

THE SUNDIAL



Newsletter of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

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President's Letter

This edition of ITHA's newsletter, the *Sundial*, has been published to inform our membership of current events in our neighborhood. Preliminary sketches and cost estimates have been received to upgrade the parks in the Terraces. Minimum improvement costs would deplete our treasury. ITHA Board of Directors has approved a plan to submit grant proposals requesting full or partial funding for proposed projects.

The board has been informed that funding proposals submitted are favorably looked upon when there is a large membership participation.

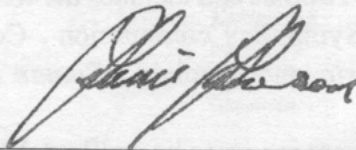
Current records show 250 out of 750 households are now dues-payers. Therefore, *it is now urgent that an all out effort be launched to increase membership at any level. To those 500 homeowners who are not members:*

Please respond to our current special membership drive.

I have completed over half of my term as president. Now is the time to kick into high gear and develop new fund raising ideas, committee participation, and attendance at ITHA board meetings on the third Thursday of each month, except July, at 7:00 p.m. at Glendale Federal Bank. Your participation is very important.

You may never find that ideal situation that allows you to do what you want. Maybe that's best. If things were ideal, why do anything? Remember, if there is no dialogue, we cannot affect change.

Expecting the best!



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All San Francisco Concert

Thursday, September 4, 1997
Davies Symphony Hall
8:00 p.m.
\$10 per person

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

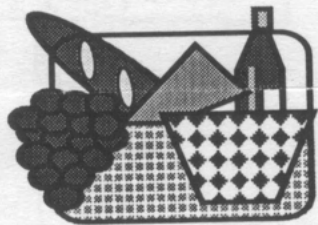
As they have for the past seventeen years, Wells Fargo Bank is proudly funding this concert which brings residents of the City's diverse communities together to share the sounds of our world-class orchestra.
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BOARD And COMMITTEE Members Are Needed !

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.

ITHA MEMBERS

The community thanks those who

Alviso St.

Eiserloh
Gilleran
Jones
Kolton
Lee
Lin
Neighbor
Schaadt

McGriff
Schenkkan
Sundby
Voukos
Williams

Kannisto
Kinchin
Landry
Lawson
Moore, Sr.
O'Keefe
O'Kelley
Sae-Lee
Schmidt
Tong
Weidner

Ashton Ave.

Ayers
Percivalle

Borica St.

Allen
Ashford
Bell
Elliott
Hallisey
Jones
Macias
Male
McClung
Novik
Wallace
Warren

Cedro Ave.

Arata, Jr.
Forsyth

Cerritos Ave.

Chekene
Corsetti
Dielissen
Gianaras
Goldbrener
Gutter
Heuser
Jonson
Lunt
Manzano, Jr.
Nagy
Sartiano
Shaw
Styles
Uth
Wong

Corona Ct.

Dent
Donovan
Driscoll
Estares
Frates
Granger

De Soto St.

Burke
Calzolari
Castillo
Clee
Dick
Du Bose
Giles
Horwitz
Kirk
Kyne
Lauro
Munyer
Schembri
Schneider
Spalding

El Plazuela

Domecus

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More than 100 community groups will attend this sellout evening of music, part of the Gala Opening Week of the Symphony's 1997-98 season, and the third year for Michael Tilson Thomas as Music Director. The program will be led by Maestro Tilson Thomas and includes the world premiere of Joaquin Nin-Culmell's San Francisco Symphony commission, Corey Cerovsek on violin in Beethoven's *Violin Concerto*, and Respighi's *Roman Festivals*.

This event is sure to be a sellout. We are purchasing a limited number of tickets now for resale to Association members. Last year we had many more requests than we could fill. This year tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis **with an initial two-ticket per household limit**.

To reserve, send your check for \$10.00 per ticket, as soon as possible, to Bob Mosher at 170 Paloma Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127. The check should be payable to Ingleside Terraces Homes Association. If you need to find out the status of your reservation, call Bob at 333-5626.

