

Sundial

INGLESIDE TERRACES HOMES ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2008

ITHA BOARD

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Regular monthly meetings of the ITHA are held at 7:30 PM 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. Now meeting online until further notice.

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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.ithasf.org/sundial/sundial.html

Google group: terraces@googlegroups.com

President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

We Need You To Join Us!

Having survived yet another "summer" in San Francisco, I write this with some concern as we move into our event-laden Fall season. Our board and committees contribute their time throughout the year across the following activities to the benefit of all our neighbors whether you are dues-paying or not.

- Beautifying and maintaining our mini parks and circles;
- Helping elderly and disabled neighbors with special needs;
- Preserving our neighborhood character through planning and design reviews;
- Removing graffiti and tagging from our parks, circles and common areas;
- Introducing new residents with our Welcome Wagon package;
- Organizing and running neighborhood social events;
- Maintaining our Hotline, Text service, website and forums;
- Assisting and promoting NERT and Neighborhood Watch efforts;
- Publishing this Sundial newsletter.

Many of our volunteers have been staffing these services for a decade or more. A few have recently had to step away due to work and travel. Your current Board which numbered 11 a couple of years ago is now down to only 6 directors!

While the time commitment is only a few hours a month, we need your help to continue providing these services. If you value this special community please contribute by offering your time by becoming a board or committee member or paying your yearly membership dues either with the enclosed envelope or online with the below QR code. Colleen Carrigan, our VP, will be manning a table at our Annual Picnic where you can express your interest or ask questions about ITHA.



We know a number of you have safety concerns or been victims of crimes in our neighborhood. A few areas have already established Neighborhood Watch groups and if this interests you, there will be a table at our Annual Picnic where

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you can get information on it and our Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). You can also attend our regular monthly meetings for information.

Speaking of our premier social event, the Annual Picnic will take place on Sunday, Oct. 1st at Sundial Park and we'll have some surprises this year as well as great food and fun! See the included announcement and mark your calendars.

In November we're having two events. On Saturday, Nov. 4th we get together for our annual Neighborhood Beautification Day. Two weeks later we will all meet at the St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall on Nov. 18th at 10am for our Annual Meeting and Board elections.

In closing, we resume our monthly meetings via Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 21st at 7:30 pm. If you value this wonderful community and can donate some time or just want to stay informed please join us. You can get text reminders through our service available at this QR code or from our website at <http://www.ithasf.org>.



Mark Scardina

Kids Halloween Costume Swap: Kids grow so fast that most costumes are only worn once and then outgrown. Bring clean costumes to the Parents' Club Table at the Sundial Picnic on October 1st and seek a "new to you" costume in exchange.

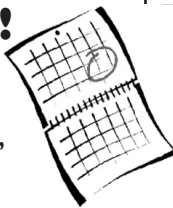
Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events in the Terraces

Oktoberfest Picnic: Sunday, Oct. 1, 12 to 3 pm (See notice on the back.)

ITHA Annual Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 18, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 399 San Fernando Way @ Ocean Ave.

Landscape Day: Sat., Nov. 4, 12 pm at Sundial. Email: landscaping@ithasf.org for details.



Water Rate Increases

Residents citywide are expressing concerns over the citizen authorized Revenue Bonds and the approved rate increases which fund the cost of water, infrastructure improvements, and sewer system upgrades. New rates began to be reflected in July. Residential customers may not have paid attention in the past, but in addition to water use charges there is also a 90% waste water flow factor charge applied. To reduce consumption requires awareness, changing habits to promote conservation, checking for leaks (pipes, faucets, toilets), and vigilance. Not everyone qualifies for lower rates, so you may want to examine your waste water charges and determine if you are employing waste recovery systems that restrict the amount of water that enters the sewers to see if you qualify to earn credits to reduce your water bill. Some examples of such systems include regular use of rain barrels, grey water capture for irrigation, and using expanses of permeable surfaces that promote absorption rather than runoff. SF Water, Power and Sewer would have to visit your property to determine if a credit can be awarded. Visit their website, www.sfwater.org

NERT & MYN in ITHA

Each October San Francisco observes Emergency Preparedness Month. We are always seeking neighbors to participate. Be sure to visit the signup table at the picnic Oct. 1 to join our groups. (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team and Map Your Neighborhood.) Readiness is the best way to be prepared for an emergency.

