

## Miraloma Park Annual “State of the Club” Report

Each year we hear the President of the United States give the State of the Union. The Governor gives the State of the State. I think it appropriate for me to give the State of Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC). I took office in June of 2018 along with 7 new Board members. Our previous President, Bill Kan left me with some sobering advice. MPIC must be sustainable. This advice has been at the forefront of my mission. Here are a few of the highlights of the past year:

### **Financial**

We completed our application to the IRS for 501.c3 status. By the time this issue is printed we may have received the status notification. *Robert Gee*, MPIC Board member and Treasurer has worked assiduously to get this done. A 501.c3 allows us to apply for grants, and receive donations, as a tax write off, from our generous neighbors. [Miralomapark.org](http://Miralomapark.org) has a new financial page. Go there to see more details about our revenues and expenses.

MPIC hosted its first fund-raiser in many years, “Up on the Roof”. *Jean Perata*, MPIC Vice-President and *Todd Siemers*, Board Member shepherded this from concept to fun party. The evening was a great success and we were able to raise \$2,308.82. This was deposited into our Capital Improvement Fund. We also received many generous donations from neighbors who answered our call for help. Advertising in the Miraloma Life newsletter, with a circulation of over 2,200 copies, helps defray our printing costs. Advertising revenue has increased 276% this year, from \$1000 in January to \$4000 in June. The clubhouse is being rented more frequently with the leadership of *Mia Waller* our clubhouse manager. Grace Community Church is our newest long-term renter. We welcome them and their community.

### **Neighborhood Programs**

Miraloma Park continues to have an active **NERT** program. *Joanie van Rijn*, our NERT Coordinator won the best NERT Award from the Neighborhood Empowerment Network. We also have applied for and, with your votes, have won two grants of \$25,000 each to purchase our earthquake emergency supplies.

**Community Connectors** is actively growing and has 100 Seniors participating. *Darlene Ramlose*, a MPIC Board member and CC Coordinator, along with *Barbara Wheeler* is there Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays with at least 30 MP Seniors exercising and enjoying interesting programs.

Miraloma Park is the first neighborhood in the city to have a **Block Champion Program**. *Daniel Homsey*, Board Member, and the Director of the Neighborhood Empowerment Network of SF, along with *Robert Gee* and *Guido van Rijn* have created a model program to help support neighbors in times of emergency. They applied for and won, with your votes, a \$18,000 grant through Participatory Budgeting to purchase the needed emergency equipment to staff 32 block support centers. There are 32 trained Block Champions in Miraloma Park. I hope you have one on your block.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> MPIC will host its first family movie at the clubhouse. Details will be in the October Miraloma Life. Hope to see many families and their children at this fun Halloween event.

### **Membership**

One source of MPIC's revenue is membership dues. A club is made up of members and our club has increased its membership by 49% in the past 5 months. We currently have 624 members. Thank you if you have renewed or joined. This is a big project and *Thomas O'Brien* is at the helm of this committee. MPIC is actively engaging families to join. They will be our future! To join go to [miralomapark.org](http://miralomapark.org) and click on JOIN.

### **Safety**

Everyone wants to live in a safe neighborhood. This happens when our relationships are strong: with each other, and with our San Francisco Police Department and District Attorney. As neighbors we need to look and report when something is suspicious. The Safety Committee, meets regularly to review monthly crime stats as well as maintain a relationship with Captain Hart of the Ingleside Police Dept. The committee follows cases through the DA office. The committee is chaired by Blake Engel, a Board member. He makes a monthly report to the Board and it is printed in the monthly Miraloma Life. The committee works with MTA on traffic issues. Three new speed humps will complete the many year's long Teresita Traffic Calming project. Thanks to those who worked on this project.

### **ZAP – Zoning and Planning**

This committee, chaired by *Karen Breslin*, Board member, has a challenging role. They monitor projects and keep our Design Review Guidelines in the forefront of projects being initiated. Miraloma Park has a unique architectural flavor. This is a benefit and must be protected. ZAP makes recommendations only. They work with the Planning Dept. and neighbors who seek assistance.

### **Clubhouse**

Our clubhouse was built in 1940. As you know maintaining an older building takes love and money. The roof had an elusive leak, the paint was peeling and earlier this year our Eucalyptus trees lost large branches onto O'Shaughnessy Blvd. I am happy to report that the leak has been found and repaired. The paint has been scraped, matched and freshened up. Branches were removed and chipped (still in parking lot being used by our gardener). A new projector and screen have been installed so that movies can be shown (family movie is on October 26<sup>th</sup>) or presentations can be made. NERT holds their training meetings there and these new additions will add to the ability to use laptops for training sessions. An automatic electronic defibrillator (AED) was purchased with grant money. This makes saving lives possible at the clubhouse.

The clubhouse committee has prepared a long-range plan with costs for maintenance. The costs exceed our current revenues. We have prepared a Capital Improvement Plan that

identifies ways to raise money to fund club house maintenance. This cannot be done without our neighbors help. We have received generous donations to start the campaign, we are extremely grateful. If you would like to join this committee, we look forward to your involvement. Contact us at [miralomapark@gmail.com](mailto:miralomapark@gmail.com)

MPIC Board continues to work hard to find ways to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. I am especially proud of all the projects and improvements that have been made this year. Our Miraloma Life has had a make-over with *Sarah Mergy's* creative eye and excellent designs. Our website [miralomapark.org](http://miralomapark.org) is being used by neighbors to join the club and the site keeps everyone informed. *Ron Proctor*, our volunteer webmaster updates our site and keeps it fresh. As you can see it takes many volunteers to accomplish all of this work. I am extremely grateful and happy to report that the State of the Club is actively thriving while meeting our goal of sustainability.