

THE SUNDIAL



Newsletter of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

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President's Letter

By the time you read this, 1997 will have less than two months remaining. As a neighborhood volunteer organization, this is the time for us to reflect on what has been accomplished this year and what we might have done differently.

Plantings and/or ground cover at the Sundial could become a reality IF the folks who volunteered to install the sprinkler system on July 12, 1997 can regroup to accomplish a year-end feat. Give us your feedback so we can schedule a date.

Street Light discussions have been held with representatives of the Bureau of Light and Power and PG&E to discuss possible upgrade of street lighting in the Terraces. Since this is costly, further talks are necessary.

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING IN THE MEANTIME. Report any

streetlight outage, noting pole location with the stenciled identifying number, by calling 554-1688.

ITHA monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Glendale Federal Bank (Ocean Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard). **You have an invitation to attend all meetings and give input.** See the schedule on Page 6.

There will be **no meeting on October 16** because several members will be attending the Planning Commission meeting on the Stonestown expansion issue. The ITHA Board is basically requesting a full EIR to evaluate the proposal relative to traffic impacts.



Lonnie Lawson
President

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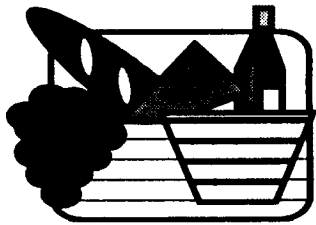
The Annual Meeting of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association (ITHA) will be held on Saturday, November 15, 1997 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Bring your ideas. The meeting will be in the James Johnson Community Room at 1099 Capitol Avenue, corner of Holloway Avenue. Fruit, pastries, and drinks will be provided as we renew acquaintances before the meeting.

BOARD And COMMITTEE Members Are Needed !

Call **Lonnie Lawson** at 586-2808 to see what committee assignments might be of interest.

HAM Radio

Our neighbor, **Harmon Hallett**, continues to offer a basic class in HAM radio. Almost any age will qualify. Call: 334-2102.



WELCOME WAGON

Join the Ingleside Terraces Welcome Wagon Committee!

Call if you are interested in welcoming new neighbors to the Terraces with a basket of treats and the latest issue of the *Sundial*. Many of you remember how good it felt to be welcomed by neighbors after just moving into your new home.

Wendy Dwyer, 239-5455

WE HONOR Our ELDERS And OLDTIMERS!

Sadie Mayfield of Paloma Street died recently. I met her after receiving a plea in an ITHA envelope, *"I'm ill and it doesn't feel like a neighborhood anymore since no one comes to visit."* I picked flowers and went very soon.

Our visits were so interesting. She was the seventh child in her family. When she was six years old she was told she would go to college.

She did go to college, then travelled around the world, and taught school in Liberia, Africa. During the late 1930s she and her sister were in Georgia and had a troubling experience with the Ku Klux Klan.

My visits with this thoughtful woman were rewarding; I wish I had gotten more of her stories!

Phyllis Gomez

Letter to ITHA Newsletter: in answer to Phyllis Gomez' inquiry as to longevity of persons living in the Terraces, she got a call from **Joe** who has lived on Victoria Street for all of his 66 years. He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital which has now been converted to condominiums. He is a retired printer who worked on the SF Progress.

66 Years !

Is anyone claiming to have lived in the Terraces longer than **Joe**?

If so, please call **Phyllis** at 333-5615 with background details.

