

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Newsletter of OMI Neighbors in Action

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... a community organization of neighbors helping neighbors ...



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Meeting with Mayor Brings Success for OMI-NIA

AGNOS AGREES TO OMI TASK FORCE



Over 600 OMI residents attend meeting with Mayor Agnos at Oceanview Park Recreation Center

On June 8th, OMI Neighbors in Action sponsored a community meeting with Mayor Art Agnos at the Oceanview Playground. Over 600 community residents attended, to ask the Mayor for more cooperation with the community in our efforts to stop the drug dealing and related criminal activities which are devastating our beautiful neighborhoods.

Neighborhood residents explained to the Mayor what the community has been doing on our own to deal with this growing cancer, including our block club efforts and drug activities identification campaign (see articles in this Newsletter). "But without total cooperation from the City, our efforts will not be successful," explained Lucy Florence. Ms. Florence presented the community's demands to the Mayor which are:

1. No reduction in police staffing levels at the Ingleside District--and an increase in undercover efforts to help identify and arrest drug dealers.
2. Establishment of an OMI-Mayoral Task Force to develop a "comprehensive plan" to deal with the drug problem afflicting our community. This task force would be charged with the responsibility of looking at other services and resources which can be established in the OMI to offer alternatives to youth and adults in the community.

Several members of the community presented suggestions of programs that should be incorporated into a comprehensive plan. Some of these suggestions include: bringing the Police Activities League (PAL) to Oceanview Park to provide a safe environment for residents to take advantage of this community resource; keeping the Oceanview Library open; establishing youth tutorial programs; development of drug counseling services; increase

health services for the community; encouraging the senior escort program to expand to the OMI area; etc.

The hard work and commitment of OMI residents who organized the meeting, attended on June 8th, and collected over 5000 signatures stating our demands paid off! Mayor Agnos agreed to establish a task force immediately, and although he could not promise to maintain the police at current strength (because the budget deficit crisis is not over yet), he did say he would let us know if any cuts would be made before they happened so we could work on alternative solutions together.

The community meeting with the Mayor was a huge success. It shows that the coordinated efforts and unified voice of our community can get things done. But our efforts are far from over.

The OMI-Mayoral Task Force has been established and is working hard to develop plans and proposals to bring back to the community. Jim Buick, from the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council is heading up the City's "team". Other city agencies represented to date include the Ingleside Police District, the Police Community Relations Division, S.F. Park and Recreation Department, Police Commission, and SF SAFE. Over 30 community residents have also participated in the task force.

At the first meeting, ground rules were established on how this task force would function. Community residents stated that whatever decisions were made by the task force were not final until brought back to the OMI-NIA general membership. Major issues before the task force include: 1) police cutbacks; 2) PAL; 3) Oceanview Library; 4) establishing a Mayoral Station in the OMI; and 5) developing a comprehensive program to address the (continued page 2)

CLOUDY FUTURE FOR OCEANVIEW LIBRARY

Oceanview Library, having just survived the latest threat from City Hall to close it down due to budget crises, is now facing questions of where it should be housed, and what the Oceanview community needs to do to prevent future attempts to close this library permanently.

On June 15th, following the decision not to close the library, the Mayor's office, Supervisor Harry Britt, and Park & Recreation met, and recommended as a cost savings measure that the library be moved from its present Broad Street location into Oceanview Park. It would occupy the former Weight Room adjacent to the main gymnasium.

The OMI Neighbors in Action Issues Committee examined the proposed area for adequate space, proper lighting, means of access, surrounding noise and distractions, and overall appropriateness for library use. The result was a strong recommendation to the community, made at our last General Community Meeting on July 18th, that OMI-NIA work with the Library Commission and the OMI-Mayoral Task Force to prevent the library from moving to the park. With the community's endorsement at that meeting, OMI-NIA will carry forward with this effort.

In addition, OMI-NIA will be working with Chief of Branches and the Library property owners to develop plans for essential repairs and a general face-lift for the building.

OMI-NIA has unearthed a more serious deficiency in our library. Apparently, Oceanview Library is not classified as a "Library" by City Hall. In 1980 it was demoted to a "Reading Center," one of four that exist in San Francisco: the other three being Ingleside, Portola, and Visitation Valley.

This classification allows the facility to function without the services of an accredited Librarian; Reading Centers are given Librarian Technicians instead. (continued page 7)

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OMI/Mayoral Task Force

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Mayor Agnos arrives all smiles at the neighborhood meeting

drug problem by looking at its causes and potential solutions.

We are making significant progress already. Efforts to bring the PAL to Oceanview Park have been very successful. The Task Force hopes to have helped PAL raise enough funds to start a 6 hour a day, 7 days per week program at the park with 2 off duty officers in August!

A subcommittee of the task force is working with the City and Library staff to keep the Oceanview Library on Broad Street and to develop programs to improve the services there.

