

# FOREST KNOLLS

serving and improving the **FOREST KNOLLS** neighborhood since 1960

*Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization*

*February 2017*

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## **FOREST KNOLLS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION**

a neighborhood meeting is scheduled for

**Thursday February 16, 2017**

**7:30 - 9 pm**

**St. John Armenian Church Hall**

**275 Olympia Way**

**next to our fire station**

Forest Knolls has been my home since childhood.

My father, George Zaback Jr., was a past president and board member of the Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization (FKNO) for many years. He also served as the Forest Knolls representative to numerous local organizations, boards, and committees, among them the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods, and the West of Twin Peaks Central Council.

The Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization became dormant due to lack of interest in the 1990's. After discussing the situation with past directors it was decided in 2005 to revive FKNO to continue to serve and improve the neighborhood. See page 4 to read the past officers 2005 letter urging revival of the organization.

Over the past twelve years we have successfully:

- Replaced the FOREST KNOLLS signage and decorated neighborhood entrances with Christmas wreaths and maintained the landscaping
- Twice saved the 36 Teresita bus route through Forest Knolls from elimination
- Stopped overnight RV and large truck parking on Clarendon
- Created a safe and friendly Halloween night venue for our neighborhood children
- Provided a Christmas celebration with Santa and gifts and fun and games for the kids
- Sought traffic calming measures, including speed humps and better radar enforcement
- Obtained improved school crosswalk signage
- Reviewed all planning department permit applications submitted in our neighborhood
- Studied all Sutro Tower permit applications and regulatory submittals
- Fought to install of the water fountain at Sutro Reservoir and supported Friday afternoon Back Bench Socials

Now, in 2017, we eagerly seek the involvement and participation of all Forest Knolls residents, including those new residents and families with young children, since they are clearly the future of Forest Knolls.

I urge you to become a member of the Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization – complete the membership form – and be sure to check the special interest boxes. Join in helping to build a strong and active voice for our neighborhood in the ongoing affairs of the City and County of San Francisco.

Please attend the community meeting on Thursday February 16 at 7:30 pm at St. John Armenian Church Hall – next to our fire station.

*Kristine Zaback*

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## Latest News from Sutro Tower

SUTRO TOWER, INC.  
1 La Avanzada St.  
San Francisco, CA 94131  
January 18, 2017

Dear Neighbor:

Dozens of new trees and bushes were planted at Sutro Tower recently, both to control erosion and to make the facility more aesthetically pleasing to neighbors seeing it as they walk around Summit Reservoir. The new landscaping uses native plants, including coastal live oak, toyon, silk tassel, and wax myrtle, along with 13,600 square feet of hydro-seeding. Nineteen dead or diseased eucalyptus trees were removed in the project, which was approved by the San Francisco Planning Commission and is being done in cooperation with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which owns some of the planting area between the tower and the reservoir.

The landscaping/erosion control project included a new 62-foot-long, 8-1/2-foot-high retaining wall on the south and east sides of the Sutro Tower building, three new catch basins and 220 feet of new pipe to manage drainage. Fortunately, this work was completed before the heavy rains of December and January.

On the tower itself, 2017 will be a normal year for maintenance work. