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Celebrating, Informing, and Strengthening the Miraloma Park Community

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December 1

Neighborhood Clean-up

First Tuesday of the month
Meet in front of Tower Market

10am-11:30am

December 3

MPIC Board Meeting

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

7pm

December 12

Clubhouse Clean-Up

Second Saturday of the month at the MPIC Clubhouse.

10am-noon

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Parents Meetup

No meetups in December or January





President's Message

by Robert Gee, President

Greetings Miraloma Park,

The annual MPIC holiday party is on Sunday, December 6. I hope to see you there. I always look forward to meeting neighbors at this event, especially new residents to Miraloma Park. Our annual party couldn't happen without the efforts of all the volunteers who get involved to make it happen. As the saying goes: "Many hands make light work." If you would like to volunteer to help at the event, please email me at mpicpresident@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Miraloma Park resident Diane LaRosa who received a 2026 Good Neighbor Award and recognition from the Community Living Campaign.

Diane's friendship began with a simple request from Reverend Doris White, a community member, who wanted someone to go to the movies with. What started as one movie has grown into a genuine friendship. Since their original first movie date, they have enjoyed each other's company during several planned social events together. Diane's kindness turned a simple invitation into connection and companionship. Building community is the heart of what the Community Living Campaign is all about.



At the MPIC November board meeting, we had Pratibha Tekkey join us. Pratibha is a 15 year Miraloma resident and former MPIC board member. For the last one and half years, she has served as one of 7 members of the SF Police Commission. Pratibha explained the purpose of the Police Commission which is to set policy for the SFPD and provide civilian oversight over the SFPD and the Dept of Police Accountability. The Commission promulgates regulations known as Department General Orders that govern officer conduct in the field and SFPD institutional rules. It also conducts disciplinary hearings on serious misconduct charges as well as evaluates the performance of the SFPD Chief and recommends candidates for the Mayor if a vacancy occurs.

We learned that the Commission is revamping policies that are very old and working on new policies involving the use of technology. Voters had previously approved Prop E which gave the City authority to use technology. Until recently, there was no written SFPD policy on the implementation, data collection and accountability involving the use of drones. That new drone policy is currently going through the review process.

Future policies to be considered will likely address the SFPD's use of Flock cameras/automated license plate readers. Every policy that the Commission is working on has a public comment process. Citizens are encouraged to participate in that process. The MPIC may consider weighing in via public comment on the different policies being considered as SFPD uses such technology in Miraloma Park. Pratibha will let the MPIC know when new policies are open for public comment.

Lastly, an update on our MPIC clubhouse ADA project. Since 1943, the MPIC has leased the clubhouse parking lot area from the SFPUC. An important part of our project is installation of an ADA parking space and making sure the parking space and adjacent sidewalk is level. Before the Planning Dept issues a permit for our project, they want the SFPUC to sign off on the proposed installation of the ADA parking space and related pavement and sidewalk changes. The SFPUC has a separate review process for these types of projects so we are now waiting for their approval which could take weeks or months.

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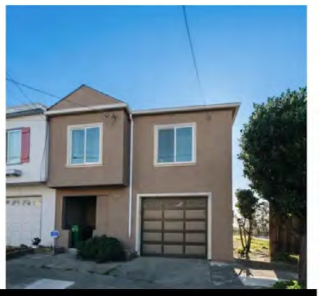

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by MPIC Resiliency Committee

As you probably know, it's looking like El Niño is taking over for the rest of the year.

For those of you who haven't seen first-hand what big storms can do to this neighborhood, it's kind of scary.

