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Having Fun in the Neighborhood

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**Bus Bridge Planned During Twin Peaks Tunnel
Summer Closure – K-L-M Muni Impacted**

The Twin Peaks Tunnel will be under construction for 2-3 months and closed to Muni train traffic beginning this summer. While the Tunnel is closed for construction, buses will run for the M Ocean View and the L Taraval lines. K Ingleside trains will run a shorter route between Sloat/St. Francis and Balboa Park.

There will **not** be a K Ingleside, L Taraval and M Ocean View lines running in Muni Metro. To go downtown Muni recommends you transfer at the Balboa BART Station and take a Balboa BART train. During weekday rush hours (6M-10AM) Muni customers transferring to the Balboa BART train can receive a single-ride ticket to the Embarcadero Station.

Forest Hill and West Portal stations will be closed during construction and replaced with a Forest Hill Shuttle Bus to connect L, M and K lines every 15 minutes.. All outbound trains entering Castro Station heading outbound will be switched back and head inbound.

Individual routes and temporary bus stops will be posted, but for complete information go to the SFMTA site at sfmta.com and click on "Projects".

Weekend early station closures start **March 16-17** as prep work starts.

**Cayuga Connectors Offers Weekly Educational
Talks Thursday Eves - Excelsior Works - 6:30PM**

Cayuga Community Connectors is offering 4 free "Boomer Talks" starting Thursday, March 15 at 6:30PM on topics of interest to all ages, and of special interest to "Baby Boomers."



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Thursday, March 15th's talk is on **1960's SF Rock Music**. Author Richie Unterberger will talk about 1960's San Francisco Bay Area rock and show film clips of local bands. Unterberger is a published author on rock music, and teaches rock music courses at several Bay Area colleges. Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, March 22nd's talk is on health and wellness as we age.

Thursday, March 29th's talk is on the Vietnam War; Vets encouraged to come.

Thursday, April 5th's talk is on volunteering to add meaning to your life.

Call, text or email Patti Spaniak at patti@cayugaconnectors.org • 646-409-7775 • 94112 for more information. Excelsior Works is located at 5000 Mission Street, next to Legacy Business Little Joes Pizza.

Cow Leaves Palace, Moves onto South Hill Roof

Cows in Crocker-Amazon? Absolutely!

With St. Patrick's Day approaching, our local cow is again celebrating the upcoming holiday, this time as a Leprechaun, the 'wearing of the green', her head topped with a Tam-o'-shanter, a shamrock necklace draped around her neck, and poised under a lucky rainbow.



Many of you remember her previous incarnations—last year's Thanksgiving turkey, a New Year's reveler, and most recently, Winged Cupid for Valentine's Day.



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Thanks to our many creative neighbors who, luckily, live in the District, they share their creativity with us to enjoy and chuckle at the wry humor. For some time, if you happen to pass by South Hill Boulevard near Prague and Geneva you'll usually see an expression of the season.

Come back around when another holiday is near and enjoy our Crocker cow and the work of neighbor John Norris!

Full Working Group Meeting of Excelsior Outer Mission Strategy, Thursday March 15th 5:30PM

Ongoing meeting to prioritize strategies to improve the Excelsior and Outer Mission District continue with the full Working Group meeting on **Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** at 5655 Mission Street, Calvary Baptist Church.

The Excelsior & Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy is an ongoing process to identify the future vision for the Excelsior & Outer Mission commercial corridor and surrounding neighborhoods. The Strategy will also include goals and strategies that can help achieve those goals. The public is welcome and invited to participate.

Parking is available in the church parking lot. Accessible by the Muni 14 and 14R.

**FREE Thursday Bingo Night Returns March 15th
– Prizes, Snacks & Raffle – 6:15-8:15PM
Crocker Amazon Clubhouse**

Starting again **Thursday, March 15th** the Crocker Amazon Advisory Committee and Crocker Amazon Playground's Recreation Manager Gerald Reader, are bringing back a community-requested program: 2 hours of fun FREE Bingo, free snacks, prizes and a raffle, every 3rd Thursday evening each month. Additional paper games cards & daubers will be available for sale.

The Crocker Amazon Advisory Committee, a group of neighbors who for more than 7 years have been advocating and holding monthly workdays for Crocker Amazon



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Playground and Park, are working with Recreation Manager Gerald Reader to re-energize the clubhouse again and offer free evening programs of broad appeal.

