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Supervisor Katy Tang

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Message from the Supervisor



Paid Parental Leave Analysis and Language Access Ordinance

Paid Parental Leave

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting on February 10, I submitted a formal request to the Controller's Office to conduct an analysis of the use of our city's paid parental leave policies. San Francisco is a city that has led the country in employer paid parental leave policies and requirements. In 2002, voters approved an amendment to the City Charter providing for paid parental leave for City employees that supplements state disability insurance payments, paid sick leave, vacation, compensatory time and other forms of paid leave.

Our city's paid parental leave program provides a guarantee of up to 12 weeks of paid leave for pregnancy and child bonding and up to 16 weeks if a health care provider certifies a new parent as temporarily disabled due to pregnancy. However, it is time to ask if we can do more.

Although San Francisco and California lead the way in paid parental leave policies, there are many countries and private companies that offer an average of four to five months for new mothers. With more than 10 years of data to guide us, I have asked our City Controller to analyze how our city's paid parental leave policies have fared; how much the program has been utilized; and whether there is the possibility to extend the length of paid time off we offer for new parents. Our office is also working with the City's Department of Human Resources to explore additional ways to make our paid parental leave program even more family friendly.

Language Access

Our office has also been working extensively with the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA), the Language Access Network, Supervisor Norman Yee's Office and city departments in revisiting the Language Access Ordinance (LAO) to ensure that remaining gaps in language access consistency, quality, budgeting, and implementation are removed. With the addition of Tagalog as a certified language early last year and federal immigration reform, it is important that we ensure our City is doing its best to provide equal access to all of its residents.

On February 12, legislation that I introduced amending the LAO was sent by the Rules Committee with full recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The legislation's key objectives include: Removing the tiered system so that all city departments are providing equal access to city services by the start of fiscal year 2016-2017; centralizing the complaint process within OCEIA; and encouraging departments to translate public signage.

Our office also requested that the Budget and Legislative Analyst's Office conduct an analysis of language access services in our city. Their report examined the City's workforce and resource expenditures for language access services, possible operational efficiencies in the City's provision of language access services, and the possibility of an expanded role for OCEIA to better support city departments in providing adequate language access. I look forward to discussing the legislation with my colleagues at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 24. For information on the legislation, visit: <http://goo.gl/sCkykl>.

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Discover Your District

New Calendar of Events for March through July



Dancing to "Frozen" at Sunset Movement Arts

We have enjoyed meeting many residents through our Discover Your District (DYD) events! We received great feedback from participants that they were able to learn new skills and visit small businesses they had never visited before. We are currently registering residents for our next series of DYD events – from soda bread-making lessons to getting a behind-the-scenes biking tour with the San Francisco Zoo. Be sure to register for these events early! Find all DYD events at www.sfbos.org/DiscoverYourDistrict.

Sunday – March 15 (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Andytown Coffee Roasters | 3655 Lawton St. and 43rd Ave.

Join Supervisor Tang for a Taste of Ireland at Andytown Coffee Roasters

Enjoy traditional Irish soda breads paired with Irish cheeses selected by JB Rumburg of Velo Fromage and Other Avenues. Stop in at 1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm or 2:30pm for a soda bread lesson from pastry chef Jenn Dearden. Cheese and soda bread pairings will be available for purchase, regular coffee menu will also be available. (Limit 15 per 30-minute lesson; \$16 for cheese/soda bread pairing, lesson is FREE).

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/iOumbi>

Visit Andytown Coffee Roasters at www.andytownsf.com



Learning Bicycle Safety at Sunset Elementary

Saturday – March 21, 2015 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

Whelan-Kennelly Academy of Irish Dance | 1612 Noriega St. and 24th Ave.

A Beginners Class in Irish Dance with the Whelan-Kennelly Academy of Irish Dance

Celebrate our Outer Sunset Irish heritage this March and come for an introductory course to learn the beginning steps of traditional Irish dance with Sharon Whelan MacSweeney of the Whelan-Kennelly Academy of Irish Dance. (Limit 25; Free)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/TMHcRO>

Visit the Whelan-Kennelly Academy: <http://www.whelan-kennelly.com/>

Saturday – April 4, 2015 (2:00pm- 3:30pm)

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega St. and 39th Ave.

Join Supervisor Tang for an Organizing Class with Ardemis Organizing

Come for an organizing class that covers helpful tips on organizing your space and learn how an organized space helps promote more productivity in your life. (Limit 40; Free)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/Z66oKQ>

Visit Ardemis Organizing at <http://www.ardemisorganizing.com/>



Pumpkin Pie lessons with Bruno at Rolling-Out Cafe

Saturday - April 25, 2015 (10:00am - 12:00pm)

Far Out West Dune Community Garden | 1399 43rd Ave. and Judah St.

Get Out and Garden with Supervisor Tang and the Far Out West Dune Community Garden

Honor Earth Day by learning more about your garden "Weeds and What They Tell" with Supervisor Tang and the gardeners of the Far Out West Dune Community Garden. The workshop, led by Ben Eichorn of Grow Your Lunch, will focus on "reading" the needs of your garden based on which weeds like to grow in it. We will look closely at some garden weeds, pull them for use in the compost piles, and finish by mulching garden pathways to beautify our community garden and block the weeds from growing back. (Limit 40; Free).

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/Fh5NKy>

Visit the Far Out West Dune Community Garden at <http://www.faroutwestgarden.org/>

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New Calendar of Events for March through July



Hand-painting gift tags with Annie at 3 Fish Studios

Saturday – May 2, 2015 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

Establish | 3811 Noriega St. and 45th Ave.