And at the last General Meeting of

BLOCK CLUBS ARE IN ACTION

As reported in our June '88 OMI-NIA Neighborhood News, establishing and maintaining block clubs is an important function of OMI-NIA. The basic goal is to get neighbors familiar with each other and involved in the process of communication, thus improving the quality of life in the OMI. The goals of each block club is determined by its members.

We send thanks to all the block clubs who took time to share their goals and successes with this Newsletter. If your block club has a story to tell, updates on your goals, or concerns about your

OMI Neighbors in Action on July 18th, approximately 100 community residents began the process of developing a list of resources and services needed in the community that they feel will help make our neighborhood a healthy, vibrant, drug-free community. This list will be presented to the task force to help them in developing a comprehensive plan to address our community's drug problems.

YES - OMI Neighbors have been "in Action." And there is much, much more to do. The drug problem cannot be solved overnight. We need your input, ideas and volunteer time. Please participate in the many activities of OMI Neighbors in Action (see calendar of events). Call the OMI-NIA office at 558-7177 to find out more about the many activities. Together, we can make a difference.

--Jim Mayo

neighborhood, contact OMI-NIA so we can include your block club in our next paper.

Here's an update of several OMI-NIA block clubs in action:

1-45 Sargent: This block club has been successful in stopping illegal car repairs being done on the streets with the help of the Ingleside Police. They also made 16 copies of the anonymous forms for reporting drug and illegal auto repair activities, and graffiti, and distributed these to their neighbors.

200 Miramar: Because of the increased neighborhood awareness fostered by the block club, this group was able to alert neighbors about a money scam going on in their area. Earthquake awareness is this block club's next goal.

300-500 Head Street: This block club formed in May to deal with the problem of drug dealers and users congregating at Randolph Street and Head. They have met with SF Housing Authority to get the lock on the gate repaired at the 16-unit complex at Head and Randolph where drug users often use Housing Authority property as a place to smoke and deal crack, and block club volunteers and building residents set up a weekend evening security watch inside the gate of that building to discourage drug traffickers from using the courtyard until the Housing Authority completes plans to secure the complex.

100 Bright: On June 25th twelve neighbors attended the first meeting of the block club. They learned how OMI-NIA can be used as a resource to address their problems. This block club (continued page 7)

THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF OCEANVIEW PARK



No resident of the OMI can be totally unaware of the kinds of illegal activities that take place in and around Oceanview Park (nicknamed "O.V." by us long-time residents). But, how many of us have ever wondered about what goes on inside this neighborhood recreation center?...Hold on a minute! I can hear the whispering of the pessimists among us: "nothing at all goes on at O.V. besides drug dealing"; "there isn't anything for our children to do at the Rec. Center except get in trouble"; and on and on.

WRONG! Several weeks ago, determined to SEE for myself, I visited O.V. three times. I found a small, but nevertheless happy group of bright-eyed youngsters--all enjoying themselves in stimulating activities! I asked a group of the older children if they would be willing to write essays about their experiences at O.V. They responded with pleasure, and the following are excerpts from those essays.

"Dear Reader:

Oceanview is a playground of learning, of sharing. I can tell you this because I am an experienced person up here. I consider Oceanview [Park] as my second home, because inside the building are a lot of wonderful people that are willing to help you out. They have wonderful arts and crafts activities for the young. They also have a good athletic program for the young and old. Every summer, if I'm not at school learning, I'm up at Oceanview Playground participating in some of their summer programs. I could never forget these people, because they inspired me to strive for my career. Yes, there are drugs around the Park, and I know what they can do to you. I'm not a drug dealer, nor am I a criminal. In life there are many obstacles--drug dealers are just one of them. Any person knows how easy it is to get involved [in drugs], but what you don't know is **HOW HARD IT IS TO GET OFF OF THEM.** I'm

not trying to be a doctor, but the reason I'm writing this statement is to [say] that Oceanview Park is not as bad as you think...In order for the Black community to grow, we must not drop out of school. The key to our future is advanced (college) education; we must get out of the past and into the future...

Sincerely, Ozell Mallory"

"Dear Reader:

Working at the Oceanview Recreation Park is my first job. I never thought I'd actually enjoy it, but for the past three weeks it's been fun working [with] the children that come here. Not all the children...are perfect angels. We do have a couple of devils in our midst, but nothing that can't be handled. I guess that's the challenging part of this job...The Directors aren't so bad either. They do the best they can do to teach and show these kids things that will be helpful to them in the future. Steve Kamena keeps the gym clear...of drug dealers so they can't have any influence over the children. Jeanetta Saunders teaches sewing and doll making to those that are interested. She is very sweet...Marc Randall teaches tennis and girls' softball. Both he and another director usually stay here until about ten at night to make sure everything is alright around the gym...Little things, like helping the kids,...serving them lunch, and taking them out on the weekly field trips to inexpensive places--like the Exploratorium, the San Francisco Zoo, Spring Lake in Santa Rosa, and this week to Golden Gate Park to ride on the carousel -- make this job so much fun.

