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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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www.ithasf.org/email.html

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

President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

Welcome to our Spring edition of the ITHA Newsletter. I have been pleased to see increased attendance at our monthly meetings as well as our growing leadership role in City issues that affect the quality of life in our cherished city. The downside is that we have had more threats to it recently and need to remain vigilant. A new assault on single family neighborhoods was met by your association's coming out against the Development Bonus Plan that could add up to two additional stories on top of the current allowable 40' along transit corridors, including Ocean Avenue between Paloma and Junipero Serra, and displace current small businesses, without public comment. As a result of united West of Twin Peaks opposition, the change requires each project to undergo planning review with public comment.

Many of you also may have heard of the "midnight session" attempt by the Board of Supervisors to declare a State of Emergency regarding the homeless problem, thereby allowing the City to make use of underutilized City properties for shelters and Navigation Centers. This was brought to light and opposed when it was learned that areas in West Portal and IT were being evaluated. Thus, these areas will not be considered as feasible or appropriate under this program.

Due to the recent sale of the El Rey Theater, the Art Deco Society along with support from the Ocean Avenue Association and ITHA has mounted a landmark effort to preserve one of our neighborhood's iconic symbols. While many of us would love to see the theater returned to its role as an entertainment destination, as has occurred with the Balboa and Castro theaters, the economics and future development plans are uncertain.

Finally, we have once again had to deal with coyotes. The board knew this would be a possibility until the coyotes had imprinted on the next generation. I personally have been in contact with Supervisor Yee's office and met with him 1-on-1. We discussed the need for a City-wide solution. I was asked by his office to speak at a hearing of the Government Audit and Oversight committee that he chairs. You can read a full account as well as get a link to its replay on the Terraces Forum in the Coyote section. Cutting to the chase, it was revealed that it was the Presidio Trust's decision back

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in the early 2000s that permitted coyotes from Marin to take up residence here. Over the last decade this has resulted in the current S.F. population as their young are driven into the City to maintain habitat balance. The ACC Director stated that coyotes are here to stay and we must learn to live with them for the same reasons as we lock our doors at night and walk our kids to school. The extent of their coexistence plan was to experiment with new hazing tools such as colored streamers and Supersoakers. However, they offered no plans for collecting data to evaluate or observe their effectiveness. ACC was asked by the supervisors to team up on a more proactive unified response and report back. I am not optimistic that progress will be made.

Mark Scardina, President



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

TNT Cell Phone1: (415) 850-6118

TNT Cell Phone2: (415) 850-5448

Website: www.taraval.org

Project SAFE: www.sfsafe.org

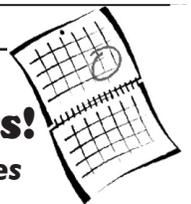
Save the El Rey Theater

The El Rey Theater was auctioned off on the steps of City Hall in November, 2015. The new owners say they are seeking to flip the property at a supposed minimum of \$6M, about \$5M more than they paid for it. The Ocean Avenue Association is working with Supervisor Yee's office and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to achieve the rehabilitation and active community use of the building.

The El Rey could not be landmarked in the 38 years that the church owned it without the church's permission; as a consequence this building was never landmarked. Now that the church no longer owns the building, it can be landmarked. OAA, working with the Art Deco Society of California, has applied for grants to provide City of San Francisco landmark status for the building. The Ingleside Terraces Community Association has generously offered to contribute \$500 for that purpose and San Francisco Heritage has awarded the project a \$5,000 grant.

The good news in all of this is that the new owner, unlike the previous owner, has invested in re-roofing and protecting the 1931 building designed by Timothy Pfueger from continued water damage. The next steps will focus on establishing the value of the building and identifying potential public uses and alternative owners for a multi-use building that includes community access and use. To that end, the OAA has held the first of a series of community meetings to gather ideas and resources for this effort. OAA, as a 501 (c) (4) is not a public charity; we are aiming to identify a 501 (c) (3) public charity that can accept tax deductible donations towards this effort. For more information on the landmarking and preservation efforts, see saveelrey.nation-builder.com or [SaveElRey](https://www.facebook.com/SaveElRey) at Facebook.com.

