

Your MTHOA

Newsletter

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A Message From the Board

As you've read in previous newsletters, we love our neighborhood. It truly is unique. We continue to marvel at the fact that it's located in the geographic heart of a densely populated World Class city, and yet it has the atmosphere of a small town. Let us remind you that we are within walking distance of miles of hiking trails, which includes the Twin Peaks Portola trail that was just completed in October. We are hoping you were able to get out and discover it during these past weeks of beautiful Fall weather.

In this newsletter you will find a number of articles describing recent or upcoming events in Midtown Terrace.

Accompanying this bulletin, you will find an envelope asking you to submit the very modest annual dues that you are required to pay as a member of the Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association.



Another Great MTHOA Block Party

Warm weather, the enticing aroma of barbecued burgers, sausages and hotdogs, and a variety of drinks and refreshments,...plus friendly neighbors....were all important ingredients for another successful block party held on Sunday, September 29th.

Entertainment for the younger crowd included face painting, drawings by a caricaturist, two bouncing houses, and a clown entertainer. Special thanks to the Board Members and to the BBQ Chef, Brooke Shields for the planning and execution of this enjoyable annual event.

Save these dates – Midtown Terrace Events!

Annual Holiday Dinner

Sun. Dec. 8, 2013

Continuing a neighborhood tradition, MTHOA will be sponsoring the Holiday Dinner, Sunday December 8, 2013, 5-9pm at City Forest Lodge, 254 Laguna Honda Blvd. Seats can be reserved using the form accompanying this newsletter.

Annual Members' Meeting/Election

Tue. Feb 11, 2014

It's time to elect officers to serve on the MTHOA Board of Directors. New members are welcome to join the board. All neighbors are encouraged to attend. Meeting is at 7pm at the City Forest Lodge at 254 Laguna Honda Blvd.

Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt & Party

Sat. April 19, 2014

Sponsored by MTHOA. Details to come soon.

Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale

May 2014

Sponsored by MTHOA. Details to come soon.

Why is paying your MTHOA homeowner's dues so important?

We really ask that you pay your annual dues payment of \$18 dollars as soon as possible, so that we may continue to sponsor the community events enjoyed by many of our neighbors.

The MTHOA is trying very hard to keep our neighborhood a wonderful and unique community. With the help of neighborhood volunteers and your dues payments, the MTHOA has been able to sponsor Easter Egg hunts, Halloween walks, garage sales, Christmas Dinners and of course---our annual MTHOA block party. Additionally, the MTHOA maintains a website, email list, Directors and Officers insurance, prints three newsletters a year and sends out several event notification fliers.

MTHOA also provides a voice for our neighborhood's interests and concerns. Over the years, for example, the Association played a key role in obtaining a neighborhood park at Clarendon and Olympia, a fire station, and a traffic signal at Portola and Twin Peaks. This year we have been working with the PUC to minimize the disruption caused by the Sutro Reservoir renovation and to assure that appropriate landscaping is done upon its completion.

We live in a great neighborhood----let's keep it that way by seeing how far we can stretch your \$18 dollar annual dues payments. Please pay your annual \$18 dues payment!

A Message from the Board, Continued

You will also find that our Annual Meeting for 2014 has been scheduled for February 11, 2014 at 7pm with a proxy for you to return if you're not able to come to the meeting. However, we encourage you to plan to come to the annual meeting, where you may meet your neighbors and welcome our new residents to the neighborhood.

MTHOA continues to serve an important role in enhancing, protecting and advancing the interests of our neighborhood. So we urge you to promptly and cheerfully return the enclosed envelope with your modest annual dues assessment, and finally, we look forward to seeing you at the holiday dinner.

See the included insert in this newsletter for instructions on buying tickets to the holiday dinner.

Sutro Reservoir Rehabilitation Update

The seismic upgrade of the Sutro Reservoir is proceeding on schedule, and the retrofit of the west basin is completed and refilled. The construction included work to bolster the roof, reinforce the walls, put in new reservoir liner, and install a new electrical system.

Also, included are new moment frames to resist earthquake forces as their beams and columns bend in response to a seismic event.

The east basin will be upgraded in the same way. Work on the east basin is scheduled to start in late November.

The 60-year-old two-basin reservoir is the third largest in the City. Its rehabilitation will enable it to withstand a major earthquake or other disaster, improving the reliability of the entire City's drinking water supply.

Should you have any questions regarding the Sutro Reservoir project, please contact Michele Liapses at the SFPUC (415) 554-3211.

A boo-tiful holiday tradition glows in Midtown Terrace



Halloween is becoming more and more festive each year in Midtown Terrace. A few years ago, Midtown Terrace began a new tradition of celebrating Halloween on the Dellbrook Horseshoe (which are the houses

in the 0-300 block) and on Olympia between the horseshoe ends. This tradition has grown each year and this past October was no exception. The sidewalks were full of ghosts, vampires, princesses, and, unfortunately, even a Miley Cyrus or two. More houses than ever on the Dellbrook Horseshoe participated this year and the Association would like to thank them all. More importantly, we want to thank all of the parents and kids from all over Midtown Terrace who came down to the flatlands to participate. It was truly a neighborhood event.

The area was chosen originally because it provides a very defined area and mostly flat area where parents could bring their kids and feel safe as we return to the original Halloween of many of our youths.

Many of the houses where outside stairs were an issue chose to open their garage doors and set up a table so the kids could easily Trick-or-Treat safely. This was much appreciated by many parents and guardians.

We encourage even more houses to participate next year as it was truly a highlight for our neighborhood.



Laguna Honda Hospital update

The Department of Public Health (DPH) tried to privatize the Health Department's outpatient dialysis center at SFGH by outsourcing it to a private company that would be required to build it out in a current "shell" in Laguna Honda Hospital's (LHH) old, and questionably seismically-safe, buildings. Approximately 30 dialysis stations were to be set-up at LHH. The plan was cancelled in mid-October when it was deemed to be poorly planned by city government.

LHH received 50 fruit trees last year after San Francisco citizens cast votes to help LHH win a national contest sponsored by Dreyer's fruit bars. The trees are now thriving. The MTHOA is now working with LHH to plan and build a community garden in 2014.

The LHH noise problems have been greatly reduced. LHH has been working well with the MTHOA neighbors to let them know when alarms need to be tested.

2013 MTHOA Board Members

Niall Baxter
Joe Humphreys
Rick Johnson
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Don't forget to attend the 2014 Annual Association Meeting! Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7pm at Forest Hills Clubhouse.

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Midtown Terrace Resident

*Have you paid your 2014 HOA dues of \$18 yet?
If not, please put it on your To Do list today!*