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[Thank you for joining me at Pride!](#)

I want to thank everyone who came out to join me for the Pride Parade. Marching in the parade is always one of the highlights of the year for me, and to be joined by so many great friends makes it that much more special. Thank you again and see you next year!

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Friday, September 5th
10:00am-12:00pm
City Hall, Room 274

Saturday, September 6th
12:00pm-2:00pm
Church Street Cafe
398 Dolores Street

NOTE: Occasionally, we need to reschedule office hours. To ensure that you learn of any changes before making the effort to attend, please check with the office a day or two before or alternatively call the office to put your name on the office hours list so that we can notify you if any changes occur.

Policy Work

Soda Tax and Transit Funding Measures Are on the November Ballot

Soda Tax

The Board of Supervisors has voted to place a soda tax on the November ballot, which I co-sponsored with Supervisors Eric Mar, Malia Cohen, John Avalos, David Chiu and David Campos. The tax is estimated to generate up to \$54 million annually for nutrition, physical activity, and health programs and to reduce consumption of sugary drinks by up to 31%. 40% of the proceeds will go to our public schools for school lunch, physical education, after school programs, and the like; 25% to our park system to expand active physical recreation, for example, expanding recreation center hours and having more organized athletic programs; 25% to the Department of Public Health for programs expanding food access, oral health programs, chronic disease prevention programs, and health education; and 10% in grants for community based organizations providing nutrition, physical activity, and health programs in the community.

Tying Transit Funding to Population Growth

The Board of Supervisors also voted to place on the ballot my proposal to tie public transportation funding to population growth. 75% of the funds will be dedicated to improving Muni's frequency, reliability, system capacity, and state of good repair. 25% of the funds will be dedicated to physical street safety improvements for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Affordable Housing Legislation Passes

Our housing crisis requires a breadth of solutions, including spurring the production of more affordable housing units. Last month, the Board of Supervisors passed my legislation to incentivize construction of more on-site affordable housing as part of market-rate developments. The legislation provides that if a developer builds its required affordable units on-site and builds at least 20% of the units as affordable (as opposed to the 12% required minimum), none of the affordable units will count against the project's unit density limits. Thus, the developer does not have to give up market-rate units in order to build more affordable units. The legislation also effectively removes unit density limits for 100% affordable housing developments. This fall, I will continue to pursue legislation to expand our housing production and to ensure we are meeting the needs of all socio-economic levels.



Scott with Prop 8 lawyers Ted Olson and David Boies

Clean Energy Legislation

I recently introduced legislation - along with Supervisor London Breed - to [strengthen San Francisco's clean, hydro-electric power system and provide increased revenue for infrastructure needs](#), including our deteriorated streetlight system. The legislation grants the Public Utilities Commission the first right of refusal to provide its Hetch Hetchy hydro-electric power to new developments, including private ones, the PUC currently serves as water and sewer provider to all San Franciscans and does a great job. However, the PUC's energy operation has very few retail customers. PUC thus has to sell the bulk of its clean power onto the wholesale market, where it receives far less revenue. That lack of retail revenue has led to PUC power assets - including infrastructure coming from Hetch Hetchy as well as streetlights - having huge deferred maintenance. By allowing PUC to have more retail power customers, we can expand PUC's customer base and generate significant revenue for infrastructure work, while bringing more greenhouse gas free, hydroelectric power to San Francisco residents and businesses. To learn more, [read the editorial Supervisor Breed and I co-authored](#) in the San Francisco Bay Guardian.

Budget Approved

The Board of Supervisors passed the two-year \$8.6 billion city budget for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. As a member of the Budget Committee, I worked to secure funding for various priorities, for example, restoration of HIV cuts by the federal government, our Clean, Green & Safe budget proposal to expand park patrol, cleaning crews, and park tree maintenance, affordable housing support, additional staffing for the under-resourced Animal Care & Control, full funding for road resurfacing, and a continuing commitment to fund police and fire academy classes.

