



## June Newsletter

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## Community Updates

### Falling Trees in Duboce Park

In the past month, two large trees fell in Duboce Park. Fortunately no one was injured, but one of the trees damaged parked cars. These incidents raised safety concerns, and I requested that Rec & Park conduct an analysis of the remaining trees in the park. According to Rec & Park, the main causal factor in these incidents appears to be a period of prolonged high winds. The trees that fell were in otherwise healthy condition, with no major structural flaws.

The inspection revealed that the majority of trees in the park are in good condition, although most require some degree of routine maintenance. The inspection found several trees that are a higher priority for pruning or removal. None of these trees were considered to present an immediate hazard.

### Harvey Milk Day Recap

On Sunday May 22nd, we held a rally to commemorate the 2nd Annual Harvey Milk Day. It was wonderful to see so many people gather in Jane Warner Plaza and then march down Castro Street to the site of the Harvey's Camera Shop. We heard from many of Harvey's friends and family, as well as community leaders, about the importance of the day. Earlier that day, we also celebrated the grand opening of the Trevor Project's hotline for LGBT youth who need information, access to resources or just someone to talk to and listen to them. It's so fitting for the hotline to be in Harvey's camera shop, and I welcome Trevor Project to the neighborhood.



Scott, Mayor Lee, and Harvey's friends and colleagues celebrate the Second Annual Harvey Milk Day

### March with me in the Pride Parade!

*Sunday, June 26th*

*10:00am*

*Intersection of Steuart and Mission Streets*

Please join me for the 41st SF Pride Parade on Sunday, June 26th. Don't miss out on all the colorful and outrageous fun that makes Pride a must-attend event every year. For those who have never marched in the Parade before, this will be an unforgettable experience. Friends, families, children and pets are all encouraged to join in the festivities.

To join us in the celebration, please email your name, t-shirt size and mobile number to Adam Taylor at [adam.taylor@sfgov.org](mailto:adam.taylor@sfgov.org) call my office at 415-554-6968. Don't miss out on this fantastic, only in San Francisco celebration!

I would also like to thank DJ Christopher B for providing our contingent's music for the event. You can get a preview of his music [here](#).  
[Click here for more information](#)

### San Francisco Boiler Systems Incentive Program

The Department of the Environment has developed the San Francisco Boiler Systems Incentive Program. This Program promotes the installation of high efficiency boilers and associated energy-saving heating-system measures, e.g., pipe insulation, by providing multifamily property owners financial incentives through rebates, which can pay up to 40% of the cost of the project - a real value taking into consideration the high up front cost of changing out a boiler.

In addition to promoting energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the Boiler Program is stimulating the local economy and creating green jobs.

The program will run until March 2012, so we are urging San Franciscans to get started while the funding is available.

The Department offers FREE Boiler System Assessments. To schedule a free assessment or to learn more about the Boiler Program, please contact Matt Greco, Energy Program Engineer at [matthew.greco@sfgov.org](mailto:matthew.greco@sfgov.org) or 415-355-3708.

### Athletic Scholars Advancement Program (ASAP)

Like my predecessor Bevan Duffy, I am a strong supporter of Mission High School's Athletic Scholars Advancement Program. ASAP works with many at-risk, underserved youth in San Francisco to keep them on track and help them get into college and go on to lead productive and successful lives.

Each summer ASAP places Mission High School students on college campuses across the country where they attend academic and athletic enrichment programs in safe, inspirational, educational and confidence-building environments. ASAP also helps the senior class apply to college by supporting their college and scholarship applications. Since ASAP's inception in 2004, the Mission High School college acceptance rate has gone from 21% to 68%. In each of the last two years, Mission Seniors were awarded over \$1 million in academic scholarships.

[Click here for more information](#)



Scott, Bevan Duffy and Mission High School Principal Eric Guthertz

## Policy Work and Hearings

### Good Government Ballot Measure Reform

I'm working on a charter amendment, to be presented to the voters this fall, that will grant the Board of Supervisors limited power to amend or repeal voter-adopted ordinances without having take these changes to the ballot. Under the current system, even the most minute alteration to a voter-adopted ordinance - no matter how long the law has been on the books and no matter how large or small the change - requires yet another ballot measure. California is the only state in the country where voter-adopted legislation is amendable only by another ballot measure. We've seen what happens in our State when we have too many ballot measures - unnecessarily rigid government and gridlock.



