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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR : Helping local businesses during tough times

As we face one of the most difficult economic times since the Great Depression, the question that continues to be asked is: How can we create jobs for San Franciscans? In tackling this question, one strategy was to find ways to support San Francisco's many small and local businesses.

Experience shows that supporting small and local businesses not only helps to create vibrant communities but that these businesses also tend to hire local residents who, in turn, spend and reinvest money in the local economy. We also know that San Francisco spends millions of dollars in contracts every year in the day-to-day operations of the City. For example, the City budget contains an annual budget for important work like maintaining the City's core public facilities, including our parks, libraries and community clinics.

That is why I sponsored legislation that would help direct some of those public dollars towards our local businesses. The legislation does this by creating a local preference for small, local businesses and by eliminating some of the hurdles that our small, local businesses face when working with the City.

Some of the common sense changes addressed in the legislation include:

• Paying small local businesses promptly.

Small, local businesses often partner with larger businesses when working on complex multi-year construction projects. Even if the work to be done by the small, local business is completed, the City currently withholds a portion of payment until the *entire* project is done. This often creates a problem for small businesses that depend on timely payment to cover the expenses they've already paid out. The change in the law would give the City the flexibility to fully pay those small businesses when their portion of work is satisfactorily completed rather than wait until the entire project is completed – sometimes completion of a project can be years after the smaller businesses have completed their share of the work.

- Removing administrative burden for small contracts. Small businesses often struggle to find the resources to formally prepare and submit all the paperwork needed to competively bid on City projects. The law would now allow City departments to remove the administrative burden of formal bids only on small projects. City departments are still held accountable through strict quarterly reporting requirements.
- Creating an additional preference for slightly larger San Francisco-based businesses.

Currently, small, local firms, certified by the City, receive a ten percent bid preference for construction and professional service contracts under \$10 million. However, once a San Francisco firm grows such that they no longer fit the definition of a small, local business, they lose all bid preferences and must compete directly with the very large regional and national/multi-national firms. Under the new law, a local two percent bid preference would now apply for those slightly larger local businesses in order to help keep the full range of small San Francisco businesses competitive.

These changes were the direct results of months of collaboration between City Departments, stakeholders, and other elected representatives (Chiu, Maxwell, Dufty, Mayor's Office) in City Hall. The legislation was passed by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 2nd and is supported by the Small Business Commission.

Please contact our office for additional details about these changes or for more information on how to become a certified small, local business. Our telephone number is (415) 554-7460 and our email is <u>chustaff@sfgov.org</u>.

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FAREWELL PRINCIPAL PANG



For over 65 years, Abraham Lincoln High School has been a wonderful resource to the Sunset District and the entire City. For the last twelve years, under the leadership of Principal Ronald Pang, Lincoln has developed into a state-of-the-art educational institution, and has become one of the most requested schools in the San Francisco Unified School District. Through his tenure at Lincoln High School, Mr. Pang has earned the love and respect of students, faculty and the entire community, so it was bittersweet when he announced last spring that he was retiring. By timing his retirement to coincide with the end of the school year, Mr. Pang thought he could slip away without much fanfare. But Lincoln students weren't prepared to let him off that easy. On January 9th, current and former students, parents, faculty and fans from all over gathered at Lincoln High School for a fantastic "Salute to Ronald JK Pang". Emceed by his successor Principal Barnaby Payne, the Salute was a joyous celebration and tribute to a man who has devoted his entire professional career to educating our youth. Performances by the Lincoln Girls Drill Team, the Lincoln Drum Corps, Cheerleaders, Drama Club, and speeches by graduates, students and faculty was followed by a reception with burgers served up by Lincoln's JROTC Colonel Powell. It was a grand send-off to an excellent principal. Ronald Pang's legacy will continue at Lincoln High School through a scholarship set up in his name. If you would like to contribute to the Ronald J.K. Pang Scholarship Fund, contact Principal Barnaby Payne at (415) 759-2700.

NORIEGA STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - NOW COMPLETE



Tak Kee Lee restaurant (before)

Supervisor Carmen Chu on January 22nd announced the completion of the Noriega Storefront Improvement pilot project. Designed to enhance the neighborhood commercial corridor, attract more business for local merchants and encourage residents to shop locally, the project involved improvements made to 11 businesses within the 2400-2500 blocks of Noriega Street.