Purchasing the Next Generation of Light Rail Vehicles

This week, I joined Supervisor London Breed and several other colleagues to introduce [critical legislation approving Muni's contract to purchase the next generation of light rail vehicles from Siemens](#). The first new vehicles will begin arriving in 2016, and Muni ultimately will nearly double the size of its light rail fleet, significantly expanding capacity and reliability. Muni's current Breda vehicles have

been the top source of reliability problems for the system. In addition to not having enough of these vehicles - leading to a shortage of multi-car trains - the Bredas have various defects, including doors and propulsion systems that tend to break. The new vehicles will be more reliable, have better interior designs to improve capacity, and easily link and de-link when they enter and leave West Portal Station, meaning more multi-car trains. Siemens has a great reputation, and this is a terrific step for the agency and for transit in San Francisco.



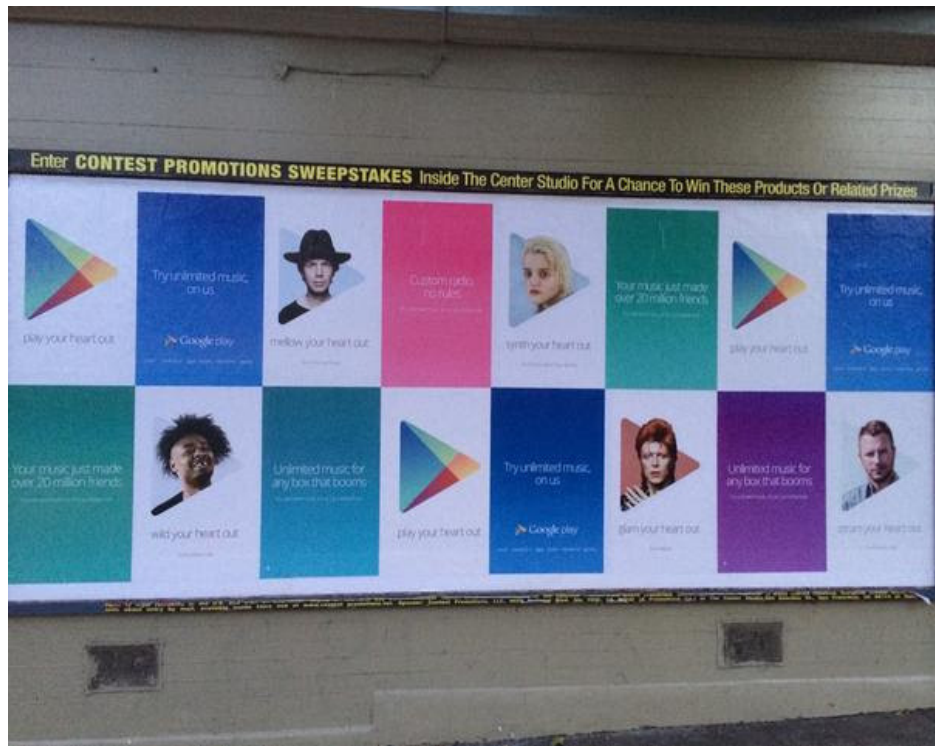
Scott at West Portal Playground with neighbors working to improve it

Preserving Our LGBT History

Remembering and celebrating our community's rich and diverse history is critically important. I'm working closely with our GLBT Historical Society as the [Society looks to move its growing archive to a larger space](#). The Society, happily, is receiving more and more donated collections from members of the community, and it needs more space to accommodate them. I'm also working with the Society to ensure it can continue operating its LGBT History Museum in the Castro. In this year's budget, I obtained funding to support LGBT archival efforts.

Combatting Illegal Billboards

San Franciscans have spoken loud and clear at the polls, voting overwhelmingly to ban new billboards in our city. Unfortunately, some billboard operators have taken advantage of a loophole in our Planning Code to put up "business signs" that are actually illegal billboards. I recently authored legislation, passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors, [to close this loophole](#).



