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President's Letter – ITHA at Your Service

By Mark Scardina

This is a new year, and ITHA has a new Board with a few new officers. While Mike Moskowitz continues to be our secretary, I am taking over for Lonnie Lawson as president, Sandy Gandolfo is taking over from Norm Meunier as vice president and David Supan is coming on board to become Treasurer replacing Mary Meunier. As one of my first actions, I plan to continue this column on a regular basis. I've asked the Board members to introduce themselves briefly to you beginning in this issue. For my part, I am a 3rd-generation San Franciscan raised a stone's throw from here in the Sunnyside neighborhood. My family and I moved here in 2000 from the West Portal neighborhood as not only did we find the larger home we needed, but an area that was more family-friendly and park-like without losing the proximity to city services, transportation, and shopping.

Little did I realize that this park-like setting was something I would actually physically maintain. Landscaping and gardening are a passion of Lydia's, my better half, and it was not long before she joined the ITHA Board chairing the Landscaping committee. Shortly thereafter, I found myself managing, troubleshooting and repairing the Sundial Park sprinkler system and benches. When Lydia stepped down after 5 years due to her other volunteer responsibilities, it wasn't long before I was asked formally to participate. Now a year later here I am - I guess I never learned to step back fast enough! Humor aside, I am pleased to be taking the baton from Lonnie and Norman, who have so capably and selflessly led this association. I am especially pleased to have inherited a very talented and committed group whom I hope you will get to know as well as I have.

After being elected I began to ponder the mission of ITHA as we move into a new decade. As many of you are aware, while the neighborhood was opened 100 years ago this year, ITHA did

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not come into existence until 1938, when a group of neighbors wishing to preserve Joseph Leonard's original vision formed this association incorporating his vision into its articles and bylaws. These original documents set down the ITHA's purpose, and almost all still apply today. Eight responsibilities are spelled out, and it is quite interesting to compare the view from over 70 years ago with what the association is doing today and is planning for the future.

The Association's responsibilities begin with:

To promote the collective and individual property and civic interests and rights of all property owners and residences of Ingleside Terraces,

Upon close review, fulfilling this responsibility entails quite a few activities not only within the Terraces but encompasses area and city-wide ones as well. Key to the promotion of anything is the ability to communicate both among ourselves and with adjacent neighborhoods and their associations,

as well as with city organizations officials, and departments. I am pleased to report that much of the ITHA Board and several committees are already engaged in this activity with plans to expand in the near future.

To begin with, you are obviously reading the result of our Newsletter Committee's effort, newly chaired by Linda McGilvray. The ITHA newsletter has been published throughout ITHA's decades of existence, most recently through the efforts of Sue Barnett, Elaine Mannon, and Barney and Betty Johnson. Plans are underway to publish several times a year, bringing you the latest information along with interesting and compelling articles from past issues.

ITHA has also found the Internet thanks largely to Bob Karis who not only set up our website at www.itha.org, but created an association email and announcement list at Terraces@googlegroups.com. This not only allows us to communicate timely matters instantly, but is a great resource for neighbor-to-neighbor communications. If you are not

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Regular monthly meetings of the ITHA are held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of each month, January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October, No regular meetings are scheduled for July, August, November, or December. Location is the Catholic Charities CYO-OMI Senior Center, 1948 Ocean Ave. at Fairfield Way, and all Terraces residents are welcome.

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NERT Ingleside Terraces 2010 Challenge

Make a difference for your city, your neighborhood, your family and yourself.

By JoAnn Tracht-Rawson

Have you ever thought our good luck and time to prepare for a serious earthquake may be coming to an end? Wishing, hoping, and even praying, just might not keep the tremor at bay. What is more, the San Francisco Fire Department reports, because of limited resources, we should not expect their services for several days after an emergency.

To compensate for this known inadequacy we have our NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) in Ingleside Terraces. We are fortunate that for over 20 years the San Francisco Fire Department has offered free training for any resident to help him or her prepare, protect, and help others in the event of an earthquake.

