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Message from the Supervisor Improvements in the District

Crestlake

Our office continues to advocate for additional traffic safety measures throughout the district. More than a year ago, the Pine Lake Park Neighborhood Association and numerous residents contacted the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) with concerns around high traffic speeds and pedestrian safety in the neighborhood.

Since that time the MTA traffic engineers and planners have been working with our office and with residents to study and develop proposals to improve traffic and safety conditions in the area through the Crestlake Traffic Calming Project (project boundary from Vicente St. to Sloat Blvd and from Sunset Blvd to Gabilan Way).

The Department of Public Works and the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) are in the process of installing traffic calming islands on Yorba Street between 36th Ave and Sunset Blvd and between Sunset Blvd and 37th Ave. By narrowing the roadway, these islands slow vehicle speeds and allow for a safe refuge for pedestrians crossing the street. Engineers have already begun planning around the site for construction this winter.

Some of the other upcoming traffic calming measures include: new red zones around intersections at Sloat Blvd to improve visibility of oncoming traffic and speed humps along various thoroughfares in the Crestlake Traffic Calming Project area to slow vehicle speed. Please note that speed humps require an affirmative vote of affected residents prior to implementation. Ballots are expected to be mailed to residents in 2010.

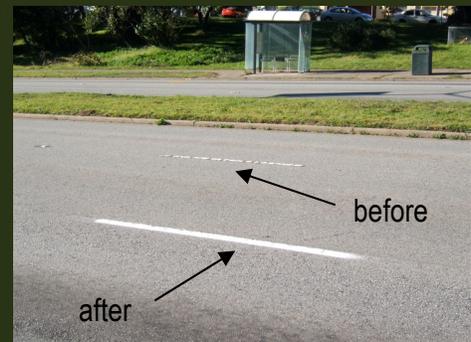
Sunset Boulevard

Sunset Boulevard, one of District 4's main thoroughfares, has also been re-striped thanks to the generosity of traffic safety contractors The Chrisp Company. At one of our office's recent neighborhood clean-up events Paul Anderson, a volunteer participant and representative of the Chrisp Company, approached us with an idea. He suggested that Chrisp Company donate their services and paint dashed lane line striping as a way of giving back.

I am deeply appreciative of the generous contribution that Chrisp Company has made to the City and County of San Francisco, especially during this economic climate.

Noriega Street

Residents driving by Noriega Street have probably noticed new median islands. These islands were installed over the summer, and are designed to improve safety by shortening the distance of crossing a wide street and by slowing down traffic at key areas along Noriega.



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IRVING STREET CLEAN-UP



Outer Sunset Merchants President Doug Marschke with friends and Angela Tickler of HardWare store

As part of Supervisor Chu's efforts to provide assistance to our local businesses, our office partnered with the Outer Sunset Merchants Association and the city's Department of Public Works (DPW) in a clean-up event along Irving Street on November 21st.

About 20 volunteers spent their Saturday morning painting out graffiti, picking up litter, and sweeping sidewalks on Irving Street from 19th through 26th Ave.



Students from Lincoln High School

DPW also steam cleaned the streets prior to the event. We would like to thank DPW and all of the volunteers who

participated, including members of the Outer Sunset Merchants Association, neighbors, and students from Lincoln High School.

SUNSET YOUTH SERVICES GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Supervisor Chu with Sunset Youth Services

Supervisor Chu joined Sunset Youth Services for their annual Turkey Giveaway. For the 12th year in a row, the kids at Sunset Youth Services were able to provide a Thanksgiving turkey for many members of the community in need. Thanks to Safeway and other generous donors, over 160 turkeys were given away.



WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND REBUILD EFFORT CONTINUES



Members of FOWSP with Santa



The Friends of West Sunset Playground (FOWSP) hosted its second annual Cider with Santa community event on December 5. Neighbors gathered to meet Santa and to learn about FOWSP's efforts to rebuild West Sunset Playground. For more information on how you can get involved, visit www.fowsp.org.

← Supervisor Chu with FOWSP members Art & Michelle Tom

SAN FRANCISCO H1N1 SWINE FLU MASS VACCINATION CLINIC

Many people have called our office recently to find out about vaccination availability for the H1N1 virus. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is holding an H1N1 Swine Flu Mass Vaccination Clinic open to San Francisco residents who fall into high-risk priority groups.

- **When:** Tuesday, **December 22, 2009** 10:00am-7:00pm
- **Where:** Bill Graham Civic Auditorium; 99 Grove Street in Civic Center Plaza
- **Who Can Attend:** Any San Francisco resident in one of the high-risk priority groups listed below
 - Pregnant women
 - All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
 - People who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months of age
 - Health care and emergency responders with direct patient contact
 - Adults ages 25-64 with medical conditions that put them at risk for complications from influenza (heart, lung or kidney disease, asthma, diabetes, or weakened immune system)
 - Children less than 10 years old needing their second dose of H1N1 vaccine (first dose of vaccine must have been received before December 1st)
- **Cost:** Free

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

One of the more satisfying aspects of being a Supervisor is the chance to recognize publicly the good works of those in our community. In November, Supervisor Chu commended several deserving people at the Board of Supervisors meetings. For Veterans' Day, Supervisor Chu honored WW II veteran **Harry Carpenter** and Viet Nam veteran **Rudy Asercion**.

