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**Portola District's Amazing Volunteer Day -
Tuesday, June 26th – 11:00AM – 1:30PM**

On Tuesday, June 26, San Franciscans will come together and celebrate the Hero inside us all as part of Sony Pictures Entertainment's "Be Amazing, Stand Up and Volunteer" Program. On that day, people of all ages in San Francisco, and in cities across the country, will come together to give their time and energy to help their neighbors. Events take place at 4 locations in the City. The Portola is what we're featuring.

The Portola Neighborhood Association San Bruno Corridor Event

Portola Neighborhood Association is excited to be a part of the San Francisco's June 26 "Be Amazing, Stand Up and Volunteer Day" for THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Come join us for a day of community involvement and help us beautify the San Bruno Avenue corridor and our future park site of 1 Burrows Street. We'll be installing two new planters, cleaning up the business corridor, and drawing Spider-man images in chalk! Volunteers will be provided with a free lunch and t-shirt. The event takes place from 11:00am to 1:30pm. We need volunteers for the following categories:

1. Planter Group—8 to 10 volunteers - a. Volunteers that have some experience with gardening and are able to use gardening tools can sign up for this group.
2. Clean-up Group—8 to 10 volunteers - a. Volunteers will help clean up trash and along San Bruno Avenue. Volunteers will be provided with gloves, trash bags, brooms and other items.
3. Children/chalk Group—8 to 10 volunteers - a. This is primarily intended for children between the ages of 4 and 14; however, everyone is welcomed to take



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part. Volunteers will be creating images of Spider-man on chalk throughout the future park site of 1 Burrows Street.

For further information and to volunteer for the Portola event, please contact Robert Ramirez, Program Manager, Portola Neighborhood Association at (415) 574-9170, robert.pnsc@gmail.com.

Other Volunteer events will be held across San Francisco at Crissy Field, Booker T. Washington Community Center, Golden Gate Park, Please Touch Community Garden. If you would like to register to volunteer for these events, please visit empowersf.org for more information.

EDIA Meeting - Tuesday, June 26th – 7:00PM

Please plan to attend the June EDIA meeting **Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** at 45 Santa Rosa Avenue.

Members, non-members and friends are welcome to EDIA's monthly meeting to cover local and city-wide issues. Among the topics discussed will be the Installation of Executive Board officers, a Report on the Jewish Home Renovation, and discussion about the October 21st Excelsior Festival.

The 45 Santa Rosa meeting space is in the basement. Go down to the end of the driveway and through the back yard to enter the back door of the basement. Refreshments served.

EDIA meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except Nov & Dec). EDIA minutes and other EDIA documents, can be found on EDIA's website, <http://www.excelsiorsf.org>

**Excelsior Branch Library Author and Lecture Series
Wednesday, June 27th - 7pm**





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THE EXCELSIOR BRANCH ARTS & CULTURE SALON

This Month's special events for adults at the Excelsior Branch

Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m.: "On Location: The Golden Gate Bridge on the Silver Screen"

The Golden Gate Bridge has starred in more movies than any other American architectural icon. From *Dark Passage* (1947) to *The Rise of the Planet of the Apes* (2011) the iconic span appears in wide range of films including *Superman*, *Star Trek*, *Time After Time*, *It Came from Beneath the Sea*, *Love Bug*, *A View to a Kill*, *Monsters vs. Aliens*, *Interview with a Vampire*, *X-Men*. In honor of its 75th anniversary, Jim Van Buskirk, author of *Celluloid San Francisco* (and former SFPL librarian) offers a clip-filled program of hilariously horrifying depictions of San Francisco's beloved bridge.

Also, the **One City One Book** pick for 2012 is *A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disaster* by San Francisco author Rebecca Solnit!

Join other readers this summer reading Solnit's book, which surveys natural and man-made disasters—from the Halifax explosion of 1917, to the Sept. 11th attacks—and the way communities and people come together to respond to them.

