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Having Fun in the Neighborhood

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**Mission Terrace to Host Annual Parade & Picnic –
Saturday, July 4th**

The Mission Terrace Neighborhood Association once again will host a community parade & picnic on Saturday, July 4th in Balboa Park located on 7th Avenue between Geary and Anza, next to the Ingleside Police Station.

The picnic, free to the community, celebrates America and great neighbors. Join the parade on July 4th by 10:30 between the first two blocks of Capistrano Avenue (near Santa Ynez), and march to the park for free food and activities for kids. Juicy burgers and hot dogs generously donated by Roxie Market!

**The Future of St. Luke's Hospital - Campos/Avalos Town
Hall Community Meeting –Thursday, July 9th, 6-8 PM
Precita Valley Community Center**

On Thursday, July 9th, join Supervisors David Campos and John Avalos to discuss Sutter Health/CPMC's plans for the future of St. Luke's Hospital. Since CPMC is a private entity, how can the public influence CPMC's plans both to ensure a viable hospital that provides access to healthcare for all and livable neighborhoods?

This meeting will include an explanation of Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations by panelists and information on the updated plan presented at a CPMC hosted community meeting held on June 23rd.

Background:

* In 2001, Sutter Health took control of St. Luke's as part of the settlement of an anti-trust lawsuit by St Luke's against Sutter.

* In 2007, Sutter affiliate CPMC merged with St. Luke's. That summer, CPMC revealed plans to close acute care at St Luke's by the end of 2009.

* When faced with a Supervisors resolution to begin a medical redlining lawsuit against CPMC, CPMC agreed to convene a Blue Ribbon Panel on the Future of St Luke's Hospital.



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* The Blue Ribbon Panel met from March to July, 2008, and ultimately reached a consensus recommendation that St Luke's be rebuilt.

* Since then, CPMC has altered or retreated from various Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations.

Precita Valley Community Center is located at 534 Precita Avenue, San Francisco
Accessible via MUNI # 27, 67, 12. Spanish translation provided.

For more information contact Nato Green, Labor Representative, California Nurses Association, National Nurses Organizing Committee, 2000 Franklin St., Oakland, CA 94612 Tel: (510) 273-2269 | Fax: (510) 663-5712 www.calnurses.org, www.singlepayer.com

Draft ROSE Comment Period – Now through September

The Planning Department released the DRAFT Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE) for public review in early May. It is now posted and available for download on the website: <http://openspace.sfplanning.org/>

The comment and review period will run through the end of September 2009. Please e-mail your comments to this e-mail address: openspace@sfgov.org, or fax them to 415-558-6409 Attention: Sue Exline, or mail them to: Sue Exline, SF Planning Department. 1650 Mission St, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

Please visit the SF Planning Department's website to download the Draft ROSE and more information. Some printed copies are also available for purchase at the Planning Department's Reception Desk, which it's open M-F from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

July Sanctuary Explorer's Camp 2009 – Kids 8-12

Kids 8-12 can explore the hidden treasures of our coast, by becoming a junior marine scientist, and help protect our local marine sanctuaries – all in one exciting week with the Farallones Marine Sanctuary. Campers investigate the fascinating array of plants and animals of the sanctuary by visiting tide pools, sandy beaches and coastal wetlands. This action-packed week culminates in a kayaking adventure on the San Francisco Bay.

Sessions for Ages 8-12: Session A: **July 6 - 10**, Session B: **July 20 - 24**. **Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Note: Extended care is available from 3:30 - 5:00 PM for an additional \$15 per day.

Location: Pick-up and drop-off each day at the Gulf of the Farallones building, The Presidio, San Francisco.

Fee: \$350 (FMSA Member Fee: \$330)



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Registration: To register, download a [Camp Registration Form](#) and financial aid is available to families in need. Download a [Financial Aid Form](#) both at http://farallones.org/education/sanctuary_explorers_camp.php

For more information: Contact [Sara Heintzelman](#), (415) 561 - 6625 x304

Free Tastings! Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream – July 18-22nd

Ben & Jerry's Flipped Out! in San Francisco (Justin Herman Plaza)

Upside down never tasted so rightside-up. An un-flippin-believable experience is coming to San Francisco in Justin Herman Plaza, Union Square and GG Park.

Come try a **FREE SAMPLE** of the latest Ben & Jerry's invention, **Flipped Out!** An un-flipping- describable ice cream innovation is on a cross-country tour and wants you to be one of the first to try it.

You can get Flipped Out at: **Union Square on 7/18, Golden Gate Park on 7/19 and Justin Herman Plaza, July 21 and 22.** Sampling is from **11AM - 3PM.** YUM YUM!

Monthly OMMRA Meeting – Monday July 6th

We would like to remind you to attend the Monthly OMMRA Meeting. The meeting is held at the Crocker Amazon Clubhouse and begins at 7PM. For meeting details, look for your OMMRA Newsletter or contact OMMRA President Steven Currier at steven.currier@sfdistricts.org.

