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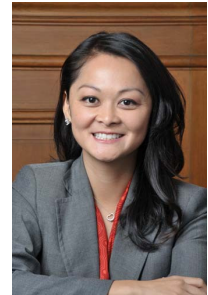


## *Message from the Supervisor*

### **McCoppin Square Re-Opening**

Following the exciting celebration for the newly renovated West Sunset Playground and Ortega Branch Library, I am excited to announce that the renovation of

McCoppin Square is nearly complete and the Grand Re-Opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at 11:30am.



The children's play area has been relocated and expanded. The new play area will now be on Taraval Street next to the Parkside Library and expanded into two sections – one for children 2 to 5 years old and one for kids ages 5 to 12. You may have noticed the new Apollo Whirl rising up above the construction. That's just one of the several new play structures that will delight kids as they play on the new rubberized safety surface. Taking the place of the old play area, on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave (between Santiago & Taraval St) across from the Taraval Police Station, is a contemplative garden in memory of police officer Bryan Tuvera.

The ball fields, which opened earlier this year, have new bleachers and player benches, an ADA accessible pathway and a storage building. The tennis court has been resurfaced and has new fencing, and a half basketball court has been added. The pathways winding throughout the wooded park have been improved, and new benches and lighting have been added for safer strolling for everyone. By popular demand, we are happy to announce the most anticipated feature of the new McCoppin Square – free standing restrooms! The Grand Re-Opening is sure to be a wonderful community event, so don't miss it!

### **Halloween Costume Drive**

For the fourth year in a row, our office is holding our annual Halloween Costume Drive for kids. Each year, we have collected and distributed between 100-200 costumes to kids. If you can't bear to throw away that handmade pumpkin costume or the pair of fairy wings lying around the house, consider donating it to someone who will put the costume to good use.

Donate any new or used costumes at any one of the following locations:

- **Taraval Police Station** – 2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave & Taraval
- **Ortega Branch Library** – 3223 Ortega Street & 39<sup>th</sup> Ave
- **Fire Station #18** – 1935 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave & Ortega Street
- **Office of Supervisor Carmen Chu**, City Hall, Room 260



We are currently collecting costumes through Friday, October 21. All costumes will be distributed at the **McCoppin Square** Grand Re-Opening celebration on **Saturday, October 22 at 11:30am.**



Hundreds of community members gathered on September 10<sup>th</sup> for the Grand Opening celebration of West Sunset Playground and Ortega Branch Library. Both were completely rebuilt to better meet the needs of our community. Many thanks to the community members who supported these projects from start to finish.

Now that both projects are complete, we're looking to neighbors to partner with us in maintaining our library and playground so that future generations can continue to enjoy West Sunset as a community hub.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of West Sunset Playground (FOWSP) to help organize community clean-ups or fundraise for future equipment repairs, please visit [www.fowsp.org](http://www.fowsp.org) for more information. You can also email: [info@fowsp.org](mailto:info@fowsp.org) or call 415-839-8875.

As for Ortega Library, it is still not too late to donate to the Ortega Library Campaign. If you are interested in donating to the Ortega Library Campaign or would like to know more information on naming opportunities, please contact Tamara González Scheulov at [tscheulov@friendsfpl.org](mailto:tscheulov@friendsfpl.org) or 415-626-7512.



← Dancers perform during grand opening ceremony

Founding members of Friends of West Sunset Playground  
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← Inside newly renovated Ortega Branch Library

Great to see so many out for the celebration!  
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## DISTRICT 4 CLEAN-UP DAY A SUCCESS!

More than 200 volunteers joined Supervisor Chu and the Department of Public Works for the annual District 4 community clean-up. We would like to thank volunteers from Lincoln High School, the San Francisco Bahai Center, Star of the Sea School, Department of Corrections/CYC, Juvenile Probation, Mission Neighborhood Center, San Francisco Housing Authority, Academy of Art University, Alpha Phi Omega, Walgreens, Starbucks and neighbors from all over the Sunset.

Spread out all over the district, the volunteers worked hard for three hours, removing litter along Sunset Boulevard from Lincoln Way to Sloat Boulevard; painting out graffiti along the Great Highway; sweeping the merchant corridors along Noriega, and planting shrubs at AP Giannini Middle School and on Noriega Street. A special thanks goes out to Awadalla Awadalla of Irving Pizza for donating lunch to all the volunteers.



"Each year, we hold a large neighborhood clean-up event in our district to remind everyone that it takes all of us together to maintain a clean and vibrant community," said Supervisor Chu. "This year's focus is on cleaning up our merchant corridors to highlight the importance of small businesses in our community."

In conjunction with the Community Clean Team event, district residents also had the opportunity to drop off large bulky household items to be discarded or recycled for free through Recology. This year the District 4 drop off component yielded the highest amount of garbage and recyclables of all the districts this year.

Great job D4 residents! If you missed this opportunity, please know that as a Sunset Scavenger customer, you are entitled to a free pickup of bulky items. Please call Sunset Scavenger at 415-330-1300 for more information or to schedule your appointment.



