

Supervisor Carmen Chu



District 4 ° Sunset ° Parkside

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR: PARKS BOND – YOUR INPUT NEEDED



The new McCoppin Square Playground

In 2008, the voters of San Francisco passed the "Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond", which resulted in \$185 million capital improvement projects in our City parks and open spaces. The Sunset benefitted quite a bit from the 2008 Bond. McCoppin Square was completely renovated, the new and improved Sunset Rec Center and Playground will be finished in September 2012, and the Parkside Square and Larsen Park will have new restrooms this summer. However, there are still many areas that need work in District 4 and we need your feedback on areas that are important to you.

Using the criteria from the 2008 Bond project selection, the Recreation & Parks Department is considering a number of parks citywide for renovation, and other projects like water conservation and trail restoration. You can view their list at: <http://sfrecpark.org/BondOutreach.aspx>. Residents all over the City are advocating for projects to be included in the 2012 Bond, and we want to make sure that District 4 residents have a chance to be part of this process and advocate for parks and projects in the Sunset that need improvement or renovations.

Please take some time to look at the site, talk with your family or neighbors, and send your thoughts and priorities to: RPD.bondfeedback@sfgov.org. Remember, a 2012 Parks Bond will be the primary (if not only) funding source for any parks projects for the next several years.

You can also contact our office if you have any questions at: (415) 554-7460 or chustaff@sfgov.org.



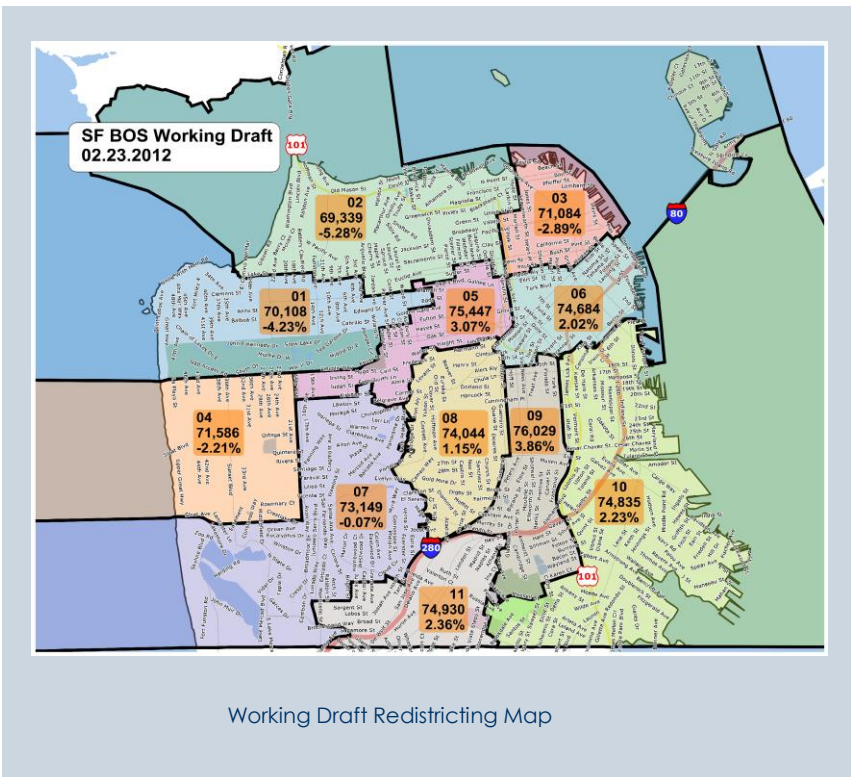
Could the Larsen Playground use some help?

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Redistricting Effort Currently Underway



Every ten years, the Federal Government conducts a census to determine the number of individuals living in the United States. After the census is completed, the Charter requires the Director of Elections to determine whether the existing supervisory districts meet the legal requirements established by federal, state and local law. If the existing supervisory districts no longer comply with these legal requirements, the Charter requires the Board of Supervisors to convene an Elections Task Force to redraw the supervisory district lines.

The process of redrawing the supervisory district lines is known as redistricting, and a Task Force is appointed to draw new district electoral lines based upon the changes and shifts in population captured in the 2010 census.

