THE SUNDIAL

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President's Letter

Many of my recent telephone calls and personal contacts in the terraces have been dominated by discussions on security and vandalism. Incidents have been reported on Moncada as well as various locations on Urbano. As has been previously mentioned in this column, it is very important that each of us show some concern and get involved by being aware and informed about those things that affect our quality of life.

Please report any suspicious activity to the authorities. Don't let carelessness, by not securing or removing valuables from vehicles, add you as a statistic. We all know that a little prevention saves frustration in the long run.

May I take this opportunity to express thanks to the following new attendees who provided input at recent ITHA Board of Directors meetings: ***Bill*** and ***Pam Ferrero***, ***Rudy Cook***, ***Becky DesRoches***, ***Cathie Lee***, ***Norma*** and ***Mel Tannenbaum***. All meetings are open to the public. Your input is welcomed. Please call and express your concerns.

The next ITHA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at 135 Corona Street. Further events include the annual Sundial picnic on September 17 and the All City Symphony Concert on September 21. This will be a busy month for ITHA.

Best regards,

Lonnie Lawson
President

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CONTINUED INTEREST in TREE PLANTING

For information on tree planting, please call neighbors ***Cathy Lee*** at 334-9068 or ***Jurate Raulinaitis*** at 585-0294. Friends of the Urban Forest can be reached at 543-5000 for details of the planting program for 2000

WELCOME WAGON

Home sales in the Terraces are monitored regularly to welcome new neighbors promptly. Some of our recent newcomers are at ...

135 Cerritos	115 De Soto
112 Corona	46 Lunado
185 Corona	149 Urbano
191 Corona	

If we have missed anyone, please call me at 585-7366.

Thanks to ***Michael and Sonya Kissinger***, who with their son ***Clayton*** and doggie ***Lightning,*** helped me deliver the welcoming goodies. Please call me if you can help deliver baked goods, copies of our latest newsletter, and a welcome card to our new neighbors!

Donny DeLeon
Welcome Wagon Chair

ALL SAN FRANCISCO CONCERT

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

Thursday, September 21, 2000
Davies Symphony Hall
8:00 P.M.
$10 per person

Wells Fargo, for twenty-one years, has generously funded this concert, enabling the residents of the City's diverse communities to assemble and enjoy the resonating sounds of the San Francisco Symphony.

The All San Francisco Concert is part of the Symphony's Gala Opening Week. The program will be conducted by Maestro Michael Tilson Thomas, Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony. The program features music by Mozart and Saint-Saëns and will conclude with Ravel's timeless *Boléro*.

This event is sure to be a sellout. We are purchasing a limited number of tickets now for resale to Association members. 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, to ***Bob Mosher*** at 170 Paloma Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127. Please send your check as soon as possible and make it payable to the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association.

We expect to receive the tickets from the Symphony in time to distribute them to you in early September. If you need to find out the status of your reservation, call Bob at 333-5626.

SUNDIAL UPDATE

A grant proposal will be submitted to San Francisco Beautiful. This proposal is requesting funding in the amount of $8,500 for masonry restoration and painting of all concrete structures in the minipark. An additional $5,000 is budgeted as a contribution from ITHA toward this project.

Initial review of the proposal and subsequent funding is scheduled for late September and early October of this year. Many thanks to neighbor ***Becky DesRoches*** for her help in preparing this proposal.

There is a continuing struggle to keep the grass mowed at the sundial. City cutbacks have made it more difficult to have regular maintenance performed. A private gardening service is being considered to take over this task.

Dan Hirsch
Sundial Committee

ITHA Presents ... INDIA BAZAAR

and American Bar-B-Q

Sunday, September 17, 2000
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Entrada Court Sundial

1:00 p.m. Start of the Official Chariot race around Entrada court. Bring your bicycles, tricycles,big wheels, strollers, and wagons decorated for the celebration.

2:00 p.m. ITHA will provide Bar-B-Q hamburgers, hot dogs, trimmings, and drinks.

Here is a chance to get to know your neighbors in a relaxed and festive atmosphere, complete with music and a glimpse of India!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For the **Pot Luck portion**, please bring dishes to share based on the initial of your last name ...
A-G Salads
H-N Vegetables
O-T Desserts
U-Z Appetizers

In keeping with the **India** theme, we're hoping to see such specialties as ...

- Samosa Pie - stuffed & deep fried savoury pastry
- Nan - bread from India
- Peanut herb & tropical dried fruit chutney
- Raita - cucumber yogurt salad
- Chupatis - Indian flat bread
- Popadums - rice chip wafers
- Your own specialty

RSVP! Your immediate response is very important. Please call Wendy at 239-5455. Or, return this form **ASAP** to Wendy Dwyer, 350 Urbano Drive. **Please Note:** All children must be accompanied by an adult!

☐ **Yes!** I am interested in attending the **India Bazaar** and **Bar-B-Q** on Sunday, September 17. I will be sharing the following **potluck item:** _____ . We will have ____ **persons attending**.