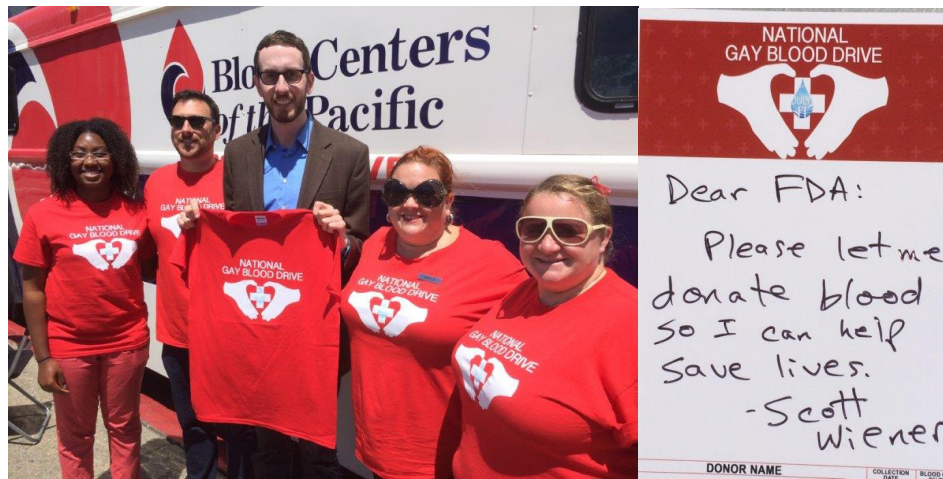
An example of a billboard masquerading as a business sign. My legislation will close the loophole that allows these illegal billboards.

Arcade Legislation

Our Municipal Code contains a number of outdated and restrictive provisions, which I have dealt with in previous legislation. Last week, the Board of Supervisors passed legislation I co-sponsored with Supervisor Breed to [fix some of these outdated provisions limiting arcade games](#) that date back to the 1980s. This code fix will improve the ability of our small businesses to provide entertainment to customers and improve our local economy.

Ending the Ban on Gay and Bisexual Men Donating Blood

Last month, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution I authored [calling for an end to the outdated, archaic, and discriminatory ban on blood donations by gay and bisexual men](#). Since 1977, the Federal Drug Administration has prohibits any gay or bisexual man from donating blood. The rule has not changed in over thirty years, despite advances in health, awareness, and screening practices. While guidelines for all blood donors are important, simply being gay or bisexual should not disqualify people. Mayor Ed Lee announced his support for the ban's repeal, and the San Francisco Chronicle [published a strong editorial](#) calling for its elimination as well. The National Gay Blood Drive has also launched a petition aimed at the White House requesting a change to the law, which can be viewed at <http://www.gayblooddrive.com/>.



Scott at the National Gay Blood Drive where he joined in the nationwide call to end the ban on blood donations by gay and bisexual men

On-Street Car Sharing Program

The MTA is rolling out its on-street car share program. [Details here](#) and [coverage here](#). Ample and easily available car sharing is crucial to our city's transportation future. San Francisco has grown by 85,000 people since 2003 and is projected to grow by another 150,000 people by 2040. We need to give people great options other than owning a car. If we don't, we will have many more cars in San Francisco, worsening our already bad traffic and parking situations. It's in everyone's interest - and particularly drivers who have to deal with traffic and parking headaches - to have fewer cars on the road. Aggressive expansion of transit capacity is very important but not enough. People who choose not to own a car will still need periodic access to cars, and car sharing plays that role and allows people not to own a car while having confidence that they can get a car when they need one.

We don't have enough car sharing access in San Francisco. Many parts of the city have little or no car sharing. Numerous surface parking lots and gas stations - the most common locations for car sharing - are being developed. And, new developments contain some car sharing but enough and not in most parts of the city. On-street car sharing will allow us to locate car sharing throughout the city in an equitable and useful way. Some have expressed concern about using on-street parking for car sharing. However, studies have shown that for every available car share, a half dozen private vehicles or more will go away as some people decide that they now can rely on car share. Whether one uses car share or not, it's in all of our interest to make sure we have great car sharing access.

Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Barrier

After several years of hearings and decades of advocacy, the Golden Gate Bridge Board of Directors (on which I serve) [voted to approve the funding](#) to build a suicide net on the Golden Gate Bridge. The vote to install 20 foot nets on both the east and west sides of the bridge was approved unanimously by the Board. Between 20 and 50 people a year commit suicide from the bridge, and for each person who succeeds, two attempt and fail. These suicides are a scar on this iconic structure, and the scar needs to be removed. A significant study over a period of decades showed that of the people who tried to kill themselves by jumping from the bridge and who failed, 94% had not committed suicide as of 25 years later. In other words, preventing people from jumping from this bridge will save lives.

