



Friends & Advocates of Crocker-Amazon & the Excelsior

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Community Meeting on Recent Crimes with Chief Gascón and Supervisor Avalos - Thursday, January 28th 5:30PM

Tonight Thursday, January 28th Chief Gascón and Supervisor Avalos have scheduled a community meeting at the Excelsior Teen Center to discuss the recent officer involved shooting on Maynard Street. Beginning at 5:30pm Chief Gascón and Supervisor Avalos will discuss the event and give a presentation regarding the incident. We encourage members of the community to attend the presentation followed by a question and answer forum.

The Excelsior Teen Center is located at 4468 Mission Street.

Candlestick Point Parks - Community Meeting - Saturday, January 30th 10AM-Noon, Bret Harte Elementary

This **Saturday, January 30th 10 am to Noon** California State Parks invites your input as they begin plans to redesign and improve **Candlestick Point State Recreation Area**. Please join them January 30th 10:00 am at the Bret Harte Elementary School for the first community meeting on the plan: Visioning and EIR Scoping.

You are invited to share your vision for improving Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, and provide suggestions for the scope of issues to be covered in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Trail improvements, better connections to local neighborhoods, habitat restoration, additional facilities, and youth programs are just some of the possibilities. Begin the year by working with the community to design a plan that will enhance the neighborhood and become an exciting destination for all Californians!

If you have any questions or comments, visit the project website at: www.parks.ca.gov (General Plans in Progress) Or contact Steve Musillami at California State Parks, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 653-6501 smusi@parks.ca.gov Bret Harte Elementary School is located at 1035 Gilman Avenue, San Francisco, 94124 light breakfast will be served.



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**Bernal Heights Branch Library Grand Re-opening Celebration -
Saturday, January 30th 1PM**

Come see the unveiling of the City's latest Library renovation and enjoy a party celebrating the revitalization of the Bernal Heights Branch Library.

The newly renovated and modernized Bernal Heights Branch Library is the latest addition to better libraries that voters passed with the bond. The grand re-opening is scheduled to start at 1pm at 500 Cortland Ave. (near Moutrie)

**E-Waste Recycling to Benefit SF Schools – Last Drop-Off Date in
District 11 - Saturday, January 30th**

This is your last chance to help rid your house of unwanted electronics and help our local schools this month.

The Francisco Bay Area, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., is offering its green recycling program at ten K-12 schools in the City. Neighborhood residents can drop off their used electronics and have them recycled for **free** from 10 AM to 2 PM at **Longfellow Elementary School** on January 30th.

Funds from Samsung's recycling program benefit schools by matching donated funds to the district's Free and Reduced Lunch program, and expanded lunch menu options such as salad bars, offering fresh, healthy produce.

For other available dates at other schools check website link:

http://www.samsung.com/us/business/semiconductor/newsView.do?news_id=1111

**FREE - Family Day Celebration – Camp Mather at SF County Fair
Building Group Meeting - Saturday, January 30th 10AM-3PM**

Friends of Camp Mather Family Day Celebration features Food, Music, Fun for All Ages on Saturday, January 30th 10-3, at the San Francisco County Fair Building.

At this free family event, San Francisco Recreation and Park people will be taking registration for the Camp Mather lottery.



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Camp Mather is still accepting donations for their Silent Auction Public Transportation is highly recommended.

For more information FRIENDS of CAMP MATHER or www.campmather.com

A LIVING LIBRARY STAKEHOLDER'S MEETING- February 1st 2-4 PM, San Miguel CDC

The Friends of A Living Library invite you to participate in an upcoming Living Library Stakeholder's Planning Meeting on. The meeting takes place at the newly refurbished San Miguel CDC Room 20, 2nd Floor, 300 Seneca (near Balboa BART) in the Excelsior.

The CDC, with its neighbor, James Denman Middle School, is home to the OMI/Excelsior Branch Living Library & Think Park.

Please enter from Oneida, 2 blocks past Geneva, off San Jose Avenue, so you can see A LIVING LIBRARY GARDENS & STREETScape TRANSFORMATION on your way to the meeting. Please call with any questions or for more information contact Bonnie Ora Sherk, Founder & Director Life Frames, Inc. & A Living Library to bonnieora@alivinglibrary.org telephone 415 206-9710, 212 242-1700, or visit <http://www.alivinglibrary.org> .Please RSVP.