To contact the Library, please call Excelsior Branch Manager Rebecca Alcalá or call her at (415) 355-2868. The Excelsior Library is located at 4400 Mission Street, 94112

MAMÁ NEEDS YOUR VOTE! – Help them win a \$250k Chase & Living Social Grant by JUNE 30th

Dear Customers, Friends, and Excelsior Residents,

Thanks to Mission: Small Business, a program sponsored by Chase and LivingSocial, your support could translate into a \$250,000 grant to be invested in the venue, the cultural programming and the community of the Excelsior District. But Mamá needs at



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least 250 votes at www.missionsmallbusiness.com. Follow these 4 easy steps that take no more than two minutes to complete.

1. Click on this link, www.missionsmallbusiness.com.
2. Log into your FaceBook account through the "Log in with FaceBook to Support Your Community" link.
3. Scroll down and enter "Mama Art Cafe" in the business name field and click Search.
4. Click on the Support button to vote for Mamá Art Cafe.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! Paolo Cabezas & Mama Art Cafe

**Glen Canyon Park Habitat & Wildlife Meeting -
Thursday, June 28th – 7PM**

The Glen Park Association and the Diamond Heights Community Association are sponsoring a public meeting on Glen Canyon Park **Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm**. The focus of the meeting is to provide information on various points of view regarding measures which may affect habitat and wildlife in Glen Canyon Park. Each presenter/group will describe their involvement in Glen Canyon Park planning and activities and how that involvement benefits the park and community.

The presenters will include:

Ruth Gravanis, Environmental Advocate
Eric Miller, President, Forest Alliance
San Francisco Recreation and Park Dept.
San Francisco Dept. of the Environment

Meeting Information:

Glen Canyon Park, Information on Habitat and Wildlife Policies and Activities
San Francisco Police Academy
350 Amber Drive (off Duncan, next to Christopher Park)
Parking: Large Parking Lot Available



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Please bring friends and neighbors to attend the meeting and feel free to forward the meeting time and place. This is an opportunity to hear from groups who have committed much time and effort to habitat and wildlife concerns in Glen Canyon Park. For information contact Sally Ross, GPA Membership Secretary at s_schulz@pacbell.net.

Next Sunday Streets in the Mission, July 1st

Come out to the streets when the next **Sunday Streets** -- the third of four in a row in the Mission: July 1, and August 5 and enjoy a day of food, fun and walking around the Mission and its stores, parks and streets. Sunday Streets celebrates miles of car-free roads for people to get out and get active in diverse SF neighborhoods.

**Join the Annual 4th of July Parade & July 4th BBQ -
Wednesday July 4th 10:00AM-3:00PM**

Come celebrate the 4th of July with your neighbors and friends Wednesday, July 4th at The New Mission Terrace Improvement Association's Annual Fourth of July Parade and Barbeque.

This fun, free event celebrating America's Independence starts at 10:15AM with the "everybody's welcome" parade starting on Capistrano Street. Kids, dogs, neighbors, firemen, and specialty car drivers' travel through the neighborhood to Balboa Park to a free barbeque and entertainment.

The New Mission Terrace Improvement Association and Roxie Market co-sponsor a neighborhood Fourth of July Parade and Barbeque each year. The picnic event takes place in front of the Balboa Park Pool area and grass lawn along San Jose Avenue with fun for kids of all ages and a fire department exhibition.

Wear your proudest red, white and blue, decorate your dogs, festoon your kids and join the fun!



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**Friends of Camp Mather Meet July 5th - 7pm
Ingleside Community Room**

Come to the Friends of Camp Mather (FoCM) meeting, Thursday July 5th from 7:00-8:45 pm at the Community Room at Ingleside Police Station, next to Balboa Park

The July Meeting agenda will be posted soon on the website (www.CampMather.org)

(Closed Board Meeting commences at 8:45)

**Crocker Park Advisory Group Meets Wednesday,
July 11th at Crocker Clubhouse -McLaren Park
Collaborative Meeting Follows**

The McLaren Park Collaborative holds its next meeting Wednesday, 7:30PM July 11th at Crocker Amazon Clubhouse. Collaborative members are invited to discuss community-identified priorities for McLaren Park.

