

# Spring

# 1985



## President's message

This being the first newsletter of the year I think I should start by telling you about the annual meeting. We had the biggest crowd ever according to a forty (40) year member. There was well over a hundred people, and according to this member, had never seen such a crowd.

I can't tell you how good it made us all feel to see all the excitement and enthusiasm which the members seemed to have. We voted (by ballot) on three separate items. The first of which was having Bingo games, was voted down with 18 yes and 28 no. Next was the complete restoration of our gateways, 42 yes to 8 no, and last was the proposal for mandatory dues, 43 yes to 8 no. Now I think this should give you a pretty good idea of what the majority of the members want.

I asked most of the members at the meeting to increase their dues so we could start many of the projects that should be done this year, and I could hardly believe since we sent out the dues request that two of our members reduced their dues. Now really!! Where is your head? In the sand? It makes me think that you don't appreciate what we are trying to do, or perhaps you think that your organization just isn't important. I sincerely hope that neither one of you ever need your organization to help you, for I think if you do, you will realize how very, very, important that we really are. We fight city hall to keep them from rezoning this neighborhood from its present RH-1 to RH-2 or worse. Also maintain your parks, insuring the Association against liable, and in general helping to preserve and improving our

neighborhood for all times. I would give serious thought before reducing your dues when you should be increasing them.

We will be having a special meeting sometime in spring to vote on items concerning the dues. You will be notified by mail at least 4 weeks in advance, and it is very important that all members attend. I know that 1985 is going to be the single most important year in the Association's history.

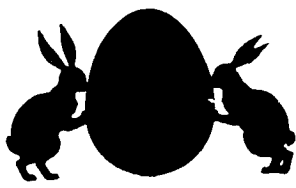
We have had way too many covenant violations, and I can't understand why these people don't read their covenant booklet, maybe they just don't care. Now, I hope these violators don't fool themselves into a false sense of security thinking that we won't do anything about their impropriety, because we intend to address each and every one that we come across. I have ask you before to please read your covenant booklet carefully from cover to cover, and it is important that you do this not only for yourselves, but also that you know when someone else is breaking a covenant. We must at all costs keep the Terraces a respectable and decent place in which to live.

I sincerely hope that you all will do your part in helping us to keep this neighborhood the best. Please do have a beautiful spring and I hope to see you all busy in your yards as I will be.

Most Sincerely,

Ron Hummel



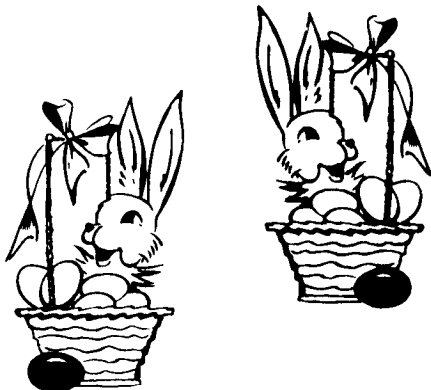


## Easter Egg Hunt

Look out Peter Rabbit!! Here come the kids with all their baskets. Yes, it's true. We are going to have an Easter Egg hunt in the Entrada circle on Sunday April 7, starting at 2:00 O'clock in the afternoon. There will be hundreds of eggs with lots of prizes, and I have that on good authority, (Peter)! who else, that there will even be a "Golden" egg, worth \$10.00 and many colored eggs for other cash prizes.

We feel that because there are so many kids in the Terraces, we should have an age limit of not more than ten (10) years old and we would like to see as many of these kids as their are in this neighborhood. You adults would be more than welcome just to come and root the kids on. It sounds like a lot of fun for everyone.

We hope to have some food and drink to entertain we adults. If you live in the Terraces, and would like to have your child or children participate, please call Marsha Fontes at 731-1140, before April 5th so we can be sure and tell (Peter) to get off his cotton tail. Hope to see you all there.



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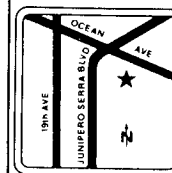
## Doggone It

Last News Letter the subject of dog (you know what) was brought up regarding the terrible mess that is left in our parks. On the 6th of February Danny Kammes and myself took a few hours to fertilize the grass and I couldn't believe the amount of dog droppings that were everywhere. I know that these dogs can't all be coming from outside the Terraces, so this means that some of you are letting your dogs loose in the parks while others are walking them and not picking up the mess. You who are guilty of this, I am sure would be furious if someone brought their dog to your yard and let him do his business and left it. Well! it's no different when you let your dog do it in the parks as they belong to all of us in the Terraces. In other words the parks are our front yards, and should be treated accordingly.

