Hopefully the abundant April showers will bring lots of flowers to the Richmond District in time for summer! From the Institute on Aging’s new senior care facility opening on Geary Boulevard, to the official opening of St. Peter’s Place, an affordable housing development for those with disabilities, the Richmond District has been making great strides towards access to social services and sustainable living options. I was honored to attend this wonderful event with Mayor Lee and Congresswoman Pelosi.

As summer approaches, I look forward to getting outside to enjoy the nice weather, as well as enjoying the great outdoors at Golden Gate Park and at the beach. Join me on Bike to Work Day on May 12th, while we promote a healthier community and cleaner environment by reducing pollution.

Our office, in partnership with Senator Leland Yee’s office and community organizations, will be hosting the Richmond District Community Health Fair on May 14th. Stop by for free health screenings, information on healthy living, free food, and activities for children.

As budget season approaches here at City Hall, it is very important that we get your input on what budget priorities and concerns are at the top of your list. Accordingly, I will be holding a budget town hall meeting tomorrow, April 27th 2011, at the Richmond District Recreation Center between 6:00 and 7:30 pm. Stop by and share with us your ideas, priorities, and concerns about the City’s upcoming budget. Mayor Lee and other city department staff will also be in attendance to hear what you have to say.

In these tough economic times, it is more important than ever that we take steps to protect and promote small businesses within the Richmond District. To that end, I have been working with the Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development on legislation to help fill vacant storefronts and support small businesses. I have also been working with the Office of Small Business to assist small businesses facing difficulties, including challenges with lawsuits due to ADA compliance issues.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, let us know at 415-554-7410 or send an email to Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org; you can also stop by my monthly coffee hours, which will be held on May 19th 2011 between 10-11am at Javaholics. 

-Eric
BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING
with
Mayor Edwin Lee
and
District 1 Supervisor Eric Mar

Wednesday, April 27th
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Richmond Recreation Center
251 18th Avenue

Share your concerns, ideas and priorities regarding our City’s upcoming budget for fiscal years 2011-2012.

Accessible by Muni lines: 1 & 38
Street parking very limited
Please consider using public transportation or carpooling

For questions, please contact:
Office of Supervisor Mar (415) 554-7410 or eric.l.mar@sfgov.org

Disability Access
The meeting site is wheelchair accessible. To request real time captioning, a sign language interpreter or other accommodations for a disability, please contact Mabel Martinez at the Mayor’s Office on Disability, 554-6789 or email MOD@sfgov.org. Providing at least 72 hours advance notice will help to ensure availability. If because of a disability you are unable to attend the meeting in person and would like to participate by phone, please contact Mabel Martinez at the Mayor’s Office on Disability, 554-6789 or email MOD@sfgov.org. Your request will be part of the lottery of participants.
Neighborhood Updates

Fresh & Easy/CVS at 3132 Clement Street

The Fresh & Easy folks have signed a first-source hiring agreement with the City that will cover both Fresh & Easy and CVS. During the next few weeks my office will be working with the city's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to reach out to community organizations and residents to hire the staff at the new stores. Stay tuned for grand opening dates; construction is on schedule.

St. Peter's Place Official Grand Opening, Monday April 25

St. Peter's Place, a new 20-unit residential facility for disabled adults at the site of the old St. Peter's Episcopal Church on 29th Avenue is officially open! I was honored to join the celebration and honor Father David Rickey.

Some of you may remember that the church was heavily damaged by the 1989 earthquake, and the former structure could not be salvaged. The church partnered with the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, and started construction on the project last January with funding from the Mayor's Office of Housing, the State of California and HUD. The new facility is a much needed addition to our neighborhood.

Father David Rickey came to St. Peter's 14 years ago and the congregation has been in the Richmond District since 1913. He and the congregation were the catalyst for the St. Peter's Place project in 2003. The project was the evolution of many creative minds all focused on a community who greatly needed some support.
The Department of Public Works’ Bureau of Street Use and Mapping and the Bureau of Street and Sewer Repair have supplied the following list of street repairs for District One.

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### Energy efficiency for commercial buildings

On Feb. 18, the Board of Supervisors approved legislation to require owners of commercial properties larger than 10,000 square feet to assess their energy usage by conducting an energy audit every five years. The audits would include a list of steps that would improve energy efficiency, like installing solar panels or sealing windows better. The reports would also include an estimate of energy savings from those steps, the cost of implementing them and their economic value. Under this legislation, property owners would also be required to supply that information to tenants. For more information, please contact my office at 415-554-7410.
Nino Parker Honored on Black History Month

February was Black History Month, and on Feb. 15 the SF Board of Supervisors formally recognized Nino Parker with a commendation from the City of San Francisco for his lifelong work with underserved youth. Parker's efforts at the Pretrial Diversion Project channel troubled youth to work on positive activities that help the community.