Some program ideas include a series of "Masters" programs at the Crocker Amazon Clubhouse with a "Fix-it" night, cooking and lifestyle demonstrations, crafts night, board games night and more. If you have ideas and requests for special programs appealing to neighbors and friends send them to Gerald at Gerald.reader@sfgov.org.

**Mobile Rec at Excelsior Playground – Saturday
March 17th 11AM-2PM FREE**

RPD would like to welcome you to our Mobile Rec Event **Saturday, March 17th from 11:00am – 2:00pm at Excelsior Playground**. Fun sport include the Climbing Wall, Disc Golf, Skateboards, BMX Bikes & Razor Scooters on site. RPD staff will provide safety equipment. Mobile Recreation is a free event. Get out and play!

**Free Healthy Parks, Healthy People - McLaren -
10AM Saturday, March 17th**

The Healthy Parks, Healthy People Bay Area, is a free monthly healthy walk in several of our city's parks. It is a collaborative effort between 25 local agencies, SF Rec and Park as part of its Healthy Parks Healthy People initiative. The walks explore natural areas with RPD guides providing a short interpretive program designed specifically for each location.

McLaren Park walks take place on the third Saturday of the month starting at 10:00AM meeting up at University & Mansell. They are free and require no pre-registration. This healthy outdoor activity offers a chance to socialize with new friends, feel fit, and find new inspiration in our city's native plants and wildlife.

Bring your water and sunscreen. The staff will have first aid equipment and are CPR certified. Check local weather forecasts – Trail Walks will be canceled due to unsafe conditions and/or rain. For more information email lisa.mchenry@sfgov.org.



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**Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse Groundbreaking
– Monday March 19th 11AM**

Things are moving ahead at the Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse!

On Monday, March 19th at 11 AM, there will be an official groundbreaking ceremony to begin work to transform the historic Powerhouse into a center for art and art performances.

To kick off this long-anticipated transformation RPD General Manager Ginsburg, Commission President Buell, Commission Vice President Low, and Supervisor Ahsha Safai will note this community focused milestone with the golden shovel groundbreaking and photoshoot.

Many community members have supported the Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse project and invested in the revitalization of this space.

**March Captain's Meeting - Tuesday March 20th – 7
PM – Ingleside Station Community Room**

The next Ingleside Police Department Captain's Community meeting will be held Tuesday March 20th at 7 PM at the Ingleside Police Community Room.

There will be light refreshments available to those who come to the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

**Balboa Park Off-Lease Dog Play Area Opens
Thursday, March 22nd 5:30-7:30 PM**

Construction is set to begin on the Balboa Park's Off-Leash Dog Play Area. After a thorough community process, and approval by the Recreation & Park Commission the Balboa Off-Leash Dog Play Area will offer an area for neighbors to recreate with their furry friends. The opening of this Off-Leash Dog Play area is scheduled for **March 22nd from 530-7:30PM.**



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This new area will be located behind the Balboa Pool and will include signage, new park benches and a portion of bollard-and-chain fencing.

ArtSpan Annual Auction – Saturday, March 24th 6:30-9PM - SOMArts

Our new Excelsior neighbor, ArtSpan, is holding their Annual Auction **Saturday, March 24th at SOMArts.**

We are excited that ArtSpan is renovating the Excelsior’s Alemany Emergency Hospital historic building, home to the beautiful WPA mural by artist Bernard Zakheim to create the ArtSpan Onondaga Art Center. ArtSpan has had its doors open to artists and the art-loving community for over 43 years, and yet we have never had a home to call its own.

For most of its four-decade history, ArtSpan has operated out of a very modest 2nd-floor offices in the SOMArts complex. With the move to the Onondaga building ArtSpan will now have space for studios for artists, a gallery, an event space, or a classroom to offer to the community. And to make this happen some of the proceeds will help support this new home for the organization.

ArtSpan Auction doors open: VIP begins at 5:30p, general admission begins at 6:30p. Support our new art center that further signals the Excelsior is home to artists and creatives.

For those of you unable to attend to auction, please come to the Auction Preview and Panel Discussion on Thursday, March 22, at 6:00pm. ArtSpan Board Vice-Chair, Matt McKinley, will moderate a lineup of local art leaders, including the San Jose Director of Culture, the Director of Creative Sonoma, and the Director of the Kala Institute under the title: Hyperlocal Art & Community: Collecting Art in the Bay Area - Supporting Local Artists for a Global Impact.