My proposal would grant the Board gradual authority to amend or repeal voter-adopted ordinances placed on the ballot by the Board or the Mayor. (Initiatives placed on the ballot by voter signature drive would be exempt and would remain untouchable by the Board.) For the first three years of an ordinance's existence, the Board would not be able to change a thing. From years four to seven, the Board would be able to amend or repeal the measure with a 2/3 vote. Thereafter (i.e., after seven years), the measure would be amendable or repealable as with any other piece of legislation.

Of course, this proposal will not go into effect unless the voters approve it in November.

The proposal has generated a significant amount of discussion, including support in the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) and the [San Francisco Examiner](#).

### Co-sponsoring Pension Reform with Mayor Lee

I'm proud to be a co-sponsor on Mayor Ed Lee's Pension Reform Measure for the November ballot. This necessary and responsible reform will require city workers to pay a minimum of 7.5 % of pre-tax salary and maximum of 12.5% towards their pensions with police and firefighters going up to a maximum of 13.5%. The measure would also raise the retirement age to 58 for police and firefighters and 65 for all other city employees. All employees would also have to start contributing to the retiree health care trust fund in a few years (currently only employees hired starting in 2009 contribute to the retiree health care fund). The measure, if passed by the voters, is estimated to save \$800 million to \$1 billion over the next ten years.

### Implementing our Better Streets Plan

The debate about the installation of more AT&T utility boxes on our sidewalks has brought up the broader issue of how we manage our sidewalks to be vibrant, accessible and in conformity with our [Better Streets Plan](#), while still maintaining the flexibility to make necessary and beneficial infrastructure and utility improvements. I've called for various city departments, including the Department of Public Works, City Planning, MTA, and the Public Utilities Commission to report on this issue at a hearing. I'm prepared to put together legislation to assure good planning and proper use of our sidewalks and public rights-of-way.

### Revolving Loan Fund Hearing

I've called for an informational hearing about the the City's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program. The RLF offers loans ranging from \$10,000-\$50,000 to qualifying small and micro businesses that cannot access financing from conventional institutions. Administered by the non-profit TMC Development Working Solutions, the fund was launched in July 2009 and its 26 loans of over \$650,000 have created 41 new jobs with a 0% default rate on the loans.

Businesses from District 8 that are participating in this program include Mission Cheese, Cake Coquette, Bubbles & Shampoo, Venga! Empanadas, Petit Collage and Heliotrope LLC. Besides creating jobs, these neighborhood businesses are hiring and retaining local staff, filling storefront vacancies, and investing in facade beautification and streetscape improvements.

### Taxi Fare Resolution

I recently introduced a resolution opposing a taxi fare increase by the MTA unless the fare increase is accompanied by an increase in cab service. Our taxi system is already among the most expensive in the U.S., and we have an inadequate supply of cabs. I'm all for treating our cab drivers fairly and paying them a good wage, but we shouldn't be raising fares (making us the most expensive cab city) unless we're

significantly increasing service at the same time. Making cabs more expensive without making them more available does not serve the public. I'm cautiously optimistic that MTA will heed this call and increase service along with any fare increase.

[Click here for more information](#)

### 24-Hour Restaurant Legislation

I am pursuing pro-small business legislation that will eliminate an unnecessary requirement that all 24-hour restaurants employ a security guard between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM. These security measures make sense for their intended targets: large, crowded nightclubs that stay open after 2 AM. But for small diners like Orphan Andy's, Criollo, and Sparky's this is an unnecessary cost for businesses with already thin margins. My legislation would free these diners from this requirement. These are safe places for people to gather at night, and their well-lit, occupied storefronts make our sidewalks safer in the nighttime hours. We should encourage these businesses to stay open late, not penalize them for doing so.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Permitting Dogwalkers Who Use City Parks

I am working with Rec and Park, Animal Care and Control, and dog-walking groups to come up with sensible regulation of commercial dogwalkers who conduct their business in City parks. Dog-walkers provide an invaluable service for tens of thousands of households in San Francisco, and we need to ensure that they can continue to provide this service. We also need to ensure that dogwalkers, while using City parks, act responsibly. Most already do, but there is a consensus that a new regulatory system would be helpful.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Budget Update

On June 1, Mayor Lee presented a balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors. I've been working with the Mayor on many budget issues over the past several months, and this budget already reflects significant input from me and my colleagues on the Board. Over the next month or so, I will be working as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee to improve and finalize the budget. I thank the Mayor for his hard-working and collaborative style in addressing and eliminating our budget deficit in a responsible and thoughtful way.