"Our office tried to make the biggest impact in the neighborhood with limited city resources, and I am encouraged to hear that the Storefront Improvement Pilot Program has helped merchants attract new clients to their businesses," said Supervisor Chu. "A merchant corridor that is clean and well-cared for brings more patrons out to the local business area."

Supervisor Chu partnered with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and Priority Architectural Graphics – a local, small business enterprise that provided the design, manufacturing and installation of signs and/or awnings and paint for the businesses. "The Noriega Storefront Improvement Pilot Program was a highly effective local business stimulus program," said Juliana Choy Sommer of Priority Architectural Graphics. "It ensured work for numerous employees, vendors, subcontractors and consultants, all based in San Francisco. The dollars spent during this program effectively stayed in San Francisco, cycling back into an otherwise slower economy."

In order to participate in the program, all of the businesses are responsible for ongoing maintenance of their storefronts and general upkeep of their business area. The agreement was designed to assist businesses with improvements to their storefronts while ensuring that the merchants take proactive measures to maintain a clean and vibrant business corridor.

Participating businesses:

- Noriega Acupuncture Center (2403 Noriega)
- Hamtini Discount (2431 Noriega)
- Tak Kee Lee Restaurant (2435 Noriega)
- New Image Photography (2437 Noriega)
- Ming Tai Wun Tun Noodle (2455 Noriega)
- Quarts & Pints Liquor (2434 Noriega)

- California Watch & Clock (2436 Noriega)
- Synergy Hair Station (2545 Noriega)
- Hong Kun Chinese Herb (2558 Noriega)
- Bobby Keung Salon (2570 Noriega)
- Julieta Jay Carlos DMD (2572 Noriega)

MEET NEW POLICE CHIEF GEORGE GASCON



Supervisor Chu has invited our new Chief of Police, George Gascon to be the featured guest at a community meeting Thursday, February 18. This is a great opportunity for you to express your concerns about crime, graffiti, vandalism, traffic and pedestrian safety and other law enforcement issues in the Sunset District.

Thursday, February 18 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Sunset Recreation Center - 2201 Lawton Street at 29th Avenue

MUNI BUDGET PUBLIC MEETINGS

The SFMTA would like your input and ideas on how to close an ongoing shortfall in the current 2010 budget and to balance the next two-year budget. At this time, the MTA anticipates a current-year \$16.9 million shortfall, even after position eliminations, layoffs and other cost-cutting measures that began last November. The \$16.9 million shortfall must be addressed for the operational year ending June 30, 2010.

In addition, the MTA Board will be considering additional plans to address the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 budget shortfalls. If you would like to comment and cannot attend one of the meetings, send an e-mail to <u>sfmtabudget@sfmta.com</u> or call 311. The MTA Board expects to vote on proposals for the current year shortfall by March 2010 and by May 2010 for the next two fiscal years.



Provide your input at these meetings:

For the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 budget (current year)

Town Hall Meetings 1 South Van Ness Ave. @ Market St., 2nd Floor Atrium Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SFMTA Board Meeting, City Hall Room 400 Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. (public hearing and possible MTA Board vote)

For the July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012 budget (next 2 years)

Town Hall Meetings 1 South Van Ness Ave. @ Market St., 2nd Floor Atrium Wednesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at 10 a.m.

SFMTA Board Meetings, City Hall Room 400 Tuesday, March 30 at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 at 2 p.m. (public hearing and possible MTA Board vote) Tuesday, April 20 - 2 p.m. (public hearing and possible MTA Board vote)

PERMEABLE SPACES IN THE SUNSET DISTRICT

The issue of permeable surface in the district is worth focusing on. Over time, the paving over of permeable spaces in the district with concrete has created a strain on the City's storm water management systems. To that end, our office has been working with partner agencies to encourage opening up of pavement, including work with the Friends of the Urban Forest on neighborhood plantings, the Department of Public Works in planting new trees along Sunset Boulevard, and helping individuals remove concrete through neighborhood grants.



This is the type of front yard most Sunset District homes used to have.

This is what many blocks look like now.

Besides curb appeal, de-paving concrete areas and replacing those areas with permeable green space is important to manage storm water runoff and to improve overall water quality in our urban community. Permeable surfaces aid the absorption and natural filtration of water. In heavy periods of rainfall, urban areas with millions of square feet of concrete, asphalt, roofs, and other impermeable surfaces creates enormous quantities of runoff that can overwhelm the drainage system. The overflow in our aqueducts forces our sewers to release the excess unfiltered water into the ocean resulting in water pollution, excessive flooding, and limited ground water supply.

