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Regular monthly meetings of the ITHA are held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of each month, January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October. No regular meetings are scheduled for July, August, November, or December. Location is the St. Francis Episcopal Church, 399 San Fernando Way, and all Terraces residents are welcome.

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Our new forum is now available for all neighbors: <http://forum.ithasf.org>. Members discuss topics such as local events, meetings, crime, schools, and gardening. The newsletter is available on the website: www.ithaf.org/events/events.html

President's Letter

By **Mark Scardina**

Welcome to your summer ITHA newsletter reminding you of our Annual Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 20th. As I write this everyone should be enjoying real summer weather in the summer! The downside, however, is that we have not seen much rain and on top of doing our share to ration water, many of us are seeing the impact on our front and rear yards. All of us generate a significant quantity of gray water, which in concert with an inexpensive rain barrel system, can keep our landscape in reasonable shape. Please check out our DIY Water Conservation topic in the Terraces Neighbor to Neighbor Forum for simple projects and tips. The upside is that this is an excellent time for exterior projects such as house or trim repainting and roof work. As our properties have been selling for record prices, it really pays to keep the external shell impregnable to moisture to protect our investments.

While we're discussing curb appeal, let's not forget the small parks and circles that give our neighborhood that special character. Please take a look at Sandy Gondolfo's article on our beautification project. Many of us walk the neighborhood regularly – so let's get behind this effort to freshen up and maintain these areas that characterize our urban park. A number of you have expressed concern about the pillars and in fact one has had its top ball damaged. We will be investigating refurbishing them this fall, including the time, cost and expertise required. We are now on a more secure financial footing thanks to your generosity in paying more than the suggested minimum dues.

The recurring issue of short-term rentals is still with us. While all of you do not agree on the Board's position of opposing this within our neighborhood, our CC&Rs, which everyone who purchases here agrees to, require that this position be sustained. Just as we receive notice of building permits for external alterations, we are requesting to be notified of any short-term rental registrations. The enforcement of this ordinance is still being worked out and there will likely be one or more ballot initiatives this Fall. Stay tuned and please attend our upcoming meetings and check announcements on your Terraces Forum for calls to action and recommendations. We, of course recognize that there can be a need for supplemental income. May I suggest instead of inviting strangers, who make it impossible to maintain our SAFE program,

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that you instead consider renting that room to one of the many students looking for local housing.

As a final plea, many of you were woken up by the 4.0 Hayward Fault earthquake on August 18th. This should be a wakeup call that a big one may be around the corner. Our Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is being reconstituted by Colin Shields; however, we are woefully short of members. If you are interested in assisting please check off that box on the enclosed dues envelope when you send in your check or contact Colin directly at nert@ithasf.org.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic next month. It's a chance to meet everyone and enjoy our neighborhood landmark with great food, music and entertainment. See you there!

Mark Scardina, President

Stay Informed and In Touch

Your Board of Directors and Committees works hard to keep everyone informed about announcements and meetings that are relevant to our neighborhood. We also try to encourage neighbor-to-neighbor communication that begins with our Welcome Wagon visit, includes our yearly events such as the upcoming Sundial Picnic and the Annual Meeting on November 14th. Besides these specific activities, we feel it's important to also have an online place where we can share information, announcements, ask questions, and just chat without having to worry about ads, spam, viruses and malware.

The Terraces Forums is just such an online destination. Only open to IT residents and property owners, you can easily sign up at www.ithasf.org by clicking on Discussions and Announcements. Once you join, you can view those topics of interest and return regularly to see updates and responses or subscribe to receive them by email. You will find many useful topics such as City Announcements, Meetings, Recommended Businesses and Contractors, Water Conservation Tips, Crime Watch, Child Care and much more.



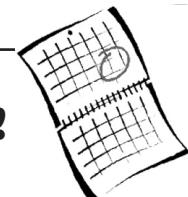
Some photos from our yearly picnic held at the sundial. This year's is Sunday, September 20 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Come for the food, fun and meet your neighbors. See the form on the back of this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars! *Upcoming Events in the Terraces*

Sunday, September, 20 Sundial Picnic
(see form on the back)

Sunday, November 14 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December TBA Holiday Caroling



