

# THE SUNDIAL



Newsletter of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

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## President's Letter

Dear Neighbors:

Will you accept a challenge? As president of ITHA for 1997, and a long time community activist, I challenge you to help make this a successful year. The Association needs you to attend short monthly meetings to provide new ideas and support. Cooperation and sharing information and ideas with our neighbors will empower us to act and thereby accomplish desired goals.

Participation in committee work provides an opportunity to establish friendships and take part in getting things done. How many times in the past year have you said, "Somebody should do something about ..."? Well here's your

chance. Why not take the lead yourself?

**'Somebody should do something ...'**

ITHA Board of Directors has had

neighbors attend meetings to request help in resolving a variety of problems, e.g. loitering, barking dogs, litter stored on private property, or a private garage used for automobile repair. If any of these strike a familiar cord, there are solutions. Take for example, *barking dogs*. If talking to

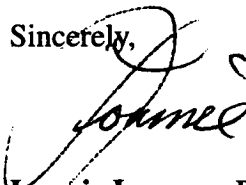
the neighbor doesn't resolve the problem, contact *Taraval Police Station* at 553-0123. Two or more neighbors calling will require that an investigator be sent out.

ITHA encourages neighborhood consideration. Welcome your new neighbors, then notify the Association so that our welcome wagon committee can make an official visit with cookies and refreshments.

Continued financial support is important; however, ITHA is only as good as the *support you give*.

*Please let me hear from you. Your feedback is welcomed!*

Sincerely,



**Lonnie Lawson, President**

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**Dear Editor:** Well, Welcome me!

I moved to the Terraces seven months ago and attended my first ITHA Annual Meeting last November. I'm wondering, "Where were you all?". My friendly neighbor told me of the 750 homes in Ingleside Terraces. I was told about the Christmas caroling party, the Annual Halloween party, the annual Garage Sale, and I was jazzed.

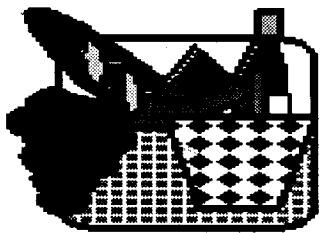
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## BOARD And COMMITTEE Members Are Needed !

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.**

## PAST PRESIDENT REFLECTIONS

Dear Neighbors,

After three years of service, I have retired as President of the ITHA Board. I have enjoyed serving, but find less time to devote to the job. Consequently, I cannot do as good a job as I should like and as the neighborhood deserves. The President's position now is being ably filled by long-time resident Lonnie Lawson. In this last communique, I look at some challenges facing the Terraces.

I am struck by the realization that many issues have concerned the struggle to balance one's individual rights with community needs. I suppose this dialectic reflects society as a whole, and deeper thinkers than I have examined the diverse questions it raises. As in any debate, problem resolution comes with communication.

The Board recently tested in the Courts the Association's power to enforce the tenth restrictive covenant recorded against all Terrace properties, popularly known as the "Fence Covenant". The Courts found against the Association on the grounds that enough fences and hedges (which the Court regarded as fences) have been erected in years past and that the Association has lost its right to enforce the covenant.

I understand the urge some folks feel to build fences, what with perceptions of increasing threats to personal safety. However, it's that withdrawing tendency that both destroys neighborhood character and encourages crime. While building fences to protect themselves, people also cut themselves off from their neighbors and erode one common denominator amongst neighbors, that of the neighborhood character and aesthetic. The original designers of the

Terraces understood the importance of a consistent look for neighborhood identity. Instead of combating threats with isolation, I should like to suggest better communication.

In communication, we understand problems confronting us and work to solve them. Solutions that may elude us individually may dawn on us as a group. Although S.A.F.E. groups have program tangibles, such as street signs, window stickers, and property ID, it's the opening of communication channels that lies at the heart of their success.

While the ITHA is not the only forum for communication, it has the sure advantage of existing already; we don't have to start from scratch. As an organization of, for, and by (to coin a phrase) its constituents, it could become a vital force in maintaining the quality of our urban life.

Consider the Association's potential if we make it a vital part of the neighborhood. A strong, active organization can make contributions in addressing future issues and opportunities, such as Ocean Avenue rejuvenation, Terraces landscaping, and recreational and social opportunities. I hope that we all will work with the Board to ensure that the Terraces remain a safe, attractive, and desirable place to live.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my contribution.

Sincerely,

**Peter Rockwell**

# SPRING FLING

**SATURDAY, May 3**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## INGLESIDE TERRACES GARAGE SALE

All neighbors in Ingleside Terraces are invited to open their garage doors for the sale!

Bring family and friends to hunt for  
**BARGAINS and TREASURES!**

Publicity courtesy of ITHA will be placed in classified sections of the following newspapers:  
*SF Examiner - West Portal Monthly - SF Independent - Richmond Review*  
*Sunset Beacon - Noe Valley Voice - Penny Saver*

**Take advantage of this great money-making opportunity!**

Please return the following form to:

Wendy Dwyer  
ITHA "Spring Fling"  
350 Urbano Drive  
SF, CA 94127

Mail the bottom portion of this page by April 15 to get your address and three sale's categories marked on a map to be handed out during the sale.



Send to ITHA "Spring Fling", 350 Urbano Drive, SF, CA 94127

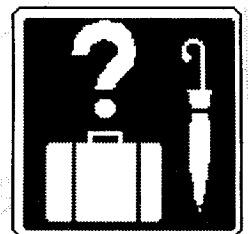
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Social Chair only ... will not be printed on map.)

Address for map: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I will be participating. I will offer the following items:

Three categories: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Books, clothing, sports equipment, toys, furniture, kitchenware, collectibles, etc.)

☐ Yes, I will help make publicity flyers and hang posters and banners on Thursday, May 1.



**If questions, please call Social Chair, Wendy Dwyer, at 239-5455**

**APRIL  
CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAMS**

**Come Visit the Library!**

The Ingleside Branch of the San Francisco Public Library looks forward to an exciting spring schedule of events for children and adults. Although our Branch has been affected by the recent library system budget difficulties, our staff has worked hard to maintain the same high level of service. During March and April we are presenting a full schedule of weekly programs for children and two Saturday programs for adults.

Over the past few months the Ingleside Branch staff put together a fine collection of videos, CD's, and many Books-on-Tape available for borrowing. We also expect to receive many new books this spring. Our staff welcomes any suggestions for new books, programs, or community-related activities.

We look forward to seeing you on your next visit!

**Robert Carlson**, Branch Manager

**STORYTIME**

Tuesdays, April 1, 15, 29 - 10:00 a.m.  
For ages 3-5

**PRESCHOOL CRAFTS**

Tuesday, April 22 - 10:00 a.m.  
For ages 3-5

**PRESCHOOL VIDEO**

Tuesday, April 8 - 10:00 a.m.  
For ages 3-5

**WEEKEND CRAFTS**

Saturday, April 5 - 2:00 p.m.  
For all ages

**AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE**

Friday, April 11 - 3:30 p.m.  
For ages 7 and older  
Bernice Bobs Her Hair

**MULTICULTURAL  
CELEBRATION**

Chinese Folk, Family, & Fairy Tales  
With Clara Yen  
Wednesday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.

**A D U L T  
P R O G R A M S**

**PERFORMANCE ARTIST**

Mark Kenwood Presents *"Stories of the West"*  
Saturday, March 22 - 3:00 p.m.

**PETER GARLAND PRESENTS**

*"The Storyteller & The Stockbroker:  
Somerset Maugham in San Francisco"*  
Saturday, April 5 - 2:30 p.m.

**GOOD BYE, PETER!**

The Ingleside Terraces Homes Association has been more than fortunate to have **Peter Rockwell** on Board (for 4 years) and as President for the past two years.

**'insights ...  
humor'**

Peter had been associated with Board for four years, went on a short leave, and returned as President in 1995. A great leader and diplomat, Peter did an outstanding job. He is a perfectionist and very detail oriented (read: architect by profession).

In addition to his leadership and insights, Peter also has a great sense of humor. The monthly meetings were always lively and result-oriented with Peter at the helm. All these qualities will be sorely missed. Thank you, Peter, for being such an outstanding neighbor! We appreciate all you did for us!

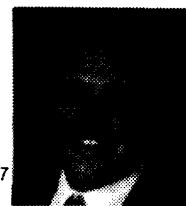
**CHEERS!**

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# BANK of AMERICA Ocean-Faxon Branch

## West of Twin Peaks Central Council (WTPCC)

*The WTPCC is working with the OMI to try to keep the Bank of America from closing its Ocean-Faxon Branch. Anita Theoharis and Paul Conroy testified at Supervisor Medina's March 6 hearing on the issue and the following letter was sent to the Mayor and the Supervisors:*

Dear Mayor Brown:

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council has been working in partnership with the OMI Community Action Organization in an effort to improve the Ocean Avenue retail area between the 280 freeway and 19th Avenue.

