



Message from the Supervisor



As we wrapped up the month of October, our office hosted the Third Annual Halloween Costume Giveaway in the district. The costume drive continues to grow every year. This year we would like to thank two local heroes for stepping up in a major way to help kids in need. The students and families at Holy Name School collected a large amount of donations for the drive and Clay Tominaga of The Gateway generously contributed 90 new costumes and pumpkin pails for trick-or-treaters! Thanks to all the

generous donations, we handed out a little less than 200 costumes and accessories at Safeway on Noriega Street on October 23 with the remaining costumes donated to the Goodwill Store in our district. Thanks to Safeway on Noriega for their help again this year. We hope that everyone enjoyed their Halloween!



Parkside Branch Library Reopening Soon!

We are excited to announce that Parkside Branch Library is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, **November 6**. Please join us for a grand reopening community celebration from 1:00 – 2:00 pm at the Parkside Library (Taraval Street between 23rd and 22nd Ave).



Parkside Branch underwent renovations to bring the library up to date in terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users, and library service. Parkside Branch is also the first branch library in San Francisco built to silver

certification standards under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. Some of the renovations include an additional 1,000 square feet of floor space, new accessible restrooms and entry ramps, a large new teen area, an updated children's section, a refreshed books and materials collection, and a beautifully landscaped outdoor patio. These renovations were completed while retaining the original building and its architectural integrity as the first post-war library designed by the architecture firm Appleton and Wolfard.

Home to many children and families, the Sunset/Parkside District is ready to welcome back into service the Parkside Library!

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McCOPPIN SQUARE RENOVATIONS

As Parkside Branch Library prepares for its grand reopening, its neighbor McCoppin Square is currently undergoing renovation and will be closed to the public during construction. Improvements will be made to the ball field (anticipated completion in January 2011), as well as the rest of the site -- including a new playground, a contemplative garden, accessible pathways, a resurfaced tennis court, a new half-court for basketball and a new restroom facility (anticipated completion in July 2011). In 2008, San Francisco voters supported the Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks bond, which made this park revitalization project possible. We thank the neighbors who came out and provided their feedback through public community meetings over the past two years. Please contact our office if you have any questions about the McCoppin improvements.



CALL FOR TURKEYS!



Sunset Youth Services (SYS) is hosting its annual Turkey Drive on Monday, **November 22**. For years, SYS has helped make Thanksgiving more special to those in need by handing out free turkeys to community members.

Please contact Sunset Youth Services at (415) 665-0255 if you are interested in donating this season.

MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY APPEAL HEARING: NOV. 17

Many residents, neighbors, merchants and other concerned citizens have approached our office about the Medical Cannabis Dispensary (MCD) proposed for 2139 Taraval Street and whether the MCD is already in operation. At this time, the MCD is not yet in operation because there are two appeals pending at the Board of Appeals. The law requires that all appeals be considered and final permits approved before they can begin selling medical marijuana.



The Board of Appeals hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 17 at City Hall in Room 416**. The meeting begins at 5:00pm.

Please note that written input from the community will not be included in the meeting packet for the Board of Appeals members unless they are received by November 3. People interested in writing or emailing the Board of Permit Appeals should follow these guidelines:

*Material submitted by the public for Board of Appeals review prior to a scheduled hearing should be addressed to the Board of Appeals President and be received at the Board of Appeals office, **1650 Mission Street, Room 304, no later than 4:00 pm on November 3**. Persons unable to attend the scheduled public hearing may submit written comments regarding a calendared item to the Board of Appeals office. Comments received before noon on the day of the hearing will be made a part of the official record and will be*

brought to the attention of the Board of Appeals at the public hearing. For complete distribution to all Commissioners of the Board, necessary staff and case files, submit an original and ten copies. Please note that names and addresses included in these submittals will become part of the public record. Submittals may be made anonymously.

Please reference the appeal number (10-105) and the MCD address (2139 Taraval Street). **All letters must be delivered to the Board of Appeals two-weeks before the hearing, or no later than November 3.**

If neighbors have not had the opportunity to provide their input to the Board of Appeals members yet, members of the public can also attend the Board of Appeals hearing on November 17 at City Hall. Please contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or chustaff@sfgov.org on the day of the hearing if you plan to attend and would like more specific information on when the Taraval MCD item will be heard by the Board of Appeals.

HELLO CLIPPER, GOODBYE FASTPASS



The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which operates Muni, has completed installation of new fare gates and Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) in its nine Muni Metro Subway stations. The installation not only marks the replacement of the 30 year old turnstiles, but also marks the start of a new way to pay a fare on Muni.

The Agency is joining six other regional operators by transitioning to the Clipper (formerly TransLink) card fare payment system. The Clipper card is the region's reloadable fare payment instrument that enables commuters to electronically load any combination of passes, tickets and cash value for commuting throughout the Bay Area.