City Response to Drought and Possible Legislative Solutions to Reduce Water Usage

Our current drought requires efforts to ensure we are managing our water supply efficiently and to consider solutions to improve water usage for the future. Water is not an infinite resource, and we need to stop treating it like one. I've called for an oversight hearing on the City's response to the drought, and potential legislative solutions to improve San Francisco's already-strong conservation efforts. Various city departments will present on our municipal efforts, and we will also discuss the status of efforts to increase water recycling/reuse. Finally, we will discuss the possibility of legislation requiring that newly constructed multi-unit buildings have separate water meters for each unit, as well as the capacity to utilize both potable and recycled water.



Scott and Lea DeLaria at the annual Pink Triangle Ceremony

Community Spotlight

Wells Lawson

At this month's Board of Supervisors meeting, I recognized Wells Lawson, who has been working on the Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point developments for years. He has been an indispensable part of working with the community and developers to bring these enormous and essential projects through the development process, and he will be greatly missed.



Scott with Supervisor Malia Cohen and Wells Lawson at the Board of Supervisors meeting

Community Updates

Recycling Center

The recycling center at the Market Street Safeway is now closed. As I've stated previously, I'm supportive of this closure due to the adverse impacts that this industrial use has had on the surrounding neighborhood for years. Providing opportunities for recycling redemption is important, but we can't just focus redemption services in a few neighborhoods. The city needs to move forward with a more dispersed system of recycling redemption, using reverse vending machines and mobile recycling centers that rotate around different parts of the city on a set and predictable schedule. My office will continue to work with the Department of Environment to implement redemption center solutions.

MTA Employee Shuttle Pilot Program Underway

After significant community outreach and analysis, the MTA has implemented its pilot program for employee shuttles, both those transporting employees within the city and outside the city. The pilot includes approved bus stops, agreed upon procedures, street restrictions, and funding for enforcement. The cost of the pilot - approximately \$1.5 million - is being paid by the shuttle providers. More information [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). The Castro was omitted from the stop network, causing concern for riders. The MTA is installing a temporary stop at 18th and Castro while it considers options for the neighborhood. For additional inquiries, email Carli Paine at carli.paine@sfmta.com.



Scott at the San Francisco AIDS Walk with Supervisor David Campos and Board President David Chiu

Pink Saturday Community Meeting

Pink Saturday - the night before Pride - has gotten more challenging over time. The event has grown significantly, and later in the evening, it becomes less community-focused and more about people coming into the neighborhood to get drunk as opposed to celebrating Pride. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, with support from my office and various city departments, have done a tremendous job managing the event under the circumstances, but it's getting harder and harder for them and for the neighborhood. This year, several Sisters were even assaulted. I've been meeting with the Sisters and the police to discuss how to move forward, including whether to end the event earlier. We have tentatively scheduled a community meeting - co-convened by me and the Sisters - for **September 10, 6-8 pm, at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center** to talk about the event and its future, to discuss ideas, and to solicit community feedback. The date and location are

both tentative at this point, so please check in before attending.

Castro Streetscape Project

After the dust has settled from SF Pride and the Frameline Film Festival, crews are back at work to finish the remaining scope of the Castro Streetscape Improvement Project. The present scope involves demolition and pouring of sidewalk along the merchant property line. Our contractor, Public Works staff and I have been coordinating with the local businesses to work out a schedule that will get the construction done as quickly as possible, with minimal impact to merchants and residents. Notably, this current phase of work includes the installation of the highly anticipated Rainbow Honor Walk plaques. The sidewalks and plaques are currently scheduled to be completed by August 22nd. Following this phase will be the installation of new street trees, site furnishings, repaving of Jane Warner Plaza, and moving and rewiring of the Muni poles and wires. Additional scope items include: rainbow crosswalks, historic facts, and celebratory lights - all generously funded by the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District. The completion of the sidewalks marks the completion of a substantial portion of the project and the Castro Streetscape Improvement Project team is thankful for the patience and support of the community during this highly disruptive phase of work.