Sincerely, Staci White"

These youngsters' essays are indicative of the many activities going on at O.V. besides drug dealing. Below are listed some of these activities and their schedules:

Free adult tennis classes are being conducted on Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Contact Marc Randall at 333-5436 for further information.

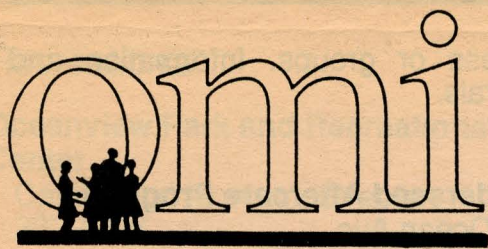
Aerobic classes are now being held on Saturday mornings at 9:15 am. This exercise-to-music class is free of charge, and is being held in the Center's Auditorium.

Arts and Crafts: Jeanetta Saunders, an accomplished multi-media artist, is O.V.'s Director of Recreation. Among the many creative arts programs that she is teaching this summer, she is conducting a class in her specialty: the art of ceramic doll making. Ms. Saunderson's dolls have been shown at many art galleries in the bay area, and are something to see. I wonder if she's interested in beginning an adult class?!

Tiny Tots: Monday through Friday, 10:30 am to Noon. Contact Jeanetta Saunders at 333-5436.

Lunch: Served Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Free. Contact Jeanetta Saunders at 333-5436.

--Carnella Gordon-Brown



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RESOURCE GUIDE--Services in the Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside Neighborhoods

This is the first edition of the OMI Community Resource Guide. We hope that it will provide you with useful information. We encourage you to pull out this guide and keep it near your phone so that the numbers are easily accessible. Please note that the resources in **bold letters** are those that are located in the OMI community. All of the rest are services available to this community, but are not located here. (We apologize for any mistakes or omissions in this guide. If you have any changes or additions, please call the OMI Neighbors in Action office at 558-7177 so that we can make the necessary corrections for our next edition.)

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OMI-NIA is an organization of neighbors established in January, 1988 to build a coalition of residents working together on common concerns to improve our neighborhoods. Over 1000 residents have participated in the activities of the organization thus far. OMI-NIA has several active committees: *block club and outreach* (which holds monthly block club training sessions to help form new block clubs or reactivate already existing clubs); an *issues*

committee which is working on ridding the community of drug dealers and criminal activities (it has established a drug i.d. reporting form to monitor police efforts, held a large community meeting with the Mayor to demand more police protection and to form an OMI-Mayoral task force); a *publications* committee which produces this newsletter on a quarterly basis (this is the 2nd edition) and a newly formed *social* committee.



City Services

Emergency Numbers

Fire Department 861-8020

Police Department 911

(This is for the quickest response for police, fire, and medical emergencies. Use to report crimes in progress. Your address will appear on the dispatchers' computer and will be recorded.)

553-8090 Police Emergency

(For reporting crimes in progress. The operator answers 911 but it is anonymous)

Other Police Department Numbers

Drug Hotline: 553-1600 (anonymous)

Non-Emergency calls: 553-0123

Narcotics section: 553-1123

Abandoned cars: 553-0123

Traffic administration: 553-1623

Ingleside Station: 553-1603 (to speak with a specific officer at Ingleside)

Off. of Citizens' Complaint: 553-1407 (to report police harassment and police misconduct)

U.S. Congress Members:

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (5th District) 556-4862

Senator Alan Cranston 556-8440

Senator Pete Wilson 556-4307

Department of Public Works

Street cleaning 558-3271

Street repair: complaints 558-3271

Traffic engineering 558-3371 (for street signs, etc.)

Parking Authority 558-3651

District Attorney 553-1752

Poison Control 476-6600

Mayors Office of Citizens' Assistance 554-6141/554-7111

Muni Information 673-6869

Elected Officials

Board of Supervisors: 554-5184 (for clerk/messages)

Harry Britt 554-5145

Jim Gonzales 554-5338

Richard Hongisto 554-5664

Tom Hsieh 554-5015

Willie Kennedy 554-5734

Bill Maher 554-5401

John Molinari 554-5555

Wendy Nelder 554-5497

Carol Ruth Silver 554-5154

Nancy Walker 554-5943

Doris Ward 554-5867

Mayor Art Agnos: 554-6141

State Assembly Members:

Assemblyman John Burton (16th District) 557-2253

Speaker Willie Brown, Jr. (17th District) 557-0784

State Senator Quentin Kopp: 557-9871

Senior Services

OMI Senior Center

426 Randolph St.

587-1443

Hours: M-F 9am-2:30pm *Contact:* Joyce Preston *Fees:* \$1.25 meal donation requested. *Eligibility:* 60 yrs. or over

Services: Multi-purpose senior center serving OMI area. Classes, recreational and social activities. Hot lunch daily. Transportation can be arranged. Wheelchair accessible.

