

# SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

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Dear District 4 residents and community members:

Over the last several weeks, I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you through neighborhood association meetings and various community events and festivals throughout the district. I look forward to meeting those who I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet. Please let our office know if there are events in the neighborhood where we can be of help. By way of introduction, here is the District 4 team working for you:



Supervisor Chu with Legislative Aides Colleen Crowley & Katy Tang

**Carmen Chu** • Prior to being appointed as the Supervisor for District 4, I worked as the Deputy Director at the Mayor's Office of Public Policy & Finance. I have worked closely with department directors, their chief financial officers, other city officials and community groups in the development of San Francisco's past three budgets. Some projects that I have worked on through the Mayor's Office include: Healthy San Francisco – the first-of-its-kind universal health care program for all residents; the 311 Call Center – a centralized point of access where anyone can access services or information 24/7; and the development of long-term fiscal projections for the City & County of San Francisco. Prior to working at the Mayor's Office, I worked at a private consulting firm that specialized in helping municipalities manage their debt and finance large public works projects. I graduated from Occidental College and UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy with degrees in public policy.

**Colleen Crowley** • Before joining the Supervisor's Office, Colleen served as the Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors. Colleen graduated from Santa Clara University with a degree in Political Science and served for four years as a Legislative Aide to Senator Leland Yee during his term on the Board of Supervisors as the District 4 representative. She also served as an External Affairs Manager at SBC in San Francisco and Government Affairs Director for City CarShare.

**Katy Tang** • A District 4 resident of 20 years, Katy received her education through the San Francisco Unified School District and has firsthand experience of the public education system. Katy graduated from UC Davis with degrees in Political Science and History. Prior to joining Supervisor Chu's Office, Katy worked at the Mayor's Office of Public Policy & Finance.

Please stay tuned to our newsletter for information on upcoming events.

Carmen Chu

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## OIL SPILL UPDATE

As a result of the container ship accident on November 7, Ocean Beach has been closed to the public since Tuesday (11/13) afternoon. There are coordinated efforts to continue cleaning Ocean Beach this Saturday (11/17). Depending on a final assessment, the National Park Service may reopen Ocean Beach as early as Saturday – please continue to watch for official notice of the reopening. In the weeks ahead, professional observation teams will continue to monitor conditions on the beaches. Since the initial spill, I have been working with city officials, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), the Coast Guard and California Department of Fish and Game in cleanup efforts. In addition to the professional cleanup crews that DEM deployed to Ocean Beach, hundreds of volunteers who received training and certification also lent their time to cleaning up our beach.

### Many thanks to those who took time out of their schedule to help.

There will be additional training/certification sessions for members of the public who want to help restore our beaches. The training will include instruction and safety guidelines necessary for successful cleanup of beach-related hazardous waste. Following the certification, volunteers are able to take part in future organized beach cleanups.

### Upcoming Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Certification class:

Saturday, November 17

County Fair Building (also known as Hall of Flowers)

9<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park

One training at 8am-12pm

\*\* Please note that the 1pm training is now CANCELLED \*\*

### Resources on oil spill and aftermath:

- Call 3-1-1
- [www.thevolunteercenter.net](http://www.thevolunteercenter.net)
- [www.baykeeper.org](http://www.baykeeper.org)
- [www.uscgsanfrancisco.com](http://www.uscgsanfrancisco.com)

## DISTRICT 4 COMMUNITY CLEANUP • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Join Supervisor Chu, the Community Clean Team and Green Connect to beautify District 4 on Saturday as part of a citywide effort to clean up San Francisco's neighborhoods, parks and schools. The kickoff will be held at **Stern Grove** (enter at Vale Street & Sloat Blvd) at **9am**. Volunteers will then participate in various beautification projects lasting until noon – such as graffiti paint out, landscaping at Sloat Boulevard and litter pickup. In conjunction with the beautification day, District 4 residents will have the opportunity to recycle, compost and drop off household bulky items as part of the **Gigantic 3 Recycling Program**. Between **8am – noon** on Saturday, residents can drop off items such as mattresses, used motor oil, refrigerators, yard waste, tree trimmings, waxed cardboard, scrap metal, electronics, household batteries, washers and dryers to **West Sunset Playground** at Quintara Street between 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.

