

Your MTHOA

Newsletter



MTHOA-Sponsored Spring “Eggstravaganza” Wrap-Up

The Midtown Terrace Annual Spring “Eggstravaganza” was a great success. It took place at the Midtown Terrace Playground on April 19th and was attended by a large number of neighborhood families. Many adorable children decorated their Easter bags with colorful cutouts, markers and ribbons in the clubhouse. The Easter bunny came and was a big hit with all ages. Cameras and phones were clicking all afternoon! Then came the much anticipated egg hunt, the kids were excited to find the hundreds of eggs hidden in the grass, bushes and trees. Bigger kids “shared” with little ones! After snacks and drinks everyone gathered in the clubhouse for a performance by “Goofball” the magician/clown. Shrieks of delight filled the house as goofball performed his tricks.

We thank our MTHOA current board members; Rick Johnson, George Wooding, Carolyn Dillon, Evernease McKnight, Gertrude Kin, Denise Le Biavant. Joe Humphreys and David McAdams for planning, advertising, setting up and volunteering to make this event a success. Thank you also to all other volunteers who lent a hand with snacks, set up and clean up. We look forward to next year’s event.

Our Garage Sale Success

On Saturday, August 2nd, the Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association sponsored a neighborhood wide garage sale. Dozens of homes participated and everyone seemed very pleased with the results. A few residents mentioned that they might like to have two garage sales each year, perhaps in April and October. What are your thoughts? Please let us know at mthoa@midtownterrace.org.



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Each year the Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association sponsors a number of events that help foster and maintain a sense of community among us. In April, we had an enjoyable Easter Egg hunt, and our August 2nd Garage Sale saw nearly 30 homes throughout Midtown Terrace participating. But there is more to come over the next few months. Be sure to put these events in your calendar:

Save These Dates!

Block Party

Sun. Sept. 28

This annual end of Summer event lets us get to know each other while we enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and more. For kids, there are jumpy houses, face painting, and more activities. The highlight: the Fire Department pays a visit with the always fascinating Engine 20.

Date: Sunday, September 28
Location: Dellbrook at Olympia
Time: Noon – 4 pm

Trick-Or-Treat

Fri. Oct. 31

On Halloween, the costumed children of our neighborhood find numerous welcoming homes to visit on Dellbrook and Olympia, where they can safely and happily carry out the traditional task of asking for and receiving goodies from the participating houses.

Date: Friday, October 31
Location: Olympia Way and Dellbrook Horseshoe
Time: 6 – 8 pm

Holiday Dinner

Sun. Dec. 14

As each year ends, we celebrate the holiday season with a delicious dinner, great conversation, activities for the children and a visit from Santa Claus and more. Watch for the flyer and reservation form in late November.

Date: Sunday, December 14
Location: City Forest Lodge
Time: 5 – 8 pm.

Annual Meeting and Election

Wed. Feb. 11, 2015

Each year, Midtown Terrace homeowners hold a general meeting at which we elect the Association's board for the new year and provide our members with an opportunity to ask questions and express their views on issues affecting our community. We often also have a speaker who provides information important to our neighborhood. We hope to hold the next meeting at the Midtown Terrace Playground rec center to make it more convenient to attend.

Date: Wednesday, February 11 **Location:** Midtown Terrace Rec Center **Time:** 6 – 8 pm.

Your Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association

Sponsoring these annual events is an important part, but only a part, of what the Midtown Terrace Home Owners Association does on behalf of our community. We maintain a website at www.midtownterrace.org and manage a Midtown Neighbors Yahoo Group as a means of communications to keep the neighborhood posted on events and matters of concern. When issues affecting Midtown Terrace arise, the Association strives to facilitate discussion of these issues and communicates concerns of the community to the appropriate agencies and officials. All of this is accomplished with a very modest level of dues amounting to less than a nickel a day per household and a much less modest amount of volunteer effort on the part of many individuals in the community. If you would like to help out with any (or all) of the activities listed above or in any other way, please feel free to let the Board know.

Status Report of the Sutro Reservoir Renovation: A Report from Project Management

The good news is that the project is on schedule and will reach substantial completion before the year-end holidays. Also, the crews are beginning to cover the south side basin where we are working to strengthen the roof. This will help minimize the noise. However, this process will take another six weeks at least to fully complete.

The project does monitor the decibel levels of noise and the crew is within the allowable limits. Nonetheless, I am certain the noise reverberates up the hillside. Your typical generator blanket or noise muffler doesn't help in this case because we have the entire roof exposed and the work is all around the inside of the basin. If we could do more to contain the

noise from wafting up the hillside we would.

As for Saturday work, they are authorized to do so under City code however, we did not believe it would require this many Saturdays when the project began. This issue is sandblasting, which needs to be done without other work going on. Thus, major hardening activities take place during the week and the sandblasting is limited to Saturday.

I did broach the subject of starting an hour later on Saturday and will explore this further. Maybe that would give the neighbors a bit of a break. However, the noise will start to subside given where we are in the schedule—with less than six months to go—much of the really heavy work is completed.

Update on Sutro Tower's Annual Maintenance

Sutro Tower is inspected annually and maintenance work is performed each spring and summer to protect the Tower from corrosion caused by fog, wind, sun and rain. Specially trained tower maintenance workers replace bolts or scrape away rust and re-paint the scraped areas on one of the Tower's three legs and facings each year, thus covering the entire tower over three years before starting over.

Each decade the work includes additional maintenance on deeper, interior elements of the tower: workers remove the skin of the beams on the horizontal levels and replace elements as needed. In 2013 and 2014 the additional maintenance occurred on Levels 2 and 3, the horizontal levels closest to the ground, so the work was more noticeable for neighbors. After consultations with Midtown Terrace residents this spring, Sutro Tower instructed its maintenance workers to use their heavier (i.e. louder) tools, such as power guns and scrapers, only when absolutely necessary for work that

could not be accomplished with lighter tools such as powered wire brushes, and not until after 8 a.m., though this extended the overall timespan of maintenance projects.

Work on the interior of Level 4 will take place next summer. Neighborhood Liaisons from Midtown Terrace and two other neighborhood associations in the area came to Sutro Tower in May to get a full briefing from the Tower's structural engineer on maintenance issues. All maintenance work is reported to the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection and posted online at

www.sutrotower.com/safety-reports/.

Maintenance workers weren't the only people to go up Sutro Tower this summer. A camera crew and a physicist from the Exploratorium museum explored the Tower from the generators in the basement to the catwalk at Level 6 for a segment about Sutro on their "Science in the City" series.

2014 MTHOA Board Members

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NEW! Midtown Terrace T-Shirt!

They are available in S, M, L, XL, XXL and cost \$20.00. Checks should be sent to the MTHOA, P.O. Box 31097, SF CA 94131. Include your size, please. Shirts will be available for pick up at the Block Party or will be delivered to your home if they are not picked up at party.

Questions? Contact us at: mthoa@midtownterrace.org or via our website: www.midtownterrace.org

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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!