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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.ithasf.org/sundial/sundial.html

President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

Welcome to our Indian Summer edition as we are finally beginning to enjoy some sun. Many of you have no doubt seen the rough and dry condition of Sundial Park. This is due to the months-long process of finally getting DPW to replace the back-flow valve leaking for years. As I write this, the valve was replaced in July, but the sprinklers are still not operational. We await completion of new sprinkler valves and control system as DPW does not support our old ones. Once this portion is done their landscaping group will overhaul and adjust the actual sprinkler rotors.

To provide minimal irrigation Entrada Court has been visited by a DPW water truck a few times a week. Unfortunately, for us living on the circle, these have occurred between midnight and 1:00 am, which may be their regular shift but it has kept many of us awake. They've also kept our gardener busy picking up leaves and small branches as they continue the spray through the trees. Here's hoping it's all back in good shape by our annual picnic.

Speaking of the Sundial Picnic, it is on again this year and scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Last year was one of our best, so I'm hoping everyone will be out enjoying the food, entertainment, and sunshine! Last year we also announced the SF Landmark designation and had a ceremony with Supervisors Melgar and Reskin. If all goes as planned this year, we will be dedicating our new commemorative plaque as we finally get the City's Historic Planning Commission's approval for its installation at the original location. It turns out that due to the \$700 in City Planning fees, plus the cost of the plaque and installation, this effort is costing us about \$3500. We can afford it, but if you'd like to donate either via the envelope or at the picnic, it will help us build back our reserve.

On a less joyful note, this fine weather brings out more people at night, and we are all too aware of the rising break-ins and thefts. Please read the articles carefully in this issue, taking their advice to improve your home and yard's safety, and consider participating in SF SAFE.

I've written in the past about our legislature's efforts to eliminate single-family neighborhoods. SB-9's enactment this year effectively did this. Since this bypassed the California Environmental Act (CEQA) and all discretionary reviews, developers no longer need to preserve our neighborhood's character and open space when creating duplexes and four-plexes. In addition, San Francisco has been in the news lately regarding its inability to provide affordable housing at a rate deemed appropriate by the State and ABAG. Despite us having water on three sides, and

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limited infrastructure these are the top 6 new housing allocations that clearly show who is being told to shoulder the burden.

San Francisco	82,069	Fremont	12,897
San Jose	62,200	Sunnyvale	11,966
Oakland	26,251	Santa Clara	11,632

Even though, between Park Merced, Stonestown, Balboa Reservoir, and Balboa Station, our area will be adding almost 6000 units before 2030. We are still the "opportunity zone" for the City. Fortunately, our fellow neighbor and district supervisor, Myrna Melgar, who heads up the BOS Land Use Committee, is trying to pass legislation to restore CEQA, open space, and character by preserving locally responsive planning through legislation. There is well-organized opposition so any letters of support for her efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Mark Scardina, President

In Memoriam - Lonnie Lawson, Jr. - Former ITHA President

On May 16, long-time San Francisco resident and former ITHA President Lonnie Lawson passed away at age 85. Lonnie, born June 15, 1936 in Alabama to parents Lonnie "Hammer" Lawson, Sr. and Emma "Baby" Richardson Lawson, lived as an example to all and believed firmly in the dictum to "live up to your responsibilities."

He was a veteran of the United States Army, a civil engineer, and a former employee of Hetch Hetchy Water and Power. Locally, in addition to his volunteer time serving neighbors in the Ingleside Terraces, Lonnie received various awards from the City of San Francisco where he gave 20 years of service to the Park and Open Space Advisory Committee and was instrumental in the Market Street Trolley Overhead Reconstruction project and the rebuilding of Brooks Park. Though preceded in death by his loving wife, Jurline, Lonnie is survived by a number of children, step-children and grandchildren. He and Jurline and a number of other outstanding ITHA community activists are memorialized on the Ocean Avenue Mural. This photography buff and "gadget guy" was much loved and will be missed.

ITHA - How Safe Do You Feel?

Submitted by Donna Howe

Broadly speaking, the Ingleside Terrace Neighborhood remains one of the safest residential neighborhoods in San Francisco, but we are not entirely immune to the types of opportunistic crimes that plague San Francisco. Lt. Aaron Lozada, Acting Captain at Taraval Station, reminds us of the precautions we can take to avoid being victimized.

Report every crime as it occurs. This helps captains better deploy their resources to hot spots like the commercial corridors on Judah, Ocean Avenue, West Portal and the Stonestown Shopping Center.

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911 for emergencies and crimes in progress.

311 for crimes after the fact.

Non-Emergency Line 415-553-0123

311 will also refer you to the proper number to file a report. In some instances you must file a report in person. Taraval Station is located at 2345 24th Avenue, between Santiago and Taraval, across from McCoppin Square.

