



• Message from the Supervisor •

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake. As San Franciscans, we are always aware of seismic activity, but the anniversary of the 1989 earthquake provides an opportunity to reinvigorate our commitment to being prepared for any type of hazard.

To commemorate the anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake, the City of San Francisco is coordinating The Big Rumble, a series of special events designed to connect our communities with preparedness resources. From October 13th-17th, these events will take place at various venues throughout the City. On October 17, the actual anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake, the Sunset District will host one of San Francisco's four Big Rumble preparedness fairs. Our Big Rumble event will be on 20th Avenue between Lincoln and Irving from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be entertainment from local musicians, vendors, as well as disaster preparedness information from the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), the Red Cross, San Francisco's Fire and Police Departments, and other city agencies.

I encourage you to attend this event to find out how you can best prepare yourself, your family and your community for any disaster. We may not be able to predict or prevent earthquakes, but we can minimize the damage by taking simple steps like making sure smoke detectors are fully operational, strapping down the water heater, making sure hallways and exits are clear for easy evacuation, knowing how to shut off your gas, and having a three-day food supply for each member of the family. For a wealth of information and ideas on disaster preparedness, be sure to visit www.72hours.org

In the Sunset District, an earthquake presents additional challenges. Many of our buildings are "soft story construction" meaning a second floor of living space is built over a garage, and are particularly vulnerable during an earthquake. A good resource for making your home as safe as possible is the US Geological Survey's "Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country", available here: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/2005/15/>

Again, I hope to see you October 17th at the Big Rumble in the Sunset. Together we can learn from the experts how to prepare for any emergency.

BIG RUMBLE

Date: 10/17/2009

Time: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: 20th Avenue, between Lincoln and Irving

Info: www.bigrumble.org

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BUILD YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL SYSTEM



Sarah Minick from the SF PUC demonstrates the rain barrel catchment system

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission held a workshop at the San Francisco Zoo to show off the Zoo's new rain barrel system and demonstrate how homeowners can utilize the same simple technology to harvest rainwater for irrigation. According to Sarah Minick from the SF PUC, a house with a 1,000 square foot roof runs off approximately 12,000 gallons of water a year.

"By collecting the rainwater in these barrels, we're not only saving on our own water and sewer bills, but also



Supervisor Chu next to the Zoo's rain barrel system in Greenie's Conservation Corner

helping preserve and maintain San Francisco's watershed," said Supervisor Chu.

You can see the Zoo's rain barrel system attached to an original 1906 Earthquake Shack in Greenie's Conservation Corner, the Zoo's new exhibit on sustainability. And to learn how to make your own rain barrel, visit the SF PUC's website at www.sfwater.org or click http://sfwater.org/Files/FactSheets/big_blue_bucket_2008.pdf

GREENING THE SUNSET

We are excited to announce that Friends of the Urban Forest is providing a discount on street trees for its November planting in the Sunset District.

Submit your forms early – the first 80 trees will be available for \$75. Normally, the entire process would cost well over \$400.

Applications are due Monday, **October 12, 2009**.

The boundaries for the planting are: Lincoln Way to the north, 19th Avenue to the east, Sloat to the south, and Sunset Boulevard to the west.

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to green our community and meet your neighbors.

Please contact Friends of the Urban Forest if you have any questions.

Look forward to seeing you planting day!

The first 80 trees are now available for \$75!

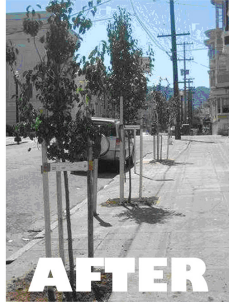

FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST

Submit your forms today!

Central Sunset

STREET TREE PLANTING

NOVEMBER 14, 2009



BEFORE **AFTER**

To Sign Up For a Tree or Join the Effort

Contact Megan
(415) 561-6890 x 101
megan@fuf.net

DEADLINE FOR FORMS OCTOBER 12th
Download your forms at www.fuf.net/treeplanting/plantingforms.html



Introducing: **WOODY LABOUNTY**

TARAVAL COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR MANAGER

During the last budget process, Supervisor Chu successfully advocated for funding to improve our merchant corridors. We recently brought Woody LaBounty on board to partner with the city as the community leader for Taraval Street, and look forward to working with him to revitalize this commercial corridor. For more on Woody and his work, please visit www.outsidelands.org. He can be reached at woody@outsidelands.org. Here are a few words from Woody:

As a man who lives, works, and shops in the Parkside District, I am extremely proud and excited to accept the position of Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager.