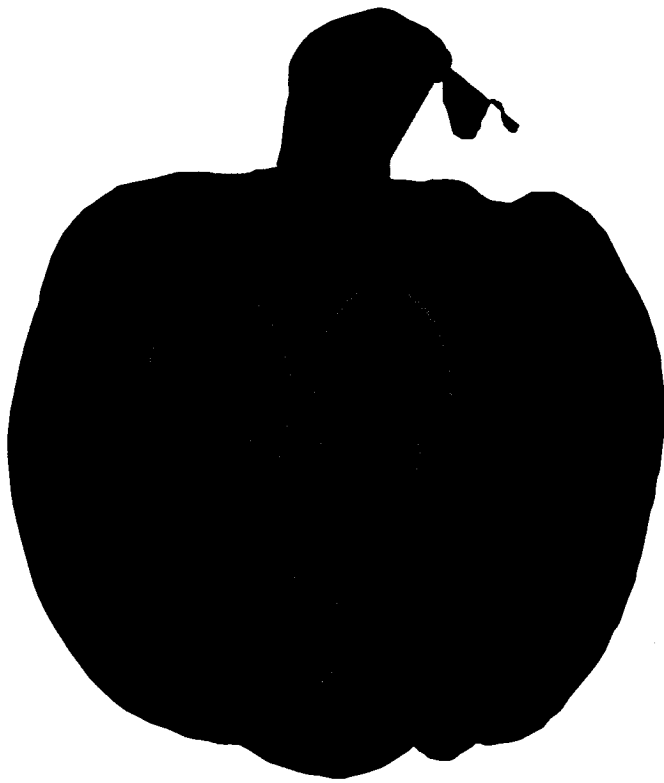
NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT

A sad lesson learned by one of our neighbors: the man saying she needed roof and flashing repair work was well dressed and a smooth talker. The \$1,500 job (reduced to \$1,300 as a "courtesy" to her) could be done right away and she would be ready for the El Niño trauma soon to strike. Well, a van pulls up with five laborers, ladders, and buckets and gets the job done in 20 minutes! She is sure she is a victim of a scam operator.

Lesson: For any significant work, get two or more estimates and a written work description. Then, follow up with a reference check.

NEIGHBORS AT WORK

Please check out the easement repair done on 100 -145 Paloma. The neighbors got together and made a concrete improvement. Three cheers and thank you, George!



5th Annual HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 25, 1997

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Entrada Court Sundial

11:00 a.m.

Official Grand Holloween Parade of decorated bicycles, skateboards, strollers, etc. for the celebration at Entrada Court. Costume contest to follow.

12:00 noon

Bar-B-Q (ITHA provides entree and trimmings) and potluck. Please bring dishes to share based on your last name:

A-D Appetizer

E-J Dessert

K-O Vegetable side dish

P-T Salad

U-Z Soft drinks, Juice

Please Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult!

We also need you folks to help out!

Last name **A-M** come at 10:00 a.m. for **Set-up**

Last name **N-Z** stay until 4:00 p.m. for **Clean-up**

RSVP Your immediate response is very important. Please call Wendy at 239-5455.
Or, return this form **ASAP** to Wendy Dwyer, 350 Urbano Street.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

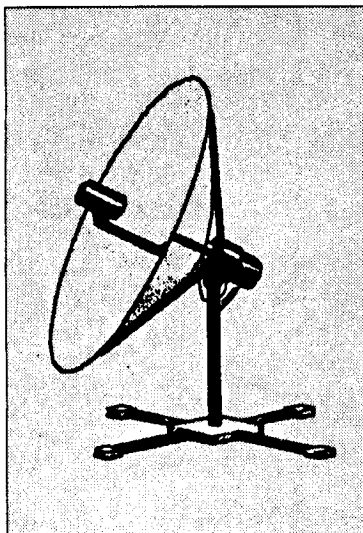
Address: _____

Number Attending: _____

We will bring: _____

We can help with the following:

☐ **Set-up** ☐ **Clean-up** ☐ **Parade** ☐ **Children's Games** ☐ **Other** _____



"TIME TO GO DIGITAL" says Terraces Resident, Wendy Portnuff.

Wendy reports that she recently installed a Primestar digital satellite system to replace her extended cable service, and she loves it! The reception is crystal clear, and she has access to so many movies that trips to the video store have been almost completely eliminated.

Wendy is the President of **WJP Learning Technologies**, an educational software consulting and distribution company that helps parents and schools choose software that will help them meet their educational goals. Because of the quality of the programming, including **The People's Network Lifelong Learning Channel**, Wendy has decided to add the digital satellite systems to the products she represents. To launch this new aspect of her business, Wendy is making a very **special offer to residents of the Terraces**.

AND, here's the part we especially like - a donation to the Ingleside Terraces Homeowners Association for each dish installed by a Terraces resident! So ... if you have been thinking about going digital, now's the time. **Call Wendy at 334-0621 for information, orders, or to arrange a demonstration of the digital picture clarity.**

And now ...

