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**Fiona Ma Holding Neighborhood Office Hours, Friday
September 11th**

Assembly District 12 Assembly Member Fiona Ma is holding neighborhood office hours in the District. On Friday, September 11th, from 1:00-3:30pm she will hold office hours at the Excelsior Boys & Girls Club located at 163 London St, (Between Mission St and Excelsior Ave).

For more information, please contact Bob.Twomey@asm.ca.gov or Kelenia.Olsen@asm.ca.gov or call (415) 557-23412 or fax (415) 557-1178.

Public Transportation: MUNI: 49, F-Market & 52, 14X, 44, J-Church, Bart: Balboa Station, and street parking nearby.

Saturday, September 12th - 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).

There will be a guest speaker from Clinic by the Bay, Volunteers in Medicine – SF who will discuss plans to offer health services to local residents.

Coffee & Pastries ☕ will be served

New Ingleside Branch Library Opens September 12th

Come to the grand opening celebration **Saturday, September 12th** for the brand-new Ingleside Branch Library at 1298 Ocean Ave. at Plymouth Street which kicks off at **1 pm** with lion dancers and musician, and includes opening event comments from city and state officials.



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The Ingleside Branch features an expanded collection of material, a teen room, an egg-shaped children’s reading area with window seats and skylight, plus a program room accessible after hours for community meetings and a low relief. The public art element is a metal structure representing the nearby underground creek by Artist Eric Powell.

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library is raising funds from private donations to pay for new furniture, fixtures and equipment and you can help with the Ingleside neighborhood campaign, by contacting marian.ctaylor@friendssfpl.org. For more information about the Ingleside Branch Library’s opening celebration, please call (415) 557-4277, or visit sfpl.org.

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Excelsior Tree Planting Scheduled for September 12th

On September 12th **Friends of the Urban Forest** has scheduled a tree planting for the streets of the Excelsior. 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.

Portola Garden Tour - Saturday, September 12

Next Saturday **September 12th from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM** is your chance to tour 19 private Portola District gardens. This year tour includes neighborhood favorites and 8 gardens that were not on last year’s tour. This is a great event for nature and garden lovers to support.

Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds go toward establishing The Portola Garden District Scholarship at City College San Francisco for the Environmental Horticulture/ Floristry and Botany Departments. This scholarship will be offered to Portola residents, either high school seniors or adults re-entering the workforce or re-training for new, green careers, based on the Portola history as the city’s flower nursery district.



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You must have a ticket to attend this event. Please call Ruth Wallace at 415-585-8399 or 415-420-6185.

"Picnic" Excelsior Library's Movie Monday -September 14

Come to the Excelsior Library 4400 Mission St. (at Cotter), from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and enjoy the movie classic, "Picnic" in the Excelsior Meeting Room, Monday, September 14th. *

This 1955 classic movie drama stars William Holden, Kim Novak, Cliff Robertson and Rosalind Russell and is directed by Joshua Logan. The place: a small Kansas town; The time of year: Labor Day. *film showing is on the 2nd Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday.

SFMTA Citizens Advisory Committee Seeks D11 Rep by Wednesday September 16th

There is currently one vacancy on the San Francisco County Transportation Authority's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. The Plans & Programs Committee will be considering the incumbent(s) and applicants to fill these vacancies by mid-September. As SFMTA strives for ethnic diversity and district representation, there is no representative for District 11. SFMTA accepts applications for all districts on a rolling basis.

Applications are due on Wednesday, September 16th. The Plans & Programs Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 9:00 AM at City Hall, Room 263. Visit www.sfcta.org/cac to download an application, or contact the Authority at 415.522.4800 for mailing options.

SF Croatian Cultural Center Offers - Greek & Romani Music Friday, September 18th, 7:00 PM

Ziyia and Rumen Shopov - Greek & Romani music - Described as "the best traditional Greek band in America," Ziyia, a name which also translates to the small ensembles of rural Greece, performs Greek music with a love, passion and authenticity rarely seen in any genre.