Tips to save energy today

Easy low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy

- Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently.
 - Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
 - Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems, and your computer and monitor.
 - Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use -- TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power.
 - Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120°F. Take short showers instead of baths and use low-flow showerheads for additional energy savings.
 - Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
 - Air dry clothes.
 - Check to see that windows and doors are closed when heating or cooling your home.
 - Drive sensibly; aggressive driving such as speeding, and rapid acceleration and braking, wastes fuel.
 - Look for the ENERGY STAR® label on light bulbs, home appliances, electronics, and other products.
- ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

New Garden for Ingleside Library

The Ingleside Branch Library staff is excited to see the new garden project nearing completion. We anticipate an official ribbon cutting to open the new garden this fall attended by Supervisor Norman Yee, City Librarian Luis Herrera and all who were involved in bringing this project to reality. The new garden will be a welcome addition so that library users can enjoy some outdoor space as well as a delightful new green space for this corner of the neighborhood.

Taraval Station Resource List

ALL SF EMERGENCIES: 911

Non-Emergency: (415) 553-0123

Customer Service Center: 311

Taraval Station: (415) 759-3100

Emergency call from cell: (415) 530-8090

TNT Cell Phone1: (415) 850-6118

TNT Cell Phone2: (415) 850-5448

Website: www.taraval.org

Project SAFE: www.sfsafe.org

Ingleside Terraces Beautiful!

The neighborhood is in need for a few good men and women who might have a few spare hours a few times a year to contribute to the landscape areas in need of support and attention.

For example: There are two traffic circles on Urbano that need rejuvenation of plantings and weeding. The Sundial has plantings and although we have a gardener that attends to Sundial Park, it could be another element of fun for ideas and creativity for plants.

The beautiful columns at the entrances of the Terraces could use the helping hand of a weed whacker now and then around the bases for a nice clean up. The City and county of S.F. does not do this for us. In years past, the landscape committee would attend to the columns for cleaning and polishing of the street names etc.

There might even be enough interest for a garden club that meets one Saturday a month to help out on various neighbors' projects. What fun is that?

All we need is a few folks to take the initiative and help with the coordination and communications.

Due to generous membership dues, there may be money in the budget to contribute some purchasing of plants for the traffic circles or mini parks.

Please contact events@ithasf.org

2nd Quarter 2015

Market Trends | Lifestyle



This last quarter has been one of the most incredible runs in the history of San Francisco Bay Area real estate sales. After experiencing the 2008 recession, many are expecting the other shoe to drop at some point. However, the amount of cash buyers, combined with strong loans that are limited in risk, will keep price points in the stratosphere throughout most prime Bay Area locations. Home values have actually risen as much as 20% since January of this year. Expect more of the same throughout the rest of 2015, as economic gurus are not expecting a market correction until 2017.



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ITHA presents the
102nd Sundial Park • CLASSIC BARBECUE & PICNIC
Sunday, September 20, 2015 • Noon – 3:00 pm

Get to know your neighbors in a relaxed and festive atmosphere! Everyone is welcome!

Noon: The official chariot race around Entrada Court begins! Bring your tricycles, bicycles, Big Wheels, strollers and wagons decorated for the celebrations!

1:00 pm: ITHA will provide BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, vegan burgers, trimmings and drinks.

For the potluck portion, please bring a dish to share, based on the initial of your last name, but feel free to bring any dish.

A – G Salads/Vegetarian

H – N Appetizers

O – T Desserts

U – Z Vegetables/Side Dishes

You are encouraged to share a dish from your heritage so that we may continue to celebrate our centennial with an international flair!

RSVP preferred. Your early response is very important! Please call Wendy Dwyer at 706-0549 or email her at hairnetw@hotmail.com, or return this portion of the form to 350 Urbano Drive before Sept. 10.

Yes, I will attend the picnic and I will bring the following potluck item: _____

We will have _____ people attending.

Yes, I can help with children's activities such as blowing up balloons, face painting, games, etc.

Yes, I will be happy to rotate through as barbecue chef!

Yes, I will help with cleanup from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Yes, I will help with setup from 10 am to noon.

Yes, I will bring an ice chest to help cool drinks and food. Please bring a compost or recycle bin if possible.

Yes, my children will participate in the chariot race.

Number _____ and ages _____ of children.

All participants will receive a ribbon.

Name _____ Phone _____

Donations for the "One Warm Coat Drive" are most welcome. Coats new or gently used, of any size, are appreciated by the good folks at the Bayview Mission.

If you would like to write a check to ITHA to help sponsor this party, fabulous! Your amount will be applied to the popcorn machine, balloons, and decorations. The ITHA will continue to sponsor the furniture rental and the BBQ with all of the trimmings!

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