Stonestown *EXPANSION* !

Corporations are looking for the **GREEN**, most neighbors are waving the cautionary **YELLOW**, and traffic is running the **RED**! Emotions are running high.

Since the 1986 Stonestown expansion Environmental Impact Report (EIR), plans have changed, San Francisco State University has followed its growth curve, YMCA has grown, Nineteenth Avenue and Lake Merced Boulevard traffic has increased, and traffic safety concerns have reached critical levels! This range of concerns has not mentioned the increasing loss of **human scale** on the streets and sidewalks of this neighborhood.

It is the Editor's opinion (not necessarily that of the ITHA Board) that a project like the **Stonestown expansion** **should NOT be approved - or rejected - without** a clearly evaluated study of all the relevant impacts on the neighborhood. Such a study (**an EIR**) should consider pedestrians, bicycles, motorized vehicles, and public transit service in the area - and this is just the transportation element!

You can write and visit the S. F. Planning Commission at 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 to express your thoughts and feelings; neighborhood shopping vs. mega-malls? traffic safety vs. traffic congestion? reading and home crafts vs. driving and movies?

You decide ... and let your concerns be known! Time is running short.

Barney Johnson
Editor

BEST of the NEIGHBORHOOD

The following is a compilation of your neighbors' votes for the "Best Of" new and trusted business establishments in our area. (Check out these folks!)

BEST ...

Bakery (a tie!)
Bank
Coffee House
Contractor
Haircut
Library
Locksmith
Photography
Produce
Volvo Repair

ZANZE's Cheesecake and AMBROSIA, Ocean
GLENDALE FEDERAL (See Al Laos), Ocean
JAVA OF OCEAN, Ocean at Faxon
MANNON CONSTRUCTION, 300 Foerster
INGLESIDE BARBER SHOP, 393 Ashton
INGLESIDE BRANCH, 387 Ashton
PITTS LOCK AND KEY SERVICE, 1439 Ocean
THE CAMERABUG SHOP, 2560 Ocean
THE FRUIT BARN, 1616 Ocean
AUTO 280, 1315 Ocean

PLUS ...

Door Lockset Repair CROWN HARDWARE & LOCK, 3615 Balboa, 221-9806
Appliance Service OTTO's, 1663 El Camino Real, Millbrae, 800-750-6886

(Out of the neighborhood, but they have provided excellent, prompt service.)

A MATTER OF RESPECT

Editor - Reference is made to your Summer 1997 *Sundial* in which you list and rate several local neighborhood businesses.

Please be advised that the Postal Annex at 2570 Ocean Avenue, in Lakeside Village, needs to learn how to treat customers with respect.

Several times I have attempted to use their services or have asked questions about services or products; a woman who works there is consistently unfriendly, condescending and curt in demeanor. On one occasion, she refused to sell me additional postage for a letter I needed to mail immediately. She threw the letter on the counter and told me to take it to the Post Office.

Until there is a change of attitude there, please do not patronize this business.

Irene Jordan
Neighbor

Ed. Note: We appreciate the response to our Best of Neighborhood list and encourage other folks to share their experiences about services in our area. With permission, your comments will be printed as space allows.

St. Aidan's Benefit

On St. Nicholas Day, December 6, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church is holding a free Little Elves Gift-Making Workshop from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., where children, age 6 - 12 years old, can make and wrap Christmas gifts for their families and friends. Call the church at 285-9540 to reserve a space.

ST.NICK@NITE, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., will offer a variety of items for your early holiday shopping: decoupage furniture, dried flower wreaths, homemade foods, new and nearly-new treasures, baker's dough ornaments, handcrafted gifts, and much more.

The event will benefit youth and community outreach programs such as the Good Samaritan Family Resource Center, Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic, Martin de Porres Feeding Program, San Francisco Food Bank, San Francisco Night Ministry, OASIS, Family Link, and others.

Admission of \$10 includes drinks, appetizers, door-prize drawing, and Bo Grampus Ragtime Music.

St. Aidan's Church is at 101 Gold Mine Drive at Diamond Heights Blvd. across from Safeway. Telephone 285-9540.

