

MIRALOMA LIFE

Issue No. 1

Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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January 6

Neighborhood Clean-up

First Tuesday of the month
Meet in front of Tower Market

10am-11:30am

January 8

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

January 10

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month
at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

FEATURE

Holiday Magic

by MPIC



Another chilly evening in Miraloma Park was met with the warmth and sharing of members of the Miraloma Park community at the annual holiday party on December 7th.

The jam-packed Clubhouse was seasonally decorated with wreaths, candles, and lights. Many families came out to enjoy the music of the always amazing Merry Miralomans, accompanied by Elena Siana on vocals. Members of the band were: Todd Siemers, saxophone; Ken Chou, piano; Paul Clannon, bass; and Jim Mar on drums. We thank them for the live music, which truly enhanced the evening. Mr. Shap! entertained the children and adults alike with magic tricks, and balloon creations following his show. There were such excited faces from those who received the door prizes. Lots of food and desserts galore, and no one went home hungry.

An event such as our annual holiday party requires lots

of planning and volunteers to make things go smoothly. The MPIC would like to thank the following individuals for contributing time, effort, expertise to make the party a success:

- The Merry Miralomans
- Decorations: Jean Perata, Mary Fitzpatrick, Dennis Davison, Kate Clements, Todd Siemers and Robert Gee
- Event Set up: Robert Gee, Johnny Grist, Jean Perata, Dennis Davison, Daniel Louie, Kate Clements, Stephanie Boudreau, Jessi Harrison, Amy Howard
- Bartenders: Dennis Davison, Amy Howard
- Greeters at the Door: Kate Clements, Stephanie Boudreau
- Working the kitchen: Stephanie Boudreau, Amy Howard, Jean Perata
- Serving Food: Jessi Harrison, Mia Waller, Daniel Louie
- The ever popular Jambalaya: Chuck and Roxanne Frye
- Vegan dish: Jean Perata
- Cookies and Brownies: we wish we could thank you all, but we don't know everyone who brought dessert and did not let us know in advance!
- Food/compost/recycle/garbage/washing some dishes, cleanup: Owen Baird, Mason Allmer, Avi Howard
- Post event cleanup: Robert Gee, Angela Fox, Owen Baird, Mason Allmer, Avi Howard, Jessi Harrison, Amy Howard, Kate Clements, Jean Perata
- Thanks also to Michael Williams, who took photos and submitted them to us for inclusion in the newsletter

See you next year!



photos courtesy of Michael Williams



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 over 400 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 housing, safety, resiliency, disaster preparedness, representation by our City supervisor, block champions, community building, transportation and traffic issues.

Your membership dues and other generous donations also support publishing this newsletter and maintaining our Clubhouse built in 1943 where we host activities and events. The MPIC's programs and engagement opportunities 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.

Rec and Park's Community Opportunity Fund Applications Are Opening in January 2026

by Robert Gee, MPIC President

I took my daughter regularly to the Miraloma Playground when she was 4. She is 31 now and I can tell you that the playground structures still look essentially the same. The playground was rated "D" on the 2012 San Francisco Parks Alliance (SFPA) Playground Report Card. In 2014, the SFPA issued its Playground Reassessment Report and changed the playground's 2012 rating from a D to a C.

The Failing Playgrounds Task Force (a partnership of Rec and Park with the SFPA) issued a final report on December 18, 2014 that recommended which playgrounds should be prioritized for 2012 Parks Bond funds. Thirteen playgrounds were prioritized by those that had CCA-treated wood (copper, chromium and arsenic chemicals), then by demographics (low household median income and then high youth density) followed by Report Card Score.

The MPIC and neighbors requested the assistance of Sup. Norman Yee at the time as well as sent requests to Rec and Park to fund major safety improvements at the playground. But there is a limited pot of Park Bond funds and the decision to prioritize Park Bond funds was made as described above.

The MPIC recently met with Sup. Melgar's aide at the playground to discuss playground safety issues and improvements needed. The general consensus is that it would take \$1 million to update the play structures. Sup. Melgar's aide doesn't believe the playground is in a shape that would get it prioritized under the latest Park Bond funding, given the condition of other playgrounds across the City that need upgrading.

However, there is another option that interested neighbors can pursue that excludes playground improvements. In November, the Rec and Park Dept announced that nominations for the next round of Community Opportunity Fund (COF) project grants will open in January 2026. COF's 6th application cycle has \$6 million for this round of projects. Applications for capital improvements (for example: things fixed to the site like benches, plantings, irrigation, bulletin boards but not maintenance) will be accepted January 2026 through March 2026. COF is providing an opportunity

for neighbors, community groups, park advocates, and partners to nominate their City park project ideas for funding from 2020 Bond funds. It is estimated that only 4 to 6 projects would be funded. To learn more details, visit the program's website at <https://sfrecpark.org/1123/Community-Opportunity-Fund-2020-Bond>.

Just be aware that it's our experience with these types of grants that applicants should have sufficient bandwidth to proceed through the application process including attending a required pre-application workshop and making sure all of the required application elements are included such as a statement of justification, securing community support and having design plans.

GET INVOLVED

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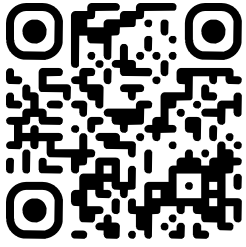
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Miraloma Life Survey

by MPIC

Since 1954, the MPIC has published a free 12 page newsletter, Miraloma Life, delivered monthly, 10 months per year. Miraloma Life and the website are published by members of the Publicity Committee, the President, and Ron Proctor, our web master. At the present time, the Publicity Committee is considering various ways to continue with Miraloma Life, but perhaps differently than the currently printed 10 editions per year. Nothing has been decided: that is why we are running this survey. Your opinion matters.