As I have told you before the S.P.C.A. is working with us to pick up any loose dogs they see in the Terraces, this means your dog as well. I am a dog owner myself and love all kinds of pets, but its not fair to others who respect our parks to have to put up with your unthoughtfulness. PLEASE!!! Pick up after your dog.

Ron Hummel

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# What's in a Name?

We have received several letters, notes, and phone calls from residents regarding the way our mailing labels are addressed. It seems we have offended some homeowners by adding the words "or Resident" after their name. Let us assure everyone we did not intend to offend, "bug", or hurt anybody's feelings. Our main objective was to simply get Association mail into each home the first time out without having it returned to us stamped "Moved-No Forwarding Address". When mail is returned to us, it becomes very costly and laborious. However, due to the demand we plan to delete the words "or Resident" from our paying members only because we can verify their correct names.

We certainly realize the importance of each individual's name. Keeping names updated and accurate is a difficult task. It is almost impossible because many homes turn over new ownership and many are rentals. This is why we have repeatedly requested your cooperation. If the name on our current mailing list is inaccurate, or you wish any change, please let us know. Then give us ample time to reprogram our computer. Also, if you are a new resident and have not received the 1984 Covenants Manual of Ingleside Terraces, please contact us at once and we will be happy to send you your own personal copy. We will appreciate your cooperation.

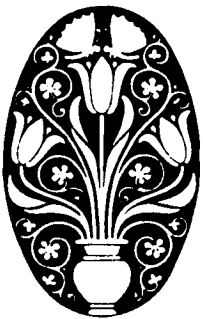
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# Members Only....

The annual meeting and the holidays are finally behind us and now we're ready to begin a brand new membership drive. Our first dues request letter was sent out in late January and, so far, the response has been excellent. A noticeable number of members have increased their donation over last year and we can also boast to having acquired several brand new members! We hope this will put us over the top of last year's 356 members.

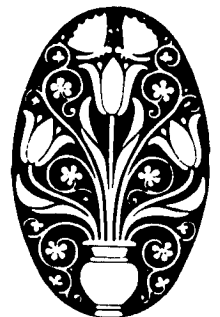
The membership map is being marked at a fast and furious pace. For those who did not attend the annual meeting let me describe this new addition to our Association. ITHA now owns a large poster sized map of Ingleside Terraces. It clearly indicates every lot (complete with the address) on every street in and on our boundaries. All dues paying members are awarded a marking tack on their lot. This map has proven to be quite useful. It has shown us the weakest and strongest membership areas and is also beginning to form other patterns in relation to covenant violators and surrounding homes. This map can be viewed at the regular business meetings held the second Thursday of each month at California Federal Savings in Lakeside Village.

We hope 1985 will prove to be another outstanding record breaking year. Please join promptly because reminders are costly (and that money could be spent in another area). 1985 certification will start approximately in March, so be patient and remember: Whatever we do depends on you, so please, HELP US COME ALIVE IN '85".



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# What Fountains ?

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After searching through some of our older files, we found a 1951 ITHA Newsletter called "The Ingleside Terracer". Its contents included the following interesting tidbit:

"July 1951"

## CORONA COURT HAS FACE LIFTED

The broken bird-bath and drinking fountain in Corona Court was laid in its last resting place after many years of being an eyesore. During the process of removal nearby residents could hardly believe their eyes and ears at the sight of sledge-hammer and pick. The maiden lady, forming the underpinning of the fountain, was carried away in pieces and deposited out of the county. "May she rest in peace!"

Did you even know there were once fountains at Corona Court, Moncada Park, and the Sun Dial? It's unfortunate that all of our water fountains and ponds had to be completely removed instead of repaired or replaced.

This is a prime example of what happens when there are not enough available funds to efficiently maintain and run a residential park. Most often, the blame is placed on the Home's Association for not properly doing its job. The fact is, however, that when dues are paid by only a few homeowners, on a voluntary basis, very little can be accomplished. This is still evident today. Let's get this neighborhood back on its feet. Get involved! After all, its YOUR home.



## Parks & Gateways

Please let me introduce myself. I'm Lou Allsopp and I've owned my home in the Terraces since the spring of 1978, when I moved here from the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood on Mt. Davidson. Having come to San Francisco in late 1968 from New Jersey, I've witnessed great changes in our city and its neighborhoods during that 16 year period.