You can become NERT trained by taking six FREE CLASSES. There are stories about how two individuals trained by NERT/CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team outside of SF) helped in Haiti after the recent earthquake. One of them triaged over 300 people.

We are lucky to have an active NERT team in the Terraces, but we need more trained NERTs; the more we have, the better prepared our neighborhood will be to mobilize in case of disaster. Most important, the classes will help you and your family be prepared for that disaster, and that is vital.

The Terraces are one of the few neighborhoods that have a supply cache (supplies and tools). This year we hope to increase our supplies. We need your help to make this happen. Here are some of the items we are trying to add to our cache: a portable plastic container (a cooler would do) for tools, a collapsible shovel, knee pads, a non-contact voltage detector and a map of all surrounding neighborhoods. If you have any of these items to contribute or would like to contribute money to help buy them, or would like to sign up for the FREE CLASSES, contact JoAnn Tracht-Rawson at 415-806-8904 or by email me at joann-r at comcast.net.

More information on NERT activities and training can be found at <http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=859>

Inside Scoop on Life in the Terraces

Everyone is invited to join the Ingleside Terraces e-mail discussion group described at www.itha.org/email.html. Members discuss topics ranging from local events to crime, schools, and gardening. Please also visit our website www.itha.org and take a look at our "Then and Now" photographs www.sfog.us/homes/index.htm.

Try our new Ning, <http://terraces.ning.com>. It's a user-generated website, a place to add notices of events of local interest, blogs, music, photos, start groups, etc. It's off to a good start. Sign up or email Robert Karis (rckaris at gmail.com) to join and then add your own content and invite more members.

The Ning is intended to supplement our www.itha.org website and our email groups. Our email groups are private, restricted to Ingleside Terraces, ads are not welcomed. The Ning content is public, it would be great to have "friends of Ingleside Terraces" as members, and information about or from local businesses is welcomed.

Police Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 553-0123

Anonymous tip line: 242-9753

Drug activity: 1-800-CRACKIT (272-2548)

Any city agency: 311

Emergency: 911 (911 from a cell phone goes to the CHP)

Dial directly to SFPD emergency dispatch: 553-8090 (use for cell phones in the City, unless you are on interstate 280 or the freeway portion of 101)

Dog Control

It's hard to believe that anyone needs reminding about cleaning up after their dog, but complaints continue. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the neighborhood and carry a plastic bag to pick up after your dog. While out for walks please keep dogs leashed. Violators can be cited if reported to the police.



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already a member, please visit our website for sign-up instructions. I will be working closely with Bob and members of our newly formed Communications Committee to expand these services in the coming months. Should you wish to communicate to the ITHA Board directly, we also have an email address - ITHASF at gmail.com.

We also have been involved directly with our community. Paul Conroy has been our representative to the West of Twin Peaks Central Council for many years, reporting monthly at our Board meetings and bringing our feedback to our neighboring associations. At each Board meeting, to which anyone is invited, we regularly have community presentations as well as regular interactions with our District 7 Supervisor, Sean Elsbernd, and a representative from the Taraval Police station. In addition, our longtime Board member and previous VP, Norman Meunier, has just been appointed to a special SF neighborhood committee created by Capt. Gascon to bring ITHA concerns to the SFPD. More on this new activity will be forthcoming.

Finally, we very concerned with preserving the rights of our property owners and residents. As the City moves toward higher density housing and multi-tenant dwellings, neighborhoods such as ours are threatened. For years the Board has monitored building activity through our Construction Committee chaired by Norman. Two years ago we created a Design Review Committee led by Suzanne McDonnell to initiate a process to codify our neighborhood's unique character into the SF Planning and Building Code. Even as we attempt to preserve what we have within the Terraces, major changes are occurring in the 19th Avenue and Ocean Avenue corridors that we must monitor and on which we must provide feedback. We ask for your input on these issues to insure that your civic interests and property rights are preserved.