Create a Personalized Succulent Planter for Mother’s Day with Supervisor Tang and Establish

Create a custom succulent planter to take home to your mother or someone special in your life with Establish owner and artist, Erica Maver. (\$15; Limit 40)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/dVKeCL>

Visit Establish at www.establishsf.com

Sunday – May 3, 2015 (8:30am – 10:00am)

San Francisco Zoo | Sloat Boulevard at the Great Highway

Join Supervisor Tang and the San Francisco Bike Coalition on a Zoo Bike About

Enjoy a unique opportunity to explore the Zoo by bicycle and learn bicycle safety tips before the crowds come in. (\$18 for Zoo members, \$23 for non-Zoo members; Limit 40)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/E5Mpid>

Visit the SF Zoo at <http://www.sfzoo.org/learn/family-programs.htm>



Lighting the holiday tree at McCoppin Square

Saturday - June 6, 2015 (9:00am – 10:00am)

Aqua Surf Shop | 3847 Judah Street and 44th Ave

Take a Yoga Class with Supervisor Tang and Sarah Pascual Yoga at Aqua Surf Shop

Center yourself with a special hatha yoga class at Aqua Surf Shop’s new location taught by Sarah Pascual. Check out Aqua’s new space after class is over. (Limit 10; Free)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/IOdHfq>

Visit Aqua Surf Shop at <http://www.aquasurfshop.com/> and

Sarah Pascual Yoga at <http://www.sarahpascualyoga.com/>



BINGO at the Riptide!

Thursday – June 18, 2015 (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

Sunset Youth Services | 3918 Judah Street at 44th Avenue

Create a Music Video with Supervisor Tang and Sunset Youth Services

Learn how to record video and music with Supervisor Tang and the youth of Sunset Youth Services. (Limit 15; Free)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/QaA3OY>

Visit Sunset Youth Services at <http://sunsetyouthservices.org/>

Saturday – July 11, 2015 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

San Franpsycho | 3830 Noriega St. and 45th Ave.

Learn How to Screen Print T-Shirts with San Franpsycho and Supervisor Tang

San Franpsycho is known for their unique designs and stylish fashions. Learn how they take their ideas from paper to print, and take home a t-shirt of your own! (Limit 15; \$10)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/FDbkUX>

Visit San Franpsycho at www.sanfranpsycho.com



Roasting coffee with Henry’s House of Coffee

Sunday – July 26, 2015 (10:30am – 12:00pm)

Sloat Garden Center | 2700 Sloat Blvd. and 46th Ave.

Join Supervisor Tang for a Lesson on What Edibles Grow in the Outer Sunset from Experts at Sloat Garden Center

Don’t let the Sunset fog stop you from growing delicious and fresh food. Learn about what edibles grow well in the Sunset, what companion plants to plant alongside your edibles, how to amend the soil, and tips on care and fertilizer. Participants will receive a 10% discount card good at any Sloat Garden Center. (\$10 for non-members of Sloat Rewards Program; Limit 20)

Register Here: <http://goo.gl/R6bBeC>

Visit Sloat Garden Center at www.sloatgardens.com

Francis Scott Key Annex Discussion on Temporary Uses Pavement to Parks Community Meeting

Our office, in conjunction with the Pavement to Parks Program of the San Francisco Planning Department, the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) and architecture firm Perkins & Will, are developing a project with neighbors to activate and beautify the underutilized site of the Francis Scott Key Annex. We are holding a community meeting to further explore temporary improvements that center on parklets, greening and community gathering space. We are looking forward to working with the community to transform this underutilized space into an amenity for the neighborhood. Children are welcome to attend.

Join us for a public meeting:

Thursday, March 19, 2015 | 6:30pm- 8:00pm
Francis Scott Key Annex Building
1351 42nd Avenue between Judah and Kirkham Streets



For more information, contact our Office at (415) 554-7460. To learn more about Pavement to Parks, visit <http://pavementtoparks.sfplanning.org/>.

SFPUC In-City Tour: March 27th Learn about SFPUC Infrastructure and the Groundwater Supply Project

Many residents have asked our office questions about the SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Groundwater Supply Project. When the SFPUC adopted the capital plan for their Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) in 2008, the strategy placed a limitation on the surface water deliveries that the SFPUC can obtain from the Hetch Hetchy and Bay Area watersheds. The SFPUC also made a commitment to diversify San Francisco's water supply by maximizing conservation and developing new supply sources.

Part of the water diversification program is to use local groundwater from the Westside Groundwater Basin (an aquifer extending from Golden Gate Park in San Francisco southward through San Bruno) as one of the new supply sources. Groundwater is a drinking water source already supplied to 40% of the State, and also is a valuable emergency drinking water supply source in the event of a major earthquake or other catastrophe.

We would like to provide our residents the opportunity to learn more about the Groundwater Supply Project and have questions answered regarding quality of the mixed drinking water. Our office is partnering with the SFPUC to hold a special In-City tour with a focus on the Groundwater Supply Project. On this tour, you will have the chance to visit:

- The SFPUC Headquarters at 525 Golden Gate Avenue;
- The largest solar power installation at Sunset Reservoir; and
- San Francisco's wastewater treatment plants.



This map shows the proposed project facilities including wells and pipelines.

You will also have the chance to speak with SFPUC experts and Supervisor Katy Tang about the Groundwater Supply Project. This In-City Tour will be held on Friday, March 27th from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

To sign up for the tour, visit <http://incitysupervisortang.eventbrite.com> and enter the password "conserve" to register. If you have questions about the tour, please contact our office at (415) 554-7460.

Recap on Neighborhood Events

Discover Your District - February

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate Lunar New Year by making festive Chinese Lanterns and learning the art of making dumplings in our February Discover Your District (DYD) events! We learned how to make Chinese lanterns with Self-Help for the Elderly participants Bo Lin Ho and Pui Ying Lee along with many of our seniors. We also learned the art of making dumplings with the owner of Kingdom of Dumpling, David Li, who demonstrated incredible generosity and hospitality to participants. He even had us participate in a mandatory dumpling eating contest!

