

SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

District 4 • Sunset • Parkside

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Message from the Supervisor: Changes to front yard paving policy



Finding street parking in San Francisco can often be challenging. Given the difficulty, it may come as no surprise that many residents have turned to cementing over their front lawns to create additional off-street parking spaces. After receiving many questions and complaints from residents who have witnessed neighbors paving over their front yards, our office worked with the Planning Department to create a more effective and efficient enforcement process.

Under City law passed in 2002, 20 percent of required setback areas, such as front lawns, must remain unpaved and devoted to plant material. Many of the complaints we have received from residents include situations where neighbors have cemented over 100 percent of their front lawns. For these violations, previous Planning Code penalties were: \$100 after 30 days, \$250 after 60 days, and \$500 after 90 days. The penalties were charged after the Planning Department issued an enforcement notice to the property owner, followed by a Notice of Violation and Order of Abatement after failure in responding or taking corrective action.

The previous enforcement procedures had a few disadvantages, including a lower penalty amount which often failed to compel compliance, a lengthy and time consuming process for Planning Department staff, and the allowance of an excessive amount of time to correct violations which could have easily been corrected in a shorter time period.

Changes to the Planning Code include a higher penalty amount of up to \$250 per day to compel timely compliance, eliminating confusion brought up by some property owners that paying the \$500 administrative penalty under the previous code would result in the abatement of a violation. The change, on the other hand, also gives Planning Department the discretion to allow additional time for responsible parties making a good faith effort to abate violation. Under

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the code change, responsible parties would still be allowed at least 30 days to correct all violations, as was the case under the previous code. Responsible parties also still have the ability to file an appeal on the Order of Abatement and assessed penalties within 15 days of receiving the Order of Abatement.



For more than aesthetic reasons, the requirement of keeping 20 percent of required setback areas unpaved and devoted to plant material helps our City's sewer system by preventing rainwater from entering into the system. Though starting as relatively pure rainwater, stormwater runoff collects pollutants as it flows over impervious surfaces. For example, runoff from parking

lots picks up oil and grease from leaking engines, copper from worn brake linings, and zinc from tires. Although most runoff in San Francisco flows into the combined sewer system and receives treatment at the city's two sewage treatment plants, there are a few areas in the city that discharge directly into San Francisco Bay or other surface water such as Lake Merced without receiving any treatment. These polluted stormwater flows can be detrimental to aquatic and other life.

If you have any questions regarding the change in Planning Code enforcement procedures as related to front yard paving, please contact Adrian Putra at the Planning Department at (415) 575-9079. If you would like to file a complaint, please call (415) 575-6863 and be prepared to provide the subject property address. You can also visit: <http://www.sfplanning.org/index.aspx?page=2202>

2011-2012 BUDGET UPDATE



As Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee, I have been meeting with many community members and organizations regarding the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. These discussions will continue as we head into budget deliberations, which begin mid-May.

I would like to thank all of the community members who took time out of their Saturday morning to attend the District 4 Budget Town Hall meeting on April 23.

If you were unable to attend the town hall meeting, you can always contact our office at (415) 554-7460 or at chustaff@sfgov.org. We also have a budget website as a resource, where you can find information regarding public input opportunities, department hearing schedules and presentations, and more. Please visit: www.sfgov.org/budget.



Introducing : **CHARLIE PAULSON** TARAVAL COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR MANAGER

Hello District 4 Residents,



Charlie with Ariana from Brown Owl

My name is Charlie Paulson, and I am the new Taraval Commercial Corridor Manager. I was born and raised in the Sunset District, and attended Ulloa Elementary, A.P. Giannini Middle School and Lincoln High School. As Corridor Manager, I work with the Taraval Parkside Merchants Association to increase traffic along the Taraval corridor through beautifying the neighborhood and increasing awareness of the services offered along the corridor. I bring to this position my passion for and love of the neighborhood in which I was raised, and I hope to be able to give something back to the community through my work. I look forward to working with all of you in my efforts to better this wonderful little neighborhood!

BROWN OWL COFFEE



Brown Owl Coffee is a new coffee shop at **1131 Taraval**. Owners Arianna and James hand roast their own beans and brew every cup from fresh ground beans before your eyes! In addition to their amazing coffee, they also serve a variety of baked goods, from scones to baklava and other tasty edibles (their breakfast burritos and vegan doughnuts are phenomenal!) Green is the theme throughout the tiny café, with much of the décor made of reclaimed wood pieces from Pacifica, and their cups AND lids are compostable. Situated in the middle of the block on Taraval **between 21st and 22nd Avenues**, they are

conveniently located right beside the L-stop, so grab a cup while you wait for your bus in the morning! Stop in and support your local small businesses. Think globally, shop locally.