## Community Spotlight

### **Corona Heights Park**

#### Monthly Highlight

Each month I will be highlighting a public space in the district. For the first, I wanted to bring attention to Corona Heights Park. In addition to its winding trails and beautiful vistas, the Park is home to the Randall Museum - Recreation and Park's natural history museum, as well as a wonderful dog play area. Click [here](#) for a fun history of "The Fist" and [here](#) for SFGate's tour of the park.

## Upcoming Events to Remember

### **Cliff's Variety 75th Anniversary: 75 Years Of Having It!**

Saturday, June 4th

10:00am-6:00pm

Cliff's Variety Store

### *479 Castro Street*

Cliff's Variety and the AIDS Emergency Fund have joined together in planning a fun-filled day of celebration. Come on out for vendor Demonstrations, 75¢ Matinee at the Castro Theatre and afternoon Castro Retro Tea Dance with Donna Sachet.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Castro Cabaret & AfterParty**

*Saturday, June 4th*

*6:00pm-12:00am*

*Gingerfruit Restaurant and Bar*

*2029 Market Street*

Featured entertainers include acclaimed cabaret artists Russ Lorenson and Cami Thompson, chromatic harmonica master Damien Masterson, and Hawaiian slack key guitar king Patrick Landeza, and powerhouse performer Alotta Boutté (aka Beach Blanket Babylon's Chavé Alexander)! Ticket cost: \$40 general admission.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Israel in the Gardens**

*Sunday, June 5th*

*Yerba Buena Gardens*

*899 Howard Street*

An estimated 20,000 people will gather at Israel in the Gardens to enjoy Israeli music, film, food and to celebrate our Jewish community and Israel's 63rd anniversary. Israel in the Gardens is the single largest annual celebration of Israel Independence Day in the Bay Area. The festival, held in one of the most vibrant outdoor spaces in downtown San Francisco, is free to the public.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Clayton/Ashbury Area Traffic Calming Community Meeting**

*Wednesday, June 8th*

*7:00pm*

*All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1350 Waller Street*

SFMTA is doing Traffic Calming studies about about Clayton & Ashbury Streets, between Waller and 17th Streets, and seeks neighborhood input. If you can't attend but have comments or questions, email [Sustainable.Streets@SFMTA.com](mailto:Sustainable.Streets@SFMTA.com) or leave a message at the City's Customer Service Call Center - call "311" or 415-701-2311 from cell phones or outside San Francisco.

### **Congress on Your Corner**

*Wednesday, June 8th*

*4:00-7:00pm*

*San Francisco Public Library, Excelsior Branch*

*4400 Mission Street (at Cotter)*

**and**

*Wednesday, June 22nd*

*4:00-7:00pm*

*San Francisco Public Library, Main Library*

*100 Larkin Street (at Grove)*

**and**

*Friday, July 8th*

*2:00-5:00pm*

*San Francisco Public Library, Glen Park Branch*

*2825 Diamond Street (near Bosworth)*

In the coming weeks, the Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi will be conducting "Congress on Your Corner" office hours at San Francisco Public Library branches. Her district staff will be available to offer assistance in resolving issues with federal agencies and problems obtaining Social Security/SSI, Medicare student loans, veterans and other federal benefits, and to address questions and concerns about federal agencies and programs.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Upper Noe Neighbors Quarterly Meeting**

*Wednesday, June 8th*

*7:30pm*

*Upper Noe Recreation Center, Auditorium*

*299 Day Street*

Come to the the June 28th Upper Noe Neighbors Quarterly meeting, where the focus will be the subject of historic preservation. Representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission, an architect/advocate who has been involved in preservation battles and a representative from the Duboce Triangle Association will be in attendance.