Make sure to check out our next series of DYD events, which are now open for registration! Learn how to make soda bread, find out if you are an Irish dancer at heart, and discover useful tips for organizing your life! Find all the DYD events online at www.sfbos.org/DiscoverYourDistrict.



NERT Training

Everyone in our office was recently certified as a trained Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) member after graduating from the free six-week NERT training course offered by the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD). The NERT training course helps San Francisco residents be self-sufficient during a minor or major disaster. The 20-hour training consists of workshops that cover a variety of basic emergency skills, including: Disaster preparedness, basic firefighting, disaster medicine, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and more. In addition to the presentations, participants go through hands-on applications, such as using a fire extinguisher and performing light search and rescue. We enjoyed taking the NERT training classes with residents in our neighborhood, and hope that together, we can do more to create a resilient community. We hope that more of our Sunset residents join us in becoming NERT certified. Find a list of upcoming NERT trainings in our monthly newsletter, or find a complete list online at www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=859.



Doggie Diner Head Valentine's Day Party

On February 12, our office joined Mayor Edwin Lee and San Francisco Public Works for our annual Valentine's Day celebration in honor of our very own Sunset District icon, the Doggie Diner head. The Doggie Diner head once served as the mascot of the former Doggie Diner fast food chain. The last standing head stood at 46th Ave and Sloat Blvd. until it was threatened with demolition. The community stepped in to save the Doggie Diner head, which was then repurposed and restored by Public Works in 2005.

We were joined by John Law, local owner of the famous trio of Doggie Diner heads, as well as students from Ulloa's After School Program and staff from the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center. Java Beach Café provided cookies and milk and our office shared our Doggie Diner Valentine for the students to color. We were proud to once again celebrate one of our only designated landmarks in the Outer Sunset and we thank everyone who participated in the festivities!



Photo Credit: Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center

Bulky Items

*You Can Now Make Your Pickup Request Online
Or Bring Unwanted Items to the Gigantic 3 Event in District 4 on March 14th!*

Last November, our office announced our efforts to streamline the process by which residents request curbside collection of their unwanted bulky items. Instead of calling Recology or visiting their website, residents now only have to remember one number: 3-1-1.

We are excited to announce that you can now also make a bulky item pickup request using Recology's new online form. You can either fill out the form yourself online by visiting www.recyclemyjunk.com, or you can still dial 3-1-1 and a representative will complete the form for you over the phone.

You can also drop off bulky and unwanted items at our annual Gigantic 3 event which will be held this year on **March 14th (Saturday)** from 8:00am – 12:00pm at **Quintara Street** between 24th to 26th Avenue. The following items are eligible for drop-off:



- Green waste and other compostables (i.e. yard waste, landscaping debris);
- Documents that require destruction (free shredding truck on site – limit two bankers boxes);
- Large or bulky items, including curbside recyclables, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses and box springs, and electronics;
- Non-recyclable and non-compostable waste such as plastic bags, Styrofoam, ceramics, light bulbs, painted or treated wood; and
- Special wastes, such as used motor oil/filters, household batteries, and fluorescent bulbs.

Goodwill Industries will also be on site to accept donations such as clothes or furniture in re-sale condition. You are encouraged to make an appointment for the free drop-off through Recology at (415) 330-1300 or 311.

International Women's Day - Make It Happen for Women's Health!

In recognition of International Women's Day and its theme for 2015 "Make It Happen," our office is partnering with North East Medical Services (NEMS) and the Shanti Project to provide free women's health information and screenings. Residents are invited to attend a press conference starting at 10:00 a.m. at North East Medical Services, located at 1400 Noriega Street at 21st Avenue. Afterward, participants will be able to receive free glucose and blood pressure screenings, get information on breast health in the mammovan, and take a tour of the NEMS clinic until noon. We are excited that Shanti Project and NEMS will be partnering to provide more services to our residents, and we hope you join us for the celebration!

For more information on International Women's Day, visit: <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>.



Community Clean Team Events in District 4 this Arbor Day

This Arbor Day, celebrate in the Outer Sunset with plenty of greening activities to choose from. San Francisco Public Works will be out in District 4 with their volunteers to clean and green on Saturday, March 14th from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

The Community Clean Team events will kick-off at 9:00am on 37th Avenue between Ortega and Pacheco (but volunteers should arrive at 8:30am). Stop by to visit the grazing goats, the Bookmobile, try a bucket truck ride, learn about greening and composting, and enjoy other family activities as well.

Community Clean Team volunteers will be sent out to help with about 15-20 projects across District 4. Projects include planting new drought tolerant landscaping on Sunset Boulevard, replacing diseased/dying trees on Taraval and La Playa Streets, and many others.

Interested in volunteering? The Public Works Clean Team is looking for volunteers for the Clean Team event on March 14th. Interested volunteers can email volunteer@sfdpw.org, call (415) 641-2600 or visit www.sfpublishworks.org/volunteer. We hope to see you there!



Green Fest Block Party March 15th

Hosted by the United Irish Cultural Center, Java Beach Café and United Irish Societies, come out for some FREE family fun. There will be Irish bands, face painting, jump castles, food and more! The block party stretches between Sloat Boulevard and Wawona Street on 45th Avenue. Don't forget to wear green!

For more information, visit: <http://www.irishcentersf.org/calendar.html>.



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Introducing District 4 Citizens Advisory Committee Members

Our office has the opportunity to appoint District 4 representatives to various Citizens Advisory Committees (CAC). The committees' focuses range from transportation to child care, but all provide the opportunity for our residents to provide valuable input and recommendations. We would like to introduce you to our District 4 appointees, and encourage you to contact them with any of your ideas and suggestions. For more information on all of the City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces and potential vacancies, visit: <http://sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=3045>.