On **Saturday, May 21st**, the Taraval Parkside Merchants Association, SF Office of Small Business and the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center will be hosting a talent show and sidewalk sale for Small Business Week 2011 (around 28th Ave & Taraval). Come join for dancing, singing, and more at Taraval's Got Talent, where several children from Sunset Movement Arts, Inspire Music, Cherry Art Studio, and more show-off their amazing talents! Alongside the talent show will be a sidewalk sale featuring local merchants and residents. Interested in participating in the rummage sale?

Contact: Charlie Paulson (415)889-7984 or cpaulson@snbc.org

MONEY! FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Students from all over San Francisco convened at Lincoln High School on April 30 to learn money management skills and how to prevent identity theft, protect their credit scores and avoid debt. The event was co-sponsored by Supervisor Carmen Chu and Congresswoman Jackie Speier, and featured workshops, guest speakers and even a kick-off by Mayor Ed Lee.



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>.



District 4 residents Bruno (left) & Tater (right)

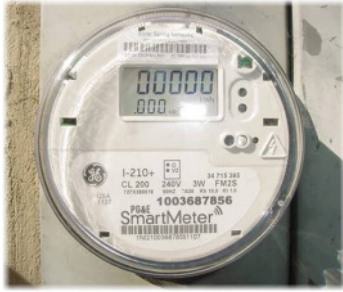
The Dog Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents several different alternatives for each park in the GGNRA, ranging from "no dogs" to severely restricting off leash areas. Our office wanted to make you aware that public comment on the plan will be accepted through **May 30**, and 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

PG&E SMART METER UPDATE

Our office has received a number of calls from residents about Smart Meter installations across the City. For more direct information, please visit the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Demand+Response/pge.htm> or call Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) at 1-866-743-0599.



On March 24, PG&E submitted a proposal for the CPUC to consider giving residents the option to "turn off" the radio communication in their Smart Meters by paying an upfront charge and an ongoing monthly fee. That proposal is currently under review by the CPUC.

In the meantime, PG&E is offering customers with health concerns over wireless technology a chance to delay their meter upgrade. If you are interested in requesting a delay, call 1-877-743-7378 as soon as possible. Until the CPUC approves an option to the current SmartMeter™ installation, PG&E will finish upgrading the remaining traditional meters with SmartMeters™, with the exception of those customers who choose to delay their meter upgrade.

STREET LIGHTS MAINTENANCE

If you notice a street light in need of maintenance, there are a few resources available to you. Street lights either belong to the City or PG&E. If you notice a street light out, you can call 3-1-1 to report the outage. PG&E also has a website where you can report a problem at: <http://www.pge.com/myhome/customerservice/contact/streetlight/single/index.shtml>

FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST TREE TRIBUTES

When you contribute \$50 to Friends of the Urban Forest (F.U.F.) you can designate that gift as a Tree Tribute. F.U.F. will send an email on your behalf to whomever you indicate. Or, if you'd like, you can print out your own card and send it. You will be taken to a selection of downloadable cards after you have made your gift. Choices include "in honor of", "in memory of", and "in celebration of". Contributions made to the Tree Tribute program are tax-deductible. For more information, visit: <http://www.fuf.net/donate/tributes.html>



MURPHY WINDMILL



In 1902, the Recreation & Park Commission authorized construction of two windmills to pump subterranean water to supply the park. The Dutch Windmill, on the north side of the park, is now paired with the Queen Wilhelmina Tulip Garden. Murphy's Windmill is located on the south side of the park.

The windmills operated for several decades, but fell into disrepair after the park switched to electric water pumps. The Dutch Windmill was restored in 1981, but Murphy's Windmill's restoration has faced several setbacks over the years due to problems with the original contractor. Last November the Recreation and Park Department contracted with Roebuck Construction and work resumed December 27, 2010. Over the next several months, you will begin to see substantial improvements to the windmill structure. The tower will be erected and the slate cladding will follow.

When this phase of the project is complete, the windmill will be restored to its original condition with the tower, gallery, cap unit, and sail stock. The third and final phase of the project will

include the design and installation of the mechanical pumping equipment which will be located in the base of the structure. Upon completion of that work, the windmill will be able to function under wind power.