We have met with representatives of the San Francisco Planning Department and the Mayor's Office of Community Development to attempt to put together a comprehensive plan which will have all City departments working together to improve the area.

As we expressed to you during the April 1996 Economic Summit, we are concerned about the vacancy rate of retail establishments on Ocean Avenue, the lack of a grocery store to serve the neighborhood, the blighted and unsightly appearance of portions of this business strip, and the dilapidated condition of the street pavement and Municipal Railway tracks and facilities.

Now we are faced with another blow to this vital area of the City. As you know, the Bank of America has announced plans to close its branch on Ocean Avenue and Faxon. The closure of this branch will deprive the community of essential branch banking services. In addition, and perhaps more significantly, the departure of this major presence on Ocean Avenue will send a signal to current and prospective commercial establishments that Ocean Avenue is not a viable retail location, leading to the further decline of this retail strip.

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council has passed the following resolution asking for your help and the help of the Board of Supervisors in keeping the Bank of America on Ocean Avenue:

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the West of Twin Peaks Central Council has as one of its goals the improvement of Ocean Avenue between the 280 Freeway and Nineteenth Avenue;

WHEREAS furtherance of this goal is achieved by retaining businesses on Ocean Avenue that serve the local community;

WHEREAS for many years the Bank of America has, through its branch located at Ocean Avenue and Faxon, provided banking services to the local community, including several member organizations of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council;

WHEREAS the presence of the Bank of America Ocean Avenue Branch has enhanced the Ocean Avenue business strip from both a business and architectural perspective;

BE IT RESOLVED that the West of Twin Peaks Central Council strongly urges the Bank of America to maintain its service to the community by continuing to operate at its Ocean Avenue - Faxon branch;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West of Twin Peaks Central Council asks that the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco join with the Council in working to keep the Bank of America Ocean Avenue - Faxon branch open.

We urge you to do what you can to keep the Bank of America from turning its back on the West of Twin Peaks and OMI Community. We ask that you join us in working for the economic, social, and aesthetic improvement of this business district which is so vital to this part of the City.

Very truly yours,

**Paul A. Conroy**

Vice President, West of Twin Peaks Central Council;

Chair, WTPCC Ocean Avenue Economic Development Committee

**From Page 1:** I had looked forward to the Annual Meeting and seeing more neighbors. In my last neighborhood no one knew one another, no one spoke to one another, and so I was pretty up about this meeting. I was most impressed with the lavish spread of fresh fruits, coffees, eggnog, sweet rolls, cinnamon cakes, bagels, lox, cream cheese, etc. Your Board of Directors warmly received me and I felt at home (although it looked like an empty house). The meeting was informative and lively.

**But, where were you all?**

# SLUG

**MARCH 20**

Regular Meeting

**APRIL 17**

Regular Meeting

**MAY 3**

Garage Sale!

**MAY 15**

Regular Meeting

**JUNE 19**

Regular Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 18**

Regular Meeting

**NOTE:** Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at **GLENDALE FEDERAL BANK** at Ocean Avenue & Junipero Serra Boulevard where **Al Laos** is our gracious host.

## THANKS!

The Editor gives special thanks to **Elaine Mannon** for her editorial help in reviewing many columns of text and the general layout of this newsletter.

# NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY NERT RESPONSE TEAM

## NERT DRILL

The next NERT Citywide Drill will be on Saturday, April 12. We need to see all current ITHA NERTs at this refresher training exercise. The drill will be at Marina Middle School on Bay Street, with parking access east of Fillmore Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Phyllis Gomez**, Coordinator

333-5615

Residents of Mt. Davidson, Miraloma Park, Westwood Park, Ingleside Terrace, and Ingleside neighborhoods are encouraged to **attend the next NERT training class beginning March 24** at Miraloma School, 175 Omar Street, and continuing on April 7, 14, 21 and 28 and ending with the sixth class on May 5.

Classes start at 6:30 p.m.

If you miss the March 24 class, call **Phyllis Gomez** for subsequent classes.

