# SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

District 4 Sunset ~ Parkside April 2011



# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR:

# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan was a vivid reminder that San Franciscans must be prepared for emergencies here. As Sunset District residents, we all need to review our disaster plans, create or replenish our emergency kits, and make sure our homes are seismically safe. Please take the time to visit <a href="www.72hours.org">www.72hours.org</a> for additional emergency preparation tips. Additionally, residents can learn how to prepare and participate in the case of

an emergency through the Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT) program provided by the San Francisco Fire Department. Information on NERT can be found by calling 311.

To stay informed, Alert SF is a free system that allows users to sign up to receive text and/or email alerts from the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) during an emergency in San Francisco. Topics include: major traffic disruptions, watches and warnings for tsunamis and flooding, post-disaster information, and other alerts. DEM used this system as one tool to disseminate information during the tsunami alert last week. To sign up, go to: <a href="https://www.alertsf.org">www.alertsf.org</a>.

Another tool DEM would use in an emergency is the outdoor warning system. Across the City there are 104 outdoor speakers that comprise the outdoor warning system. The City tests the outdoor warning system every Tuesday at noon. If you do not hear an announcement being made Tuesdays at noon, you can call 311 to let the Department of Emergency Management know. Please provide the date and exact location where you were located.

**Note:** City officials emphasize that currently there is no danger to San Francisco residents from Japan's nuclear emergency. Radiation monitoring for San Francisco is being done by the US Environmental Protection Agency and City officials remain in close contact with State and Federal agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and California Emergency Management Agency (CA EMA) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH). While there are no nuclear precautionary measures being recommended at this time, City departments are monitoring the situation closely and will alert the public if the situation changes. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has also imposed strict controls on all foods and consumer products imported from Japan.

For more information or for inquiries from the public, please call the California Department of Public Health at **916-341-3947**.

#### **Additional Resources:**

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/RadiationFAQS2011.aspx

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
Health Effects and Treatment for Radiation Emergencies:
<a href="http://www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation/healtheffects.asp">http://www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation/healtheffects.asp</a>

# Office of Supervisor Carmen Chu

## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Money is a concern for all of us these days, and the best time to learn how to manage it is when you are young. Our office has teamed up with Congresswoman Jackie Speier, the SF Education Fund, the San Francisco Youth Commission and other City departments to present a one-day financial literacy event for students. This event is free of charge and open to all high school students in San Francisco, so mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 30!** 



Learn about realistic budgeting from youth peer-to-peer bankers from Mission SF, the nation's first youth run credit union. Get help and advice on how to navigate through the world of college financial aid and student loans. Discover ways to protect yourself against the debt trap, identity theft and money scams. Experts from financial institutions, City agencies and non-profit financial educational groups will be on hand to answer your questions. There will be resources for summer jobs and internships, plus you can win some fantastic prizes.

Register online: <a href="http://studentfinancialempowerment.eventbrite.com/">http://studentfinancialempowerment.eventbrite.com/</a>

## CITY BUDGET

Each year, the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee is tasked with passing a balanced budget for our city. This year, with a current projected budget shortfall of \$380 million, we will again be facing difficult decisions as we strive to preserve the services we provide as a city while working to produce a balanced budget for the next fiscal year.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office are currently meeting with members of the public and community organizations to obtain input on budget priorities, concerns and ideas.

As Chair of the Budget Committee, part of my job is to provide information to guide community members through the process. I encourage everyone to visit <a href="www.sfgov.org/budget">www.sfgov.org/budget</a> for updated information on the budget process, including a schedule of upcoming Budget Town Hall meetings throughout the city, public input opportunities at Board of Supervisors meetings, department budget presentations, and reports from the Budget & Legislative Analyst's Office.

I will be co-hosting a Budget Town Hall meeting with the Mayor and District 7 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd on April 23, where residents can provide input regarding the 2011-2012 budget.

District 4 & 7 Budget Town Hall Meeting Saturday, April 23 10:00 – 11:30am San Francisco Zoo – Great Hall (46<sup>th</sup> Ave & Sloat Blvd)

Congratulations to Francis Scott Key and Ulloa Elementary Schools, just named by the California Department of Education as 2010-2011 Title I Academic Achievement Award winners. To meet the criteria for this distinction, a school must demonstrate that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on California's academic content standards. Additionally, the school's socio-economically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years. Francis Scott Key and Ulloa were recognized out of 6000 California schools eligible for this award. "This award is significant because it recognizes the schools that are helping our lowest income students make outstanding gains in achieving academic mastery," said Superintendent Carlos A. Garcia.

