

# EXCELSIOR DISTRICT NEWS

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## THERE WAS NO JULY NEWSLETTER

Modern technology takes a crap again. Our new Dell computer, which was only purchased this last Christmas had a hard drive problem. By the time David and I had spent our personal money to recover the data, get a new hard drive and the operating system installed, August came around. Dell just sent us the hard drive for free.

## BIKE LANES COMING TO ALEMANY

Contributed by Lionel Brazil

The rest of the town gets the Program Clean & Green, we get bike lanes. I have no problems with bike lanes, but what about pedestrian safety. Between Silver and Ocean there is one traffic light and it is at Santa Rosa Avenue. I say, if the Bike Coalition and Supervisor Sandoval wants bike lanes then give us something in return. What about some greenery on the medium? What about more traffic lights, so our pedestrians including our children can cross the streets safely? Hell, I would take a stop sign or two! In our District bike lanes will benefit far less of our residents than either traffic lights or greenery. I say if you want to slow down traffic, put a stop sign or traffic light at every intersection.

Saturday, September 10, 2005, 11:00 AM at the Ocean Avenue Presbyterian Church, 32 Ocean Avenue there will be a meeting to discuss this very topic. Supervisor Sandoval, DPT and San Francisco Bicycle Coalition will all be at this meeting and we can ask them these questions. Don't get me wrong the bike lanes are coming, but can we get more out of the city than just paint. Paint to repaint the lines on Alemany!

**With our Newsletter circulation growing every month and it also being on the web, EDIA will start taking advertising for our Newsletter. Please contact Angelique Mahan 650-784-1973**



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **NEXT EDIA MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 23, AT 7:00 PM**
- **VISIT OUR EDIA STORE AT [WWW.EXCELSIORDISTRICT.ORG](http://WWW.EXCELSIORDISTRICT.ORG)**

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## ***JERRY GARCIA DAY 2005*** BY ANGELIQUE MAHAN

Jerry Garcia, as most people know, was one of the biggest musical icons of our time, the leader of the Grateful Dead, and a native son of the Excelsior, who grew up at 87 Harrington Street..

After Years of work, hundreds of signatures, the community was able to honor a Excelsior Native Son. The Amphitheater in McClaren Park was officially renamed the The Jerry Garcia Amphitheater. EDIA wishes to thank Tom Murphy, Linda Harte and Franco Mancini for all their hard work in the renaming.



On August 7th, 2005 the Excelsior Cultural Group, along with EDIA presented the 3rd Annual Excelsior District Jerry Garcia Birthday Celebration (Jerry Day 2005) at the newly named Amphitheater, located at 40 John F. Shelley Drive. This community celebration of Jerry Garcia originated in 2002 and has since gained a wide range of support across the Excelsior District and Southeast Community of San Francisco. Due to its success we are seeing a tremendous amount of increase in the use and awareness of the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater, as well as a great deal of positive press! Just last April the Amphitheater was filled to capacity with an event that featured a shuttle bus to and from the Balboa BART station!

All are to be congratulated on a job well done; this was truly a community effort.

**If you are interested in helping improve Our Community and create an even stronger voice for The Excelsior Neighborhood at City Hall. The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) is looking to expand our membership and bring new talent. As a member you can be involved in these very important community improvement areas – Parks & Recreation, Cleaning the Streets, Graffiti, Neighborhood Schools, Public Safety, Excelsior Library, Planning Issues, Neighborhood Revitalization, Tree Planting and many more. To apply for 2005 membership, please contact the EDIA office by either calling (415) 334-2670 or emailing us at [info@ExcelsiorDistrict.org](mailto:info@ExcelsiorDistrict.org) for a membership form. Membership dues for 2005 are \$15.00 per person.**

### Important Numbers

EDIA	(415) 334-2670
Graffiti	(415) 282-5326
Illegal Dumping	(415) 282-5326
Pot Holes	(415) 252-5326
Ingleside Police Station	(415) 404-4000
Police Dispatch	(415) 553-0123
Crime Stoppers	(415) 553-9755
Parking Enforcement	(415) 553-1200
Abandoned Cars	(415) 553-9817
Non operating Cars on Private Property	Yvonne.mere@sfgov.org (415) 554-3874
Burned Out Street Lights	(415) 554-0730
Leaking Fire Hydrants	(415) 558-3403
Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval	(415) 554-6975
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services	(415) 554-7111

## SYMPHONY TICKETS

The **San Francisco Symphony** in conjunction with Wells Fargo, are offering an incredible rate for tickets: \$10.00 ONLY!!! for their Annual All San Francisco Concert scheduled for Thursday, September 8th. We've reserved 15 tickets but we may be able to get more.

