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Supervisor Carmen Chu

Message from the Supervisor

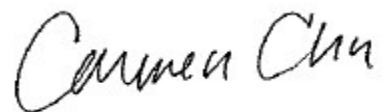


As we head into the budget season, I wanted to make sure that our community members are aware of opportunities for input into our budget decision-making process. I was recently appointed to the five-member Budget and Finance Committee at the Board of Supervisors, which reviews and holds public hearings on the Mayor's proposed budget for each upcoming fiscal year. With three years of experience working directly with the City's budget, I plan to put to use my expertise and knowledge of the budget process to ensure our residents have a voice in prioritizing the resources needed for our neighborhoods.

With a projected \$338 million deficit for the City's 2008-2009 budget, I encourage you to contact me and share any concerns you have regarding the budget. I will also be holding office hours in the district, where I will provide updates on the budget process and listen to your input. Stay tuned to our newsletter for more information on these meetings.

You can also check the Board of Supervisors website at http://www.sfgov.org/site/bdsupvrs_index.asp for more information on Board or committee meetings related to the budget.

I have also recently been appointed as Chair of the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee, which reviews legislation related to public works, infrastructure, parks and recreation, utilities, public protection, delinquency prevention, public health, emergency services, seniors, the disabled, children and their families. In my new role as Chair of the committee, I look forward to serving as a strong voice for residents when considering legislation that would affect our neighborhood and families.



OCEAN BEACH RENOVATION IN THE WORKS



Many will agree that we can improve conditions along Ocean Beach. In an attempt to transform the five-mile stretch of beach and its surroundings, Mayor Gavin Newsom announced on March 18 the formation of an Ocean Beach Vision Council. The Council brings together members of the sustainable planning and environmental design community with government agencies and community leaders with the goal of developing a set of planning alternatives with a 30-50 year horizon for the beach.

Supervisor Chu will be working jointly with other members of the Council, which includes Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, Supervisor Jake McGoldrick, Golden Gate

National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Superintendent Brian O'Neill, Jared Blumenfeld of the Department of the Environment, Scott Preston of the environment-based planning and design firm EDAW, Clark Manus of Heller Manus Architects, Jean Rogers of ARUP, Lara Truppelli of Beach Chalet Brewery and Restaurant, and Gabriel Metcalf of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association. Supervisor Chu's objective is to make sure Sunset residents are not overlooked and have a direct voice in the shared vision.

During the next year, the Ocean Beach Vision Council will work jointly with the community to develop a draft master plan that outlines how we can support Ocean Beach and the surrounding area, similar to how the Crissy Field plan transformed a former Army motor pool into the San Francisco waterfront's premier outdoor recreational facility.

HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN: OFFICER MARY BURNS



Officer Burns (l) with mom, sister, Sup. Chu

Each year, the Board of Supervisors and the Commission on the Status of Women honor San Francisco "Women Making History" during Women's History Month. At the Board's March 4th meeting, Supervisor Chu recognized Taraval Police Station Officer Mary Burns. A San Francisco native, Officer Burns has dedicated herself to helping others since she joined the

San Francisco Police Department in 1984. In 1990, Officer Burns was one of only four women assigned to the Tenderloin Task Force which, in its first year, made over 200 arrests, more than any other station.

Officer Burns later became a trainer at the Police Academy and her achievements earned her the Police Department's Instructor of the Year Award in 2003. Since returning to the Taraval Station, Officer Burns has dedicated herself to assisting neighbors on key issues. Congratulations to Officer Burns!



Officer Burns (center) with husband (l) and son (r)

MUNI COMMUNITY MEETING – COMING SOON

The Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) has been undergoing an 18-month project – the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) – to review, evaluate and make recommendations on the existing MUNI transit system to improve service and make public transportation more reliable. This is the first comprehensive review of our City's transit system in over 25 years. Supervisor Chu requested that MTA listen to community feedback before drafting any route proposals, and held a community meeting in January to discuss the transit lines. MTA has now developed route recommendations for MUNI lines, and will be seeking community feedback on these proposed changes. Supervisor Chu will be hosting another meeting with MTA on **April 26 (Sat) from 10:30am – 12:30pm** at Dianne Feinstein Elementary School's multi-

purpose room to review MTA's plans and hear residents' input before these proposed route changes are acted upon. It is important that the community voice is heard before any changes happen! Please visit www.sftep.com for details on the proposals and to learn more about the TEP.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES INSTALLED

Pedestrian safety continues to a priority, and we are happy to announce the recent installation of three new radar speed limit signs around school areas. The three new radar speed limit signs have been installed at Ortega Street (40th Ave – Eastbound); Ortega & Pacheco Street (41st Ave, south of Ortega – Northbound); and Rivera Street (38th Ave – Westbound). These signs are placed near AP Giannini Middle School, Sunset Elementary School and St. Ignatius College Preparatory.

It is important that we continue to find ways to enhance safety in neighborhoods, including where schools are located. The high volume of pedestrians and traffic through these areas warrant increased attention, and our office will continue to work with city departments to implement safety measures for our children and families. The radar speed limit signs display the speed of oncoming vehicles and start flashing when a vehicle has surpassed the speed limit. The signs also collect data on speed for all vehicles that drive by.



