

MIRALOMA LIFE

Issue No. 11

Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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December 2

Neighborhood Clean-up

First Tuesday of the month
Meet in front of Tower Market

10am-11:30am

December 4

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

December 13

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month
at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon



YOU ARE INVITED

Miraloma Park Improvement Club's Holiday Party

ALL MIRALOMA PARK RESIDENTS ARE INVITED

When

Sunday, December 7, 2025

5:00pm-8:00pm

Where

MPIC Clubhouse

350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd at Del Vale

(\$10 per family donation requested)

Entertainment by Mr. Shap! • Music by the Merry Miralomans • Raffle

Food (including vegan dish) & Beverages Provided

Bring Cookies or Brownies To Share!

If you intend to bring cookies or brownies, please notify MPIC at
[mpicpresident@ gmail.com](mailto:mpicpresident@gmail.com) or 415-322-0211

Join Us for a Gardening Workday at the MPIC Clubhouse

by MPIC



Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 10 am – 12 noon

Members of the California Native Plant Society (CANPS) will again be bringing native plants to plant in the MPIC native plant garden and in the area along the pathway to the Clubhouse. They will lead volunteers in planting and garden maintenance.

Workday Details:

- Saturday, December 13 from 10 am – 12 noon
- MPIC Clubhouse at 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd/Del Vale.
- Parking available.
- No gardening experience required.
- Tools will be provided.
- Rain cancels the workday.

Here are some numbers about CANPS' plant giveaway program to date:

- 11,961 plants
- 127 recipients
- 132 species

Sound the Alarm!

by MPIC



Wintertime is a time for joyous activities. We bring fresh greens into our homes for decorations and we string lights to add to our festivities. Unfortunately, these can be fire hazards, too. Now is a good time to check your fire alarm (smoke alarm) and see if it is working. New fire alarms have 10-year batteries. If you are not sure how old yours is, now is a good time to test it. Sound the alarm!

The Red Cross has a FREE program that will install a new fire alarm in your home. Red Cross volunteers are trained and will come and install one and give you tips on fire prevention and home evacuations.

To request installation:

- Online form: Complete the request form on the Red Cross website to schedule an appointment for a free smoke alarm installation. You can find this by navigating to the "Request Free Smoke Alarm Installation" page or the Sound the Alarm section of your local Red Cross chapter's website.
- Sound the Alarm page: Go to the main Sound the Alarm page at redcross.org/sound-the-alarm and follow the link to request a smoke alarm installation.
- Call: In some cases, you can also call a local Red Cross office or the 1-800-Red-Cross number to request an installation.

What to expect

- Appointments: After submitting your request, a Red Cross volunteer will contact you to schedule an appointment. Due to high demand, it may take 1-3 weeks to be contacted.
- The visit: During the visit, volunteers will install free, tamper-resistant smoke alarms and share fire safety education with your household.

Make your holiday season filled with joy and make it a safe one, too.



President's Message

by Robert Gee, President

Greetings Miraloma Park,

Have a question for the MPIC?

Many residents reach out to the MPIC with questions on all kinds of issues having to do with Miraloma Park. I wanted to share with you one inquiry we received that ties in with the October newsletter article by Chris VerPlanck "A History of Miraloma Park – The Early Construction" where Chris writes how there were restrictions on the sale or rental of property:

Simliar to other subdivisions in the West of Twin Peaks area, the Meyer Brothers restricted the sale or rental of any property in Miraloma Park to "none other than members of the Caucasian or white race." . . . Although racial covenants were declared unenforceable by the US Supreme Court in 1948, official racial discrimination continued in residential real estate sales in Miraloma Park until the early 1970s.

A resident recently wrote to us that her grandparents, who had served on the MPIC Board many years ago, told her a story when she was growing up that the MPIC changed the By-laws so that African American people could move into the neighborhood. The resident asked us if we could find those By-laws where the discriminatory membership provision was included and when it was removed.

We did some digging into the old MPIC By-laws to see if there were any discriminatory membership provisions. MPIC's first By-laws from circa 1935 had no limitations on MPIC membership based on race. However, the MPIC By-laws adopted on October 18, 1945 included this new revision:

All persons of the white or Caucasian race residing within or who are engaged in business in the Miraloma Park area, are eligible (sic) to membership in the club.

In 1968, the Fair Housing Act was passed which prohibited racial discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing. Also known as Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, this law made it illegal for sellers, landlords, and lenders to discriminate based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

The MPIC By Laws were later amended in either 1965 or 1973

where this discriminatory membership provision was removed.

The Longtime Problem of the Inbound and Outbound 36 Teresita Buses

A resident on the 400 block of Myra Way reached out to the MPIC with a suggestion on asking Muni to deploy inexpensive two-way radios (under \$100) in the 36 Teresita buses. The incoming and outgoing 36 buses continue to meet head to head at the 400 block of Myra Way and neither bus can back up because cars are parked and it is against Muni procedure for buses to back up unless a supervisor is first called to the scene. This street then remains blocked preventing emergency vehicles from accessing Miraloma Park which is a safety issue. Emergency vehicles do enter Miraloma Park by driving on Landsale/Dalewood and then onto Myra Way. It also prevents residents on this block from exiting to go to work or attend appointments.