With 1997 RENEWALS

Renewed ITHA memberships for this year.

Entrada Ct.

Adams
Cajilig
Camp
Eiserloh
Erickson
Hirsch
Jacobs
Keuper
Maggi
Mellinger
Schwartz
Sims
Stengel
Sweeney
Vennemeyer
Werthimer

Kaljian
Lambert
McGrail
Olsen
Roberts
Thanos
Watts

Elumbra
Falik
Gentile
Gillenwater
Harpster
Kaufman
Lewellen
McNulty
Panagatacos
Parisi
Rappe
Rinaldi
Stahlkopf
Vickroy
Wildenradt

Carter
Chinchilla
Clay
Commins
Crowe
Cui
Daly
Domingo
Duarte
Dudley
Dwyer
Flaherty
Gandolfo
Gomez
Hartwick
Henry
Holden
Holm

Esterro Ave.

Clagett
Gould
Horst
Kolling
Vitrano

Lunado Way

Bailey
Barruso
Cook
Croft
Dunn
Erickson
Fletcher
Higgins
Imperiale
Loon
Martin
Martin
Oppenheim
Phillips
Ralston
Rust
Stoll
Tiret
Yee

Monticello St.

Cleope
Doherty
Gluesing
Hoogasian
Johnson
Leigh
Meunier
Vallejo

Mannon
Marvin
Parsons
Plack
Preston
Reilly
Robinson
Schoepp
Stuckey
Swanson
Thomas
Vu
Ward
Weinstein
West
Wilson
Winningham
Wong

Head St.

Callejas
Callins
Conley
Doyle
Kornfield
Mullaney
Rockwell
Vu

Mercedes Way

Bernard
Cykman
Durand
Fischer
Griffith
Kajouee
Lucia
Miller
Panagatacos
Paoli
Pate
Steele

Ocean Ave.

Azuma
Castle
Chen
Duazo
Federal Bank
Graphic
Hallisy
Lo
Troche

Holloway Ave.

Czechowicz
Flores
Hebert
Lee
Muncheryan
Scheidtman
Turner

Moncada Way

Allen
Bascom-Lethin
Beall
Caniglia
Chan
Crew

Paloma Ave.

Conroy
Kirkpatrick
Mosher
Sigue
Sinason

Victoria St.

Carothers
Chang
Corapi
Freeman
Heyl
Huey
Illick
Karis
Marcellus
Palmer
Pumphrey
Shannon
Sunderland
Yip

Junipero Serra

Gwire
Boudewyn
Fontes
Gilbert

Urbano Dr.

Angst
Balestreri
Beames
Carman

NOTE: This list is based on renewals received since January 1, 1997. If you are a member and your name is missing or misspelled, please call **Phyllis Gomez** (333-5615) or **Barney Johnson** (584-5223). If you are not a member, please join!

COME VISIT The LIBRARY!

With the promise of a new budget for the next fiscal year, the staff of the Ingleside Branch of the San Francisco Public Library looks forward to the summer. The highlight will be our annual Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is *Read Around the City*. We hope the program will encourage children to learn more about their city and its history.

Small prizes will be awarded to children who read for two, four, and six hours. Special grand prizes will be awarded to children who read for eight or more hours.

Sign up anytime until August 9. Until then our board will be offering special programs to celebrate the club. There will also be a special program for all ages and a gardening program for adults.

We hope you join us for a summer full of programs, new books, videos, magazines, and more. And, of course, we have **free Internet access**.

Robert Carlson
Branch Manager

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 5 & 19 - 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytelling

Thursday, August 7 - 3 p.m.
Wings in the Night - Live Bats!

