



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

As we enter the holiday season, I wanted to share some good news with you.

### Sava Pool Re-Opening

We are excited to announce that Sava Pool is scheduled to re-open nearly a year ahead of schedule. Please join us on **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM** for opening ceremonies at Sava Pool – 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Wawona Street. We will have activities for children at the pool's new community room and also feature current and alumni swimmers from Lincoln and Lowell High School.

### Proposed MUNI Changes

Recently, MUNI's Board of Directors approved a set of recommendations for route changes and improvements to MUNI lines. The recommendations were part of the Transit Effectiveness Project, which is the first comprehensive study of our transit system in 25 years. There are a number of changes that have been made to the bus lines and trains, including increases in frequency and expanded service.

Most importantly, I wanted to share with MUNI riders that the approved proposal calls for the 66-Quintara to be preserved in its current route. We heard from many residents the importance of preserving the 66-Quintara line, which was originally proposed for elimination and then for reduced service and a route that would not serve the Outer Sunset residents. With your help, our office was able to successfully advocate to keep the original 66-Quintara route. The new plan for the 66 Quintara is to preserve the existing route, use vans instead of buses and to run the line at 30-minute intervals.

The 16AX and 16BX are also lines that we received much community feedback on. After hearing that residents disagreed with a combined line, we shared this information with MUNI and MUNI reconsidered the consolidation. The two lines will now remain separate in their current routes.

Other changes to lines mostly spanning District 4 include:

- **N-Judah** and **L-Taraval**: Service would be increased in the peak periods
- **71L, 29 Sunset**: Service would be increased in the midday. The 71 and 71L will be combined into one line, and would operate all day - making local stops in the avenues and limited stops on Haight
- **28L**: Would run all day and be extended through the Marina to Van Ness Avenue and to Balboa Park BART and Mission Street
- **48-Quintara**: Service would be expanded to seven days a week and would serve Ocean Beach at all times
- **18**: Would be rerouted away from the southern portion of Lake Merced to provide a more direct link to Stonestown. Service along John Muir Drive and Lake Merced would be replaced by a rerouted 17-Parkmerced that would serve Daly City BART and the Westlake Shopping Center in Daly City

The next step in the TEP is for MUNI to conduct an environmental impact report and develop a master plan for implementing these changes, some of which will occur beginning July 2009.

In the meantime, our office will continue to advocate for improvements to our public transportation experience. For more information on additional transit lines and the approved recommendations, visit [www.sftep.com](http://www.sftep.com). Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be helpful. (415) 554-7460 or [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org)

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## MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPING CHANGES

District 4 residents should be aware that the Department of Public Works has been in the process of changing the frequency of mechanical street sweeping in an effort to streamline street cleaning resources. The change will take place between December 1 – 15<sup>th</sup> for District 4 residents, and has already taken place in other residential neighborhoods throughout the city. Once the signs have been changed on your block, the new street sweeping schedule will be in effect.

Please note that the day of the week and the time of day when the mechanical sweeper visits your neighborhood will not change. Instead, residential streets will be cleaned twice a month rather than once a week. The Department of Public Works has committed to preserving mechanical street sweeping along merchant corridors, as they are areas with higher levels of foot traffic and debris.

For more information on the revised street sweeping schedule, please visit [www.sfgov.org/dpw](http://www.sfgov.org/dpw) or contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org).

## LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library are raising funds for new furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Parkside Branch Library.

You are cordially invited to the:  
**PARKSIDE BRANCH LIBRARY CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF**

**Monday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

Parkside Branch Library - 1200 Taraval Street (at 22nd Ave)

Learn more about how to help revitalize your neighborhood library. For more information on how to get involved in the Parkside Branch Library Campaign, & to RSVP for the event, contact Tamara González Scheulov at 415-626-7512 x101 or at [tscheulov@friendssfpl.org](mailto:tscheulov@friendssfpl.org). To learn more about the renovation of the Parkside Branch library, visit: [www.sfpl.org/blip](http://www.sfpl.org/blip)

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We are happy to announce that the **Ortega Branch Library** has added additional service hours on Sundays from 1-5pm and is now open 7 days a week

## LARGEST GREENING EVENT IN THE SUNSET – DIG IT! – OCTOBER 18



Sponsored by Friends of the Urban Forest, Neighborhood Parks Council, and Timberland, this event involved hundreds of volunteers and nearly 200 trees planted in the Outer Sunset. A big thanks goes to all the volunteers who planted trees and cleaned our playgrounds!