Ingleside Senior Center

1345 Ocean Ave

587-4472

Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:30pm *Contact:* Karla Henrix *Fees:* \$1.25 lunch donation requested *Elig.:* 60 yrs or over

Services: Recreational activities, arts and crafts, field trips, hot lunch provided at noon. Tagalog translator available.

Due to space constraints, we are including only the senior programs located in the OMI area in this issue of the Resource Guide. We will be publishing a comprehensive Senior Resource Guide in the next edition of OMI Neighborhood News.

Health Services

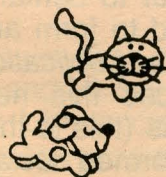
District Health Center #5
1351-24th Ave. 94122
661-4400

8:30-5:00 Mon.- Fri. Fee: Sliding scale (Must be a San Francisco resident) This program is not located in the neighborhood but public health nurses are available to make neighborhood visits. District #5 has developed a special project to provide "wellness clinics" for the elderly. This program will be at the OMI Pilgrim Community Center, 400 Randolph. (See listing below.)

Services: Health appraisals; family planning; cancer screening; women's clinic; pregnancy testing and counseling; glaucoma clinic; senior health screening; dental clinic; immunizations; T.B. screening; nutrition counseling; hypertension screening.

Group Education Services: stop smoking; weight reduction; stress reduction; expectant parents classes; parenting classes; health education

Mental Health Services: outpatient clinics; day treatment centers; home visiting teams; emergency/crises intervention; in-patient services; rehabilitation; consultation; education; information; liason; evaluation services.



OMI Pilgrim Community Center, Inc.
400 Randolph St. (at Victoria)
586-8020

Contact: Rev. Jack Smith
Services: New drug counseling program and other counseling services. Fall '88 SF Public Health #5 "Wellness Program" for senior citizens.

Scheduled Activities:
Tues. 3-4 pm Parents Aware; adult education program
Tues. 4-5pm Let's Talk; teen peer groups
Tues. 5-6pm Drop-In Counseling; open to teens and adults
Thurs. 3-4pm Individual Counseling
Thurs. 4-5pm Drop-In Counseling; open to teens and adults
Thurs. 5-6pm Family Group Counseling

OMI Family Center
2335 Ocean Ave. 94127
334-4717

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 - 5:00; evenings by appointment. Contact: Margaret Hickox
Fees: sliding scale; Medi-Cal accepted (Must be a San Francisco resident)

Services: outpatient clinic provides counseling for children, adolescents adults, individuals, families and groups. Provides vocational rehabilitation and follow-up care after hospitalization. Offers consultation and technical assistance to agencies, organizations,

business or groups. Information and Referrals.

Thunderseed Aftercare Program
1345 Ocean Ave.
333-1818

Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:00pm Fee: sliding scale Day treatment and some outreach and evening services to about 110 adults who live in Board and care homes, who are in need of counseling, socialization, and life-skills education.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Afro-Americans Beginners Group
Wright AME Church
627 Capitol Ave./Montana
Saturdays 8pm-9pm

Age 16-24

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Director of Hotel Operations

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San Francisco, California 94133
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Jerry Meyers, Dealer



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4093 19TH AVE



S.F.

Youth Activities

Recreational

Oceanview Park and Recreational Center

Capitol and Montana Streets
333-5436

Summer hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 10pm;
Weekends & Holidays 9am-6pm

Sept. - June hours: Mon - Fri
1pm-10pm; Weekends 9am-6pm

For information: Girls and womens
athletics/special programs: Jeanette
Sanders or Steve Kamena; Boys and
mens athletics Mark Randall or
Thatcher Baker

Services/activities include: a
recreational center which offeres arts
and crafts, music, playground,
gymnasium, a summer day camp, adult
and family night programs. Offers a
preschool on Tues. and Thurs.
mornings; field trips, supervised team
sports, ping pong; trampoline; etc. Call
or drop by for their schedule of
activities.

Recreation and Park Department
Main Office: McLaren Lodge, Golden
Gate Park, Stanyan and Fell St.
San Francisco, CA 94117
General Information: 558-3706
Director: Joel Robinson

Southwest Neighborhood Youth Group

139A Broad St.
337-1600/239-9682
contact : Will Reno

Trains youth in job related skills,
raises funds through dances, bake
sales, etc. to help youth with costs
related to continuing educations,
organizes summer trips for youth.
Open to all youth : ages 14 - 21 years
of age.

Educational/recreational Activities

Ingleside Community Center, Inc.

1345 Ocean Ave.
587-4472

Located at Ingleside Presbyterian
Church; offers tutorial programs;
recreational facilities/full gym program,
etc. Call for information.