## TAX AID

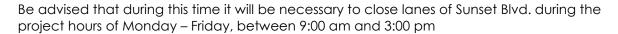
Do you know you could be eligible for free tax help? Tax-Aid is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 1988 by a coalition of accountants and lawyers. Its mission is to provide free income tax preparation to low-income families throughout the Bay Area. To find out more about this program, visit <a href="www.tax-aid.org">www.tax-aid.org</a>. Tax Aid has partnered with the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (3925 Noriega Street) and will helping eligible Sunset District residents from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. This year, taxes are due April 18.

## SUNSET BOULEVARD WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT

The Department of Public Works (DPW) in partnership with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is enhancing the median plant material and irrigation system along six blocks of Sunset Boulevard, from Sloat Boulevard to Rivera Street, to conserve water. The project began in March and is slated for completion the week of November 18.

As a result of the project, DPW anticipates reducing water use along Sunset Boulevard by up to 70% through:

- Installing low flow sprinklers to reduce the amount of water used to irrigate.
- Installing rain and soil moisture sensors that will allow the irrigation system to work efficiently.
- Planting a drought tolerant native Bentgrass that requires less water to upkeep and reduces maintenance such as mowing.



# Phase I: March 22nd - May 19th

Center median lanes on Sunset Blvd. will close on either side of this median in both directions **Phase II: May 19th - August 19th:** 

36th Avenue East Side Strips – curb lanes Northbound and Southbound on Sunset Blvd. will close **Phase III: August 19th - November 17th:** 

37th Avenue West Side Strips - curb lanes Northbound and Southbound on Sunset Blvd. Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

# SUNDAY STREETS RETURNS TO THE GREAT HIGHWAY

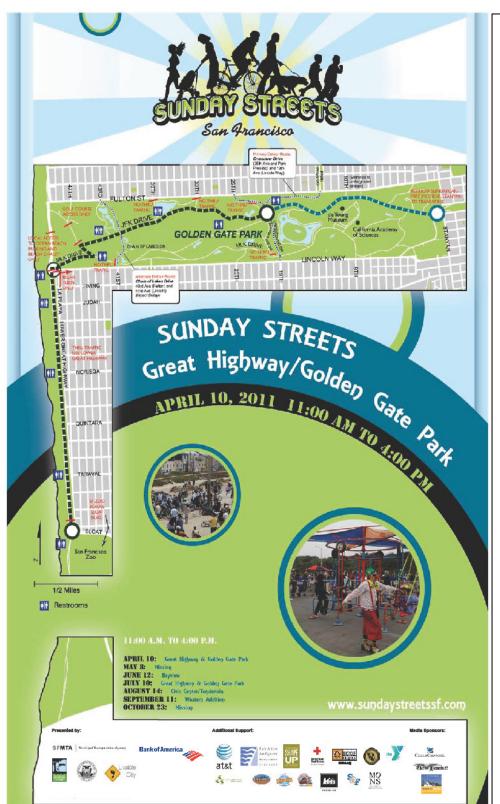


The 2011 Sunday Streets season kicked off under surprisingly sunny skies on March 20 at the Embarcadero. The free, family friendly event returns to the Great Highway on **Sunday, April 10, with new hours – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**. Skate, ride, walk, jog, dance, roll and enjoy the car free space from Golden Gate Park along the Great Highway, all the way to the SF Zoo. An added attraction at this Sunday Streets will be an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the "World's Longest Chain of Roller Skaters and establish a new Guinness World Record for the "World's

Longest Chain of Inline Skaters" and the World's Longest Skating Serpentine".

All skaters are invited to participate! Meet at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park at 10:00 am. The first record attempt is at 11:00 am. Each skater will hold on to the other skaters hips as the group moves together a distance of at least 400 meters without breaking the chain. The current Guinness World Record for the Longest Chain of Roller Skaters is 250 skaters, so you and your wheels are needed! For more information and to register for the event at <a href="http://www.cora.org/worldrecordguidlines.htm">http://www.cora.org/worldrecordguidlines.htm</a>. For more information or to volunteer, please visit <a href="http://www.sundaystreetssf.com">www.sundaystreetssf.com</a>





# HILLEN GARLEN STEPS:

Meet the Artists and the Project

The Hidden Garden Steps project (16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Kirkham and Lawton) is moving forward!

If you're interested in knowing more about the project; volunteer opportunities; or how to purchase tiles and/or organize groups sponsoring large tile elements included in the design, please join us at our next public event.

Presenters include Aileen Barr (one of the project artists) and members of the project organizing committee.