Youth Commission

Advisory Body to the Board of Supervisors and Office of the Mayor

District 4 Appointee: [Emily Guo](#)

Email: em.guo22@gmail.com

Emily is currently a senior at Mission High School, where she is the President of Mission Youth Community Engagement, a citywide club that provides voluntary opportunity for high school students. Focusing on Asian, elderly seniors who have difficulties accessing community resources because of language and health-related problems, student participants organize events and lectures to enrich their lives with useful information on such things as new policies and disease prevention. She is also an intern at 826 Valencia, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills. Emily has lived in the Sunset District all of her life. Emily serves on the Immigration and Employment Committee of the Youth Commission, and has been focusing on immigration and employment related issues.



Child Care Planning & Advisory Council

Advisory Body to the City of San Francisco

District 4 Appointee: [Matt Pemberton](#)

Email: mpemberton@sNBC.org

Matt brings more than 10 years of experience to the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (SNBC) with an extensive background and deep knowledge of expanded learning programs. Before his current role as Director of SNBC, Matt served as a District Coordinator for the San Francisco Unified School District's ExCEL After School Programs office. Matt has long been recognized for his outstanding work with high quality after school programs in San Francisco, and has a profound understanding of how to run expanded learning programs from the ground up. As a lifelong resident of the Sunset District, Matt lends not only his deep knowledge and extensive administrative background to SNBC, but also his passion for the neighborhood and a real excitement that he can apply his vast skills and knowledge to strengthening his own community.

Advisory Council to the Commission on Aging & Adult Services

Advisory Body to the Commission on Aging & Adult Services

District 4 Appointee: [Diane Lawrence](#)

Email: dianelaw123@gmail.com

Diane has the honor of representing District 4 on the Advisory Council to the Commission on Aging and Adult Services. The Council meets monthly to discuss issues impacting seniors and persons with disability including legislation, budget, and services impacting our constituents. The council works with the Commission on Aging and Adult Services and the Department of Aging and Adult Services. Diane is a third generation San Franciscan, raised in the district. A graduate of the University of San Francisco, her professional career was spent in education and insurance.

Mental Health Board

Advisory Body to the Board of Supervisors and Mental Health Director

District 4 Appointee: [Virginia Lewis, LCSW](#)

Email: ginny.spiegel181@gmail.com

Virginia is a clinical social worker who was appointed to the San Francisco Mental Health Board. She has advocated strongly for increasing services for the chronically mental ill. She is a past Board Chair for the SF Night Ministry, and currently the Nominations Chair for the Magic Theater.



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San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Advisory Body to the SFCTA Board of Directors

District 4 Appointee: [Eric Rutledge](#)

Email: erut08@gmail.com

Eric is a graduate of SF State and has lived in the Sunset District for 8 years. He uses his joint degrees in Environmental Studies and Geography to protect and manage open space along the San Mateo County coast. As the Citizens Advisory Committee member for District 4, Eric hopes to make transit and alternative modes of transportation a viable option for all west side residents.



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Advisory Body to the SFMTA and SFMTA Board of Directors

District 4 Appointee: [Katie Haverkamp](#)

Email: katie.r.haverkamp@gmail.com

Katie is a lifelong musician, transit enthusiast, and unapologetically in love with San Francisco. She also serves on the Market Street Railway Board of Directors. A Parkside resident since relocating from Houston, Katie hopes to stay in the neighborhood for many years to come.

Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)

Advisory Body to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

District 4 Appointee: [Trevor McNeil](#)

Email: trevormcneil@gmail.com

Trevor is a native San Franciscan and public school teacher who started volunteering for our city at age 14. Growing up in the city he has commuted by bike, Muni, car, scooter, foot, and train. Of particular interest for him on PSAC is working with neighbors to improve safety on Sunset Boulevard, finding balanced approaches to traffic flows, and advocating for kids getting to school safely. Aside from serving District 4 on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee Trevor serves at the vice-chair of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee and sits on several board of non-profits, community groups, and political clubs. He lives next to Golden Gate Park in District 4 with his wife Sarah and doggie Ella.



Bicycle Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC)

Advisory Body to the SFMTA and SFMTA Board of Directors

District 4 Appointee: [Edward Nicolson](#)

Email: sfbacdistrict4@gmail.com

Ed and his wife moved to San Francisco in 1994 and have lived in the Sunset District since then. With their three children, they have enjoyed cycling all over San Francisco and beyond, and are frequent bicycle commuters to work and school. Ed believes the Sunset District enjoys wide streets that allow for more comfortable cycling than in other parts of the city, and hopes that many more enjoy cycling in the Sunset.

Introducing District 4 Citizens Advisory Committee Members



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
Advisory Body to the Recreation and Park Commission
District 4 Appointee: Molly Park
Email: molly.j.park@gmail.com

Molly is a professional in the nonprofit, environmental public services sector specializing in operations management. Her background includes studying Psychology and Fine Art at Ohio University, where she developed a love of communication, design and the urban planning. Despite an appreciation for all things Midwest, Molly has had the fortune to work with leading nonprofit organizations throughout the country, including: NPR/PBS affiliates, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and most recently settled in the beautiful Sunset District to work for The Trust for Public Land since 2011. In her spare time, Molly enjoys exploring the ever changing San Francisco neighborhoods, traveling, public art, four legged creatures and long road trips.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
Advisory Body to the Recreation and Park Commission
District 4 Appointee: Nicholas Belloni
Email: nicksfgov@swpsf.com

Born and raised on the west side of the city, Nicholas is the Co-Vice President of the Planning Association of the Richmond (PAR). He has worked on many projects within the parks in our area and has set up a community meeting every July about major events taking place in Golden Gate Park. The meetings have provided an opportunity for open dialogue between neighbors and event organizers.