Oceanview Library

111 Broad St.
586-4193

Library technician: Diane Kinsky;
Library supervisors: Hope Hayes/Gloria
Hanson (558-3985) Hours: 1 - 6pm
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday

Ingleside Library

387 Ashton Ave.
586-4156 Call for hours.

SF Main Library

Larkin and McAllister
San Francisco, CA 94102
General Information: 558-3191
Hours: Tues - thurs 10am - 9pm;
Mon, Fri, Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sundays
1pm - 5pm

Job Training/Job Development

OMI Community Association

201 Granada
584-8188

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm
Contact: Evoan Wilton, Mayor's
summer youth program (14 -21 yrs.
income eligible). Larry Chew, Job
Development Program (for 18 and over
and able to work)

Youth Program: provides
employment for youths aged 14 - 21
years at designated work sites.

Job Development: provides referrals
for full time employment; conduct job
preparedness training workshops,
including role playing for interviews,
personal grooming, and resume
preparation.

Childcare Services

There are various child care services available in the OMI area. These listings represent those posted with the CHILDCARE SWITCHBOARD, and are licensed childcare providers in the area. You will need to call each one to determine if the fee scales are still accurate, and if there are current child care slots open. For more information about other childcare services, call the CHILDCARE SWITCHBOARD at 864-1234.

Childcare Centers

Children & Language

35 San Juan/at Mission
469-0111

Hours: 7am-6pm Ages: 2-5 years
Fee: sliding scale (also an infant
program for children 3 months-2 years
old. No sliding scale for infant
program.)

Campus Children's Center (City College)

50 Phelan Avenue/at Ocean
239-3462/585-3050

Hours: 7:30am-12 noon; 12
noon-5:15pm. Ages: 2-5 years. Fee:
Sliding scale. AFDC parents free.
Priority given to City College students.
Both sessions available if parents are in
the nursing program.

Discovery Center

6 Ocean Avenue/at Alemany
333-6609

Hours: 7am-6pm. Ages:
Kindergarten-8th grade. Fee: Unknown

Kiddie Kare Kollege

283-85 Farrallones/at Orizaba
333-7685

Hours: 7am-6pm Ages: 2-5 years
Fee: \$55 per week; fee reduction for
second child

Diana's Daycare

280 A Miramar
587-7335

Hours: 7:30am-6pm Ages: Infants
and toddlers Fee: \$70-80/wk

Oceanview Parent Pre-School Center

400 Sargent/at Victoria
239-2551/346-2246

Hours: 9am-12 noon Ages: 3yrs
9months-5 years Fee: Free to AFDC
parents

Miraloma Cooperative Nursery

443 Foerester/at Joost
585-6789

Hours: 9am-noon; 9:30-12:30
(second session for pre-school years)
Ages: 2yrs, 9 months-5 years; 3rs
9months-5 years Fee: Free to eligible
parents. Parent participation required.

Lakeside Presbyterian Center for Children

201 Eucalyptus Drive/at 19th Avenue
564-5044

Hours: 7:30-6pm Ages: 2 yrs,
5months-6 years Fee: \$316.50 per
month

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Nursery

1011 Garfield/at Beverly
587-1424

Hours: 9am-3pm Ages: 2 yrs, 6
months-5yrs, 9months Fee: 5 days per
week/\$140.00 per month; 2, 3, or 4
days/call for fees

Brotherhood Way Jewish Community Center

655 Brotherhood Way
334-7474

Hours: 8am-6pm Ages: 2yrs
6months-5 years Fee: \$304.00 per
month

Montessori Children's Center

755 Font Blvd./at Holloway
333-4410

Hours: 7am-6pm Ages: 2yrs-3yrs
6months Fee: \$310.00 per month

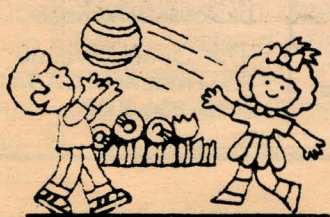
O.M.I. Childcare

205 Victoria
386-5725

Hours: 7am-6pm Ages: 2yrs
9months-5 years Fee: Sliding
scale/income eligibility required.

Family Day Care Homes

There are over 50 liscensed Family
Day Care Homes in the O.M.I. Family
Day Care Homes can serve from 4 to
12 children, depending on the license.
For more information, call the
CHILDCARE SWITCHBOARD at
864-1234. Also call for information
about After School Programs.



HAROLD HOOGASIAN for San Francisco!

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OMI Resident

General Community Services/Organizations

Crime Prevention Programs

SF SAFE
850 Bryant #555
San Francisco, CA 94103
673-SAFE

The core of SAFE activities is the formation of neighborhood block clubs, which gives neighbors an opportunity to meet with each other and with police to discuss mutual concerns. In addition, SAFE provides the following programs: Business Security, Residential Board and Care Facilities Safety, Children's Safety and Assault Prevention Seminars, Rape Awareness, Senior Safety Presentations, and City-wide Advisory Council.

District H Police Community Relations Committee

Ingleside Station
#1 John Young Lane
San Francisco, CA 94112
553-1603

Meets the third Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m. Community residents meet with police officers to discuss crime trends, learn about crime prevention activities, and work cooperatively to solve crime problems in the district.