## NERT CLASS OUTLINE

### CLASS #1

Earthquake awareness  
Personal, family and workplace preparation  
Non-structural hazard mitigation  
Emergency response team concept

### CLASS #2

Utility control: when/how to shut it off  
Fire extinguishers  
Disaster fire fighting  
Hazardous materials

### CLASS #3

Disaster medicine  
Triage: deciding who/when to treat  
Care of minor injuries - Burns

### CLASS #4

Building damage recognition  
Light search and rescue techniques  
Lifting heavy objects

### CLASS #5

Team response and management  
Disaster psychology  
Hands-on disaster exercise

### SIXTH WEEK MEETING

New teams select a staging area  
Existing teams welcome new NERTs  
Tabletop disaster exercise  
Leadership structure

## Local HAM Operators

WD6FAG - Harmon Hallett  
W6MDZ - Jim Barry  
KE6UII - Barney Johnson  
KE6UPG - Patricia Hallett  
WB6WAS - Harold Hoogasian  
KE6WER - Noel Commins

## PARKS / GATEWAYS

**Al Laos**, new Chair of the Parks and Gateways Committee, led a walk-through of the Sundial mini-park with **Mohamed Nuru** of the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners. SLUG is interested in preparing a proposal for improving the landscaping for this key feature of the Terraces.

# 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  
Haircut  
Library  
Locksmith  
Contractor  
Photography  
Produce  
Tacos and Salsa  
UPS Shippers

ZANZE's Cheesecake and AMBROSIA, Ocean  
GLENDALE FEDERAL (See Al Laos), Ocean  
JAVA OF OCEAN, Ocean at Faxon  
INGLESIDE BARBER SHOP, 393 Ashton  
INGLESIDE BRANCH, 387 Ashton  
PITTS LOCK AND KEY SERVICE, 1439 Ocean  
MANNON CONSTRUCTION, 300 Foerster  
THE CAMERABUG SHOP, 2560 Ocean  
THE FRUIT BARN, 1616 Ocean  
MUCHO MAS, 1338 Ocean  
POSTAL ANNEX, 2570 Ocean

## RESTAURANT REVIEW - By Kerry Daly

When the Moon hits your eye ... Pizza!!!

Everyone has a favorite pizza joint. Some prefer the price of **Round Table** others prefer the variety of **Mozzarella di Bufala**, 69 West Portal. There is a large contingent who crave the garlicky **North Beach Pizza**, 4787 Mission. In my mini-research project I learned there is a wide berth when it comes to taste in pizza.

In an effort to learn more about pizza for the Terraces, we ordered! We tried **Paradise Pizza** in West Portal and it was okay. To this day I wonder if they cooked the sausage *on* that pizza. We called **North Beach Pizza** ... always a long (45 minute) wait and well worth it. I have never been disappointed. Well, one time the pizza arrived cold and late and I told the manager and he was more than courteous and generous with a rebate.

We have had success with **Mozzarella di Bufala**. That place is amazing. The pizza chefs always look like they are having such a good time. They are good, sometimes great, and sometimes inconsistent. Another pal prefers **Mr. Pizza Man** because of the price. (She could *buy* Mr. Pizza Man.) However, **Frida's Pizza** on Mission at 24th, 920-0899, is perfectly fabulous ... a wee bit pricey but really great pizza. Their *rock shrimp/cilantro, three cheese* is heavenly.

But, last week we were downtown and we hit **Tommasos**, 1042 Kearny, 398-9696, and had their *pepperoni sausage pizza*. The **BEST**, hands down. This is real pizza. You can watch it being cooked in the brick oven and the crust is outstanding. Tommaso's wins! It's the best pizza anywhere; *Waiters on Wheels* will deliver their pizza ... **Mangia!**

# BOARD

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# ITHA NEWSLETTER

THE "SPRING FLING" IS COMING ...

## INGLESIDE TERRACES GARAGE SALE!

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### WE NEED YOU ...

YES, I would like to help support the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association in pursuing the betterment of the neighborhood. Enclosed herewith is my/our annual membership contribution of:

- |                                     |         |   |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATRON     | \$100   | NAME FOR MAILING LIST _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING | \$75    | HOME ADDRESS BEING PAID FOR _____                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORTING | \$50    | MAILING ADDRESS (If Different) _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR    | \$25    | CITY, STATE, & ZIP _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DONATION   | \$_____ | (IF DUES ARE A HARDSHIP, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD.) |
- Please mail payment to: **ITHA, P.O. BOX 27304, San Francisco, CA 94127-0304**

If you have already paid your 1997 dues, please disregard this notice.

**THANK YOU**