



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful 2015 and enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. I would like to take a moment to recap some of the work of our office. We would like to thank neighbors for their engagement on community issues, and we encourage your continued involvement! We wish everyone a smooth and successful transition to 2016!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

### JANUARY

Initiated Westside Strategic Analysis Report from SF County Transportation Authority to improve connections between west side transit hubs



### FEBRUARY



Entire District 4 office became NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) certified



Hosted 2nd Annual mobile workshop for Planning and DBI issues in the district

### MARCH

Legislation improving Language Access Ordinance passes at Board of Supervisors



Created partnership between Shanti Project and Northeast Medical Services (NEMS) in celebration of International Women's Day



### APRIL



Front Yard Ambassadors Program – 4th round, resulting in diversion of over 56,000+ gallons of stormwater out of our combined sewer system, preventing discharge into the ocean. Additional 1,728 square feet of concrete removed.



Legislation banning use of wild and exotic animals for entertainment purposes in San Francisco passes at Board of Supervisors

### MAY

Provided grants to all Sunset District public schools to support efforts in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)



Legislation to better regulate massage establishments passes at Board of Supervisors



Great Highway flashing beacons activated



### JUNE



Hosted 2nd annual District 4 Mobile Job Fair to place youth into neighborhood jobs

### JULY

Served on Budget Committee while City passed \$9B City budget



### AUGUST



Provided update to Sunset District Blueprint to provide goals, objectives and strategies for the next decade and beyond.



Hosted 3rd Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive, providing over 100 families with school supplies

### SEPTEMBER

Hosted Sunset District Autumn Moon Festival with Irving merchants to promote economic vitality on Irving Street



Co-hosted 21st Annual Sunset Community Festival with Sunset Youth Services and Sunset Mercantile to promote and support local businesses and families



### OCTOBER



Hosted 4th Annual Movies in McCoppin Park – providing free movies in the park for four consecutive Friday nights



Launched "Resilient Sunset" effort to develop emergency-preparedness plan for the Sunset District

### NOVEMBER

Larsen Playground re-opening with new jet play structure resulting from multi-year effort beginning under former Supervisor Carmen Chu



Front Yard Ambassadors Program – 5th round, resulting in diversion of over 72,000+ gallons of stormwater out of our combined sewer system, preventing discharge into the ocean. Additional 1,332 square feet of concrete removed.



Passage of Paid Parental Leave Charter Amendment on November ballot to protect and provide equal rights to our working families



### DECEMBER



Hosted 3rd Annual 12 Days of Kittens adoption event with Animal Care and Control and found homes for five kittens so far

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Affordable Housing Bonus Program

The Planning Commission postponed action on the Affordable Housing Bonus Program (AHBP) to **Thursday, January 28th**. In the meantime, our office has been working with the Planning Department, Mayor's Office of Housing, and colleagues on the Board of Supervisors in developing amendments to the legislation to address community concerns. These include amendments to address issues such as: displacement of existing tenants in rent controlled units; prohibition on merger of parcels; an exemption for properties near Ocean Beach; and more. We will be hosting a follow-up meeting regarding updates and potential amendments on **Tuesday, January 19 starting at 7:00pm at Sunset Recreation Center (2201 Lawton Street and 28th Avenue)**.

For more information on the AHBP and to subscribe to project updates, visit: <http://bit.ly/1PC7lus>

## UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### Join the SparkLearning Movement

By: Angelina Hue, District 4 Intern



Ulloa Elementary student using digital device.  
Photo Credit: SFUSD

SparkLearning is a citywide campaign to raise funds to bring new technology to all of our schools and help integrate digital devices into classrooms to support learning. Early this year, our office joined SFUSD in launching the SparkLearning campaign in the Sunset District. As one of the pilot schools, Ulloa Elementary School has launched its crowdfunding web page to connect with a tech partner and raise awareness about the significance of investing in technology for schools.

Join Ulloa Elementary School for a fundraiser on **January 28th from 4-6PM at Ulloa Elementary School (2650 42nd Ave)** to support an investment in technology, which is an investment in the next generation. There will be refreshments and pastries, as well as the opportunity to meet and mingle with local leaders and business owners. Eat, drink, network, donate, and enjoy! To RSVP, go to [bit.ly/ulloa-rsvp](http://bit.ly/ulloa-rsvp). To view Ulloa Elementary's fundraising page, visit: [sfusd.tilt.com/ulloa-elementary-school](http://sfusd.tilt.com/ulloa-elementary-school).

## New Median Island at Kirkham and Great Highway

Our office, along with the San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA) and San Francisco Public Works (SFPD), is pleased to announce the installation of median island at Kirkham and Great Highway. Our office has heard from many residents about the safety concerns at this intersection. In response to these concerns, our office was able to work with the SFMTA and Public Works on having the median island installed to enhance the pedestrian safety in the area. With the median construction now complete, the next step is for SFMTA to install new intersection signage and street markings. Once this is done, the median at Kirkham and Great Highway will result in the same traffic configuration as Taraval Street and Great Highway.

In addition to enhancing pedestrian safety in the area, our office would also like to take this opportunity to beautify the area by landscaping the median island. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the landscaping in the median. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or email [Katy.Tang@sfgov.org](mailto:Katy.Tang@sfgov.org).



New Median Island at  
Great Highway



# UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Upcoming Discover Your District (DYD) Event: Learn the Art of Kung Fu with Doc-Fai Wong Martial Arts Center

Come explore the art of Kung Fu! Our office is partnering with Doc-Fai Wong Martial Arts Center to learn Choy Li Fut Kung Fu as part of our Discover Your District (DYD) series. Choy Li Fut Kung Fu is a traditional martial arts system based on Shaolin martial arts from the Shaolin Temple. Choy Li Fut is circular, powerful, and as beautiful to watch as it is effective in combat. This beginner class is for individuals ages 4 and up. Please join whether your goal is physical fitness, flexibility, self-defense, self-confidence, stress management or just to experience something new and fun! This event is free and will take place on **Saturday, January 16 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at Doc-Fai Wong Martial Arts Center (925 Taraval Street and 20th Avenue).**



Photo Credit: Doc-Fai Wong Martial Arts Center  
([www.plumblossom.net](http://www.plumblossom.net))

Space is limited so register today at <https://goo.gl/SzBw5W>. You can also learn more about Doc-Fai Wong Martial Arts Center at [www.plumblossom.net](http://www.plumblossom.net).

## SF Zoo Looking for Volunteer Docents



Photo Credit: SF Zoo

Do you want to teach people about animals and the San Francisco Zoo? Docents support the Zoo's mission by connecting guests to wildlife through informative talks, biofact presentations, and school tours. You can be a part of a vibrant community of volunteers who care about conserving wildlife. To be a docent, you must be at least 18 years of age and you must participate in the docent training program which is offered annually. In this 10-week course, you will be trained on public speaking, conservation, Zoo history and operation, animal care, taxonomy, and behavior. Docents are required to volunteer 10 hours per month. The next Docent Training Class begins in the spring.

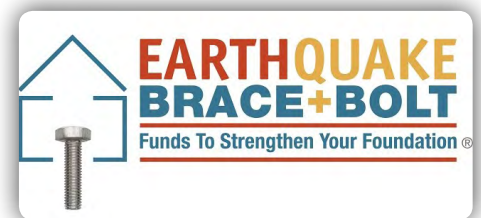
Please attend a Volunteer/Docent Orientation for more information, visit [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org) for dates; call 415-753-7122; or e-mail [zooguide@sfoo.org](mailto:zooguide@sfoo.org).

## Seismic Retrofit Grants for San Francisco Homes

By: Aric Phuong, District 4 Intern

Does your home have a crawl space? If yes, chances are it might not be bolted to its foundation. Surrounding the crawl space under the first floor, many houses have a short wood framed wall ("cripple wall") that needs to be strengthened to help prevent the house from sliding or toppling off of its foundation during an earthquake.