Calling LGBT High School Seniors for Scholarship Program

AT&T's LGBT Employee Resource Group, LEAGUE at AT&T, works to promote diversity in the workplace and the communities they serve. With AT&T employee support, the LEAGUE Foundation is now seeking applicants for three awards in its National Scholarship Program. The program provides financial resources for America's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) high school seniors entering their first year of institutions of higher learning. The program is open to all LGBT high school seniors who will attend college in 2015. Applications will be accepted through **April 30, 2015**. To find out more information and to access the application, visit <http://www.leaguefoundation.org/scholarships/>.

San Francisco Children's Chorus in the Sunset this Summer



Have a child who loves to sing? Consider enrolling them in the new San Francisco Youth Chorus (SFYC) Summer camp located in the Outer Sunset! The SFYC Summer Camp will be holding two sessions that include singing, movement, theater improvisation, and much more! The first session will be for children ages 6-11 and the second session will be for children ages 12-15. The sessions run one week each in July and are held at Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Ulloa Street. Registration is on a rolling basis, and prices increases after April 1, 2015, so sign up early! For more information, visit: <http://www.sanfranciscoyouthchorus.org/summer-camp-2015/>

Update on Larsen Playground

The playground is coming together at Larsen! Aside from the signature plane play structure, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has successfully installed all play equipment at the site. San Francisco Parks Alliance is working closely with the plane structure contractor for the plane installation at this time. Larsen Playground is still expected to open in late spring 2015.

For updates, visit <http://sfrecpark.org/project/larsen-park-jet-playground/>.



Commercial Vacancy Registration Information Now Online

Last July, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed legislation sponsored by Supervisor Tang to establish a registry and program to track vacant or abandoned commercial storefronts. Vacant storefronts pose problems for the surrounding community, such as impacting foot traffic, aesthetics, and attracting graffiti and blight, and other public safety issues.

An existing building code required property owners to register their vacant buildings. However, a loophole in that code meant that property owners would only be required to register their building if it was entirely empty. If a building had vacant ground floor commercial space with tenants occupying the residential units above, for example, it was excluded from the registry.

Supervisor Tang's legislation will now help the City capture more accurate data regarding vacant storefronts citywide. Property owners are now required to comply with the original requirements of the Vacant or Abandoned Building Ordinance, such as maintaining a secure and clean premises. In addition, the property owner will need to register their commercial storefront with the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) within 30 days. Within 270 days, property owners are required to rent their storefronts or pay a fee for including their storefront on the Registry of Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Storefronts.

Property owners can now register their vacant storefronts using an online form that can be sent directly to DBI. To learn more about the registry or download a registration form, please visit <http://sfdbi.org/vacant-or-abandoned-buildings>.

Civil Grand Jury Recruitment

By: Jonathan Zuo, District 4 Intern

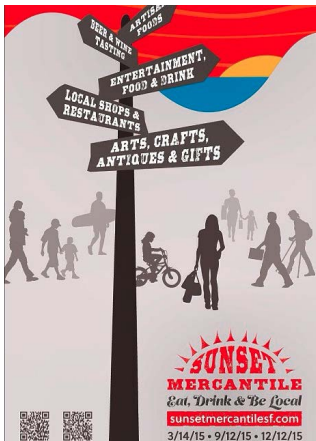
The Civil Grand Jury is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Civil Grand Jury acts as a "watchdog" for government figures, agencies, and departments by investigating and reporting on their conduct in specific issue areas. The 19 members meet once a week and serves for one year. To qualify, a juror must be over 18 years old, proficient in English, have no felony convictions, and have lived in San Francisco for at least the past one year. Applications can be found online or at the San Francisco Superior Court at 400 McAllister Street in Room 007. Applications are due on May 22, 2015.

For more information, please visit <http://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org/>.

Sunset Mercantile Market Back on March 14th

We are excited that Sunset residents Laura Peschke-Zingler and Angie Pettit-Taylor will be hosting the second installment of the Sunset Mercantile Market. There will be shopping, musicians, storytellers, delicious food and beverages, as well as a plenty of activities for children. Ten percent of proceeds will benefit the Francis Scott Key Elementary School PTA.

December's Sunset Mercantile had over 40 vendors selling unique and handcrafted items ranging from antiques and jewelry to succulent plantings and locally-published books. There was also great food, coffee, and lots of families enjoying the festivities.



This month, the Sunset Mercantile will also be hosting a blood drive. Donating blood is an easy way to do something good for our community, and the Sunset Mercantile is making it even easier by bringing it to you! If donors would like to schedule their own appointments, they can go to www.bloodheroes.com, then click “donate blood” (on the right side of the page) and enter sponsor code: sunsetmercantile. Donors can also call our office to set up an appointment at (415) 554-7460.

Saturday | March 14 | 10am – 5pm

Sunset Mercantile Market

Francis Scott Key Elementary School (yard) | Kirkham & 42nd Ave

To sign up as a vendor, entertainer or activity host, visit www.sunsetmercantilesf.com or call (415) 465-2475.

Expansion of Muni Light Rail Fleet

By: Jonathan Zuo, District 4 Intern

Last month, Mayor Edwin Lee convened with members of the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to announce an expansion to the existing Muni Light Rail fleet. The expansion will add an additional 40 light rail vehicles to the already scheduled 175 new trains that will begin operation in late 2016. With passenger and pedestrian safety in mind, these new hybrid trains provide improvements in driver visibility, LED lighting, and the braking system, with new hydraulic brakes that will shorten braking distance. This new light rail vehicle design, as well as the addition of more vehicles, work towards the goal of improving Muni safety and reliability for an ever-growing ridership.

For more information on the new light rail vehicles selected and comprehensive overhaul of the Muni fleet, visit: <http://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/new-muni-trains>.

