

## MIDTOWN TERRACE HOA

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\*\*\* New Website Address\*\*\* [www.midownterrace.org](http://www.midownterrace.org)

### NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer, 2011

#### **YEAR 2011 BOARD**

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George Wooding  
Susan Keeney  
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Keith Koller  
Niall Baxter  
Terry Thompson

#### **Support Volunteers**

Gilbert De La Mora  
George Linn (*West of  
Twin Peaks Council  
Liaison*)  
Brian McDermott  
Rex Bell

#### **Architectural**

##### **Committee**

George Wooding  
Susan Keeney

#### **Newsletter**

Brian McDermott

#### **GREETINGS...**

...from the 2011 Midtown Terrace HOA Board of Directors!  
The Association held its annual membership meeting in February, and elected officers to the 2011 Board of Directors. Many of the previous Directors have returned for another year of service to our neighborhood. Two new additions to the Board are Terry Thompson and Niall Baxter, both of whom bring great enthusiasm to the Board. We welcome them and thank them for stepping up.

It seems strange to talk about the summer block party already, but we are planing to hold this event on the last Sunday in September, on Dellbrook. We will send out a reminder 2-3 weeks before the party. This event grows each year, as more and more families discover what a great opportunity this event provides for interaction with neighbors whom they might not know yet. The number of children who attend increases each year also. This is a great venue for your children to play with each other, make new friends, and get out an enjoy some sun, fresh air and fun right here in our own safe and quiet neighborhood.

The Board would like to recognize two volunteers who have always been critical to the success of our organization...Mr. Gilbert DeLaMora and Mr. George Linn. While neither of them actually serves on the Board, they both volunteer significant amounts of time to various committees and operations that are important to the Board.

Thank You!

**Please note that we have a new MTHOA website. The address is [www.midownterrace.org](http://www.midownterrace.org). The site is still being built out, but there is a place on the site to join our Midtown Terrace Yahoo group, which I strongly urge everyone to do. It's a great place to catch up on neighborhood news in between newsletters.**

**COME TO THE**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**ON APRIL 23**

*After the great success of our Dellbrook Avenue Halloween Night, we have decided to put on another holiday event for children. The first annual Midtown Terrace Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23, between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. at Midtown Terrace Playground. We welcome all families in the Terrace to join the fun.*

*Because the men and women at our local fire station have been such supporters of our Block Party and Halloween Night, we are also inviting their families to come to the party.*

*The festivities will start with an art table where children can decorate their own Easter Bunny bags to collect eggs. Of course, children may want to bring their own baskets to gather eggs.*

*The egg hunt starts promptly at 2:30. Children under five will have their own area to look for eggs.*

*Other activities will be traditional egg roll races, story time with all the favorite bunny books, and best of all, a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! Refreshments will be served.*

*We still need volunteers to assist on the day of the event. If you'd like to help set up, hide eggs, work at the art table, read stories, serve refreshments, or be an Easter Bunny assistant (making sure all little hunters find some eggs) please fill in the form at*

*<http://midtownterrace.org/eggroll.html> .*

*Come, have fun, meet your neighbors, and munch on carrots and cupcakes!*

**YAHOO GROUPS**

**Midtown Terrace Website and Yahoo Group**

To improve communications within our neighborhood, and between the Board and homeowners, the MTHOA

board has now set up a new website. We are also attempting to re-invigorate a Yahoo Group for Midtown Terrace that has been in existence for a few years but has had minimal participation. The website is new, and content, for the moment, is limited, but we will flesh it out over the next few months. Meanwhile, we invite you to visit it and let us know what information you would like to see on it. The new website address is **<http://midtownterrace.org>**. (Those who like shorter web addresses can also use **[bit.ly/midtown94131](http://bit.ly/midtown94131)**. As you know, that number is our zip code.) While you are visiting the website, please consider also signing up for our Yahoo group. There is a form on the front page of the website that will help you sign up.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP**

*The appearance of our neighborhood reflects the pride we have as residents and home owners of Midtown Terrace. It also impacts our property values. To help maintain and improve the neighborhood's appearance, a group of residents is planning a cleanup of the Twin Peaks Blvd. entrance.*

*The cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 30 between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include removing graffiti, picking up litter and debris, and pulling weeds. We will meet at Panorama and Twin Peaks Blvd. Tools and equipment will be on-hand, but feel free to bring shovels, rakes, gloves, and garbage bags. This is a great way to get to know some of your neighbors and to help make our neighborhood even more beautiful.*

*If you're interested in joining us, please contact Rex Bell by using the contact form at <http://www.midtownterrace.org/contactus.html>.*

**KEEPING UP APPEARANCES!**

As the real estate market continues to fluctuate, it is imperative that we keep our homes looking great, in order to keep our neighborhood desirable. While not everyone can paint their house, or make significant improvements to enhance its appearance; pulling weeds, trimming bushes, cleaning up stray newspapers, etc. doesn't cost a thing and it increases curb appeal. And remember, the SF Board of Supervisors enacted ordinance (179-06), a few years ago, requiring all trashcans to be kept out of sight. Trashcans must be kept in your garage, or behind a fence that screens them from view. The phone number to call to report unsightly trash is 28-CLEAN.

**ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE**

Our Association has an Architectural Committee to assist in the preservation of the original character of this charming neighborhood. If you are planning to change the design of house, you are required to submit the plans to the Association for review.

We also want to be sure that the backyards are clear of debris during the upcoming fire season. We had a tremendous amount of rain this year, and the result will be a bumper crop of weeds. Please be sure the greenbelt behind your home is maintained in such as way as to minimize fire danger.

**MID-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE**

*If you plan to remodel, please call or e-mail the Association if there are any original 50's era architectural details you might be eliminating that other homeowners might like to salvage.*

**BLOCK PARTY 2011 – Save the Date!**

*The Annual Block Party will be held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 – 4:00 on the first block of Dellbrook, at Olympia.*

*Last year we had face painters for the kids, a jump-for-fun house, tons of food, gift bags for everyone, a fire engine for the kids to climb on, from the Fire Station next door, and lots of great friends and neighbors enjoying the beautiful day, and each others company. Don't miss it.*

**MIDTOWN TERRACE BYLAWS**

The Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association bylaws will be posted on our website, [www.midtownterrace.org](http://www.midtownterrace.org) within the next few weeks. If you do not have computer access, please call the Association and leave us a message with your name and address, and we will get a copy to you.

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL****NOISE**

A number of residents on Dellbrook have reported noise coming from heating and cooling equipment that was installed at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) during construction of the new building.

Terry Thompson, a resident of Dellbrook, has been working with LHH to identify the noise, and find a way to mitigate this problem. At this time, Terry is continuing to pursue a resolution to this problem.

**THAT'S ALL FOR NOW!**