

# SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

### *Safety in our Neighborhood*

Pedestrian and traffic safety continues to be one of the top concerns we hear about in our office. To address this issue, our office has been working with the community, the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT), and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to come up with ways to mitigate accidents in our neighborhood. Most recently, we completed a project along Yorba Street on both 36<sup>th</sup> Ave and 37<sup>th</sup> Ave after a number of residents approached our office with concerns about the safety within these large and oftentimes confusing intersections. New medians were installed at these two intersections to help guide drivers, prevent potential



*Lincoln High School's CHANGE SF volunteer group and  
Department of Public Works*



*Yorba Street / Sunset Boulevard intersection  
BEFORE*



*Yorba Street / Sunset Boulevard intersection  
AFTER*

collisions due to the lack of visibility for vehicles coming from certain directions, and reduce vehicle speed. Our office worked with DPW, neighbors, and volunteers from Lincoln High School on May 8<sup>th</sup> to complete the project by planting within these two medians. In addition, the MTA will be exploring an eastbound stop sign at Yorba and 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The Yorba Street islands are one element of a traffic calming plan for the Crestlake area that also includes speed bumps and red zones at low visibility corners, all aimed to reduce speeds in the area. For traffic calming information check out the SFMTA website at <http://www.sfmta.com/cms/ocalm/indxlicalm.htm>

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## MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AT 2139 TARAVAL

The Medical Cannabis Dispensary proposed for 2139 Taraval & 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue was approved by the Planning Commission last month. The Planning Department recommended approval for the project because the location met the criteria of being more than 1,000 feet from a recreation center and middle or elementary school. Although almost 4,000 residents voiced their concerns on this issue, and well over 100 residents attended the Planning Commission meeting to voice their opposition to the project, the Planning Commissioners approved the project and did not find extraordinary or exceptional reasons to deny the permit.

Several neighborhood groups have indicated they will appeal this decision at the Board of Permit Appeals. If you are interested in following this appeal process, please contact our office at (415) 554-7460.

## SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR N-JUDAH TERMINUS AT LA PLAYA



Neighbors have raised concerns regarding safety at the N-Judah turnaround at Judah Street & La Playa. Specifically, residents have expressed concerns about visibility for pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists who need to navigate this intersection while a train is parked in the middle of the intersection. To address this, we

held neighborhood meetings on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> with officials from the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) to explore options for parking the N-Judah train.

After careful consideration of Federal disabled access requirements and the community's concerns, DPT presented findings on proposed solutions from community members, as well as their recommended solution for the intersection. We are currently gathering neighborhood feedback on the recommended solution. If you were unable to attend these community meetings, please contact our office with any questions or concerns at (415) 554-7460 or [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org).

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING IN THE SUNSET

Help your neighborhood be prepared for the next earthquake or any emergency by becoming a NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) volunteer. NERT trainings happen regularly but this month you can train right here in the Sunset.

This Sunset District session will be held on **Tuesday evenings** at the Sunset Ministry, 3010 Noriega. If you can't make this session, visit [www.NERT.org](http://www.NERT.org) for classes at other locations and times.

If you cannot make all sessions you may make up classes at other locations in the city. At graduation you get a cool yellow helmet, orange vest and the satisfaction of becoming more prepared in the event of an emergency.



The goal of this program is to help the residents of San Francisco be self sufficient in a major disaster situation by developing multi-functional teams, cross-trained in basic emergency skills.

Through this program, individuals will learn hands-on disaster skills that will help them as members of an emergency response team and/or as a leader directing untrained volunteers during an emergency, allowing them to act independently or as an adjunct to City emergency services.

There is **no cost** for the neighborhood training, and the class sessions are approximately 3 hours.

A NERT volunteer is anyone who wants to be active and involved in the community. NERT teams are best formed in neighborhoods through a partnership with existing community groups such as a Neighborhood Watch program, Rotary Club, business group, faith based group or homeowners association. Together with their neighbors, team members and coworkers, they build a NERT network within their own community, teaming with the San Francisco Fire Department. All residents can benefit from NERT training. (Participations under 18 require the signature of a parent or guardian.)

NERT connects volunteers with a network of fellow volunteers all working together for a common cause. NERT members are not shelter workers; they are trained citizen first responders who can help save lives.

The NERT Training Program is a 20-hour comprehensive program consisting of 6 class sessions. Delivery of these 6 sessions is offered in a variety of scheduling options. The training instructors are professional firefighters. There is no cost for our neighborhood training classes. There is a fee for private training. For more information, call: (415) 970-2022.

## SUNSET RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION

Later this year the long awaited renovation to the Sunset Recreation Center (28<sup>th</sup> Ave & Lawton) will begin. This \$13.7M project is funded by the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks bond.

The renovation means that for about a year, the busiest recreation center in the district will be under construction and unavailable for use. The Recreation & Park Department is working on relocating many activities and will be holding a community meeting in the next few months to provide information and alternatives. Our office will have details about that meeting as soon as it is confirmed.