Taraval Street is the heart of the Parkside District and from the day steam shovels began grading its path across the sand dunes it has been the locus of partnerships between residents, merchants and government. The first neighborhood improvement group met above Gene's grocery store at 32nd Avenue and Taraval in the 1910s, and throughout the 20th Century residents, merchants, and government worked together for civic improvements such as the creation and extension of the L-Taraval streetcar, the founding of Lincoln High School, and the establishment of the Parkside branch of the public library. By the 1950s, the Parkside District, centered on Taraval Street, was considered the model of a successful San Francisco neighborhood.

Residents, merchants, and government can again come together to build upon the success stories of Taraval Street and create an even more vibrant, livable street for everyone. Please contact me if you have ideas and enthusiasm to help. Tell me what you think is working, what needs work, and how we can make the heart of the Parkside once again the envy of the San Francisco neighborhoods.

PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY



On September 11th, our office joined the residents and staff of Vintage Golden Gate Senior Living in unveiling the newly created peace garden at 19th Ave and Lawton. The garden is designed to be a place for quiet reflection for everyone. We commend the staff and residents of Vintage Golden Gate in their efforts to create a community space dedicated to contemplations on peace.



LOOKING FOR A JOB?

The San Francisco Human Services Agency (SF-HSA) is using newly available federal stimulus funds to expand subsidized employment opportunities, with a goal of placing 1,000 participants in jobs between May 2009 and September 2010. This new program is called JOBS NOW!

The JOBS NOW! program strives to provide an immediate source of income for low-income families and to stimulate local economic recovery. JOBS NOW! builds upon several successful transitional jobs programs already in place at SF-HSA, which were designed to help unemployed individuals address barriers to employment, develop soft skills, gain work experience and progress toward self-sufficiency. JOBS NOW! participants will exit the program with stable employment history, and better positioned to obtain an unsubsidized job when the stimulus period ends, and also benefits local employers by providing referrals of qualified workers and by subsidizing 100% of their wages until September 30, 2010.

For more information about eligibility for this program click here: <http://www.sfhhsa.org/1410.htm>

SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

invites you to donate

Halloween costumes for kids

Donate costumes, dress-up clothes, festive accessories, masks and props to the District 4 costume drive

September 28 – October 23

Drop-off locations:

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

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



OUTER SUNSET / IRVING STREET BRANDING PROJECT - COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY & PRIZE DRAWING

Do you live in/near or visit the Outer Sunset? We need your help! We are looking for input from the community to aid us in creating a logo and street banners for your neighborhood. You can be involved by completing the survey below. Be sure to include your name and address to be entered into a drawing for exciting Irving Street prizes!

This survey is available to complete online here: <http://outersunset.notlong.com>

The deadline for the drawing is October 11th, 2009 so get your answers in as soon as possible for a chance to win! Call (415) 566-8700 with any questions.

SUNDAY STREETS IN THE SUNSET

The Sunset District hosted our 2nd Sunday Streets event on Sept. 6. In spite of the fog, or maybe to embrace it, thousands of people came out to the Great Highway for a free, family friendly good time. Next year the Sunday Streets program will expand to 9 events throughout the City, with the final two at the Great Highway September 5 and October 3.



SUPERVISOR CHU'S MONTHLY CLEAN-UP

This year, Supervisor Chu's office has organized a park clean-up on the second Saturday of each month. The Recreation & Parks Department provides all the supplies, and volunteers help us tidy up our District parks. At our recent Stern Grove clean-up, we were joined by an incredibly energetic group of volunteers from Lincoln High School. Led by 10th grader Elvina Fan, Change SF is a service-oriented club that is devoted to volunteer efforts in San Francisco. We are so grateful for their help!

Our next clean-up will be **October 10 from 9 am – noon**. For more information and to sign up, please call the office of Supervisor Chu at 415-554-7460.



Student volunteers from Lincoln High School

NEW FOOD BANK FOR THE SUNSET

Beginning October 3, the First United Presbyterian Church and the San Francisco Food Bank are partnering in a new Food Pantry for needy families in the Sunset District.

Date: Every Saturday beginning October 3

Time: 12 pm

Location: 1740 Sloat Blvd. between 34th & 35th Ave.

Info: 415-681-5780 or foodpantry@fupcsf.org

ART AT CITY HALL



Elizabeth Pepin: Surf Photographer

Surf photographer and filmmaker Elizabeth Pepin spent her formative years in the Sunset District where she developed a lifelong love of the Ocean. She learned to surf in 1986 and has been

capturing the women's surf scene with her cameras since 1997. Her unique and realistic images of women surfers have appeared in numerous museums, galleries, newspapers and magazines around the world.

You can see her series of Ocean Beach photographs in Supervisor Chu's office at City Hall through November, or check out her website at www.costavista.com



The Insights Exhibit



On October 16 a new exhibit opens at City Hall featuring the work of artists who are blind or visually impaired. Insights 2009 marks the 20th year the LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired has hosted the show, which is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission. Featuring more than 120 works by 38 artists, Insights is one of the only professional exhibitions of its size showcasing artists with vision loss. Insights will continue through December 11, 2009 on the lower level of City Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Audio tours are available weekdays from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. and can be arranged by calling (415) 431-1481 x 335, and features the voices of public officials, like District 4 Supervisor Carmen Chu, and celebrities, including singer Nya Jade, writer Stuart Schuffman, actor Michael Ritz and interviews with the artists.