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October 25
Halloween Picnic

November 15
Annual Meeting

December 18
Caroling

January 15
Regular Meeting

February 19
Regular Meeting

March 19
Regular Meeting

NOTE: Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at **GLENDAL FEDERAL BANK** at Ocean Avenue & Junipero Serra Boulevard and are open to all ITHA residents. Al Laos is the host.

IMAGINE THIS SCENARIO . . .

The Giants make it to the World Series and you are lucky enough to get one ticket for the first game. Too bad that your wife can't join you but she is pleased to be able to watch it on TV with the kids, no hard feelings.

Just as the first pitch is thrown, an earthquake of 7.3 on the Richter Scale hits San Francisco. You are OK and able to leave 3ComPark safely and you listen to the news on your radio while waiting to exit the parking lot. Fires have been reported all over the city, including Ingleside Terraces. With horror, you hear a report of fire and severe damage right on your block.

When you finally reach the Terraces and get through the congestion, you find your wife and children at the improvised shelter, your home is destroyed.

Your wife tells you that after the quake she could smell the gas which sparked the fire but she didn't know how to turn off the gas. In fact, she didn't know where the shut off valve was located. Come to think of it, you aren't sure of its location either.

This is a reasonably accurate account based on a friend's experience in the Marina at the time of the '89 quake. We can imagine many other scenarios - houses falling off their foundations, brick structures crumbling, family members trapped under fallen cabinets, power lines downed on the property, etc.

If any of this sounds worrisome to you, sign up immediately for the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training being offered by the Fire Department at Commodore Sloat School beginning October 27, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.

You will learn how to **prevent** certain damage and how to manage emergency situations. Many of your neighbors have taken this valuable training but there are not enough of us to adequately assist all of the Terraces residents when the next disaster occurs. By taking the training **you** will know what to do to protect yourself and your family as well as what you can do to help your neighbors.

Join us! Call 558-3456 to sign up for the NERT classes.

Betty & Barney Johnson

P.S. These classes (6 weekly meetings) are taught by fire department personnel. The presentation is excellent and totally relevant. We highly recommend your involvement.

HELP CLEAN OFF GRAFFITI ! Call Irene at 334-0907

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY NERT RESPONSE TEAM

Did the quake in the City of St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, make you think about your own city? There are a few of your immediate neighbors who have taken the class training for the Neighborhood Emergency Responce Team (NERT). Do you know who they are and how to reach them with any concerns about preparations?

DRILL

You can see the team practicing skills and conducting HAM radio message relays at the **next drill on Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.** Come see the team in action.

Also, sign up for the next NERT class series starting October 27, at 6:30 p.m. at nearby Commodore Sloat School. The classes run for a total of six sessions and you achieve qualified status as a NERT to assist neighbors during the next earthquake.

Sign up by calling the Fire Department at 558-3456. Do it now ... please!

On Sunday, September 28, a NERT review meeting was held in the home of Betty and Barney Johnson and attended by 10 of the 24 local NERT members. A comprehensive review of home safety and emergency procedures was conducted. **We expect to see all 24 members at the October 18th drill!**

PARKS AND GATEWAYS

I held an inspection tour of the ITHA gateways with Rock & Rose Landscaping who is under a regular maintenance contract. Some additional plants are being considered and we are appealing to local residents to help clean up around the pillars.

Please call me if you can help with a work party to work on the Moncada and Corona mini-parks. Also, we are calling for help with the next phase in the Sundial project. Soil preparation, amendment, and planting is needed.

Please call to join the work-party list. The irrigation system work effort went splendidly and we expect the same enthusiasm for the planting. Remember, a picnic lunch will be provided for those dedicated souls who can help!

Al Laos
Parks & Gateways, 586-9292

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ANNUAL MEETING - Saturday, November 15

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, October 25

HALLOWEEN Celebration

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Seniors & Long-Time Residents

We need a resource list of Senior Advisors to help monitor activity in the Terraces. Who are the oldest? Who is the longest resident?

Please call ...

**Who would need help
after the
next earthquake?**

**Kerry Daly at 586-7371
Phyllis Gomez at 333-5615
Wendy Dwyer at 239-5455
Barney Johnson at 584-5223**

**Who would like
a visit
from time-to-time?**