SUNSET ARTISTS AT CITY HALL

Join us for a reception featuring District 4 artists Roxanne Worthington and Judi Gorski, whose works are currently on display in Supervisor Chu's office: [Wed, March 26 • 5:30 – 7:00pm • Supervisor Chu's Office • City Hall Room 260](#)

Artist bios

Roxanne Worthington



Roxanne Worthington has lived in the Sunset, across from Ocean Beach, for almost thirty years. She is an artist who uses photography in her art making. Roxanne has been photographing for about 10 years and was fortunate to study with many fine Bay Area photographers through the U.C. Berkeley program. She started with black & white film photography. Then, as digital photography evolved so did her interest in color. Her first body of work is called "At the Beach". This is what she has said about her Ocean Beach images:

The strongest images, for me, are those that repel or attract, images that reflect the scope of emotions I experience at Ocean Beach- light, dark, hope, quiet resignation, joy and sorrow.

I find all this and more at this beach, the beautiful and the not so beautiful, both life and death, peace and restlessness. Ocean Beach has been a source of inspiration for me for many years.

Contact Roxanne Worthington at: roxwor@aol.com or www.roxanneworthington.com



Judi Gorski



In the early 1970's at age 19, Judi A. Gorski dropped out of the University of Miami, hitchhiked from Florida to San Francisco, made it her permanent home, and worked in law offices while majoring in painting at San Francisco State University. After graduating with a B.A. in Art, her dream to live and work creatively in a waterfront location came to pass.

In 1991, married to attorney Stephen J. Gorski, with their son, then 7-year old Justin, Judi opened JAG's Art Studio at the Beach, 2366 48th Avenue, San Francisco, with her first open studio. Today, she daily welcomes the public to a self-guided tour of her three story home/studio/gallery. Amid the various ocean views, visitors see over 100 paintings, mobiles, prints and other

handmade treasures for sale. Judi produces commissioned paintings and volunteers for community service projects; she helped restore the graffiti damaged mural on 40th Avenue at Ortega Street in the Sunset District in 2003 and is currently a member of ArtSpan's Auction and Open Studio Committees.

Her reputation as "San Francisco's Surfer Artist," grew from the public's recognition of her photorealistic acrylic paintings and limited edition giclee prints of surfers which are continuously featured on the walls of Wise Surfboards, 800 Great Highway, and in Java Beach Café, 1396 La Playa @ Judah, and other local venues. Figures in her paintings are often neighbors and friends who share a connection to the beach environment.

Judi proudly says, "People from all over the world come to San Francisco's Ocean Beach to appreciate its beauty and add to it their own energy, colors and memories. I'm one of those people, making paintings from the heart about the place where I love to be living."



Contact Judi Gorski at: www.jagsart.com or JAGsPaints@aol.com
Please call ahead before visiting the art studio: 415-716-3004

FRIENDS OF WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND

There has been momentum to make the much-needed improvements to West Sunset Playground, and our District 4 community member Art Tom has recently spearheaded a "Friends of the West Sunset Playground" group. This group will work toward a shared vision of rebuilding a playground that is safe and friendly for all children. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Art Tom at (415) 452-7804 or art.tom@cbnocal.com.

AP GIANNINI MURAL PAINTING



After hearing from school principals about the need to combat graffiti at schools, Supervisor Chu organized a mural painting event with the Safety Network on March 1 at AP Giannini Middle School. Students, teachers, and neighbors of AP Giannini painted a mural on the school walls leading to the schoolyard. Our office worked with AP Giannini art teacher Dawn Weickum to coordinate the mural designs with her art students, as well as the Department of Public Works to make sure

the event was a success with colorful paint and supplies. There was a great turnout for this beautiful Saturday morning. Our office will continue to work with the Department of Public Works and our community members to set up future neighborhood clean-ups and beautification projects.



READ ALOUD DAY Supervisor Chu participated in Read Aloud Day at Sunset Elementary School on March 3, where she read *The Lorax*, by Dr. Seuss to Ms. Lynn's third grade class.



SUNSET FILM FESTIVAL

The Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center hosted its 4th Annual Film Festival on March 7 at Ulloa E.S., where a packed auditorium full of students, parents and community members viewed the creative works of young filmmakers.



WILD ABOUT ART!

The San Francisco Unified School District partnered with the San Francisco Zoo in a contest where students displayed their artistic talents. Supervisor Chu joined students, teachers and zoo staff in honoring the winners of the contest on March 8.



Upcoming Events

Wed, March 26

SNBC Spring BBQ

4 – 6 PM, Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center – 3925 Noriega St

Join members of SNBC and district residents in the annual spring BBQ with food and music.

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Sunset Artist Reception at City Hall

5:30 – 7 PM, Supervisor Chu's Office, Room 260

Join Supervisor Chu in an art opening featuring Sunset artists Judi Gorski and Roxanne Worthington, who currently have their works displayed in Supervisor Chu's office.

Sat, April 5

Sunset By the Bay

6 – 10 PM, Bently Reserve Bldg

301 Battery St & Sansome

Enjoy beer & wine, dinner, live & silent auction benefiting Sunset Youth Services, which fosters long-term stability and growth in high-risk youth and families. Call (415) 665-0255 for more information.

Sat, April 26

MUNI Community Meeting

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Dianne Feinstein Elementary School

2550 25th Ave (bet. Ulloa & Vicente)

Multi-purpose room

Supervisor Chu has asked MUNI officials to come out to the Sunset and discuss proposed route changes for buses and trains in the district. Come and have your voices heard.

You can also check Supervisor Chu's website for announcements on upcoming events at:

www.sfgov.org → Board of Supervisors → Carmen Chu → Upcoming Events

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