After several community meetings all over the City, San Francisco's Redistricting Task Force wrapping up its community outreach with a final meeting in the Sunset District. The purpose of these meetings is to educate residents on what redistricting is, its relevance to them, and ways to get involved in the process to make their voices heard.

The Sunset District meeting will be **Thursday, March 22 at 6:00 pm, at the United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Ave.** For more information, please visit <http://sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=2622> or contact the Task Force at (415) 554-7710.

Summer Resources

Summer is right around the corner, and it's time to make those plans for the kids' summer break.

The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth & Families presents their annual Summer Resource Fair, **Saturday, March 3, at the Concourse Center at 8th & Brannan Streets.** Over 200 providers of day camps, sports and other enrichment activities will be represented. Admission is free, and it's a great way to learn about all the different possibilities for your kids' summer vacation. For more information, visit www.sfkids.org

Registration for the Recreation & Parks Department summer activities begins **Saturday, March 17.** From rock climbing and cheer leading to fishing at Rods & Reels Camp, there are more day camp options than ever. Peruse the Day Camp catalog at http://sfrecpark.org/documents/Daycamp2012_Final_02132012.pdf

And remember, there are scholarships available. Visit <http://sfrecpark.org/Rec-YouthScholarship.aspx>

Superintendent Carlos A. Garcia & Mayor Edwin Lee's 2012
SAN FRANCISCO
Family SUMMER
Resource Fair

Saturday
March 3
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Concourse Exhibition Center — Eighth & Brannan Streets

A Showcase of Summer Activities for Children, Youth, and Families

OVER 200 EXHIBITORS

CAMPS
CLASSES
ARTS & SPORTS
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
TEEN RESOURCES

Family Friendly Entertainment & Giveaways

FREE!

For details:
 Visit: www.sfkids.org
 OR Call: 311

Coordinated by:
 www.healthiersf.org
 EXCEL
 SFUSD
 GoKids.org

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The South Sunset Mosaic Project Wants You!

Art in Every Classroom in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will host a Buy a Tile, Paint a Tile Party to benefit the South Sunset Mosaic project. This fun, community art event is open to all ages and will be held at the South Sunset Clubhouse, Vicente @ 40th Ave on **Sunday, March 25, from 11am to 3pm.**

Everyone in the family can help decorate an animal or insect tile to add to our mosaic. 2 x 2 "friend" tiles are \$20, 4 x 4 "supporter" tiles are \$50 and 8 x 8 "sponsor" tiles are \$100. Only the 8 x 8 "sponsor" tiles allow lettering and are great for family names and artwork, commemorating a loved one or showing your businesses support for the South Sunset Playground Mosaic. Imagine how fun it will be for your child to find his or her tile on the playground mosaic in years to come.

Call Renee McKenna at 415.672.4992 or email artineveryclassroom@yahoo.com for more information.



Tile-making party in November 2011



Supervisor Chu with Renna McKenna

Next Hidden Garden Steps Clean-Up on March 10

Interested volunteers are invited to participate in the next monthly Hidden Garden Steps site clean-up, on **Saturday, March 10, from 1 – 3 pm.** Work will be done onsite on 16th Avenue, between Kirkham and Lawton streets in San Francisco's Inner Sunset District. For more information about this project to create a new set of ceramic tiled steps along with gardens and murals, please see the events listings on the Hidden Garden Steps website at <http://hiddengardensteps.org>.



Golden Gate Bridge Festivities Begin

The California Historical Society presents "A Wild Flight of the Imagination: the Story of the Golden Gate Bridge" running through October 14, 2012, in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge. Featuring rarely seen artwork, photographs, films and historic bridge artifacts, visitors will learn about life in San Francisco before the bridge, the amazing campaign waged to build it, and personal stories of those who built it.

The California Historical Society is located at 678 Mission Street, and has been painted "International Orange" – the Golden Gate Bridge color – in honor of the bridge's 75th birthday. For more information, visit: <http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/>



Street Improvements from CalTrans

California Department of Transportation will resurface Route 35 (Skyline Boulevard) from Great Highway to Sloat Boulevard in San Francisco. The scope of the project will include minor dig outs of failed pavement, resurfacing the entire roadway with 0.1 foot of asphalt concrete, and placing new pavement markings and striping. The estimated cost of the project is \$1 million and construction may start in April or May, 2012. Once construction starts, the work will take about 25 working days, and Caltrans has released the following closure times:

Northbound Direction

Monday to Thursday: from midnight to 2 PM, and from 7 PM to midnight.