In observation of this issue, The California Office of Emergency Services and California Earthquake Authority (CEA) has developed The Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program (EBB) to help homeowners minimize the potential damages to their homes in the event of an earthquake.



The Earthquake Brace + Bolt program gives property owners up to \$3,000 to seismically retrofit their homes (Photo Credit: [www.earthquakebracebolt.com](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com))

The program is offering up to \$3,000 to eligible California homeowners to address the structural vulnerability of the houses through seismic retrofitting, which is a procedure that strengthens and secures the house with anchor bolts installed into the foundation of the house and adds plywood braces around the perimeter of the crawl space.

For more information on the program or eligibility of your house, please visit [www.earthquakebracebolt.com](http://www.earthquakebracebolt.com). Registration for the program will be open from January 20, 2016 through February 20, 2016.

# UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Sloat Boulevard

Upcoming construction work will commence this month along two intersections: **Sloat Boulevard at Everglade Drive and Sloat Boulevard at 23rd Avenue**. Under the direction of San Francisco Public Works, Bay Area Lightworks, Inc. will be adding pedestrian hybrid beacons and countdown signals, performing pavement renovation, curb ramp and bulb-out construction, sewer replacement, traffic routing, and associated work.

**Construction is expected from January through May 2016, Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm.** We have been informed that work may be performed intermittently based on construction sequencing at each location of the project. Please expect minor traffic impacts, parking restrictions, traffic routing, and pedestrian routing during this time. "No Parking" signage will be posted along sidewalks at least 72 hours before work begins to alert motorists of any parking restrictions. For more information, please visit: [bit.ly/1JxHbxU](http://bit.ly/1JxHbxU).

## RECAP ON NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

### Holiday Tree Lighting and Ornament Making at McCoppin

On December 4th, over 50 Sunset and Parkside neighbors came out to join us for the 3rd Annual lighting of the holiday tree in McCoppin Square. Neighbors made tree ornaments with the Parkside Branch Library to hang on our newly replanted tree, and were entertained with carols by the Saint Ignatius Choir. This event was made possible by our friends and merchants from the People of Parkside Sunset (POPS), the Recreation and Parks Department, and neighbors like you!



The Saint Ignatius choir entertains Sunset neighbors with holiday carols

DYD is a series of events partnering with our local businesses and community organizations to help neighbors discover the Sunset District. These events give community members an opportunity to try a new business, learn a new skill and meet our local merchants and Supervisor Tang. If you are a small business owner or community organization who would like to host a 2016 Discover Your District event and be part of our newsletter spotlight, please contact our office at 415-554-7460 or email [Ray.Law@sfgov.org](mailto:Ray.Law@sfgov.org).

### Muni Forward: L-Taraval Rapid Project



L-Taraval Rapid Meeting on December 14

On December 14, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) hosted its second L-Taraval Rapid Project open house at Grace Lutheran Church to get feedback and input from Muni riders, residents, and merchants. SFMTA provided a community presentation to reiterate the project goals of improving public safety, transit reliability, and maintenance along the L-Taraval line. Residents gave feedback on proposed elements such as boarding islands, stop removals and transit-only lanes. We heard great feedback at this meeting, and look forward to hearing more before SFMTA enters the design phase for this project.

SFMTA will continue to provide outreach efforts through early 2016, followed by a two-year conceptual engineering and detail design process. For information on upcoming meeting dates and times, please visit the L-Taraval Rapid Project website at <http://bit.ly/1RkqULM>. Presentations, reports, and documents will also be made available on the website.

SFMTA will be attending the Outer Sunset Parkside Residents Association (OSPRA) meeting on **January 28, 2016 at the Ortega Branch Library**. If you would like to request that SFMTA attend a community meeting that you are hosting, we encourage you to reach out to our office, as we would like to ensure that all of our constituents are being heard.