## Location:

Vintage Golden Gate/Vintage Senior Living 1601 – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave (Lawton)

#### Date:

Wed, April 20, 2011

#### Time:

1:30 - 2:30 pm

## **RSVP**:

<u>hiddengardensteps@gmail.com</u> **or** paul@paulsignorelli.com

For more information about Hidden Garden Steps, visit: http://hiddengardensteps.org



SNBC is celebrating 15<sup>th</sup> years serving children, youth, and families in San Francisco's Sunset District and is celebrating with a lively party at the historic Zellerbach Mansion, **Saturday**, **April 9** at 8:00 pm. Tickets to "A Victorian Evening" are \$50 and include a hosted bar, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and a silent auction. To buy tickets or make a donation, call (415) 759-3690.

## AS THE TRAINS TURN...

If you are a frequent Muni rider in the Sunset District, you are more than familiar with the inconvenience of "Switchbacks". The SFMTA Central Command makes the decision to turn trains back before the end of the line if it is necessary to quickly take trains out of service or to other areas. This may help the SFMTA with their vehicle circulation but it can be problematic for Outer Sunset District residents who are trying to get home after a long day of work.





Over the last several years, Supervisor Chu has been working with the SFMTA to find solutions to this recurring problem. At Supervisor Chu's request, the SFMTA has deployed new technical strategies which have led to some reduction in the number of switchbacks, and improved communication to passengers when a switchback is necessary. In the first two months of 2011, there were 35 switchbacks on the L-Taraval line and 96 on the N-Judah. The City's 311 Customer Service Center received a total of 18 complaints for the two lines. The SFMTA uses 311 records to collect data on their "switchback" numbers, so remember to call if your train is switched back.

# P.A.L. SUMMER CADET PROGRAM

This summer the San Francisco Police Department has doubled the size of their very popular Police Activities League (P.A.L.) Summer Cadet Academy. This is an intensive 4 week program for youth 14 – 20 years old, to gain career and leadership skills working closely with SFPD officers and assisting with police station activities. An informational meeting about the program is April 7, 6:00 pm at 350 Amber Drive, and the deadline for applications is April 22. For more information or to receive an application, go to <a href="https://www.SFPAL.org/Cadets">www.SFPAL.org/Cadets</a>.



## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND - ROUND II

Do you have an idea for a community building or neighborhood improvement project? The Community Opportunity Fund program of the 2008 Parks Bond is a \$5 Million capital program that allows residents, neighborhood groups, and park advocates to initiate capital



improvements in their parks by matching public funding with other private gifts and grants.

The \$3 Million in direct funding will is split into 3 rounds, with award budgets of \$500K, \$1.25 Million, and \$1.25 Million. The COF can fund small projects like additional benches and trash cans as well as larger capital projects. **The deadline for the second round is June 24, 2011.** 

A representative for each application is required to attend a COF workshop. NPC is once again partnering with the Recreation and Park Department to host these workshops. The dates and locations are:

- Wednesday, 3/30, 6:00 7:30 PM, Minnie Lovie Ward/Oceanview Playground
- Wednesday, 4/6 from 6:00 7:30 PM, Joe Lee Rec Center
- Saturday, 4/9 from 12:00 1:30 PM, Duboce Park (outside Rec Center)
- Wednesday, 4/13 from 6:00 7:30 PM, County Fair Building Rec Room

# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR GGNRA DOG PLAN



The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a Federal agency, recently released their Dog Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The voluminous document and its recommendations would have significant impact on use of Ocean Beach, Fort Funston, Lands End, Sutro Heights, Baker Beach, Fort Point, Fort Mason and Crissy Field. The document is available at all San Francisco Public Libraries and also online at <a href="http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan">http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan</a>

The Dog Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents several different alternatives for each park in the GGNRA, ranging from "no dogs" to severely restricting off leash areas. Our office wanted to make you aware that public comment on the plan will be accepted through **May 29**, and that it is important that the GGNRA and National Park Service (NPS) hear the concerns of San Francisco residents.

#### How to comment:

- Online at <a href="http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan">http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan</a>
- By mail: Frank Dean, General Superintendent, GGNRA Fort Mason, Building 201 San Francisco, CA 94123

Comments will be considered during development of the final plan, which is expected to be completed by late Spring/early Summer 2012. When making your comments, please refer to the specific area of the plan you would like to see changed, and your ideas for alternatives.

The GGNRA is the nation's larget urban national park, and includes areas of San Francisco, San mateo and Marin Counties. If you have any further questions about the Dog Management Plan/Draft EIS, please call the GGNRA at 415-561-4728.

## **PG&E SMART METER UPDATE**

Our office has received a number of calls from residents about Smart Meter installations across the City. For more direct information, please visit the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website at <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Demand+Response/pge.htm">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Demand+Response/pge.htm</a> or call Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) at 1-866-743-0599.

