

January 2015



Supervisor Katy Tang

Sunset • Parkside

Message from the Supervisor

Invitation to Inauguration

The start of the New Year means a time for new beginnings and resolutions, and I am excited to start a new term as your representative on the Board of Supervisors. I would like to thank the residents and community members for your support these past two years, and I invite you to join me at the Inaugural Board Meeting on January 8, 2015 starting at noon in City Hall. Our office will also be hosting an Open House between 10:00am and noon in Room 264. Please feel free to stop by for either event or attend both. I look forward to continuing our work together! If you have any questions about the inauguration, please contact our office at 415-554-7460.

Join Me in Becoming NERT Certified!

Our office often shares information on how to be prepared for any type of disaster, from a house fire to an earthquake or tsunami. We also solicited feedback and suggestions from the Sunset community on disaster preparedness for our Sunset District Blueprint. Starting in January, our office will be taking an even more participatory role in creating a resilient community by taking the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Training Course.

NERT is a free program that helps San Francisco residents be self-sufficient during a major disaster. NERT training helps residents develop multi-functional teams throughout the City that are trained in basic emergency skills. Through this program, individuals learn how to prepare themselves and loved ones for a disaster while also creating a resilient community.

Our office will be attending trainings starting in January, and we invite you to join us! Trainings will be held Thursday evenings from 6:00pm – 9:30pm at Lawton Elementary School at 1570 31st Avenue.

- 1/15/15: Class Session 1 Earthquake Awareness, Preparedness, and Hazard Mitigation (3.5 hrs)
- 1/22/15: Class Session 2 Types of Fire, Hazardous Materials, Utilities Shut-offs, Terrorism Awareness (3.5hrs)
- 1/29/15: Class Session 3 Disaster Medicine (3 hrs)
- 2/5/15: Class Session 4 Light Search and Rescue (3.5 hrs)
- 2/12/15: Class Session 5 Emergency Team Organization, Disaster Psychology (3 hrs)
- 2/19/15: Class Session 6 Hands-On Application, Course review, and graduation (3.5hrs)

If you would like to join us in taking these trainings, we welcome your participation!
Register at <http://sffdnert.eventbrite.com/> or call (415) 970-2024.

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Discover Your District November Recap and January Events

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate the spirit of the holidays in the Sunset District by participating in our December Discover Your District (DYD) events! We created personalized watercolor gift tags with Annie Galvin of 3 Fish Studios and lit our growing McCoppin Square Holiday Tree with the People of Parkside Sunset (POPS) to the sound of carols from the St. Ignatius High School Choir. Our office has enjoyed celebrating the holiday season with residents through these activities.



Be sure to join us for our upcoming Discover Your District events in January! Participants will be able to try their luck at Bingo at the Riptide or learn the art of roasting coffee with the Kalebjian family of Henry's House of Coffee. Ring in the new year with your fellow Sunset residents. We hope to see you there!

Try your Luck at Bingo Saturday at The Riptide with Supervisor Tang

Saturday - January 10, 2015 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)

The Riptide | 3639 Taraval St. and 47th Ave.

Register Here: <http://tinyurl.com/k7fwpv0>

Visit The Riptide at www.riptidesf.com



Making holiday gift tags with Annie Galvin at 3 Fish Studios.

Learn the Art of Roasting Coffee with Henry's House of Coffee

Saturday - January 31, 2015 (5:45pm – 8:00pm)

Henry's House of Coffee | 1618 Noriega St. and 23rd Ave.

Take home freshly roasted coffee beans. (\$10 materials fee; Limit 10)

Register Here: www.tinyurl.com/lldavz8

Visit Henry's House of Coffee at www.coffeesf.com



Tree Lighting at McCoppin Square.

Re-evaluating Fines Related to Dangerous Driving Behaviors

Recently, Supervisor Tang introduced a resolution passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors urging the California Judicial Council to re-evaluate the base fines and fees for violations of the California Vehicle Code related to some of the most dangerous driving behaviors in San Francisco. This includes: unsafe passing of standing streetcars, trolley coaches and bus safety zones while passengers are boarding and exiting; running stop signs; violating pedestrian right-of-way; failing to yield while turning; and cell phone use while driving. We recognize that raising fines is not the only way to keep our community safe, but we have continuously heard from residents about the prevalence of these dangerous driving behaviors. It is our hope that re-evaluating the cost of engaging in these behaviors will enhance pedestrian safety in our neighborhoods.



