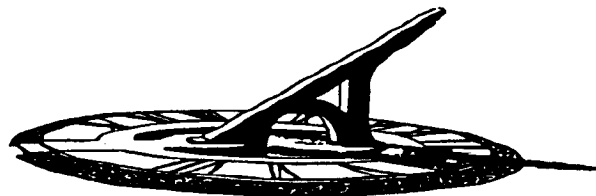

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NEWSLETTER OF THE INGLESIDE TERRACES HOMES ASSOCIATION

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What Is A Neighborhood ?

What do we remember? What do we value? What do we cherish? Neighborhoods have shaped our lives.

Simply put — a neighborhood is a group of people living together within a larger urban community. In our neighborhood we do not have common ancestry, religion or place of business. The threads that bind us are far and few between. It is very easy for the social fabric that holds us together to unravel. What we lack in common lineage we make up in common values. We all want a clean, safe, friendly place to live and raise a family. It takes an effort by each of us to make a good neighborhood happen. As individuals, we have done a lot to make our homes attractive and safe and this is a friendly place to live. The Neighborhood Associate exists to help foster our common values.

Here is a place where neighbors can:

- express pleasure and displeasure in a socially acceptable manner
- ask for or offer help
- make plans for community fun
- make plans for community

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

We hope the first half of 1993 has been great for you! Our board is busy planning the Fall events and hoping to see all of you there.

Since this newsletter is being received by members only, may we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for your continued support and involvement in our Association. You are essential to the success of our efforts to help our neighborhood. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join as you have. The Association serves the entire Terraces Community. We need the support of all of our residents. If you have ideas, comments or concerns, please write to us or call 905-4670. Have a great Summer! See you in the Fall!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Thanos
ITHA President

improvement

The neighborhood association has strived to bring as much benefit to the community as possible with its limited budget. Some of the things we have done include:

- Providing ground maintenance and plantings for the Gateways
- Community tree plantings
- Restoration of the Sundial grounds
- Sponsoring the Annual Potluck Picnic Lunch with entertainment
- A quarterly newsletter
- Promoting the Annual Garage Sale
- A Calendar of historic photos
- Carolling aboard a motorized cable car
- Advice on starting block S.A.F.E. groups
- Communications with local officials
- Legal support for residents involving Covenants issues

We have a good neighborhood. Your ideas, support and efforts are essential for helping to make this lovely place a home to remember and cherish.— *Noel Commins, Vice President*

BRIDGE — DOMINOES — CHESS — CARDS.....

Would you like to join or start a card group? There are others in the neighborhood who would like to join you! Please call the ITHA hot line 905-4670 and leave a message. We will put you together with others of similar interest.

CHILD LABOR

Posting this newsletter together is normally a very tedious and time consuming task, but not when you have seven adolescent boys completing the job. Your newsletter is folded, labeled, stamped and stapled by my special education class of emotionally disturbed students with severe behavior disorders.

These kids usually have a difficult time getting along with each other, so I thought a group project (with incentives, of course) might be a great learning tool. By the end of our first mailing they surprised even themselves. They showed great team work by being cooperative with each other and all expressed a good feeling about their accomplishment together. They now ask me when they can do it again. I will keep volunteering as long as they do! — *Angie Marchbanks*

BLOOMING BEAUTIFUL

A team of ITHA neighbors strolled through the neighborhood and voted on the top Ten Beautiful Gardens. Here is our list, in random order:

225 Urbano Drive
46 Entrada
150 De Soto
134 De Soto
135 De Soto
315 Urbano
744 Victoria
128 Urbano
101 Urbano
65 Mercedes

Congratulations to the Green Thumbs!

PROBLEM WILDLIFE

At our annual meeting several neighbors brought up the problem of scavenging raccoons and skunks. As promised, below are some suggestions from the Animal Care and Control Department:

"Although many different wild mammals still make San Francisco their home (including opossums, foxes and bats) the two most often seen by people as potential problems are raccoons and skunks. These animals are usually attracted to our homes because of food -- open or not properly secured garbage cans as well as dog and cat food left out in the backyard. Some people even make the mistake of purposely feeding these animals, making them so brave that they will actually enter an open back door and create a real danger. We can easily live side by side with these beautiful wild animals, if we just understand a little bit about their natural behavior.