"The Insights exhibition is compelling and visually stunning, and the show's commitment to accessibility encourages dialogue about making the arts accessible to the visually impaired," said Supervisor Chu. "I'm honored to be on the audio tour, describing works by Bobbie Gray and Kurt Weston, and also to serve on the Insights Honorary Committee."

(Picture: "Leaving" by Mari Cardenas, featured in a previous "Insights" exhibit)

CLASSES TAUGHT BY SUNSET ARTISTS

PHOTOGRAPHY WITH ROXANNE WORTHINGTON



Are you interested in learning how to get the most out of your digital camera or how to take better pictures? Maybe you've been wanting to learn how to improve and print your images. Whether you want to experiment with a new photographic technique or strengthen your portfolio, check out the photography classes offered at **Last Avenue Studio**.

Click on the link <http://www.lastavenuestudio.com/> and register for an upcoming photography classes.

Highlighting-Private Tutorials, Mentoring & Custom Classes

Sometimes it's fun and often less expensive to take a class with other students. Sometimes, though, taking a private tutorial is the best way to go. Another idea is to arrange for a mentoring relationship. You and your friends could set up a custom class that suits your time and interests.

Whether you take a private tutorial, arrange for mentoring or a custom class the time spent is all about covering what you want to learn or looking and talking about your work. You identify the skills you want and I figure out how to teach them to you so that when you leave you feel like the time and money were well spent. In a mentoring relationship the emphasis is on your work and accomplishing your photographic goals.

Private tutorials and classes are available in digital camera basics (both point & shoot and single lens reflex), portfolio development, beginning Photoshop, image processing and computer editing, marketing your photography, and preparing for your first art exhibit(s).

Last Avenue Studio

2362 48th Ave @ Taraval
San Francisco Ca, 94116
415 661-3036

To see Roxanne's photographs, go to www.roxanneworthington.com

OPEN YOUR HEART WITH TACHINA RUDMAN-YOUNG

This year, Tachina is doing something special for Open Studios. She wants to share the art that is closest to her heart right now, this amazing art/movement/breath process that she's been teaching.

So in addition to seeing her Figurative Sculpture.....

Come play at the **opening party**, or enjoy a **free sample anytime 11 - 6pm, ALL Weekend long!**

Save the Date! Open Art Party Celebration!

for SF Open Studios

Featuring Live BellyDancing, Fun Art/Movement Activities

Performance Art, Music and Food!

Friday, October 16th, 7-10pm

And Saturday/Sunday

Active Open Studios with Free Open Your Heart Through Art

Sample sessions all day Art/Movement Breath Creativity Process

Sat/ Sun, October 17th & 18th, 11-6 pm

www.openyourheartart.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday through Sunday, October 2 – 4

Hardly Strictly Bluegrass

Free Concert in Golden Gate Park

Speedway Meadows

<http://www.strictlybluegrass.com/2009/>

Saturday, October 3

LEAP's 26th Annual Sandcastle Building Contest

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ocean Beach near the Cliff House

Tuesday through Sunday, October 6 – 11

The President's Cup Golf Tournament

Harding Park at Lake Merced

<http://www.thepresidentscuptravel.com/index.aspx>

Saturday, October 10

Supervisor Chu's Monthly Pine Lake Park/

Stern Grove Clean Up

9:00 am – 12 noon

Meet at Vale Street Parking lot at Stern Grove

For more info or to sign up, please call

415-554-7460

Saturday, October 10

San Francisco Homeownership Fair

10:00am – 3:00pm

St. Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough Street

More info: www.medasf.org

Saturday, October 17

The Big Rumble Preparedness Fair

11:00 am to 5:00 pm

20th Avenue between Lincoln and Irving

www.Bigrumble.org

Tuesday, October 20

Taraval District Public Safety Meeting

7:00 pm

Taraval Police Station Community Room

Friday through Sunday, October 23 – 25

St. Cecilia Parish Festival

Supervisor Chu will be working the cake booth

Friday night from 8 – 10 pm

17th Avenue and Vicente Street

Saturday, October 24

Playmates Preschool Harvest Festival

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

42nd Ave. & Taraval

Saturday, October 24

Holy Name FrightFest

10:00 am – 8:00 pm

40th Ave. at Lawton Street

Sunday, October 25

5k Fun Run/Walk for SAFETY

10:00 am

Golden Gate Park

For more info: www.sfsafe5K.dojiggy.com

Additional events listed at: www.sfgov.org/chu

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