## GRAFFITI IS VANDALISM

Graffiti is a problem in neighborhoods across our City. Our office is working with our City agencies to stop the vandals, remove graffiti immediately when it does occur, and help those who are victimized by this vandalism.

Captain Chignell at Taraval Station has made graffiti arrests a priority, but it takes the community working together to really tackle this problem. If you see a graffiti crime in progress, call 9-1-1. If you want to report graffiti that has already occurred, call the SFPD non-emergency line at 415-553-0123.

The Department of Public Works also has a reward fund that gives citizens up to \$250 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a graffiti vandal. For more information about the Graffiti Reward program, call 415-641-2625.

To abate the graffiti, City agencies are available to help. Call 3-1-1 with more detail about the location and area or objects to be cleaned up. Please keep in mind that newstands and stationary utility boxes with graffiti on them can also be reported to 3-1-1.

Graffiti is vandalism and is costly for our City and residents.



## CLEAN TEAM HITS DISTRICT 4



In conjunction with the Department of Public Works, our office hosted the annual District 4 Clean Team event on November 15. We want to thank the nearly 100 volunteers that came out on a beautiful Saturday morning to help weed and install new wood chips along the Sloat Boulevard median, clean the community garden at 37<sup>th</sup> Ave & Ortega, as well as the students volunteering at Lincoln High School. We also want to recognize the crews working at Stern Grove and the Department of Public Works for all of their ongoing efforts to improve our neighborhood.

### • CONGRATULATIONS •

## The Sunset Community Festival

won the Neighborhood Empowerment Network award for  
**2008 Best Community Celebration**

Winners of the annual NEN awards were announced at City Hall on November 13. The award is on prominent display at the Sunset Youth Services, the founding fiscal agent for the festival – 3918 Judah St (45<sup>th</sup> Ave).

In 2007, a collaboration of City agencies, non-profits, and community organizations came together and launched the Neighborhood Empowerment Network to create a platform where community stakeholders can share ideas, find best practices, and connect with like-minded folks.

### OCEAN BEACH VISION COUNCIL

For a week in the middle of November, Ocean Beach could have been mistaken for Malibu. Several consecutive days of record-breaking temperatures brought people from all over the Bay Area to the relative cool of the coast. Surfers, dog lovers, sun bathers, joggers, beach combers, kite fliers, and even beach volleyball enthusiasts shared the vast beach illustrating the possibilities for this long neglected open space.

The Ocean Beach Vision Council has been meeting for the last several months to propose environmentally sustainable alternatives to improve beach access, enhance underutilized resources, and reconnect Ocean Beach to the City and its international visitors.

You are invited to attend two upcoming public meetings hosted by the Ocean Beach Vision Council. The first will address the issue of open space in the new Ocean Beach master plan, and will be held:

**Jan. 14 (Wed) at 6:00 pm**

**County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park.**

On **Feb. 11**, there will be a meeting to discuss sustainability in the master plan, and that will be at the San Francisco Zoo's Great Hall.

**Stonestown Family YMCA**  
*Presents...*



### Swap For a Cause!

**Thursday, December 11, 2008**

**6:30-8:00PM**

**Stonestown Family YMCA Annex**

**3150 20th Avenue, cross street Eucalyptus**

Bring your *slightly used* clothes, jewelry, purses, shoes, or accessories and exchange them with other people's items. *Please only bring items you would want your friends to wear!*

All proceeds will benefit the YMCA's Community Support Campaign

Refreshments and appetizers will be provided.  
All left over items will be donated to our Youth & Government teen program.



Tickets Pre Sold \$25  
\$30 at the Door

To purchase a ticket please call  
Kimberly Pace 415-242-7110  
or  
Theresa De Dios 415-242-7129

### The Stonestown YMCA Teen Center is now open!

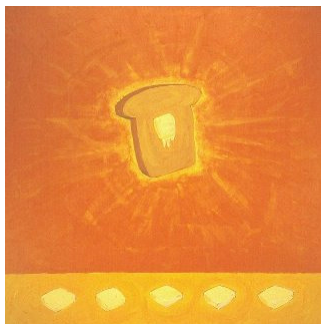
Are your teens looking for resources about college, jobs, life? Do they need a safe and fun place to go after school? The Stonestown Family YMCA has opened a new "Teen Scene" Teen Center. They are in the process of organizing and implementing new teen programs run for and by the teens. From dance workshops to career-building skills, from gardening to fitness -- they have it all!

Come hang out and make new friends in a fun atmosphere!