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events in the Terraces



Sunday, May 21 Annual Garage Sale
(See back page for information)

Sunday, Sept. 18 ITHA Annual Picnic

Saturday, Nov. 19 ITHA Annual Meeting

Shared Schoolyard Project for Our Children

What if we could have more parks and open spaces in our community without raising any new taxes? Sounds impossible, but that's exactly what the Shared Schoolyard Project is doing. The project is raising private dollars and bringing together San Francisco public agencies to open schoolyards throughout the city on the weekends. These previously closed schoolyards are now accessible, to ensure San Francisco families have a safe, convenient place to play.

The Shared Schoolyard Project was created by Supervisor Mark Farrell, a San Francisco native. As a kid, he played with his father in a local schoolyard. When he tried to do the same with his own children, he was met with fences and a locked gate.

"Playing in the local schoolyard is part of what it means to be a kid growing up in this City," said Supervisor Farrell. "So, I got everyone together inside of City Hall and everyone agreed that if I could raise the money privately, we'd once again open up our schoolyards across every neighborhood of San Francisco."

Today, the project has worked with the City and the San Francisco Unified School District to open nearly 30 schoolyards to the public, so the community can use the fields, playgrounds, and yards that already exist in the middle of their neighborhoods.

The project partners with Mayor Ed Lee, Superintendent Richard Carranza, the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco's Recreation and Parks Department, San Francisco's Department of Public Works, San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Parks Alliance and 311. Together, they ensure that schoolyards are clean and safe for children and families over the weekends, and ready for students on Monday mornings.

Schools that are enrolled in the program also benefit financially. The parent organization receives a stipend and the school is eligible for additional funding to host neighborhood events on the weekends.

"This is a great partnership because our schools are actually better maintained when open on the weekends," said San Francisco Unified School District Superintendent Richard Carranza. "The program provides schools with funding for our programs and offers additional services to help upkeep our sites."

Schools near the Ingleside Terraces neighborhood that are enrolled in the program currently include:

- Commodore Sloat Elementary School (50 Darien Way)
- West Portal Elementary School (5 Lenox Way)
- Dianne Feinstein Elementary School (2550 25th Ave)

In order to raise public awareness and support for the open schoolyard, the Shared Schoolyard Project is hosting a kick-off event at Dianne Feinstein Elementary School on April 30. This fun and free community event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Supervisor Mark Farrell, food, and activities for the whole community.

More information is available on the Shared Schoolyard Project's website at <http://www.sfsharedschoolyard.org/>.

SF Moves Helps You Take a Break From Your Car

We know you need a car sometimes, but we also know that San Francisco roads are full and circling the block looking for parking can be very stressful. To alleviate some of this stress, a new program called SF Moves was recently launched in the OMI area. SF Moves is a collaboration between the San Francisco Department of the Environment and the Municipal Transportation Agency, working together to provide you tools to leave your car at home, or make fewer trips by car. This may be more fun, healthy, and convenient than you might have thought. The program will also help residents, both old and new, familiarize themselves with their neighborhoods.

Engage with SF Moves through an order form or online (SFMTA.com/sfmoves). One has been sent to every Ingleside Terraces residence by mail. This order form has information on the City's many sustainable transportation options such as public transit, biking, walking, carsharing, and carpooling. Simply check off the resources and information you want to learn more about, and a customized travel packet will be delivered to your home, free! Free bike workshops that focus on maintenance and safety, walking guides to explore nature in the city, information on carpooling services and MUNI discount programs for children, seniors and people with disabilities are some featured. To find out more, visit: www.sfmata.com/sfmoves

Spring Fling Garage Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2016 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

All neighbors in Ingleside Terraces are invited to open their garage doors for the sale. Publicity, courtesy of ITHA, will be placed in local classified sections.

Take advantage of this great money-making event!

Last Name _____ Phone _____
(Name will not be printed on map)

Address for map _____

Yes, I will be participating. I will offer items in the following 3 categories:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Yes, I will help distribute publicity flyers and hang posters and banners the week of the event.

Please fill out this form and return to Wendy Dwyer, 350 Urbano Dr., SF, CA 94127 by May 6. For more information call Wendy @ 706-0549 or email her at hairnetw@hotmail.com There's a suggested donation of \$20. per household participating to support ITHA. Thanks.

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