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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 St. Francis Episcopal Church, 399 San Fernando Way, and all Terraces residents are welcome.

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President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

The summer of 2012 is upon us as we prepare to celebrate the centennial of Ingleside Terraces. It was the summer of 1912 that our first homes were occupied in this residential park envisioned and developed by Joseph A. Leonard and his Urban Realty Improvement Company. Fittingly, we will celebrate this event at our Annual Sundial Picnic on Sunday, September 30th from noon to 3pm. I would like to encourage everyone to attend with their families, appetites, and good cheer!

You may have also heard of another IT centennial project – the publication of a book detailing in words and great pictures the history of our neighborhood from the original native americans, Ohlone, through to the present day. This coffee table quality book, *Ingleside Terraces, San Francisco Racetrack to Residence Park*, has been excellently written by Woody LaBounty with lore and pictures provided by many of you. It is now available locally and will also be on sale at the picnic. If this is not sufficient incentive to get you to purchase your own copy or for a gift, a percentage of the proceeds is being donated to ITHA by Woody.

Last issue included our annual membership appeal, and I am pleased to report that many of you responded quite generously. The result thus far has put us back on a healthy footing and for that we thank you! We would still like to hear from the majority of our members who have not joined or renewed and to that end have included a form in this issue. Also, I would like to hear directly from anyone who does not wish to participate and your reasons. Please send a letter to ITHA or an email to president@ithasf.org.

I am pleased to introduce two new ITHA volunteers who are taking over vital functions. Rory Camp, a second generation IT resident, is taking over the chair of our Landscape Committee. I have been performing this function since the untimely passing of John Duff, and I welcome Rory's initiative and help. Our recent neighbors were greeted with a smile and a Zanze's cheesecake by Budd Weed, our Welcome Wagon committee chair, for the last few years. Unfortunately, he has had to step down, but I am pleased to welcome Rose Ann Anderson, who will be picking up the baton. If you haven't received

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our "welcome wagon" please welcome her when she comes by. You will enjoy it!

See you at our Centennial Celebration Picnic!



Photo from previous picnic



Celebrating a unique San Francisco neighborhood's first 100 Years



- Over 100 historical photos and maps
- Beautiful 100-page hardcover book
- The definitive history of the Terraces' journey from racetrack to admired residence park
- Limited edition of 1,500 copies
- Available at Bookshop West Portal, select Coast Avenue businesses, and at inglesidebook.com



Phyllis Williams Gomez

Oct 21, 1923 – Oct 10, 2011

Just 11 days shy of her 88th birthday, Phyllis peacefully passed away. She and her husband of 61 years, Hank Gomez, have been long-time residents of the Terraces where they raised their family. Phyllis played viola, sang soprano in the Tracy Community Chorus, and loved the symphony, opera and chamber orchestras. Besides her family and music, Phyllis' passions included teaching children, working as a para-professional in San Francisco's public schools, gardening, cooking, baking, canning, sewing, traveling, supporting museums, libraries, and the Aids Memorial Grove. She received her BS in Public Health Nursing at UC Berkeley in 1949. As a generous contributor to her community, she volunteered for ITHA as NERT coordinator, PTA, CCLP, YMCA Camp Jones Gulch and Girl Scouts.

Jack Balestreri

Jack Balestreri, 95, a resident of the Terraces passed away in his home on April 21, 2012 of natural causes. At 17 years old, he helped build the Golden Gate Bridge. For his contribution, Mayor Diane Feinstein recognized him with the Key to the City in 1987 at the Bridge's 50th anniversary celebration. He was the last living SF resident who worked on this project. His career at Scott Co. Mechanical Contractors lasted almost 40 years. Jack also played baseball with the Sacramento Solons in the Pacific Coast League and was a member of the SF Old-timers Baseball Assn.

Felton Lewis White

Felton Lewis White passed away peacefully June 14, 2012 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Loretha Joyce White; loving father of Michael Henderson (deceased), Emil White and Marlena White. Felton was a retired postal worker of over 40 years and served in the U.S. Army. He was an avid horseracing enthusiast. He was a resident of Corona St. for at least 40 years and a supporter of neighborhood projects even when in failing health.

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT)

The Ingleside Terraces NERT needs more neighbors licensed as radio operators to assist the existing HAMs in our practice drills and especially when the next big earthquake strikes. The licensing process is easy and no longer requires proficiency in Morse Code.

Membership Report, August 2012

Dear Neighbors of our lovely Terraces!

I want to thank each and every one of you who has taken the time to send in your membership for the year! To date we have gotten \$11,967.88 in donations from you all!!! This is outstanding. I am very pleased to say that while the number of homeowners who have joined this year is off slightly, the amount is UP! The Board decided after much discussion to raise the minimum, which really stimulated many homeowners to raise the bar even higher. It is very pleasing to see a nice amount of you have sent in the high amount of \$250.00!!! This is wonderful. As of this writing I have just about 180 homes paid up. Eight have sent in \$250.00, twelve at \$120.00, seven at \$100.00, six at \$80.00, nineteen at \$50.00 and around seventy-five at \$40.00!!! Several neighbors have contributed smaller amounts; we LOVE each and every one who has sent in anything at all. In these difficult economic times it is truly great to see the drive is working out. You all know that the Board does everything we can to keep our expenses to a minimum. The gardens look lovely and every person I see around says that they really appreciate the efforts to keep those green spaces looking as nice as Gus does. Insurance is something that we can't avoid, and we sure talk about it, but agree that it is important.

I hope that you have seen the flyer that Woody La Bounty sent to each of the homes in Ingleside Terraces and

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Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

You are invited to share in the betterment of our neighborhood.

Will you help with any of the following activities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping elderly & disabled neighbors with special needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Gateway pillar preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political/planning/zoning needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Local HAM radio net |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti/tagging removal | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini-park beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome wagon for new residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical documentatin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special/social events | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency response in case of disaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter publication | |

ITHA Annual Dues Notice

Enclosed is my/our membership contribution of:

Benefactor \$250

Patron \$120

Supporting \$80

Regular \$40

Special/Senior \$ _____

Name _____

(As it should appear on mailing list)

Address: _____

(Terraces home for which you are paying)

Mailing address, if different than above: _____

Phone: _____

Please put your Terraces address on your check.

e-mail: _____

Thank you! Please make checks payable to Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

Please use enclosed envelope & mail to ITHA, P.O. Box 27304,

San Francisco, CA 94127-0304.

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Stumbles Before Success: History of Our CPAB and an Invitation

By Vicki Seiler Pate

Almost three years ago I was asked to join the Community Police Advisory Board for the Taraval District Police Station under then Captain Paul Chignell. This was a newly implemented project of the newest Police Chief and loosely defined as a year of service and once monthly meetings. By the time our meetings began the Taraval Station had a new Captain. The new Captain Denise Schmidt and 12 other volunteers struggled to define our mission. We selected a first project that proved to be too big for our small number and fledgling days, so we began down another path only to find ourselves with another leadership change when Captain Schmidt was promoted. We were back to square one and working to catch up when only seven months later we again needed to reboot when this Captain was reassigned.

We lost many members of our original Board during all these upheavals and we lost most of those who joined with the first change of leadership, but we found our direction. Our first order of business was to communicate the district residents' dissatisfaction with the constant leadership turnover at the Taraval Station and we were given a commitment of no less than two years for the newly appointed Captain Curtis Lum.

Under the leadership of Captain Lum we switched from members representing their specific portions of the district, to working collaboratively on district-wide concerns. We have developed a communication program

that allows the Captain to get real-time directed emails to different segments of the district when needed: whether it is a description to a particular car sector about an identified perpetrator of illegal activity in their neighborhood, or a warning about copper wire thefts targeting schools and churches, these go out to community leaders and are disseminated to their constituents by email like an old fashioned phone tree. This model was recently presented city-wide, and is now being replicated at other stations. We have also compiled much of the safety information that is available on various topics into more streamlined digital versions. This has enabled the Captain's Staff to send information that targets a particular concern to the constituency affected. For instance, a flyer was sent to all known Merchant Associations so they could print and distribute them to their customers in an effort to prevent the usual spike in auto boosting during the holiday season.

That original single year term will soon turn to three for most of our CPAB and we feel strongly that our efforts will best continue with new ideas and energy added to our efforts in the form of new members. Captain Lum has invited anyone interested in self-nominating, or in nominating another to do so by sending an email to: Curtis.Lum@sfgov.org. All nominees will be asked to go through a short interview process, and if chosen, a trial term before committing to one year of service.

Please consider offering your time and keeping this important tool for community-police communication vibrant and functioning. Your neighborhood needs you.

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have responded by sending him a check for the really great book he wrote. The book was just put on the market. I have our copy and have enjoyed reading the script and looking at the great photos that Woody spent a lot of time 'fixing'. He really improved the images a lot! I am proud to own a copy of this fine publication and will cherish it for a long time.

The Annual Picnic will no doubt be a fun event this year. We are going to have a great deal of fun and games for the residents of our area to enjoy. There will be several things for families, so please keep the date and plan to attend. I am working with other volunteers to come up with a nice looking 'hoodie' and some great tee shirts for sale that will have a nice logo on them. Also, if I can locate a photographer who can donate some time I have an idea for a newer looking calendar. If you are a photographer who has a bit of time please contact me directly ASAP. I don't think we will need a lot of time, but with work and all it will need to be done quickly.

From your Membership Chair, Norman Meunier
Please contact me at membership@ithasf.com.

Raccoon Overpopulation – A Neighborhood Concern

Have you noticed that the raccoon population in the Terraces is on the rise? This increase is probably due to practices that are allowing them to multiply more rapidly than usual.