At this time, our office has been informed that if residents have received notification that Smart Meters are being installed in your neighborhood, you can request that installation be delayed. This can be done by printing out and posting a sign at your residence.

Meanwhile, the CPUC, the State regulatory body that oversees the utility, has not yet finalized or approved an "opt out" program for the Smart Meters. On March 24, PG&E submitted a proposal for the

CPUC to consider giving residents the option to "turn off" the radio communication in their Smart Meters by paying an upfront charge and an ongoing monthly fee. The public has 30 days from the date of that filing in which to file a protest or comment. If you would like to comment on the PG&E proposal, you may contact the CPUC's News and Public Information Office at (415) 703-1366 or news@cpuc.ca.gov or visit www.cpuc.ca.gov, or write to:

California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94102

PG&E is holding an information meeting at PG&E Customer Education Center, Park Merced Offices – 3711 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Tuesday, **April 5 from 3:00pm to 6:30pm**.

For more information on all SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> related questions or concerns, please call PG&E at 1-866-743-0599.

## BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY



On **April 7**, join thousands of students, parents and teachers across the city as they celebrate the healthy and fun choice to bike to school! Throughout the year, the San Francisco Safe Routes to School Program works to help more families bike safely and more often through safety education and encouragement programs in schools across the city. On Bike to School Day, thousands of San Franciscans, young and old, will meet up and ride to school together in 'Bike Trains' across the city. To find out where the meeting point is for your school and how to join the fun, visit sfbiketoschoolday.org

Also mark your calendars for Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 12. Energizer Stations will be set up in neighborhoods across the city to offer free coffee, snacks and other goodies and mechanics will even check out your bicycle for free (at select locations). For biking resources and a list of all the day's events, visit <a href="http://www.sfbike.org/btwd">http://www.sfbike.org/btwd</a> If you would like to join Supervisor Chu, the District 4 Commuter Convoy will be leaving at 7:45 AM from Henry's House of Coffee at 1618

Noriega Street! Get your morning bike-commute rolling by joining other cyclists on your bike, and commute Downtown together in comfort and camaraderie.



# ANGELA TICKLER: DISTRICT 4 WOMAN OF THE YEAR



The Board of Supervisors celebrated Women's History Month with special commendations for each district's "Woman of the Year". Supervisor Chu honored Angela Tickler, proprietor of **The Hard Wear Store** on Irving Street.

"In addition to owning and operating one of my favorite stores," said Supervisor Chu. "Angela is very involved in the merchant association, the neighborhood, and the city. She is a consistent donor to schools and community organizations, she led the Holiday Lights Project which lit up Irving Street last December, and she is always coming up with creative ways to enhance both her business and the customer experience."

The Hard Wear Store is located at 2401 Irving Street & 25th Ave.



# Not getting the financial child support you need from your child's mother or father? Have friends or acquaintances in this situation? We can help! The San Francisco Department of Child Support Services offers the following free services: Establishment of an order for monetary child support, health insurance, medical expenses and child care costs. Modification (increase or decrease) of existing Collection of unpaid child support, with interest. For a confidential consultation please call (415) 356-2754 or e-mail us at sfdcss@sfgov.org

## YOUTH ARTS CELEBRATION

**Young at Art**; an 8 day celebration of student creativity in visual, literary, media and performing arts hosted by the world renowned de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park from **May 14-22**, 2011 (closed Monday, May 16, 2011). For the past 25 years this unique San Francisco event, (formerly San Francisco Youth Arts Festival), has been a point of destination for families, teachers, artists and community members from San Francisco and beyond.



**Young at Art** is open to all students grades K through 12 attending a public or private school or a community arts program located in the city of San Francisco. Students may submit entrees in Visual, Performing, Media or Literary Arts.

Entry forms are available at <a href="www.youngatartsf.com">www.youngatartsf.com</a> or you may call, write, or come to the Visual and Performing Arts Office 555 Portola Drive, Suite 370 San Francisco, CA 94112 (415) 695-2441

#### **NEW LIBRARY WEBSITES**

In 2010, the public library launched a new website that now provides the opportunity to highlight information about each of our neighborhood branch libraries, including:

- · Branch hours of operation
- · Address, map, and directions
- · Special collections and languages spoken by staff
- Real-time calendar of the upcoming programs and events at the specific branch, updated daily
- · Connections to the full system of library collections, online resources, and services

Below are the links to the branch pages in District 4. The new website also has RSS feed capability, providing regular updates and details about programs, classes, and events at the public library.