Excelsior Branch Library – Film Night – Film Noir “Kiss Me Deadly” – February 1st – 6:30PM

Stark, fast, and violent, *Kiss Me Deadly* depicts an unstable world on the edge of chaos. Ralph Meeker stars as Spillane's anti-social private eye, Mike Hammer, whose troubles begin when he picks up a beautiful hitchhiker dressed in nothing but a raincoat. He and the girl are abducted by two thugs who kill the girl but Hammer escapes when the murderers' car topples off a cliff. Seeking vengeance, Hammer tries to discover the secret behind the girl's murder. All clues lead to a mysterious box - the "Great Whatsit." Director Robert Aldrich creates a melodrama for the nuclear age. (1955/105 mins) Movie starts at 6:30 in the community room.
Excelsior Branch Library, 4400 Mission Street (at Cotter), (415) 355-2834.

**Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema Comes Inside - Reopening Event
- Tuesday, February 2nd 7-8:30 PM**



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Check out the newly remodeled Bernal Heights Branch Library (500 Cortland Ave.) on Tuesday, February 2nd from 7-8:30pm. The new home to the Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema and a fresh, new space, BHOC will christen the new projection equipment and toast our favorite Bernal Heights filmmakers and award winners from last season.

The Bernal Heights Branch Library is located at 500 Cortland Avenue.(near Moultrie)
Tel. 415 355-3810

VALENTINE CARD PARTY  – Saturday, February 6th 11AM-2PM, Sunnyside Conservatory

Gather up your old holiday cards, calendars, gift-wrap, magazines, and cardboard coffee sleeves and bring them to the newly restored Sunnyside Conservatory 236 Monterey Blvd. San Francisco (between Baden and Congo) on Saturday, February 6, 11 am – 2 pm --rain or shine.

Sponsored by Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory and San Francisco Recreation and Park Department this **FREE** arts & craft event is a great way to enjoy this beautiful conservatory and express your own creativity.

There will be lots of examples and inspiration provided for making handmade cards using recycled, found, salvage, and everyday materials, along with some cardstock, punches, and other notions. Children are welcome, but they must be supervised by parent or accompanying adult. For more info, send an e-mail to info@sunnysideconservatory.org or visit www.sunnysideconservatory.org.

Sponsored by Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory and San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

1st Saturday Cultural/Historic Walking Tours of the Mission's 16th Street Murals, Saturday, February 6th 11AM

Precita Eyes Muralists' newest tour is offered only on the first Saturday of every month. **On Saturday, February 6th**, meet at the 16th Street Mission BART Station Plaza (under the Wells Fargo Bank Sign) at 11AM. This new mural walk includes "Vamos Gigantes", the Women's Building "Maestrapeace", KidPOWER Park, Mission Pool, and much more as more murals decorate our City! The tour lasts approximately



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1 ½ hours. Cost: General \$15.00, College with ID & Seniors \$8.00, Youth under 17 \$5.00, Under 12 \$2.00. For more information visit www.precitaeyes.org or e-mail tours@precitaeyes.org.

Proceeds benefit the non-profit's community arts programs

Mamá Art Cafe Art Event - Saturday, February 6th - 7-10 PM

Mamá Art Cafe will present Paintings & Monotypes by Soad Kader described by the artist as “my fascination with the abrazo (embrace) in tango” an exhibition and Art Reception Saturday, February 6th from 7pm – 10pm at the Mamá Art Café. For more information call or come by 4754 Mission Street, San Francisco. Call at 415 586-8453, or e-mail artcafe@mamasf.com.

Planning for Excelsior Greening – Excelsior Action Group Meeting - Wednesday, February 10th 6-8PM

EAG's cleanliness & beautification efforts last year are now kicking into high gear this year with a number of large-scale greening & beautification projects in the Excelsior. Come and let them tell you all about them and give your ideas on what these projects should look like.

Everyone is welcome to come to this Greening & Beautification meeting **Wednesday, Feb. 10 6-8pm** at the EAG's office 4702 Mission St. For more information contact Eric Brewer-Garcia at 415 585-3220 or e-mail him at EricBG.EPC@gmail.com

Saturday, February 13th – Disc Golf Meeting, 2PM Marx Meadow Golden Gate Park

At the first McLaren Park Planning Meeting held January 26, attendees were invited by the SF Recreation and Park Department representative to attend a tour scheduled for **Saturday, February 13th at 2PM** of the **disc golf course at Marx Meadow in Golden Gate Park.**

Wikipedia defines Disc Golf as: Disc golf (also known as frisbee golf or "frolf") is a disc game in which individual players throw a flying disc into a basket or at a target. According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, "The object of the game is to traverse a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc..."