Volunteers from the SF Bahai Center paint out graffiti on Noriega.



Academy of Art students sweep up Irving Street.

## CELEBRATING 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PING PONG DIPLOMACY

2011 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Ping Pong Diplomacy", a term that refers back to the exchange of ping pong players between the United States and People's Republic of China (PRC) in the 1970s. The event marked a thaw in U.S.–China relations that paved the way to a visit to Beijing by President Richard Nixon.

In honor of this anniversary, and because table tennis is such a popular activity in our City, Mayor Ed Lee held a city-wide Ping Pong tournament in Chinatown. The event was kicked off with quick games between the Mayor and several supervisors. Supervisor Chu engaged him a heated volley, playing in her heels! Then the



tournament opened up to dozens of teams. Each supervisorial district had a team represent them, and with the Lawton Table Tennis Club based at Sunset Recreation Center, our district was represented quite well!



## MUNI HEARING

Supervisor Chu has requested a hearing to receive performance data on MUNI Light Rail Service, specifically on the N Judah and L Taraval lines between February and April of 2011. The hearing will include the number and reasons for missed runs, on time performance, frequency and causes of train switchbacks, and how the SFMTA plans to address those issues. The hearing is **tentatively scheduled** for the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee on **Monday, October 24 around 10:00am**. Please call our office at (415) 554-7460 the week before to confirm that date and time.

*Reminder:*

*Election Day is November 8.*

*If you would like information about Ranked Choice Voting, here is a link to a Department of Elections video that explains how it works:*

*<http://www.sfelections.org/demo/rcvvideo.html>*



## FLUFFY SNOW IN THE SUNSET!



If you are looking for something new and different for dessert, check out Fluffy Snow, snowball of goodness in the Sunset. Fluffy Snow serves *xue hua bing*, or "snowflake ice", a Taiwanese specialty. Technically, it is shaved ice but with a texture similar to ice cream. The snowflake ice is splashed with syrups such as green tea, lychee, mango and milk, and crowned with toppings like fresh strawberries, melons and boba balls. Fluffy Snow also serves slushes, a softer, drinkable shaved ice, in flavors like blackcurrant, honey dew, and kumquat; skewers with tofu, beef or fish; egg white tarts topped with fresh fruit and a lovely custard inside; and, to top it all off, fluffy cake pops in chocolate, red velvet, and strawberry! Fluffy Snow is located at **1314 Noriega** (between 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Aves.) and is open: Monday through Thursdays 12:00 pm-10:30 pm; Friday and Saturday 12:00 pm-11:30 pm; and Sunday 12:00 pm-10:30 pm.

■ Molly Maser, intern at Office of Supervisor Carmen Chu

## ULLOA ELEMENTARY EARNS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON DISTINCTION

Congratulations to Ulloa Elementary School, just named by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2011. The Blue Ribbon distinction is based on a school's overall academic excellence or for its success in closing achievement gaps, and was awarded to only 305 schools in the nation.

"We are thrilled to receive this prestigious award," said Ulloa Principal Carol Fong. "This is due to the hard work of our team of teachers and parents and, most of all, the students of Ulloa."



In 2008, Ulloa Elementary was selected as a California Distinguished School, and has earned the Title I Academic Achievement Award for seven consecutive years. Robert Louis Stevenson School was also named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2009.



## PARKLETS IN THE SUNSET

Have you seen the new parklet in front of Trouble Coffee at 4033 Judah Street? A parklet is a small sidewalk extension that takes the place of two parking spaces outside the location and provides some needed public space for neighbors to gather. The sidewalk extension is meant for use by everyone and not just customers of the surrounding businesses.

Parklets benefit a neighborhood by creating a green open space for people to relax and socialize. Businesses benefit too, as parklets attract people, encourage them to linger longer and make for a more vibrant merchant area. There are over fifteen different parklets built in San Francisco alone and more on the way. Watch for the next Sunset District parklet at Noriega and 45<sup>th</sup> Ave in front of Devils' Teeth Baking Company.

## GOOD TO SEE YOU AT THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUNSET FESTIVAL!

The newly renovated West Sunset Playground and courtyard welcomed community members at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunset Festival on September 24 hosted by the Sunset Neighborhood District Coalition. Festival goers had options of enjoying deep fried oreos, shopping at the festival flea market, and watching a variety of performances ranging from dance to music.



## SUNSET YOUTH SERVICES Fundraising for Filmmaking



Sunset Youth Services is working to expand **Upstar Records**, their youth run recording studio, into filmmaking. They are in the middle of a major fundraising drive to hire a couple videographers to teach and train the kids, as well as purchase some new/much needed equipment.

This is one of those rare times where truly anything helps, even \$1. Click on the link below. It will take you to a kickstarter page where you can see the video the youth made about the project.

Project URL: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1409351720/upstar-records-is-making-music-videos-web-sites-po>

Their goal is to reach \$5000 by October 15, so spread the word!



## HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER?

**Experience Corps**, an award-winning intergenerational tutoring and mentoring program, is currently seeking volunteers ages 55 and older to support students in literacy in grades K-3 at 13 San Francisco public schools. The program has a track record of not only boosting students' academic performance, but also of improving the health and well-being of older adults in the process.

"There's no shortage of older adults – nearly 10,000 Americans turn 60 every day – and no shortage of kids who need help. We're working to put these two generations together," said Lester Strong, the program's CEO.

Volunteers are asked to commit for one full school year for a minimum of four hours per week. No tutoring experience is needed, and training is provided. If you are interested in this fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity, email: [ecba.today@gmail.com](mailto:ecba.today@gmail.com) or call (415) 759-4223.



**SCAREGROVE**

@ SIGMUND **STERN GROVE** 19th Ave & Sloat

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011**  
**4 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

HAUNTED HOUSE - HAY RIDES - ARTS & CRAFTS - GIANT INFLATABLES - CARNIVAL RIDES  
A Halloween Event For The Entire Family! \$8 Per Person For An All-access Pass

 Co-Sponsored by the San Francisco Parks Trust

Please make requests for accommodations to Lillian Bautista, Inclusion Coordinator, by calling (415) 831-6800 or emailing [lillian.bautista@sfgov.org](mailto:lillian.bautista@sfgov.org). Requesting accommodations at least 72 hours prior to the event will help ensure availability.



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## OCEAN BEACH MASTER PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP

SPUR (San Francisco Planning + Urban Research Association) invites the public to attend the third public workshop for the Ocean Beach Master Plan. They will be presenting draft recommendations for an approach to coastal management, natural resources, and public access based on input from a wide variety of community and agency stakeholders and the public. The recommendations will sketch out an ambitious and proactive vision to improve access, protect and restore ecological resources, and protect critical infrastructure as sea level rise worsens erosion in the coming decades. The public will be invited to provide feedback on the recommendations, which will be refined in the coming months.

**When: October 29, 2011 (Sat)**

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 6101 Fulton Street at 37th Ave.

Transit:  
Muni 5-Fulton to 37th Ave.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 1 Noriega Block Party**

Noriega merchants host a block party for the whole neighborhood at Noriega and 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. Food, fun and music.  
Noon – 5:00 pm

**Oct 8 Assemblywoman Ma's Drums, Salsa & Chili Cook-off**

The cook-off is free and open to the public, and it is an exciting community event for families and friends to come together for live entertainment, delicious food, and family fun!  
Stern Grove, Pine Lake Park  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Leap's 28th Annual Sandcastle Contest**

This year's theme is "SandBlast". Participants of all ages will team up with volunteers and one of Leap's teaching architects to try their hand at building a giant rocket ship.  
Ocean Beach, near the Cliff House  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Oct 15 Jimmy's Old Car Picnic**

The largest and longest-running show of its kind in San Francisco returns for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year. Free to spectators.  
Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park  
For more info: [www.jimmypicnic.com](http://www.jimmypicnic.com)  
7:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Oct 18 Captain Lum's Community Meeting**

Taraval Police Station – 2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Public safety meeting open to neighbors.  
7:00 pm

**Oct 20 Lights on After School**

Rally to promote after school programming. Professor Geng Tao, an esteemed Chinese bamboo flute player visiting from China, will perform a free community concert.  
Ulloa Elementary School Auditorium (Vicente St @ 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave)  
7:00 pm

**Oct 21-23 St. Cecilia Parish Festival**

3 days of family fun & festivities  
St. Cecilia – 17<sup>th</sup> & Vicente Street  
<http://www.scfestival.com/>

**Oct 22 McCoppin Square Grand Re-Opening & Supervisor Chu's Halloween Costume Giveaway**

24<sup>th</sup> Ave between Taraval & Santiago  
11:30 am

**Oct 28 Scare Grove**

SF Rec & Park Department Halloween Festival.  
Fun, games, rides and spooky crafts  
Stern Grove, 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Sloat Blvd.  
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Oct 29 Holy Name Frigate Fest**

Bingo, raffle, prizes, haunted house, bouncy houses, giant slide, crafts, food, games and more!  
1560 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Lawton  
11:00 am – 8:00 pm

**Ocean Beach Master Plan Public Workshop**

Golden Gate Park Senior Center, 6101 Fulton Street at 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Oct 30 5K Fun Run/Walk for SAFETY**

Help promote awareness of personal and family safety and raise funds for SAFE's (Safety Awareness for Everyone) important community services. Run or walk, and enjoy a post-race BBQ afterwards served by the SFPD.  
Peacock Meadow in Golden Gate Park  
11:00 am

**Nov 5 SFUSD School Enrollment Fair**

Learn about school choices for the 2012-2013 school year. Every SF public school will be represented. Speak with principals, teachers and parents about school programs.  
Concourse Exhibition Center  
635 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm



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