

SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

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As we head into October, schools are back in full swing. For parents with children who have yet to enter the public school system or who may have students entering a new school next year, I wanted to make sure you are aware of current discussions regarding the new student assignment system. Our office has heard concerns from many parents regarding the current student assignment system and how it can be problematic for students who are assigned to schools across town.

We conveyed these concerns to the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) as they were in the process of re-designing the student assignment system. After considering several different options, the SFUSD Board of Education approved the general outline for a new student assignment system in March, which would take effect for the 2011-2012 school year. The new system would primarily use a family's home address and school requests to place students, however, the placement priorities are different depending on the school level (elementary, middle or high school).

An important change is the idea of feeder programs to middle school where graduating students of the same school are automatically assigned to a middle school. The benefit of this feature is to reduce uncertainty for parents – removing yet another application process and because a feeder program lessens the difficulty of transitioning from one school to another. Parents would still have the option of requesting another middle school if they so choose.

The Board of Education voted on specifics of the new system at its September 28 meeting, which included approval of new attendance zones for each school. However, the Board of Education also voted unanimously to delay its plan to automatically assign middle school students based on where they went to elementary school due to concerns that specialized programs, such as language immersion, would exceed capacity.

This means that for school year 2011-12 only, middle school placements would be prioritized by 1) younger siblings of students who are already enrolled and will still be attending the school; 2) students living in areas of the city where students with the lowest test scores are living; 3) all other students. Parents still have the choice to select a school outside of their neighborhood. The School Board has indicated that this is meant to be a one-year delay, only to work through logistics.

If you would like further information, visit www.sfusd.edu/enroll or contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or chustaff@sfgov.org. We also encourage you to reach out to members of the Board of Education at (415) 241-6427.

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CITY TAKES ACTION IN RESPONSE TO SAN BRUNO PIPELINE TRAGEDY

Our thoughts go out to the many people impacted by the recent San Bruno explosion. While the loss of lives and destruction of property can never truly be repaired, many municipalities have been reminded of the importance of remaining vigilant in ensuring that our first responders and coordinators have all the information they need to respond quickly and effectively in the case of an emergency. This includes information about not only our public infrastructure but also other private structures.

On Tuesday, September 14, Supervisor Chu introduced a resolution urging PG&E to cooperate completely and swiftly with all requests from the City Administrator and Fire Chief in a Utility Infrastructure Safety Review, and to share with all relevant City Departments the risk level and maintenance plan for existing pipelines in San Francisco. The resolution which was co-sponsored by Supervisors Maxwell and Mirkarimi, also called for an initial report on these efforts to be heard at the Board of Supervisors within 45 days.

MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY APPEAL

The Medical Cannabis Dispensary proposed for 2139 Taraval was issued a permit on September 15. Two appeals of that permit were filed with the Board of Permit Appeals and a hearing is scheduled for November 17 at 5:00 pm in room 416 at City Hall.

If you would like to contact the Board of Appeals regarding this appeal, please write to the Board of Appeals and reference appeal #10-105:

Board of Appeals
1650 Mission, Room 304
San Francisco, CA 94103

Here are the guidelines:

Members of the Public. *Members of the public who are not parties to an appeal may submit a letter or brief up to 12 pages in length, typewritten and double-spaced, with unlimited exhibits. In order for these submittals to be considered by the Permit Appeals Board prior to the hearing, they should be delivered to the Board no later than **two (2) Thursdays prior to the hearing date.** An original and ten (10) copies should be delivered to the Permit Appeals Board office by 4:00 p.m. on or before the date it is due. This policy is not intended to interfere with the public's rights under the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance, Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.*

Please note: Any correspondence you submit to the Permit Appeals Board is available for public review. If you do not want personal contact information publicly disclosed, you may (1) list your business address, business phone, and/or business e-mail address in lieu of home address or other personal contact information, (2) omit some or all personal contact information from your correspondence, or (3) prominently state in your correspondence that you do not want personal contact information disclosed.

There will also be a hearing regarding this permit at the Department of Public Health on October 13 at 1 pm, 101 Grove St room 300. The public is welcome to come and express their concerns at this hearing, or you can send your comments to:

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San Francisco Health Department
1390 Market St. Suite 210

email: larry.kessler@sfdph.org
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fax: 415-252-3910
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EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS AT REC & PARK

The NEW Cultural Arts Division of the Recreation and Parks Department is proud to introduce 33 new classes for all ages in Visual Art, Digital Art, Music, Dance and Theater at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts, located at 50 Scott Street!

The exciting new Digital Arts programming takes students through an exploration of image, sound and video using digital editing programs and electronic tools. The new Visual Arts classes combine traditional, skill building techniques through programming that fosters community connectivity. Their small class sizes are lead by some of the best instructors in the field, and give students the opportunity to flex their creative muscles while strengthening a sense of artistic and personal identity. Classes range from Digital Sound Arts to Hip-Hop Turntablism, from Teen Fashion Design to Creative Urban Gardening.