Come and bring your ideas for this very important meeting. All are welcome. Please spread the news to individuals and groups who might want to attend any of the meetings. For more information: Please contact the Collaborative at mclarenparkcollaborative@googlegroups.com.

**3rd Annual Excelsior District Art Walk, Friday July
13th – 5 - 8PM**

The 3rd Annual Excelsior Art Walk invites neighbors and friends to enjoy 3 hours of art, music and fun on Mission Street Friday evening, July 13, from 5 - 8 pm. Excelsior ArtWalk 2012 features both indoor and outdoor venues from Persia to Onondaga.

This is a great way to start the weekend and get out and see the work of your neighbors while enjoying a stroll along the way.



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The Excelsior Art Walk is sponsored by Supervisor John Avalos, Out of Site Youth Arts and Education Program, and the Excelsior Action Group. If you are an artist interested in participating, there may still be a spot available. Please contact Grace D'Anca with your interest MaBear08@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, July 14th - District 11 Council Meeting

Join the council of all District 11 neighborhood groups at their monthly meeting of 2012 from 10:00am-Noon at Ingleside Police Station Community Room (Sgt. John V. Young Lane/San Jose Avenue). Coffee & Donuts will be served.

Athens-Avalon Greenspace Garage Sale – Saturday, July 14th – 7:30AM – 3:00PM - Proceeds Help Buy Plants

To celebrate DPW's work and planned hillside landscaping of the new Athens-Avalon Greenspace, the Athens-Avalon Greenspace Committee is holding a garage sale on **Saturday, July 14th** from 7:30AM-3:00PM. All proceeds from the garage sale will go toward the purchase of plants for the freshly-graded hill. Your support of this neighborhood fund-raising project would help a lot in making the hillside an absolutely beautiful Excelsior neighborhood garden!

If you are interested in donating your treasures, please send a list of the items you will contribute to pamelaaxelson@gmail.com by **Monday, July 9**. Then drop your items off at the southwest corner of Athens @ Avalon between 7:30 & 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 14. Last, but not least, please be a good neighbor & retrieve your unsold items at 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. Better yet stay, manage the sale of your items & join the party that follows. Unclaimed items will not be returned & broken or dirty items will not be accepted.

This is a fun opportunity to meet your neighbors, learn more about the plans for the Greenspace & share your ideas for the Greenspace. For more information about the



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event, or questions on what to donate, please contact Pam Axelson at the above e-mail. See you at the Athens-Avalon Garage Sale Fundraiser on July 14th 7:30AM- 3PM.

Quesada Gardens Initiative Continues – Buy Topsoil, Nourish your Garden and Help the Cause

Quesada Gardens Initiative/QGI Summer Topsoil Fundraiser at the Palou Community Garden (Dunshee St. between Palou St. and Oakdale Ave. - Map: <http://g.co/maps/d78cq>)

Pick up some high-quality topsoil and manure for your own backyard or community garden project from the Quesada Gardens while donating to Quesada Gardens Initiative with your purchases of topsoil. A suggested donation of \$2.50/bag helps QGI maintain its existing gardens and provide funds to help their newest garden – the Palou Community Garden – get off the ground.

According to Quesada Gardens contact Chris Wadding, a neighbor from the Portola wrote him last week to exclaim, "Our tomatoes are thriving in the topsoil/manure mix we received from Quesada." Please contact Chris at cawadding@gmail.com to arrange a time to pick up your soil.

QGI's fiscal sponsor is Bayview Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement, so please make checks payable to "**BVHPFCI**" and indicate "**QGI**" on the memo line of the check. Cash donations will be gladly accepted as well and you will get a receipt with every donation. All donations are tax deductible (non-profit tax code #94-1747575).

If you'd prefer to donate online with a credit card or Paypal, please go to <http://www.quesadagardens.org/join-and-support.php> and click on the donate button.

Even if you don't need topsoil of manure, please consider becoming a supporter by providing a donation to [Quesada Gardens](#). Every dollar helps! Read more about [QGI](#) at [SF Public Press](#), the [San Francisco Examiner](#), and in [Yes! Magazine](#). Go Dirt!



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