



BLOCK HEAD

The Fall Issue!

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Upcoming Events

Halloween Party

Saturday October 28
1651 Fairorchard
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Calling all ghosts, goblins, Pixar characters, and fairy princesses! The Riepling Family will be hosting a neighborhood Halloween party outside 1651 Fairorchard the Saturday before Halloween. Stop by for spooks, scares, and smiles.

Holiday Lights Contest

Runs through December

Deck your Eichler with boughs of holly... fa la la!

We're holding a contest for who can bring the most holiday spirit to the neighborhood. C'mon, we can take on downtown WG! No need to formally enter— we will be perusing the neighborhood. Winner gets a big red trophy and bragging rights.

Bunco Game Night

Meets monthly
A neighbor's home
Time changes based on host

The ladies of Fairglen host Bunco Night once per month at their homes. Play Bunco, have a drink with your neighbors, and get a glimpse of someone else's Eichler. Bunco is an easy to learn dice game— don't be shy! We do a special "white elephant" gift swap for the holidays.

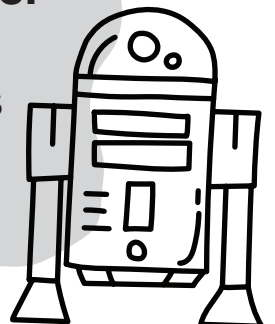
To be added to the Bunco Night list, email Fiona at fionadsmith@gmail.com.



Cynthia Riepling won the annual block party dessert contest!

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You Know You're
An Eichler Owner
When...
Your boiler looks
like R2D2.



Costumes & Cosplay with Andrea

By Jenny Quigley

In the spirit of Halloween and dressing up in costume, the Blockhead crew learned about cosplay. Cosplay comes from “costume play” and is when participants (“cosplayers”) wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a specific character. Perhaps you’ve seen cosplayers in downtown San Jose during a cosplay convention. Meet Andrea Ysebert, your Adele Place neighbor, who has been cosplaying with husband Scott Ysebert since 2015.

What is cosplay?

Cosplay is putting on clothing or armor and trying to emulate a character. It’s admittedly nerdy and geeky, but comes from love for a character or universe. Cosplay is about crafting something that doesn’t exist in the real world.

Why did you start cosplay?

My husband and I watched a show called Heroes of Cosplay. It was fun to watch all the different techniques used, like weathering armor in the ocean or using paint techniques for the right shading. I’m pretty good at making things and I work in digital design. Cosplay was a way to do something new and tangible with my skills.

Does your experience in graphic design help with cosplay?

Yes, sometimes I use design programs and vector art to create costumes and accessories. I once used Adobe Illustrator to create a pattern, then used my Cricut to cut it from stretch vinyl, and then ironed the vinyl onto my material.

What cosplay are you currently working on?

Moiraine Damodred from The Wheel of Time (Amazon Prime)! She wore a leather bolero on top of a gorgeous dress. I made the bolero from craft foam first and modified it at least nine times to get the fit right and make it as accurate as possible. I made stamps and did some metal working and beadwork, as well. It’s the first time I’ve worked with leather, dyeing and sewing it.

How do you decide what to cosplay next?

I have to like the look of a character and love their outfit. I need to feel good being that character. You can have any skin color and you can gender bend a character. For example, I’ve made a female version of a male anime character. Personally, I like to find a character close to my age. But anyone can play anyone of any age. That’s the beautiful thing about cosplay– no one says “you’re too old for that.”



Neighbor
Feature



Moiraine's Bolero & custom made tools
(from Wheel of Time on Amazon Prime)



Let's transition to Eichlers and our neighborhood! What do you think about living here?

My husband and I have been here since March 2016. We liked the architecture, the floor-to-ceiling windows, and the inside-outside lifestyle. Eichlers tend to have small bedrooms, but we found a model that has a large primary bedroom. The neighborhood is phenomenal. The community around Eichlers is incredible and unmatched.

Do you have an upcoming Eichler home project?

We did a full renovation when we moved in. We love this home and what we've made of it. We're hoping to redo our landscaping. I've done all the design for an outdoor kitchen, seating area, lighting. I look outside and can see it all in my mind, but we haven't started that project yet.

Follow Andrea on Instagram @moxylady

Scott and Andrea as Morticia and Gomez Addams (from Addams Family)

Kids Corner



By: Sammy



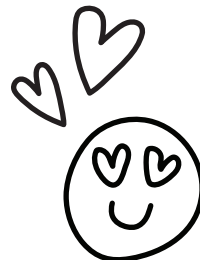
By: Paige

Kids lining up!



George getting ready to ride!

Thanks to all the kids who biked in this year's parade!



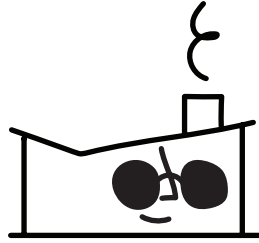
Babysitter Available!

Maura Quigley, age 15, from the Fairglens Eichler neighborhood is available to babysit.