IF A SKUNK OR RACCOON IS IN YOUR YARD OR ON YOUR PORCH...keep in mind that the animal is probably just looking for food and, at nesting time, for shelter. They are not usually aggressive unless cornered, mating or with their young. Try a little patience and it's very likely that the intruder will simply wander off. However, if they are staying put for extended periods of time you may try sending them off with a good dousing of water. Keep your own pets in at night and never leave pet food or easily opened garbage containers accessible. Talk to your neighbors and make sure nobody is feeding them. If you have a pet door, keep it locked -- with your pets indoors, of course-- at night.

IF A SKUNK OR RACCOON IS UNDER YOUR HOUSE OR DECK...getting the animal out and keeping other animals from entering in the future are two sides of the same coin. Basically you must try to make the space unattractive and after your guest moves on, eliminate access in the future. Here are a couple of approaches.

First and simplest, if the area is one that can be flooded without worry about water damage or contact with electrical wiring and IF there are no young that can be drowned, fully flood the area and then seal off the sheet metal. This works best under

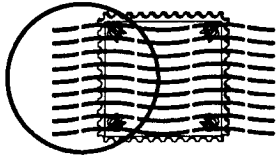
free standing sheds and decks. If this isn't practical, let's move onto a more involved approach.

Inspect the area and seal off all but one access to the den. Now find a way to make the area inhospitable to these wild animals. Here are several ideas which you can try one at a time or together. Offend their sense of smell by tossing rags soaked in ammonia into the area, thus creating a strong and offensive odor. Check daily to make sure the ammonia odor stays strong and toss in more rags if needed. Be careful -- make sure you don't create a possible fire hazard! Place small bowls of ammonia to both sides of the opening and keep this up for two weeks.

Disturb these nocturnal animal's sleep habits by keeping the area brightly lit 24 hours a day. Just tape a mechanic's "drop light" to a long 2"x4" and insert into the opening. Or, place a radio tuned into a loud station near the opening. Seal off the opening, preferably with sheet metal, after the animal moves out. (Please note that mothers with young must be allowed to either move their young with them or, if they are unwilling to relocate while nursing, must be allowed to raise the young until the babies are mature enough to follow mother out on their own. This stage is approximately six weeks for skunks and eight weeks for raccoons. Be careful not to trap any young inside and be ready to open your seal if you hear scrambling sounds within.)

IF A SKUNK OR RACCOON IS IN YOUR ATTIC OR ON YOUR ROOF...follow the steps above, using ammonia, lights and sound to encourage their departure. If an attic, close the opening with sheet metal once they are gone. If a roof, try to find out how they got up there and make this route inaccessible. Most often this means cutting tree limbs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE WILDLIFE CENTER AT 454-6961, OR SAN FRANCISCO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AT 554-6364 , or Animal Trappers 334-0111 or 1-800-698-8727



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A few years ago you listed craftsman and workers recommended by the neighbors. Would you update and publish that list? I would rather use workers my neighbors have tried and trust than reinvent the wheel every time I need help. Thanks.

*BN
Cedra*

Neighbors - send us your recommendations and we will try to print these names in our next issue. —
Editor

Dear Editor,

When is the next Support the Terraces issue? I really like the idea and would like to participate.

*LJ
Paloma*

We are hoping to do the very successful Support your Terraces issue again next Spring. We will keep you posted as we finalize our schedules.

Bay to Breakers - Ingleside Terraces Style

Four couples are interested in the 1994 Bay to Breakers and they want you to join in the Fun! A loosely formed idea for a loosely joined centipede a la Ingleside Terraces is in the works. The costume idea revolves around sun-burst headgear and dialing (Sundials!!!) If you are interested....training can never begin too early, call 905-4670 and leave your name and phone number.

COVENANTS CORNER

Here are simplified versions of two more of the ten "covenants and conditions". These covenants apply to all homes and lots in Ingleside Terraces. All ten will be covered as this series continues.

This installment of two covenants (officially numbered Ninth and Tenth) relates to fences in the Terraces. Most of the business of the Covenants Committee of the Association has concerned possible or potential violations of these fence restrictions.

9. No fences whatsoever can be higher than six feet from the graded surface of the land.

10. No fences at all in front of a house — i.e., no fences closer to the street than the front building line of the house.