Human supplied food sources are the main contributor towards greater raccoon populations. For raccoons and other wildlife, the food supply helps determine the number of young born – more food, more litters and more babies. With overpopulation, there's actually an increase in competition for food in any given area.

Being omnivores, raccoons' diets normally include (but are definitely not limited to) insects, earthworms, snails, bird eggs, fish, rabbits, turtles, fruits, nuts and grain. Wild raccoons will eat both animal and plant material.

When wild animals are given free access to human supplied food, several problems can occur. The raccoons become bolder. Soon garbage cans, garages and even houses are raided to fulfill an ever-increasing demand for food and lodging. Raccoons can do a lot of damage, and are stronger than one might think.

In addition to property damage, raccoons can carry canine distemper, roundworm and canine rabies.

- In San Francisco, there are distemper outbreaks in raccoons every year.
- Raccoon feces harbor a parasite called Baylis ascaris procyonis, or raccoon roundworm that can cause eye and central nervous system problems in humans and animals other than raccoons.
- While no case of a raccoon with rabies has ever been recorded in the city of San Francisco, as a precaution rabies shots may be given when a pet or human has been bitten.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events in the Terraces

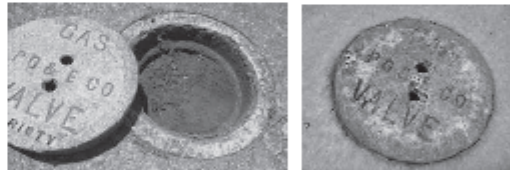
Annual Picnic: Sunday, September 30
 Annual Meeting: Saturday, November 17
 St. Francis Church, 399 San Fernando Way
 Holiday Caroling: Sunday, December 16

Tips to avoid problems for yourself and your neighbors:

- Don't leave pet food outside.
- Don't leave birdseed in feeders or on the ground overnight.
- Secure all outdoor garbage cans.
- Close and lock pet doors at night.
- Trim overhanging branches that provide easy access to your roof
- Install L-shaped wire barriers to prevent animals from digging under decks.
- Make sure vent covers around the perimeter of the house, under/near stairs, porches and roofs are not broken or missing.
- Cap your chimney.
- Inspect roof, eaves and siding for damage.

The bottom line is help raccoons help themselves by letting them do what they do best-- take care of themselves.

Additional info available at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ws/ca/caws_fact_sheets/california_ws_raccoon.pdf



As my article in the last *Sundial* noted, access to your gas valve could be critical in case of a leak, or even worse, a fire. Go out and look for that valve! These sidewalk gas shut-offs were installed many years ago after disastrous fires on Urbano and Lunado were fueled by gas lines where the shut-off was inaccessible. Those were tragic losses. After removing the lid, the valve may still be covered by 20" of soil as shown in photo 1. I checked my own shut-off and found the lid cemented closed as a result of the recent sidewalk repair work. After a call, the contractor came and was NOT able to remove the lid even with his heavy hand tools. He will return to fix the situation.

For those of you having sidewalk repairs done, please make sure your contractor verifies a removable lid before he leaves the job. As shown in the other photo, the concrete rim around the valve lid was removed and the new concrete placed right up to the lid, thus sealing it in place. That lid needs to be removed for valve inspection.

Barney Johnson

**ITHA presents the
Centennial Sundial Park • CLASSIC BARBECUE & PICNIC**

Sunday, September 30, 2012 • Noon – 3:00 pm

Get to know your neighbors in a relaxed and festive atmosphere! Everyone is welcome!

Noon: The official chariot race around Entrada Court begins! Bring your tricycles, bicycles, Big Wheels, strollers and wagons decorated for the celebrations!

1:00 pm: ITHA will provide BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, trimmings and drinks.

For the potluck portion, please bring a dish to share, based on the initial of your last name:

A – G Salads/Vegetarian

H – N Appetizers

O – T Desserts

U – Z Vegetables/Side Dishes

You are encouraged to share a dish from your heritage so that we may celebrate our centennial with an international flair!

RSVP preferred. Your early response is very important! Please call Wendy Dwyer at 706-0549 or email her at hairnetw@hotmail.com, or return this portion of the form to 350 Urbano Drive.

Yes, I will attend the picnic and I will bring the following potluck item: _____

We will have _____ people attending.

Yes, I can help with children's activities such as blowing up balloons, face painting, games, etc.

Yes, I will be happy to rotate through as barbeque chef!

Yes, I will help with cleanup from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Yes, I will help with setup from 10 am to noon.

Yes, I will bring an ice chest to help cool drinks and food. Please bring a compost or recycle bin if possible.

Yes, my children will participate in the chariot race.

Number _____ and ages _____ of children. Name _____ Phone _____

All participants will receive a ribbon.

Address _____

Donations for the "One Warm Coat Drive" are most welcome. Coats new or gently used, of any size, are appreciated by the good folks at the Bayview Mission.

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See inside for upcoming events and ITHA information!