The band colors their music with a wide range of styles and emotions, "from the bright, lithe melodies of the typical island ensemble of violin, santouri and laouto to



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the heavy, passionate laments of mountainous Epirus." The evening includes Dance lessons by Jerry Duke, Music, Ethnic food by Hristos and co-sponsored by Voice of Roma. Tickets: \$15, Children free.

Tamburitza Lessons: Also, Learn to play the exciting music of Croatia, Hungary and the Balkins. The Croation Cultural Center is offering Tamburitza lessons with Lilla Serlegi. If you need an instrument to play, they will help you one!

Learn to play a unique type of music. If interested, please phone 510-649-0941 or email tamburitzalessons@gmail.com.

Street Parks Gardening Day - Innes & Mendell St. Saturday, September 19th

Join Street Parks volunteers **Saturday, September 19th**, for a day of gardening fun by improving this Bayview neighborhood Street Park from 10 AM - 2 PM. Volunteers will build a retaining wall, remove weeds and debris, trim bushes and trees, and spread wood chips. Plan to meet at the Street Park at the intersection of Innes Avenue and Mendell. Please wear closed toe shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty! We'll provide gardening gloves and all required tools, as well as a delicious lunch!

Please RSVP by 5 PM on Wednesday, September 16th, by emailing jasmine@sfpt.org or calling 415-750-5110 to reserve your space!

Music at Mamá Art Cafe - 4754 Mission Street

Saturday afternoons and for special events Mamá Art Cafe brings some of the best Bay Area Latin music, Jazz, acoustic artists and other cultural performances to the Excelsior District.

Thursday, September 10th 17th & 24th - 4:00pm Jueves Andinos-Peruvian Music
As part of Café Mama's didactic series we are starting with a 20-minutes demonstration of Peruvian music. If you feel like learning a little bit about Peruvian folklore come and check out their demonstration.

Friday, September 11 7:00pm Wildlife In El Salvador Presentation
Presented by James Aliberti in conjunction with New Eden Projects. Ranger and Biologist James Aliberti recently returned from visiting a number of national parks and other areas of El Salvador. Come learn about what progress El Salvador has made, and see some stunning photos. www.SFBwildlifetours.com



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Saturday, September 12 2:00pm Live Music: Social Sunday Acoustic & Indie Rock

Saturday, September 19 - 2:00pm Live Music: SUZANNE CORTEZ & FRIENDS

All cultural events at Mamá Art Cafe are brought to you by New Eden Projects.

http://www.mamasf.com/cultural_events/upcoming_events.html

2009 Fall/Winter Community Challenge Grant Cycle Opens

For the 2009 Fall/Winter Grant Cycle CCG is pleased to announce funding up to \$400,000 to groups applying to implement projects that directly engage residents and businesses in creating green spaces, gathering places, public art, and other neighborhood amenities by featuring and applying ecologically friendly amenities and practices.

Through a partnership with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Urban Watershed Management Program, CCG announces additional funding up \$100,000 specifically to support projects implementing green storm water management practices, also known as Low Impact Design (LID).

The grants are based on the idea that small individual actions by watershed stewards add up to large benefits for San Francisco's watersheds and sewer infrastructure. CCG and SFPUC hope that this partnership will encourage groups to apply for funding to implement LID projects in their neighborhoods.

The grants would support the planning, design, construction and maintenance of storm water management.

For more information about CCG, the Urban Watershed Stewardship Grant or to download an application please visit the CCG website at www.sfgov.org/ccg or contact Lanita Henriquez, Program Manager at (415) 554-4830.

**"Native California" - Excelsior Branch Library Author
Series - Wednesday -September 23rd**

THE EXCELSIOR BRANCH ARTS & CULTURE SALON

MEET THE AUTHORS





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Dr. Dolan Eargle is this month's author who will lecture on his book "**Native California: An Introductory Guide to the Original Peoples from Earliest to Modern Times**" **Wednesday, September 23rd** from 7 p.m. - 8:30 pm at the Excelsior Branch Library.