District H Improvement Alliance

44 Monterey Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94131

A committee of the Ingleside Police Community Relations Committee meeting (see PCR above). Open forum meeting to allow police and the community to discuss issues of concern. DHIA was formed in 1987 to deal with problems where more than police action is needed to solve a problem. Currently tackling illegal auto repair and dismantling shops in residential neighborhoods, abandoned cars, and graffiti (abandoned auto and graffiti reporting forms are available).

Other community groups

Housing Conservation and Development Corporation

1637 Ocean Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94112
586-8000

Services: Affordable housing development; providing deferred - interest loans for housing rehab.; construction supervision & cost estimation; loan processing; rental of James Johnson-Farragut Center (several languages spoken.)

For loan programs call: Katherine Ford, for other information call Roberta Catalinotto. **Eligibility:** Low and moderate income (up to 120% of median income)

Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Group (SNIG)


139A Broad St.
San Francisco, CA. 94112
337-1660/239-9682
Contact: Will Reno

Community organization to help improve the neighborhood. Currently working on keeping Oceanview Library on Broad St. Monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Lions Club

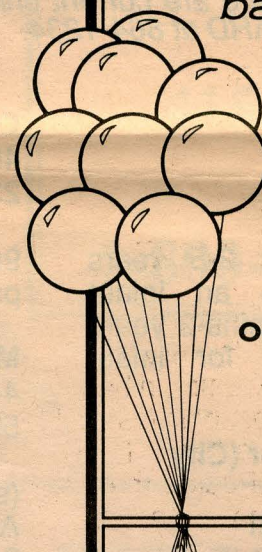
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Contact: Will Reno

A community service club. Sponsors a Thanksgiving dinner for seniors each year. Holds and eye clinic for glasses for school kids. Has a diabetic clinic, AIDS education program, and a speakers bureau to go to high schools to talk about the Lion's scholarship program. Monthly meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m. Membership dues are \$65.00 each year with a one time \$35.00 initiation fee.


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OCEANVIEW LIBRARY

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This is a less expensive operation, justified on the assumption that minimal library services are sufficient for the Reading Center's readership. Librarians, on the other hand, develop programs in their libraries that offer extra learning experiences--workshops, special films, musical programs, gaming activities, etc. Librarians are reference resources, knowledgeable beyond "pointing at" reference listings. Without Librarians, these very enriching activities, especially needed for children, do not exist in the Reading Centers.

The change to Reading Center status purportedly occurred on the basis of usage of the library. The three attempts to close Oceanview were also based on low usage.

The main precondition for keeping our "Reading Center" and restoring it to Library status is a demonstrated, consistent use of the library by the neighborhood it serves.

One of the reasons that readership has declined is that many Oceanview residents use Merced and West Portal Libraries which in addition to having librarians, have more up to date facilities; most notably the computerized central data link enquiry and update system which allows a library to search all branches in the system to find requested books not in the branch. Other valuable information such as when a book is expected to be returned is available. Oceanview Library is currently scheduled to become a computerized facility before year end. It is time to upgrade and return to *our own* neighborhood library--see you there!

--Naomi Williams and Jean Storey

OMI PILGRIM COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN FOR SERVICE

A long delayed dream of the late I. T. Bookman became a partial reality July 1, 1988 when the OMI Pilgrim Community Center opened their doors for their first program--the OMI Senior Center. In recent interview, the interim Pastor, the Reverend Jack Smith, and Lonnie Adams, a member of the Board of Directors, discussed in detail the five anticipated phases of the building plans, which will be completed as funding becomes available.

The Board of Directors is comprised of 15 members, five each from the church, community, and service providers. The Director is Larry Johnson-Redd. The building is presently providing a hot lunch Monday through Friday, with various additional planned activities. Joyce Preston is the program coordinator, and the only paid staff person administering the senior program. She envisions a full array of services in the near future.

Upon completion of the building there are plans for a Health Clinic, inter-generational activities, tutorial programs and a multiplicity of services matched to the needs of the OMI community. A two-day-a-week drug counseling program was recently opened, and the waiting list already extends into late 1988.

Congratulations to the tenacity of those who understand what can happen to "a dream pursued." The Rev. Jack Smith and Lonnie Adams invite you to stop by and visit the facility and the Church.

--Geraldine Earp

BLOCK CLUBS

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will be focusing on the drug dealers who gather at Bright and Randolph, causing the neighbors to feel unsafe and isolated in their homes. The Bright block club is hoping even more neighbors will join as they learn this can be a source of support in times of anxiety about drug dealers.

There are more clubs already established and new ones forming every month. It is easy to start a block club or join one already in existence in your neighborhood. There are meetings scheduled every second Saturday of each month providing training on how to form clubs on your street. Block clubs are an easy way to make your neighborhood a better place for everyone. For information on meeting times and places, see the calendar section of this Newsletter, or call Jodi Reid at 558-7177 or 864-7400.