San Francisco Departments Cracking Down

It seems the sleeping giants have been awakened and citations have been issued across the city for common violations. To avoid any unhappy surprises, ITHA residents are reminded of the following:

- Recycling, green waste and refuse bins may be placed at the curb up to 24 hours before scheduled collections, but they may not be visible from the street at other times.
- Vehicles must be parked safely: They should not be parked on sidewalks or on grass (a fire hazard), and when parked in a driveway they cannot obstruct the sidewalk. Street parking should be in the direction of normal traffic (right side wheels next to the sidewalk), curbed appropriately on hills, and not blocking driveways, crossings, or fire hydrants.



Photos from the ITHA
Easter Egg Hunt
April 2 at the Sundial.
Photos: Judy Reynolds

Graffiti Reporting and Abatement

The Ocean Avenue Association has been working to remediate and discourage the graffiti that proliferated along Ocean Avenue earlier this year. If you spot new graffiti, take photos and report it immediately to 311, to the Ocean Avenue Association, and to Officer Martin Ferreira at SFPD. This will aid in its quick removal and help the authorities identify and hold taggers responsible. Big thanks to John Stacey for removing and painting over graffiti on the Sundial and to Mark Goldstein for removing graffiti on the Terraces entry pillars.

Ella G. Driscoll

Oct. 28, 1924 - April 21, 2023

Ella G. Driscoll passed away peacefully at home among family and friends on April 21, 2023. She was a first-generation San Franciscan, loving Mother, a multi-media artist, a champion bridge player and an avid golfer. She attended Lowell High School and graduated from U.C. Berkeley, School of Public Health. After graduation she considered going to medical school, but felt the options were too limiting for female physicians so she opted for a career as a medical technician.

Changes on Ocean Avenue

Please patronize Ocean Avenue businesses to ensure their success and to spur the revitalization of the shopping corridor.

- Ocean Ale House has recently begun expansion.
- There is a new small grocer, a fishmonger, and a Vietnamese food establishment.
- Serge-A-Lot has moved into an expanded retail space just a few doors down from its previous spot.
- Daisy Nail and Spa has relocated to Ocean Avenue from West Portal.
- Beautification and safety improvements are evident with floral baskets already hung from the light poles, and night time illumination similar to that already on West Portal and Lakeside Village will soon be installed thanks to a grant.
- The owner/developer of the El Rey has begun repair of the tower.
- Anticipated changes include the MTA working with DPW to construct longer K-line boarding islands to accommodate the 2-car trains, the removal of two K stops, flashing signage to increase visibility, prohibitions on some left turns, and the elimination of some parking spots where bulb outs near corners are installed. Additional changes on the portion of Ocean Avenue in D11 sector will be removal of the pedestrian overpass, new signals and bike blocks near the onramps to 280 and by City College.

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See inside for new ITHA information!

ITHA presents the
108th Sundial Park • BARBECUE & OKTOBERFEST PICNIC
Sunday, October 1, 2023 • Noon – 3:00 pm

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

1:00 pm: 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 everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite side dish, vegetable, or dessert.

RSVP preferred. Your early response is very important! Please call Wendy Dwyer at 706-0549 or email events@ithasf.org, or return this portion of the form to 350 Urbano Drive before Sept. 20.

I can help with: set up (10am-12pm); clean up (3-4 pm); children's activities;
 bbq chef rotation.

This year's donation drive is **One Warm Coat**. Bring a clean and wearable child or adult coat.
(Event email: events@ithasf.org) Kids Halloween Costume Swap: at Parent's Club Table.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

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