### **7th Annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival**

*June 10th, 11th and 12th*

*Brava Theater*

*2781 24th Street*

World premiere of 38 new films that kindle tenacious connections of community, family and romance. Our Festival Focus, Igniting the Intersections: LGBTQ People of Color, sets afire crossroads of identity and issues to build a blistering amalgam of truth, love and justice. Opening Night and Closing Night screenings are followed by after parties with hot local DJs and performers including: Olga T, Wepa, Black, JenRO and Saira Shaw.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Free Concert for Tots**

*Saturday, June 11th*

*9:00-11:00am*

*Upper Noe Recreation Center, Auditorium*

*299 Day Street*

The Free Concert for Tots takes place every 2nd Saturday, so bring the kids along for a fun musical event! On June 11th, They Call Me Lucky Trio will be performing.

### **Gardening with the Ladybug Gardeners**

*Saturday, June 11th*

*9:00am-12:00pm*

*Upper Noe Recreation Center, Facility Grounds*

*299 Day Street*

Lead volunteer Joan Lionberger hopes to plant a flowering peach tree near the tennis courts, among other projects. She takes special care to have projects for children that introduce them to the garden and nature.

### **Diamond Heights/Glen Park Quarterly Meeting**

*Saturday, June 11th*

*4:00-6:00pm*

*St. Aidan's Church*

*101 Gold Mine Drive, San Francisco, CA*



Attend the Diamond Heights/Glen Park Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 11th. Joining me will be Captain Louis Cassenago of Ingleside Station and Lieutenant Jim Miller to give an update on gang activity, and SFMTA representatives Manito Velasco and Dussion Yeung to discuss options for improvement on the main intersection at the Diamond Heights Shopping Center. Also in attendance will be District Attorney George Gascón.



Scott and Mayor Lee help Glen Park Merchants Association President Ric Lopez cut the ribbon at the opening of the Glen Park Farmers' Market

### ***Sunday Music in the Castro, Western Swing***

*Sunday, June 12th*

*1:00-2:00pm*

*Jane Warner Plaza*

*Intersection of Castro and Market Streets*

Join the Castro CBD for their first installment of their "Music in the Castro," series. Come on out to Jane Warner plaza to hear some Western Swing courtesy of the Saddle Cats. Cowboy boots and dancing encouraged!

### ***19th Annual Golden Wheel Awards***

*Wednesday, June 15th, 2011*

*6:00-9:00pm*

*War Memorial Building, Green Room*

*401 Van Ness Avenue*

Join the San Francisco Bicycle coalition at their 2011 Golden Wheel Awards to celebrate their vision for a connected city where anyone from an 8-year-old child to her 80-year-old grandmother will feel safe, confident and comfortable biking through San Francisco's unique neighborhoods and commercial districts.

[Click here for more information](#)

### ***Frameline 35, 35th LGBT International Film Festival***

*Thursday, June 16th - Sunday, June 26th*

*Castro Theatre*

### *429 Castro Street*

Offering a unique collage of groundbreaking documentaries, entertaining features, touching short films, and cinematic classics, Frameline35 pays tribute to the diverse legacy of queer images and champions new visions for the future of LGBT filmmaking.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Eureka Valley Recreation Center's (EVRC) Youth Space Pride Celebration**

*Friday, June 17th*

*7:00-10:00pm*

*Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Auditorium*

*100 Collingwood Street*

Please join the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department for the Eureka Valley Recreation Center's (EVRC) Youth Space Pride Celebration. They will have drag and Justin Bieber Look Alike Contests and a live DJ. The team at the Youth Space will also have information on site about the various social activities offered this summer. The EVRC Youth Space offers teens and young adults a place to participate in fun and safe programs, workshops, social gatherings, and field trips.

### **San Francisco LGBT Center's 6th Annual Pride Party**

*Saturday, June 18th*

*1:00-4:00pm*

*San Francisco LGBT Center*

*1800 Market Street*

Back by popular demand is the LGBT Center's spectacular Margaritas on Deck event! Once again they'll be transforming their spacious fourth floor and deck into a lavish margarita party, complete with delectable margaritas blended with Don Julio tequila, skillful bartenders, and a spirited atmosphere as you mingle and take in picturesque views of San Francisco. 100% of the proceeds from this event benefit the Center's direct services. This is a 21+ event.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Noe Valley SummerFEST 2011**

*Saturday, June 25th*

*1:00-6:00pm*

*Noe Valley 24th Street corridor*

A Free Family Event on 24th Street! Hay Ride, Petting Zoo, Face painting, Food and Wine, Live Music and Entertainment. Bring the whole family out for some fun in the sun!