Throughout the planning process, the Rec & Park Department held several public meetings, in which the project managers presented plans for the new park, listened to the community,



considered ideas and suggestions, implemented the feasible ones and presented new plans for public review. After all the public meetings and input, the plan was then presented to the Rec & Park Commission and was approved unanimously.

One issue that has recently come up is the perimeter of the park itself. The Lawton Street entrance will have a curvilinear grassy band leading to the two playground areas. Along Moraga, between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenues, the existing trees will remain, complimented with "planting beds" of sustainable, low maintenance plants. In between the planting beds will be a porous and permeable surface that is accessible to pedestrians and dog walkers. This landscaping was selected to reduce ongoing maintenance costs at the park while preserving access.

A number of questions have come up with regards to dog access to the recreational area. With the exception of the athletic field and children's play area, dogs will be welcome on leash throughout the park provided their litter is picked up.

Check out regular project status updates here:

[http://parkbonds.sfgov.org/statusreports/CRPNPGSRPG\\_0365.pdf](http://parkbonds.sfgov.org/statusreports/CRPNPGSRPG_0365.pdf)

For more information about opportunities to play with your dog off leash in San Francisco parks: [http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/recpark/dog\\_policy\\_03012003a.pdf](http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/recpark/dog_policy_03012003a.pdf)

## FIRST 5 SF PARENT ACTION GRANTS

The San Francisco Children and Families Commission (First 5 SF) has a small grants program centered around the goal of parent empowerment. It has four general categories:

- Community Building
- Parent Education
- Leadership Development
- Family Activities

There are two types of grant applications. The **Starter Grant** is intended for parent groups supported by agencies (community based organizations, preschools, elementary school kindergarten classrooms, church groups, etc.) for parents with children ages 0 to 5. The Starter Grant is a pre-cursor to the **First Year Grants**, which are intended to build agency staff capacity on parent engagement by facilitating a group of parents to design and implement their own projects and is intended for parent groups with or without agency support. Parents are expected to take on more responsibilities on their own to design and implement the projects.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend Q&A sessions. Find all details in the Information/Application packet. **Due Date: June 10, 2010, 5:00 pm.** To download the applications, visit: [www.first5sf.org](http://www.first5sf.org). For questions, contact: Elaine Wang at (415) 554-8966 or [ewang@first5sf.org](mailto:ewang@first5sf.org).

## Merchant Spotlight

# TENNESSEE GRILL

1128 Taraval Street (21st & 22nd Ave)  
(415) 664-7834



If you're looking for a hearty "stick to your ribs" breakfast, an after-school milkshake, a good burger and fries, or to catch up with the latest neighborhood news -- then the Tennessee Grill is the place to go. The Tennessee Grill has been an institution for nearly 60 years, having first opened in 1952 by an individual originally from Tennessee. In 1970, current proprietor Lou Duenas took over after two years of working at the restaurant. Prior to his career at Tennessee Grill, Lou worked at Bank of America, quit his job there, joined the restaurant business, and he's been there ever since.

"It's a homely kind of restaurant, and you meet your friends here," Lou said of the Tennessee Grill.

The Tennessee Grill is also family-run, and you can find Lou's brother and sister working there along with Lou's partner of about 20 years, Minmin Defevere.

Lou's favorite dish at the restaurant is the roast beef, which has frequently ranked among the best selling items at the Tennessee Grill. The latest addition to the menu is the appropriately named "Lou Special," a breakfast dish with corned beef chopped up with scrambled eggs, spinach, mushrooms, and a whole lot of love from Lou.

When asked about his favorite memories at the restaurant, Lou says it always goes back to "just meeting people." So the next time you're at the Tennessee Grill, don't forget to say "hi" to Lou.



In celebration of Small Business Week, Supervisor Chu took the opportunity to honor the Tennessee Grill for serving as one of the anchors in our neighborhood at the Board of Supervisors' May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minmin Defevere accepted the award on behalf of Lou at City Hall.

Congratulations to the Tennessee Grill!

## Sunset Kids Day Sat. June 5 1-3 PM



**West Sunset Playground  
3223 Ortega St. (@39th)**

**Fun, BBQ, music, crafts  
books and more!**

### **Join the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library at Sunset Kids Day!**

Join us as we kick off summer reading with Sunset Kids Day. There will be a family-style BBQ, fun prizes, stories, music, crafts, books and more!

Admission is FREE.

The Sunset District currently has two libraries, Ortega and Parkside, under construction. The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library organization works with the community to fundraise and ensure that when our libraries are complete on the outside, that they will be fully functional on the inside.

### **WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND: RENOVATION COMING SOON**



We are happy to announce that the Recreation and Park Commission recently approved plans for a new West Sunset Playground. Our office has been working with a group of dedicated parents who formed the Friends of West Sunset Playground (FOWSP) organization to ensure that our children have a safe place to play for generations to come. We have also been working to coordinate the rebuild of the playground so that it will coincide with the re-opening of Ortega Branch Library in 2011.