Later in the month, students from Lincoln High School came to the Board chambers to join Supervisor Chu in honoring "Teacher of the Year" **Valerie Ziegler**. Valerie was one of five teachers in California to receive this award, and the first San Francisco teacher ever to receive this honor.

Supervisor Chu also had the opportunity to extend her gratitude to **Carol Mo**, who had served as the Sunset District's Community Convener for the past two years. We thank Carol for all of her work in the community, serving as a liaison between neighbors, schools, city government and local organizations.



Harry Carpenter and family members



← Valerie Ziegler with Supervisor Chu, Lincoln High School Principal Barnaby Payne and



Supervisor Chu and Carol Mo
→



Valerie Ziegler and Supervisor Chu

INTRODUCING:

ASHLEY SUMMERS **TARAVAL COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR MANAGER**



During the last budget process, Supervisor Chu successfully advocated for funding to improve our merchant corridors. We recently brought Ashley on board to partner with the city as the community leader for Taraval Street, and look forward to working with her to revitalize this commercial corridor. Here are a few words from Ashley:

I can remember the day, as a four-year old girl, that my mother and I arrived at our new home on 47th Avenue in the foggy Sunset District. I remember my first day of school at St. Gabriel, and my graduation from St. Ignatius high school. My first job was down the street at Sloat Garden Center -- and it was there that I was inspired to begin my career in environmental work. As a neighborhood girl, I often spent lazy afternoons at Java Beach cafe. When I returned from college each summer to find a beautiful garden flourishing across the street from Java Beach Cafe, I began to be intrigued by the simple changes that made a beautiful difference in our urban environment.

With a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz, I decided to continue my career in environmental work as an environmental planner. I wanted to make a difference in the physical world -- and I wanted to help shape and change the future of the built environment. I began my studies at UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design in the fall of 2007. My Master's thesis focused on community participation in neighborhood improvements in the Sunset District; and, in fact, I used the beautiful LaPlaya Park as a case study for good examples of neighborhood participation.

I am pleased to be in a place where I can now give back to the neighborhood that shaped me into who I am today. As the Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager, I feel that Taraval Street is a vital part of what makes the Sunset District unique -- perhaps a little quirky. It provides major transportation, a place to eat, shop, and talk with neighbors -- and a place for important small businesses and jobs. Taraval is a patchwork street of olden days, modern cultures, and neighborhood services. I feel we are at an important point in the history of Taraval Street, where we have the opportunity to help it grow and change in a way that is unique to our neighborhood. We have the ability to play a part in this history, by shaping the future of Taraval Street as a place for Sunset District residents, as well as for people who happen upon our foggy corner of the City. If you have any ideas, opinions, concerns, or want to help in any way, please contact me. There are some ideas already in the works -- please watch for the "Tastes of Taraval" event coming in January to a restaurant on Taraval near you!

Ashley Summers

Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager

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Facebook Page: Taraval Commercial Corridor Revitalization

Tastes of

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TARAVAL

Participating Merchants

Island Cafe/Sunset Taqueria

901 Taraval Street (at 19th)

Discount: 5% off bill!

Raffle Prize: \$25 Gift Certificate & T-Shirt!

The Tennessee Grill

1128 Taraval Street (at 22nd)

Discount: 5% off bill!

Raffle Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate!

Support your local economy!

Ninki Sushi Bar & Restaurant

1439 Taraval Street (at 25th)

Discount: 10% off bill!

Raffle Prize: \$25 Gift Certificate!

The more you taste, the more chances to win!

Eagle Pizzeria

1712 Taraval Street (at 27th)

Discount: \$5 off any M-L-XL pizza!

Raffle Prize: Family dinner for up to 6!

Try a local restaurant!

Kingdom of Dumpling

1713 Taraval Street (at 27th)

Discount: 10% off Pork Dumpling w/ cabbage!

Raffle Prize: Two orders of free dumplings!

Parkside Tavern

1940 Taraval Street (at 30th)

Discount: 10% off bill!

Raffle Prize: Brunch for up to four!

Ristorante Marcello

2100 Taraval Street (at 31st)

Raffle Prize: \$50 Gift Certificate!

The Riptide

3639 Taraval Street (at 47th)

Discount: \$1 off all drinks!

Raffle Prize: Riptide Hooded Sweatshirt!

Taste Taraval!

January 15, 16 & 22, 23

How Does it Work?

- Merchants have donated money to participate in the program and 100% of their donation will go to a small improvement project on Taraval Street! Bring coupons on designated days to participating merchants to receive a discount and enter for a chance to win a raffle prize!
- Support your local merchants and enjoy the Tastes of Taraval!