### **The 19th Annual Dyke March**

*Saturday, June 25th*

*3:00-7:00pm, Rally in Dolores Park*

*7:00pm, March to the Castro*

Participate in San Francisco's iconic Pride event for dykes and their allies! The San Francisco Dyke March is one of the largest gatherings of dykes in the world, with an estimated 50,000 attendees each year.

After 19 years the Dyke March Committee is having serious financial difficulty that may result in canceling all or part of this year's march. The economic downturn has hit the march hard. In the past The SF Dyke March has been made possible through generous grants from fabulous organizations, donations and fee waivers from the city and minimal private fundraising. Those grants have been cut, and their insurance is no longer covered and due to city deficits many of the fees that have been waived

can no longer be covered by the city.

The Dyke March needs to raise \$30,000. At least half needs to come in the next month to make the Dyke March happen. How you can help: donate \$10 (or more). Ask your friends if they've donated their \$10. You Can Help Make The Dyke March HAPPEN! To volunteer-we can use any and all skills you have, contact

[info@thedykemarch.org](mailto:info@thedykemarch.org).

[Click here for more information](#)

### ***Alice B. Toklas Pride Breakfast***

*Sunday, June 26th*

*7:45am*

*Yank Sing, One Rincon Center (inside)*

*101 Spear Street (at Mission)*

Join the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club for their annual fundraising breakfast. The event supports all of the important activities of the Club.

[Click here for more information](#)

### ***FREE screening of the PBS/American Experience documentary:***

#### ***Stonewall Uprising***

*Tuesday, June 28th*

*7:00pm*

*Castro Theatre*

*429 Castro Street*

In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in the Greenwich Village section of New York City. Such raids were not unusual in the late 1960s, an era when homosexual sex was illegal in every state but Illinois. That night, however, the street erupted into violent protests and demonstrations that lasted for the next six days. The Stonewall riots, as they came to be known, marked a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement in the United States and around the world.

### ***Dolores Park Renovation Community Meeting***

*Thursday, June 30th*

*6:00-8:00pm*

*Mission High School*

*3750 18th Street*

Dolores Park will undergo a much-needed major renovation next year, funded by the 2008 neighborhood parks bond. Thursday, June 30th will be one in a series of community meeting to seek input into the project. Please join us at Mission High School, in the cafeteria, on 18th Street between Church and Dolores, to participate. Please contact my office for additional information.

[Click here for more information](#)

### ***Sunday Music in the Castro, Afro-Cuban***

*Sunday, July 10th*

*1:00-2:00pm*

*Jane Warner Plaza*

*Intersection of Castro and Market Streets*

The second installment of the Castro CBD's "Music in the Castro" series, join the community to hear T Mambo play Afro-Cuban tunes for the neighborhood. Bring your friends, family, neighbors and kids to enjoy this great community event!

## **LGBT Youth Meal Night**

*Every Tuesday*

*5:00-7:00pm*

*San Francisco LGBT Center, Room Q11*

*1800 Market Street*

Youth Meal Night is a safe space to meet with your trans/queer/ally friends, have a free dinner, watch a movie and get connected to our community of resources. We also provide board games, community news/announcements, community closet (free clothes), resources and support, and rapid HIV testing provided by the UCSF AIDS Health Project, Larkin Street Youth Services, and the San Francisco LGBT Community Center. Come for the food and movie, and get connected! Representatives from 5+ youth organizations are available every week.

[Click here for more information](#)



Scott helps with the San Jose Avenue clean-up

## Upcoming Office Hours

My upcoming office hours are listed below:  
(please check with my office before attending office hours,  
since they occasionally need to be rescheduled)

Friday, June 3rd

10:00am-12:00pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 274

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Friday, July 15th

10:00am-12:00pm  
San Francisco City Hall, Room 274  
1 Dr. Carlton Be Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Saturday, July 16th  
10:00am-12:00pm  
The Blue Fig  
990 Valencia Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110

**\*The Saturday, June 4th Office Hours have been canceled**

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