The project provides a chance for "first time" misdemeanor offenders of non-violent charges to have their case dismissed by completing a program, such as cleaning up graffiti and other beautification projects throughout San Francisco. Parker was born at Kaiser Hospital and attended Cook Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School and George Washington High School. He lives in the Outer Richmond, where he is raising his 3-year-old son Nino Jr.

Honoring Major Kurt Lee
(photo credit Frank Jang)

On Feb. 8, the Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation to Major Kurt Lee, a San Francisco-born war hero who fought in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Major Lee was the first Chinese American officer in the US Marine Corp. He received the Navy Cross and two Purple Hearts for his extraordinary acts of valor as a platoon leader in the Korean War. In 2010, on Memorial Day, the Smithsonian premiered the documentary "Uncommon Courage: Breakout at Chosin," which recognized Lee's patriotism and bravery. It was a particular honor for me to present the recognition to Major Lee since he is my uncle.

Supervisor Eric Mar at the 2011 Cherry Blossom Parade.
photo credit: May Wong

Zoe Levin along was honored as “9-1-1 Hero” for her quick thinking when she dialed 9-1-1 and saved the life of a loved one.

Supervisor Mar at Peabody Elementary for Bike to School Day!
Sadly, after many years on Valencia Street, Modern Times Bookstore will be closing its doors. As a volunteer collective, Modern Times Bookstore has offered a community a space with progressive literature and events for 40 years.

Over the years, the bookstore supported many local authors, hosting open mic nights and community events.

We look forward to the future partnership between Modern Times Bookstore and the Washington DC-based Busboys & Poet restaurant and bookstore that will surely continue to provide an intellectual and community space for San Francisco’s progressive community.

Supervisor Mar with Ed Resikin (DPW), Mayor Lee, and Mohammad Nuru (DPW) join hundreds of volunteers on Arbor Day to clean up George Washington High School, Ocean Beach and plant trees throughout the Richmond District. A tree was planted in honor of Charlie Starbuck who has volunteered his time and planted thousands of trees

Supervisor Mar joins hundreds of Starbucks Coffee employees who volunteered to clean up Ocean Beach.
7th Annual Richmond Community Health Festival

Saturday, May 14th, 2011 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Richmond Recreation Center
251 18th Avenue, San Francisco

Giveaways, Food, Children’s Activities & Health Screenings:
- Bone Density Testing
- Blood Pressure Testing
- Dental Screening
- Hep B Screening

For more information please call 415-557-7857

Sponsors
Senator Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D. & Supervisor Eric Mar
Calendar of Events

Coffee with Eric
Thursday, May 19, 2011, 10:00 am - 11:00 am. I will be at Javaholics at 449 Balboa Street (between 5th Ave & 6th Ave). Come meet with me and other Richmond district residents and share what’s on your mind!

Sunday Streets
Sunday May 8th, 11am – 4pm
<-- Mission Route

This year’s Sunday Streets calendar features monthly events from March 20 through October of 2011, with events occurring on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting in April.

Don’t miss the Great Highway route on July 10!

For more information, please visit http://sundaystreetssf.com/

Bike to Work Day
Thursday, May 12, 2011!

Meet Supervisor Mar and the rest of the District 1 commuter convey at the Blue Danube Coffee House at 306 Clement and bike downtown. We will depart at 7:45 am.

San Francisco’s Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Awards
Monday, May 2, 2011 at 5pm Herbst Theatre
Presentations of awards, performances, and a Community reception immediately following at the Green Room.
Attire: Ethnic Festive
www.apasf.org
Northwest San Francisco Community Calendar
Sponsored by the Richmond District YMCA

You can view the complete listing & download the NWSF Community Calendar anytime:
http://www.ymcasf.org/richmondwho_we_arecommunity_calendar

April 2011 Events

Live Comedy Showcase & Music with Groovy Judy at 4 STAR Theater
WHEN: Thursday, April 28th at 8 p.m.
WHERE: 4 STAR Theater - 2200 Clement Street (cross 23rd Avenue).
DETAILS: $7 Admission. Steven Pearl headlines! www.DannyDechi.com
4 STAR Theater: 666-3488

Springtime Poems
Featured students from San Francisco schools read their own springtime poems, written in workshops sponsored by California Poets in Schools, Sunset Branch Library, 1305 18th Ave., Saturday, April 30, 2 p.m., free.

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Stay in the Loop

You can be informed about what goes on in your neighborhood. Below are a few links to newsletters or blogs that will keep you up to date about happenings in the Richmond District.


Northwest San Francisco Community Calendar: http://www.ymcasf.org/richmondwho_we_arecommunity_calendar

Board of Supervisors Meetings: www.sfgov.org