☐ **Yes!** I can **help with children's activities** by blowing up balloons and helping with face painting, puppet show, bean bag toss, and children's art table.

☐ **Yes!** I will help with ☐ **setup** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and/or ☐ **cleanup** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

☐ **Yes!** I will bring ☐ collapsible **tables** seating ___ people and ☐ an **ice chest** to help cool drinks and food.

☐ **Yes!** My children will be participating in the **parade**. **Names and ages of children**:

_____ , _____ , _____ . Please note: they all get ribbons!

Your Name: _____ **Phone Number**: _____

Address: _____

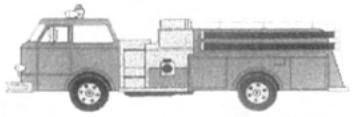
NERT ALERT

NEIGHBORHOOD
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
TEAM

FALL DRILL Our neighborhood NERT drill will be at our staging area at Junipero Serra and Mercedes on **Saturday, October 14**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will review the basic skills needed for response in case of a disaster.

TRAINING

SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT



The goal of the NERT program is to help the citizens of San Francisco be self sufficient in a major disaster by developing multi-function teams, cross trained in basic emergency skills. Individuals will learn hands-on disaster skills that will help them as members of an emergency response team.

The available classes last two to two-and-one-half hours and are free of charge for neighborhood groups. Following is the schedule for nearby classes. Please contact the Fire Department as soon as possible at 558-3456. Call ***Phyllis Gomez***, our local NERT coordinator, at 333-5615 for more details.

A **NEARBY CLASS** will be at the Phelan Campus of City College on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on October 16,23,30 and November 6,13, and 20. Registration can be accomplished by calling the NERT office at 558-3456.

A **SPECIAL CLASS** is scheduled for Commodore Sloat School on Wednesdays, September 20, 27, and October 4,11,18, and 26. The special time is from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. to help accommodate teachers and neighbors who prefer the afternoon. Please register by calling the NERT training office at 558-3456. It is urgent that pre-registration be done soon.

INGLESIDE TERRACES

REAL ESTATE

After a slowdown in the second half of 1999, a renewed buying frenzy and a shortage of inventory combined to drive home prices much higher in the San Francisco real estate market this spring. As of early July, ten homes closed sale in Ingleside Terraces in this new millennium. Thus far, the median (middle) sales price in our neighborhood was $881,500, up an incredible 61% compared to the same period last year, and up 66% over the full calendar year 1999.

Even more amazing, the median for larger (four or five bedroom) homes this year has been $1,300,000, up 108% from the same period last year.

Also interesting is that the median this year for three bedroom homes is $741,500, up 35% over the full calendar year 1999 and fully 54% higher than the $482,500 figure of the first half of last year.

While Ingleside Terraces homeowners may be cheered by the rising property values, this has been a very difficult market for prospective buyers. Most experts now predict a leveling-off period, with a better balance in the market between buyers and sellers.

This data is from Ingleside Terraces residents ***Miko & Bob Mosher.*** They are both realtors at Prudential California Realty's Franciscan Properties office on Portola Drive. They are available at 664-9400 or 333-5626 to answer your questions about real estate.

LOCAL GARDENERS MEET

A warm sunny afternoon was enjoyed by all at ***Gene*** and ***Albert***'s charming Corona Street home. Enjoying the fellowship were ***Cathie***, ***Donny***, ***Dave***, ***Thomasina***, ***Lonnie***, ***Maria***, and ***Esta***. After everyone settled in, the question was raised, "What is our group anyway?"

Cathie Lee **Donny DeLeon** **Dave Swanson**

The answer is a lightly structured gathering of those sharing a love of working the dirt. How involved in the community we want to be is up to each individual at this point. If a member is seeking help with a project, such as ***Cathie*** and the Friends of the Urban Forest, we should provide such a platform. However, a unified voice on any subject is not yet on our agenda. As for our meetings, it was suggested that a more formal first part be followed by a social second part. The formal first part would allow each member to introduce themselves and relate their gardening joys and pitfalls since the last meeting. If we want a guest speaker or demonstrations this would be the time.

Esta Cornfield

The second half would then allow the hosts to show their plant projects and seek advice from others. This would also be the time for everyone to get to know each other better and have a good time. Possible projects included getting a composting bin from Sunset Scavenger and signing up neighbors for trees from Friends of the Urban Forest. The highlight of the afternoon was a tour of ***Gene*** and ***Albert***'s colorfully varied and beautiful garden. The flowering succulents spilling out everywhere, the fire engine red of the roses, the poppies reaching for the sky, the spaciousness with intimacy all combined to create a wonderful calm.

Gene Coleman

Dave Swanson
Neighbor

ITHA MEETINGS

September 14
Regular Meeting

September 17
SUNDIAL PICNIC

September 21
S.F. SYMPHONY

October 14
NERT Drill

October 19
Regular Meeting

November 16
Regular Meeting

NOTE: Regular meetings normally are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except for July and August) and are open to all ITHA residents. The meetings are at the home of ***Lonnie Lawson*** (586-2808) and last for about one hour. Please call to schedule agenda items.