We are asking you, our readers, to please answer the following questions. Your personal replies will not be tracked. We are looking only at the aggregate response. Please do not reply more than once, as we want the most accurate reflection of the community at large. You may answer in any of the following ways: by linking to the QR code embedded in this newsletter; by email to feedback@miralomapark.org; or by phoning your answer to our MPIC phone number: 415-322-0211.

The Dogs of Miraloma

Part 1: How They Spend Their Winter

by Rayo

January in Miraloma is cold, foggy, rainy and full of wet paws. But our neighborhood pets are still out exploring. I was curious what they do all winter so I started with my dog Zuri:



Zuri, 1 year old, yellow labrador

When it gets cold and wet, Zuri loves to chew her bones, sleep, run around in circles while vigorously wagging her tail in the house. When she is outside she loves rainy walks to West Portal high street, and walking up to people and checking if they have food. Also she enjoys going on runs to Mt. Davidson where she likes to say hello to the coyotes. I couldn't forget that she loves to go out with her beloved dog walker. Unlike the rest of us Zuri does not care whether it's hot or cold.

Even in the middle of winter, Miraloma dogs are bringing joy to the neighborhood. If you see this dog on your next walk, be sure to say hello (and maybe a scratch behind her ear.)

If you would like your dog to be featured in the next article please email mpic@gmail.com for submissions.

- Rayo, 12, loves to play soccer, to snowboard, and to read.

Mayor Lurie Signs the Family Zoning Plan Into Law

by Robert Gee, MPIC President

During 2025, we had articles about Mayor Lurie's Family Zoning Plan as well as held a Miraloma Town Hall with SF Planning to learn more about the Zoning Plan and provide feedback. On December 2, it was not a surprise that the Board of Supervisors approved the Mayor's Zoning Plan by a vote of 7-4. On December 12, the Mayor signed the Zoning Plan into law. The MPIC subsequently sent the following letter to the Mayor. It was not the outcome we advocated for as certain key amendments to the law were not made. Moving forward, we will continue to inform the Mayor about our unique neighborhood, our expectations and invite him to Miraloma Park to meet the residents in person.

December 16, 2025

The Honorable Daniel Lurie, Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Request for Balanced Amendments to the Family Zoning Plan

Dear Mayor Lurie,
We are writing on behalf of the Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving our neighborhood since 1935. Our mission is to Celebrate, Inform, and Strengthen the Miraloma Park community, and for ninety years we have worked closely with City agencies on planning, public safety, resilience, and

community well-being.

Miraloma Park is a stable, family-oriented neighborhood of 2,200 homes, and we take seriously our role in the broader fabric of San Francisco. We have consistently supported responsible growth, backing major new housing at Stonestown, Parkmerced, and Balboa Reservoir, and we believe deeply in a San Francisco where families, seniors, educators, and working people can thrive.

Because of that commitment, we respectfully ask for restraint and balance as the Family Zoning Plan moves forward. Several provisions risk destabilizing long-standing neighborhoods without delivering meaningful affordability. In particular:

Density decontrol creates demolition incentives deep inside established areas and should be removed.

Design review and public notice must be preserved to ensure transparency and trust.

Existing homeowners, tenants, and long-term residents deserve stability and a real voice in shaping their future. We also appreciate the practical reality that adopting a balanced plan this year protects neighborhoods from more drastic state-imposed zoning changes under SB79. Thoughtful amendments to address the above provisions now will help ensure San Francisco maintains local control.

Finally, Mr. Mayor, we want to emphasize this: a majority of our neighbors voted for you with the belief you would bring fairness, accountability, and respect for communities back to City Hall. We share your hope for a safer, stronger, more livable San Francisco, and we want to be constructive partners in that work.

We ask for your leadership in adopting these reasonable amendments so the Family Zoning Plan supports families without undermining the character and stability of the neighborhoods that keep this city grounded. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Miraloma Park Improvement Club



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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 November 1-November 30, 2025

Date	Time	Incident #	Description	Status	Intersection
11/7/25	3:00 PM	250649040	Burglary, Residence, Forcible Entry	Open or Active	GATUN ALY \ MOLIMO DR
11/12/25	4:00 PM	250641604	Malicious Mischief, Vandalism to Vehicle	Open or Active	CRESTA VISTA DR \ LULU ALY
11/14/25	1:46 PM	250642624	Firearm Possession in School Zone. ARREST OF THE WEEK When multiple citizens call in to report a subject walking with a shotgun near a busy shopping center and a school, you stop what you are doing and start heading that way. On 11/14/2025, just after 01:40 p.m., this is exactly what multiple Ingleside officers did. Callers reported a subject walking with a shotgun heading towards the 600 block off Portola Drive. Another caller reported that the same subject entered their business and discarded a shotgun before walking out. Ingleside officers were on scene in no time, enabling them to safely detain a subject matching the description provided by the multiple callers. Additional offers responded to a business on the 600 block of Portola Drive and seized the shotgun. The subject was positively identified as being the person in possession of the shotgun, was arrested, and charged accordingly.	Cite or Arrest Adult	PORTOLA DR \ TERESITA BLVD
11/26/25	11:40 AM	250665557	Kidnapping, Attempted (Adult victim)	Open or Active	REPOSA WAY \ 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 **January 10**. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to noon. Come join us! Meet your neighbors! Rain cancels.



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7:00–10:00pm Friday
One hour lessons on the first and second
Fridays of each month.
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Friday 10:00am–2:00pm,
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