At our last ITHA annual meeting in December, I was elected to the Board of Directors and at the January Board meeting I was appointed as Chairman of the Parks & Gateways committee. The purpose of this committee is to be aware of the general condition and make recommendations concerning not only all the entrance ways and parks in the Terraces, but also the overall appearance and beauty of the neighborhood. Our Terraces have a total of twelve gates, consisting of nine large stone column entrances and three smaller concrete bench and urn approaches. We are also blessed with four mini-parks. The total number of gates and parks is the most of any neighborhood in the entire city. Needless to say, all these accessories to our area help make it one of the nicest districts in the city. The maintenance of these 12 gates and 4 parks is the sole responsibility of our homeowners Association.

The ITHA is very fortunate at the present time to have a dedicated full time President, Ron Hummel who has already accomplished more than any previous President in the 7 years that I've lived here. You may have noticed that the parks are all looking better than they have for some time. The hedges and weeds around the gates are looking better also.

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# The Treasury

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## A Walk Through The Terraces

I am happy to report that we are doing very well this year, with 179 memberships paid so far. This February 1985 figure exceeds the 178 members we has as of March of 1984, so our income side is doing well with \$2259.73 income this month. However, we have had some special expenses early this year which significantly reduces our net. Most importantly we have paid \$500.00 for insurnace, an expense we had not incurred in previous years. This is against any accident claims on our property. Other large expenses so far this year are general administrative expenses. These reflect seasonal patterns and are not expected to continue through the year.

Our bank balance stands at \$2867.19. This sounds like a lot for your checking account or mine but it is not really when you consider that over 2000.00 will be spent on gardening alone before the end of the year. We still need everybody to join if we are going to really make the neighborhood improvements we know are possible.

So, PLEASE, if you have not paid yet, please don't let your neighbors down-contribute your share to make INGLESIDE TERRACES the best place to live in San Francisco.

Thank You

Joe Ripley  
Treasurer

On my frequent walks through our neighborhood, I'm often caught up in the beauty of our area, with all of the lovely detached homes, wide spacious open areas plus the pride of ownership many of our residents are showing in the care of their property makes me proud to be a TERRACE resident and homeowner.

Yet, all is not well with our area. We have several problems that as a neighborhood we need to face. All to often many of our friends and neighbors, under the guise that as long as they are only doing it on our property (Whatever it is) it's okay.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS.....

REGULAR BOARD MEETING....MARCH 14th, 6:30pm Calif. Fed. S&L (Lakeside Village) Everyone welcome!

TREE PRUNING OF CORONA CIRCLE PARK March 23rd--9:00am Everyone welcome we need all the help we can get. Also we well have firewood for sale. Please come.

EASTER EGG HUNT...APRIL 7, at 2:00pm in the Entrada Court Sundial. Nice Prizes and food. Peter Rabbit will have already been there.

## Gonzalez Gardening

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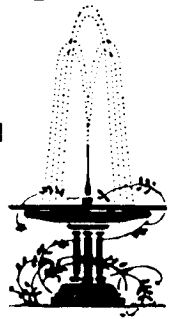
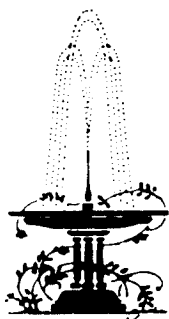
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Parks & Gateways continued.....

The committee has been spending time on Saturday mornings on related projects. Recently we cleaned up the Paloma and Moncada gateways, removing weeds and cutting shrubs. Soon we will work in the Ashton Avenue entranceways. We have been picking up litter where ever and whenever we see it, including returning abandoned shopping carts to Petrini's. Leaving shopping carts in the street is very irresponsible behavior. At present there are two other concerned neighbors on the committee. Of course we could use more help so please call me if you want to donate a little time every month or whenever you can. Everyone can help by picking up litter when you see it and by speaking up when you see a litter bug in action. This is your neighborhood and if a lot of people just put in a minimum of effort, Ingleside Terraces could easily become the finest neighborhood in town.

Our present Board has many long overdue ideas toward helping the Terraces realize its true potential. This could be a model neighborhood. Through new types of memberships in the homeowners Association, the entire neighborhood will participate in its own improvement. Those members who have borne the financial burden for nearly three quarters of a century of keeping up the parks and gates, will hopefully no longer have to carry the load for those who have not contributed. For most of us, the greatest investment of our lives is our home. A home can not be separated from its neighborhood. For many, the Terraces offer a quality environment for living. The preservation and protection of our investment here is

