

MIRALOMA LIFE

Issue No. 8

Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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September 2

Neighborhood Clean-up

First Tuesday of the month
Meet in front of Tower Market

10am-11:30am

September 4

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

September 13

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month
at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

FEATURE

MPIC Game Night

Play, Laugh, Connect!

When

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Where

MPIC Clubhouse



Join us for MPIC's first-ever Game Night! Enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition with board games, card games, and more. Snacks, drinks (including adult beverages), and prizes for select games will be provided. All ages welcome!

RSVP: Email MPICpresident@gmail.com with your name and number of guests.

Let's make it a night to remember – see you there!

MPIC 2025 Election Results

by MPIC

The 2025 MPIC election took place June 11 to 19, 2025 using on-line and in-person voting procedures. The June 19 in-person voting was followed by the annual MPIC Members' meeting. The on-line and in-person voting procedures went smoothly; almost all voted on-line. A total of 40 eligible voters cast ballots in the election. Here are the results:

Elected Officer, 2025-2027 Term

Cary Matthews, Corresponding Secretary

Elected Board Members, 2025-2027 Term

Todd Siemers

Stephanie Boudreau

Jessi Harrison (Welcome to our new Board Member!)

Matt Boschetto (Welcome to our new Board Member!)

National Good Neighbors Day

by Kate Clements

A neighborhood without neighbors is just a collection of houses.

One of the things that has always been a plus of living here in Miraloma Park is the number of friendly and caring neighbors I have. I feel rich to have landed on my block and in the greater Miraloma community. Until this year, I never knew there was a National Good Neighbors Day, and it's fitting that the MPIC is hosting a games night on Saturday the 27th, one day before the annual holiday. It's another opportunity for Miralomans to meet and get to know other people who live here, and help knit us together in enjoyable and meaningful ways. If you don't know your neighbors that well, and would like to become better acquainted with them, there's a chart below listing ideas to get you started. Better yet, visit: <https://www.hopefulneighborhood.org/> which has an abundance of ideas to get you started on forming better relationships with your neighbors.





President's Message

by Robert Gee,
President

Greetings Miraloma Park,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer wherever your travels have taken you.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first MPIC Community Cheers- Drinks and Connection event on Saturday, June 7, 2025. It was a great opportunity for residents to socialize, play some board games and enjoy light snacks and beverages. We received a lot of positive feedback from attendees that they enjoyed the concept of this event. I want to thank Jessi Harrison, our newest board member, for coordinating this event.

On June 19, 2025, we had another successful MPIC Annual Election and Member Meeting. Thank you to fellow board member Jean Perata for coordinating the election. We had wonderful live jazz music led by board member Todd Siemers and his band members: Rob Moellering (piano), Mark Eckert (7 string bass) and Jim Mar (drums). We held a short member meeting that covered how MPIC continues to be a volunteer organization that works with many City agencies and neighborhood groups, safety and police staffing issues

and the exploration of ADA improvements at the clubhouse.

On June 25, 2025, the MPIC hosted a virtual town hall for our residents with the SF Planning Dept on the City's proposed Family Zoning Plan that will rezone west side neighborhoods including all of Miraloma Park. It has been decades since the MPIC last had SF Planning participate in a meeting exclusively with Miraloma Park. I want to thank the residents who attended and asked great questions. Thank you to our newest board member and MPIC Zoning and Planning Chair, Matt Boschetto, for facilitating the town hall. Joshua Switzky, Deputy Director in SF Planning, made the presentation and answered all the participants' questions. On September 11, the Planning Commission will be holding a hearing to adopt the Family Rezoning Plan. Then this issue moves to the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee. In July 2025, the West of Twin Peaks Central Council where MPIC has been a long-time member, wrote to Supervisor Melgar, chair of the Land Use Committee, urging her to advocate for removal of the density decontrol provisions in the Family Zoning Plan. Density decontrol would eliminate unit limits on single-family parcels across much of the west side.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the MPIC's first ever Game Night on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the clubhouse from 4- 6 pm.

After giving careful thought to the demands of her work and family, Tina McGovern has decided to resign from the MPIC Board. This was not an easy decision for Tina as she has a keen interest in our neighborhood and civic issues. Thank you Tina for your service to our community. We especially appreciate you volunteering to lead our Membership efforts.

After 5 years of delivering the newsletters, we bid farewell and thank you to Aidan Baird, who is going off to college. Please welcome our newest newsletter carrier, Mason Allmer, to the delivery team.