## IN THE DISTRICT



On a tour with Mohammed Nuru – Deputy Director of Operations at the Department of Public Works – to assess District 4 infrastructure needs



Press conference with Senator Leland Yee, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, Caltrans, city department representatives and neighborhood safety groups on pedestrian safety. New left turn light signal on 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sloat Boulevard installed on November 1<sup>st</sup>





Examining the Sunset Reservoir seismic retrofit project



Turkey Give Away sponsored by Sunset Youth Services on November 15

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Tables and Chairs** – Supervisor Chu recently introduced legislation that would amend the Public Works Code to update the café tables and chairs permit fee. This legislation would continue to cover costs of administering café tables and chairs permits and creates an incentive for businesses to adhere to public right-of-way requirements. With the passage of Supervisor Chu's legislation, these businesses would have lower permit renewal fees and benefit from a streamlined online permit renewal process.

**Oil Spill** – In partnership with Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and Supervisor Dufty, Supervisor Chu requested a public inquiry and hearing on coordination efforts around last week's Cosco Busan oil spill.

**Parks** – Public inquiries have been requested on the status of repairs for arson-related damages at the Parkside Square public restroom and children's playground.

## CLASSES & ACTIVITIES THROUGH RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT

SF Recreation and Parks offers a range of activities for the entire family, including: swimming, Tiny Tot, dance, golf, latchkey programs, lawn bowling, music, photography, basketball, science and environmental education, senior programs, art, soccer, softball, track, tennis, and much more! The Department's Project Insight division oversees all recreation programs for people with disabilities. Winter Course Registration begins **Saturday, December 1**. You can visit [www.sfRecOnline.org](http://www.sfRecOnline.org) or call 831-6800 now to learn more about Rec and Parks registration process, activities and how to register.

## DISTRICT ART PROJECT

Artist Jonathan Burstein was selected as one of the 2007-2008 awardees of the San Francisco Arts Commission Individual Artist Grants. Mr. Burstein's proposal – the Neighborhood Portrait Project – will involve creating one site-specific mural in each of San Francisco's 11 Supervisor districts. The murals will reflect some aspect of the neighborhood's history, diversity or unique character. Mr. Burstein will convene community design workshops to gather ideas for the subject matter of the murals and will use local volunteers to execute the final project. The mural project is designed to be a collaborative, community improvement effort, as well as a contribution to the cultural riches of the neighborhood. If you have any suggestions on the location for this community mural or ideas for what the mural should entail, please contact our office at 554-7460 or [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org). To view some of Mr. Burstein's artwork, visit [www.jburstein.com](http://www.jburstein.com).

## STORM DRAINS

In efforts to get ahead of rainy season, the Recreation & Parks Department has been instructing gardeners to clear out leaves and any debris from storm drains to prevent clogging and flooding. If you see any debris blocking storm drains, please call 3-1-1 and let them know if there are storm drains that need be cleared. With your help, we can save our streets from unnecessary flooding during the rainy season.

## TOY DRIVE

Gearing up for the holidays, the San Francisco Firefighter's Toy Program is now accepting toys in an effort to distribute gifts to over 40,000 disadvantaged children. The Toy Program is the city's largest and the nation's oldest program of its kind. Besides helping individual families in need, the Toy Program serves many community organizations, including shelters for abused women and children, inner-city schools, neighborhood groups, children's cancer wards, and pediatric AIDS units. Dependent solely on donations, the Toy Program places collection barrels at retail establishments, street fairs, Christmas parties and many other functions.

In partnership with the San Francisco Fire Fighters' Local 798, Mayor Gavin Newsom and the Department of Child Support Services will be hosting a holiday event at City Hall on December 4 from 9am – noon for children 12 years of age and under. There will be toys, refreshments and a chance to meet "Santa" along with a photo. If your organization or affiliated group is interested in attending, please contact the Department of Child Support Services, Community Outreach team at (415) 356-2980 or send your email to [dcstoyfestival@sfgov.org](mailto:dcstoyfestival@sfgov.org).