If you are interested in removing concrete on your property, here are several resources:

The SFPUC's Urban Watershed Management Program has set up a program called Watershed Stewardship Grants that are grants for community projects aimed at removing concrete/impermeable surfaces. For more

information, visit the SFPUC's website at <u>www.sfwater.org</u> and go to the wastewater (sewers) tab and click onto the Stormwater Management link.

Another option is for residents to apply under the guidance of larger non-profits who have experience in creating permeable spaces. Currently the San Francisco Surfrider Foundation is sponsoring a "Plant Don't Pave Program" with the help of a Community Challenge Grant. You can apply at <u>www.surfrider.org</u> under the "Plant Don't Pave" program.

Other organizations that may have grants in the future include: PlantSF at <u>www.plantsf.org</u> and Friends of the Urban Forest at <u>www.fuf.net</u>

NEW SUNSET DISTRICT RESIDENTS BRING THE GREEN



Jean Miller and her husband Don moved to the Outer Sunset last summer. They loved their new home by the beach, but wanted to do something about the concrete in their front and backyards. "The first thing we did was rip out the cement slab that was formerly the front yard and greened it up with grass, a tree and lovely perennials" says Jean. The results, as you can see from Jean's

pictures, are amazing, and a quick and easy way to add value and curb appeal to your home. Jean is so

inspired by the transformation of her yard, and excited about her new neighborhood, that she would like to help other Sunset residents improve their yards. "I'd like to get a bunch of Sunset District volunteers to adopt a block, or form a group, to help their neighbors with their yards," says Jean. "Think how much better our neighborhood would look if every yard was cleaned and greened." If you would like to help Jean with her vision, you can contact her at Jean1miller@yahoo.com.





MAY IS SUNSET MONTH FOR FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST!

In the next few days, Friends of the Urban Forest, a non-profit organization, is going to announce that the month of May will be "Sunset Month" at the organization. For one month, the organization will be focusing on the Sunset to locate neighbors who want to plant trees in front of their residences. They will also be dispatching their "tree care" team to care for many of the nearly 4,000 trees that FUF has planted in the Sunset over the years.

If you are interested in planting a tree in front of your residence during "Sunset Month" at FUF, please contact <u>greg@fuf.net</u>. The discount package is \$75 per tree and includes: the cutting and removal of concrete, city permitting, an arborist recommendation for species selection, the tree itself, the planting, all related arbor ties and stakes, as well as 18-months of arborist led tree-care. Often, the purchase of a tree alone or the removal of



tree-care. Often, the purchase of a tree alone or the removal of concrete alone far exceeds \$75. If you want to participate in a May planting, all you need to do is fill out the two forms located on <u>www.fuf.net</u> or contact <u>greg@fuf.net</u> by the beginning of April.

OCEAN BEACH – GREAT HIGHWAY EROSION UPDATE

The coastal bluffs along the Great Highway, south of Sloat Blvd., has suffered severe erosion from the recent "El Nino" storms to the point that whole sections of the public infrastructure (such as the roadway) has been compromised. This has created a significant safety issue for pedestrians, wildlife, surfers and motorists, but also threatens the Southwest Ocean Outfall pipe from the Lake Merced Wastewater Tunnel. The Board of Supervisors recently concurred with the City's declaration of emergency to allow the City to quickly begin mitigation efforts.

At the same time, community concerns have been raised about the long-

term plans for the area and the use of rocks to shore up the erosion area. Over 125 concerned residents attended and viewed presentations by Frank Felice of the Department of Public Works and community members who have been involved in previous planning efforts, including Lara Trupelli and Bob Battaglio.

In response, the Department of Public Works has committed to exploring alternatives for the emergency work and to start the process for long-term planning. Meanwhile, the City has begun the critical work to avoid further erosion.



"We must act quickly to ensure that city infrastructure is protected and the public remains safe," said Ed Reiskin, Director of Public Works.

"The City is working with various agencies, local and federal, such as the Department of Environment, the National Park Service and the Army Corps of Engineers to quickly coordinate the action plan for the shortterm measures and expedite long-term solutions," said Fuad Sweiss, San Francisco's City Engineer from the Department of Public Works. "High swells are predicted in this area, which are likely to cause further erosion near the Great Highway, and so it is imperative that we act."

