are blessed with living in a relatively quiet and safe community. Yet, being a part of a big city, we occasionally come across big city problems. I personally deem it not acceptable to merely live with the consequences and not do anything about it. I would like to address the crimes against the approximately 20 businesses along the 600 & 700 blocks of Portola Drive, from Caken' Cuts Barber Shop at 615 Portola Drive to Miraloma Market at 755 Portola Drive.

On November 21, 2024, several representatives from the area businesses, along with Captain Amy Hurwitz from Ingleside Police Station, District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar, and MPIC representatives, met at Portola Starbucks to discuss ways to prevent and minimize the crimes against these businesses. Captain Hurwitz stressed the need for residents and passersby to relay to the police what “makes the hair on the back of your neck stand up.” If you see something suspicious call 911. If you think a criminal is casing your house or business, call 911. The operator will ask if you see a crime being committed. You must stress the urgency for a police presence as the activity you are witnessing is a prelude to an inevitable criminal activity.

During the meeting it was brought to our attention the short staffing of SFPD in general including our beloved

Ingleside station. Ingleside officers have been working anti-retailer crime operations on their days off. Supervisor Melgar pointed out the 400 newly installed automated license plate readers citywide which includes several of those cameras being placed in our neighborhood. The need for each business to install more cameras facing outwards was also discussed. Most of these criminals are using stolen vehicles for several incidents before abandoning them. If authorities can identify these vehicles sooner than later, via 911 calls and/or cameras, this will assist the police's ability to curtail crimes against our Miraloma businesses.

How effective are automated license plate readers? Back in June 2024, there was a robbery at Tri Counties Bank on Portola Drive. The alert bank employee observed the vehicle the suspect parked in front of the bank and notated the license plate number. The police successfully used automated license plate readers to later locate and arrest the suspect.

The goal is for our Miraloma Park businesses to keep communicating with each other, Ingleside Station, and the residents. Miraloma Park is grateful to have Supervisor Melgar and her office pledge their assistance in this endeavor. We hope, during our next merchant safety meeting, there will be more representatives from the Portola corridor along with a plan to organize a Community



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Senior Cookie Exchange

Members of Community Connectors had a get together after class for a luncheon and cookie exchange in December. Here are a few photos.



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Name That Nutcracker!

by MPIC

Several submissions have come in to help our neighbors Reese, Remi and Pierre name their nutcracker.

Here's the list:

- Sir Crackington
- Nutty
- King Cracker
- Cracker Jack
- Mr. Miraloma Nutcracker
- Jaws
- Major McCracken
- Corporal Cracker
- Molimo Man

We hope the family finds just the right name! We'll let you know.



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The City’s Latest Biking and Rolling Plan – Any Changes in Miraloma Park?

by Robert Gee, MPIC

If you enjoy riding a bike like I do or use your bike to go to and from work or school, or just like riding around the City then you may be interested in learning about the City’s vision for significantly expanding its biking and rolling infrastructure.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) just released its draft of its city-wide Biking and Rolling Plan. This plan creates a new vision for biking and

rolling in San Francisco: guiding investment where it’s needed most, delivering new programs to support biking and rolling, and enacting policy changes to achieve a connected, citywide network. You can view the 291-page plan by going to:

<https://www.sfmta.com/projects/biking-and-rolling-plan>

The goal of the plan is for every City resident to live within one quarter mile of a high-quality bikeway – low speed corridors largely separate from vehicle traffic. It’s a plan with no specific deadlines and no funding projections.

I dug into the plan to find out what changes are proposed for Miraloma Park. We already have the separated bike path on O’Shaughnessy Blvd from Portola Drive all the way down to Glen Park. On Portola Drive, there are painted bike lanes with portions of the bike lanes having no-hit posts separating cars from bikes.

The only new proposal for the Miraloma Park area is a bike network connection from Portola Drive to Evelyn Way to Teresita Blvd. all the way down to the bottom of the hill to Foerster St. to Monterey Blvd. The plan designates this path for “Shared Level 3 Traffic Calming” where some traffic calming may happen in the future to manage motor vehicle speed and not volume due to the street space and geography. There are no plans to paint any bike-only lanes or to remove parking along these streets. In fact, the entire plan does not remove cars from any street currently drivable in the City.

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What a Year it has Been! Who knew selling a house for \$488k would become a viral sensation? This year has been unforgettable and I am so grateful to have worked with amazing clients. Thank you for trusting me with your real estate needs. I'm always here as a resource if you ever need one. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!



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Hello, are you 55 or older? We invite you to join us at Community Connectors, our senior program in Miraloma Park! We have a weekly program that is worth checking out. We have many exciting gatherings this fall and don't miss our Holiday Celebration - Cookie Swap and Holiday Party. We also have a bi-monthly Healthy Aging and Nutrition Class on the Community Living Campaign Website: sfcommunityliving.org. Let's strive together for better health and aging in 2024. Here's the schedule.

Upcoming Events

November 14 - Fall Potluck
December 12 - Cookie Exchange

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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Crime Stats from November 1-November 30, 2024

Date	Time	Incident #	Description	Status	Intersection
11/1/2024	12:00 PM	240665175	Robbery, W/ Force	Cite or Arrest Adult	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD
11/5/2024	1:47 PM	240714841	Assault. Ofc Watts and Ofc Carew responded out to the 600 Blk of Portola Dr, regarding a physical fight with multiple employees and suspects inside a store. When Officers arrived, they located two suspects fleeing the area on foot. After a short pursuit, Officers took one suspect into custody without further incident and another suspect after they resisted arrest. Officers made contact with the Victims who stated in summary, the Suspects entered the store and became aggressive when employees asked if they needed help. The suspects attempted to steal items but where escorted out of the store. As they were being escorted out, they attacked one of the employees. Other employees joined the melee in defense of the employee.	Cite or Arrest Adult	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD
11/7/2024	11:00 PM	240700163	Burglary, Other Bldg., Unlawful Entry. The reporting victim told Officers their home recently had a fire. The owner and SFFD secured the home. When the victim returned to his home, he observed that the door had been kicked in and his property was stolen.	Open or Active	REPOSA WAY \ TERESITA BLVD
11/7/2024	9:00 AM	240700408	False Personation to Receive Money or Property	Open or Active	MALTA DR \ VALLETTA CT
11/14/2024	3:48 AM	240711740	Burglary, Store, Forcible Entry. Suspects broke into multiple business on the 700 blk of Portola Dr. One of the business owners was notified by his alarm company his burglary alarm was activated. The victim called 911 and responded to his business. When the victim arrived, he observed the suspects get into a vehicle in front of his business. As the suspects drove past the victim, they shot at him.	Open or Active	FOWLER AVE \ JUANITA WAY
11/15/2024	1:40 PM	240714841	Assault, Aggravated, W/ Force, Battery, Conspiracy	Cite or Arrest Adult	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD

ANNOUNCEMENT

Pitch In on Second Saturdays!



The MPIC currently continues to have work parties from 10 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month, weather permitting. While we have stalwart community members who volunteer frequently, the MPIC would love to meet more community members at this event. Come out and meet your neighbors. This month's date is **January 11**. Rain cancels. Sign up at forms.gle/j7uMUUy4ZHcXhuteA Thank you!

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