

# SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

District 4 • Sunset • Parkside



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

### **Parks Update**

Several recreation sites in District 4 are undergoing renovations, and our office would like to provide an update on current and upcoming projects.

### **McCoppin Square**

You may have noticed that McCoppin Square has been under construction in the past few months. Improvements to the ball field are now complete, and a new restroom facility is expected to be complete by March. Work on the whole project is expected to be complete in August of this year. The renovated site will have a new playground, a contemplative garden, accessible pathways, a resurfaced tennis court, and a new half-court for basketball.

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 regarding the McCoppin improvements.

### **Sunset Playground & Recreation Center**

The Sunset Playground and Recreation Center is slated for a major remodel with funds also from the 2008 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks bond. This is a \$13.7 million project which includes the repair and renovation of the recreation center, children's play area, fields and courts; restoration of existing roads and pathways; upgrades to the irrigation and lighting systems; modifications to the site to remove barriers and improve accessibility, and overall reconditioning of the park landscape. The playground and recreation center are expected to close on March 19 with an anticipated completion in 18 to 20 months.

### **West Sunset Playground**

Nestled between A.P. Giannini Middle School, Ortega Branch Library, and Sunset Elementary School, West Sunset Playground is also scheduled for a complete makeover. Those who have stopped by may have noticed that demolition of the site has already occurred. The brand new playground is expected to be complete around the end of summer this year.

West Sunset Playground, built in 1978, has served generations of families and unfortunately has been persistently rated low in annual playground reviews. The rebuild project was the result of a huge collaborative effort between community members, including a group of parents who formed the Friends of West Sunset Playground (FOWSP) organization. The new playground will have an increased play area, and will also be updated to comply with Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Nearby Ortega Branch Library is also currently undergoing a rebuild, and is slated to open in August of this year. Coupled with a renovation of the main courtyard, the West Sunset area will see a huge makeover in 2011.

If anyone has any further questions regarding these Recreation & Parks facilities, please contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or email [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org).

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## NEW CAPTAIN AT TARAVAL STATION

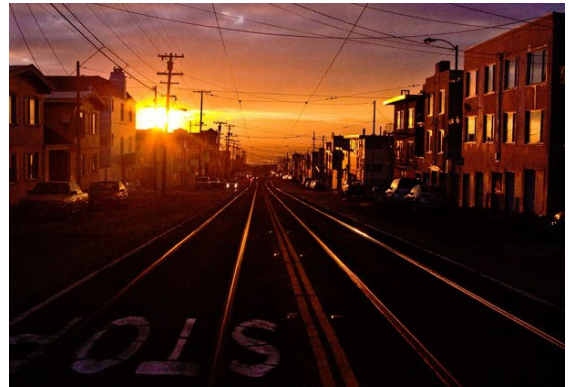


Welcome Captain Curtis Lum! Captain Lum is a 22 year veteran with the SFPD, and was most recently in the Professional Standards division where he worked on ensuring policies and procedures were followed correctly and uniformly throughout the department. Captain Lum is looking forward to meeting Sunset District residents and hearing your public safety concerns at Taraval Station, Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm.

## SECOND ANNUAL "TASTES OF TARAVAL" IS HERE!

The Second Annual "Tastes of Taraval" will take place March 11 through 17. This is a wonderful opportunity to check out our neighborhood restaurants, many who will be offering discounts and raffle prizes to patrons who mention "Tastes of Taraval".

Last year's first "Tastes of Taraval" event was a surprising success, with over 200 new customers trying out restaurants on Taraval Street. This year there are eight participating restaurants, each offering a special deal. Not only do the customers get a discount offered by the restaurant, they also are given a raffle ticket to fill out for a grand prize given at the end of the week by each restaurant.



Participating restaurants include: Gold Mirror, Parkside Tavern, Shimo II, Ninki Sushi, Tennessee Grill, Brown Owl Coffee, Eagle Pizzeria, Kingdom of Dumpling, Ristorante Marcello

"Tastes of Taraval" is sponsored by the Taraval Parkside Merchants Association. For more information, visit <http://taravalmerchants.blogspot.com/>



## SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP TIME

It's hard to believe, but summer is right around the corner. The Recreation and Parks Department spring program registration begins **March 4**, and summer day camp registration begins **March 19**. Be sure to check for the spring and summer activity guides in the coming weeks to find out about exciting new programs and camps, including Eco-Adventure camps, art and science camps, and "Learn to Swim" programs. Log onto [sfrecpark.org](http://sfrecpark.org) today for more information.

