

# Sundial



INGLESIDE TERRACES HOMES ASSOCIATION

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WINTER 2015

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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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Our new forum is now available for all neighbors: <http://forum.ithasf.org>.

Members discuss topics such as local events, meetings, crime, schools, and gardening. The newsletter is available on the website: [www.ithaf.org/sundial/sundial.html](http://www.ithaf.org/sundial/sundial.html)

## President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

As we are entering the holiday season, your ITHA Board and its committees have had a very busy year. To begin with, I hope you will join me in thanking our two retiring board members, Paul Kameny and Les Plack for their years of service. Paul has been the caretaker of our NERT program as well as being a board member. Les graciously accepted the vice president role after being on the board only a year and has reliably managed the announcements and monthly agendas. This led to vacancies that were filled at the Annual Meeting by Colin Shields who will also be taking up the NERT lead and John Stacy who has been a regular meeting participant. Our longtime treasurer, David Supan, has signed up for another tour in his successful re-election. This still leaves one opening for a member to get involved. Please contact me directly at [president@ithasf.org](mailto:president@ithasf.org) if you are interested.

I am pleased to report that our coyote diversion project led by Mary Paglieri has been successful to date as the coyotes have abandoned their previous routes and are not currently making our neighborhood a destination. We still want to have any sightings or evidence reported in the Terraces Forum and Mary will continue to monitor. Next summer we will learn whether the next generation has been imprinted with the message to avoid our neighborhood. Join in thanking Mary for all the hours she spent in this effort. Hopefully, the City will recognize that "co-existence" does not mean co-habitation and adopt a proactive regional program.

This has been quite a year on the zoning front. We have been successful in maintaining the current height and density restrictions on the stretch of Ocean Avenue between Paloma and Junipero Serra. There continue to be efforts to increase density in other areas. Currently, planning discussions are underway regarding the housing project for Balboa Reservoir and plans have already been submitted for Park Merced high rises. Community meetings for input have been announced and posted

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## President's letter

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to our Forum. We encourage you to participate.

As I write this we are beginning to experience significant rain, finally. With another El Nino forecast, it is imperative for everyone to be diligent about ensuring that gutters and sewer openings remain clear. We have a major sewer line running east to west from Legion to Lunado Court that appears to have deteriorated. Major work is commencing on Entrada Court, as a blockage has been detected there. On a positive note, Urbano Drive is finally going to get its long-overdue re-paving. We have received confirmation that it is in the design phase and scheduled for sometime in 2016 and funds are already allocated.

As can be seen from the pictures found in this newsletter, our Sundial Picnic was a huge success with even the weather cooperating. Kudos go out to Wendy Dwyer (coordinator), Sandy Gandolfo (food), Mark Goldstein (music), the Lawsons (BBQ) and the other volunteers who helped make this year's picnic a memorable one. We have one remaining event in 2015: the Caroling Party on Dec. 6th on Corona Court. On behalf of your board I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and enjoyable holiday season.

*Mark Scardina, President*

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## Enjoy A Safe Holiday Season

- If you are traveling, ask a neighbor to watch the house.
- Put timers on different lights, inside and outside.
- Have newspapers, mail and deliveries held.
- Park in well-lighted and travelled areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages and be aware of surroundings.
- Leave nothing valuable in the car, and keep locked.

## The Gateways of Ingleside Terraces

Our neighborhood has lots of ornamental "street furniture" – the sundial and urns of Entrada Court, a lone bench at Ashton and Pico Avenues, a hidden stairway or two, and, of course, the classic pillared gateways. These furnishings are all part of the historic design landscape laid out by developer Joseph Leonard in 1911-13. The gateways, labeled "monumental entrances" in early newspaper articles hailing the City's attractive residence parks, were considered a particularly novel feature of the Ingleside Terraces development.

There are at least 67 pillars, or "piers," constructed of Colusa sandstone, around the perimeter of the Terraces, 12 small columns, 36 medium size and 19 large ones. Near the turn of the twentieth century, Colusa sandstone, quarried near the hamlet of Sites in Colusa County, was popular with San Francisco builders because its features blended well with the City's landscape and architecture. Artisan builders used Colusa sandstone for the facade of the St. Francis Hotel and the Ferry Building.

Initially, some of the gateways were much more decorative than we see today. At the Mercedes Way entrance to the Terraces, the three main pillars were connected by wrought iron arches on top of which was a third arch bearing the name "Ingleside Terraces." The main pillars were topped with electric lights and there were benches between the smaller columns available for seating and gazing to the West.

Through the years, various decorative features of the gateways disappeared, including the wrought iron arches and electric lights, giving way to more modest but uniform embellishment, such as the globes we now see at the top of the columns. Urban legends abound about the reasons for removal of the decorative features, such as sale of the ironwork in support of the war effort (WWII) or removal of the arches at the direction of the Fire Department so the fire trucks could proceed without interference.

With the passage of time and certain human intervention, the pillars and gateways evolved to their current appearance but, even with minimal adornment today, still stand stately and preservation-worthy as a marvelous feature of the historic landscape design of Ingleside Terraces.

*Submitted by ITHA Design Review Committee*

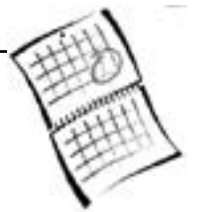


*Thanks to Judy Reynolds for taking these nice photos at our annual picnic.*

### Taraval Station Resource List

ALL SF EMERGENCIES: 911  
Non-Emergency: (415) 553-0123  
Customer Service Center: 311  
Taraval Station: (415) 759-3100  
Emergency call from cell: (415) 530-8090  
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Website: [www.taraval.org](http://www.taraval.org)  
Project SAFE: [www.sfsafe.org](http://www.sfsafe.org)

### Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events in the Terraces



**Sunday, December 6** Holiday Party with Caroling (See back page for information)  
**Thursday, January 21** Next ITHA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



The **ITHA Annual Holiday Caroling Party** will be on **Sunday December 6** at **7:00 pm.**

Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Our gracious hostess is Susan Perlman at 11 Corona.

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