This is being offered to members of the EDIA and their families and is not meant for public distribution, so please do not forward to everyone you know. Please contact Jean Feilmoser (415) 587-2411 or [gypsyj@att.net](mailto:gypsyj@att.net) to reserve your tickets. The EDIA needs to have your funds for this event by the time of our next meeting, August 23. You can send your funds to PO Box 12005, SF CA 94112. Please let us know that the funds being sent are for the Symphony. Thank you

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## EDIA CLEANS-UP THE EXCELSIOR BY ANGELIQUE MAHAN

As many of you know EDIA has spearheaded an effort to knock out Graffiti in the Excelsior by joining the city Wide Graffiti Abatement Program. As I walked through the neighborhood I realized that painting out Graffiti wasn't enough. What good is painting out graffiti when tons of paper and garbage our lining our streets.

In a perfect world we could call DPW to get trash picked up. Budget constrains make getting to all the hotshot virtually impossible. I felt this offered us a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the neighborhood. This is our home. Why not work with our neighbors to keep our own neighborhood clean.

With that being said we had a clean up at the Balboa Park Bart Station on August 13th. If you drove on the Ocean Avenue side, you would have noticed a significant difference in the clutter surrounding the station. We estimated about 30 bags worth of trash and debris were collected in about a 2 hr span.

We would like to thank Fiona Ma who brought the crew she usually works with in the Sunset to help with the project. We look forward to putting a Crew together of our own and beginning a monthly Clean-up of various spots in the Excelsior.

If you are interested in participating in the Clean up, or know of a potential Hotspot that needs to be cleaned, Contact me at [amahan@excelsiordistrict.org](mailto:amahan@excelsiordistrict.org) or post on our New Message Board at [www.excelsiordistrict.org](http://www.excelsiordistrict.org).

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## FOR OUR LITERATURE READERS

By Jean Feilmoser

**Excelsior's own Diane di Prima, the eminent Beat Generation Poet!**

Monday, September 12, 2005, 7:30 pm - Poetry reading with Diane di Prima and Maria Gillan

Tuesday, September 20, 2005, 7:30 pm - "Modest Proposal" Chapbook Poetry Reading - Diane di Prima hosts poets Jeanne Brondino, Elizabeth Gjelton, Jo Kaufman, Tony Lima, Naomi Lowinsky and Maxine Wyman.

Every Friday (Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 5:30 pm - The Chuck Peterson Sextet - neighborhood jazz party, live in the bookshop

First Sunday of every month (Sunday, Sept. 4), 6:00 pm - The Henry Irvin Trio with Dorothy Lefkovits - jazz vocalists' open mic

Location: Bird & Beckett Books & Records  
2788 Diamond Street (at Chenery)  
San Francisco, CA 94131

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FOUNDED IN 1942  
INCORPORATED 1962

***SEE YOU AT 45 SANTA ROSA  
AVENUE, FOR THE AUGUST 23,  
2005, EDIA MEETING***

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## ***EDIA ONLINE [WWW.EXCELSIORDISTRICT.ORG](http://WWW.EXCELSIORDISTRICT.ORG)***

The Excelsior District Improvement Association would like to announce it's new online features to the website.

For those of you who wish to receive electronic copies of the newsletter, EDIA now provides the Option of Viewing the Newsletter Online. Along with the current month's issue we will be providing previous month's issues so the viewing public can keep track of issues we have dealt with.

Along with the online Newsletter, We have added a message board; open to anyone wishing to voice an opinion. If you have questions, concerns, complains and simply want to make announcement about things happening in the neighborhood, this is a place to express it.

Finally we have a section dedicated to pictures. We are hoping that people in the district will submit photos from around the neighborhood to be post in our picture section. Recent photos or Pictures from days gone by are more than welcomed.

Also speaking of our website, have you seen the EDIA Store? There are all different types of merchandize available. At the next EDIA Meeting the President will be, depending on the weather, wearing either an EDIA sweatshirt or polo shirt.

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Can you say **"Boy I missed a great meeting"**? For anyone that missed our past July meeting, Kamala Harris, the San Francisco District Attorney, was our guest speaker. We had some lengthy discussions about how she is doing her job. One particular subject that came up was something that is near and dear to us GRAFFITI. The city is definitely cracking down on it and the DA now has a task force.

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