--Outreach Committee/Clair Scott

HOME NURSING CARE IN OMI

Some people think that home medical care is something of the past. Well, the truth is that such care is still available through the San Francisco Health Department.

At our last OMI-NIA general meeting on Monday, July 18th I had an opportunity to meet SF Public Health Nurse, Agnes Morton. Ms. Morton told me that the SF Public Health Nurses are available to all San Franciscans who need medical supervision at home. This service is especially useful for the senior citizen who lacks mobility or transportation, those who suffer from chronic illness, or even new mothers who have questions about how to best care for their infants.

This service is only a phone call away. The SF Public Health Nurses will also take referrals, so family members or neighbors who see a person in need of medical supervision can call.

There are five public health clinics that are available to the public on a sliding fee scale. District Health Clinic #5, at 1351 24th Avenue near Irving (Buses #28 & #29), is assigned to cover the OMI area. For appointments, information, and SF Public Health Nursing referrals call 661-4400 (for additional health services please check our community resource guide in this issue of OMI Neighborhood News).

Health Center #5 has developed a special project to provide "wellness clinics" for senior citizens. This program will be established this fall at the OMI Pilgrim Community Center, 400 Randolph Street. Look for fliers announcing its arrival. --Clair Scott

*** ELECTION UPDATE ***

BALBOA RESERVOIR LAND GOES TO CITY COLLEGE

On Tuesday June 7th San Franciscans voted, for the third time, on the proposal to use the South Balboa Reservoir for housing development (Proposition L). A grassroots organization made up of neighborhood residents and City College staff called Sensible Neighborhood Planning (SNaP) fought hard to save the Balboa Reservoir for City College. The proponents of Prop. L argued that the proposed 203 homes were desperately needed for San Francisco's moderate income families wanting to become homeowners within the City. Proponents of the housing project were backed by the developer, who spent ten times the amount SNaP did, to promote the passing of Prop. L.

OMI Drug Reporting Strategy Developed

The news media would have you think that drug problems are centered around a half-dozen dots across the city. Unfortunately, drug abuse has become commonplace in all neighborhoods throughout the Bay Area. Drugs are being offered for sale in all the neighborhoods of San Francisco--including Ingleside Terraces, Merced, Oceanview, and Ingleside neighborhoods.

What are *you* doing about the drug blight on our neighborhoods in San Francisco? Certainly the evidence of drug dealing is obvious in all of our communities. OMI-NIA worked with the police department in the development of a system to report drug activity in our neighborhoods. The anonymous OMI-NIA Drug Activity Reporting Form was the result, and is becoming widely used since our community has decided that the time has come to take action.

To assure privacy, neighbors can only get these forms at OMI-NIA meetings or block club meetings. This form is mailed to a post office box, and then forwarded to the police. The police department is solely responsible for taking action on drug activity and reporting back to our meetings.

An even more effective response to end illegal drug activities is to call the police and file a personal complaint. It is possible that you might be able to give your testimony behind closed doors. However, you should clarify this point with the police. If you find this action too threatening, then the least that you can do is to send in the anonymous OMI-NIA Drug Activity Reporting Form.

Another anonymous way of reporting illegal drug activities is to call the Drug Hotline at 553-1600.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the anonymous form and/or call the anonymous Drug Hotline at 553-1600. If we do not help to stop the drug traffic in our community, we have no reason to complain. Help the police get the information that they need to take further action (see Calendar of Events section in this Newsletter for upcoming meetings where you can get a drug reporting form).

--Bob Landis

This three year battle was decided by the voters. Prop. L failed at the polls. A recount was demanded by the developer, who was to purchase the land for \$36,000 if Prop. L passed. Prop. L was defeated by 1008 votes.

The SF Supervisor's Finance Committee approved selling the South Balboa Reservoir to City College for \$1 with an amendment requiring that City College develop the land within ten years for educational purposes or the property will revert to the City.

City College Chancellor Hsu's office confirmed that money had been approved to finance an architectural competition to update the college master plan and utilize the South Balboa Reservoir.

Meanwhile, the general manager of the Water Department, James Cooney is asking for the surplus status of the Balboa Reservoir to be reversed, because of the Fire Department concerns for an adequate water supply in the southern portion of the City. The Water Department's efforts could prohibit development on the South Balboa Reservoir.

--Clair Scott

OMI Neighbors in Action CALENDAR of Neighborhood Meetings

Monday, August 8th 7-9pm
Steering Committee Meeting
James Johnson Center, 1099 Capitol at
Holloway
Every 2nd Monday of each month at same time
and location

Saturday, August 13 9-11am
Block Club Training
485 Monticello
2nd Saturday each month at same time and
location

Monday, August 15 7-9pm
OMI-NIA General Community Meeting
OMI Community Center
426 Randolph St.
3rd Monday each month; call 558-7177 for
Sept. location

Tuesday, August 16 7:30pm
**Ingleside Police-Community Relations
Meeting**
#1 John Young Lane, Balboa Park
3rd Tuesday each month at same time and
location

Monday, August 29 7-9pm
Issues Committee Meeting
Call 558-7177 for location
4th Monday of each month

Tuesday, August 30 7-9pm
OMI-Mayoral Task Force
Oceanview Recreation Center
Capitol and Montana Streets

POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL) IS COMING TO OCEANVIEW PARK

Many members of OMI Neighbors in Action, officers of Ingleside Station and Officer Joe Mollo of the Police Activities League have been putting in long hours on a plan to install a Police Activities League program in Oceanview Park. The program, which would include sports and activities for children and young teenagers, would be supervised for six hours daily by two police officers.