Friday, August 8 - 2:30 p.m.
Summer Reading Club Pizza Party

Tuesday, August 12 - 10 a.m.
Preschool Videos

Thursday, August 14 - 3 p.m.
Afternoon Movie

Thursday, August 21 - 3:30 p.m.
Afternoon Crafts

Tuesday, August 26 - 10 a.m.
Preschool Crafts

A D U L T S

Saturday, July 26 - 2:30 p.m.
Flying Angels, Chinese Dance
Company

Saturday, August 30 - 3 p.m.
Herbs for All Occasions, Workshop

LOCAL DISPUTES

A neighbor, **Cora Jordan**, has suggested that the ITHA Board might help in guiding the resolution of disputes that sometimes arise over issues of fences, trees, boundaries, noise, etc. There may be local attorneys who would offer a few hours *pro bono* to assist in this matter. Any suggestions?

WE HONOR Our ELDERS!

Do you know anyone in the Terraces who is over 90 years old? I recently met 93 year old **Patrick**, writer and Irish historian, and 98 year old **George**, who fought in both world wars. They both came in to vote at our polling place on Urbano. They do a lot better at getting in their votes than do the young ones!

Has anyone else been a Terraces resident for 55 years, or longer, as has **Helen McKenna**? Her children grew up at the family home on Corona Street going to Commodore Sloat, Aptos, Lowell, and Lincoln. **Dr. Dale McKenna**, youngest twin daughter, has the Lakeside Family Chiropractic practice on Ocean Avenue.

Phyllis Gomez
Membership Committee

NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT

I'm writing to alert you to my recent experience; a young woman whom I have often seen walking in the Terraces came to my door requesting a donation for a walk-a-thon. I wrote a check for a modest amount with no reason to be suspicious, but later when examining my bank statement, the check had been altered increasing the amount. I called the organization involved and learned they were not sponsoring a walk. The amount of money is not as important as my disappointment. I hope that none of my neighbors will be as gullible as I was: ***ask for verification and make all checks out to the sponsor.***

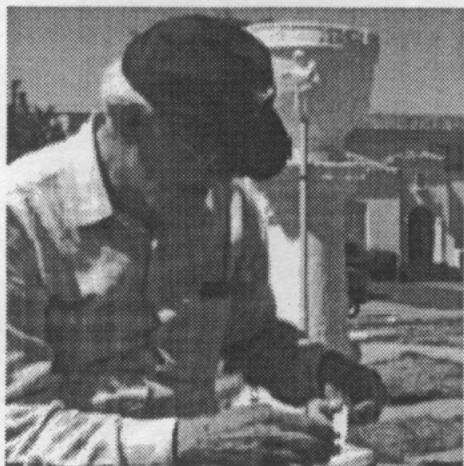
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THE SUN WAS SHINING & THE STARS CAME OUT

Phase 1 of the Sundial Improvement Project was a huge success, thanks to those neighbors who came to till the soil and make the earth move! This occurred on Saturday, July 12 at 9 a.m. when about 20 people showed up at the Sundial to work with the Urban Farmer Store staff to install a new sprinkler system.

Armed with shovels, spades, and a great attitude, these motivated neighbors really made the earth move! A total of 44 neighbors and friends came to help before the day was over ... young and old alike! Little **Sophia Hirsch** (almost one year old) and **Vernon Wallace** (82 years young) came to lend a hand.

Jack Balistreri used ingenuity and his truck when faced with a large snarl of roots that prevented jacking under a concrete walkway. A heave ho and a pedal-to-the-medal solved the problem. Three past presidents, **Peter Rockwell**, **Blair Horst**, and **Vernon Wallace** arrived with shovels in hand and assisted greatly. **Harmon Hallett**, famous for Rudy the robot, who is a hit at annual picnics with all kids, worked in unison with **Dave Marvin** at sprinkler head construction. Whatta Team!

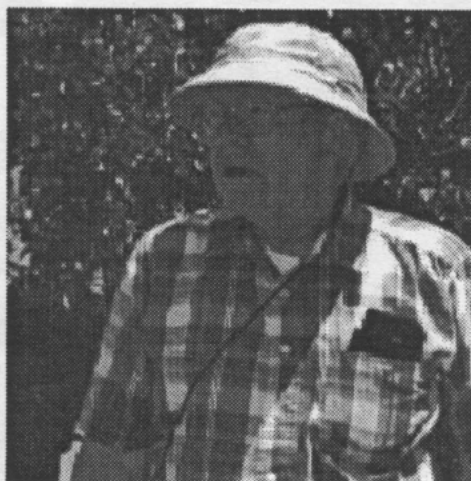


Father/son/daughter teams like **Dan** and **Sophia Hirsch**, **Lindbergh** and **Trey Porter**, **James** and **Blaine Swarthout** and Mother/son teams like **Irene** and **Cameron Carter** and **Wendy** and **Cameron Dwyer** all pitched in.

