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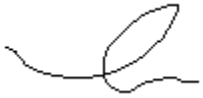
MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR CHU

Many of you have contacted our office with concerns about homelessness in the district. As a result, I've been working with several city departments and have called for a community meeting to hear more about and address your concerns.

I especially want to thank Captain Chignell of the Taraval Police Station for working with us on this issue. He, along with representatives from the Department of Public Works, Recreation & Parks, Human Services Agency and the Homeless Outreach Team will be at the meeting.

Community meeting on homelessness
December 17, 2007 (Monday) • 7:00 – 8:30pm
Sunset Recreation Center auditorium @ 28th Ave & Lawton

Hope to see you there!



Carmen Chu

DISTRICT 4 CLEAN-UP



On December 1, dozens of community members joined our office and the Public Works and Recreation & Parks departments in beautifying the area along 48th Avenue and Taraval. Together, we renovated a public restroom by giving it a new coat of paint and installing plants in the surrounding area. Public Works crews filled potholes along the Great Highway and installed a new hose bib and water meter at the median garden across from the restroom to allow nearby neighbors to water and maintain plants in the median. Crews from the Public Works and Recreation & Parks departments trimmed dense bushes in response to concerns regarding homeless encampments near the Great Highway and Ocean Beach. We'd like to thank everyone who came out to beautify District 4, as well as the Public Works and Recreation & Parks departments. We look forward to many more of these projects to engage and connect our neighborhoods. If you have any suggestions on beautification projects, please contact our office.



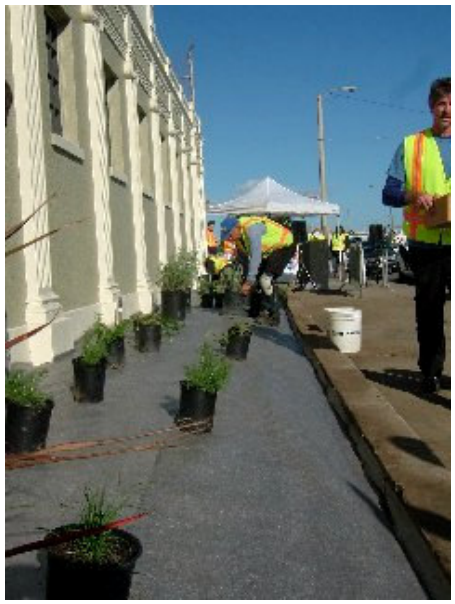
Trimming bushes along Great Highway



Planting in median garden



Acknowledging volunteers


48th & Taraval public restroom improvements

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Outdoor Café Dining – Supervisor Chu's legislation would amend the Public Works Code to reduce the fees for outdoor café tables and chairs. The legislation passes along efficiencies in the administration of the program and incorporates savings expected from providing the public with online renewals beginning in 2008. It passed through the Budget & Finance Committee on December 12 with a unanimous recommendation for approval. The Small Business Commission also unanimously voted to endorse this legislation. The full Board of Supervisors will vote on this legislation on January 8, 2008.

Banning Alcohol in Children's Play Areas – Supervisor Chu supported and co-sponsored legislation introduced by Supervisor Alioto-Pier that prohibits alcohol from children's play areas. Our office is working with the Recreation & Parks Department to ensure signage for these new regulations to allow for enforcement. This ordinance was passed by the full Board on December 11, 2007.

APPOINTMENTS

Public Safety Committee – Board President Peskin recently appointed Supervisor Chu to the three-member Public Safety Committee. Supervisor Chu is enthused about serving in this new capacity because she has heard from so many residents that public safety is among their top concerns.

Regional Association – The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint the Supervisor to the Urban Counties Caucus at their December 4 meeting. The UCC addresses issues important to its member counties, which includes: Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Ventura. UCC helps advocate at the State and Federal levels on issues of concern to these urban counties of California. Members of the UCC follow issues that directly impact the programs and services provided by California counties in areas related to economic development, elections, employee relations, government finance and operations; health and human services; administration of justice; housing, land use and transportation; and agriculture and natural resources.

"KIDS RIDE FREE" DAY

On **Saturday, December 22**, children age 12 and under will be able to ride BART for free courtesy of Kaiser Permanente. Children must be accompanied by an adult and there is a maximum of two children riding free per adult. Children will be required to show a special kids ride free flash pass to the station agent as they enter and exit through the swing gates. These passes will be available at BART stations, or go to www.bart.gov/kids and print out a pass. Throughout the month of December at the Powell Street Station, Kaiser plans to present live holiday performances and programs designed to highlight children's health as well as entertain riders with music. If you have any questions or comments about this program, please contact Kerry Hamill, Government & Community Relations at 510-464-6153.

DID YOU REALIZE HOW MANY ARTISTS WE HAVE IN THE SUNSET?!

Supervisor Chu's Office will be hosting artwork to showcase the varied and vast talent of Sunset artists on a rotating basis. We will be featuring selected pieces from the following artists below, and encourage you to stop by our office to see these works of art for yourself.



Jennifer Wasson

Jennifer was born in Manhattan and began painting at an early age under the tutelage of her mother, an artist and art teacher herself. As a young adult, she studied oil painting at The Art Students League of New York for 2 years before moving to the West Coast. For the past 5 years she has been painting neighborhoods and vistas around the Bay Area and studying with San Francisco artist Michael Markowitz.

