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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 ITHA Summer newsletter. Much has happened since our Spring issue. Our first ITHA Beautification Day was a great success. Many thanks to John Stacey, who is both a board member and Landscape Committee chair, for coordinating the day as well as all who participated. We hope this can become a regular event. See John's article for details. We had another successful ITHA Garage Sale with almost 20 neighbors participating. Thank you Social Committee, led by Wendy Dwyer and Sandy Gandolfo, for once again delivering a smoothly running event. Of course this committee has not completed its yearly work, as in a few weeks they will be putting on the ITHA Annual Sundial Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 1st from noon to 3pm. Each year this event is getting better and we look forward to meeting all of our new neighbors as well as reconnect with our long-timers.

Speaking of the Sundial, it gives me great pleasure to announce the creation of the Werthimer Sundial Park Restoration fund. This has been started by the family of Jerry and Pat Werthimer in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary and their over 50 years of residing on Entrada Ct. and supporting the neighborhood. Their children, Jenny and Dan and their families have generously donated \$1000 to start the fund which the ITHA Board is matching. Take a moment to read about this wonderful ITHA family in this issue. The restoration plans initially include repainting the Sundial, re-cutting its dedication date in its marble base and cleaning up the landscaping. We also encourage anyone who would like to donate as well to do so using the included envelope.

Now that the drought is over, many of you may have been surprised to find coyote's visiting us again not in a good way. While the drought was a major cause, the removal of habitat is as well. This has been occurring in areas such as Stern Grove, as the Rec And Park Dept. has cleared underbrush and blackberry bushes (also a coyote food source). This too will occur with the recently approved Natural Areas Program. Removal of habitat was called out as a major contributor to conflict in the Coyote Habitat Conservation and Modification Plan presented by Mary Pagliari and myself last Fall to Supervisor Norman Yee and staff and earlier this year to the Rec

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and Park Dept. Unfortunately, the City is still in its “evaluating” stage while continuing to remove habitat. If you support a non-lethal proactive approach to resolving this ongoing issue, I encourage you to let Supervisor Yee know at Norman.Yee@sfgov.org before a more tragic incident occurs.

Finally, I am sure you are aware that the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) program is an essential component to disaster preparedness. I am pleased to report that Thom Buchanan has volunteered to lead ITHA’s part and has become certified. He is looking to reconstitute our team, so if you would like to join him in this vital activity please contact him at nert@ithasf.org. See you at the picnic and bring your favorite dish and appetites!

Thanks,

Mark Scardina, President

Off the Charts!

Real Estate in Ingleside Terraces is booming and the sales prices are record highs. What I can say is that because Ingleside Terraces is a unique neighborhood with each property being different than another, there is truly no consistency. Many sales are going for 15–20% over asking. We have found it very difficult to price homes and predict sales values. As always, there are different buyers with various needs. There are still plenty of buyers looking for a fixer to put their own design into it but there are also plenty of buyers who truly want “move in ready” as much as possible. These are the buyers who are working and have no time to facilitate a makeover. That’s where we come in. Realtors have teams of reliable tradesman that can, without a huge investment, turn a home into a showcase for today’s market place. This fall will have many lovely homes on the market. See you at the open houses!

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Werthimers celebrate 70th Anniversary

Long-time Terraces residents Jerry and Patricia Werthimer are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary August 21. Their family and ITHA are honoring them with a special gift of a restoration fund for the Sundial Park.

The Werthimers were married in Chicago in 1947. Jerry earned his Doctorate in Journalism from Northwestern University, then, securing a teaching position at SF State University, moved the family here in 1960. Their charming home on Entrada was bought with a sealed bid in an auction for \$29,000. Patricia taught as a reading specialist in the Pacifica public schools, and then taught computers at SFUSD. Their children, Jenny and Dan, loved playing with the neighborhood children and attended Commodore Sloat, Aptos, Lowell and Lick-Wilmerding schools. Jerry was Journalism professor and advisor to *The Gater* newspaper at State. He also played tennis with some of the teachers there and he and Pat were peace activists. Their influence produced an entire family of teachers.

We know the Werthimers are thrilled to receive this honor from their children, spouses, their three grandchildren and ITHA.



Picnic 2016

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events in the Terraces

Sunday, Oct. 1 ITHA Annual Picnic
 (See back page for information)

Saturday, Nov. 4 ITHA Annual Meeting

Sunday, Dec. date TBA Holiday Party

El Rey Theater is a city landmark!

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously approved amending the Planning Code to designate the former El Rey Theater a city landmark! This is a major step in preserving our neighborhood's beautiful Art Deco movie palace for generations to come.

The Art Deco Society, Ocean Avenue Association, San Francisco Architectural Heritage, Ingleside Terraces Homes Association, VerPlanck Historic Preservation Consulting, and all of you have been vital to realizing this 18-month project. We owe thanks to District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee, District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin and District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safai for sponsoring the ordinance.

A very special thanks to Therese Poletti, Dan Weaver, Luis Licea, Neil Ballard, Chris VerPlanck, Tim Frye, Shannon Ferguson, Joquin Torres, Amy Cohen and Urbano Ezquerro.

The OMI Business Association held a party for the OMI's Historic Landmarks on Wednesday, July 26, at the Ocean Ale House.

Alexander Mullaney

Landscaping Day Pilot Program A Success

On May 22, you may have noticed a group of neighbors walking around the Terraces with shovels, brushes and bags of bark. It was a pilot program to get Terraces neighbors to improve our community spaces as a team – and by the look of it – it was a big success. Roughly 25 people attended and planted succulent plants in traffic circles, replaced weeds with flowers in the sundial, scrubbed a few of the pillars, and painted and repaired benches. All in all, it was productive, fun and relatively painless. If anyone in the Terraces has an interest in participating in the NEXT Landscaping Day (date TBD), please email John Stacey at staceyinteractive@gmail.com (See photos taken on Landscaping Day at right.)



Landscaping Day in the Terraces

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

ITHA presents the 104th Sundial Park • CLASSIC BARBECUE & PICNIC

Sunday, October 1, 2017 • 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 celebrations!

12:30 pm: ITHA will provide BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, vegan burgers, trimmings and drinks.

For the potluck portion, please bring a dish to share, based on the initial of your last name, but feel free to bring any dish.

A – G Desserts
H – N Salads/Vegetarian
O – T Appetizers
U – Z Vegetables/Side Dishes

You are encouraged to share a dish from your heritage so that we may continue to celebrate our neighbors 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 before Sept. 15.

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 barbecue 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.

All participants will receive a ribbon.

Name _____ Phone _____

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. Address _____

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

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