Ph: 415.759.3100

TTY Hearing Impaired line 415-753-7154

Anonymous tip line 415-575-4444

Text a Tip TIP411

Chinese Language Tip Line 415-315-2435

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Lock your vehicles and either remove valuables or keep them out of sight. And don't forget to NOT leave your automatic garage door opener inside your vehicle. Thieves can steal it and come back later to rob your home. Don't leave your purse on the seat beside you. Keep it out of sight.

Be aware of your surroundings. Walk with a purpose, secure your purse and wallet, look up. Don't leave your garage doors up and open for prolonged periods. Don't exit your car if you feel it is not safe to do so nor engage with people who may approach.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events in the Terraces

Annual Picnic:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 (See back page for more information.)

Annual Meeting: SATURDAY, NOV. 5

St. Francis Church, Church Hall, 339 San Fernando/Ocean, 10 am – 12 pm



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Join your Neighborhood Watch Group and get assistance from SFSAFE. Not sure if there is a Neighborhood Watch group on your block? Visit the SFSAFE website and plug in your address. They'll get you up to speed and will even help you form a group. There are several Neighborhood Watch groups with ITHA. Linda McGilvray (your ITHA Newsletter editor) and I are co-captains of the Sundial Club NW Group. There are 43 homes in our group. If you look around as you walk the neighborhood, you will see a number of NW signs on utility poles. Other NW captains, I urge you to contact me (donna.howe@comcast.net) or Linda so we can meet and better engage our community.

Sign up to receive the periodic Taraval Station Newsletter by contacting Officer Benny Lew. Request to be added to the email list. bennylew@sfgov.org
Participate in the monthly (third Thursday, 6 pm) Taraval Station Community ZOOM Meeting. Register at <https://bit.ly/TaravalCommMtgJuly2022>. If you have difficulty registering, contact Taraval Station SFPDTaravalStation@sfgov.org or SF SAFE www.sfsafe.org and request to be added. If you are on NEXTDOOR, you'll get a monthly reminder.

SFSAFE Tips For Safety

SF SAFE stands for Safety Awareness for Everyone and works closely with SFPD to provide information and resources. In addition to helping neighbors form watch groups, SF SAFE conducts residential and business site safety evaluations and provides written feedback with recommendations. It provides print materials to help with crime reporting and accessing city services, and it recommends security measures to promote personal safety and limit property losses. It coordinates with DPW to post WATCH signs.

3 KEY ELEMENTS FOR DETERRING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Visibility - Privacy is important, but not at the expense of affording a thief a place to hide or hide their activity. Improve lighting, trim shrubbery using the 3/6 rule (no shrubs over 3 feet high - especially in front of windows and trees trimmed to provide 6-9 feet between the ground and the canopy), and employ properly designed fences. If neighbors or passersby can spot a potential burglar, they'll be more likely to report, and burglars will be less likely to target. Homes where yards are not maintained may suggest to burglars that they are vacant or that owners are away for long periods. Newspaper and uncollected mail



Easter Egg Hunt fun on April 3

Photos by Judy Reynolds

are two other invitations to thieves.

Time - Burglars want to get in and out quickly and unobserved. The better the locks on door and windows, the longer it will take a thief to enter. Dog doors, though convenient, might not be a good idea in the long run.

Noise - Sounds of forced entry alert residents and neighbors. If the only way in is conspicuous, or if alarms are tripped, many burglars will not take their chances.

MORE Considerations

- Make your residence look like you are home, even when you aren't.
- Know and cultivate a relationship with your neighbors.
- Don't publicize your trips on social media; post pictures AFTER your return.

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See inside for new ITHA information!

ITHA presents the
107th Sundial Park • BARBECUE & OKTOBERFEST PICNIC
Sunday, October 2, 2022 • Noon – 3:00 pm

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

1:00 pm: The official chariot race around Entrada Court begins! Bring your tricycles, bicycles, Big Wheels, strollers and wagons decorated for the celebration!

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

For the potluck portion everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite side dish, vegetable, or dessert.

RSVP preferred. Your early response is very important! Please call Wendy Dwyer at 706-0549 or email events@ithasf.org, or return this portion of the form to 350 Urbano Drive before Sept. 20.

I can help with: set up (10am-12pm); clean up (3-4 pm); children's activities;
 bbq chef rotation.

This year's donation drive is One Warm Coat. Bring a clean and wearable child or adult coat.
(Event email: events@ithasf.org)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

If you would like to write a check to ITHA to help sponsor this party, fabulous! Your amount will be applied to the balloons and decorations. The ITHA will continue to sponsor the furniture rental and the BBQ with all of the trimmings!