1. Surface flooding - Due to the topography of our community and the construction of homes below grade (lower than the street) water often comes down streets in large amounts and slams into people's homes - specifically their garage / basement apts.
2. Sewer backups - SF treats its rainwater in the same system as it does its sewer water. When too much water gets into the storm drain system, it can back up and spill over into people's homes and create not only a mess - but a health hazard. People need to take precautions when cleaning up (e.g. gloves / masks / plastic bags).
3. Roof flooding - Blocked roof drains, or interior courtyard drains, can create a sudden and massive interior flood situation - we can attest to that from personal experience. People need to clear their roof drain before the storm and carefully monitor them over the course of the rain event.
4. Wind damage - The wind can cause direct damage to people's homes - or knock down tree limbs. Even worse, kill people walking nearby. We need to encourage folks to avoid walking in Mt Davidson forest when there is wind activity. Power outages are often a result of downed tree limbs.
5. Power outages - This may be the most dangerous of all the outcomes. Not only are people vulnerable to injury from tripping and falling, some folks still use real candles to light their home and are at high risk of starting a fire and burning down the homes around them.

1. Sign up for AlertSF at www.sf.gov/sign-up-for-alertsf
2. Track the weather with your favorite weather app.
3. Track power outages at www.pge.com.
4. If you see flooding or damages to trees or roads - call 311
5. If you feel there is a life safety situation - call 911
6. Remind your neighbors to not use candles if the power goes out!

El Niño Storm Prep List:

Around the home

- Clear gutters, downspouts and nearby storm drains so water can drain away.
- Point downspouts away from the foundation.
- Bring in or tie down outdoor furniture, trash cans and anything else that could blow or float away.
- Check that your sump pump works and get a battery backup if you can.
- Move valuables, documents and electronics off basement floors and low shelves.
- Trim dead or overhanging branches if there's time.

Supplies

- Charge phones, power banks and laptops.
- Have flashlights, spare batteries and a battery or crank radio ready.
- Store at least 3 days of drinking water (about 1 gallon per person per day) and non-perishable food.
- Refill prescriptions and stock first-aid basics.
- Fill your car's gas tank and keep some cash on hand.

- Put important documents in a waterproof bag or container.

Safety and planning

- Sign up for local emergency alerts and keep an eye on the forecast.
- Find out if you live in a flood zone, and learn your evacuation route.
- Plan for pets, including food, carriers and medications.
- Know how to shut off your electricity, gas and water.
- Agree on a family contact plan in case you get separated.
- Check on elderly neighbors or anyone who may need help.

During the storm

- Never walk or drive through floodwater. Six inches of moving water can knock you down, and about a foot can carry a car away.
- Keep away from downed power lines.
- Leave right away if officials tell you to evacuate.

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Ukulele Class – Hang Out With the Miraloma Strummers
Tuesdays at 2 pm at the MPIC Clubhouse, 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd.

Join the Weekly Walking Group
Thursdays at 1 pm. Stay connected with your neighbors and join fellow Miraloma Park residents for an outdoor group walk at different locations in the City. Our walks are led by Barbara Wheeler. Contact Joyce Watson below for more info.

Questions?
Please contact Joyce Watson at joyce@sfcommunityliving.org or by phone at 415-821-1003 ext 137.

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First Ever Senior Play Time

by Joan van Rijn and Kate Clements

"There's rosemary, that's for remembrance"
-William Shakespeare, Hamlet









We know the seventeen seniors who signed up and participated in crafting rosemary wreaths, will remember this delightful event. Guided by Lidia Baranda Larin, a wreath maker extraordinaire of many years, and assisted by Joan van Rijn, who gathered all the materials for the project, there was ample opportunity to craft, chat and learn the ins and outs of wreath making. Rosemary was chosen for its wonderful scent and its connection to evoking good memories. The clubhouse certainly smelled lovely as everyone worked together with wires, wire cutters, and great conversation.



We thank Robert Gee for providing rosemary, and the MPIC Board for granting us the use of the Clubhouse on a Thursday afternoon.