ITHA'S Annual Sundial Picnic

By Felton L. White

Thanks to the fierce dedication and hard work of its many sponsors and volunteers, the September 27th ITHA Annual Picnic at the sundial was a howling success!

Neighbors and their children from all around the Terraces, bearing dishes of food, fruits and salads, congregated at the sundial to meet, greet and enjoy the festivities together.

Those festivities proved to be magnificent. The children's program consisted of balloon blowing, face painting and chariot (bicycle) racing, while the adults socialized and swayed to the music of Nikolai Massenkoff and Becky and Dave DesRoches. Their musical recitations were, in a word, GREAT! Many in the crowd could be seen swaying and singing along to the rhythm of the music. Some even broke out in dance. Mrs. Massenkoff did a mean Russian folk dance that caught nearly everyone's attention. She seems quite an accomplished dancer in her own right!

Congratulations, Mrs. Massenkoff! We will all look forward to a repeat performance this time next year. It appears that everybody enjoyed their afternoon picnic outing at the sundial park.

So, let us make this a Terraces tradition of families meeting other Terraces families for mutual, social festivities. A hearty thanks to all of you for your participation in this year's event.

Over the coming issues, I plan to cover the other responsibilities, and I hope, illustrate how the association is working to fulfill each one, as well as how we can use your help as we begin the Terraces next 100 years.



Photos from the ITHA Annual Picnic

Photos by Barney Johnson
and Jason Winshell

Ocean Avenue Retail Corridor's Community Benefit District

By Ling Liang

The Ocean Avenue Retail Corridor is a diverse coalition of neighborhood residents, merchants and other stakeholders that are all committed to seeing Ocean become an even more vibrant, clean, safe, welcoming and thriving place in which to eat, spend time and shop. They understand that partnering with the City and other potential funders of commercial corridor revitalization is much more possible when there is a high degree of organization and a common voice that represents the interests of a wide cross-section of the neighborhood's community members.

A CBD is a special type of property assessment used to improve a specific area. The services provided are above and beyond the baseline services provided by the City. The Ocean Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (OARC) has been pursuing a CBD for the Ocean Avenue Commercial Corridor.

As of November 12, 2009, the OARC received 84 surveys from Ocean Avenue merchants, property owners, residents, students, and shoppers. Below are some of our survey results. Starting in February of 2010, proposed CBD assessments will be sent to Ocean Avenue commercial property owners. Petitions to get the Ocean Avenue CBD on ballot will also be sent out to commercial property owners.

Survey Results

Based on the 84 surveys collected, we found that:

- 77% of those surveyed are positive towards the CBD concept
- 74% of the merchant and property owners think a CBD will make Ocean Avenue more appealing and improve the business environment
- 61% of the merchant and property owners would sign a petition to support a CBD on Ocean Avenue

We also asked surveyees to rank the services they would like a CBD to provide.

The services that had the highest rankings in order are:

- graffiti removal
- sidewalk and gutter sweeping



- safety issues (personal, business, property)
- sidewalk steam cleaning

The Ocean Avenue CBD plan proposes to offer 5 days of sidewalk and gutter sweeping, graffiti removal within 24 hours, monthly steam cleanings, and a new committee to address safety concerns.

You can contact Dolly Sithounnolot at (415) 375-2265 or dolly.oarc@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding the CBD or other program activities that OARC provides.

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming events in Ingleside Terraces



Spring Fling Garage Sale: Saturday, May 15
(See form on back page!)

Annual Picnic: Sunday, September 26

Annual Meeting: Saturday, November 13

Christmas Caroling: Sunday, December 19

Thank you to those who have paid their ITHA membership dues. Your dues support the association's care of the open spaces/parks, the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team, the annual picnic, the garage sale, the printing and mailing of the newsletter and more. The Board of Directors goes to great effort to ensure the quality of life of all Terraces homeowners.