Artist Statement:

I am constantly chasing the elusive equilibrium between form and formlessness…convinced that true beauty hangs in the balance. The chase involves dancing with the unknown: allowing an image to unfold rather than plodding along in a deliberate linear fashion. My creative process is a continual cycle of creation and destruction, so what ends up on the canvas is as much about what's been added as what's been taken away. Rather than in concepts and metaphors, I sense divinity lurking just beneath the ordinary. I'm seduced by moments of the day when the atmosphere takes on a dramatic quality and form begins to blur into abstraction. When the late day sun breaks through a veil of fog, blinding white, or car headlights first puncture the blue dusk, there's a sublime sense of mystery. Hard lines are obscured, concrete forms dissolve, and defining reality is left to the imagination. This is where I live.

Contact the artist: jen@wassonart.com • www.wassonart.com

Rosiland Solomon



An artist and illustrator, Rosiland has spent most of her adult life as a commercial painter, creating drawings and paintings for areas as diverse as games, puzzles, advertising, greeting cards, magazines, children's nature books, textbooks, and even an astrology calendar and tarot deck. Her many publishers and licensees include Walt Disney Productions, Carnation, Travelsmith, C&H Sugar, Houghton Mifflin, Clorox, Random House, Scholastic, Golden Books, Harcourt Brace and numerous others.

Rosiland was born in Los Angeles but moved to Ohio at the age of two. She spent her childhood on the east side of Cleveland, still a sleepy Midwestern area covered with forest and fields of wildflowers and berries during spring and summer, an area full of little foxes, possums, snakes, raccoons or skunks hiding in wonderful patches of wildness. Growing up with a love for all things alive, whether they were green and growing, or crawling, flying or walking, Rosiland moved back to her native California and now lives in San Francisco by the Pacific Ocean and Golden Gate Park.

Although she has lived in the past with dogs, cats, rats, snakes, fish, turtles and salamanders, Rosiland now prefers visiting her non-human animals outside, particularly when she is traipsing through park, ocean sands, or arboretum in San Francisco, collecting photos of plants or animals to use as references for her paintings. As far as she is concerned, her research outdoors (or in libraries, bookstores or malls) is one of her favorite parts of the creative process. Rosiland feels she has learned a lot by "painting everything under the sun."

Contact the artist: rsolomon@netwiz.net • www.rsolomon.com



Tachina Rudman

Tachina is an artist, a performer, and a teacher. She integrates her background in movement and art in both her work and teaching, using a whole-body approach to sculpting with attention to breath-awareness and movement. She works primarily with the figure in clay, and shows her work in various juried and group shows throughout the Bay Area. Rudman is currently displaying work at the City Hall of Santa Clara, The Studio Gallery in San Francisco, and Art Object Gallery of San Jose. She is an exhibiting member of ACGA (Association of Clay and Glass Artist of California), and received two BA's from San Francisco State University: Fine Arts (Ceramics) and Dance (Performance, Education, Ethnology). In both her own art and performance process, and in her teaching, she is committed to the use of art and movement as a means to joy, self-empowerment, and healing through self-expression.

Contact the artist: tachinarudman@comcast.net • www.acga.net/acgamain/tachinarudman.html

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DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Please join Supervisor Chu on **Wednesday, January 9, 2008** anytime between **4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** for district office hours at **Sunset Recreation Center** at Lawton Street between 28th and 29th Avenues. Stop by to share any suggestions to improve our neighborhood or to say hello.



GO NINERS!

Supervisor Chu met with Carmen Policy, former CEO of the San Francisco 49ers, regarding efforts to keep the 49ers in San Francisco on December 11. Mr. Policy is San Francisco's liaison with the NFL regarding proposals to develop the area surrounding Monster Park.

← Carmen & Carmen

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The following is a list of meetings open to all District 4 residents:

Parkside Branch Library renovation

Saturday, December 15 • 2pm • Parkside Branch Library – 1200 Taraval & 22nd Ave

See new plans for the renovation of the library, meet the architects and comment on designs for the branch. The branch is scheduled to close for construction in early 2009 and reopen in 2010.

Taraval Police Station Community Relations Forum

Third Tuesday of each month • 7 – 8:30pm • Taraval Police Station Community Room – Taraval & 24th Avenue

Come meet your police officers, listen to an update about safety in our community, and express your concerns.

Judah Merchants Association

First Thursday of each month • 6:00pm • Celia's – Judah & 45th Avenue

Meet with your fellow merchants of Judah St.

Taraval-Parkside Merchants Association

First Thursday of each month • 7pm • Taraval Police Station Community Room – Taraval & 24th Avenue

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
Second Tuesday of each month • 5:30pm • City Hall, Room 408
The official citizens' advisor to the Board of Supervisors on pedestrian issues. Meets monthly to review city plans and projects and to research potential improvements on the pedestrian environment.

37th Avenue SAFE Neighborhood Watch Group
Second Wednesday of each month • 7 – 8pm • Sunset Ministry – 3010 Noriega & 37th Avenue
Come meet your neighbors and discuss ongoing neighborhood concerns regarding safety and other community issues.

District Advisory Committee
Fourth Thursday of each month • Next combined Inner & Outer Sunset DAC meeting scheduled for January 24, 2008 • 3-4pm
Taraval Police Station Community Room • Taraval & 24th Avenue

A.P. GIANNINI AT CITY HALL



Supervisor Chu welcomed members of the A.P. Giannini Middle School choir to City Hall on December 3.

Students from A.P. Giannini's orchestra and band also shared their musical talents through performances at City Hall as part of the noontime concert series.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
Our office can always use the help of volunteers/interns who can provide time for office work. Volunteers with a desire to help district residents and with clerical or office administrative skills needed. Volunteers would be asked to help during normal business hours (9:30am – 5:30pm). Please call Katy Tang at 554-7460 or email chustaff@sfgov.org.

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