## SUPERVISOR CHU HONORS MRS. MAC

In honor of Black History Month, Supervisor Chu recognized longtime youth advocate Lainee McDuffie. Lainee, known as Mrs. Mac to just about everyone, has spent her entire adult life working on behalf of kids. Her career in youth work began at Youth Guidance Center where she gained an understanding of how the juvenile justice system works. Later Lainee moved to the SFUSD where she spent 25 years at A.P. Giannini Middle School in various roles. Her hats changed at the school, but her ability to advocate tirelessly on behalf of the youth and their families was effective and appreciated. Most recently, Lainee (after failing retirement) is fulfilling her call as the Director of Youth Development at Sunset Youth Services. We are so fortunate to have Lainee McDuffie here in the Sunset District.



## LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE : ALWAYS A GOOD TIME, RAIN OR SHINE

Started in the 1860s, the Lunar New Year Parade in San Francisco began as a means to educate the community about the Chinese culture. Despite the rain, over 100 units participated in the parade this year. San Francisco's Lunar New Year Parade is one of the few remaining night illuminated parades in the country.



HAPPY

NEW YEAR!

## GGNRA DOG MANAGEMENT PLAN



The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a Federal agency, recently released their Dog Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The voluminous document and its recommendations would have significant impact on use of Ocean Beach, Fort Funston, Lands End, Sutro Heights, Baker Beach, Fort Point, Fort Mason and Crissy Field. The document is available at all San Francisco Public Libraries and also online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan>



The Dog Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents several different alternatives for each park in the GGNRA, ranging from "no dogs" to severely restricting off leash areas. Our office wanted to make you aware that public comment on the plan will be accepted through April 14, and that it is important that the GGNRA and National Park Service (NPS) hear the concerns of San Francisco residents.

**How to comment:**

- Online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/dogplan>
- By mail: Frank Dean, General Superintendent, GGNRA  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

**Public Meetings:**

March 2, 4 – 8pm , Tamalpais High School, Marin County  
March 5, 11am – 4pm, San Francisco State University, Seven Hills Conference Center  
March 7, 4 – 8pm, Fort Mason Bldg. A, San Francisco  
March 9, 4 – 8pm, Cabrillo School, Pacifica

Comments will be considered during development of the final plan, which is expected to be completed by late Spring/early Summer 2012. When making your comments, please refer to the specific area of the plan you would like to see changed, and your ideas for alternatives.

If you have any further questions about the Dog Management Plan/Draft EIS, please call the GGNRA at 415-561-4728.

The GGNRA is the nation's largest urban national park, and includes areas of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties.

*In memory of*  
**DAN RYAN : 1934 – 2011**



The Sunset District lost a true champion last month with the passing of Dan Ryan. Mr. Ryan worked for 37 years as a music teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District, and was the founding principal of the School of the Arts. He was very active with the San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) and supported all districts in San Francisco. But as a Sunset District resident, Dan was especially committed to causes closest to home. He worked very hard for seven years to see that Dianne Feinstein Elementary School was built and then volunteered there. He served on the Parkside Library steering committee, and worked tirelessly to gather community support for the project and fundraise for the rebuild campaign. He was an active parishioner of Grace Lutheran Church on Ulloa Street, and served as its president. Mr. Ryan is survived by his wife Sally and his very large and loving family; and will always be remembered fondly by his many students, neighbors and friends.

## MUNI YOUTH PASSES

Last year, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution encouraging SFMTA to provide discounted passes for low-income students. The SFMTA worked with the SFUSD on a pilot program that will launch this month, making free passes available to eligible students for the months of April, May and June. Beginning in July 2011, the program will shift to a discount sale model.

Any SFUSD student is eligible to apply, with priority given to middle and high school age youth, and those eligible for free or reduced lunch under the Federal income eligibility guidelines.