If you would like to provide comments and feedback about the L-Taraval Rapid Project, please visit <http://svy.mk/1l84HqZ>. Alternatively, you may also visit [www.tellmuni.com](http://www.tellmuni.com) to provide general feedback on what you think about specific projects, or Muni Forward as a whole.

# RECAP ON NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Sunset Mercantile Holiday Market

On December 12, our friends at Sunset Mercantile hosted a holiday market by “popping up” at Francis Scott Key Elementary School with local artists, food vendors, organizations, and businesses, to bring the greater Sunset community together for a day of family festivities and fun! The festival featured live entertainment, children’s activities, local businesses, nonprofits, and vendors – and of course, great food.

Sunset Mercantile was founded in early 2014 by two Sunset District moms; Laura Peschke-Zingler, succulent artist and Ocean Beach surfer, and Angie Pettit-Taylor, small business owner and former producer of Antique Faire in the Park. Sunset Mercantile provides festive pop-up outdoor markets and events that allow our community, commerce, and causes connect.

To show your support for local artists and businesses or participate in future pop-up events in our neighborhood, please contact Sunset Mercantile at [www.sunsetmercantilesf.com/contact.html](http://www.sunsetmercantilesf.com/contact.html).



Holiday Mercantile at Francis Scott Key.  
Photo Credit: Sunset Mercantile

## Grace Lutheran Church Planting Event

By: Thomas Chartrand, District 4 Intern

On Saturday, December 19th, District 4 volunteers took part in a planting event in the Sunset District. Participants began the day on Sunset Boulevard with an introduction by Pastor Megan Rhorer of Grace Lutheran Church and description of the day’s happenings. With the combined teamwork of Grace Lutheran volunteers, the San Francisco Public Works, and representatives from the SF Parks Alliance, volunteers came together on a mission to beautify our neighborhood. There was no shortage of hard work as volunteers spent the day hacking weeds, setting new topsoil, and planting brand new, leafy-green plants. We were even joined by several Sunset residents and their families who rolled up their sleeves to help out!

Our office would like to extend our appreciation to the SF Parks Alliance, SF Carbon Fund, and San Francisco Public Works for making this event possible. We would also like to give a special thanks to Pastor Megan Rhorer and her team for providing tools and refreshments to our volunteers.



Volunteers plant drought tolerant succulents to beautify Sunset Boulevard



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIP

*As rain continues to pour and a thick fog looms over the city, be sure to approach the road with caution. When driving, remember to always turn on your windshield wipers and headlights; however, keep your headlights on low beam, as the additional light may reflect off the water droplets in the air and make it harder to see.*





# RECAP ON NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Welcoming the Dog Mayor and 12 Days of Kittens

On December 1st, we welcomed the 2015 “Dog Mayor of the Day” Mila King to City Hall. Mila ran a “ruff” race against her opponent Lucca, but voters were ultimately swayed by her “tail” of being a retired athlete and single mother of 11 children. Mila and runner-up and “Deputy Dog Mayor” Lucca spent their day visiting city landmarks and considering important dog-friendly legislative decisions before receiving a commendation from the Board of Supervisors. Mila had the opportunity to run for office after her guardian, Teresa King, won an auction at Animal Care & Control’s 25th Gala. We would like to thank Mila and Teresa for their support of Friends of ACC. To learn more about the Friends of ACC, visit [www.helpacc.org](http://www.helpacc.org).

That same day, we kicked off our 3rd Annual 12 days of Kittens event in “Kitty” Hall. Our office hosted adoptable kittens for two weeks and celebrated on the final day with a party complete with kittens, rescued puppy Angus, and treats provided by Friends of ACC. We are happy to announce that five kittens (and counting!) were adopted during the annual event by City Hall employees. For more information on adopting animals from ACC, visit [www.sfgov.org/acc](http://www.sfgov.org/acc).



