

Ingleside Terraces Homes Association



Newsletter

Summer Issue

Jim's Corner

Gates, gates everywhere and no security in sight. The Terraces are growing gates (those things home owners are installing over their front doors to protect their property) at an alarming rate. Burglars do enter regularly through secluded back doors, side doors and unprotected ground level windows that are not visible from the street. Gates and bars over front doors may provide some protection, but are for the most part unsightly to look at, expensive to install and will not prevent a determined intruder from gaining entrance to your property....Secure those side windows, back doors and garage doors....

Why do these people on the corner of Victoria and Holloway continue to park their cars on the lawn?

Why do dog owners continue to let their animals run loose in the Terraces leaving calling cards on neighbor's lawns....OOPS! ...did I step in that....?

Why don't all owners take care of their property as I do?

Who are the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association and what have they done for me lately?

The writer will give a brief summary of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association and recent accomplishments:

ITHA is a non-profit corporation formed in 1938 and encompasses those homes within the area bounded on the north by Ocean Avenue, west by Junipero Serra, south by Holloway Avenue, and east by Ashton. Approximately 750 homes are located within this area. Since its inception, the Association has taken over the responsibility for maintaining the upkeep of the parkways, gateways, and the general single-family residential character.

ITHA has an elected 12-member board consisting of property owners within the Terraces to perform all duties as set forth by the Association. Board members serve on a voluntary basis (there are no hidden tax advantages), are assigned specific tasks,

covenants, parks, finance, etc. for which they spend several volunteer hours each month making sure their assigned tasks are accomplished.

There is a meeting of the entire Board the second (2nd) Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. All ITHA members (all property owners within the Terraces) are invited to see action taken on, or any business concerning our neighborhood....Alas, very few ITHA members other than the Board of Directors attend these meetings. It has been said in the past that some ITHA members did not know what date or where the meetings were to be held....This excuse can no longer be used as the meeting dates and meeting place are now published in the ITHA Newsletter.

The Board's many accomplishments are:

1. Eviction of the renters at 2049 Ocean Avenue, running an auto repair business from the premises.
2. We have filed for an injunction against the roofer running his business from his home on Holloway Avenue

Something to keep in mind about ITHA.

1. ITHA was created to protect all property owners within the Terraces.
2. ITHA is not a policeman.
3. ITHA should not be dragged into disputes with your immediate neighbor. This is a waste of everyone's time.
4. ITHA cannot be everywhere. We need your help if you want to protect your property value.
5. ITHA needs money. It costs lots of dollars to go to court....To maintain the parks...yes, that's correct, the parks within the Terraces are maintained by us, ITHA....

Keep in mind the next time you visit one of our parks and you find it's not maintained in a manner you like, that maintenance costs money. If you haven't done your share by sending in your dues of \$10, please do so now. Help ITHA to continue the fight to protect your property value.

Jim Henry

I have reviewed the responses to the questionnaires and find them to be overwhelmingly affirmative. Although only 25 returns were received, the tone of the response indicates that a consensus of opinion would be achieved in an intensive door to door campaign.

Although there was some minor dissenting opinions, regarding parking of non-resident cars, traffic flow control, and street tree planting, I feel that these opinions could be brought into agreement with the steering committee's goals with open discussion at a general meeting.

Regardless of dissension over the details of the morality of controlling traffic flow and parking abuse by non-residents, I feel the steering committee should proceed on a course it determines to be most favorable to the community at large.

I recommend two follow ups:

1. A door-to-door intensive campaign to elicit support and to provide a handout outlining our plan of action. This will ensure total neighborhood awareness.

2. A general meeting of homeowners to kick off the program, with the invitation extended to members of the Board of Supervisors.

In summary, after reviewing the questionnaires, I recommend that the steering committee proceed without consensus. The newsletter of the ITHA should take up this cause as a crusade and inform the neighborhood of its results and plan.