If the two 36 buses had two-way radios, bus operators could communicate with each other as they approached this block on Myra Way prior to the Mt. Davidson turnaround and allow either bus to first proceed. We think this is a suggestion worth following up with Muni on. We have contacted Muni to again make them aware of this important safety issue and requested that the schedules of the inbound and outbound buses be slightly modified so that they pass each other on Teresita Blvd instead of facing off against each other on Myra Way. We have also asked about supplying the buses with inexpensive two-way radios. We are waiting for Muni's response.

The MPIC Will Soon Have a Formal Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

The mission of the MPIC is accomplished through people: its officers, directors, the many volunteers and third-party contractors and participation by community members at large. The MPIC has never had a formal stated policy regarding discrimination and harassment. But the MPIC Board will be considering adopting such a policy shortly based on recommendations provided by our insurance company and the best practices of other nonprofits.

We are Setting Up A Second Meeting with Sup. Melgar, SFPD and the Portola Businesses

Our first meeting was held in November 2024 to discuss the crime issues the Portola businesses were experiencing. We are working to schedule a second meeting with Sup. Melgar, SFPD Capt Newbeck and the Portola businesses to get an update on crime issues and learn ways that the businesses can coordinate together on issues of interest including how to fill vacant storefronts and the ways the City may be able to assist.

The MPIC Clubhouse Now Has A Bike Rack

The next time you bike to the MPIC Clubhouse for an event, you can use our new bike rack located on the side patio of the clubhouse. Thank you to Joan Van Rijn for her research and Todd Siemers for helping install the rack.

Hats off to Miraloma Park Strummers!

by MPIC

Miraloma Park hosts the Miraloma Park ukulele group and when there is an opportunity to party, they jump right in. This Halloween a box of costume hats was brought in. Each person could wear one from home or make a selection from the box. The hats were in gift bags so it was a surprise when you donned your chapeau. Music was all Halloween themed. Yes, the monster mash was played. If you play and would like to join us, we play every Tuesday at 2pm at the Miraloma Park Clubhouse.



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Good Neighbor Awards by the Community Living Campaign

by MPIC



San Francisco's magic lies in its people — and once again, the Community Living Campaign is rolling out the red carpet for our city's Good Neighbors! These everyday heroes bring warmth, humor, and connection to every block, making San Francisco a place where everyone can age, thrive, and belong.

From neighbors who crochet Forget-Me-Not flowers as symbols of advocacy, to those who deliver groceries, teach tech skills, or simply brighten someone's day — they are the heartbeat of a caring, connected city. The 2025 Good Neighbor awards were given to individuals from 17 neighborhoods in the City. Here in Miraloma Park, we congratulate Kevin Caravello and Peter Renteria as award recipients!

Kevin and Peter have called Miraloma Park home for over 50 years, building a life rooted in kindness, connection, and community. Together for 37 years as a couple and married since 2008, Kevin, a retired architect, and Peter, who retired after 37 years with the U.S. Postal Service, embody what it means to be good neighbors. Their generosity shone brightly when they supported an elderly neighbor through her husband's final days—helping with funeral arrangements, clearing out her home when she moved, and earning such trust that she named Kevin executor of her will. From private neighbors, they became beloved friends.

Their kindness extended to other older women in the neighborhood, offering rides to the grocery store, sharing dinners, or joining them at the movies. When new residents move in, Kevin and Peter ensure everyone feels welcome, hosting block gatherings and festive holiday happy hours featuring themed cocktails inspired by The Cocktailian column in the San Francisco Chronicle.

They also take pride in maintaining their street, sweeping their property, and assisting others, carrying forward the values learned from their parents and grandparents about respecting elders and helping others. Now, in their later years, they are planning to age well in place, making thoughtful home renovations such as installing roll-in showers, widening doorways, adding grab bars, improving lighting, and relocating their bedroom downstairs with a new deck. Through their care for others and each other, Kevin and Peter truly exemplify the spirit of good neighbors—showing that community thrives when compassion leads the way.

Thank you to the Community Living Campaign for honoring these Good Neighbors and for the many years of continuing to help fund our weekly Miraloma Community Connectors exercise classes and ukulele class.

Did You Receive a Speeding Ticket?

by MPIC



You can now look up and pay speeding tickets sent in the mail by the SFMTA on the [speeding ticket webpage](#). Speed safety cameras are a proven tool to address excessive speeding and reduce severe and fatal injury traffic collisions. With the passage of [AB 645](#), San Francisco can now utilize this life-saving technology to slow down speeding vehicles on our streets. To learn more about how SFMTA developed the speed camera program go to the [FAQ page](#).

All radar equipment is calibrated and certificated by a 3rd party vendor at least once a year and undergo routine inspection every month. For the calibration specification sheets, visit the [calibration document page](#).

