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Issue No. 3

Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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March 6

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

March 8

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month
at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

March 20

Resiliency Committee Workshop Disaster Preparedness

MPIC Clubhouse

6:30pm

FEATURE

Participatory Budgeting Returns! Have Ideas?

by Jean Perata

District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar announced that applications are being accepted for the 2025 Participatory Budgeting grant program. Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members propose projects and collectively decide how to spend part of a public budget.

Supervisor Melgar's office is accepting PB grant applications through March 28, 2025. Then, a group of community volunteers will review applications in early April, ensuring that proposals meet grant requirements. This will be followed by City Departments' review. Then, District 7 residents will be able to vote on the grant proposals from June 2 - June 13, 2025. Winners will be announced shortly thereafter.

Grants awarded may receive up to \$50,000 in funding. A total of \$400,000 will be available for general projects and a total of \$150,000 will be available for the Vision Zero category.

This year, proposals should involve at least one of the following priority areas:

- School Beautification & Updates: playground improvements, updates to the physical infrastructure of District 7 public schools;
- Public Art on Merchant Corridors: murals, plants, art installations, etc. on commercial corridors in District 7;
- Sidewalk Repairs & Updates: repair of cracked or damaged sidewalks, tree basin maintenance, tree

planting;

- Expedited Daylighting (Vision Zero): expedited painting of no-parking zones near crosswalks to improve pedestrian visibility.

Anyone can submit a proposal, but proposals must meet all of the following criteria for eligibility:

- Proposals must be submitted by neighborhood associations, non-profits, merchant groups, or institutions located in District 7.
- Authoring entities must be located in District 7.
- Individual residents and businesses must be sponsored by an organization.
- Proposals must be for new projects that respond to a demonstrated community need.
- Only one proposal per author/group can be submitted.
- Proposals must align with at least one of the four priority areas.
- Proposals must be a one-time expenditure.
- Proposals must benefit District 7 residents.
- Proposals must receive a minimum of 400 votes to be eligible for funding.

If you would like MPIC to sponsor your proposal, submit your idea to MPIC by March 17, 2025. This will allow the MPIC Board sufficient time to review your proposal so that you can submit your proposal by March 28. Send your proposal to: Miralomapark@gmail.com. So that the MPIC Board can give due consideration to your idea, include a

Budgeting Returns

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description of the proposed project; an estimate of the budget for the project; identification of the priority area(s) addressed by the project; the neighborhoods and or communities served by the proposal, and describe the community support for the proposed project. (This information is required by the PB grant application.)

For more information about the 2025 Participatory Budgeting program and access the official grant application, visit the PB Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/d7participatorybudgeting/submission-process?authuser=0>

Earlier Participatory Budgeting Grants and Miraloma Park

Miraloma Park has benefitted from earlier PB grants. Below is a selection of the neighborhood projects that have been funded by PB grants. Some were proposed by MPIC and others, by neighbors like you and supported by MPIC!

- Median planting on Marietta Way – proposed by a neighbor and supported by MPIC
- Redesign of MPIC Native Plant Garden – proposed by a neighbor and supported by MPIC
- Funding for resources for the Block Champions programs – proposed by MPIC
- Obtaining essential disaster supplies for the NERT program – proposed by MPIC
- Hop, Skip and Play on Omar way – proposed by MPIC
- Lighting on Avoca Alley – proposed by a neighbor and supported by MPIC
- Creation of the Community Connectors program – proposed by MPIC



(above)
The dragon of "Hop, Skip and Plan on Omar Way." The active play space was made possible by a 2018 PB grant.

ARTICLE

Muni Service Cuts Are Scheduled for Summer 2025 – It will impact the 36 Teresita Line

by Robert Gee and Kate Clements

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is facing a \$50 million shortfall and has announced three approaches for MUNI service cuts scheduled for the Summer 2025. The SFMTA proposed Muni Service Plan will be considered by the SFMTA Board at its March 18 meeting. All three approaches will have an impact on the 36 Teresita line. Learn more details here: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/summer-2025-muni-service-cuts>

At least one of the following will happen:

1. Bus service will end at 7 p.m. on the 36 route
2. The length of time between buses on the route will increase by 15 to 45 minutes.

A \$50 million budget shortfall faces the SFMTA in the next fiscal year's July 2025 to June 2026 budget. These are largely a result of the pandemic and its economic impact. Beginning in July, the SFMTA won't be able to afford to replace transit operators, maintenance or cleaning staff. The criteria going forward is as follows:

- Maintain the highest possible quality service to the nine neighborhoods identified by our Muni Service Equity Strategy and routes heavily used by seniors and people with disabilities
- Provide service coverage to locations of trip generators, such as hospitals, grocery stores, and commercial, cultural, and employment centers
- Access to opportunities including schools and workplaces
- Ridership demand (crowding) and frequency
- Feedback from customers, operators and policymakers
- Support economic recovery
- Cost per rider

The time for input has passed, but if you use the 36 bus, you should carefully follow the cuts and changes to come.