For a corner lot, no fence closer to the street than the side of the building line, with the following exception. The rear portion of a corner lot may be enclosed with a fence made of open wire, steel or iron. A base of solid stone, brick or concrete, up to two feet high is allowed, subject to the overall six-foot limit. Or, the rear portion may be enclosed with a hedge not over six feet high.

Note: This is another of a series on the Ingleside Terraces restrictive covenants. The series is intended to acquaint homeowners and residents with these restrictions. The articles are authored by Covenants chairperson, Bob Mosher, with a big assist from the 1989 simplified version of the covenants.

SYMPHONY

All Ingleside Terraces homeowners and residents are invited to the Fourteenth Annual **All San Francisco Concert**, performed by the world acclaimed San Francisco Symphony. Mark your calendars and reserve your seats now.

All San Francisco Concert
Thursday, September 9, 1993
Davies Symphony Hall
8:00 P.M.
\$7 per person

As they have in the past thirteen years, Wells Fargo Bank is generously funding this concert which brings the residents of the City's diverse communities to share the sounds of our world-class orchestra.

More than 100 community groups will attend this sellout evening of music, part of the Gala Opening Week of the Symphony's 1993-94 season. The program will be led by music Director Herbert Blomstedt and includes Prelude to Act I of *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg* by Wagner; Violin Concerto in A minor, Opus 53 by Dvorak featuring soloist Miriam Fried; *The Moldau* by Smetana and Borodin's Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor*.

This event is sure to be a sellout. We are purchasing a limited number of tickets now for resale to Association members on a first-come, first served basis. To reserve, please send your check for \$7.00 per ticket to:

Bob Mosher, 170 Paloma Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127

Please make checks payable to the **Ingleside Terraces Homes Association**.

If you need to find out the status of your reservation, call Bob at 333-5626.

Garage Sale Wrap-Up

Over 25 families got in the spirit of "Spring cleaning" and sold their wares at the Ingleside Terraces neighborhood-wide garage sale last April. If you missed it, plan to take part in this profitable event next year.

A heart-felt "thank you" to the following families who donated their time and energy for the publicity for this well-attended event. They helped publicize this event by personally delivering the 750 flyers to all of the homes in Ingleside Terraces, precariously standing on the top rungs of their ladders to hang the posters and balloons on each of the gateways a 7:00 a.m., or by coming up with names and numbers of neighbors who they thought would be interested in the garage sale. Your enthusiasm and energy were greatly welcomed and helped pull our neighborhood together and make this event an outstanding success!

Our sincere gratitude goes to the following families: Liske, Kornfield, Wallace, Carroll, Lyon, Marchbanks, Dudley, Sheehan, Commins, Thanos, Daly, Wong, Horst, Conroy, Harpster, Silverman, De Matteo, Scott and Hallisy.

Thanks, also, to Daniel Tobeck for volunteering to make a permanent "Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale" banner for our Mercedes/ Junipero Serra Boulevard gateway! —Wendy Dwyer



TREE PLANTING IN THE TERRACES

If you have been admiring the trees of your neighbors and have been wondering how you, too could have a tree in your front yard: **CALL!**

The ITHA Board of Directors would like to organize a tree planting event for this Fall. If you are interested call 905-4670. Leave your name, address, phone number and if you have planted with the Friends of the Urban Forest before. Dig it!

JITRA - THAI CUISINE

2545 Ocean Avenue - Lakeside Village

For a delicious, exotic dinner, treat yourself to Jitra — the Thai cuisine restaurant which is walking distance from Ingleside Terraces.

When you enter, you will be met by the sound of authentic Thai nightclub music and the friendly proprietor offering you a candle-lit table. She suggested that we first try the "Miang Kum" (toasted coconut de-lite). It consisted of fresh ginger, onions, limes, peanuts, dried shrimp and toasted coconuts lightly arranged on individual leaves of spinach. The custom is to fold all the ingredients into each spinach leaf and dip it into a delightful, sweet sauce. This nice delicacy must be experienced. For the entree, the spicy eggplant sauteed in black bean sauce with fresh garlic, hot peppers and sweet Thai basil was superb. Also, the house specialty, "Hor Mok Talay", a blend of prawns, scallops, calamari, fish, crab and mussels in red curry sauce, coconut milk, cabbage and a touch of Thai basil, surprisingly served in a whole coconut shell was inventive, and delicious. Jitra offers a generous menu with a variety of curries, soups, salads, noodles and Thai vegetarian dishes. You may indicate the degree of spiciness to the chef.