Dolores Park Renovation Update

The past few weeks at Dolores Park have seen continued improvement and a lot of activity around the site. A few highlights include:

- The project is still on schedule to be completed by July 2015.
- Relocating the Mexican Liberty Bell at the 19th and Dolores Streets: The bell is a replica of the bell rung by Father Miguel Hidalgo in the town of Dolores in 1810, marking an important moment of the Mexican Revolution. If that name sounds familiar, Father Hidalgo's statue sits at the other end of the 19th Street promenade. Both the statue and the bell were gifts from the Mexican government in the 1960s.
- The Operations Building is quickly coming alive: the foundation slab was poured over a long 12-hour concrete pour with 700 yards of concrete coming into the site. The wall formwork is going into place now, and you will be able to see the final concrete walls in just a couple weeks.
- The irrigation mainline is being laid in trenches all around the north half of the park. The entire site will be receiving a new irrigation system that will significantly improve efficiency and lower water use.
- The tennis court walls are almost finished. The concrete needs to cure and then the contractors will be ready to continue work on the courts.
- The North Restroom is getting its roof. New toilets are almost here!

If you want to stay updated on the progress, see photos, and watch video clips, make sure to check out the Recreation & Park Department's [website for the project](#).

Upper Douglass Dog Park Reopens

Last week, after a lengthy renovation, the Upper Douglass Dog Park finally reopened. The project took longer than anticipated due to drainage, irrigation, and other problems being more complicated than anticipated. The good news is that the park looks amazing, and one of our city's very best dog parks is back in action. Thank you to Rec & Park staff, as well as Friends of Upper Douglass Dog Park, for all their work and commitment to this neighborhood resource.



Scott at the reopening of the Upper Douglas Dog Park

Glen Canyon Tennis Courts Update

After opening the park, it came to the attention of the Recreation and Park Department that the slope of the tennis courts are not in line with current USTA recommendations. The Department has reviewed all tennis courts now in construction and design to ensure that they are in line with USTA recommendations. The plan is for the repair work to begin by the end of September or early October, with notice to all parties in advance. The playground is expected to be open during that time. [Check here](#) for updates as well.



Scott at the Garden Project

Community Calendar

Castro Theatre Wurlitzer Organ Project

David Hegarty, long-time Castro Theatre organist, and his nonprofit foundation SFCODA turn to Indiegogo for further funding of the groundbreaking CASTRO SYMPHONIC THEATRE ORGAN. The existing privately owned Wurlitzer, played nightly for the last 32 years, is slated for removal from the theatre. To continue this San Francisco musical tradition, SFCODA is building a spectacular new instrument that will maintain the familiar sound of the Wurlitzer, enlarging it to replicate the iconic SF Fox Theatre Wurlitzer, not heard since 1963. To find out more click [here](#).

The Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation (GLTF)

Through the budget process, I worked with Rec and Park to ensure that we have funding to fully renovate the 15th Street Courts (also know as Corona Heights.) The Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation is a LGBT community tennis club that has its roots on those courts and the nearby 15th Street courts. The club started more than thirty ago. To learn about the GLTF and the history of the GLTF go [here](#). There is a short movie about the history of the club and our annual international tennis tournament, United States Gay Open (USGO) [here](#).

Project Open Hand Expands Grocery and Meal Services and Joins UCSF to Begin Food=Medicine Study

Project Open Hand has expanded eligibility for its grocery and meal services to serve people living with acute symptoms of more than ten additional disease diagnoses, including diabetes, heart disease, multiple sclerosis and hepatitis C, among others. As of June 1, 2014, the new services are available through the agency's Wellness Programs, which provide nutrition and nutrition education to critically ill residents of San Francisco and Alameda County.

Also, this week, 35 Bay Area residents living with HIV/AIDS or a dual diagnosis of HIV/AIDS and diabetes, will begin receiving three nutritious, medically-tailored meals daily as participants in Project Open Hand's Food = Medicine Pilot Study. The Food = Medicine study, conducted in collaboration with physicians and researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) AIDS Research Institute, aims to demonstrate that good nutrition is an essential part of health care, particularly for people with critical illnesses. More information is [here](#).