Photo: Somer Kwon, D4 Intern

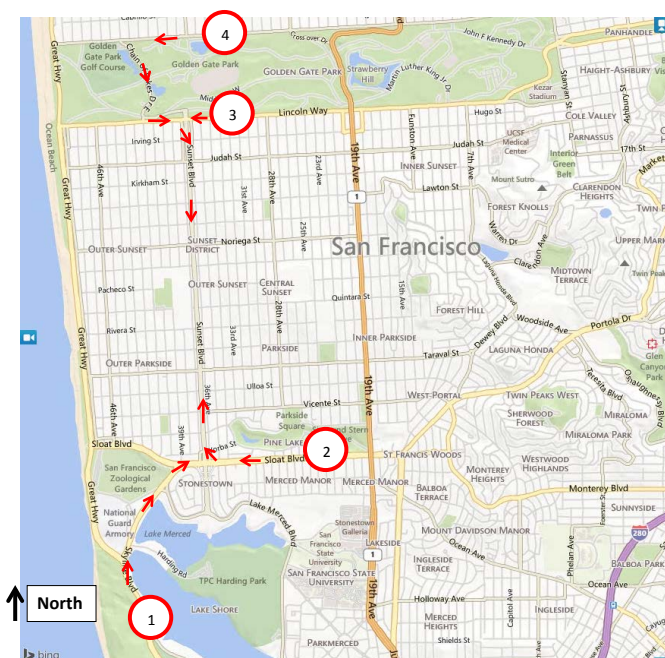
Update on the Great Highway Flashing Beacons

Our office has been working with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) on the installation of flashing beacons that will alert drivers when the Great Highway is closed. The upper Great Highway is often closed due to inclement weather or sand accumulation. Unfortunately, motorists are left unaware of the closure until they arrive at the Great Highway itself, resulting in diversions through neighboring residential streets.



In response to future closures, the beacons will be placed strategically on Lincoln Way at 33rd Avenue, Sloat Boulevard at Middlefield Drive, Skyline Boulevard at John Muir Drive, and Fulton Street at 33rd Avenue. The flashing beacons will say “Great Highway closed when lights flashing” to encourage drivers to take alternate routes.

Flashing beacon equipment installation was completed in late December. A soft activation for the system to test the equipment is scheduled for mid-January. Pending testing of the system and finalizing operational procedures with Public Works, full operation is expected in February.



Great Highway - Advance Warning Signs for Road Closure

Sunset District Holiday Craft Fair Recap

Our office hosted the second annual **Sunset District Holiday Craft Fair** on Sunday, December 7th at Vintage Golden Gate. We would like to thank all of the crafters, artists and artisans who participated and made our craft fair a wonderful opportunity for community members to purchase unique holiday gift items right here in the Sunset District. Special thanks to Vintage Golden Gate for being a wonderful host!



12 Days of Kittens in City Hall

by: Charlotte Dumail, District 4 Intern

For 12 days, our office hosted kittens from Animal Care and Control (ACC), San Francisco's only open door animal shelter that accepts any animal, in any condition, of any temperament. Our second annual event was topped off with a holiday party in our office on December 12. Thanks to ACC, Save a Bunny and Toni's Kitty Rescue, we hosted nine lovely kittens, local celebrities Pineapple the Cockatoo and Gem the poodle mix, and cuddly Flemish Giant rabbit Tank. Many of the kittens were adopted over the two-week event, but there are many loveable animals still looking for a new home. Stop by Animal Care Control to discover a potential, cuddly addition to your home!