Do not miss the sketches on the wall depicting the Ramakien. This is the Thai version of the Ramayana which is the ancient Indian epic written by Valmiki over two thousand years ago, detailing the story of Rama and Sita and their victory over the evil demon Ravana. Also in view is a high plat-

Restaurant Review



ANOTHER VISIT

It was the summer of 1990 when we first visited Spiazzo at 33 West Portal Avenue. Our review was generally very positive, and we were openly grateful to have another good restaurant so close to home.

As anyone who has moved to a new home is aware, it usually takes a little time to settle in.

Spiazzo has undergone some changes and fine tuning that have made this "good" restaurant quite a find. In March of this year owner Ron Di Lullo hired Ellis Casabar to revamp the existing menu. Chef Ellis is previously from The Pacific Bar & Grill on Filmore.

After a few months of rotating specials and spicing up recipes, an assortment of items were added to the existing menu. Ranging in price from \$4.95 to \$6.95 the many appetizers include baked Brie with roasted garlic, and fresh Dungeoness crab cakes. Or, you might start your meal with one of two soups and five salads including organic field greens with fresh pears, toasted walnuts, and Gorgonzola dressing. Several salads are offered in one of two sizes.

If you are inclined to pass on the many gourmet pizzas each of which is baked in a wood burning oven and sized for two (or one extremely hungry diner), Spiazzo offers ten pasta dishes, one of which is an outstanding gnocchi (made with potato rather than potato flour) with a fresh rosemary tomato sauce. For those looking for lighter fare, a wonderful pasta primavera is offered in white wine and vegetable stock or tomato

You are cordially invited
to the
First Annual Ingleside
Terraces Halloween
Extravaganza!

Saturday, October 30th

1:00 p.m.

Costume Parade
(Beware of goblins cir-
cling the Sundial on their
trykes!)

2:00 p.m.

Ethnic Potluck lunch and
BBQ, Festivities, Games
and lots of Surprises!

If you would like to contribute
your time, energy talent
and/or ideas for this party,
please contact Wendy Dwyer
at 239-5455.

Yes, this party will take the
place of the Annual Fall
Picnic.



THE WORST INTERSECTIONS

We have received several letters commenting on the danger lurking at the Ocean Avenue and Cerritos intersection. More often than not drivers roll through the intersection (Ocean Avenue) without stopping. Beware drivers!

Another intersection requiring alert observation is 19th and Winston. Northbound traffic tends to play fast and loose with the stop light laws. Be especially careful when crossing on foot!

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sauce. Both are tasty and satisfying. A hardier dinner might consist of a rib-eye steak, pork loin, roast fennel sausage, a daily fish offering, or my personal favorite, a fire roasted half chicken with apple sage salsa and garlic mashed potatoes. You will leave the restaurant well sated. If you manage to leave room for dessert, the varied offerings include the best tiramisu I have ever encountered, a rich chocolate torte, a seasonal fruit cobbler, or gelato ice cream among others.

Spiazzo has quickly become one of the finer restaurants on West Portal Boulevard. So, for those who have not visited Spiazzo in a while or those who managed to pass the last three years without doing so, it is time!

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form "Prom" which contains "Sei-na", the four-faced Thai Buddha which favors and protects commerce (among other things.)

As we departed into the night, we felt it most appropriate to express our thanks to our host in her own language by saying, "Kop Cun Kap!" ... Thank you, Madam.

—Wendy Dwyer

CALENDAR ALERT!!!

We sincerely apologize for the late delivery of the ITHA Historical Calendar to our members this year. We had some serious problems with the printing, which delayed delivery to us. We are truly sorry!

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WE NEED YOU...

Yes, I would like to support the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association. Enclosed is my Annual Membership contribution of:

- ☐ Patron \$100 Name as it should appear on mailing list _____
- ☐ Sustaining \$ 75 Address of Terraces home _____
- ☐ Supporting \$ 50 Mailing address (if different) _____
- ☐ Regular \$ 25 City, State, Zip _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____ (If dues are a hardship, any contribution will constitute membership)

Please mail payment to: ITHA, PO Box 27304, San Francisco, CA 94127-0304