Camera Locations

The SFMTA Speed Safety Camera program launched on March 20, and all cameras were issuing warnings as of June 6, 2025. The program began issuing citations on August 5, 2025. Cameras enforce both directions of travel, unless noted otherwise.

To see the map of camera locations, go to: <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/speed-safety-cameras>

(article taken from SFMTA website)

You Can Help Map Urban Greening!

by Kate Clements, MPIC

The MPIC was contacted by Erica Tano of the SF Environmental Department. The City's commitment to the 30x30 goal—conserving 30% of lands and waters by 2030—means the department is working to identify, increase, and document biodiverse green spaces across San Francisco.

While 30% natural habitat is most likely not feasible in such a dense city, the department is honoring all greening efforts from parks to sidewalk planters, and everything in between. This work supports the Healthy Ecosystems chapter of San Francisco's Climate Action Plan, which calls for establishing a baseline of biodiverse green space and building from there.

The department has developed an interactive public dashboard where San Franciscans can trace and submit any green space or project they steward. Once submitted, the map automatically calculates the area and contributes to our growing citywide biodiversity baseline. This isn't just about data, it's a way to celebrate and amplify community-led environmental efforts.

The MPIC encourages you to submit your projects, be it a pollinator garden, a tree planting, or landscaping a sidewalk strip.

Please join in by sharing your nature photo in the city photo at: <https://www.sfenvironment.org/share-wild>. Miraloma Park is fortunate to have more green space than other areas, and many currently visible projects are a boon to everyone living here.

Reservoir Lands Cleanup Brings Neighbors Together

by Bryan Forman

Nestled between the 300 and 400 blocks of Marietta Drive, the Reservoir Lands is a quiet, rugged green space overlooking

O'Shaughnessy Hollow. Residents come here to hike, scramble over the rocks, or simply enjoy the view. The hillside is also home to some rare and endangered species, including the Mission blue butterfly and Franciscan manzanita.

Last month, neighbors gathered for the annual cleanup organized by Kenneth Mathews, with tools and supplies provided by DPW. Volunteers collected litter, broken glass, and cans, helping to keep this special hillside safe and welcoming for everyone.

Thanks to their efforts, the Reservoir Lands remains a cherished open space where the community can enjoy nature, stunning views, and a little peace in the heart of the city.



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☐ PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL REMINDER TO RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP!



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 2025. Here's the schedule.

Tai Chi on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

If you are interested in attending, please contact Joyce Watson: joyce@sfcommunityliving.org or by phone at 415-821-1003, x137/x125. You must sign up in advance as walk-ins are not accepted due to limited space.

Ukulele Class

Miraloma Clubhouse
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MPIC Safety Committee Update

Crime Stats from October 1-October 31, 2025

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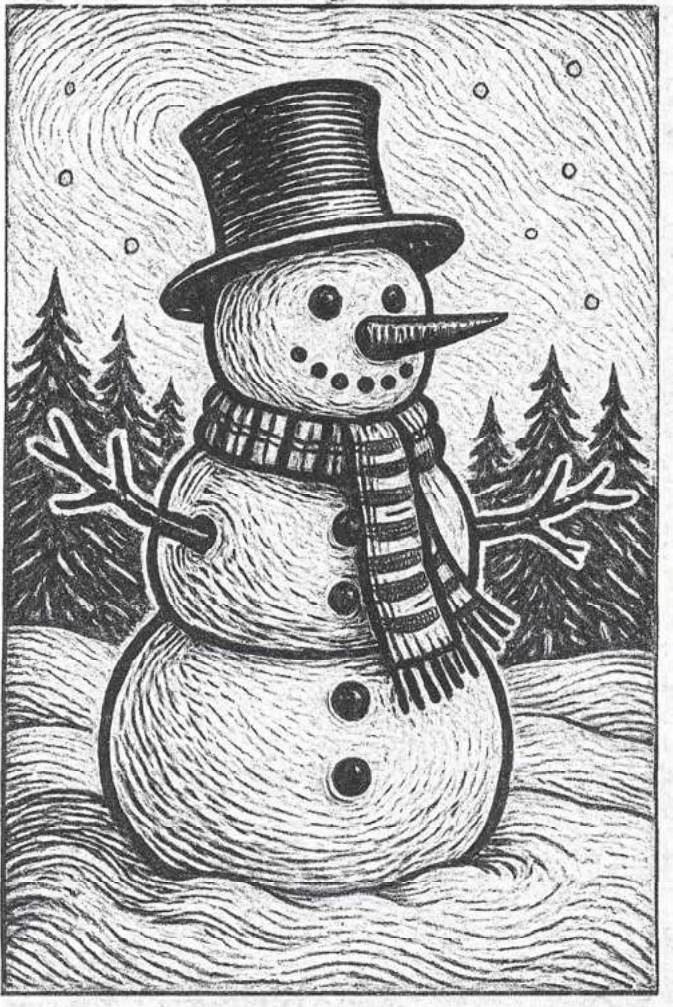
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prepared by Mathew Wong, MPIC Safety Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT

Clubhouse Clean-Up

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



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