Thanks to Day at Races supporters

Just in case we haven't thoroughly thanked everyone who participated in "A Day at the Old Ingleside Racetrack," we'd like to do so now. You all made the day one to remember.

Special thanks to Supervisor Wendy Nelder, John Bardis, Judge Shaw, District Attorney Arlo Smith, Brian Fewer, Rudy Cook, Bob and Maria Drake, Gail DeLong, the Barber-shop Quartet, Jim Henry, Bob Llorente and those wonderful police officers. The neighbors who lent their talents and energy are too numerous to mention but we most sincerely extend to you our thanks.

Also, we neglected to include a place for names and phone numbers in the questionnaire. We have responses but no names of faces to back them up. A list of names of residents in support must be made.

Dan Kaljian

Trees can lift our spirits

A new organization called San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest is doing its best to encourage more tree planting and better care of trees throughout the city.

Trees do a lot for one's property. They raise the property value, they buffer the winds, cutting down on velocity. They act as filters to the air, giving off oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxides, pollutants and dust. They assist in eliminating noise and visual pollution. What we are exposed to during the day can lift one's spirits or depress them.

Our air, the earth and the water all, in some way or another, depend on growing trees and plants. They are so very important, not only for a more livable environment, but for the very survival of the race.

Find some room — plant a tree.



Membership Update

For those who didn't see their names in the membership roster of our April newsletter: you early birds were published in the February issue. Many of you probably either didn't or couldn't read the tiny print of the February roster, but we had to do it to squeeze the membership roll into the newsletter.

Space permitting, we will try to print a complete roster by the end of the year.

The final tally for this year's ITHA membership stands at 328. We had two patron (\$50) members, forty-nine sustaining (\$25), fifty-two supporting (\$15), 222 regular (\$10), and three miscellaneous. These figures are well above the average of past years and reflect the support and enthusiasm that has been generated this year by Ingleside Terraces residents.

How does your garden grow?

I favor developing what lawn you have because it appears less formidable to work on some bare spots or to concentrate on the broad leaf weed in the lawn once the conditioning process is begun. Seed mixture for bare patches and products for weed control are available at the nursery.

I also want to say something about evergreen plantings suitable for highlighting the architecture of our homes. I have two kinds in mind. Both do not present danger of invasive roots. First, consider the Irish Yew, a column of very dark green needles on many tight growing upward branches. As the yew matures it should be fortified with wire to keep the erect shape and will respond well to formal trimming. The yew will frame an entry or add some contrast to blank walls or corners. There are many already planted in the Terraces and, although slow, they are well worth the wait. In the nursery look for *taxus baccata stricta*. Second suggestion is the Hollywood Juniper, an irregular upright variety with twisted branches of dark green needlelike foliage. This juniper can be trimmed to an elegant oriental form exposing the rangy branch structure and allowing a concentration of green at the end of the branches (sort of pom-pom effect). They are often featured in oriental gardens, but remember, they have a handsome look when left to grow freely. An exceptionally hardy plant, they are also widely planted in the Terraces and are compatible with a wide range of architecture. You can plant evergreens at any time, but from now until the rain is preferable because then plantings establish themselves and have a full spring and summer growing season after roots have been settled in during our rain.

It's not too late to develop your lawn! In fact, with some feeding and watering the lawn can be well on the way before the rains begin — thus using the winter weather to the best advantage for growing a thick, healthy root system. I suggest a moderate but regular application of a lawn/turf builder. Use a light sprinkling of fertilizer once a month from now through September and water every other day or so to keep soil wet. (Sandy soil can take a lot of water.)

If you elect to condition what lawn you have, I also recommend that you aerate the soil to keep it loose and available to the water and oxygen. Your nursery will have the appropriate tool for making perforations.

Be realistic about the lawn you plant and the maintenance this entails. If you are content with a green, tidy appearance develop

what you now have. If you are more ambitious, consult your nursery for seeding or sod procedures. New lawns will take more time and money and are more vulnerable to the face of traffic or any neglect.