The pedestrian crossing flags that DPW has allowed us to install again at the intersections of Sequoia/Teresita and Stillings/Teresita should be installed by the time this newsletter is delivered. The MPIC has purchased the materials to assemble and hold the flags.

SFMTA has temporarily paused its Residential Traffic Calming Program citing "rising construction costs, record demand, and a challenging fiscal landscape". The Traffic Calming Program was a long running program that allows residents to request street safety improvements in their neighborhoods. The move comes as SFMTA is facing a \$322 million budget deficit next year. The program suspension will not impact the outstanding requests pertaining to studying speed on Stillings Avenue and whether a stop sign is needed at Stillings and Malta.

From Grasslands to Education: How Miraloma Park Built Its School

Miraloma Memories – Community History

by Matt Allmer

The story of Miraloma Elementary isn't just about building a school. It's about building a community. It's a tale of determination, foresight, and the power of collective action.

In the late 1930s, Miraloma Park was transformed from grasslands giving way to suburban dreams. The Meyer Brothers' vision of an affordable "City in Itself" was taking shape, with individualized home designs dotting the landscape. But dreams need infrastructure, and for families, that means education. Our neighborhood didn't wait for bureaucrats. We took action.

Picture this: Parents walking street by street, meticulously counting children. Not with clipboards and cold statistics, but with a passionate belief that their community deserved its own school. These weren't just parents. They were architects of possibility.

Between 1938 and 1940, neighborhood families conducted their own census, documenting every school-aged child. Their motivation was clear: prove to the San Francisco Unified School District that Miraloma Park needed its own educational institution. They didn't just complain - they gathered evidence.

But counting wasn't enough. Our community understood that change requires more than just numbers. It requires commitment. So, these same parents spearheaded a fundraising campaign. They organized events, knocked on doors, and rallied support. Every dollar raised was a statement: We're not just asking for a school; we're investing in one.

The first Miraloma Elementary opened in 1940 on Sequoia Way - a modest beginning that spoke volumes about community determination. It wasn't just a building; it was a symbol of what we could achieve together.

Twelve years later, in 1952, we rebuilt. Not because we had to, but because we were growing, evolving. The baby boom was transforming San Francisco's demographics, and our neighborhood was at the epicenter. Families were moving in, children were arriving, and our community needed a school that could match its ambitions.

The 1952 rebuild wasn't just an expansion; it was a reimagining. By then, educational philosophies had evolved, and so had our expectations. The new school reflected modern thinking - larger classrooms, better facilities, and space to accommodate the neighborhood's growing population. It wasn't just a building; it was a promise of opportunity.

Today's school at 175 Omar Way stands as a testament to that continual evolution. It's more than bricks and mortar. It's a living embodiment of those original community builders - those who understood that education isn't just about learning, but about the effort of shared knowledge.

Our school reflects our neighborhood: diverse, dynamic, and decidedly proud. In 2005, Miraloma Elementary was considered one of the most desirable schools in the city. But that desirability isn't about exclusivity; it's about inclusivity. The school's mission to "nurture the whole child through dynamic and authentic learning experiences" isn't just educational jargon. It's a commitment to every child who walks through its doors.

From those first door-to-door child counts to today's state-of-the-art learning environment, Miraloma Elementary represents the very best of community-driven progress. It's a reminder that great schools aren't just built by districts or developers. They're built by communities who care, who envision, and who act.

As we look to the future, we carry with us the spirit of those early Miraloma Park residents. Their legacy isn't just in the school building. It's in the culture of engagement, the belief in the power of education, and the understanding that a school is the heart of a community.

And that, my friends, is how Miraloma Park doesn't just have a school. We have a legacy. A legacy that continues to shape our neighborhood, our children, and our future. It's a story of how a community came together to create something lasting, something meaningful. It's a reminder that when we work together, we can build more than just buildings. We can build futures.



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Thank you to the Cornerstone Church Middle School Summer Youths

by MPIC



Cornerstone Church youths and adult chaperones

On July 1, 2025 the MPIC again welcomed the Cornerstone Church middle school summer youths and their adult chaperones to the clubhouse for their community service activity where they deep-cleaned our outside benches, trimmed the vegetation along the walkway, removed weeds in the parking lot and watered the native plants in our gardens. They also learned for the first time how to use the battery-powered leaf blowers.

Later that week, the youths also prepared and served a wonderful lunch to the Miraloma Senior Community Connector participants after their weekly exercise class at the Church. After serving lunch, the youths led the seniors in Bingo games with prizes. Thank you again to Cornerstone Church and the amazing middle school summer youths for your service.