President's Message

by Robert Gee,
President

Thank you to all of our very engaged Miraloma residents who recently joined or renewed their MPIC annual memberships. Your support is so important and greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Matt Boschetto as an interim MPIC board member until our June 2025 MPIC election. I have also appointed Matt to serve as (1) chair of the MPIC Zoning and Planning Committee, (2) a member of the MPIC Safety Committee and (3) as an alternate MPIC delegate to the West of Twin Peaks Central Council.

I have also appointed MPIC board member Jessi Harrison as chair of our new Strategic Engagement Operations committee. The genesis of this committee is the long dormant MPIC Social Committee from decades ago. Jessi has given this new position a lot of thought. She will focus on enhancing our community's engagement through thoughtful planning and operational efficiency. It would go beyond traditional event planning by incorporating strategic initiatives that foster long-term community connections and leveraging technology to streamline our efforts. Key areas of focus would include: (1) fostering strategic, tech-driven engagement by improving participation through modern tools and operational best practices, (2) scaling community efforts effectively by assembling the right team structure and optimizing funding and (3) driving measurable impact through data-driven insights, such as feedback surveys, to inform future initiatives.

Lastly, I wish to extend a warm welcome and thank you to Miraloma resident Billy Hackenson for volunteering to serve on the Ingleside Police Station Community Advisory Board.

SAVE THE DATE

RESILIENCY COMMITTEE EVENT

March 20, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
MPIC Clubhouse

Spring into action!!
Get your household disaster-ready!

Each household takes home a
door prize!

Sponsored by MPIC Resiliency Committee

Celebrate Los Palmos Garden Neighborhood Beautification Day

by Joanie & Guido van Rijn

This year's District 7 's Public Works' sponsored "Neighborhood Beautification Day" was held on Saturday, February 8th. Enyi, from SF Public Works, came with a crew of volunteers to the Los Palmos Community Garden (LPG). LPG neighborhood volunteers number topped sixteen, a wonderful turnout. THANK YOU!

LPG is located on Los Palmos Drive, just east of Foerster. The garden was started by Linda Cameron in 1995. Linda was later joined by neighbors Gundula and Betty. Each has long since passed but still commemorated with a memorial flowering plant. Currently, maintenance of LPG is carried out by Sky Charlesworth, Norm Honbo, and Joanie & Guido van Rijn. Neighbor Margaret is our professional consultant. These garden stewards work once a week to keep the gardens weeded, irrigation maintained, and new plants purchased. Prior to a work day, a work plan is created of much needed garden tasks. This February 8th, that planning included Enyi and his Public Works volunteer team. The Los Palmos-Foerster neighborhood is so grateful to the Public Works Department for adding LPG to their annual "Neighborhood Beautification Day" program. So much gets done that local

stewards of the garden can't do on their own.

LPG is always looking for more volunteers. Gardening is usually around mid-day on weekends. If you would like to be on our gardening email list, please contact joanvanrijn@gmail.com. Or, if you are in the neighborhood please stop by and enjoy our floral symphony of colors and varieties. Spring is just around the corner.





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Clubhouse Clean-Up



The next Second Saturday Clubhouse clean-up takes place on **March 8** 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>

Takin' It To The Streets (Of Miraloma Park)

by Kevin Fong

With apologies to the Doobie Brothers, some residents of Miraloma Park have been 'Takin' It To The Streets' on the first Tuesday of the month. In coordination with Refuse Refuse, the SF Department of Public Works (SFPD) and TogetherSF, Miraloma residents, as well as non-Miraloma residents (we've had participants from all around the City) have joined together in keeping our neighborhood clean.

Miraloma Park resident Mary Beth Reticker started the first neighborhood trash pick up in December of 2023 and she continues to lead volunteers on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Since that inaugural cleanup session over two years ago, volunteers have collected a total of approximately 340 bags of trash!

"I started the Miraloma trash pick up after my husband and I participated in a similar effort in Glen Park. It was during Covid and we figured it was a good way to get some exercise while doing something good for our community", stated Mary Beth.

If you have a free hour and a half on the first Tuesday of the month, would like some fresh air and exercise, please meet us at 10:00 am in front of Mollie Stone's Tower Market! All equipment is provided. You will meet some new neighbors and hopefully feel energized about keeping your neighborhood clean!

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Miraloma Park Block Champions Our Numbers are Growing

by MPIC

Thanks to MPIC President Robert Gee, the number of Block Champions/Radio Operators has increased by three. Their active presence in the community was immediately tested when only days later each of these individuals experienced their first radio drill. Each performed superbly! On behalf of MPIC and Resilient Miraloma Park, we welcome you:

Tessi – 600 Block of Myra Way
Hans – 100 Block of Evelyn Way
Matt – 00 Block of Chaves Ave

MPIC, through Resilient Miraloma Park (RMP), has worked towards getting as many Block Champions on as many blocks of Miraloma Park as possible. The aim is to create mini block level social networks of neighbors that are ready to take care of each other during large or small disasters. Last spring, summer and fall, MPIC and Block Champions hosted five ice cream socials in various locations of Miraloma Park. Neighbors signed up with emails and phone numbers to form a kind of “phone tree” in which they could quickly ask for or offer assistance when needed to your neighbors and friends on the block.