For more information, visit the links below:

San Francisco Animal Care & Control: <http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=942>

Toni's Kitty Rescue: <http://www.toniskittyrescue.org>

Save a Bunny: <http://www.saveabunny.org/>



(Above)

Supervisor Tang and staff with adoptable kittens from SF ACC.
(Left) Naomi Kelley (Director, GSA), Jane Tobin (President, Friends of ACC) and Patricia

New Program for Seniors to Enjoy Healthy and Appetizing Meals

A new program, Choosing Healthy Appetizing Meal Plan Solutions for Seniors (CHAMPSS), allows seniors to have easy access to nutritious meals at a participating restaurant. Currently, the only participating restaurant in the City is S&E Café, located at 2406 19th Ave (cross street Taraval). Through the program, participants may receive nutritious meals during most of the restaurant's service hours. The dietitian-approved menu allows seniors to select their choice of meal. The program comes from the combined efforts of Self-Help for the Elderly, a community organization that has been providing meals for senior citizens since 1966 and the SF Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS). Regardless of income, adults aged 60 or above and their spouse or partner are eligible to participate in this program.

DAAS has been working with many community-based organizations for years to offer congregate meals to seniors and adults with disabilities at many different locations throughout the city. The goal of the congregate program is to help seniors and adults with disabilities live independently by promoting better health through improved nutrition, through accessible and appropriate meal services, nutrition education and increased opportunities for participants to socialize. The traditional congregate meals sites provide diverse ethnic meals and offer many activities, but meal service times are usually limited to 1 to 1 and 1/2 hour. With the CHAMPSS program, program participants have greater flexibility when they want to eat and what they want to eat from the CHAMPSS menu.

You may contact Self-Help for the Elderly at (415) 677-7600 to find out how to participate. Once enrolled, you will be given your own CHAMPSS card. You can reload the card with meals onsite or online. To dine, simply take the card to the participating restaurant during program hours.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sfchampss.org/>



Meals offered at S&E Cafe include (from left to right): Orange Duck (Photo: Candice H, Yelp), Porridge (Photo: Wine C., Yelp), and Crab Meat Salad (Photo: N.S., Yelp).

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CHAMPSS
Choosing Healthy Appetizing Meal
Plan Solution for Seniors

Far Out West Garden Wins NEN Award

Celebration at City Hall January 30th

Our office is thrilled to share that the Sunset District's very own Far Out West Dune Community Garden (43rd Avenue and Judah) has won the Neighborhood Empowerment Network's (NEN) Best Green Community Project Award! The Award seeks to honor a green grassroots project undertaken by the City's neighborhood or community based organizations that represent the collective effort of community members, as well as demonstrate a marked impact on one or more of the following environmental issues: water conservation, urban runoff/stormwater pollution prevention, waste reduction, renewable energy, and energy efficiency.



We invite residents to congratulate the garden's organizers in person at NEN's Award Ceremony on January 30th, 2015 at 6:00pm in the City Hall Rotunda. For more information on the NEN Awards and to register for the ceremony, visit <http://empowersf.org/nenawards/>.

To learn more about the Far Our West Garden, visit: <http://www.faroutwestgarden.org/>



SFMTA Launches Online Protest Platform

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) recently launched a new portal that allows customers to protest parking and transit violations online at www.sfmta.com/protest. The new program will save time and increase the convenience of initiating a protest to contest citations. Under the former program, the first step in the protest process called administrative review could only begin once a written protest was received at the SFMTA Customer Service Center at 11 South Van Ness Avenue.



The new online process encourages customers to submit evidence related to a citation that could support their case. Examples of evidence include such items as a credit card receipt for meter payments, photographs of obscured signage or faded curb paint. Once a customer completes the online submittal form, they will receive a confirmation page which will also be sent to the customer via email. Customers should allow six to eight weeks for a response from the date the protest was submitted. It may take longer if staff needs to complete a site visit in order to verify evidence such as obscured signage or faded curb paint.

Results of the administrative review will be mailed to the person submitting the protest. All other correspondence regarding payment due and collections will be mailed to the vehicle's registered owner only. It is important to ensure that mailing information with the Department of Motor Vehicles is correctly and promptly updated. If you need help or have questions about this service, please visit www.sfmta.com/protest or call 311.