Daily Drop-in from 2pm -7pm

3150 20th Avenue

## STEVE DEHLINGER: NEW SUNSET ARTIST FEATURED AT SUPERVISOR CHU'S OFFICE



Steve Dehlinger is primarily a graphic and abstract painter, currently working with acrylic on canvas, and pen/ink/watercolor for his drawings. His current work observes how we relate with objects we use everyday. Steve tugs at our memories and emotions with images of those favorite worn tools and trusty old appliances not to mention the favorite old toys.

Steve creates icons from those comforting objects like a special cup of coffee or cozy pot of tea, symbols that warms you inside physically and comforts your soul. Steve feels his major influences and inspirations are Wayne Thiebaud, Robert Rauschenberg, Andy Warhol and Mark Rothko, to mention just a few of the well know abstract expressionists and pop-art icons. Steve also feels influenced by his contemporaries especially in the local art community.

Some of his abstract images hint at a landscape or representation, not always a conscious effort. What people see in the paintings always surprises and delights him. Steve hopes the viewer feels an emotional response to the colors, shapes, images, and textures. Contrasts of large color areas against blocks of visual and dimensional textures have been a great focus of Steve's color-field work.

Steve credits the mediocre eyesight of his early youth with helping him see the world in large blocks of color and shapes, (at some point adults decided he should get eyeglasses). His childhood home was filled with a blend of Japanese and Scandinavian design elements, as a result, those simple abstract designs continue to influence the large washes of colors in his work and both calm and excite him at the same time.

Through the 1980's and 1990's, along with a lot of freelance graphic design work, Steve also raced BMX bicycles full time from ages 16 to 41 to keep disciplined, focused, yet playful. By the late 90's, he had burned out from top-level bicycle competition and the commercial art industry had also run it's course for him. Steve found that he wanted to move away from the creative limitations of a structured graphic design environment, yet embrace the graphic elements of it.



Ten years ago, Steve decided to get back to his fine art roots and opened a studio to reacquaint himself with canvas and brush, to explore unlimited freedom of expression again. He has re-embraced elements of commercial art and childhood memories and incorporated them into much of his new work allowing him to grow with his past as a whole person.

Steve shows and sells his work through various Bay Area art shows and galleries. He also participates in San Francisco Open Studios every October. Visit his website: [www.ArtToaster.com](http://www.ArtToaster.com) for upcoming events!

Join us for a reception featuring Steve Dehlinger at Supervisor Chu's Office on:

**Wed, December 10 from 5:30 – 7:00PM**

City Hall, Room 260 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, closer to Van Ness side of building)

We'll have snacks, light refreshments and of course, paintings by Steve

## FRIENDS OF WEST SUNSET PLAYGROUND

Invite you to have

### Hot Cider with Santa!

FOWSP has asked Santa for a new playground, but his elves need to know what it should look like!

Please join us for **hot cider**, complimentary pictures with Santa and a chance to share your ideas for our new playground!

Date: **Saturday, Dec. 20**

Time: **10 am – 2 pm**

Place: **West Sunset Playground Rec Room**  
(39th Avenue & Ortega)

*FOWSP wishes the Sunset District Community*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

Need a gift for someone special? Donate to FOWSP in their name!

Please go to **[www.fowsp.org](http://www.fowsp.org)** for further details





## CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING

In the spirit of giving, the **Sunset Youth Services** sponsored the annual turkey giveaway on November 24<sup>th</sup>. This year, about 250 turkeys and chickens were given to District 4 residents in celebration of the holiday season. We would like to thank Safeway, Whole Foods (Potrero Hill), Bryan's Meats, Antonelli's, and Avedano's for their generous donations.

## TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TELEVISION

Are you ready for the transition to digital television? Congress has mandated that television stations broadcast only in digital format after February 17, 2009.

Why the change? One benefit of the switch to all-digital broadcasting is that it will free up parts of the valuable broadcast spectrum for public safety communications (such as police, fire departments, and rescue squads). Also, some of the spectrum will be auctioned to companies that will be able to provide consumers with more advanced wireless services (such as wireless broadband). Digital broadcasting also allows stations to offer improved picture and sound quality.

If you currently use an older analog television and do not wish to purchase a new television set, you can purchase a digital-to-analog converter box. This will allow you to continue using your existing television.

To help consumers with the transition, the Government established a converter box coupon program. Every household is eligible to receive up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, toward the purchase of eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes. For more information, visit [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov) or call 1-888-388-2009.



Supervisor Chu visited the Self Help for the Elderly center at South Sunset Playground on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> to educate seniors about the transition to digital TV.