Any block party, wine and cheese event, or street cleanup day can have the same effect. In each case neighbors meet neighbors and new friendships are formed. Remember, in a major disaster, we cannot expect help from the fire department. In the first hours, days, and even weeks, we must be able to depend on our own household’s level of preparedness as well as that of our neighbors. At the center of this growing social network is the Block Champion. None of this happens overnight. Tessi, Hans, and Matt, thank you for stepping up to the plate.



Knowing vs. Doing

by MPIC

Sure, we know what essential items we need in case of an emergency or a disaster. Yes, we know those things that would be useful as well. We even know that a “go-bag” is for my personal items and that it’s important. We know all of this!

Definition of doing is acting on or accomplishing a task or reaching a goal. We know that too.

Many of us know how important it is to be prepared. We are prepared for our jobs, we get our children prepared for

school, we even get our pets prepared for a walk and pack lots of treats.

It’s time to *Spring into Action*. It’s time to get from knowing to doing.

Miraloma Park Resiliency committee is hosting a one-hour workshop to help you, and your family get DOING and going! It’s on **March 20 at 6:30pm at the MPIC Clubhouse**. Come learn what essentials you need to have in your home so you are ready for a disaster. There are many useful items that you may need. Your go-bag may be on your to-do list but now it’s the time to gather those personal items and put them in a bag ready to go.

Every household will receive a “door prize”. It is something either for your home or your “go-bag”.

Come join with other neighbors on March 20th at 6:30pm and get motivated to go from knowing to doing.

New Vistas Open Up with Dangerous Tree Removal and Native Restoration

by Kate Clements



Those of us in Miraloma Park who have houses facing Glen Canyon may have noticed or heard a great deal of activity happening on the perimeter of O'Shaughnessy Blvd near Malta Dr. in January, with northbound traffic moved to the center of the road while crews were working in the area. The SFPUC took out numerous eucalypts from the area above the 7 buildings on the Bosworth spur, work which was started last year. Only non-native and potentially hazardous trees have

been taken down. There will be native plant restoration in the area later this year. For the first time in my memory, when walking on Marietta Drive the houses on the Bosworth spur road are visible. It was quite startling the first time I saw the newly cleared area.

If you are interested in further information, via the Glen Park Association website, here is a link: <https://www.glenparkassociation.org/27097-2/>

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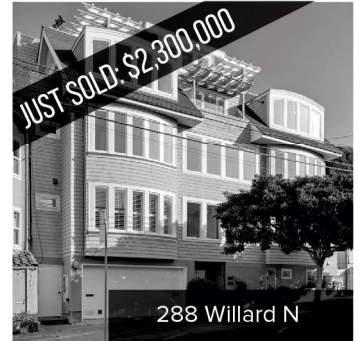
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Upcoming Events

February 13, 2025 – Valentine's Party

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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1/1/25	1:45 PM	250001161	Robbery, Chain Store, W/ Knife. A suspect entered a grocery store and started to conceal items on his person. When the security guard attempted to confront the suspect, the suspect pulled out a knife and the security guard disengaged. The suspect continue to conceal items on his person and fled on foot.	Open or Active	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD
1/3/25	10:30 AM	250005254	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	BURLWOOD DR \ EMIL LN \ LOS PALMOS DR
1/5/25	4:00 PM	250010689	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	FOERSTER ST \ TERESITA BLVD
1/8/25	4:59 PM	250015974	Traffic Collision	Cite or Arrest Adult	CHAVES AVE \ DEL SUR AVE
1/8/25	4:59 PM	250015974	Driving While Under The Influence Of Alcohol	Cite or Arrest Adult	CHAVES AVE \ DEL SUR AVE
1/8/25	4:59 PM	250015974	Traffic Violation Arrest	Cite or Arrest Adult	CHAVES AVE \ DEL SUR AVE
1/10/25	12:00 AM	250032194	License Plate, Stolen	Open or Active	EL SERENO CT \ MARIETTA DR
1/11/25	2:05 PM	250021802	Theft, False Pretenses, Felony	Open or Active	LULU ALY \ MELROSE AVE
1/12/25	4:19 AM	250022719	Switchblade Knife, Possession	Cite or Arrest Adult	CONGO ST \ MELROSE AVE
1/12/25	2:24 AM	250022907	Violation of Restraining Order	Open or Active	CONGO ST \ MELROSE AVE
1/26/25	5:08 AM	250050312	Theft, From Unlocked Vehicle, \$50-\$200	Open or Active	MALTA DR \ VALLETTA CT
1/29/25	8:30 PM	250058855	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	MALTA DR \ VALLETTA CT
1/30/25	5:45 PM	250059756	Theft, Shoplifting, \$50-\$200	Open or Active	PORTOLA DR

prepared by Mathew Wong, MPIC Safety Committee

FEEDBACK

Street Names Reply

Maynard Werner wrote regarding the article on street names in Miraloma Life. Molimo means beseech, beg or please in the Serbian language. While I don't know if this street name was originally meant to be a Serbian word, I appreciate that the same word can appear in different languages. Thanks for letting us know, Maynard!

-Editor



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