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## MERCHANT SPOTLIGHT

### A Case for Making

By: Angelina Hue, District 4 Intern



**Case for Making**  
4037 Judah Street (46th Ave)  
Hours of Operation:  
Open daily 11am-6pm

Photo Credit: Yelp

A hidden gem lies in the Outer Sunset, with various shops lining the adjacent streets and residents strolling casually along the paved sidewalk. Take a closer look at 4037 Judah Street, though, and it is everything but ordinary. Case for Making offers creative supply basics, raw materials, and workshops, all selected and designed to encourage process-focused exploration. It recognizes the myriad forms of creative expression and provides a space for engaging in this work of the imaginative, artistic mind.

Those inspired or intrigued by the creative process of “making” can partake in workshops that balance between practical skill-building and guided inquiry for the “artist” in everyone to emerge in the form of paintings, photographs, sculptures, pottery, anything within reach!

The Case for Making shop itself also contains beautiful, handmade artisan products created by workshop participants, collaborating Sunset District shops, and professional creative minds. Works range from minimalist watercolor dishes to abstract paintings to unique sculptures. Stop by any day between 11am and 6pm to peruse the shop, or visit [www.caseformaking.com](http://www.caseformaking.com) for pictures and more information. Now that’s a case for making you consider stopping by this unique space!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7 | Thursday | 7:00pm

## **People of Parkside Sunset (POPS) Monthly Meeting** (formerly Taraval Parkside Merchants Association)

POPS sponsors special events, advocates on behalf of the neighborhood, and works with residents and other merchants to improve the community.

Taraval Police Station | 2345 24th Avenue and Taraval Street  
For more information, visit [www.sf-pops.com](http://www.sf-pops.com)

January 9 | Saturday | 9:30am - noon

## **San Francisco Youth Chorus' January Open House**

A demo rehearsal free and open to boys and girls with a love for choral singing, located in the Outer Sunset! Come learn about SFYC, and experience music from all over the world, as you sing, move, and build musicianship within a fun choral community. Each demo session is age-appropriate, with a 40 minute rehearsal.

Grace Lutheran Church | 3201 Ulloa Street at 33rd Avenue  
To sign up for a rehearsal time and find out more information, visit [www.sanfranciscoyouthchorus.org/auditions-for-2015-16-season](http://www.sanfranciscoyouthchorus.org/auditions-for-2015-16-season)

January 9 | Saturday | 12:30pm – 1:00pm

## **Lion Dancers – Year of the Monkey**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the San Francisco Public Library with a Chinese Lion Dance and Martial Arts Performance.  
Parkside Library | 1200 Taraval Street, San Francisco, CA 94116  
For more information, contact Parkside Library at (415) 355-5770

January 12 | Tuesday | 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## **Outer Sunset Merchants and Professionals Association (OSMPA)**

The OSMPA fosters the trade and industrial interests of its membership; promotes the advancement of the Irving Street District; and provides a place for the open exchange of ideas, discussions and adoption of methods and policies for the good of the neighborhood and its members.

Lychee Cafe | 2333 Irving Street between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue  
For more information, contact Bill Barnickle at [veteranbill@gmail.com](mailto:veteranbill@gmail.com)

January 13 | Wednesday | 6:30pm

## **On the Road to Riches: The Basics of Investing & Saving**

Successful investment strategy varies from person to person--goals, risk tolerance and cash flow all impact savings and investment choices. Participants in this workshop will learn how to determine how much money to commit to savings, what savings and investment tools are available, how to determine which combination of investments is best suited to their needs.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue  
For more information, visit [bit.ly/1Rb9Aww](http://bit.ly/1Rb9Aww)

January 13 | Wednesday | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

## **The California Transportation Department's Sloat Boulevard Project: 19th Avenue to Skyline Boulevard – Community Meeting**

Please join San Francisco Public Works, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and California Transportation Department (CALTRANS) for a community meeting to review concepts for the proposed safety enhancements on Sloat Boulevard between Skyline Blvd. and 19th Ave. This meeting will provide an opportunity to give input on project concepts including streetscape amenities and Muni Forward bus bulbouts.