Attention Homeowners in the 94132 Zip Code California Earthquake Authority's New Brace + Bolt Program

Is your house ready for the next earthquake? Does your house have a crawl space underneath it? If so, then check out the California Earthquake Authority's Brace + Bolt Program and you may qualify for a \$3,000 rebate to retrofit your home!

Go to the link below, fill out the questionnaire, and check your eligibility. Please note that the application window is only open from January 15, 2015 to February 15, 2015.

To check eligibility and find out more about the program visit www.earthquakebracebolt.com.

The CEA has chosen four zip codes to roll out this pilot program in (94112, 94121, 94127, and 94132). Once the pilot program is completed, the goal is to continue to expand the program to the entire city.



Greening the Sunset: Sunset Boulevard & Sunset Mental Health Clinic Landscaping

You may have noticed work being completed along the Sunset Boulevard median, including vegetation removal and the installation of landscaping fabric between Yorba and Rivera Streets. Currently, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is preparing to install drought-tolerant landscaping in the median starting in January. Drought-tolerant landscaping will allow our neighborhood to stay green in drought years with little to no intervention.



The plants shown here will represent the landscaping planned for Sunset Boulevard. From right to left: *Aeonium arboreum*, *Aeonium 'Sunburst'*, *Agave 'Blue Glow'*, *Agave filifera*, *Calandrina spectabilis*, *Senecio mandraliscae*

Additionally, DPW recently finished installing landscaping in front of the Sunset Mental Health Clinic at 1990 41st Avenue near Pacheco Street. We were approached about this opportunity by Katie Young, a psychiatrist at the Clinic, when we were working with her family as part of the Front Yard Ambassadors Program. The Sunset

Mental Health Clinic is part of a network of mental health providers in the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The one-story building sits between Sunset Elementary School and West Sunset Field, but the large frontage was an eyesore of dirt and mulch. Our office secured funding and worked closely with DPW to beautify the area and we look forward to seeing it grow. We thank Katie for being a steward for our community and DPW staff for their efforts to design and plant this new green space.



Mother's Building Receiveds Historic Preservation Fund Grant

Between 1978 and 2002, children and families visiting the San Francisco Zoo could visit the Mother's Building to purchase their souvenirs. You may recall visiting yourself, and seeing the beautiful murals that graced the walls throughout the building. However, since 2002, the Mother's Building has been closed due to deterioration and seismic safety issues.

The Mother's Building opened in 1925 and was presented to the City by Herbert and Mortimer Fleishhacker. The building was intended as a peaceful place for mothers to take a needed break while their children played. The murals and mosaics in the building were created in the 1930s by Helen Forbes and Dorothy Pucinelli and cover almost 1200 square feet.



Since the closure of the Mother's Building, the San Francisco Zoo has undergone major renovations. With new exhibits, a new entrance and gift shop, and a brand new playground, the Zoo continues to make improvements for the safety and happiness of its animals and guests. In its current state, the Mother's Building will continue to deteriorate and the artwork inside remains at risk of further damage.



Our office has been working with community member and founder of the Friends of the Mother's Building, Richard Rothman, along with the San Francisco Zoo, the Recreation and Park Department, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Arts Commission to launch a study to determine the cost of renovating and seismically upgrading the building as well as restore any damage to the murals. At their October monthly

meeting, the Historic Preservation Fund Committee (HPFC) recommended approval of the application to fund a building condition assessment and seismic evaluation. The application was sponsored by Rec & Park with support and involvement from the Arts Commission and the Zoo.

The assessment will begin early this year, and the study will provide the City with a clear picture about the condition of the structure and the murals, as well as the cost of construction and renovation. This important information will allow the City to work more efficiently with community members in securing additional funding for the project.

For more information and updates about the Mother's Building, visit the Western Neighborhoods Project at <http://www.outsidelands.org/historyminute/1267139660/TheMothersBuilding>.

For those who use Facebook, like the Friend's of the Mother's Building Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/172403282926382/?ref=br_tf.

For information about the HPFC, visit <http://sfgsa.org/index.aspx?page=676>.