RPD Services Survey – Let RPD Know What to Invest In and Give Your Ideas



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Come Out and Play! Playgrounds? Swimming pools? Soccer fields? Trails? Picnic tables? The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is eager to improve the reach of our services across San Francisco and wants your perspective and ideas to guide future investment. Take our brief survey and enter to win a \$50 gift card!"

URL to surveys in all language: sfrecpark.org/survey

RPD looks forward to hearing back from you and appreciates your opinion. For more information contact Zoe Harris, Civic Edge Consulting Mobile (415) 699-9815
25 Taylor Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 Office (415) 915-0511; thecivicedge.com

Excelsior Sunday Streets March 25th 11AM-4PM

The 1st of 2 Excelsior Sunday Streets takes place **Sunday, March 25th** from **11AM-4PM** along the same Mission Street corridor as last fall. This 5-hour car-free event lets you enjoy walking, biking, dancing or strolling along the commercial district while engaging in street activities and visiting local eateries.

A fall Excelsior Sunday Streets is scheduled for October 14th

Seeking volunteer Sunday Streets Ambassadors: Sunday Street is asking for volunteers to help at the Excelsior Sunday Streets or any of the other Sunday Streets planned throughout the city.

Anyone 16 years + will be paid \$14/hour up to 25 hours/month throughout 2018 and at any/all Sunday Streets or only Excelsior's.

Tasks include residential & commercial outreach, poster & sign hanging, flyer distribution, day-of event support. To sign up or learn more contact **Jean-Paul Torres** <jeanpaul@livablecity.org>.

Excelsior Bike Tree Planting April 28th - Free Trees

On **April 28th** Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) will plant trees throughout the neighborhood to anyone wanting a free tree in front of their building. This is the 1st of 2 District 11 tree plantings. Now that the City maintains the trees and repairs the sidewalks that are damaged by tree roots, adding a tree contributes to the environment, beautifies the neighborhood and increases the value of your home.



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You have until **March 14th** to request a free tree. You have a choice of several trees to choose from and FUF maintains them for 3 years after planting. Sign up at fuf.net/excelsior.

On **May 12th** the OMI will have a day of free tree planting. The deadline to sign up is **March 28th** at fuf.net/omi.

FUF makes it easy and affordable for San Franciscans to get new trees in front of their properties. Street trees beautify and improve neighborhoods, increase property values, reduce storm-water runoff, and clean the air.

Community Sprouts Offers Free Shibori Dyeing Saturday, March 31st – 10AM – 2PM June Jordan

Come learn the art of Shibori Dyeing in the June Jordan School for Equity Community Farm & Kitchen. All materials and supplies will be included and each participant will receive two tea towels to fold and dye. Please feel free to bring any additional fabric items or we will have some additional items available for purchase on-site.

The class is free and open to all. Please bring a food or drink item to share. June Jordan School for Equity is located at 325 La Grande Avenue, SF, 94112

This class is offered free of charge by the generous support of the Excelsior Community Action Grant.

On the 2nd Saturday of each month Urban Sprouts opens up the JJSE Farm & Community Kitchen for a day of community building, knowledge sharing, and solidarity. The day includes an educational component, garden work, and potluck. Please contact sprout @ urbansprouts.org for any questions or additional information.

Celebrate Easter Eggstavananza at Stern Grove - Saturday, March 31st – 11AM – 3PM

SF's Recreation and Park Department is kicking off spring with Easter fun! This Saturday, March 31st RPD's Easter Eggstavananza will again take place in Golden Gate Park at Sharon Meadow. There will be Easter egg hunts, carnival ride inflatables, arts and crafts, and of course, entertainment.



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Come an hour earlier and celebrate the reopening of the Koret Playground in front of Sharon Arts Studio. All are welcome!

STAGE CALL: SFShakes Offering Youth Summer Internships – Apply by March 31st

Calling High School and College Students 15-22: Do you want to work hard and have fun this summer?

SF Shakes provides an internship program for teens and young adults (ages 15-22) who want to further their professional development as theatre artists.

SFShakes' 2018 Interns will be an integral part of the summer staff, undertaking several important positions onstage and off. As an Education Interns you will assist in Shakespeare Camps all over the Bay Area, gaining teaching experience and further fluency in Shakespeare's work. Performance Interns will play the roles of Leontes's servants in the mainstage production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Front-of-House Interns will gain valuable customer service skills as well as perform a Green Show on the history of Shakespeare and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Literary Intern will assist with research and dramaturgy in rehearsals. Stage Management and Production Interns will play crucial roles in making their outdoor performances run, assisting backstage, hanging lights, setting up sound equipment, and keeping everything running smoothly.