Marietta Neighbors Hold Their Annual Cleanup of Reservoir Lands

by Robert Gee, MPIC

I want to thank all of the Marietta neighbors who came out on Sunday, October 18 for their annual cleanup at the area known as Reservoir Lands - the open space at the bend in Marietta Drive across from 404 Marietta, with the big rock outcropping, native plants, and great views. This annual cleanup was again organized by Kenneth Matthews and Jan de Winne. It was a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to connect while working to keep this special piece of land clean. Garbage discarded in the open area was removed, overgrown vegetation along the roadway was cut back and the roadway swept. Coffee and donuts were provided along with cleanup supplies provided by the City's Dept of Public Works.



Just like the City's "Adopt a Sewer Drain" program where neighbors adopt a sewer drain and remove the accumulated leaves that block the drain, the City cannot always regularly take care of every part of open green space as often as everyone would expect and therefore encourages neighbors to get together to help clean up a part of their neighborhood. The City in turn supports the neighbors by providing cleanup supplies and hauls away the bags of debris that were collected.

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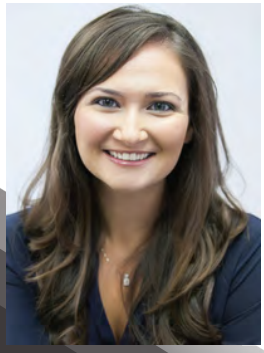







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The MPIC Halloween Party was a Blast!

by Robert Gee, MPIC

Thank you to everyone who attended the first ever MPIC Halloween event held on October 24. We had an amazing 135 attendees of mostly young families with tons of kids (and some adults) in costume spread out inside and outside of the clubhouse. We had amazing music, food, decorations, games, fun and the opportunity for everyone to connect with their neighbors and meet someone new. I had the wonderful opportunity to chat with many families. Some parents remember being at the MPIC clubhouse when they were young. One person mentioned her family now lives in the Miraloma home she grew up in. Many recently moved into Miraloma Park. Some said they always drive by the clubhouse wondering about the place but didn't know the connection to the MPIC until they came to the Halloween event.

I want to thank MPIC Board member Jessi Harrison for leading this event. Thank you to Todd Siemers and the Merry Miralomans who provided great musical entertainment; to Chuck Frye who cooked the amazing jambalaya and lastly, my appreciation to all of our volunteers who helped make this event a success: Mary Fitzpatrick, Daniel Louie, Johnny Grist, Stanley Kelly, Mason Allmer, Matt Allmer, Amy Howard, Ines Buresti for creating 3 fantastic games, Kate Clements, Jean Perata and Dennis Davison.












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ARTICLE

Another Successful Planting Day at the MPIC Clubhouse

by Robert Gee, MPIC

The MPIC held a special native planting day at the MPIC clubhouse on Saturday, November 14. It was a perfect planting day in between breaks of El Niño rain. I want to thank the 5 volunteers from the California Native Plant Society (CANPS) who led our event and the 10 Miraloma residents, youths thru seniors, who volunteered to help us out. CANPS volunteers have been involved with native plantings at the MPIC clubhouse for decades.

We had a huge area to prepare and plant. We first laid down a large amount of cardboard to prevent weeds. Then we covered the area with a thick layer of tree bark mulch up to 8 inches thick. Three dump truck loads of tree bark mulch were delivered by Hummingbird Tree Service. That was the toughest



INCIDENTS

MPIC Safety Committee Update

Crime Stats from October 1-30, 2026

prepared by Mathew Wong, MPIC Safety Committee

Date	Time	Incident #	Description	Resolution	Intersection
10/21/202(	10:25 AM	260621232	Firearm, Turned In by Public	Open or Active	DEL VALE AVE \ ENCLINE CT
10/31/202(	9:05 PM	260645066	Burglary, Residence, Forcible Entry	Open or Active	FAXON AVE \ WILDWOOD WAY

part of the day as we hauled wheelbarrow and bucket after bucket of mulch to cover the area. The mulch was very warm and steamy due to decomposition. Then we planted 70 native plants from 23 different species that were all donated by the CANPS. We wanted to get the area planted before the area gets completely covered again with invasive/poisonous hemlock and other weeds. The El Niño rains should help in getting the plants established quickly.





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