Ortega <u>www.sfpl.org/ortega</u>
Parkside <u>www.sfpl.org/parkside</u>



# **SUMMER RESOURCES**

Information on camps, classes, and other great summertime fun — including free and low-cost camp options — are available at <a href="www.sfkids.org">www.sfkids.org</a> San Francisco's Official Family Resource Guide.



# **Out and About**



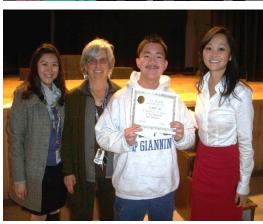






Supervisor Chu participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12.

Supervisor Chu with Jacqulyne Law (8th grade Counselor), Leslie Trook (Principal), Spencer Lee (student) at AP Giannini Middle School's 4.0 Tea celebrating students with high academic achievement on March 22.





← On tour at the Opera House and sharing lunch with students from Lincoln High School who were winners of the school's Reflections contest on March 3. →





← Read Aloud Day at Sunset Elementary School on March 2. Supervisor Chu read to students at Ms. Cueva's Kindergarten class and Ms. Lee's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. →





# Financial Empowerment for High School Students

# Money Workshops

- \* Applying for Financial Aid \*
- \* Prevent ID Theft \*
- \* Avoid the Debt Trap! \*
- \* Boost Your Credit Score \*
- \* And More! \*

# **Featuring**

# \*\*\*PRIZES! \*\*\*

- \* Keynote speech by Saundra Davis, a Lincoln High alum and expert on money matters \*
- \* Internship and job opportunities, resources on credit cards, bank accounts, college loan applications, and more! \*

Join us for a day of financial workshops for high school students and families -THE EVENT IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME!

> April 30, 10am-1:30pm at Lincoln High School Cafeteria 2162 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA



#### For more information contact:

Supervisor Chu's Office: (415) 554-7460 Congresswoman Speier's Office: (650) 342-0300



Sponsored by Congresswoman Jackie Speier in conjunction with Supervisor Carmen Chu, the City of San Francisco Youth Commission and the San Francisco Treasurer's Office of Financial Empowerment.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, April 1

**Red Cross Benefit for Japan** 

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Beach Chalet - 1000 Great Highway

April 6 (Wednesday) April 9, 16, 23 (Saturdays) 11:00 am

Free Walking Tours of Golden Gate Park-West End

Presented by San Francisco City Guides Meet at the Dutch Windmill, JFK Drive near Great Highway

www.sfcityguides.org

Thursday, April 7 **Bike To School Day** 

Details at www.sfbiketoschoolday.org

Friday, April 8

**Job Hunter Boot Camp** 

10:00 am – 2:30 pm College of San Mateo, Bldg.10 1700 W. Hillsdale Boulevard

Saturday, April 9

STARBUCKS DAY OF SERVICE

Great Highway Clean-up & Planting 9:00 am - noon Meet at Ocean Beach parking lot across from Beach Chalet - 1000 Great Highway

http://sbuxnorcalevent.eventbrite.com/

Saturday, April 9

Cardinal & White Spring game

2:00 pm

Kezar Stadium – 670 Kezar Drive

Orange Bowl Champion Stanford Football team plays intrasquad game. Pre-game activities for youth and admission to the game is free for all. For more information, visit www.gostanford.com

Saturday, April 9

**"A Victorian Evening"** fundraising event for Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center.

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Details at <u>www.snbc.org</u>

Sunday, April 10

Sunday Streets Great Highway/Golden Gate Park

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Info at <u>www.sundastreetssf.com</u>

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Saturday, April 16 **Healthy Kids Day**11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Stonestown YMCA
Eucalyptus Drive & 20<sup>th</sup> Ave

Monday, April 18

Anniversary of 1906 Earthquake

5:13 am

Lotta's fountain, Market & Kearney

Tuesday, April 19 **Taraval Police Station Community Meeting**2345 – 24<sup>th</sup> Ave
7:00 pm

Saturday, April 23

Budget Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisors Chu and Elsbernd

Saturday, April 23 10:00 am – 11:30 am San Francisco Zoo – Great Hall 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Sloat Blvd.

Saturday, April 23

Recreation & Parks Department Spring Eggstravaganza

11:00 am – 3:00 pm Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park Egg hunts, carnival rides, crafts and fun for the whole family.

Saturday, April 23

**Sunset Youth Services Fundraiser** 

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Bentley Reserve – 301 Battery Street For information, call: 415-665-0255

Saturday, April 30

MONEY: Financial Empowerment for High School Students

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Lincoln High School cafeteria – 2162 24th Ave

Register online at

http://studentfinancialempowerment.eventbrite.com

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