Budgetary constraints at City Hall have necessitated a search for private funding and I am happy to say, the outlook for those funds is promising.

If the work and pressure presently being exerted is continued, and no unforeseen obstacles appear, we should have PAL Program in Oceanview by the middle of August.

--Diarmuid J. Philpott, Captain of
Police, Ingleside Station

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Also, another special thanks to Sean O'Driscoll for the design of our logo.



Neighborhood Views

A VIEW FROM THE OUTSIDE

(This commentary is written by Morten Ravn from Denmark who now lives in Ingleside)

I will try to explain how I see my first look at the OMI community. My first thought was: Is this a part of San Francisco? You are somehow outside everything, and next to Ingleside is another town called Stonestown...!

My first time down Ocean Avenue, the local shopping district, was to wash clothes at the laundry and to shop at Safeway. But the street seems like it has seen better days -- it looks like it is dying. For example, it is missing the overwhelming life you see in the Mission (where I do most of my day to day shopping), or some of the exclusivity of West Portal. When I pass some of the stores, I begin to wonder how the owner can afford to keep the store open.

Although, most of the houses could use a loving hand for a month or two, the housing prices are expensive. Some low income families own houses in the OMI -- but can they afford bread, clothes and education for their youth?

I would like to describe an episode that happened the other day while I was watering our plants. Suddenly right next to me, there was a *hold up*. The hold up involved three vehicles; a young man in a mini truck was surrounded by 3 or 4 men from the two other cars. It was as if I was looking at a Charles Bronson movie, with guns pointed to the head of the young man, handcuffs, and brutal behavior. The young man was released about 5 minutes later by what must have been undercover police officers, who did not find any cocaine--this is what the young man told me later.

This episode outside my door seems to be nothing exceptional for this neighborhood. For instance, at a recent meeting a police officer told how they had busted all of the young people that were on a certain street.

This may actually turn out to be ongoing harrassment of all of our youth, and our black youth in particular. If this continues to go on I cannot explain how big a mistake it would be.

If we are to get drugs out of our neighborhood, we have to unite with everybody in this neighborhood, on a strong foundation! There is room for us all together. Instead of a dying

neighborhood, through our work and love we can fertilize our neighborhood, so that life can grow here -- our life and the lives of our next generations. ●

CONCERNED ABOUT OUR DIRECTION AS A NATION INTO THE FUTURE?

(A call to action for our youth by Quincy Norris, who grew up and resides in Oceanview)

Headlines read: "Shocking forecast on jobs for San Francisco youths"; "...Neighborhoods and the Drug War...."

News articles inform us that the lives of the young and old are being destroyed: on the one hand due to the vast amount of money one can earn by selling illegal drugs, while on the other hand due to the tragedy of crack addiction.

It was once said "only the strong shall survive." More accurately stated in today's terms "only the best prepared will survive. The others will merely exist: uneducated, unskilled, immature and insensitive. Many of these others are our youth, wearing Adidas, Troop, Fila, etc., selling and/or using crack cocaine while abusing their bodies and brains. Imagine youths of 14, 15, and 16 years of age believing that the drug business is their only way to succeed and/or acquire wealth.

Today people stand in lines by the hundreds for a handful of jobs: jobs that will pay more than minimum wage, yet less than enough for one to survive without supplemental income. A recent news article predicted that approximately 40,000 people under the age of 24 "are poorly positioned to avoid joblessness and poverty in their later years" in San Francisco.

What can you do??? If you are truly interested in helping to influence the directions of our youths' lives, *step forward now!* We must take responsibility for building a better future. OMI residents are already rising to the call, as neighbors helping neighbors, through the work of various community organizations. If OMI Neighbors in Action is not your "cup of tea," then get involved in the OMI Community Association, or the Pilgrim Community Center, or the Oceanview Library. *Just get involved!* Please call Quincy Norris at 337-9172 -- we need to unite and act! ●

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OMI NEIGHBORS IN ACTION INTEREST RESPONSE FORM

____ Yes, I would like more information on OMI Neighbors in Action. Please send information to my address below.

____ I would like to form a Block Club on my block. Please send me information.

____ Enclosed is my donation to build a community of neighbors helping neighbors (make checks payable to "Catholic Charities -- OMI-NIA")

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____ Outreach Committee

____ Issues Committee

____ Newsletter

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