If you have questions about the renovation of the Murphy Windmill, contact project manager Dan Mauer at dan.mauer@sfgov.org

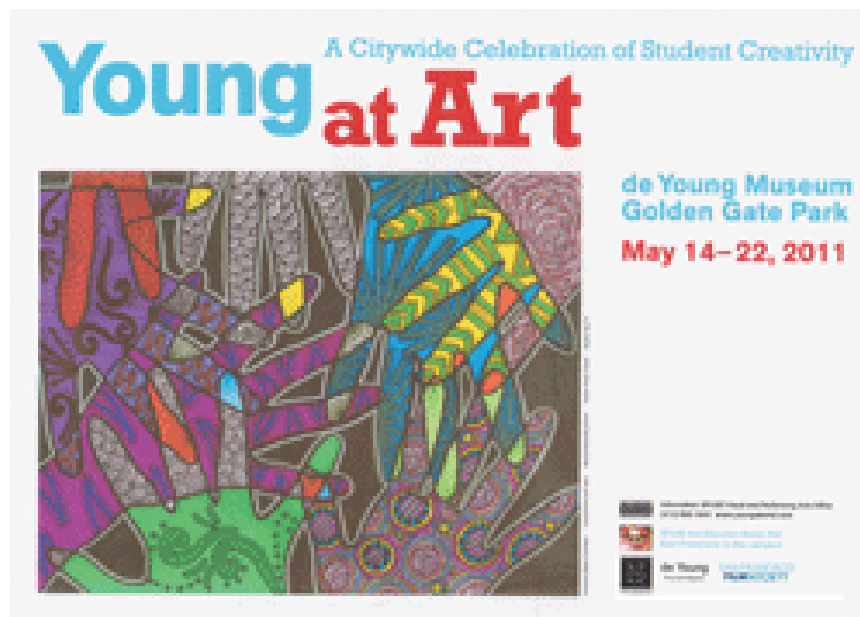
CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Art on Market Street Program, which has commissioned new artwork by Bay Area artists on an annual basis since 1992, includes a bus kiosk poster series and other temporary projects that take place on San Francisco's main thoroughfare. For the kiosk poster series, the Art on Market Street Program commissions three consecutive three-month poster exhibitions annually. Each poster series consists of a set of six original and related designs that are professionally reproduced and printed as six sets of posters, 68 inches high by 47 ¼ inches wide (trim size), for installation in 36 bus kiosks on Market Street between 8th Street and the Embarcadero. All artists' designs must be approved by the Arts Commission and are expected to be appropriate for a broad public audience.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 12:00 AM (PST)

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility is open to professional, practicing artists working primarily in any two-dimensional media and residing in the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma.

YOUNG AT ART



The San Francisco Unified School District proudly unveils **Young at Art**, an 8 day celebration of student creativity in visual, literary, media and performing arts hosted by the world renowned de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park from **May 14-22, 2011** (closed Monday, May 16, 2011).

For the past 25 years this unique San Francisco event, (formerly *San Francisco Youth Arts Festival*), has been a point of destination for families, teachers, artists and

community members from San Francisco and beyond. The promise of equity and access in arts education for all students K-12 during the curricular day, made real by the SFUSD's groundbreaking Arts Education Master Plan, finds its point of destination in **Young at Art**, where all who attend may see for themselves the inspiration and creativity inherent in all of our youngest San Franciscans.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE DISTRICT



Supervisor Chu talks about city government with Francis Scott Key third grade students.



The sun came out for Sunday Streets on April 10 at the Great Highway.



Supervisor Chu bikes in with Sunset Elementary School students for Bike to School Day!



"U" is for Ulloa Elementary School students!

Supervisor Chu joined Goodwill in celebrating their one-year anniversary at the Sunset District location (25th Ave & Irving) on April 23.



SAN FRANCISCO MADE WEEK: MAY 21 – 27



SFMade presents a celebration of the City's local manufacturing sector and the companies and people that bring locally produced products to fruition. San Francisco Made Week will feature seven days of education, exploration, and innovation, designed to heighten local awareness and understanding of this critical economic and cultural asset. Visit SFMade member companies' retail stores and find specially chosen SFMade products in other stores throughout the city. Take a tour of some of the City's best known and emergent artisan manufacturers' factories and experience the process of making first-hand with SF Made "Open Factories" or go on a one-day walking tour with SPUR. For more information, visit: <http://www.sfmade.org/>

STERN GROVE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2011 SEASON



Every year since 1938, the Stern Grove Festival has provided an admission-free performing arts series in Sigmund Stern Grove. The season begins June 19, and all concerts begin at 2:00 pm.