District 4 residents can drop off toy donations to any fire station in the city. Families interested in receiving toy donations can pick up applications at any fire station as well. Local fire stations include:

**Station 18**  
1935 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & Pacheco

**Station 23**  
1348 – 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Judah

For more information, to volunteer or make a donation, call 777-0440 or visit [http://www.sfgov.org/site/sffd\\_page.asp?id=60876](http://www.sfgov.org/site/sffd_page.asp?id=60876)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

If you are interested in receiving the Taraval Police Station Captain's daily report, please let Captain Paul Chignell know at [paul.chignell@sfgov.org](mailto:paul.chignell@sfgov.org). The report provides a daily update on crime that occurs in the police district, including all of District 4 and other areas.

**Pedestrian Safety** – Community members indicated a need for more attention to pedestrian safety along our streets, especially those with high foot traffic. The Taraval Police Station, Captain Chignell and Sergeant Quon have led efforts to conduct pedestrian stings where plain clothed officers are staged as pedestrians. As a result of a two-hour sting at 21<sup>st</sup> Ave and Taraval St, the Traffic Bureau issued 45 moving citations for motorists who violated the pedestrian right of way. Taraval officers conducted another two-hour sting on Sloat Blvd between West Portal and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, where 44 citations were issued to drivers who failed to yield to pedestrians. If there are areas where community members notice unsafe conditions, please contact our office at 554-7460.

**Scofflaw Program** – If you see a vehicle on a public street with registration expired by six months or more, email Captain Chignell ([paul.chignell@sfgov.org](mailto:paul.chignell@sfgov.org)) and officers will remove the vehicle within a day or two.

**Community Policing** – The Community Policing philosophy at the Taraval Police Station involves having all the officers be ambassadors to the community. To that end, the station has assigned the 14 Sergeants as "point of contact" to various

community organizations. The sergeants are the first line supervisors in the Police Department. They direct and motivate the patrol officers and typically have 5-6 officers that they supervise. The vision is to have the sergeants available for calls from community organization leaders for inquiries and for community policing projects that are handled by the officers under the sergeants' direction. Below is a list of sergeants assigned to District 4's community organizations. If you do not see an organization that you belong to on the below list, do not be dismayed. The station is adding more organizations. There will also be changes as time goes on based upon staffing and the complexity of issues as they arise.

The Sergeants' work hours are next to their names:

Inner Sunset Merchants Association	Sgt. Henry Woo (9:00 pm-7:00 am)
Neighborhood Resource Center for Adults Seniors with Disabilities	Sgt. James Acevedo (6:00 am-4:00 pm)
Outer Judah Merchants Association	Sgt. Judith Riggle (4:00 pm-2:00 am)
Outer Sunset Merchants Association	Sgt. Robert Bohanon (4:00 pm-2:00 am)
Pinehurst Safe Group	Sgt. James Acevedo (6:00 am-4:00 pm)
SPEAK	Sgt. Rowena Wilson (9:00 pm-7:00 am)
Sunset District Neighborhood Coalition	Sgt. Henry Woo (9:00 pm-7:00 am)
Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center	Sgt. Rowena Wilson (9:00 pm-7:00 am)
Sunset Youth Services	Sgt. Michael Williams (6:00 am-4:00 pm)
Taraval Merchants and Professional Assn.	Sgt. Randall Young (6:00 am-4:00 pm)
Thirty-Seventh Avenue Safe Group	Sgt. Eric Kim (4:00 pm-2:00 am)
Westside Neighbors to End Homelessness	Sgt. Fitz Wong (6:00 am-4:00 pm)

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Our office can always use the help of volunteers/interns who can provide time for office work. Volunteers with a desire to help district residents and with clerical or office administrative skills needed. Volunteers would be asked to help during normal business hours (9:30am – 5:30pm). Please call Katy Tang at 554-7460 or email [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org).

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