Rates and availability text
408.679.9319

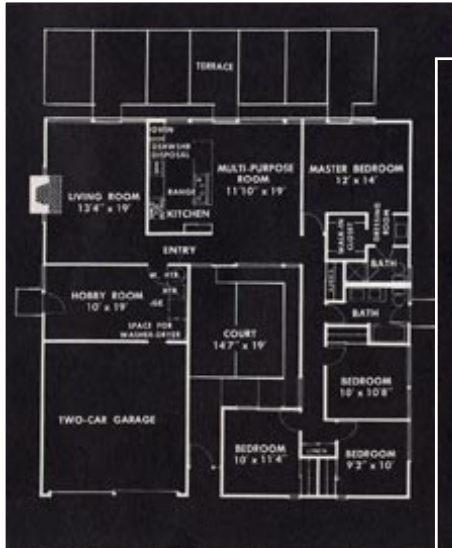
Fairglen Flashback!

By Emma Siemasko

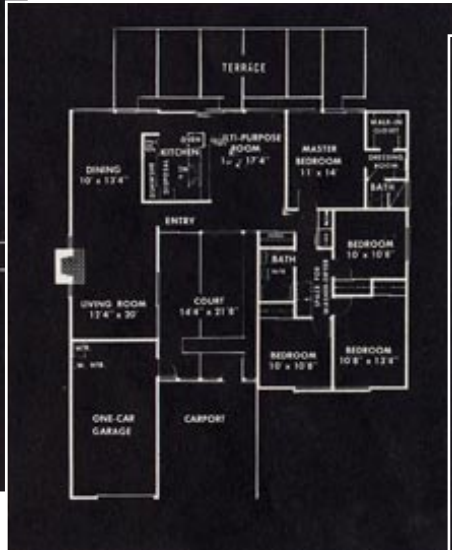


Eichlers are unusual. Some say they look like space ships or are built like sheds. But if you live inside one, you know there's no better house.

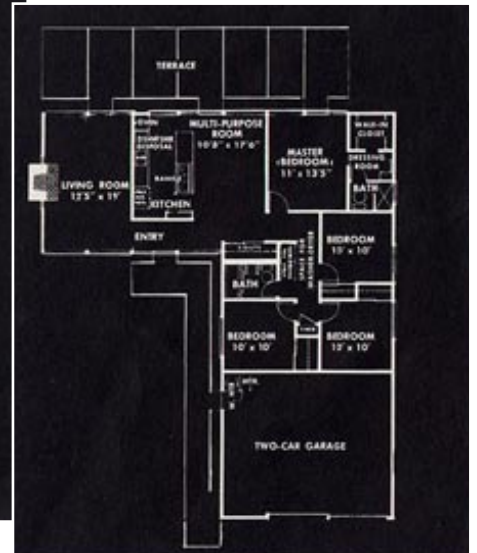
After moving into my Eichler, I quickly realized the flow of the house was natural and well-designed (I live in Plan 1114, the



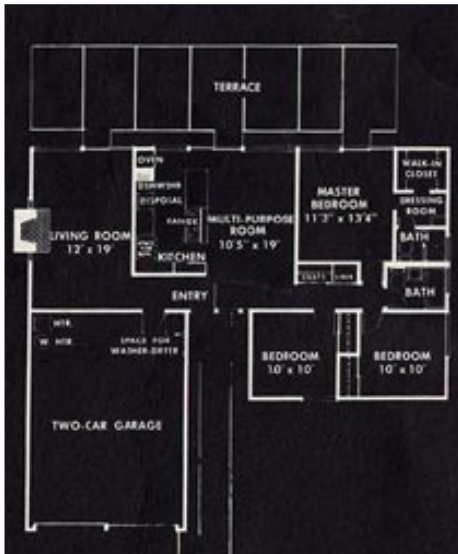
Plan E-31



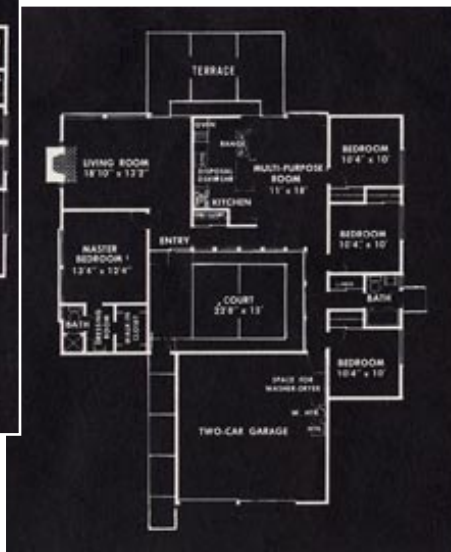
Plan 1114



Plan 1004



Plan 1003



Plan 1184

popular carport atrium model). The house feels optimized for everyday life, with a larger common areas for the family to spend time together and smaller bedrooms for night-time sleep.

When our neighborhood was first introduced in 1959, there were five floor plans to choose from— Plan 1004, Plan 1003, Plan E-31, Plan 1184, and Plan 1114. All have different perks and quirks. Floor plans were not followed exactly, either— each individual house is slightly different.

Can you find your floor plan?



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Got news to share or want to get involved in the neighborhood? Contact blockhead@fairgleneichlers.org



Halloween Mask Fun!

Directions: Color and decorate, cut along the dotted lines, tie string through the "X", give your best "BOO!" and send a photo to blockhead@fairgleneichlers.org to be featured in our next issue!