Having spent the past 35 years visiting and learning from the indigenous peoples, Dr. Dolan Eargle's text is a compilation and presentation of a history and stories of the some 130 tribal groups in this state and the recovery of almost "lost" cultures— language, ceremonies, basketry, land, and even tribal members.

Plan to come and learn much more about the Native societies in California during an evening that will offer information that few of us had an opportunity to know before now. the Excelsior Library is located at 4400 Mission St. (at Cotter).

**30th Anniversary Celebration: The Women's
Building and MaestraPeace Mural, Open House
Thursday, September 24th**

Come to an Open House and Reception at the Women's Building at 3543 18th Street at Valencia on **Thursday, September 24th from 4-8:30.**

There will be tours of the building, a Story-telling Circle and a Dedication and Ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate this unique building and its place in the community.

In 1994 seven women artists completed painting a spectacular peace mural entitled *Maestrapeace* on the then-15-year-old Women's Building's blank exterior walls. Master Muralists Juana Alicia, Miranda Bergman, Edythe Boone, Susan Kelk Cervantes, Meera Desai, Yvonne Littleton and Irene Perez, designed and executed this colorful work of art as an inspirational



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and visual testament to the courageous contributions and the healing power of women's wisdom through time and around the world.

Now, 15 years later three of the original Master Muralists added more than 200 names to a ribbon design that begins at the exterior and ends inside to celebrate the anniversary of both the building and the peace mural. The Women's Building is a multiethnic, multicultural, multiservice center for women and girls, and a well-known artistic landmark. For more information call (415) 431-1180 or log onto www.womensbuilding.org.

Precita Eyes Muralists Gala Benefit & Book Signing "Community Art from the Heart" September 19

On **Saturday, September 19, 2009** - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Precita Eyes Muralists will hold their Gala Benefit and Book Signing at the SOMArts Cultural Center 934 Brannan Street (near 8th Street), San Francisco.

Precita Eyes Muralists Gala "Community Art from the Heart" features the book premier & signing: "**Street Art San Francisco: Mission Muralismo**", a Silent & Live Auction of Celebrity Artwork & Mural Details Collection, an opportunity to take part in a Participatory Mural Performance, Live Music and Refreshments. All proceeds will benefit Precita Eyes Muralists Community Art Programs.

This is a fun and entertaining evening among artists, community members and friends. Come and join the fun!

Call (415) 285-2287 for TICKETS \$35 • VIP \$50 Tickets available now or at the door and for more information log onto www.PrecitaEyes.org

Big Blue Bucket Eco-Fair - Saturday September 26th

Go GREEN at S.F. Public Utilities Commission's 2nd Annual BIG BLUE BUCKET ECO-FAIR. On Saturday, September 26th, from 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. come to Jerrold Avenue @ Phelps Street for information, **free giveaways, raffle prizes, and more...!**



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The fair is designed for you to drop off old cooking oil and unused medicine. Come and pick up free compost and learn about harvesting the rain, saving on your utility bills and adopt a catch basin on your street.

Features of the Eco-Fair:

- Drop off unused medicine at a safe disposal collection booth.
- Recycle your used cooking oil for biofuel and get a FREE gift
- Learn how to install rain barrels to harvest the rain. Enter a raffle to win a rain barrel!
- Pickup FREE compost– limit to three bags per person while supplies last.
- Adopt a catch basin and minimize potential flooding – FREE rakes for the first 50-adopters while supplies last.
- Save on water and energy bills: Save up to 50% on solar panel installations with GoSolarSF. Water conservation tips, rebate information and FREE plumbing devices. Find resources on how to keep your home and family safe in an emergency.

For more information call (415) 554-3289 or log onto: www.BigBlueBucket.org
Transportation: Muni Metro T line or Muni bus lines 19, 23, and 24.

McLaren Park Gardening Day – Saturday, September 26th

Join your neighbor and volunteer in McLaren Park on Saturday, September 26, for a half day of gardening fun from 10 AM - 2 PM!

