

SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

SAVA POOL TO OPEN YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!



Most of you will be happy to hear that Sava Pool, which is currently undergoing a renovation, is slated for completion nearly a year ahead of schedule.

When Sava Pool opened at 19th Avenue and Wawona Street in the 1950s, Sunset District families flocked to it, making it the most popular pool in the City. Fifty years later, time and use had taken its toll, and Sava Pool closed in June 2007 for what was expected to be a 30-month rebuild.

Construction of the pool, which cost nearly \$17 million, is expected to end in November. The pool opening is slated for this December.

The new Sava Pool is new in every sense of the word. There are brand new locker rooms, showers and restrooms, as well

as a new multipurpose room for parties and gatherings. The old pool had six 33-yard lanes, but the new pool has eight 25-yard lanes to meet regulation size and allows for the expansion of programs at the pool.

The pool was constructed with conservation in mind. Through a partnership with the SFPUC, the pool water will be partially heated through solar panels on the roof. The wall of windows on the south side of the building provide the facility with natural light.

General admission to the pool is the same as all public pools in the City -- \$1.00 for children under 17 years and \$4.00 for adults.

I know that our children and families are ready to jump back into Sava Pool, which has served as an invaluable community center for nearly six decades already. Sava Pool will soon continue to serve as the place where our children learn to swim and where families recreate for generations to come.

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GREENING THE SUNSET – OCTOBER 18TH

This is a reminder that the Sunset's largest greening event – Dig It! – is happening on **Saturday, October 18th**, where almost 200 trees will be planted in our community. Dig It! will be one of the largest community events in San Francisco this year! Volunteers are asked to show up at **8:00AM at West Sunset Playground (38th Ave & Ortega)**. Breakfast will be provided. Volunteers will help plant trees, clean up playgrounds (West Sunset Playground, South Sunset Playground and Sunset Playground), as well as pick up litter and clear walking paths along Sunset Boulevard. At the end of the work day, all volunteers will reconvene at West Sunset Playground for a celebration that will include lunch, guest speakers and prizes. The first 400 volunteers will receive a free ticket to a concert that evening and a special Timberland t-shirt commemorating the achievement of the day. Visit www.fuf.net for more information.

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Our office worked with the Department of Public Works to secure \$100,000 in grant money for tree planting along Sunset Boulevard. As our trees near the end of their life span, we are working to ensure that we start planting the seeds for new greenery along the boulevard. On September 24th, Supervisor Chu joined Public Works crews in planting the first five new trees at Sunset Boulevard and Wawona.

WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMY!



Before the Academy of Sciences opened its new doors to the public, Supervisor Chu took a delegation of PTA presidents and members from all of the Sunset District schools for a sneak preview on September 19th. We were happy to provide PTA members from across the district the opportunity to connect and share ideas with each other.

CLEANING & PAVING NORIEGA STREET



We are happy to announce that Noriega Street was recently added as part of the Community Corridors Program after we received neighborhood input for additional cleaning efforts in our district. The program includes a designated corridor Ambassador to monitor street cleanliness and initiate cleaning efforts, as well as steam cleaning for the streets. Irving and Taraval will continue receiving regular cleaning services as existing streets under the program.

Noriega Street, between 35th Avenue – Great Highway, will also undergo the Noriega Pavement Renovation Project and is slated to begin in early December. The project includes sewer replacement and is expected to cost \$3.5 million.

BUILDING A PLAYGROUND AND BUILDING COMMUNITY



Over the past year, our office has been working closely with the Friends of West Sunset Playground (FOWSP) to help raise money to rebuild West Sunset Playground at 38th Avenue and Ortega. On October 2nd, FOWSP hosted a Sunset Soiree at City Hall to generate awareness for the playground rebuild effort, where over 100 community members came to learn more about how to help. Students from Sunset Elementary School and AP Giannini Middle School also attended to share why they felt the playground is in need of a makeover.

Our office has helped secure \$15,000 in grant money to kick-start this fundraising effort, and we thank all the community members and companies that have donated to the playground already. Please contact our office if you would like to join FOWSP or learn more about how to help rebuild West Sunset Playground.

DISTRICT 4 HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE UNDERWAY

What are you going to be for Halloween? With Halloween right around the corner, that's a question that every kid is hearing right now. Donate costumes, dress-up clothes, festive accessories, masks and props to Supervisor Chu's District 4 Costume Drive! Look for our spookily decorated donation bins.