The Dance and Theater wing of the Cultural Arts strives to nurture, teach and promote the artistic development of San Francisco's unique community of diverse individuals. Their mission is to foster creative exchange between mentors, practicing artists and the members of the communities they serve. We offer dance classes for all ages in Dunham Technique, Capoeira, Argentine Tango, Salsa, Creative Movement, Hip Hop, Irish Dance, Tap Dance, and Ethni-Jazz. Our theater classes are taught by leaders in the performing arts field. Be it Scene Study, Physical Character Workshops, or Shadow Puppetry, students are encouraged to hone their craft in this pre- professional, innovative program. Please come and check out classes at <http://sfrecpark.org/>

Registration begins Oct 2, 2010!

Go to www.sfreconline.org to register

SNBC HONORED AS FINALIST FOR NATIONAL AFTERSCHOOL AWARD



Congratulations to Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center!

SNBC's afterschool program at A.P. Giannini Middle School is one of only a handful of finalists for a MetLife Afterschool Innovator Award, a highly prestigious and competitive national award in conjunction with the Afterschool Alliance. More than 300 afterschool programs serving middle school youth from across the country applied, and SNBC's program was identified as one of the best examples of an afterschool program that brings multiple

benefits to the unique needs of middle school students.



4th Annual Taraval Street Fair

Saturday October 30th | 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Taraval Street between 46th & 47th Avenues

This year, the Taraval Parkside Merchants Association is bringing you the 4th Annual Taraval Street Fair!!! The Taraval Street Fair began in 2007, and is a gift from the Taraval Parkside Merchants

Association (TPMA) to the neighborhood and its many residents. The fair is a labor of love and appreciation for the local communities that support its neighborhood businesses. The Taraval Street Fair brings music, entertainment, family activities, food and fun to this beach side community.

We need your support! There are many ways to become involved:

- ⇒ **Donate funds or a raffle prize!**
- ⇒ **Donate your time as a volunteer!**
- ⇒ **Involve your business as a merchant or community member!**
- ⇒ **Apply for space as a vendor!**
- ⇒ **Bring us your ideas!**

The Taraval Parkside Merchants Association is a 501(c)(3) organization, and for over 60 years the Association has promoted business and quality of life in the Taraval Parkside neighborhood. The Taraval Street Fair is an event run by the volunteer members of the TPMA and other community volunteers. The TPMA would not be able to put on this amazing event without the support of the neighborhood, volunteers, and the donations they receive from our sponsors and our community.

There are many levels of sponsorship, and no donation is too small. Contact the TPMA with any questions or if you need additional information. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please contact Ashley Summers, Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager for sponsorship forms, applications for vendor space, or with any questions or ideas! Phone: 889-7984 e-mail: asummers@snbc.org

N.E.R.T. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DRILL DAY: OCTOBER 16



The Inner and Outer Sunset, Parkside, West Portal, Ingleside Terraces and Miraloma District NERT's (Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams) are conducting their semi-annual Disaster Preparedness Drill on October 16th at the San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th and Lincoln Way just inside the park entrance. The drill will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 12 Noon.

This 1/2 day drill will include setting up a disaster response staging area, incident command leadership training, mock search

and rescue and disaster Triage exercises. During this simulated drill, the NERT team will be practicing communications with the Fire Department Battalion Chief located at 18th Avenue and Santiago Street.

In the event of a real disaster, NERT volunteers will deploy to pre-determined neighborhood staging areas to implement these same strategies that "Do the most good for the most people."

If you would like information on becoming NERT trained or are already NERT trained and would like to participate, contact: Khaasch@yahoo.com or Dianariver@aol.com

BONE MARROW SCREENING

The St. Anne School Community is holding a bone marrow screening on **October 7th** in an effort to save the life of third-grader who was diagnosed, shortly before the start of school, with severe Aplastic Anemia.

"Christian is currently receiving multiple transfusions to sustain him," said Tom White, Principal of St. Anne School. "No family member is a match, so the next best hope is to find an non-relative donor whose bone marrow can be used to generate healthy bone marrow for Christian," Mr. White said. "We are appealing to every family and asking for their support. If every adult who reads about Christian's condition can only put themselves in the place of Christian's parents, I am hopeful that they will respond to this need and come to the screening on Oct. 7."

The Bone Marrow Screening will take place on **Oct. 7th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at St. Anne School 1320 - 14th Avenue (between Irving and Judah Streets). The screening is simple. Donors must be between 18 - 60 years old and be in good health. Donors will fill out a consent form and do a cheek swab. That's it for the screening. In approximately 10 minutes you could save a life. In the meantime, Christian is undergoing immuno-suppressant drug therapy which suppresses the white blood cells from attacking healthy cells and tissue. For more information, call St. Anne School 415-664-7977.

SUPERVISOR CHU'S 3RD ANNUAL COSTUME DRIVE

Every kid loves dressing up for Halloween, but during these difficult economic times not every family can afford buying a new costume. We'd like you to help our community with our 3rd annual Costume Drive for Kids by donating gently used costumes, masks and props. Drop off locations include the Taraval Police Station, Firehouse # 18 and Sunset Rec Center. Costumes will be distributed to kids in need in time for school Halloween parades and trick-or-treating. Thanks to the generosity of the community, last year we were able to distribute over 200 costumes!

SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU
invites you to donate
Halloween costumes for kids
Donate costumes, dress-up clothes, festive accessories, masks and props to the
District 4 costume drive
September 25 – October 23

Questions?
Call: (415) 554-7460
or email: chustaff@sfgov.org

Drop-off locations:

- Taraval Police Station
2345 - 24th Ave
- Fire Station #18
1933 – 32nd Ave (Ortega & Pacheco)
- Sunset Recreation Center
2201 Lawton St & 28th Ave
- Supervisor Carmen Chu's Office
City Hall, Room 260

Pick up costumes:
Saturday, October 23rd
Safeway @ 30th Ave & Noriega St.
Outside main entrance
Between 2:00 – 4:00pm



BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS FROM S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness For Everyone)

Part of keeping communities safe is making sure that neighbors are aware of important safety tips. Many thieves enter garages and homes through unlocked doors and windows. They are even hopping from backyard to backyard in order to burglarize more homes. With our Indian summer upon us, the days and nights are warming up. People have the tendency to leave their windows open while at work during the day and overnight to keep their homes cool. Something to keep in mind is that burglars are aware of these trends.

Here are a few reminders and actions you can take:

- * Keep windows and doors locked at all times, especially those located at the rear end of your homes.
- * Backyard-hopping is a common access point into homes and/or garages. It's nice to be able to open your windows on a beautiful sunny day and sometimes we just forget to close them up.
- * Take this opportunity to gather with your neighbors and form a Neighborhood Watch group. Working together and knowing your neighbors can help to prevent burglaries in your area.
- * Get organized and become more aware of suspicious individuals and activities taking place. Call SF SAFE at (415) 673-SAFE to start your Neighborhood Watch group or for a Residential Security Assessment. You can also email info@sfsafe.org.

Visit www.sfsafe.org for more information and safety tips.

We highly recommend organizing a SAFE Neighborhood Watch or Business Watch program in your area. SAFE also offers customized personal safety presentations and security audits for any group or business in San Francisco. SAFE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that provides crime prevention education and public safety services in San Francisco.

SUN SHINES ON SUNSET FESTIVALS IN SEPTEMBER

The sun came out once again for the Autumn Moon Festival on Irving Street (September 11) and the Sunset Community Festival at Sunset Playground (September 25). Thousands of people flocked to both district events and enjoyed local talent, great food and glorious Sunset District sunshine.



← Autumn Moon Festival

Sunset Festival →



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/2 **Sunset District Clean Up Day**
Join Supervisor Chu, the Department of Public Works and dozens of volunteers in cleaning up our district. Meet at Pacheco and Sunset Blvd. at 9:00 am
- Dianne Feinstein Elementary School Walkathon**
Dianne Feinstein Elementary
25th and Vicente
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Supervisor Chu's Costume Drive & Friends of South Sunset Outreach**
South Sunset Playground
40th & Vicente
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 10/6 **Golden Gate Park Walking Tour**
Learn about the West End of Golden Gate Park from City Guides
JFK Drive at Great Highway
11:00 am
- 10/9 **Self Help for the Elderly 25th Annual Longevity Walk**
Union Square
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Tricycle Music Fest West**
Four mini-concerts, beginning Oct. 9
Visit sfpl.org/tricycle for more info
- 10/10 **Holy Name 85th Anniversary Mass & pastor installation**
1555 39th Ave
11:30 am
- 10/15 **17 St. Cecilia Parish Festival "Playland at St. Cecilia"**
Details at www.scfestival.com
17th & Vicente
- 10/16 **Jimmy's Old Car Picnic**
22nd Annual vintage car event
FREE – fun for the whole family
Speedway Meadows Golden Gate Park
7:00 am – 4:00 pm
www.Jimmyspicnic.com
- 10/19 **Taraval Police Station Community Meeting**
Captain Sanford's monthly meeting
1234 24th Ave.
7:00 pm
- 10/22 **SCARE GROVE**
SF Rec & Park Dept.'s Halloween Festival
Stern Grove
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 10/23 **Fright Fest**
Holy Name's Halloween Festival
1555 39th Ave
11:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Playmates Co-op Harvest Festival**
Celebrate the season and Playmates' 60th Anniversary
2340 42nd Ave.
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- 10/24 **Pet Pride Day**
Pet Costume Contest, Pet Trick Competition, Adoptable Animals of ALL species, fun for all
Sharon Meadow Golden Gate Park
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Tricycle Music Fest West**
Sunday Streets featuring: The Sippy Cups, Frances England, The Time Outs, The Devil-Ettes and Pip Squeak A-Go-Go
11:00 am – 2:30 pm at Civic Center
- 10/27 **Board of Education Candidate's Forum**
Hear from those running for SF School Board
Abraham Lincoln High School
6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 10/30 **Taraval Street Fair**
Taraval St. between 46th & 47th Aves
11:00 am – 6:00 pm



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