Lunch and bingo with prizes

Miraloma Park Safety Update

by Daniel Louie, Interim MPIC Safety Committee Chair

Residents here in Miraloma Park enjoy a relatively low crime rate although we do experience some big city crime just like all the other neighborhoods in San Francisco. Please take a few minutes to review the crime stats for Miraloma Park for May, June, and July in this newsletter. Many thanks to Matthew Wong for compiling these reported crimes by extracting the data taken from the SFPD database.

The Ingleside Police Station is our neighborhood police station. It was with sadness and true appreciation that we witnessed the passing of the torch with Ingleside's former Police Captain Amy Hurwitz now heading SFPD's Southern Station located at SFPD's HQ 1251 3rd St. effective July 28, 2025. We are fortunate to have an experienced and respected

26-year veteran of SFPD to replace Captain Hurwitz. Newly promoted Gerald Newbeck officially took over command at the Ingleside Station on Saturday, July 18, 2025. He was introduced at the Ingleside Station's monthly Community Meeting on July 15, 2025. Capt. Newbeck had previous assignments in patrol, investigations, administration, and special operations. Ingleside's monthly Community Meetings are normally held at 6 pm. on the 3rd Tuesday of every month @ Ingleside Station located at 1 Sgt. John V. Young Ln. All are welcome.

Officer L. Cortez with the Ingleside Station met with MPIC Board Members on June 5, 2025, and briefly discussed the staff shortages at Ingleside Station. Currently, there is an all-time low of only 60 officers assigned to the Ingleside Station to cover the 3 daily shifts across 6 patrol sectors. Full staffing is 120 officers. Officers are coming in on days off to cover shifts. Police stations across the City have staff shortages due to attrition and Ingleside is no different. As always, our police station is more effective when residents of Miraloma Park assist in acting as eyes and ears for our officers. If you see or hear something suspicious, report it via 911 or 311. Use 911 for immediate dangers, crimes in progress, and medical emergencies. Use 311 for city services, information, and to report non-emergency situations such as crimes not in progress.

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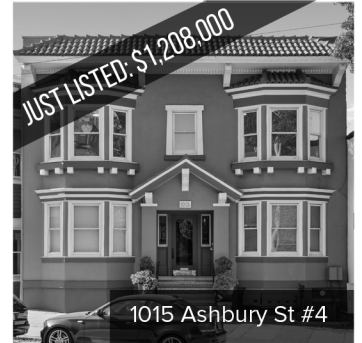
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Hello, are you 55 or older? We invite you to join us at Community Connectors, our senior program in Miraloma Park! We have a weekly program that is worth checking out. We have many exciting gatherings this fall and don't miss our Holiday Celebration - 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.

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.
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Miraloma Clubhouse
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MPIC Safety Committee Update

Crime Stats from June 1-July 31, 2024

June

Date	Time	Incident #	Description	Status	Intersection
6/3/25	10:00 AM	250329957	False Personation to Receive Money or Property	Open or Active	CONGO ST \ STILLINGS AVE
6/4/25	11:09 AM	250311932	Miscellaneous Investigation	Exceptional Adult	REPOSA WAY \ TERESITA BLVD
6/12/25	4:45 PM	250328642	Dog, Bite or Attack	Open or Active	FOERSTER ST \ MELROSE AVE
6/14/25	2:00 AM	256059720	Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Property	Open or Active	JUANITA WAY

July

Date	Time	Incident #	Description	Status	Intersection
7/3/25	7:00 PM	250370712	Vehicle, Stolen, Auto	Open or Active	STILLINGS AVE \ TERESITA BLVD
7/19/25	1:59 PM	250399530	Burglary Officers Siracusa and Dungca responded to a call regarding a reported burglary. Upon arrival, they spoke with the victim, who stated that their residence, currently underconstruction, had been broken into. The victim reported that an unknown subject had forced entry by damaging the front door and had stolen numerous personal items that were being stored in boxes during the remodel.	Open or Active	MOLIMO DR
7/31/25	10:00 AM	250422379	Assault, Aggravated, W/ Force	Open or Active	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD

prepared by Mathew Wong, MPIC Safety Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT

Clubhouse Clean-Up

MPIC’s Second Saturdays to clean up the Clubhouse grounds continues. This month’s date is **September 13**. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to noon. Come join us! Meet your neighbors! Rain cancels.



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