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS: ART OCTAVIO & TOM HAYES

Art Octavio helped shape San Francisco aquatics and was a strong advocate for the rebuild of Sava Pool. He passed away at the age of 75 on New Year's Eve. Over the course of his career with San Francisco Recreation & Parks, Art worked at every pool in the city. One of the highlights of Art's career was coaching the Lowell High School Varsity Swim Team, which won the All-City Championship for 10 consecutive years under his tutelage. Art did not just dedicate his life to developing champion swimmers – most of Art's swimmers have expressed his immeasurable impact on their life outside of the water and proclaim themselves very fittingly: "A Work of Art."



Supervisor Chu with Art Octavio (middle) & Senator Leland Yee at the grand re-opening of Sava Pool, Dec 2008



San Francisco lost a great friend last month when **Tom Hayes**, father of Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, passed away at the age of 85. Mr. Hayes was a very involved member of the Irish Community. He was one of the founders of the United Irish Cultural Center, a member of numerous Irish sporting and social organizations, he also served the City as a member of the first BART Board of Directors, the Adult Detention Committee the San Francisco/Cork Sister City Committee.

HAPPY YEAR OF THE TIGER!

For details on official Chinese New Year Events, visit: <u>http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com</u> And for info about the 2/27 parade, visit: <u>http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com</u>

On **February 12**, Supervisor Chu will be partnering with S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) visiting with Sunset District residents and merchants to talk about staying safe throughout the Lunar New Year festivities.



ORTEGA LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

As the rebuild of the Ortega Branch Library continues, many residents are coming up with creative fundraising ideas for furnishing the new library. Hats off to the students from Lawton Alternative after school program who engaged in a 3 month long "Penny War" that raised over \$500, one penny at a time. The fifth grade class won the contest, bringing in the most pennies, but a big thanks to all who participated.

The Ortega Temporary Services Site, *Mini Ortega*, is now **OPEN** at the same location, with the same days and hours of the Branch before closure of the main building.

Mini-Ortega Hours							
Days	Sun	Μ	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat
Hours	1-5	10-6	10-6	1-9	1-9	1-6	10-6

AP GIANNINI SINGS AT CITY HALL



One of the best parts of the holiday season is the annual performance of the talented students from AP Giannini here at City Hall.

A.P. Giannini Middle School has four choirs led by choir director Courtney Lindl; 6th Grade Beginner Choir, Intermediate Men's Choir, Intermediate Women's Choir, and Advanced Mixed Choir. A.P. Giannini is also proud to have four English Hand Bell Choirs who also compete and perform throughout San Francisco. But hearing them in City Hall is truly a treat. We highly recommend checking their schedule next December.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Did you know that it is illegal to leave furniture or appliances on the sidewalk? "Sidewalk Dumping" can result in citations and fines unless you have a scheduled pick up from a licensed hauler or donation facility.

Did you also know that there are quick, convenient and free ways to get rid of your old junk? **Bulky Item Collection** is a <u>free</u> service that is offered to all residents in the City of San Francisco at no additional charge (it is paid for by residential collection fees). Both homeowners and rented apartment units are eligible for Bulky Item Collection.

<u>RecycleMyJunk.com</u> is a low cost hauling and clean up service that is offered to residential, multi-family and commercial customers in the City and County of San Francisco. Customers pay for their RecycleMyJunk.com pickup at the time of collection with either check or credit card. Visit Norcal Waste Systems' webpage for more information: Bulky Item Collection and RecycleMyJunk.com.

For even more information, visit <u>http://www.sfgov.org/site/sfdpw_page.asp?id=104032</u>

NOT YOUR JUNK? if you see dumping on our sidewalks, please call 3-1-1 & the city will come pick up the junk. the sooner we clear our sidewalks, the better the inner sunset looks!

TASTES OF TARAVAL A SUCCESS!

Over 230 people came out in support of the first ever "Tastes of Taraval" on the weekends of January 15th, 16th and 22nd, 23rd. Tastes of Taraval was set up to bring awareness to the neighborhood and local dining options. Participating merchants offered discounts to patrons and donated money to a neighborhood improvement project in order to sponsor "Tastes of Taraval". At the next Taraval Parkside Merchants Association meeting, those merchants will decide what neighborhood improvement they would like to use the money for!



Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager, Ashley Summers, dining with friends at Ristorante Marcello for "Tastes of Taraval"

Congratulations to the eight winners of the "Tastes of Taraval" raffle prizes: Linda Madriz, winner of dinner for 6 at Eagle Pizzeria; Annie Lam, winner of \$25 to use at Ninki Sushi Bar & Restaurant; Marjorie So, winner of \$20 to use at Tennessee Grill; Russ Wolfshagen, winner of a lovely Riptide hoodie; Murphy Milburn, winner of \$25 at Island Cafe/Sunset Taqueria; Pat Madden, winner of brunch for 4 at Parkside Tavern; Patti Alex, winner of \$50 to use at Ristorante Marcello; and Raymond Woo, winner of 2 free entrees at Kingdom of Dumpling!

We hope the event encourages residents to support local businesses. We also want to thank Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager Ashley Summers and those who participated in the event.

SUNSET COLORS - Sunset District photographer MIKE NELSEN



Sunset district resident Mike Nelsen began taking pictures in the 1970s, shortly after graduating from Santa Clara University. As a part time profession and full time passion, Mike has photographed everything from events to portraits to landmarks all over the Bay Area and Europe. In June of 2008, during a particularly sunny stretch of days during the Summer Solstice, Mike was suddenly struck by vibrant colors of many of the homes in the Sunset. He began taking a few pictures of the most colorful, and that led to a year-long project of documenting the rich and vivid hues of the Sunset District. Meet Mike and discuss his photographs at an artist reception Feb. 10 at City Hall in Supervisor Chu's office, room 260. The photographs will be on exhibit through March.





FREE URBAN CYCLING WORKSHOP

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition is pleased to offer the popular Intro to Safe Cycling course at the Taraval Police Station in the Sunset District on **Saturday, February 13, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**. This course is perfect for the new cyclist who wants to ride in traffic safely, and for experienced cyclists who want to brush up on their skills. **Register today and save your place in one of these free urban cycling workshops at** <u>sfbike.org/edu</u>.

Classes cover loads of information including how to choose the right bike and properly fit a helmet, tips for the

safest ways to ride in traffic, techniques to avoid or deal with road hazards, the best way to lock up your bike, how to use a bike in combination with public transit, cyclists' legal rights and responsibilities, and much more.



GIVING TO DISASTER RELIEF

Disasters, whether close to home or half-way across the world, can bring out the best in people. Unfortunately, they also open up opportunities for others to take advantage of our good intentions. Before you send off your donation to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, or any disaster, please read and consider the following information:

Here are some tips from the FBI, Scam Busters and the Better Business Bureau on how to make sure your money goes to people in need.

- Be skeptical if someone e-mails you or contacts you through social networking sites claiming to be a quake victim or a government or charity official and asks for donations, the FBI says. Also, the agency says, do not click on any links within those e-mails. And do not click on attached files labeled photos or video because they may contain viruses.
- It's OK to be suspicious. Ask for the name, phone number and address of the charity. The <u>American</u> <u>Institute of Philanthropy</u> (www.charitywatch.org) says honest charities encourage you to know about them and respond to your questions. Also, request that they put the information in writing.
- However, do not give them your personal or financial information, because that may leave you vulnerable to identity theft.
- Don't be misled by a charity name that "sort of sounds familiar." Scammers may change one word in the title to trick you.
- Ask if the charity is registered with any organization and get the registration number. Check for the organization on Web sites such as <u>www.bbb.org/us/charity</u> or <u>www.charitynavigator.org</u>.
- Ask what percentage of the money you give actually reaches the needy. You also can designate how your donation is to be used.
- Don't ever donate cash. Make the check out to the name of the charity, not the person asking for money. And get a receipt with the name of the charity on it. Do NOT give your credit card number to telemarketers or use it on a Web site of a charity you have not checked out.
- If the person seeking your donation asks you to give more that may be a sign that something is wrong. Legitimate charities are grateful, not demanding.

CITY FIELDS PROJECT AT THE BEACH CHALET ATHLETIC FIELDS



As you may have heard, there is a proposal for a renovation at the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields in Golden Gate Park. Our office has received a number of calls and emails from residents both for and against the project.