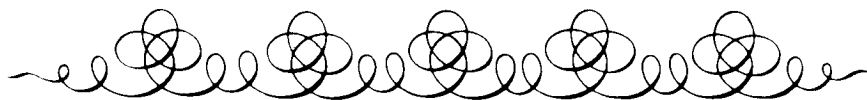


essential if we are to maintain our quality of life. Why should anyone be allowed to reap the benefits of living in a fine desirable area without participating at least in the form nominal dues to the upkeep the maintenance of that area? It is because of differences in their charters that property values in St. Francis Wood, Balboa Terraces, Forest Hill and many other neighborhoods throughout San Francisco are so much higher than ours. Yet we have largest lots, the most pleasing street layout, and as mentioned already, the most number of asthetic gates and parks of any area in the city. Let's not only protect the investment we have, let's join in making it better. The Board, and a vast majority of those voting in the December meeting, favor restoration of the nine main gates to their former beauty. This includes restoring the lights on top of the stone columns. Realization of goals such as this one will benefit everyone as well as raise property values. There are many other ideas that the Board would like to see implemented.

Please let us hear from you. Inform the Board of your ideas. Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors are open to all, because this is your neighborhood, and you can make a difference.

Thank You

Lou Allsopp



# Welcome ....

We have had three new members come on the board this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to service. We have a new Secretary---Norita Lambert of Junipero Serra Blvd. Welcome Norita!! Next is a new Chairman of the Parks and Gateways Lou Allsopp of Paloma Avenue, a hardy welcome to you also Lou!! Last but not least is a new member at large Michael Focha of Urbano Drive, Mike we are glad to have you aboard.

New blood on the Board is very important because it brings new and fresh ideas into the group. This is great, it is like a shot in the arm for we who are already on the Board. We all have alot to look forward to this year as 1985 I'm sure will be a very (if not the most) important year of our Terraces history. If we can accomplish the things we have planned, I think the whole city will be impressed. Let us all work together (the Board of Directors and the membership) to truely make the TERRACES SURVIVE IN "85".



## A Good Hedge

FIRETHORN  
( PYRACANTHA )

Genus of evergreen shrubs, mostly THORNY, with masses of white flowers which are followed by many brilliant orange-red "berries"---really diminutive apples or pomes. A native of southern Europe and Asia, belonging to the Rose Family, and sometimes known as Firebush. Where hardy they are beautiful shrubs for various purposes; as climbers against a wall, for forming a Hedge, or as dense bushes in the shrub border. They show to particularly good advantage on a slope. A sunny position in well-drained soil suits them best. Sudden browning or blackening and die-back of twigs is due to fire blight, a bacterial disease common on apple and several ornamental shrubs. Prune out diseased shoots well below the infection areas with pruning shears dipped in a disifectant, such as a mercuric bichloride sloution, between each two cuts. Lacebugs, especially prevalent in the Midsouth, are controlled with contact insecticides.



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Take a look around, notice how some (not many) of our friends and neighbors are not doing their share to make the Terraces a more desirable place to live. During my walks I've noticed several fences (FENCES ARE A VIOLATION OF OUR RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) throughout the Terraces. I've also noticed some residents parking their cars/trucks on their lawns. If the people doing this type of thing would only think of their neighbors around them I'm sure they would discontinue this practice.

I've also noticed several brown and weed overgrown lawns. While not a violation of our covenants its certainly a distraction from the natural beauty of our area. Another irritant to many of our residents is that small group that persists in repairing cars (not their own) on their property and city streets. If that small few would only show concern for their neighbors and fellow residents this practice would also stop.

All in all, we have a lovely area and while it only take a few to spoil it for the rest of us, it will take all of us to keep it lovely.

I plan to continue speaking out on topics that affects the quality of life for all of us in the Terraces. If you agree with me, write INGLESIDE TERRACES HOMES ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 27304, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94127 attn: this column. Remember in order to be quoted in this column, your letter must be signed. One more thing your name will not be printed so your anonymity is assured.

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And the loved one all together!  
This path--how soft to pace!  
This May--what magic weather!  
Where is the loved one's face?

In a dream that loved one's face meets mine,  
But the house is narrow, the place is bleak  
Where, outside, rain and wind combine  
With a furtive ear, if I strive to speak,  
With a hostile eye at me flushing cheek,  
With a malice that marks each word, each sign!  
O enemy sly and serpentine,  
Uncoil thee from the waking man!  
Do I hold the Past  
Thus firm and fast  
Yet doubt if the future hold I can?

This path so soft to pace shall lead  
Through the magic of May to herself indeed!  
Or narrow if needs the house must be,  
Outside are the storms and strangers: we---  
Oh, close, safe, warm sleep I and she,  
---I and she!



Robert Browning