June 19, 2011

Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings
Ben L'Oncle Soul

June 26, 2011

Jazz Mafia Symphony
Featuring Chali 2Na

July 3, 2011

Neko Case
The Dodos

July 10, 2011

AfroCubism
Pellejo Seco

July 17, 2011

The English Beat
My First Earthquake

July 24, 2011

San Francisco Symphony

July 31, 2011

San Francisco Ballet
Helgi Tomasson, Artistic Director

August 7, 2011

Aaron Neville
Quinn Deveau and the Blue Beat
Review

August 14, 2011

Javier Limon and Buika
Luisa Maita

August 21, 2011

San Francisco Opera



**As California's economic
crisis continues,
SFUSD receives less
money while expenses
keep increasing.**

**Come learn more about
the SFUSD budget and
share your questions and
suggestions.**

**Board of Education public meetings
to discuss the budget:**

5/25/11 Augmented Budget and Business Services Committee
6/14/11 Introduction of the Budget Resolution (First Reading)
6/21/11 Augmented Budget and Bus. Services Committee
6/28/11 Adoption of Budget (Second Reading)



SFUSD SAN FRANCISCO
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SFUSD Community Budget Meetings

**The Ongoing State
Budget Crisis:**

*What does it mean for San
Francisco's Public Schools?*

May 5, 2011

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thurgood Marshall High School
45 Conkling St. (near Silver Ave.)

Reserve free childcare & Interpretation: (415) 249-9293
Free Parking / Muni line: 44, 14x

May 12, 2011

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

James Lick Middle School
1220 Noe St. (at 25th St.)

Reserve free childcare & Interpretation: (415) 249-9293
Free Parking / Muni lines: 24, 48, J

May 25, 2011

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Jefferson Elementary School
1725 Irving St. (near 19th Ave.)

Reserve free childcare & Interpretation: (415) 249-9293
Free Parking / Muni lines: 28, 29, N

*Please call (415) 249-9293 to reserve
free childcare and/or interpretation*

For more information go to
<http://www.sfusd.edu>

Budget Review Open Office Hours

Available by appointment
Wednesday May 25, from 2 to 6 p.m.
Email HernandezE2@sfusd.edu

It's Time to Switch!

**Seniors (65+) need a Senior Clipper card by June 1st
to use a discount Muni pass**

**Get your card and load
your pass during
Senior Clipper Days**



Visit participating

Walgreens 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

4/25	745 Clement St.	5/24	135 Powell St.
4/25	790 Van Ness Ave.	5/24	200 West Portal Ave.
4/26	2141 Chestnut St.	5/25	670 4th St.
4/26	800 Montgomery St.	5/25	4645 Mission St.
4/27	100 Sansome St.	5/26	498 Castro St.
4/28	275 Sacramento St.	5/26	456 Mission St.
4/29	141 Kearny St.	5/27	2690 Mission St.
5/2	2050 Irving St.	5/27	1189 Potrero Ave.
5/2	1899 Fillmore St.	5/31	1344 Stockton St.
5/3	730 Market St.	5/31	3398 Mission St.
5/3	88 Spear St.	6/1	1524 Polk St.
5/4	1979 Mission St.	6/1	825 Market St.
5/4	965 Geneva Ave.	6/2	33 Drumm St.
5/23	1301 Market St.	6/3	1496 Market St.
5/23	118 New Montgomery St.	6/3	2494 San Bruno Ave.

go to sfmta.com or call 311 for details

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/12 **Bike to Work Day**
Join the SF Bicycle Coalition and hundreds of thousands of lawyers, nurses, teachers, waiters and others who will be biking to work on this great day. Energizer Stations will be set up in neighborhoods across the city to offer free coffee, snacks and other goodies and mechanics will even check out your bicycle for free (at select locations). For more info: visit.sfbike.org/btwd
- Join Supervisor Chu in biking to work!
Meet at 7:30am at Henry's House of Coffee – 1618 Noriega St (23rd & 24th)
- 5/13 **Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center's 7th Annual Community Film Festival**
Join SNBC for popcorn, films, & fun!
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Ulloa Elementary School Auditorium
2650 42nd Ave, enter at Vicente St.
Films screened at this event were created by SNBC program participants & community contributors.
- 5/14 **Grey2Green: Sidewalk Landscaping Workshop**
County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
9:00 am to 10:00 am
The SF Department of Public Works and the SF Botanical Garden Society and SF Parks Trust to bring you free Saturday workshops to teach you everything you need to know to "green" your sidewalk and transform it into a garden including permitting, designing and maintenance. For more information, visit <http://grey2green.eventbrite.com/>
- 5/14 **Merced Library Re-opening Celebration**
Stonecrest at Winston
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 5/15 **100th Bay to Breakers**
Centennial running of the cross City Classic. Race begins at 7:00 am
Start: Beale & Mission Streets
- 5/17 **Taraval Station meeting**
Monthly public safety meeting
SFPD Captain Lum hosts
2345 24th Ave.
7:00 pm
- 5/21 **Taraval Sidewalk Sale & Talent Show**
Sidewalk sale along Taraval Street around 28th Ave.
Talent Show: noon – 3:00 pm at Sunset Movement Arts
1647 Taraval (26th & 27th Ave)
- 5/25 **Stern Grove Festival Outreach Meeting**
Trocadero Bldg, Stern Grove
Annual pre-festival meeting to address neighborhood concerns
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm



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