Over many years, we have seen constrained maintenance of fields resulting in unusable turf conditions (uneven turf, gopher holes, etc.). Meanwhile, demand for play fields has been increasing. Given the City's resource shortfalls, City Fields Foundation offered to partner with the City to renovate several fields throughout San Francisco with the goal of eliminating the gap in demand for fields and the availability of fields. That partnership has

resulted in the renovations at Garfield Park, Crocker Amazon, Silver Terrace, and South Sunset.

One of the last proposals for renovation is the fields at the western end of Golden Gate Park near the Beach Chalet. The proposal includes improvements to the existing facility, including a picnic and BBQ area, seating, bike racks, player facilities, and a playground. It also includes renovation of the four existing fields to synthetic turf. The intention is that the fields would not be limited only to soccer but also be able to accommodate other sports as resident demands change.

Over a year ago a task force was created that included the Department of Environment and the Department of Public Health. The analysis presented by these City departments found that the synthetic surf met our local health standards as well as those set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. The results of their work can be found at the following web site: http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SPTF/SyntheticPlayfieldsReportFinalDraft082108.pdf.

Concerns have also been expressed about what happens to the synthetic turf at the end of its useful life. On October 2, 2008, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission approved the recommendations presented by the Synthetic Playfield Task Force Report and set forth requirements under which vendors of synthetic turf must comply. These include requiring an end of life recycling plans from vendors detailing plans for all turf components, requiring that all synthetic turf purchased by San Francisco must include recycled content to the maximum extent feasible, and requiring that all vendors conduct and submit product analysis on heavy metals and material content at the time of contract bids.



A number of advocates raised questions about the Planning Department's process. The Planning Department currently is reviewing their decision. Once that is completed, the project will be heard at the Recreation & Park Commission. You may continue to voice your concern or support of the project at: recpark.commission@sfgov.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 3 (Wed) Recreation & Park Dept

Community Budget Meeting Hear a presentation from the Rec & Park Dept about the current budget. Sunset Rec Center - 2201 Lawton @ 28th Ave 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Feb. 4 (Thurs) **Chinese Language Police Community Relations Forum** Taraval Police Station - 2345 24th Ave. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Feb 5 (Fri) **Human Trafficking Awareness Panel** Supervisor Chu, Senator Leland Yee and experts discuss the issue of Human Trafficking Milton Marks Auditorium, State Bldg. 455 Golden Gate Ave 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Feb. 10 (Wed) **Michael Nelson Artist Reception** Photographs of Sunset District Homes Supervisor Chu's Office City Hall, room 260 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Feb. 12 (Fri) through Feb. 14 (Sun) **St. Anne's of the Sunset Parish Festival** Judah St @ Funston Friday: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Saturday: 11:30 am – 9:00 pm Sunday: 11:30 am – 5:00 pm www.stanne-sf.org

Feb. 12 (Fri) **Volunteer with your Valentine for Chinese New Year** North Ping Yuen – 838 Pacific Ave (Stockton & Powell) Join Dept. of Public Works , merchants, residents & school children to plant trees, work at gardens in public housing, beautify schools, remove graffiti, & pick up litter along Chinese New Year Parade Route. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm More info: (415) 554-6930 or <u>www.sfdpw.org</u> Feb. 14 (Sun) **Tree planting information party with Friends of Urban Forrest** Overland One Salon - 3811 Noriega Street Sign up for a tree planting in front of your property for largely subsidized price thanks to generous public and private donors to FUF. 10:00 -11:30 am

Feb. 16 (Tue) **Public Safety Meeting** Captain Schmitt discusses public safety concerns at this monthly meeting Taraval Police Station - 2345 24th Ave. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Feb. 18 (Thurs) **Sunset District meeting with Chief Gascon** come meet our new Chief of Police and voice your concerns about safety in the Sunset Sunset Rec Center - 2201 Lawton St. @ 28th Ave 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Feb. 21 (Sun) Annual Lunar New Year Celebration Celebrate the Year of the Tiger at the SF Zoo Zoo's Playfield Promenade 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Guests born in the Year of the Tiger receive free admission

Feb. 25 (Thurs) Joanne Pang Foundation Event Celebrating the start of San Francisco's first public umbilical cord blood collection program Mighty - 119 Utah Street 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm www.joannepang.org

Feb. 27 (Sat) **Chinese New Year Parade** begins at 2nd & Market, ends at Kearny & Columbus Parade begins at 5:15 pm

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

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