Final Shakespeare Camp at McLaren Park - July 6-17

The final 2-week Shakespeare Camp takes place at McLaren Park on **July 6-17th**. This is a fun introduction to the world of Shakespeare and theater for children 7-13, of all experience levels. Participants get training in acting and improvisation, voice projection and stage movement, stage combat, set and costume design, and more.

Camps take place Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 PM (aftercare available until 5:30 PM) at the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater, McLaren Park

For more information or to register, call 415-558-0888 or visit www.sfshakes.org.

Saturday, July 11th - District 11 Council Meeting



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Join the council of all District 11 neighborhood groups at their monthly meeting from 10:00am-Noon at Ingleside Police Station Community Room (Sgt. John V. Young Lane/San Jose Avenue)

Coffee & Pastries ☕ will be served

Saturday, July 11th McLaren Park Youth/Adult Tennis - Summer Kick-off 11am-2pm

Join Youth Tennis Advantage/YTA, Rec & Park and Bay Area Tennis instructors Saturday, July 11th at the Mansell Tennis Courts in John McLaren Park (Mansell & Visitacion Streets) for the Summer Kick-off Carnival.

From 11am-2pm there will be free instruction, tennis games and registration for summer classes. Tennis equipment will be provided at the courts. Come learn about court renovation plans that YTA and community partners have to expand and improve this site as part of the 2009 Empowering Community Through Play Initiative.

Lessons and leagues for youth and adults of all ages are being organized now and you can sign up at the event.

Designated by YTA to be its flagship site YTA offers after school programs comprised of three main areas of focus: Tennis, Academic Enrichment and Life Skills. For more information call 510 663-6586 or visit www.youthtennis.org.

Volunteer McLaren Trail Planning Meeting Tuesday, July 14th 6:30-8pm – Louis Sutter Clubhouse

Come find out about a major volunteer effort to fix trails at McLaren Park coming in August as part of Volunteers of Outdoor California VOCal. Learn how you can get involved in trail repair in our premier SE park!

On Tuesday, July 14th from 6:30-8:00pm come to Louis Sutter Clubhouse in McLaren Park (University and Wayland Streets) and get information about the upcoming volunteer service project taking place from **Friday, August 7th at 4:00pm to Sunday, August 09th at 2:00pm**. The August trail work will repair and build new trails and maintain eventually old ones up to $\frac{3}{4}$ miles long in McLaren Park.



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For more information contact: Kevin Sullivan at (650)576-1651 or visit <http://vocal.org> or Lisa Wayne at Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org.

Help Paint John McLaren Park Entrance Signs - Saturday, July 18th 9am

Meet your neighbors and the RPD painters at Persia and Dublin St. for sign-painting overview and instructions, then head out and paint! Our goal is to paint 14 park entrance signs!

Volunteers will be supplied with painting supplies and a map to the entrances where the signs are located. Wear your painting clothes and plan to carpool to sites.

Please let Diego Aguirre know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions or concerns at 415 793-4791. This is going to be fun and rewarding!

Sunday Streets – In the Mission Sunday, July 19th

On July 19th Sunday Streets again takes place in the Mission District neighborhood. From 10AM - 2PM Sunday Streets will include Dolores Park down Valencia to 24th Street, then down to Garfield Square & Rolph Playgrounds.

The Sunday Streets Program offers a car-free day for families and friends to enjoy an on-the-ground experience of San Francisco. Learn yoga, bike skills, nutrition, bring your skates, walking shoes and have fun!

This new route expands the Sunday Streets Program so you can enjoy the inner Mission up close & personal. **For more information visit:** www.sundaystreetsf.com.

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13th Youth Arts Festival - Saturday, July 25th – Come Paint With Precita Eyes Muralists

On Saturday, July 25th from 1:00 PM - 6:00pm Precita Eyes Muralists offers its 13th Annual Urban Youth Arts Festival. A free event given by Precita Eyes to the community, the festival features food, live music, break dancing, kids painting, community art activities and panels for festival goers to create aerosol or traditional



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artwork. All youth and their families are invited to join muralists at Precita Park. There will be mural performance music, and refreshments. Admission is free!

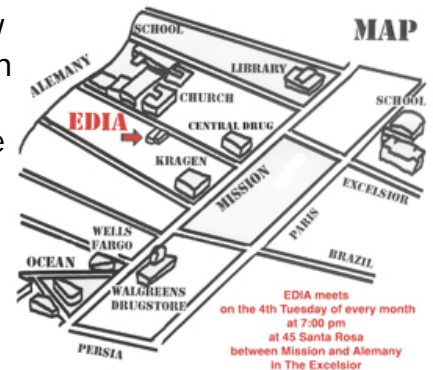
Precita Eyes is still accepting donations of food, time, talent and money to make this year's festival a hit. To donate to get more information about this year's festival please contact our Youth Arts Coordinator, Eli Lippert: 415 285-2287, or e-mail him at education@precitaeyes.org This event is sponsored by Rainbow Grocery Cooperative.