Terrific **Al Laos**, Bank Manager at Glendale Federal Bank arrived and hit the dirt. He is a good neighbor and a great Board Member! Wonderful neighbors on Entrada Court, the **Webbs**, **Werthimers**, and **Landises**, opened their homes, lawns, and hearts to the project. Their generosity and thoughtfulness was stellar! Social Chair **Wendy Dwyer** worked with **James Swarthout** to cater a delicious lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed.

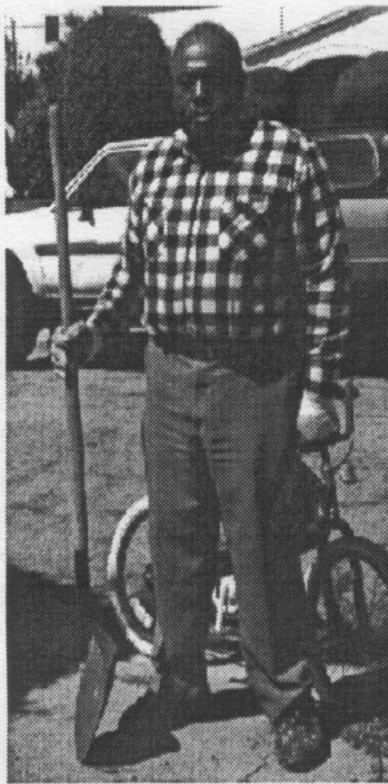
Phase 2 is the Greening of the Sundial ... go ahead, take a look! Enjoy your neighborhood and take pride in the improvements ... you might like to get involved, too!

Kerry Daly-Swarthout
Social Committee



STARS

Melvin Baker
Jack Balestreri
Jim Barry
Charlie Cajilig
Steven Cajilig
Rory Camp
Irene Carter
Cameron Carter
Noel Commins
Kerry Daly-Swarthout
Donny DeLeon
Wendy Dwyer
Vivian Erickson
Phyllis Gomez
Henry Gomez
Harmon Hallett
Dan Hirsch
Blair Horst
Barney Johnson
Robert Landis
Bette Landis
Al Laos
Lonnie Lawson
Dave Marvin
Jenny Mena-Werth
Jose Mena-Werth
Paloma Mena-Werth
Rosemary Mena-Werth
Jose Mendoza
Rosemary Mendoza
Mary Munier
Spencer Pekar
Lindbergh Porter
Trey Porter
Peter Rockwell
James Swarthout
Blaine Swarthout
Claire Swarthout
Vernon Wallace
Richard Webb
Angel Webb
Jerry Werthimer
Pat Werthimer
Nigel Woodford





THE PLANNING PROCESS

ENTRADA COURT LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

A few years ago the hazardous ancient pine trees circling the Entrada Court sundial were removed and new (Myoponun Laetum) trees installed. It is time to complete the project with a balance of shrubs and ground cover. The landscape restoration has begun and consists of two phases:

- 1) Upgrading irrigation to an automatic system, completed on Saturday, July 12.
- 2) Planting shrubs and ground cover.

Al Laos and his Parks & Gateways committee have been coordinating neighborhood suggestions and working with SLUG. **Noel Commins**, **Barney Johnson** and others worked with suppliers regarding the irrigation plan. In the past, lack of dependable irrigation has seriously hampered our attempts to keep the sundial plant life healthy.

In an effort to reduce costs, ITHA contacted the Department of Public Works Office of Environmental Services under the direction of neighbor **Melvin Baker**. We submitted our irrigation plan and materials invoice from the Urban Farmer Store, a competent establishment recommended by several landscape designers. To our delight we learned the City has a program for assisting neighborhoods in their beautification efforts.

The Office of Environmental Services agreed to pay for all the irrigation components if the neighborhood would do the installation. The work effort had professional supervision during installation. Over 40 volunteers did the installation in one day. This was an opportunity where neighbors made lasting improvements toward beautification. The effort will be recognized in Mayor Brown's City Beautification Plan. *History has been made!*

WATERING

We appreciate the help of **Dan Hirsch** on Entrada Court who offered to help with watering and general maintenance of the Sundial mini-park. Several of his neighbors also offered their support. With installation of the new sprinkler system Dan can hang up the old hose, but may be asked to monitor the new **solar-powered** timer!



INGLESIDE TERRACES REAL ESTATE

This has been an exciting year for San Francisco real estate. As everyone on the planet knows, prices are up and nice homes are selling quickly. We are pleased to report that Ingleside Terraces is participating in the trend.

As of early June, thirteen sales have closed this year, and five more are pending. Thus far, for the closed sales in 1997, the median (middle) sales price has been \$365,000, up more than 4% from last year's median of \$350,000. If we include the five pending sales, the projection is for an even higher median of \$383,500, nearly 10% higher than last year's figure.

This is good news, and it is confirmed by the very strong upward price activity in three bedroom homes. From 1993 to 1996, the average sales price for 3-bedroom

homes in our neighborhood held very steady in the \$335,000-\$340,000 range, and last year the median was \$335,500. This year, with four sales of 3-bedroom homes closed and two pending, the projected median is \$429,500. That is more than 28% above last year!

"... more than 28%
above last year!"

Many economic factors have contributed to the strong real estate market throughout the Bay Area this year. The best part of it all is that our own neighborhood is

considered very desirable and is attracting much interest from prospective buyers.

Ingleside Terraces residents Miko & Bob Mosher are both full-time Realtors at Mason-McDuffie Franciscan Properties. They are available at 664-9400 or 333-5626 to answer your questions about real estate.

Ed note: With such good news from the Moshers about the desirability of our neighborhood, let's keep it that way with more attention to lawns, gardens, etc. Many lawns in the Terraces have been neglected over recent years; this is a good time to remedy that. If you are interested in information about drought-resistant gardens, a good resource is the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG).

Also, see the Library article on Page 4 for news of a gardening program and an herb workshop.

STREET CIRCLE PROGRESS

Ingleside Terraces has been included in a pilot program with funding for five permanent street circles throughout the city. Fortunately for us, three of the circles will be installed in Ingleside Terraces, and the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) has offered two designs: a basic brick and stone bulmonite structure or a landscaped circle at about three times the cost.

Realizing that ITHA is highly interested in esthetics, the DPT proposed using available funds for one landscaped structure at the existing circle at Urbano (south) and Victoria. Temporary circles would be installed at the other two locations on Urbano (north) at Victoria and at Corona. Funding to convert the latter two circles might then be available next year. At the ITHA Board of Directors meeting on May 16, 1997, believing the esthetic issue was indeed significant to the majority of homeowners, the board voted in favor of landscaped circles and the City is proceeding with construction planning.

If you have any feedback or suggestions, please feel free to call **Jose Mendoza** at 553-9621 (work), or 584-3550 (home). Do you have any ideas on how to raise the necessary funds for landscaping? Should we use revenue reserves from homeowners dues to finance the project?

Jose E. Mendoza
Traffic and Safety Committee

August 21
Regular Meeting

September 18
Regular Meeting

October 16
Regular Meeting

October 25
Halloween Picnic

November 15
Annual Meeting

December 18
Caroling

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM **NERT**

NERT SPRING DRILL

The April 12 NERT Drill impressed upon all attendees at Marina Middle School that review and reinforcement of the training is very beneficial. Nearly 300 participants confronted scenarios with pale pseudo-victims, young and old, with glass embedded in various body parts, a teacher wondering what happened to her students, and **Annie**, a rubber dummy, under heavy timbers, etc.