From the Taraval Police District

from Capt. Denise Schmitt

The SFPD and San Francisco SAFE want to help reduce the chance of vehicle break-ins.

Here are some tips to minimize the chance of being targeted:

- ❑ Don't leave ANY personal or valuable item inside a vehicle.
- ❑ Don't leave ANY valuable item in plain view inside a vehicle.
- ❑ Lock all valuables inside the trunk before arriving at your destination.
- ❑ Leave doors locked and windows up.
- ❑ Use anti-theft devices like "The Club" or an alarm system.
- ❑ Don't leave removable stereo systems and/or GPS mapping devices - dash or windshield mounted - in your vehicle.
- ❑ Call 9-1-1 (553-8090 for cellular phones) if you see someone tampering with a vehicle.

Report break-ins and thefts to the San Francisco Police Department at 553-0123, at any district police station, or online at www.sf-police.org. The new Taraval district website is www.Taraval.org. Check it out for the latest news.

The SFPD has identified a recent trend of electronic devices robberies on Muni.

Passengers using iPhones and laptop computers on Muni vehicles are being targeted. Also being targeted are people using these devices while waiting for Muni vehicles at Muni coach stops, bus shelters, and light rail vehicle platforms.

Passengers are reminded to be aware of their surroundings while traveling on Muni. Suspects prey on victims using these devices knowing they are distracted while texting or listening to music on PDAs, using laptops, and talking on cellular phones. Passengers should be careful to limit the use of these devices and always be aware of other passengers on the vehicle.

If a passenger notices anything suspicious, the person should call the Muni complaint line, 923-6164. For emergencies or for crimes in progress, call 9-1-1 (553-8090 for cellular phones), and for non-emergencies, 553-0123.

Additional personal safety tips are available from San Francisco Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE), 553-1984, or www.sfsafe.org.

When on the street, be alert & pay attention to your surroundings at all times. Walk with confidence & purpose.

A handbag or bookbag with a strap should not be worn across the body. It should be carried under the arm & released if grabbed. This will prevent your body from being pulled to the ground.

Have your cell phone easily accessible in case you need to call 553-8090 (SFPD emergency). Keep your cell phone fully charged at all times.

Let another person know where you are going & your expected time of return.

There is safety in numbers. Make every effort to walk with others when leaving a location. Walk in well-traveled, well-lighted streets. Do not take short-cuts through parking lots or alleyways.

Digital music players are a common target of thieves & robbers. Be wise about where you choose to use them when in public. Wearing headphones & ear buds greatly reduces your ability to hear & distracts you from potential danger.

San Francisco SAFE for ITHA Neighborhood

Encourage those you know to start a Neighborhood or Business Watch program or to work on a creative community project. SAFE is here to help. Acting as a guide and a support, our experts can assist individuals and neighborhoods to identify issues and access the resources needed to problem solve effectively.

To receive information about our neighborhood watch groups, join the ITHA email groups: go to www.itha.org/email.html or email rckaris@gmail.com.

The Centennial of the Terraces is only a year away. Donna Howe is spearheading a Community Celebration Committee. To assist with this contact Donna at 333-5550.

Spring Fling Garage Sale

Saturday, May 15, 2010 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

All neighbors in Ingleside Terraces are invited to open their garage doors for the sale. Publicity, courtesy of ITHA, will be placed in local classified sections.

Take advantage of this great money-making event!

Last Name _____ Phone _____
(Name will not be printed on map)

Address for map _____

☐ Yes, I will be participating. I will offer items in the following 3 categories:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

☐ Yes, I will help distribute publicity flyers and hang posters and banners the week of the event.

*Please fill out this form and return to Wendy Dwyer, 350 Urbano Dr., SF, CA 94127
by May 1. For more information call Wendy @ 706-0549 or email her at hairnetw at hotmail.com
There's a suggested donation of \$20. per household participating to support ITHA. Thanks.*

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