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The View from the Terrace

News about our Balboa Terrace neighborhood ♦ August 2009

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Calendar

Sep 10 -- SF Symphony
Oct 18 -- Terrace Picnic
Mar 9 – BTHA annual meeting
1st Tue evening every month
 (Sep to Jun) – BTHA Board meeting

Kudos

Standing "O" for Sarah Wentker, who is stepping down as Editor of *The View*. Sarah runs her own design, copywriting, and editing firm. We appreciate the time and talent she donated. Reach her firm at 415.623.4375



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 Your Balboa Terrace specialists

Thanks Diane & Sandy Onken and Zephyr Real Estate Company, for mailing *The View*.
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Symphony tickets just \$10 for September 10th concert

Our neighbor Walt Slater of San Benito Way is, once again, coordinating a group of tickets for the All-San Francisco Symphony Concert, Thursday, September 10th at Davies Symphony Hall. This is a special opening-season concert for social service and community organizations. The show expresses the Symphony's commitment to being a venue for wonderful music as well as a community center serving the Bay Area. As in the past, we can get only 32 tickets, priced at \$10 per ticket. It's first-come, first-served, so reserve your tickets today! Maximum 2 tickets per person, please.

All-San Francisco Symphony Concert--\$10 tickets

When: Thursday, September 10, 2009, 8:00 pm

Where: Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness at Grove

Program: Features Prokofiev Piano Concerto #3

Special needs: Facilities are available, including wheelchair access and infrared listening devices for the hearing impaired.

How to reserve: Call Walt Slater at 334-2876.

The Symphony mails tickets to Walt in August; then Walt distributes them to those who have reserved their tickets with him. Bravo, Walt! ♦



Prevent your recyclables from being stolen

Theft of recycling materials is a problem in the Taraval Police District. This is a crime under 293.1 of the Municipal Police Code. Here are some tips on dealing with this issue:



- Place your recyclables on the curb by 6:00 am on garbage day.
- Shred paper with personal information.
- Organize a Safe Neighborhood Watch--call Safe at 553-1984.
- Call 911 if the poachers are aggressive or threatening.
- Call 553-0123 to report thieves.
- Call Sunset Scavenger at 330-1300 or Golden Gate Disposal at 626-4000 to report the theft of recyclables. ♦

Meet your neighbors at our annual picnic October 18th -- free fun and hot dogs!

You know our “summer” really starts in October when we finally see more sun than fog. That means October is the perfect time for our annual neighborhood picnic. Come and bring your kids and grandkids. Meet your neighbors. Enjoy some entertainment.



We’re hoping for a visit from Gregangelo’s Velocity Circus. Irish dancers just might do a jig or two. And, a fire truck could stop by.

You can munch on hot dogs or veggie burgers, chips and drinks...courtesy of your neighborhood association. Want to lend a hand to help? Call Sarah Wentker at 239-2927 or Cindy Hu at 731-7068. ♦

Annual Picnic on The Terrace

When: Sunday, October 18th, 2009, 11 am – 3 pm

Where: San Leandro between Monterey and Darien

Entertainment: We’re hoping for performances by our neighbor Gregangelo’s Velocity Circus, Irish dancers, and maybe a visit from a fire truck

Food: Your friendly Neighborhood Association provides the hot dogs, bratwursts or sausages, and veggie burgers, plus chips, drinks, and coffee.

What to bring: A side dish and/or dessert to share. Tables and/or chairs would help, too!

Sprinklers gone wild? Call Dave.



In your travels around The Terrace, if you spot a sprinkler on our grassy boulevards that is squirting madly (as they can sometimes do), please give Dave Slifer a call so he can get it fixed. No sense in wasting our water. You can reach Dave at 239-5516. ♦



Annual Financial Report for FY 08-09

The fiscal year for Balboa Terrace Homes Association (BTHA) runs from March 1 through the end of February. Your Board manages a tight budget, with income running about \$32,000 a year and expenses running about \$28,000 a year. Many thanks to Treasurer Hanna Fleck for providing the annual financial report for Fiscal Year 2008-09 below.

Balboa Terrace Homes Association Income and Expense, Fiscal Year 2008-09

Income	Actual 2008-09
Regular assessment deposits	\$31,477.53
<i>The View</i> advertising income	\$250.00
Interest earned	\$654.63
Total Income	\$32,382.16
Expenses	
Accounting	\$1,232.75
Annual picnic	\$923.54
Bank charges	\$79.95
Gardening	\$4,412.52
Insurance	\$4,663.00
Maintenance*	\$14,460.00
P.O. Box rental	\$86.00
PG&E	\$680.00
Real estate property taxes	\$24.82
West of Twin Peaks	\$180.00
<i>The View</i> & annual meeting (postage, copying)	\$1,007.75
Total Expenses	\$27,750.33
Net Income	\$4,631.83
Bank Balances (as of 2/28/09)	
Citibank checking**	\$26,654.79
Citibank 7-day bus CD	\$8,469.90
Citibank 6-month CD	\$19,472.81
Total	\$54,597.50

* Key maintenance expense items were storm-related repairs, new irrigation system on Monterey, and concrete repairs that otherwise might have created liability issues.

** Balance includes 2009-10 assessments of \$18,442.23 deposited in Feb. 2009. Most of the cash in the checking account was either converted into a CD or used to pay outstanding obligations, such as insurance premiums and repairs.

“The 411” on Balboa Terrace

- Established in 1920 as a planned residential real estate development for single-family detached homes. Most homes were designed by Harold G. Stoner and built by Heuter Homes in the 1920s.
- Homeowners in 1924 formed Balboa Terrace Improvement Association as a non-profit corporation.
- In 1930, Articles of Incorporation were amended to change the name to Balboa Terrace Homes Association.
- There are several commonly owned or maintained areas: the grass area from Ocean to Monterey between Junipero Serra Blvd. and the east frontage road adjacent to Junipero Serra. We also maintain two sets of grass easements, one running from San Benito to San Fernando and the other from Santa Ana to the Frontage Road. And, we maintain the Monterey Blvd. green strips. (The other islands are maintained by St. Francis Homes Association.) Rear alleys are also the responsibility of the association. ♦



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- Non-emergency: (415) 553-0123
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Got stories? Got pix?

If you have a neighborhood story or pictures to share, send them in to editor Elizabeth Allan at eallan@sbcglobal.net or call 333.2049.

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