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The discs used in disc golf are usually smaller but denser than sport Frisbees and are tailored for particular flight profiles to increase/decrease stability and distance.

The San Francisco Disc Golf Club which manages the course is a not-for-profit organization with its stated primary goal "to build permanent disc golf courses, complete with baskets" in the San Francisco area of Northern California.

If you are interested in seeing the GGP course and learning about Disc Golf, please plan on attending this tour and for more information contact Karen Maundy-Brodek at Karen.Mauney-Brodek@sfgov.org

Saturday, February 13th - District 11 Council Meeting

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)

Meeting Agenda will be issued prior to the meeting date.

Coffee & Pastries ☕ will be served



Love your Library - Valentine's Dinner Dance - Saturday, February 13th 5:30- 8PM

Save the date: Help benefit the Ingleside and Merced Library Campaigns and enjoy an evening of friends, fun and festivity. Come to the San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2850 19th Avenue **Saturday, February 13th** and join the Library Campaign's Valentine's Dinner and Dance.

Doors open at 5:30 pm followed by Dinner and Dancing from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$35./person, children half price. To purchase tickets call Tamara Scheulov at: 415-626-7512 X 101 or online: www.brownpaertickets.com/event/95188 RSVP by Feb. 10th.

Parking in the Scottish Rite's Parking Garage.





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The Annual Támburitza Festival is Coming! – Food, Music and Dance Party – Saturday & Sunday, February 13th & 14th

The Croatian American Cultural Center presents its annual President's Weekend **Festival of the Támburitzás!** – On Saturday February 13th at 8PM the traditional Welcome Dance will be held for the first time at the [Ashkenaz Dance and Music Center in Berkeley](#). The **Gypsy Stringz** and the **Kolo Festival Band** will play for dancing including kolos. Jerry Duke will teach kolos to start the evening. Eszterlanc Hungarian Dance Ensemble will perform later in the evening.

On Sunday February 14th at 1PM the music moves to the **Croatian American Cultural Center in San Francisco** for the finale with the Gypsy Stringz and all the performing groups. The Center will host a full Concert, sing-a-longs, participatory dancing, exhibits and the lively music of the tamburitza resounding from two halls. Sunday tickets are \$15. Don't miss it!

The Croatian American Cultural Center is located at 60 Onondaga Ave., 510-649-0941 - San Francisco - www.CroatianAmericanWeb.org

Excelsior & Ingleside Libraries: Author Tim Holt - "Woody Guthrie and the Great American Folksong" Saturday, February 21st & Wednesday, February 24th

The **Ingleside Library and Excelsior Branch Library's Arts & Culture Salon** presents two opportunities to hear author Tim Holt entertain and inform in a musical performance and discussion "Woody Guthrie and the Great American Folksong."

Celebrating the life of Woody Guthrie and the history of the American folksong, Author Tim Holt will present a brief history of the American folksong, from the old-time ballads of Appalachia to the "ramblin'" Depression-era songs of Woody Guthrie. He will discuss the origins of our folk music in the British Isles and West Africa, and will sing a variety of American folksongs representing various aspects of our history and culture. Tim Holt will be at **Ingleside Branch on Saturday, February 21st** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. And at the **Excelsior Branch Library's on Wednesday, February 24th** from 7 p.m. - 8:30 pm as part of the Meet the Authors Series.

For more information contact the Ingleside Library, 1298 Ocean Ave. (at Plymouth) (415) 355-2898 or Elizabeth Thacker-Estrada, Manager, Excelsior Branch Library,



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Calling All Poets! Poets 11 Still Seeks Local Poets

The 3rd Annual Poets 11 is still accepting submissions now through March 1st

This fun, citywide poetry contest and reading series collects poems from every neighborhood and features poetry readings at branch libraries in each of the City's 11 districts.

Local poets are encouraged to submit up to three poems. All types of poetry are accepted. Selected poets are announced at each of the branch library events, where they will be presented with a \$50 honorarium. In addition, their poems will be published in an anthology. For more information contact Friends of the San Francisco Public Library Email: info@friendssfpl.org Phone: 415-626-7500 Fax: 415-626-7525 or visit http://www.friendssfpl.org/?Poets_11

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