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GET YOUR RADIO LICENSE

Call the Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) at 703-6586 for information.

REVITALIZE OCEAN AVENUE

Your support is needed to help restore Ocean Avenue to a vibrant, neighborhood shopping area. ITHA is a member of the *Ocean Avenue Renaissance Committee* (OAR) that is working with the City to rejuvenate Ocean Avenue. A major design feature includes sidewalk bulb-outs (widening) that will improve pedestrian safety at intersections. These bulb-outs need approval by the *Transportation and Land Use Committee* (Supervisors Katz, Yaki and Yee) of the Board of Supervisors. August 22 is the date for Committee discussion and voting.

The intersection corner bulb-out is a recognized pedestrian safety design that shortens street crossing distances. The bulb-out extends the sidewalk into the parking lane without interfering with vehicle travel. It helps pedestrians, including school children and the elderly, safely cross the street. Examples of these bulb-outs, which are being used throughout the country can be found nearby on West Portal Avenue and Upper Market Street. The Ocean Avenue bulb-outs are endorsed by the two San Francisco pedestrian rights groups; the *S.F. Pedestrian Task Force*, and *Walk San Francisco*.

Concerns were expressed by some merchants that bulb-outs will take away parking spaces. In response, the City would add diagonal parking on side streets south of Ocean and maximize the number available on Ocean. The result would be an increase in parking spaces for the commercial area. In addition, the OAR is asking the City to add at least one off-street public parking lot to handle the anticipated increase in Ocean Avenue patronage. Despite more parking supply, some merchants are lobbying the Board of Supervisors to stop the bulb-outs claiming a reduction of parking.

With the street redesign, utility wire undergrounding, repaving, retracking, new street trees, and new ornamental streetlights, Ocean Avenue will truly be taking its first step toward a Renaissance. A safer, more pedestrian friendly atmosphere will enhance Ocean Avenue and the surrounding neighborhoods, including Ingleside Terraces.

Please write, e-mail, and/or call in your support for the Ocean Avenue project, and especially the bulb-outs. Contact the San Francisco Board of Supervisors at One Dr. Carlton D. Goodlet Jr. Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, Phone: 554-5184, Fax: 554-5163, and particularly to the Supervisors listed below:

Leslie Katz:	Leslie_Katz@ci.sf.ca.us - Phone: 554-5335; Fax: 554-5338
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Mabel Teng*:	Mabel_Teng@ci.sf.ca.us - Phone: 554-4981; Fax: 554-4985

* Sponsor of San Francisco's first pedestrian safety summit

If you can, please send a copy of your appeal to the Ocean Avenue Renaissance Committee, P.O. Box 27112, San Francisco, CA 94127.

Paul Conroy
President, WTPCC

The RAY-O-HAN

Boy Scout Troop 14 ventured into the wilderness east of Fresno for the Ray-O-Han hike in the high Sierra. The area near the middle fork of the Kings River at about 9,000 feet elevation offered one of the most difficult hikes I have ever attempted; 56 miles carrying 30 to 50 pound packs. We started on June 14 with clean bodies, stomachs full of good food, and the city aura.

Arriving in the Sierra, we were fresh with energy. To pass time when not hiking, we played card games, helped out around several campsites, and on one occasion bathed in the ice cold creek. We did major hiking each day except on two layover days. ***Mr. LaKamp*** always kept us focused, and ***Mr. Laws*** taught us about nature and gave us orienteering (map and compass) instruction. We encountered many problems on the Ray-O-Han. When the Troop took a wrong turn, ***Mr. Garven*** was smart enough to go the right way, and used all of his Boy Scout skills to find us again.

Some days we didn't have enough food, much less the right kind, but we kept on going, one dusty foot after the other. One particular day, we went fishing, and caught and hooked a total of 40 fish. We cleaned, cooked and ate fresh trout which helped on the food situation. That was a memorable experience.

A week later on June 21 we came back hungry, dirty, exhausted and permeated with the smell of the woods. Altogether, it was a very exciting hike which turned into an adventure.

By the time we reached the parking lot, most of us were exhausted, but overjoyed at the thought of pancakes swimming in butter with bacon, sausage and eggs. Overall, the trip was extraordinary and well worth the hardships. For those who missed it, adults included, come along next year. You won't regret it!

Cameron "Rock Skipper" Dwyer
Neighbor and 8th Grade Aptos Student

STAY ALERT ...

Editor: We just wanted to let you (and neighborhood readers) know of recent car break-in's in Ingleside Terraces centered around Entrada Court. A car was broken into in front of our Entrada Court home and a computer and other valuable items stolen. A car stereo was stolen from a vehicle across the street.

In light of this, we call upon all residents to take an active part in watching out for suspicious persons and in looking out for their neighbors. By taking community action, we can ensure that these unfortunate occurrences are eliminated from the neighborhood. Thank you.

Your Entrada Court friends and neighbors

Ed. Note: The general phone number for Police Department assistance is 553-0123 and for direct assistance from Taraval Station call 553-1612

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