This clean up event will focus on the Louis Sutter part of McLaren Park. Volunteers will sift playground sand, clean play equipment, pick up trash and weed. McNab lake will be cleaned up of invasive growth, and at the end will be a BBQ, kid's games and face-painting.

For more information contact Chuck or Trilce at helpmlpark@gmail.com.

Presidio Film in the Fog Presents: "Grease" Sing-Along, Saturday, September 26th – Free



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John Travolta plays the lovable macho hot rod boy and Olivia Newton-John the pink-sweater pompom playgirl, the odd couple that fall madly in love, unleashing an explosion of joyous song and dance,

The spacious lawn of the Presidio's Main Post Theatre has ample room for low lawn chairs and blankets. Plan to arrive early, select a picnic spot and picnic under the stars. (Food and beverages available for sale)

At 5:00 pm, the Pi Clowns Comedy Troupe performs, followed by a short film and a classic cartoon. At sunset (approximately 7:00 pm) "**Grease**" (and your chance to sing-along) begins. Dress warmly--it's summer.

5:00 pm; screening at sunset (approximately 7:00 pm) - *Presidio Main Post Theatre*

Fall Festivals – It's the time of the year to enjoy celebrations of the Harvest. Below are three upcoming food and music festivals. Next month we'll feature more--- Enjoy exploring something new or connecting with familiar traditions!

**St. Gregory's 52nd Annual Armenian Food Festival –
Friday-Sunday, September 18-20th**

St. Gregory's Armenian Church and Festival celebrates the autumn harvest season with food, folk music and dance, crafts and all things Armenian.

The Festival features children's games, shopping booths, authentic Armenian food for sale including shish-kebabs, pastries and take-away dishes. This family event features live music, entertainment, children's activities and a game area.

Come enjoy St. Gregory's Armenian Church and Food Festival. It takes place the 3rd weekend in September (7PM-midnight Friday, noon-midnight Saturday and noon to 8PM on Sunday) and is located at 825 Brotherhood Way. For more information call 415 751-9140 or log onto www.stgregorysf.org.

**85th Annual Slovenian Grape Festival - Trgarev, Sunday,
September 27th**

Join this annual autumn festival which celebrates the bounty of the Slovenian grape harvest season with food, music, dance and wine. Learn about the country of Slovenia



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and enjoy a bountiful Slovenian banquet of spare ribs, sausages, chicken, roast potatoes and award-winning Slovenian wines.

The Grape Festival is one of the Slovenian community's largest fall celebrations. This family event features live music, dancing, food and a raffle. Come enjoy delicious roasts, klobase (sausages) potica, music and polka.

The Trgarev Grape Festival takes place the 4th Sunday in September from 11:30 – 6PM at the Slovenian Hall located at 2101 Mariposa Street (just off of Highway 101 – at Mariposa Street). Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, desserts and dancing. Children 6-12 are \$10, and children under 6 are free. For more information call 415 647-9439.

Excelsior Arts & Music Festival, Sunday, October 4th

The largest event in the Excelsior takes place the first Sunday in October. This free family event features live music, entertainment, children's activities and a game area.

This year's Festival aims to offer interactive family fun and a one-day celebration of the arts. There will be drumming, singing, dancing painting and a way for all ages – children, teens adults and families. Come enjoy food, art, crafts and fun.

The festival takes place at the Persia Triangle (Persia Street between Ocean Avenue and Mission Street) 11AM to 5PM). For more information contact Cristy Johnston at 415 722-6939 or e-mail at cristy@eagsf.org.

Cal Academy of Sciences Neighborhood Free Days Coming in October for 94112, -24 and -34 Zips

The Cal Academy of Sciences Neighborhood Free Days are coming to Zip Codes 94112, 94134, 94124 (Excelsior, Crocker Amazon, Ingleside, Bayview, Hunter's Point and Visitacion Valley) on the weekend of **October 9, 10, 11**. Proof of residency required.

Other Cal Academy of Sciences free days: **Wachovia Wednesdays** Free admission is available to visitors on the third Wednesday of every month, presented by Wachovia. For more information call 415 379-8000 or visit www.calacademy.org



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