Lowell High School Auditorium | 1101 Eucalyptus Drive  
For more information, contact Grace Moore at (415) 558-5282 or [grace.moore@sfdpw.org](mailto:grace.moore@sfdpw.org)

January 16 | Saturday | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

## **Beginner Kung Fu Class with Doc-Fai A Discover Your District (DYD) Event**

Come explore the art of Choy Li Fut Kung Fu! Choy Li Fut Kung Fu is a traditional martial arts system based on Shaolin martial arts from the Shaolin Temple. Choy Li Fut is circular, powerful, and as beautiful to watch as it is effective in combat. This beginner class is for individuals ages 4 and up, please join whether your goal is physical fitness, flexibility, self-defense, self-confidence, stress management or just to experience something new and fun! (Free; Limit 25)

Doc-Fai Wong Martial Arts Center | 925 Taraval Street and 20th Avenue  
For more information, call (415) 554-7460 or register at <https://goo.gl/SzBw5W>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19 | Tuesday | 7:00pm – 8:30pm

## **Affordable Housing Bonus Program Update**

Hear updates regarding the Affordable Housing Bonus Program legislation and discuss potential amendments to the program.

Sunset Rec Center | 2201 Lawton Street

For more information, contact our office at (415) 554-7460.

January 20 | Wednesday | 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## **Taraval Police Station Community Meeting**

Learn about the latest crime updates and public safety issues from Taraval Police Station Captain Denise Flaherty and express your concerns and questions about public safety in the Sunset District.

\*\* Please note the meeting location \*\*

Minnie and Lovie Ward Recreation Center | 650 Capitol Avenue

For more information, visit [www.taraval.org](http://www.taraval.org)

January 26 | Tuesday | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

## **Sunset Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

Sunset Neighborhood Watch covers the Central Sunset area bounded by Lincoln Way to the north, 19th Avenue to the east, Quintara Street to the south and Sunset Boulevard to the west.

Sunset Recreation Center | 2201 Lawton Street at 28th Avenue

For more information, contact [info@sunsetneighborhoodwatch.org](mailto:info@sunsetneighborhoodwatch.org) or visit [www.sunsetneighborhoodwatch.org](http://www.sunsetneighborhoodwatch.org)

January 28 | Thursday | 4:00pm – 6:00pm

## **Ulloa Elementary SparkLearning Fundraiser**

Join Ulloa Elementary School for a fundraiser to support an investment in technology for the school. There will be refreshments and pastries, as well as the opportunity to meet and mingle with local leaders and business owners.

Ulloa Elementary School | 2650 42nd Avenue

To RSVP, visit [bit.ly/ulloa-rsvp](http://bit.ly/ulloa-rsvp)

January 28 | Thursday | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

## **Outer Sunset Parkside Residents Association**

Join a cohort of residents from the Outer Sunset and Outer Parkside (representing the area west of Sunset Boulevard) to discuss key issues and opportunities in the neighborhood including public safety, land use, transportation and more.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue

Contact Susan Pfeifer at [mediasusan2@gmail.com](mailto:mediasusan2@gmail.com)

To find more upcoming events hosted by the San Francisco Public Library, please see their calendar at [www.sfpl.org](http://www.sfpl.org).



# DECEMBER 2015: AT A GLANCE



**12 DAYS OF KITTENS**  
TEAM TANG PROMOTING PET ADOPTIONS THROUGH ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL



**12 DAYS OF KITTENS**  
ULLOA ELEMENTARY: MS. CHUN'S 1ST GRADE CLASS



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HOLIDAY BAKE-OFF**  
WITH ANDYTOWN, PRESS JUDGES, AND CELEBRITY GUEST, BEVAN DUFTY



**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING IN MCCOPPIN SQUARE**



**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING IN MCCOPPIN SQUARE**  
MAKING ORNAMENTS WITH PARKSIDE LIBRARY & CAPTAIN FLAHERTY, SFPD



**AP GIANNINI CHOIR AT CITY HALL**



**HOUR OF CODE WITH LAWTON ELEMENTARY**



**OPENING OF BEACH CHALET SOCCER FIELDS**