Information and application are available on line at www.sfshakes.org. For more information feel free to contact Artistic Director Rebecca J. Ennals, at P.O.Box 460937, San Francisco, CA 94146 or email her at rennals@sfshakes.org. Applications should be received by March 31, 2018. Late entries may be considered. The earliest applicants will receive priority consideration. SFShakes is also offering Children's' Summer Camps.

Greenagers Now Hiring For the Class of 2019

The RPD Greenager Program is an outdoor youth leadership program created and designed to offer early high school teens a chance to play an important role in the community by improving the city's green spaces! We are looking for rising 9th to 10th grade students who are interested in getting involved in their community and local



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parks as youth advocates, enjoy meeting new people and want to gain work experience. To apply or for more information: <http://sfrecpark.org/the-greenager-program-is-now-hiring-for-class-of-2019/>

Take Your Picture, Try to Win an Art Panel during SF Beautiful Muni Art 2018 Months

SF Beautiful Muni Art 2018 will run on 100 Muni buses from January through April and this year you could win an original art panel! Take a picture of you in a Muni Art bus or with the panel displayed at your local library and post on the SF Beautiful Facebook page, with the hashtag #SFMuniArt. They will be drawing once a month for the winners, good luck!

San Francisco Introduces Support at Home Pilot Program to Help With In-Home Care

San Francisco is introducing a new pilot program **Support at Home** that provides financial assistance to adults 18 and over making up to 100% Area Median Income (\$80,700 for 1 person household) to afford home care and stay in the community!

This is the first program of its kind and provides financial aid to those who need help in the home or even managing daily activities such as errands. Whether the home care is needed for recovering from a surgery or injury, permanent disability, limitations common over age 60 – this program was created to provide support and relief.

As a pilot program, it is critical it is fully enrolled to make it a success. Current enrollment is underway and space is limited. It is important that the community knows about Support at Home and how to apply so they do not miss this opportunity. As this is a grassroots effort, please help to spread the word about this groundbreaking program

Anyone can make a referral for themselves or someone else by calling 415.750.4111 or submitting a referral here www.ioaging.org/supportathome. For more information contact Natasha Burchuladze, Program Coordinator, Support at Home Program at 415.379.3243 or nburchuladze@ioaging.org. Support at Home flyers are available in multiple languages.



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Save the Date: Annual Help McLaren Park Pancake Breakfast – May 19th Louis Sutter Clubhouse

The annual all-you can eat Help McLaren Park Pancake Breakfast returns on **May 19th**. This year's biggest and most fun fundraiser of the year is happening in May from 8:30am to noon. A permit was just approved. **This year's funds will go towards the Saturday in the Park Kids Concert and/or improving the Group Picnic Area's new playground**, hopefully by finding a matching donor! Please call your friends in the industries and see if they would be interested in matching Help McLaren Park so we can add a few elements like swings and monkey bars to the new playground design.

Still Noticing More Jet Noise? Report it at <https://stop.jetnoise.net>

It's not getting any better. If you've noticed more overhead airplanes, more flight noise and lower planes, you are not imagining it.

Why are there more loud overhead flights? It is due to a major change by the FAA when they mandated new flight paths as part of an ongoing national program, NextGen, designed to modernize airspace and accommodate increased demand.

Where before arriving flights were split into different approaches, some arriving over land, others over San Francisco Bay, now flights converge into one general path approach to airports along a fixed, narrow "superhighway" flying at lower altitudes below 5,000 feet over metropolitan areas, such as the mid-Peninsula, the South Bay and San Francisco. The tighter flight paths save airlines fuel but cities that previously experienced little airplane noise and now are filing significantly increased noise complaints. In January SFO reports complaints are up tenfold. If you want to file a complaint you can report noisy jets at the website "**stop.jetnoise.net**" whose members are meeting with the FAA to make changes.

To make the lengthy process of filing complaints easier, use a phone app to quickly report the jet noise as it happens. **Stop.jetnoise.net** has a quick 2-3 step process,



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reports the airline and flight number, time and the complaint as soon as you submit the report. Advocates working with Rep. Eshoo are also meeting with the FAA monthly at SFO and with data collection hope to effect change as has happened in Dallas, Denver and Newport Beach.

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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