Always consider asking a neighbor about what works for him or her in keeping a green healthy lawn. I am sure questions will be met with delight, encouragement and perhaps relief.

Donald Arquilla



Spruce Up!

Most of the beautiful homes in Ingleside Terrace are well landscaped and most gardens are well maintained. Those that consider their gardens as low in priority should consider the fact that this dry unkept garden takes away from the overall looks of the nice looking lawns and shrubs of your neighborhood. It certainly detracts from the value of the home and when all of the dead trees, shrubs and lawns are removed and replaced, it will be very expensive.

Let's spruce up. Water your gardens wisely and make Ingleside Terrace completely green. Become an award winner at the next Day at the Races.

Stop telephone solicitors

Have you been bothered by rude or persistent people soliciting by phone for such things as aluminum windows or exterior painting?

There isn't much we can do to stop the random dialer — one who uses a prefix, three digits and 0-9. However, many companies use the Reverse Directory and they can be stopped. Simply call your telephone service representative and request your name be deleted from the Reverse Directory. This does not affect your listing in the regular telephone directory and may help rid you of annoying telephone solicitors.

Home services directory

Bathtub Repair & Refinishing

Porcelain Patch and Glaze Co., Inc. 635-2188

Brick & Stone Work

John Falvey 681-2504

Chimney Sweep

Duncan's Chimney Service 388-0560 or 453-4644

Electrician

Miles Electric 566-7106

Floor Refinishers

Rodney Barnette 647-1061

Furnace Installation

Colan Heating 282-2616

General Contractor

Osburn Design 386-2589 or 751-1487

General Home Maintenance

Jim Clark 564-2678 (after 6 pm)

Glazier & Carpentry

City Window Service 664-6391

Kitchen Designer

Joyce Goldstein 843-1074

Landscape Architect

Joann Shjeflo 322-7698

Lawn Maintenance

Eric Oberhaus 586-6777

Legal Service — low cost or free

Voluntary Legal Services Program 392-3960

Legal Services for Children 863-3762

Self-help/Family Violence Project 552-1926

Linoleum Layer

Stacy Sokol 586-4630

Molding - reproduced, custom

Lowpinsky Molding 822-7422

Painting

Color Consultant, Bob Buckter 992-7444

Exterior paint, Rich De Martini 697-4780

Spectrum 777-4845

Roofing

R. C. Barnecut Roofing Co. MO 4-2519

McCarthy Roofing 221-4233

Sheetmetal

B & B Sheetmetal 333-6514

Tile Work

Russell Tile 661-7803

Tree Service

Schaefer's Tree Service 585-0351

Home Video, Public Library

Excelsior Branch, 4400 Mission, 586-4075

Video Center, 150 Sacramento, 558-5034

Wallpaper Hanger

George 587-8912

Susan Arce 824-1642

Neighborhood Etiquette

On July 8, thirty neighbors, both parents and children who live around Moncada Park, met to discuss the complaints by homeowners about children trespassing on private property, destruction of gardens, windows, fences and roofs. Also discussed were the cases of verbal abuse by both children and adults and behavioral codes that seemed to have become non-existent.

It was an excellent meeting and points up the basic integrity of our neighborhood—the willingness to try and solve our own problems in an adult, realistic manner.

The result of the meeting was the establishing of a set of very basic rules. We all know these rules and should naturally adhere to them, but sometimes our memories need refreshing. Please read and add to them, and discuss them with your family. The best thing that came out of the meeting was the action-people taking responsibility instead of sitting back and feeling angry, hurt and abused.

1. Do not climb on any roofs without specific permission.
2. Please wait to be invited into someone's yard, either front or back.
3. Gates are to be kept closed. Dogs get out and unwanted dogs get in.
4. Be sensitive to safe play practices: park your bike against the sidewalk out of traffic patterns.
5. Littering is not acceptable.
6. Both parents and children are responsible for respecting the rights of neighbors and friends.
7. Filthy language is not acceptable.

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