The FOWSP recently hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sunset Soiree: "Tastes of the Sunset" on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Janet Pomeroy Center as a benefit for West Sunset Playground. We would like to thank FOWSP for their hard work and dedication, and all of the community members who attended to support the rebuild effort. For more information about FOWSP, please visit [www.fowsp.org](http://www.fowsp.org).



*Members of the Friends of West Sunset Playground at the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sunset Soiree benefitting the playground*

## SUMMER ART SALON SPONSORED BY ART WAVES GALLERY

Come to the **Summer Art Salon** in the Sunset featuring 10 artists and 100 works of art at FOGBELT STUDIO located at 2528-25th Avenue (between Ulloa & Vicente). This is a **free event**. The dates and times are:

Friday, **June 25**, 5pm -9pm; Saturday, **June 26**, 10am-6pm; Sunday, **June 27**, 12pm-4pm.



The Salon features these artists, several who are residents of the Sunset: Jennifer Alpaugh, Oil Painting; Susan Black, Watercolor Painting; Kathy Dybeck, Printmaking & Collage; Monte Leach, Printmaking-Monotype; Tim J Leary, Acrylic Painting; Melinda Lightfoot, Acrylic Painting; JT Morrow, Painting & Illustration; Nancy Mona Russell, Acrylic Painting; Louis Webb, Photography; Roxanne Worthington, Photography.

For more information go to [www.artwavesgallery.com](http://www.artwavesgallery.com)

Award-winning photo (above): "Passing through #28" taken at de Young Museum.  
Photo by Sunset District resident Roxanne Worthington.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 5 (Saturday)

#### SUNSET KIDS DAY

West Sunset Playground  
3223 Ortega Street  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
BBQ, fun and games, free admission

### June 6 (Sunday)

#### SURFRIDER BEACH CLEAN UP

10:00 am to noon  
Meet up at Sloat and Great Highway  
[www.surfrider.org](http://www.surfrider.org)

### June 13 (Sunday)

#### CHARITY & THE JAM BAND

Park Chalet  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Family Concert and BBQ  
<http://www.parkchalet.com>

### June 14 (Monday)

#### REMEMBERING PLAYLAND

Sunset Branch Library  
1305 18th Ave.  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Free showing of Tom Wyrsch's will show documentary film about the Ocean Beach amusement park.

### June 15 (Tuesday)

#### TARAVAL STATION CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Taraval Police Station 2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
7:00 pm  
Community safety discussion

### June 16 (Wednesday)

#### LARSEN PARK PLANNING MEETING

Sava Pool Community Room  
6:00 pm  
Help us brainstorm on improvements and fundraising efforts for the Larsen Park Playground.  
415-554-7560

### June 20 (Sunday)

#### STERN GROVE MUSIC FESTIVAL KICK-OFF

Angelique Kidjo and Sarazino  
2:00 pm  
Stern Grove (19<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Sloat)

### June 25 (Friday)

#### SUNSET MOVIE NIGHT

South Sunset Clubhouse  
40<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Vicente  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Neighborhood Parks Council hosts a free movie night.  
(415)621-3260





June 20  
**Angélique Kidjo**  
*Sarazino*

June 27  
**HAPA**  
*Academy of Hawaiian Arts*

July 4  
**San Francisco Opera**  
*and the San Francisco Opera Chorus and Orchestra*  
*A Celebration of American Music Featuring Patricia Racette and John Relyea*

July 11  
**San Francisco Symphony**  
*Donato Cabrera, Conductor*

July 18  
**Caravan Palace**  
*De Pedro*

July 25  
**Jovanotti**  
*Bomba Estéreo*

August 1  
**Rickie Lee Jones**  
*Meklit Hadero*

August 8  
**San Francisco Ballet**  
*Helgi Tomasson, Artistic Director*

August 15  
**Maceo Parker**  
*Darondo*

August 22  
**They Might Be Giants**  
*Rogue Wave*

**Explore Music and More!**  
**73rd Season Outreach Programs**



**KIDS DAYS**

Fun, interactive programs for kids at Stern Grove from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration required at [www.sterngrove.org](http://www.sterngrove.org).

June 22-24  
 African Drum and Dance with Amadou Diawara

June 29-30 and July 1  
 Opera Workshop with Kristen Jones

July 13-15  
 Latin Dance with Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts and Swing Dance with Hep Jen



**KIDSTAGE**

Join in the fun at KidStage 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. before every concert. Different activities featured each week. Learn to dance, play drums, or make a mural.

Kids of all ages are welcome!



**TROC TALKS**

Pre-concert Troc Talks will take place before concerts on June 20, June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 8, and August 15.

Troc Talks begin at 12:00 noon in Stern Grove's Trocadero Clubhouse, unless otherwise announced.



STERN GROVE FESTIVAL :: 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND SLOAT BOULEVARD, SAN FRANCISCO :: [WWW.STERNGROVE.ORG](http://WWW.STERNGROVE.ORG) :: 415.252.6252

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