The more you taste, the more chances to win!

Coupons will be available starting the first week of January.

You will be able to find them in the

Sunset Beacon newspaper and participating merchants.

Or you can pick them up in City Hall Room 260 and the

Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (3925 Noriega St.).

Join our facebook page "Taraval Commercial Corridor Revitalization"



Questions? Contact Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager
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or (415) 839-7984



L TARAVAL RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – STARTING SOON

In order to maintain and improve Muni rail service, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which operates Muni, will soon start rail replacement at the following intersections in the Sunset District:

- Taraval Street & 19th Avenue
- Taraval Street & Sunset Boulevard

Construction work will take place during the weekends of: **January 8, 15 and 22, 2010**
Construction hours: From 8:00PM Friday continuously until 4:00AM the following Monday

During the weekends of construction, the regular L Taraval service will end at West Portal Station. From there, Muni bus shuttles will substitute for rail service to deliver customers to the end of the line at the San Francisco Zoo. Customers can get on and off the shuttle bus at all regular L line stops except the stops around the construction site.

In addition to replacing and repairing aging Muni streetcar tracks and track components, the project will also include long-overdue enhancements to the surrounding area such as street repaving and restriping, sidewalk improvements and upgraded water lines. The repairs will also abate the noise and vibration from the streetcars.

For more information on substitute Muni bus shuttle service and traffic detours, visit www.sfmta.com/rail or call 311. You can also contact Ha Nguyen, MTA project manager, at 415-701-4296 or email ha.nguyen@sfmta.com.

MERCHANT SPOTLIGHT: OVERLAND ONE SALON

3811 Noriega Street (between 45th & 46th Ave)



Katie Nicholson is the owner of the Overland One Salon. She opened her business in December 2008 and has been styling hair full time for the last seven years. Katie was born and raised in San Anselmo in Marin County and now lives with her husband and their three children just three blocks away from her business. Katie's husband is a native of the Sunset and she has lived here the last ten years.

She says that the Sunset is a great community, a “hidden gem”, and her favorite aspect of owning a business in the Sunset is that her whole life can be spent here. She knows all of the other business owners on the block and says there are all very supportive of one another. It gives her a great feeling to be a part of this neighborhood and she especially enjoys being able to walk or ride her bike to work.

The Overland One Salon is open Tuesday through Sunday and walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are recommended. You can call 681-3001 to schedule an appointment.

- Duane Frybarger

PARKSIDE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN – A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING !

This holiday season give a gift and support your neighborhood branch libraries in the Sunset District! Please purchase your set of **Sunset-Parkside History Cards**, featuring 8 beautiful historical photos of the Sunset District to benefit the Neighborhood Library Campaign and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. All proceeds will go towards the furniture, fixtures, and equipment at the newly renovated Parkside Branch Library and the new Ortega Branch Library.

Cards are available for sale at the following locations:

Mini Ortega Library:

3223 Ortega St. (@ 39th Ave.)
San Francisco, CA 94122
(415) 504-6053

Book Bay Main:

Main Library at the Grove Street
Entrance
30 Grove Street
San Francisco, CA, 94102
415-557-4238

Fort Mason Center:

Building C, Room 165
San Francisco, CA, 94123
415-771-1076

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, through its Neighborhood Library Campaign, is raising private dollars to furnish and equip 24 branch libraries throughout the City that are being built or renovated with public bond funds. All proceeds from the sale of the Sunset-Parkside History Cards benefit the Parkside and Ortega Library Campaigns.

For more information, contact Tamara González Scheulov, Neighborhood Library Campaign Organizer, at tscheulov@friendssfpl.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 22 (Tue)

H1N1 Vaccination

10:00am – 7:00pm
Bill Graham Civic Auditorium
99 Grove Street in Civic Center Plaza

December 22 (Tue)

Bryan Tuvera Memorial

8:00pm
Taraval Police Station
Dec. 22, 2009 marks the 3rd anniversary of the fatal shooting of Officer Bryan Tuvera. Please join Taraval Station in honoring and remembering Bryan at a memorial at the Bryan Tuvera Community Room at Taraval Station. Gather between 8pm and 8:30pm. There will be a moment of silence at 8:35. Reception to follow.

January 9 (Sat)

The Proud Mustang Family Presents "A Salute to Mr. Ronald J.K. Pang"

2:00pm-4:00pm
Lincoln High School Auditorium
2162 24th Avenue
(Program will begin promptly at 2:00pm)
Please RSVP by Monday, January 4, 2010
Via email (send accurate number of adults & children):
SALUTETORONALDPANG@hotmail.com

January 11 (Mon)

Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center technology classes begin

3925 Noreiga St
For information, call 415-759-3690

For questions, contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or chustaff@sfgov.org. You can also view our newsletters and obtain more updated information on upcoming community events at www.sfbos.org/chu.

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