Supervisor Chu also gave out about 30 cell phones for seniors without cell phones to use during emergency situations. The phones were donated by Sunset residents as part of Supervisor Chu's cell phone drive.

## SUNSET PRINCIPALS CONVENE



Supervisor Chu joined the Sunset Community Convener (Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center) in hosting a meeting with Sunset public school principals and representatives on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Dianne Feinstein Elementary School. Over 40 service providers and community representatives attended the event to learn about how they can work with the schools to better care for our children and their families. This was a great forum for a healthy dialogue between our schools and the community. For more information on what was discussed, please contact our Sunset Community Convener - Carol Mo (415) 759-3690 x 7303 or email [cmo@snbc.org](mailto:cmo@snbc.org)

## SUPERVISOR CHU JOINS STUDENTS IN CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN



Taraval Merchants Trick-or-Treat



St. Gabriel School



Ulloa Elementary School

### NEW RULES FOR BEACH FIRES

To preserve air quality during "Spare the Air" Days, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) has banned beach fires on Spare the Air Days in response to beachgoers' concerns that beach fires were leaving unsafe debris on the beach, as well as concerns about smoke blowing into neighborhood homes.

Instead of banning fires, Golden Gate National Parks joined several organizations in a creative partnership to install artistic fire rings on portions of the beach away from neighborhood homes. Those organizations, Surfrider Foundation, Burners Without Borders, Ocean Beach Foundation, and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, are working with Golden Gate National Parks to allow fires to continue.

Burners Without Borders has begun donating artistic fire rings so that fires can be physically contained. Surfrider, Ocean Beach Foundation and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy are organizing beach cleanups to keep Ocean Beach clean and safe for both humans and wildlife.

Beach fires are only allowed on Ocean Beach, in the authorized fire pits, between stairwells 15 – 20. If you see or smell an illegal beach fire, call the Park Service Police at 415-561-5505.

More information on beach fire regulations is available at: [www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/fire\\_info.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/fire_info.htm)

You can also contact our office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

### Art & Wine at Ocean Beach...



...an event to benefit the  
**Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center**

**Join the Friends of SNBC**  
at the beachfront home & gallery of artist  
Judi Gorski  
Enjoy fine hors d'oeuvres and taste wine with  
Tim Gaiser, Master Sommelier

**Saturday - January 24, 2009**  
**4:00–6:00 p.m.**  
**2366 48th Avenue**  
**(between Santiago & Taraval Streets)**

*The evening includes an opportunity to support SNBC's  
exemplary work with children and families.*

RSVP by January 19, 2009  
(415) 759-3690 ext. 7307, or email: [rsvp@snbc.org](mailto:rsvp@snbc.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Monday, December 8**

Parkside Branch Library Campaign Kick-off  
Parkside Library – 1200 Taraval Street  
6:30 pm

### **Reindeer Romp and Ice Skating**

At the San Francisco Zoo  
Now through Dec. 22  
Details at [www.sfzoo.org](http://www.sfzoo.org)

### **Dickens Christmas Fair**

At the Cow Palace  
Now through Dec. 21  
Details at [www.dickensfair.com](http://www.dickensfair.com)

### **Tuesday, December 9**

Tree of Hope Lighting Ceremony  
City Hall Rotunda  
5:30 pm

### **Thursday, December 11**

Family Movie Night: Kung Fu Panda  
AP Giannini Middle School (38<sup>th</sup> & Ortega)  
Sponsored by Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center  
Free event with free popcorn  
For more information contact  
Maria at 415.759.3690 or [malloco@smbc.org](mailto:malloco@smbc.org)  
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

### **Friday, December 12**

International Food Fair & Bingo  
Lawton School  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### **Saturday, December 13**

The Puppet Company “Nutcracker”  
Ortega Branch Library  
3:00 pm

### **Wednesday, December 17**

Academy of Sciences Free Wachovia Wednesdays  
Visit free of charge the third Wednesday of every month  
Hours: 9:30am – 5:00pm

### **Saturday, December 20**

Friends of West Sunset event  
Hot Cider With Santa  
West Sunset Playground Rec Room  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **Saturday, December 20**

Sava Pool Re-Opening Ceremony  
19<sup>th</sup> Ave & Wawona  
10:00am

### **Saturday, December 20**

JROTC City Competition  
Lincoln High School, South Gym  
10:00 am

### **Monday, December 22**

Crafts with Mrs. Wong  
Parkside Branch Library  
3:00 pm, ages 8 and up

For more information on events at the libraries, visit:  
<http://sfpl.org/news/events.htm>

More events available through: <http://www.sunsetdistrict.org/>

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