Families must fill out an application, which can be downloaded for printing at this website address:

[http://portal.sfusd.edu/data/news/pdf/Youth%20MUNI%20Lifeline%20Pass%20Form\\_FINAL.pdf](http://portal.sfusd.edu/data/news/pdf/Youth%20MUNI%20Lifeline%20Pass%20Form_FINAL.pdf)

Complete and sign the application and then fax, mail or drop it off to the following address:

SFMTA/ SFUSD Youth Lifeline Pass Program

135 Van Ness, Room 112

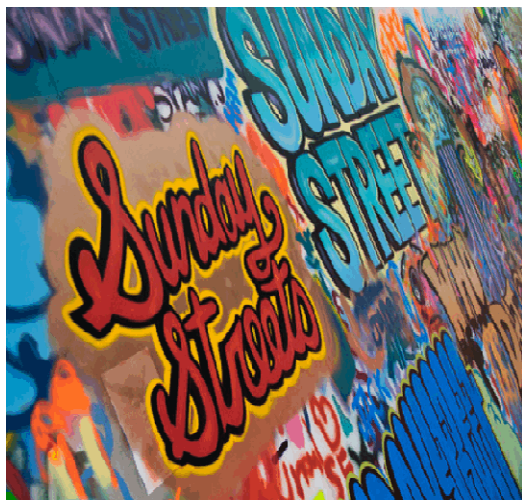
San Francisco, CA 94102

Fax: 415-241-6684



## SUNDAY STREETS RETURNS FOR 2011

The first event of the Sunday Streets season is **March 20** and runs along the Embarcadero, from Terry Francois St. (at Illinois St.) to Fisherman's Wharf with bicycling, rollerskating, and more.



The Sunday Streets crew is always looking for volunteers – sign up at <http://sundaystreetssf.com/volunteer>

### Volunteer participants receive the following:

- \*Delicious lunch (vegetarian/vegan options available)
- \*Limited-edition Sunday Streets t-shirt (one per season per volunteer)
- \*An invitation to special volunteer parties
- \*That warm, fuzzy feeling you get from doing something good for the community

On **April 10**, Sunday Streets returns to the Great Highway for the ever popular "Penguins to Penguins" route. Enjoy car free space to run, walk, dance, roll, bike or scoot from Golden Gate Park to the Zoo. For more information, visit [www.sundaystreetssf.org](http://www.sundaystreetssf.org)

The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) has been in the process of redesigning the student assignment system. The 2011-2012 school year marks the first year of implementing the new student assignment process. As a next step, the SFUSD is in the process of developing school feeder patterns for middle schools. The SFUSD, Parents for Public Schools and the Parent Advisory Council are hosting a series of Quality Middle School Project Community Forums. These meetings will be an opportunity for interested parents and community members to learn more about the elementary to middle school feeder patterns and to provide feedback about the proposal.

## Quality Middle Schools

### Join the conversation about the future of SFUSD Middle Schools & K-8 Pathways

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU** to help redesign our middle schools!

- Find out about the district's plans for building quality middle schools and programs across the city
- Learn about proposals for K-8 pathways, where students from each elementary school would be assigned to attend a specific middle school
- Give your feedback to help shape these plans!



Join the conversation & share your thoughts about:

- The district's vision for K-8 Pathways
- Expanding language programs at many middle schools
- Improving San Francisco's middle schools – our curriculum, special education, language programs, arts & enrichment, school safety, and more

- Refreshments & interpretation provided (in Spanish & Cantonese)
- Free childwatch for kids over age 3

For more information please visit:

[www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu)

[www.ppssf.org](http://www.ppssf.org)

[www.pacsf.org](http://www.pacsf.org)

#### COMMUNITY FORUMS about building quality middle schools and implementing K-8 feeder patterns:

Tuesday, March 1, 5:30pm:	Denman MS
Tuesday, March 8, 6:30pm:	Aptos MS
Wednesday, March 9, 6pm:	Roosevelt MS
Thursday, March 10, 5:30pm:	Everett MS
Wednesday, March 16, 6pm:	James Lick MS
Thursday, March 17, 6pm:	Marina MS
Monday, March 21, 6pm:	Giannini & Hoover MS
Tuesday, March 22, 6:30pm:	Presidio MS
Wednesday, March 23, 5:30pm:	ML King MS
Wednesday, April 6, 6pm:	Francisco MS
Wednesday, April 13, 5:30pm:	Vis Valley MS