Mercy High School Booster Club Casino Night

The Booster Club of Mercy High School is hosting a Casino Night to benefit the Mercy High School Athletics program on Saturday, March 14 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at McAuley Pavilion (3250 19th Avenue). The cost is \$50 per person or \$60 at the door. The event includes casino games; a no-host bar; free appetizers and a dessert bar; live entertainment; and a silent auction. For more information, contact Athletic Director Michael Gutierrez at mgutierrez@mercyhs.org or 415-334-0525 x 220.



Merchant Spotlight: Lou's Cafe

By: Jonathan Zuo, District 4 Intern

Lou's Cafe is a family owned business that all began with a mother's dream. Romana, mother of three sons, began her career catering for the Andronico's on Irving Street. Over time, Romana worked her way to become in charge of the catering department. After 25 years of service, she decided it was time to chase after her dream of opening up her own food establishment, Lou's Cafe. With the help of her sons Vince, T.J, and Mark, Romana opened the first Lou's Cafe in 2010 on Geary. Lou's quickly became a hotspot for sandwich lovers and prospered in the busy and competitive streets of Geary. Garnering such success, Romana and her family decided it was finally time to open up a second establishment closer to home, on Taraval Street. Lou's Café opened at 1508 Taraval Street in February this year.

Lou's Cafe is excited to serve their neighbors in the Outer Sunset. With their dedication to quality sandwich meats, community involvement through fundraisers, and most importantly, excellent customer service, Lou's is an excellent addition to our community. Try their "Ami-Cado" (pastrami, salami, avocado, pepper jack and Lou's Special Sauce on a soft & sweet roll), their "Lou-Ben" (pastrami, turkey, provolone, sauerkraut, Lou's special sauce, on a sourdough roll) or their Crab Melt (crab salad, avocado, American cheese, Lou's special sauce, on a Dutch crunch roll). They also serve soups, salads and various breakfast sandwiches.

Lou's Café (Parkside)

1508 Taraval Street (and 26th Avenue)

(415) 682-4083

www.louscafesf.com

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday 8:00am – 4:00pm (closed Sunday)



Photo: Shirley N. (Yelp)



Photo: Rebecca T. (Yelp)

March Disaster Preparedness Tip: Hazardous Materials

We cannot predict exactly when a disaster or emergency will occur. However, we can take measures to prepare for an emergency that will help prevent damage and loss to our community. Our office will provide helpful information and resources on emergency preparedness so that District 4 residents may take precautionary steps from www.sf72.org.

A hazardous material is any substance or material in a quantity or form that may pose a reasonable risk to health, the environment, or property. Hazardous materials risks include incidents involving substances such as toxic chemicals, fuels, nuclear wastes and/or products, and other radiological and biological or chemical agents. In case of a hazardous materials emergency, listen to local radio or television stations for detailed information and instructions.

If you are asked to evacuate, you should evacuate immediately, and stay tuned to local news for information on evacuation routes and procedures. If there is time, close all windows, vents and turn off fans. Take your pre-assembled disaster kit with you, and assist any neighbors that may need your help.

If you are instructed to stay indoors, you should make sure to close and lock all exterior doors and windows as well as close vents, fireplace dampers, and interior doors. Bring all family members, including pets, inside and go into your pre-selected shelter room. Seal gaps under your doorway and windows with wet towels or plastic and duct tape. Avoid eating or drinking anything that may be contaminated.

For additional steps and more information, visit: <http://www.ready.gov/hazardous-materials-incidents>.

March's Adoptable Animals from ACC

San Francisco Animal Care & Control
1200 15th Street @ Harrison Street
(415) 554-6364

<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=942>

The San Francisco Department of Animal Care and Control is San Francisco's only open door animal shelter that accepts any animal, in any condition, of any temperament. SF ACC is responsible for the City's stray, injured, abandoned, neglected and mistreated animals, of all species, including wildlife. Services include adoptions, lost pets, animal law enforcement, dog licensing, animal cruelty and abuse investigations, animal rescue, and disaster planning for pets. SF ACC is committed to the delivery of effective, courteous, and responsive animal care and control services to the residents of San Francisco.



Ginger (A367440): Petite and fancy prance Ginger is an absolute delight! This curly tailed Chi cutie is gentle and sweet, but also loves to play in the park! She seems to love children, so a family with kids might be fine for her. Come see if it's a good fit!



Dixon (A361281): Dixon is a handsome 2 year and 8 month old adult cat with a lovely coat, great markings, and bright yellow eyes. He is super friendly and affectionate, and likes to interact with people. Come meet and adopt this handsome fellow today! He is currently at the Pet Food Express Adoption Center at 1975 Market Street.



Zeebee (A366695): Zeebee is a beautiful finch with a lovely voice. This colorful little bird came to the shelter as a stray and is ready for a forever home with you!

Upcoming NERT Trainings

The Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is a program to help the citizens of San Francisco to be self sufficient in a major disaster situation. NERT training helps citizens develop multi-functional teams that are trained in basic emergency skills. Through this program, individuals learn how to prepare themselves and loved ones for a disaster while also creating a resilient community. All trainings are free. To learn more, visit www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=859.

- Class Session 1 Earthquake Awareness, Preparedness, and Hazard Mitigation 3.5 hrs
- Class Session 2 Types of Fire, Hazardous Materials, Utilities Shut-offs, Terrorism Awareness 3.5hrs
- Class Session 3 Disaster Medicine 3 hrs
- Class Session 4 Light Search and Rescue 3.5 hrs
- Class Session 5 Emergency Team Organization, Disaster Psychology 3 hrs
- Class Session 6 Hands-On Application, Course review, and graduation 3.5hrs

Upcoming NERT Trainings

Register at <http://sffdnert.eventbrite.com/> or call (415) 970-2024

Miraloma Park | Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church | 480 Teresita Blvd.
March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16 | 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Chinatown (in Cantonese) | Salvation Army | 1450 Powell St.
March 14, 21, 28 | 8:30am – 4:30pm
Enroll: 415-413-7518

North Beach | Tel-Hi Center | 660 Lombard St.
March 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5:45pm – 9:00pm



Upcoming Events

March 5 | 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: www.sf-pops.com

March 6, 7, 8 | Friday & Saturday 9:30am – 5:00pm; Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

California Academy of Sciences Neighborhood FREE Days – 94116 & 94122

Free admission is available to the California Academy of Sciences for San Francisco residents. Come and enjoy the planetarium, aquarium, natural history museum, rainforest and over 40,000 live animals...for FREE! Please bring a driver license; state ID; or photo ID + postmarked envelope, postcard, magazine label, utility bill, or bank statement with your home address.