Clinic by the Bay Services

Clinic by the Bay (www.clinicbythebay.org) is a volunteer-powered free health clinic for working uninsured adults. As one of 95 Volunteers in Medicine clinics across the country (www.volunteersinmedicine.org), Clinic by the Bay is a proven neighborhood-based solution to the health care crisis. Retired and practicing doctors, nurses and nonmedical volunteers donate their time to provide free medical care to Clinic by the Bay patients. We are 100% privately funded and take no government funding or insurance. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act and California opting in to MediCal expansion, we have room for more patients. We recently expanded our service area to include all of San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. To learn more about becoming a patient, please call 415-405-0222. To apply to be a volunteer, please visit www.clinicbythebay.org.



Scott at the Dolores Park Works Summer Celebration

SF Beautiful is on a Listening Tour

SF Beautiful wants to hear from you about your neighborhood beautification and livability needs. Invite us to your next community meeting by emailing maria@sfbeautiful.org or take our 3 question online survey [here](#).

Nominations are open for the 2014 Beautification Awards

Is there a project or person who has made a difference in your neighborhood? Nominate someone today! On October 8th, SF Beautiful will be honoring those who make special contributions to the beauty and livability of our City and we invite you to submit a nomination [click here](#).

Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Program

As part of the City's Sidewalk Inspection & Repair Program (SIRP), inspectors from the Department of Public Works-Bureau of Street-Use & Mapping will be conducting inspections on blocks along Guerrero Street in the Mission Dolores / Dolores Heights neighborhood: 18th Street on the North; Valencia Street on the East; 24th Street on the South, and Guerrero Street on the West.

Personnel Analysts: City Internship Program

Filing Deadline: August 10th

The City's Department of Human Resources (DHR) is starting an exciting, new internship program for individuals interested in becoming personnel analysts in the City. It's a year-long program in which participants will receive a combination of technical training and on-the-job experience under the mentorship of professional staff at DHR and participating City departments. Individuals who are enthusiastic, motivated, intelligent and interested in public service are ideal candidates to become the next generation of human resource leaders for our City. Find the job announcement for the Personnel Analyst Intern Program [here](#).

Nert Training

The San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is free training from the San Francisco Fire Department in how to help you, your family and your neighbors prepare for and respond to a disaster by working together. The 20-hour training taught by First Responders includes personal preparedness, light search and rescue, disaster medicine, shutting off your utilities, and how to participate as a member of a neighborhood response team. NERT also offers continuing training for graduates and activities that support building robust neighborhood teams. For more information, visit the NERT website at <http://sfgov.org/sffdntert>, or contact Lt. Erica Arteseros at (415)970-2022 or sffdntert@sfgov.org.



Scott at the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Fundraiser

Join the Hot Cop of the Castro Chris Kohrs for the Ice Bucket Challenge

Monday, August 8th

6:00pm-8:00pm

The Cafe

2369 Market Street

Join the San Francisco Police Officers Association and Supervisor Scott Wiener for the Ice Bucket Challenge with Hot Cop of the Castro, Chris Kohrs. The event will be hosted by The Café, and all funds raised will support the Officer Down Memorial Fund. The Officer Down Memorial Fund is an organization dedicated to remembering officers who are killed in the line of duty and supporting their families. Chris will be joining police officers and civilians across the country who are participating in the challenge to raise money for the ODMF. Everyone will receive a raffle ticket at the door for a chance to pour a bucket of ice on Chris. We encourage you to make a larger contribution to the ODMF - the top three contributors will be given a special opportunity to help Chris prepare to take the challenge.

Salvation Army School Supply Giveaway for children ages 5-16

Saturday August 9th

9:00am-6:00pm

Salvation Army Family Service Center

520 Jessie Street, San Francisco

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Salvation Army is giving away backpacks full of school supplies to help all children succeed at school even if their family can't afford to buy supplies.

SCRAP Free Teacher Giveaway

Sunday, August 10th

11:00am - 4:00pm

801 Toland Street-enter on Newcomb

San Francisco, CA 94124

SCRAP will be doing a free giveaway of classroom materials, project and idea demos, educator specials for all of SCRAP, and a party to celebrate teachers. For more information call (415) 647-1746, or click [here](#).