SFMTA is transitioning its paper passes (such as the unlimited ride Adult, Senior, Youth and Disabled monthly passes) to the Clipper card.

Starting November, the first passes to transition to the card are the Muni/BART A-Fast Pass and the RTC/Disabled sticker.

Seniors (65+) and Youth (5 to 17) must apply and show proof of age to receive a Senior or Youth Clipper card. The cards will enable Senior and Youth customers to continue to purchase their discounted monthly pass as well as to pay the discounted cash fare at the new fare gates. Seniors and Youth should check sfmta.com or call **311** for sign up venues and events. Seniors can submit their senior fare applications to the Senior Resource Center in the district located at 2436 Judah Street (between 29th & 30th Ave). The resource center is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

Adults can receive an Adult Clipper card by contacting Clipper Customer Service, visiting a participating retail store or visiting the TVMs in the Muni Metro stations.

Anyone with a qualifying disability must have an RTC/Clipper discount card. They can call 311 for further information on eligibility requirements.

Customers using an "L" (Lifeline) pass must keep to their paper pass until further notice.

For more information about the Clipper card, visit clippercard.com or call **877-878-8883**.



FRIENDS OF SOUTH SUNSET

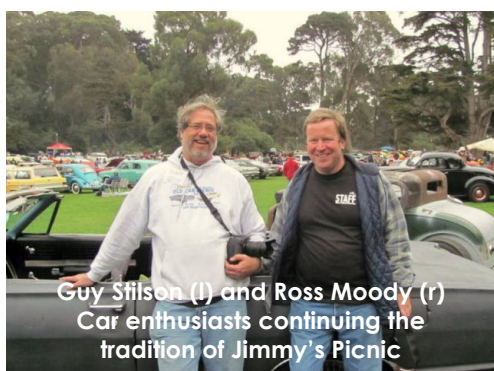


Several Sunset District families are creating a Friends of

South Sunset group to provide stewardship and build community around South Sunset Playground. Supervisor Chu joined them on a foggy Saturday last month to help get the ball rolling. A special thanks to Noriega Produce for

donating the snacks! One of the ideas Friends of South Sunset is currently working on is a tile project, where children, families, seniors and other park users can create tiles that will be installed along a wall at the park. Please contact our office at (415)554-7460 for more information.

JIMMY'S PICNIC CELEBRATES 22 YEARS IN GOLDEN GATE PARK



Guy Stilson (l) and Ross Moody (r)
Car enthusiasts continuing the
tradition of Jimmy's Picnic

For the 22nd year in a row, Model Ts, 'Cudas, Mustangs, Caddies, Hot Rods and classic cars of all kinds filled Speedway Meadow for Jimmy's Old Car Picnic. Hundreds of fans of classic cars, Americana, and good old fashioned family fun enjoyed a lovely, if foggy, day in the park with some impeccably restored automotive works of art. Thanks goes to the Recreation and Parks Department for working with the organizers to ensure a smashing success so that the picnic can continue in Golden Gate Park for years to come.



N.E.R.T. TRAINING IN THE SUNSET

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (N.E.R.T.) training comes to the Sunset/Parkside this month. This is a free training to prepare you for earthquake, fire and other emergency mitigation. The course will be held **November 6th and 13th at Dianne Feinstein Elementary School, 2550 25th Avenue.** Please RSVP to sffdnert@sfgov.org or call 415-970-2024.

DISTRICT 4 CLEAN-UP DAY!



Thanks to over 100 volunteers and the Department of Public Works, District 4 received a major cleaning on October 2 during the annual Clean Team event.

We would like to thank DPW and the volunteers who took time out of their Saturday morning to pick up litter, tidy up the grass line, and plant trees throughout Sunset Boulevard. Portions of Taraval Street also received power washing on sidewalks and a new coat of paint over graffiti on street poles and trash receptacles.

IMPROVING VISIBILITY, DECREASING BLIGHT

Many Sunset District residents have called our office expressing concern about large commercial vehicles that park on busy streets for the purpose of advertising. Not only do these vehicles sometimes pose a visibility hazard, but they also create an informal advertising or "billboard" space in the neighborhood. Section 7.2.81 of the Transportation Code prohibits the parking of "any motor vehicle that is carrying, towing or otherwise displaying a commercial advertising sign on any public street or in any public or private parking lot in the City for the primary purpose of displaying a commercial advertising sign, including any display that does no more than propose a commercial transaction". Supervisor Chu has been working with the SFMTA to step up enforcement of this code. The SFMTA parking control officers will now cite vehicles for this violation on a complaint basis. Residents who notice a vehicle that is parked for the sole purpose of advertisement are encouraged to call **415-553-1200**. Please provide the code (7.2.81) and location.