When: October 10th through 25th

Donation locations: Taraval Police Station – 2345 Taraval Street & 24th Ave
The NEW Java Beach Café – 2650 Sloat Blvd (across from the zoo)
Sunset Recreation Center – 2201 Lawton Street & 28th Ave
Taraval Street Fair on October 25th – Taraval Street between 46th Ave & Great Highway

Distribution: Children in need of a costume are invited to select a costume from the donations at the Taraval Street Fair on October 25th (46th Ave → Great Highway)

WALKING TO SCHOOL



Supervisor Chu joined students, parents and Principal Sophie Lee from Sunset Elementary School for Walk to School Day on October 8th. Our office has advocated for additional pedestrian safety measures near school areas, including speed radar signs, restriping of crosswalks and grants for Safe Routes to School.



INTRODUCING CAMMY BLACKSTONE

Cammy recently joined our office as a Legislative Aide



Cammy has been a Sunset District resident for 12 years and involved in the Pine Lake Park Neighborhood Association for the past 8 years. After a long career in radio and television, Cammy finally got a grown-up job as a Legislative Aide, working with both Supervisors Elsbernd and Alioto-Pier before landing here to work on her own district issues with Supervisor Chu. With two elementary school age boys, Cammy spends a great deal of time on the fields at South Sunset, West Sunset and Larsen; but can also be found walking her dog at Stern Grove or enjoying a mai tai at Rick's on Taraval. Energized by the jumbo coffees from Java Beach, Cammy is here ready to help with whatever concerns you may have.

SAY HELLO TO RENÉ LY

We recently appointed René Ly to serve as the District 4 representative on the Graffiti Advisory Board, which meets every month to discuss ways to mitigate the graffiti and vandalism that blight our beautiful Sunset District. René, a District 4 resident, is a recent graduate of Lincoln High School and currently attends City College of San Francisco. We are excited to have René representing not only our district, but also the youth in our community. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like us to share with René, please contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or chustaff@sfgov.org.



Supervisor Chu joined children and families at St. Cecilia's Annual Parish Festival (Oct. 10 – 12), where she worked the cake booth to help raise money for church, school and community programs.



← St. Cecilia parent Dana Coe with Supervisor Chu

On October 4th, Supervisor Chu joined Pine Lake Park neighbors at their Annual Neighborhood Association Picnic →



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 15

Police & Community Meeting in Chinese
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Taraval Police Station Community Room
An opportunity for Chinese speaking
Residents to express their concerns to
And ask questions of Chinese speaking
Police officers

Thursday, October 16

Ghost Hunting for Teens
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Ghost Hunter Tommy Netzbund talks about
his adventures with ghosts.
Parkside Library, 1200 Taraval

Thursday, October 16

Supervisor Chu's resolution urging School
District to reconsider school assignment system
At City & School District joint committee
3:30pm, City Hall, Board Chamber
Public comment opportunity for concerned parents
Contact our office for more information

Thursday, October 16

Sunset "Lights on After School Rally"
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Along east and west sidewalks of
Sunset Blvd. between Lawton & Vicente
Join the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center to show support for
afterschool
Programs.

Saturday, October 18

Friends of the Urban Forest tree planting
Help plan 150 new trees in the Sunset
Meet at Ortega Library at 8:00 am

Saturday, October 18

Family Festival 2008
Games, activities and entertainment
for the whole family.
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Yerba Buena Gardens
www.sfkids.org

Saturday, October 18

Casino Night to benefit
The Janet Pomeroy Center
Cocktails/dinner beginning at 6:00 pm
www.Janetpomeroy.org

Tuesday, October 21 – Dec. 16

Tuesday Night Yoga for Beginners
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
AP Giannini Middle School Cafeteria
3151 Ortega @ 38th Ave.
Details: www.snbc.org

Saturday, October 25

Taraval Street Fair
11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Food, music, fun and games for the whole family
Taraval Street between 46th Ave. and the Great Highway

Monday, October 27

Sunset Digital TV (DTV) Community Meeting
6:00 – 7:00 pm
AP Giannini Middle School – 37th Ave & Ortega
Learn about how you and your television viewing experience will be
affected by the transition to DTV on February 17, 2009.
Sponsored by Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center

Tuesday, October 28

Community meeting regarding the Future of the San Francisco
Police Dept.
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
UCSF Parnassus Campus – Mulberry Union
500 Parnassus Ave.

Thursday, October 30

Supervisor Chu's District Office Hours
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Celia's Restaurant 4019 Judah

Friday, October 31

Halloween Carnival for Kids
Stonestown YMCA
Dress up for Halloween fun!
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 5

Family Night at the Library
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm
Heather Magic performs a hilarious show with magic, comedy and
lots of audience participation
Parkside Library, 1200 Taraval

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