Friday: from midnight to 1 PM, and from 7 PM to midnight.

Saturday: from midnight to noon, and from 6 PM to midnight.

Sunday: from midnight to 4 PM, and from 7 PM to midnight.

Southbound Direction

Monday to Friday: from midnight to 2 PM, and from 7 PM to midnight.

Saturday: from midnight to 1 PM, and from 7 PM to midnight.

Sunday: from midnight to 11 AM, and from 7 PM to midnight.

This project will make one change to the traffic pattern for the northbound direction. Currently, for the northbound direction, the right lane is a mandatory lane to turn to eastbound Sloat Boulevard, and the left lane is an optional lane for both eastbound and westbound Sloat Boulevard. With the new striping pattern, the right lane will continue to be a mandatory lane for eastbound Sloat Boulevard, and the left lane will become a mandatory lane for westbound Sloat Boulevard. The change will reduce the pedestrian crossing distance from two traffic lanes to one traffic lane for the crosswalk across the northbound Route 35 traffic at Sloat Boulevard. Given the traffic volume, the change will not cause additional delay to traffic.

District 4 Honoree: Brenda Joyce Richard

At the annual Board of Supervisors' Black History Month celebration, Supervisor Chu honored Lawton Alternative School Athletic Director Brenda Joyce Richard.

Ms. Richard has been at Lawton for six years, and under her leadership the athletic program has really blossomed winning championships in many sports. This is notable in that Lawton has only 200 kids in their middle school and yet they compete against schools that have more than 1000 students. B.J. manages boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, boys baseball and boys and girls track. Lawton Girls Volleyball has been exceptionally strong and they are hoping for a five-peat in their next championship.

Prior to her career in school athletics, Ms. Richard was a professional tennis player and played in the USTA tennis circuit until she was 50 years old. As a teenager, Ms. Joyce was coached by Pancho Gonzales, alongside Rosie Casals, Billie Jean King and other major tennis stars.

Now Ms. Richard is the star of Lawton Alternative School, where all of the students are enriched daily by her experience and wisdom.



Upcoming Events

3/3 SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

200 exhibitors featuring day camps, enrichment activities, and sports for kids.
Concourse Exhibition Center 8th & Brannan - 10am – 3pm

3/12 PARKS BOND TOWN HALL

This meeting will engage park lovers and users in city-wide planning for the November parks bond measure. Sports Basement Grotto Room - 1590 Bryant Street - 6:00 pm

3/13 FREE TRAINING FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Sponsored by the SF Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) program.
Free workshop to cover what everyone should know to prepare for a disaster.
SFFD Division of Training Bldg – 2310 Folsom St @ 19th – 6:00 – 8:00pm
RSVP: sffdnerg.org / 415-970-2024 / www.sfsafe.org

3/17 SUMMER SIGN-UPS FOR RECREATION & PARKS

Sign up online at SFRecOnline.org or in person at Wawona Clubhouse beginning at 10:00 am

3/17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

2nd Street & Market to Civic Center - 11:30 am

3/17 FRIENDS OF THE URBAN FOREST PLANTING EVENT

9:00am - noon. Volunteers needed! Please call our office at 554-7460 for more information.

3/18 GREENFEST

Java Beach at the Zoo & the United Irish Cultural Center present their annual block party.
45th Ave & Sloat Blvd. 11am – 4pm

3/20 CAPTAIN LUM'S COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Taraval Police Station – 2345 24th Ave. at Taraval - 7:00 pm

3/21 SFMTA TOWN HALL BUDGET MEETING

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which oversees all surface transportation in the city including Muni, invites you to discuss the Agency's Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 budget that begins this July 1. This meeting will provide an opportunity to hear what is being proposed in the two-year budget and to meet directly with SFMTA staff to discuss specific programs and projects.
SF Waldorf School, 470 West Portal Avenue 6pm – 8 pm

3/22 DISTRICT 4 REDISTRICTING MEETING

Public meeting to discuss changes and modifications to San Francisco supervisorial district lines.
United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave. - 6:00 pm

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