International Studies Academy - date to be determined

Conversations hosted by:



San Francisco Board of Education  
Parent Advisory Council

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CALLS FOR PROJECTS

**A new transit line, streetscape enhancements, bicycle lanes.** Did you know that these kinds of transportation investments often start with great ideas from San Francisco residents? Every few years, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority has the opportunity to put out a Call for Projects – asking the public for new transportation projects in San Francisco. Visit [www.sfcta.org/RTPcallforprojects](http://www.sfcta.org/RTPcallforprojects) between now and March 24, 2011 to find out more and submit your ideas.

**Send your ideas in by March 24, 2011!** Visit [www.sfcta.org/RTPcallforprojects](http://www.sfcta.org/RTPcallforprojects) or call 415-593-5244 to find out more, submit your ideas, and see a schedule of upcoming meetings. You can also learn more about the San Francisco Transportation Plan at [www.movesmartSF.com](http://www.movesmartSF.com) and about the Regional Transportation Plan at [www.onebayarea.org](http://www.onebayarea.org).

## SAINT ANNE OF THE SUNSET PARISH FESTIVAL

This free three-day event features ongoing entertainment, carnival and food booths, Bingo, raffles and fun for the whole family. Please use the Moriarty Hall entrance on Funston Avenue between Judah and Irving Streets on Friday, **March 4** from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Saturday, **March 5** from 11:30 am – 9 pm; and Sunday, **March 6** from 11:30 am – 5 pm. Free parking in the adjacent school yard. Complete schedule of events: [www.stanne-sf.org](http://www.stanne-sf.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4 (Friday) – March 6 (Sunday)

### **St. Anne of the Sunset Parish Festival**

Funston between Irving & Judah  
Games, entertainment, food  
[www.stanne-sf.org](http://www.stanne-sf.org)

March 4 (Friday)

### **Rec & Park Spring program registration begins**

Log onto [sfrecpark.org](http://sfrecpark.org) today for more information.

March 5 (Saturday)

### **GGNRA Draft Dog Management Plan meeting**

11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
SF State University, Seven Hills Conference Center

March 5 (Saturday)

### **Playmates Preschool Annual Auction**

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Janet Pomeroy Center - 207 Skyline Blvd  
[www.playmatespreschool.org/springauction.html](http://www.playmatespreschool.org/springauction.html)

March 11 (Friday) – March 17 (Thursday)

### **"Tastes Of Taraval"**

Find participating restaurants at  
<http://taravalmerchants.blogspot.com/>

March 12 (Saturday)

### **SFUSD Elementary Schools Music Festival**

2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Lincoln High School Auditorium  
2162 24th Avenue  
Performances by citywide elementary school students.

March 12 (Saturday) & March 13 (Sunday)

### **Aloha Days at the Academy**

California Academy of Sciences celebrates the Hawaiian Islands with interactive exhibits, activities, live Hawaiian music, hula dancing, and more.

March 12 (Saturday)

### **St Patrick's Day Parade**

Begins at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Market 11:30 am  
Ends at Civic Center Plaza

March 13 (Sunday)

### **Java Beach Block Party**

11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Jumpy castles, Irish music, Irish dancers and lots of neighborhood fun.

March 15 (Tuesday)

### **Taraval Police Captain's Community Meeting**

7:00 pm  
Taraval District Police Station - 2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Meet new Captain Curtis Lum.

March 19 (Saturday)

### **Rec & Park Summer Camp registration begins**

Log onto [sfrecpark.org](http://sfrecpark.org) today for more information.

March 19 (Saturday)

### **Family Bike Safety Training**

10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Francis Scott Key Elementary School  
[www.ybike.org](http://www.ybike.org)  
Family bicycle and pedestrian safety event. For young and old to learn to ride, helmet fitting, safety skills