Honoring Jose Julio Sarria

Tuesday, August 19th

6:00pm Cash bar

7:00pm Panel begins

LGBT Community Center

1800 Market Street

Before Ellen, before Harvey, and even before Stonewall, there was José Julio Sarria. He founded the international Imperial Court system and stood up against the vice squad. In 1961 he became the first openly gay man in the nation to run for public office. Openhouse is honored to invite his friends and admirers for an evening of reflection and celebration the first annual "Remembering our Hero: José Julio Sarria, the Widow Norton at 6:00 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center on Tuesday, August 19th. For more information and to get your tickets, please click on <http://openhouse-sf.org/jose-sarria/> All proceeds will go to fund programs for LGBT seniors provided by Openhouse.

First Project Mom Baby Shower

Leah Pimentel has been a strong supporter of the Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP), a non-profit organization that partners with families to break the cycle of childhood poverty. Since 1992, over 3,500 babies have been born to HPP clients. On August 21st, 2014, Leah will host the first Project Mom Baby Shower to share wisdom, lessons on the art of motherhood, and provide 40 expectant mothers with the necessary resources that otherwise would have been out of reach.

- [Donate shower gifts from HPP's Amazon Wish List*](#)
- [Donate funds to support the baby shower & HPP's ongoing life-changing work](#)

All donations to be received by August 21. Please send to: Homeless Prenatal Program, Attn: Sharon Bechtol, 2500 18th St. San Francisco, CA 94110.

Tax receipts will be provided upon request. Amazon does not advise buyers details so please email sharonbechtol@homelessprenatal.org details for tax receipt.

SF Mountain Bike Festival

Saturday September 6th

9:00am - 5:00pm

McLaren Park

The SF Mountain Bike Festival is a one day community event, and fundraiser for the McLaren Bike Park project. This unique urban cycling event is incredibly popular because it offers FREE youth programming and family entertainment, alongside paid-participation competitive events which generate revenue. There is something for everyone to enjoy! Come out to McLaren Park and check out the McLaren Short Track Challenge, the Cargo Bike Hill Climb Challenge, a professional BMX jump demonstration, and more! Go [here](#) for more information!

Diamond Heights Health and Safety Fair

Saturday, September 13th

10:00am-2:00pm

*San Francisco Police Academy
350 Amber Drive*

Come and enjoy live music, games, prizes, the SFPD Talking Car, Mounted Police and Dog Unit, Station 26 Fire Engine, child car seat safety check by the CHP, health screenings and agency booths providing pet companion, disaster preparedness, health and social services information for people of all ages. Food trucks will be available to buy lunch and snacks. Community sponsors include the Diamond Heights Shopping Center, San Francisco Police Academy, Resilient Diamond Heights, Diamond Heights Community Association, and St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. For information contact Jeanette Oliver, Diamond Heights Shopping Center Manager, at 415-282-4647 or Betsy Eddy, Diamond Heights Community Association, at dhcasf@gmail.com.



Putting the Harvey Milk plaques back in the sidewalks

Castro Farmers' Market

Weekly on Wednesdays

4:00pm-8:00pm

Noe Street at Market Street

The Castro Farmers Market runs every Wednesday from March 31st to December 18th. For more information, [click here](#).

Glen Park Farmers' Market

Weekly on Sundays

10:00am-2:00pm

Glen Park BART Parking Lot (Bosworth and Diamond)

The Glen Park Farmers' Market runs every Sunday from March 31st to November 24th. [Click here](#) for more information.

Noe Valley Farmers' Market

Weekly on Saturdays

8:00am-1:00pm

24th Street (between Sanchez and Vicksburg Streets)

The Noe Valley Farmers' Market is a year-round California certified farmers' market operated primarily by community volunteers and run in partnership with the Noe Valley Ministry. [Click here](#) for more information.



Scott at the Ribbon Cutting for the Aurelious Walker Stairway Dedication

Diamond Dinners

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

First Wednesdays of every month

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

101 Gold Mine Drive

Monthly free lunch is offered on the first Wednesday of every month to any seniors (55+) that live in the 94131 and 94114 zip codes. For more information, click [here](#).

30th Street Senior Center

Mondays - Fridays

12:00pm and 1:00pm

225 -30th Street

Lunch for seniors 60+. They ask for a donation of \$2.00 for lunch. For more information, click [here](#).

Castro Senior Center

Mondays - Fridays

11:45 am

110 Diamond Street

Lunch for seniors 60+. They ask for a donation of \$2.00 for lunch, and \$6.00 for caretakers.