We tried our rescue skills and then got helpful critique from the firemen instructors. Photographs were taken for the personal ID badges that have been sent to us. I was disappointed that so few of our NERT people participated in this review exercise. **Anton Lethin** has now put together a phone tree to assure better participation for the upcoming October Drill.

The next NERT training class starts on October 27 at Commodore Sloat School (50 Darien Way). The classes are Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, and December 1. Please call **Phyllis Gomez** at 333-5615 for information and the class schedule. We need you to take this training so our neighborhood will be better prepared for the next Big One!

The Emergency Response District for Ingleside Terraces is ERD 9 at Firehouse No. 15 located at 1000 Ocean at Phelan. Our designated treatment hospital is Seton Medical Center.

Phyllis Gomez
NERT Coordinator

A CALL for all NERT's

There is an emergency decal waiting for all those who have taken NERT classes. Please call **Phyllis Gomez** at 333-5615. Also, we need to review our manuals and meet in small groups for skill practice.

We, therefore, will gather on Sunday, September 28, at the home of **Betty and Barney Johnson**. This review of disaster preparedness and triage issues is important. Please RSVP at 584-5223.

ACS DRILL

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) held a citywide radio communications check on Saturday, July 19. Three of our own HAMS participated in the exercise: **Harmon Hallett** (WD6FAG), **Noel Commins** (KE6WER), and **Barney Johnson** (KE6UII). They worked the simplex frequency of 147.405 MHz for Emergency Response District (ERD) 9. Signal strength and clarity were evaluated in calls to Firehouse No. 15 at 1000 Ocean at Phelan.

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
UPS Shippers
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
POSTAL ANNEX, 2570 Ocean
AUTO 280, 1315 Ocean

HAVE YOUR CAKE ... and EAT IT TOO!

For those who want to support their neighborhood and are in quest of that perfect bakery, we have news! Old Timers will scoff when we announce that the **A-1 Bakery and Cafe**, on Ocean near the Chevron station, is an eclectic and unusual delight!

Prior to visiting the bakery/cafe, I had a piece of delicious layer cake with a light whipped cream frosting and fresh fruit. It was excellent! Had I not tasted their wares, I might have turned on heel after walking into this unusual cafe. Let's just say it ain't the Ritz - and I'm not the SF Chron's Michael Bauer. The birthday cake comes in a variety of flavors and the creamy icings with fresh fruit offer endless combinations; quality is high. Try the **A-1 Bakery Cafe** at 1727 Ocean Avenue (584-6923).

Kerry Daly-Swarthout
Food Reporter At Large

YOUR BOARD ... AT WORK!

Several neighbors contacted the ITHA Board to complain about the dire appearance of a home on Corona Street. For years, the homeowner had let the front yard and driveway become more than just an eyesore. Board members spent countless hours on the phone with City Hall officials attempting to correct the problem.

Anyone dealing with City Hall knows how tedious and time consuming this task can be. Finally, after a great deal of telephoning, inspecting, and conferring, the neighbor was formally encouraged to clean the yard full of junk accumulated through the years. A great job by the Board members.

Mission accomplished!

BOARD

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WE HAVE DESIGNS ON YOU!

Help! Are you a desktop publisher, or computer jockey, or Print Shop Deluxe dabbler? We need your help redesigning our membership appeal. **We need you.** Please call Kerry at 586-7371. Thanks!

GIVE GRAFFITI THE BRUSH OFF!

We are **all** sick and tired of the graffiti and tagging in easements, alleys, gateways, and on fences. Let's get together to eradicate these unsightly markings in the Terraces in the following way: 1) Call the City offices at 421-WASH to report graffiti as soon as you see it; and 2) Join our **Paint Out the Terraces** campaign. We are forming a patrol group to aid in promptly removing graffiti and tagging from our neighborhood. Write to ITHA Graffiti, P. O. Box 27304, San Francisco, CA 94127 or, ...

call **Irene Carter** at 334-0907.