PROTECT AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a growing concern for many people. Many of us have been or know of friends who have been victims of identity theft. In fact, in 2009, electronic theft and misuse of information surpassed the threat and impact of physical thefts and scams, such as theft of property, according to the Global Fraud Report. The Identity Theft Council, a national network of local partnerships between law enforcement, the business community, and local volunteers recently launched in San Francisco to provide identity theft victims with free, ongoing support and identity recovery assistance in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

If you are a victim of identity theft, or know someone who is a victim, you can call **(888) 771-0767** or email **support@identitytheftcouncil.org**. Our trained counselors will help you through the process free of charge. More information about their services is available at **www.identitytheftcouncil.org**.

To protect against identity theft before it's too late, the Identity Theft Council also provide tips on their website:

1. Stay personally involved in protecting your identity and don't leave it to others. Personal responsibility is actually your best defense.
2. Education is key, so stay informed of the latest threats.
3. Monitor your credit regularly, either by checking your credit reports or by using a good credit monitoring service.
4. Layer your computer with good virus and spyware protection, a secure firewall, and data encryption. Virus and spyware protection helps keep pesky software out. A good firewall can block hackers and prevent information from leaking from your computer. And data encryption provides a vital final layer of protection for your most sensitive data.
5. Constantly update your anti-virus and anti-spyware software and patch your computer. Many exploits, especially Trojans, take advantage of the fact that many users don't update their security and computer programs quickly enough (or at all).
6. Scan your computer regularly, especially for password-stealing programs/viruses.
7. Be careful where you surf on the Internet. There are a number of free security tools, like McAfee's Site Advisor, that will alert you to a malicious web site before you make the mistake of clicking on it.
8. Shred any financial documents or documents with sensitive personal information that you don't need, and especially any pre-approved credit card offers.
9. Manage financial documents around your home and make sure you hide or lock away things like bank statements, tax returns, and anything with your Social Security number on it.
10. Be cautious about social networking, especially when it comes to the information you reveal about yourself or responding to messages that appear to be from your friends. Always be careful about revealing any of your personal information as there may be external scams.

RESTAURANT APPRECIATION MONTH: JAVA BEACH CAFE

In order to recognize and celebrate the contributions of restaurants to the vitality of San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors recently declared October as "Restaurant Appreciation Month". At the October 26 Board meeting, each Supervisor had the chance to honor a restaurant in their respective district. Supervisor Carmen Chu recognized Pat & Buffy Maguire for their two very popular Java Beach Cafe locations.



Supervisor Chu with Pat & Buffy Maguire of Java Beach Café and their sons Kevin, Dylan and Connor

OUT and ABOUT with the COMMUNITY



(Oct 15) Supervisor Chu works the cake booth at St. Cecilia's school

(Oct 6) Walk to School Day with Ulloa Elementary School students



(Oct 6) Walk to School Day with Sunset Elementary School students

(Sept 30) Supervisor Chu's annual Principals/PTA Presidents field trip



(Oct 29) Supervisor Chu joins Halloween parade at Lawton E.S.

(Oct 29) Robert Louis Stevenson school officials get dressed up



(Oct 29) Visiting students in costume at Sunset Elementary

(Oct 29) Francis Scott Key has their very own pumpkin patch



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/30 TARAVAL STREET FAIR

Costume contest, live music, bouncy house and more
Taraval St. between 46th & 47th Ave
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

10/31 HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Ghoulish games & prizes, creepy crafts and fun for kids
Stonestown Family YMCA
333 Eucalyptus Dr.
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

11/6 PARKSIDE LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING

1200 Taraval St (22nd & 23rd Ave)
1:00 pm

11/7 SURFRIDER BEACH CLEAN UP

Great Highway at Sloat Blvd.
10:00 am

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Parade begins at 2nd and Market St.
Ends at City Hall
11:00 am

11/12 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
1750 29th Ave.
Also 11/13 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

11/13 NICK VUJICIC-"LIVING BEYOND LIMITS"

Nick Vujicic, a 27-year old young man who was born without limbs (arms or legs) speaks to teens about facing adversity and living up to their potential. Free event.
St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St.
8:00 pm

11/16 TARAVAL POLICE STATION COMMUNITY MEETING

Captain Sanford's monthly meeting
Taraval Police Station (2345 24th Ave)
7:00 pm

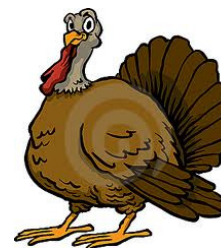
11/17 BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING

regarding Medical Cannabis Dispensary (MCD) at 2139 Taraval
Hearing at City Hall, Room 416
Begins at 5:00 pm

11/17 2010 NEN AWARDS

Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN) celebrates community groups and projects.
City Hall main level
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

11/25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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