Merchant Spotlight: Capoeira Brasil San Francisco

by: Jonathan Zuo, District 4 Intern

Welcome the New Year with a new and exciting way to get active! Capoeira, taught at Capoeira Brasil San Francisco, is an art form that combines martial arts, music, and dance. From classes for children and adults to conditioning classes, Capoeira Brasil offers a wide range of classes that will meet all of your workout needs. So what are you waiting for? Take a visit to Capoeira Brasil to get your new year started off healthy!

Capoeira Brasil San Francisco

3906 Irving St. between 40th & 41st Avenue

Class schedule varies. Visit www.aranhacapoeira.com/classes/ to view the full schedule online.

Website: <http://www.aranhacapoeira.com/>

Email: capoeirabrasilsf@gmail.com



Disaster Preparedness Tip: Become a NERT Member

We cannot predict exactly when a disaster or emergency will occur. However, we can take measures to prepare for an emergency that will help prevent damage and loss to our community. Our office will provide helpful information and resources on emergency preparedness so that District 4 residents may take precautionary steps from www.sf72.org.

The importance of civilian volunteers during a disaster cannot be overemphasized. With this in mind, the San Francisco Fire Department has undertaken a free program of civilian emergency response training called the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). To become a NERT member, participants must complete 20 hours of training, which includes learning the basics of personal preparedness and prevention. The training also includes hands-on disaster skills that will help individuals respond to a personal emergency as well as act as members of a neighborhood response team. To learn more, visit www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=859.

Upcoming NERT Trainings

For a full list of trainings and SF Ready Workshops, visit and register at <http://sffdnert.eventbrite.com/> or call (415) 970-2024

Sunset | Lawton Elementary School | 1570 31st Avenue

Thursdays | January 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 19 | 6:00pm – 9:30pm

South Beach | SF Fire Headquarters | 698 2nd Street

Wednesdays | January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 11 | 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Tenderloin | TNDC KCC Building | 220 Golden Gate Avenue

Fridays | January 16, 23, 30 | 8:30am – 4:30pm





The San Francisco Zoo Needs You!

Looking for something meaningful to do with your extra time? Be a zoo docent. If you love animals, enjoy sharing information with others and think it is important to conserve wildlife, this activity is for you. Come to the SF Zoo's special event on February 14th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



and find out what being a docent is all about. There will be a one-hour tour, a presentation and demonstrations. Refreshments will also be provided. To RSVP call the San Francisco Zoo at (415) 753-7122 or email docent@sfgov.org.

January's Adoptable Animals from ACC

San Francisco Animal Care & Control
1200 15th Street @ Harrison Street
(415) 554-6364
www.animalshelter.sfgov.org

The San Francisco Department of Animal Care and Control is San Francisco's only open door animal shelter that accepts any animal, in any condition, of any temperament. SF ACC is responsible for the City's stray, injured, abandoned, neglected and mistreated animals, of all species, including wildlife. Services include adoptions, lost pets, animal law enforcement, dog licensing, animal cruelty and abuse investigations, animal rescue, and disaster planning for pets. SF ACC is committed to the delivery of effective, courteous, and responsive animal care and control services to the residents of San Francisco.



Toffee (A364808): Toffee is a sweet 7 year old Miniature Pinscher. She can be timid, but warms up quickly to show you what a lovely girl she is. A family with older kids might be fine for Toffee.

Sundae (A362652): Sundae is as sweet as she is cute – which is VERY! She can be a bit shy at first but is loving and affectionate and will blossom in a secure and loving home.

Shadow (A358382): Shadow is an adorable shorthaired rabbit with floppy ears. He is a sweet and mellow fellow that is active, curious, and ready for a forever home!



Upcoming Events

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays | 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Saturdays | 10am – 12pm

Homework Help

Student to student tutoring: get help with English, math, and social studies. Students will be helped on first-come, first-served basis.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0100001601>

January 7 | Saturday | 6:30pm

Parents for Public Schools: What Every Toddler Parent Needs to Know

Come hear about San Francisco public school options, how the enrollment process works, and tips from experienced parents on what you can do now.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue

Register at www.ppssf.org or call 415-861-7077.