California Academy of Sciences | 55 Music Concourse Drive

For more information visit <http://www.calacademy.org/neighborhood-free-weekends>

March 7 | Saturday | 10:00am – 12:00pm

International Women's Day "Make it Happen" with Women's Health

Celebrate International Women's Day with Supervisor Katy Tang, Northeast Medical Services and the Shanti Project.

Learn more about supporting women's health and receive FREE medical screenings!

Northeast Medical Services (NEMS) | 1450 Noriega Street and 22nd Avenue

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



March 7 | Saturday | 5:15pm – 8:00pm

Chinese New Year Festival & Parade

This San Francisco tradition brings over 100 units to a fabulous parade for the Lunar New Year. See gorgeous floats, elaborate costumes, lions, firecrackers and the newest Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Bring your family out to visit this spectacular event and ring in the Lunar New Year!

Market Street and Second Street to Kearny Street and Jackson Street

For more information: www.chineseparade.com. Call: (415) 340-3055 or (415) 982-3071

For other citywide Chinese New Year celebrations and events, please visit <http://www.sanfranciscochinatown.com/events/index.html>

March 10 | 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 the members.

Rice Valley Restaurant | 2333 Irving Street between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue

For more information: www.irvingstreetmerchants.com

March 12 | Thursday | 6:00pm

Ortega Movie Night: *Jersey Boys*

The story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 1960s rock group The Four Seasons. Directed by Clint Eastwood and starring John Lloyd Young, Erich Bergen, and Michael Lomenda. Rated R; 134 minutes; 2014.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0100001601>

March 14 | Saturday | 9:00am – 1:00pm

Community Clean Team & Arbor Day Tree Plantings

Join our office and San Francisco Public Works to clean and green the Sunset District from planting Sunset Boulevard with drought-tolerant landscaping to replacing diseased trees on Taraval and La Playa Streets. The kick-off will take place on Sunset Blvd. with family activities including the Bookmobile and visits with the grazing goats.

37th Avenue between Ortega and Pacheco Streets

Interested volunteers can email volunteer@sfdpw.org, call (415) 641-2600

or visit www.sfpublicworks.org/volunteer



Upcoming Events

March 14 | Saturday | 8:00am – 12:00pm

Gigantic 3 Recycling Program in District 4

The Gigantic 3 program is a free bulky item drop-off service that allows residents to get rid of unwanted household items including green waste; shredding, bulky items; non-recyclables; and special wastes such as used motor oil, batteries and fluorescent bulbs. Goodwill will also be on site to take donations.

You are encouraged to call Recology (415) 330-1300 to make an appointment for a free drop-off.

Quintara Street from 24th Avenue to 26th Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfdpw.org/index.aspx?page=1292>

March 14 | Saturday | 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunset Mercantile Market

Don't miss the second installment of this open air pop-up market in the Outer Sunset! Laura Peschke-Zingler and Angie Pettitt-Taylor are planning another great event with shopping, music, storytelling, food and drinks as well as plenty of family-friendly activities. 10% of proceeds will benefit the Francis Scott Key PTA.

Francis Scott Key Elementary School (yard) | Kirkham & 42nd Ave

For more information visit www.sunsetmercantilesf.com or call (415) 465-2475

March 14 | Saturday | 11:30am

164th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join Grand Marshal Bill Duggan to celebrate this great tradition in the streets of San Francisco. Enjoy food and festivities in the Civic Center Plaza after the parade.

Begins 2nd Street and Market Street Ends Civic Center Plaza

For more information: <http://uissf.org/>

March 14 | Saturday | 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Casino Night

Presented by the Mercy High School Booster Club, Casino Night is a fundraiser for the Mercy High School Athletics Department. Stop by for casino games, a no-host bar, free appetizers and a dessert bar, live entertainment, a silent auction and more! Tickets are \$50 (\$60 at the door) and include entry, \$25 in "casino cash", drink tickets, and more.

McAuley Pavillion | Mercy High School | 3250 19th Avenue

For more information contact Athletic Director Michael Gutierrez at (415) 334-0525 x 220 or mgutierrez@mercyhs.org

March 15 | Sunday | 11:00am – 4:00pm

St. Patrick's Day Block Party

Hosted by the United Irish Cultural Center, Java Beach Café and United Irish Societies, come out for some FREE family fun.

There will be Irish bands, face painting, jumpy castles, food and more!

45th Avenue between Sloat Boulevard and Wawona Street

March 15 | Sunday | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Join Supervisor Tang for a Taste of Ireland at Andytown Coffee Roasters

A Discover Your District Event

Enjoy traditional Irish soda breads paired with Irish cheeses selected by JB Rumburg of Velo Fromage and Other Avenues. Stop in at 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 or 2:30 for a soda bread lesson from pastry chef Jenn Dearden. Cheese and soda bread pairings will be available for purchase, regular coffee menu will also be available. (Limit 15 per 30-minute lesson; \$16 for cheese/soda bread pairing, lesson is FREE).