Excelsior District Improvement Association/EDIA Meeting 4th Tuesday, July 28th

Learn more about what is going on in the neighborhood – attend all the District 11 meetings! The Excelsior District Improvement Association/EDIA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., at 45 Santa Rosa Avenue, between Mission and Alemany. Meetings are held in a member's spacious, dry, welcoming and historic basement. All are welcome to attend. Entrance is in the back.

Go down the driveway and through the gate on the right to the basement entrance.

Visit their website at: <http://excelsiorsf.org> where you will find historical documents, agendas, meeting notes and other useful information



District 11 Art Walk, Friday July 31st 6-8pm

District 11 Supervisor John Avalos in conjunction with Intersection for the Arts, Out of Site Youth Art Center, Mamá Art Cafe, The Geneva Car Barn and local community members presents: A SPECIAL ONE NIGHT **FREE** FAMILY EVENT featuring the works of Nancy Hom, Jesse Aguirre & Matt Christenson.

The Artwalk consists of three events, located within a one block radius on Mission Street. The events include Teen Performances and exhibitions by members the Out of Site Youth Arts Center, Youth Speaks, City Arts and Tech High School, and the Mission YMCA Teen at 4802 Mission Street, an Art Show at 4754 Mission Street, and a Top Chef Program Children's activities with Tree Frog Treks at 4767 Mission Street.



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Take part in a One-Night-Mural project led by Andrea Hassiba, support your local merchants, see the artistic talent in the neighborhood and enjoy a stroll with your family and friends. For more information, please call: 415 554-6976.

7th Annual Jerry Day 2009
Sunday, August 2nd Noon-6pm

It's here! On **Sunday, August 2nd**, the Excelsior Cultural Group and the San Francisco Parks Trust will present the 7th Annual Excelsior District Jerry (Garcia) Day Celebration (Jerry Day 2009) at the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater. Jerry Day 2009 offers a free day of music and fun. Families, friends, friendly pets and a picnic basket are welcome.

This year's featured performers are Melvin Seals and JGB, Workingman's Ed, Stu Allen & Sandy Rothman Acoustic and Loco Bloco.

Spearheaded and conceived by Excelsior District natives and residents, this civic and cultural event is the largest event associated with the neighborhood. It is wholeheartedly embraced by the community and the City and County of San Francisco. The Jerry Garcia Amphitheater is located at 45 John F. Shelley Drive with parking and accessible by Muni Bus #29 which runs right through park on Mansell St. (Exit at the amphitheatre stop).

Jerry Day 2009 is still accepting donations to make this year's event a hit. To donate or to get more information, please visit www.jerryday.org or contact Tom Murphy at 415-272-2012.

Crocker Amazon Park Workday 1st Saturday in August 8th
9-noon – Join the Fun – See Improvement!

Work continues transforming Crocker Amazon Park into a gem with a successful partnership between our park staff and neighbors. Join us at Crocker Amazon for 3 hours of good work at the monthly park workday on the first Saturday in May at Crocker Amazon parking lot of Moscow at France.

Light snacks, gloves and tools will be provided. For more information contact Becky Perrine at bperrine@gmail.com.



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**The Taming of the Shrew – FREE Women’s Will
Performance at Jerry Garcia Amphitheatre Saturday,
August 8th & Sunday 9th at 1pm**

Looking for some good, sassy fun this summer? Come enjoy one of Shakespeare’s popular plays. The plot: Kate, untamed, meets Petruchio, equally wild, and they find (and fight) their way to peace and perfect love in each other’s arms. Great laughs, great love and two great hearts who meet their match.
Prepare to have your heart tamed too!

Don't miss founding Artistic Director Erin Merritt's final production with the company, the triumphant return of El Beh (who played the title role in 2008's *Good Person*), and the Woman's Will debut of Kate Jopson as Kate, in a production that is sexy and sassy enough for adults but lively and lovely enough for the wee ones.

Bring the whole family—for FREE! Now that's a price we like!

No reservations needed, no tickets to buy—but please consider bringing a donation to keep the company running.

Shrew runs **2 hours and 15 minutes**, so please wear sunscreen.

Excelsior Tree Planting Scheduled for September 12th

Finally, on September 12th **Friends of the Urban Forest** has scheduled a tree planting for the streets of the Excelsior. We have funding that reduces the cost of a tree to only \$65/tree (down from \$195!).

Trees increase home value, offer shade, beauty, habitat and reduces CO₂. If you want a tree for your property or want to help out, please contact Becky Perrine at bperrine@gmail.com or 415-722-4518 as soon as possible. This offer is only for this planting and paperwork is due in soon.

As always, if you have any ideas or want to submit an article, a comment or just want to contact us, please send an e-mail to info@facesf.com.

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