January 9, 16, 23 & 30 | Fridays | 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Computer Help for Adults & Seniors with Teen Computer Corps

Drop-in and get one on one help with a teen tech savvy volunteer! Bring your laptop, e-readers, gadgets, digital cameras, tablets, cell phones. We will try to help you figure it out.

Parkside Library | 1200 Taraval Street and 22nd Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0100002401>

January 10 | Saturday | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Try your Luck at Bingo Saturday at the Riptide with Supervisor Tang

A Discover Your District Event

Ring in the New Year with a night of Bingo at our favorite, cozy neighborhood bar, The Riptide.

There will be prizes for Bingo winners. (Free)

The Riptide Cocktails | 3639 Taraval Street and 47th Avenue

Call (415) 554-7460 or register at www.tinyurl.com/k7fwpv0

January 13 | Tuesday | 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Make a Terrarium!

Terrariums are easy to make and take care of, and brighten any room. Please bring your own glass container and we will provide the rest of the materials. Space is limited.

Parkside Library | 1200 Taraval Street and 22nd Avenue

Call 355-5770 or psimgr@sfpl.org to register.

January 17 | Saturday | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

LEGO Mindstorms EV3 Robotics with Play-Well TEKnologies

Work in a small group to build and program a LEGO Mindstorms robot. Learn how to control it to avoid obstacles, pick up and carry objects, and play sounds. Students work in an open-ended, investigative environment while having fun. For youth in grades 3rd-6th. Space is limited.

Parkside Library | 1200 Taraval Street and 22nd Avenue

To sign-up, contact Leslie Kanno at 415-355-5770 or leslie.kanno@sfpl.org.

Upcoming Events

January 20 | Tuesday | 7:00pm

Taraval Police Station Community Meeting

Come listen to the Captain's update and hear public safety news from around the community. To sign up for Taraval Station's newsletter, email SFPDTaravalStation@sfgov.org.

Taraval Police Station Community Room | 2345 24th Avenue and Taraval Street

For more information: www.sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=858

January 24 | Fridays | 11:30am – 12:00pm

Lion Dance

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the San Francisco Public Library with a Chinese Lion Dance and Martial Arts Performance.

Parkside Library | 1200 Taraval Street and 22nd Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0100002401>

January 30 | Friday | 6:00pm

Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN) Awards

Honoring the Far Out West Garden for Best Green Community Project

Come down to San Francisco City Hall to hear about all the great things going on across the City from the Best Merchant Association, the Most Empowering City Employee and the Best Graffiti Watch Volunteer. Also see our own Far Out West Garden honored as the Best Green Community Project in San Francisco. Tickets are FREE.

San Francisco City Hall Rotunda | 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Visit <http://empowersf.org/nenawards/> to learn more and to register to attend.

January 31 | Saturday | 2:00pm

Chinese Red Envelope Craft

Maria Fong will show you how to make a beautiful creation out of red envelopes. For all ages; children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ortega Library | 3223 Ortega Street and 39th Avenue

For more information, visit <http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=0100001601>

January 31 | Saturday | 5:45pm – 8:00pm

Learn the Art of Roasting Coffee with Supervisor Tang and the Master Coffee Roasters of the Kalebjian Family

A Discover Your District Event

Learn how coffee beans are roasted by the Kalebjian family, who have been roasting coffee beans for over 45 years. Take home freshly roasted coffee beans. (\$10 materials fee; Limit 10)

Henry's House of Coffee | 1618 Noriega Street and 23rd Avenue

Call (415) 554-7460 or register at www.tinyurl.com/lldavz8



Joining D4 Resident & Owner of Green Apple Books, Pete Mulvihill at new Inner Sunset Location (1231 9th Ave @ Lincoln Way)



Lincoln High School Inclusive Schools Week



Sunset District Holiday Craft Fair



Sunset Elementary at City Hall



Holiday Tree Lighting with Taraval Merchants at McCoppin Square

Out and About December 2014



Making Gift Tags with Annie Calvin at 3 Fish Studies



Holiday Dinner at Parkside Tavern with Taraval Merchants