Andytown Coffee Roasters | 3655 Lawton Street and 43rd Avenue

Call (415) 554-7460 or register at <http://goo.gl/iOumbi>

March 17 | Tuesday | 7:00pm

Taraval Police Station Community Meeting

Come listen to the Captain's update and hear public safety news from around the community. To sign up for Taraval Station's newsletter, email SFPDTaravalStation@sfgov.org.

Taraval Police Station Community Room | 2345 24th Avenue and Taraval Street

For more information: www.sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=858

Upcoming Events

March 18 | Wednesday | 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Choosing a Preschool

This workshop, presented by Children's Council of San Francisco, is designed to help parents prepare for the preschool application process. Parents will learn about different preschools and their philosophies, search for preschools based on the needs of their children and family, and discuss quality indicators. Registration is recommended.

Parkside Library | 1200 Taraval Street and 22nd Avenue

Register online at <http://www.childrenscouncil.org/for-families/attend-a-workshop/>

March 19 | Thursday | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Francis Scott Key Annex Discussion on Temporary Uses Pavement to Parks Community Meeting

Last July, the neighborhood came out to discuss what to do with the Francis Scott Key Annex on 42nd and Judah. Temporary uses were a popular idea, and thanks to the San Francisco Unified School District and the Planning Department's Pavement to Parks Program, we are initiating a discussion on what temporary uses the neighborhood would like to see on this site related to greening and community gathering space. The planning process will include a series of three community meetings from ideation to design.

Francis Scott Key Annex | 1351 42nd Avenue and Judah Street

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

March 21 | Saturday | 10:00am – 12:00pm

A Beginners Class in Irish Dance with the Whelan-Kennelly Academy of Irish Dance A Discover Your District Event

Celebrate our Outer Sunset Irish heritage this March and come for an introductory course to learn the beginning steps of traditional Irish dance with Sharon Whelan MacSweeney of the Whelan-Kennelly Academy of Irish Dance. (Free; Limit 25)

Whelan-Kennelly Academy of Irish Dance | 1612 Noriega Street and 24th Avenue

Call (415) 554-7460 or register at <http://goo.gl/TMHcRO>

March 26 | 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.

St. Ignatius Faculty Lounge (Enter on 37th near Pacheco) | 2001 37th Avenue and Pacheco Street

Contact Susan Pfeifer at mediasusan2@gmail.com

March 27 | Friday | 8:00am – 12:00pm

SFPUC In-City Tour

Learn more about the Groundwater Supply Project and dispel myths about water quality of the mixed drinking water.

This special In-City tour will have a focus on the Groundwater Supply Project.

To sign up for the tour, visit <http://incitysupervisortang.eventbrite.com> and enter the password "conserve" to register. If you have questions about the tour, please contact our office at (415) 554-7460.

Saturday | March 28 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Exploratorium's Tremendous Triangles

Engineers use triangles to make structures strong. Build your own little structure or join with others in creating a big structure made entirely out of paper plates folded into triangles.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0100001601>

March 29 | Sunday | 2:00pm – 4:00pm

FREE Zumba in the Park Dance Fitness Party!

Enjoy an afternoon full of Latin-inspired dance, healthy refreshments and a chance to see all the instructors in action.

County Fair Building | 1199 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way

Visit www.sfrecpark.org/zumba for more information



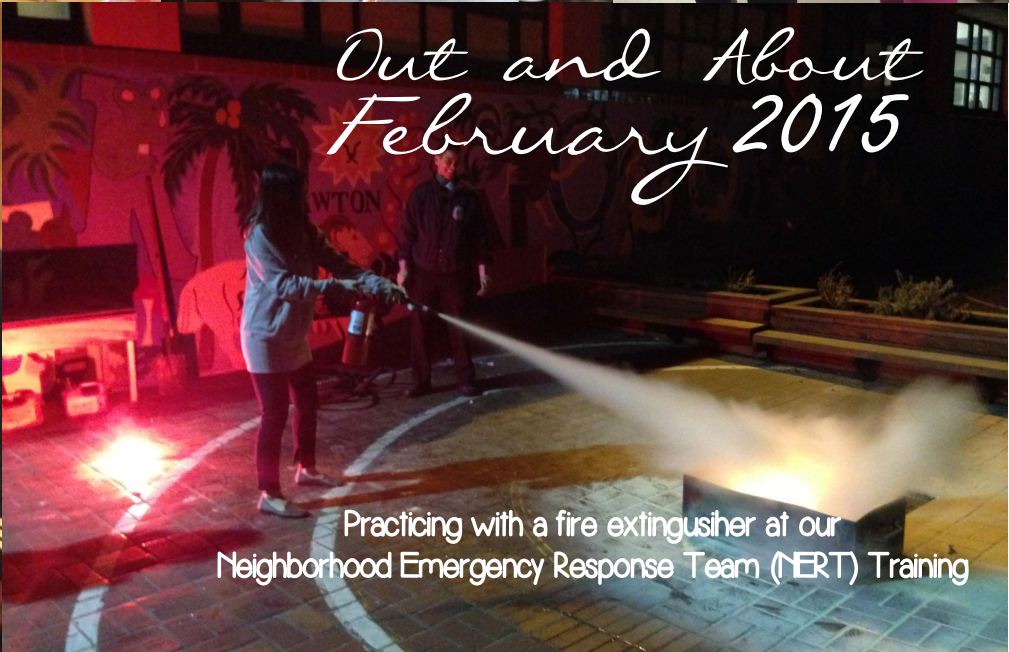
Making dumplings with David Li of Kingdom of Dumpling



Making Chinese lanterns with Self-Help for the Elderly



Honoring our SFFD NERT Coordinator, Lieutenant Erica Arteseros, for Black History Month



Out and About February 2015

Practicing with a fire extinguisher at our Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Training



Celebrating Safe Routes to School and the new Robert Louis Stevenson Walking School Bus



Celebrating the opening of the Sunset Reservoir Brewing Company at 1735 Noriega Street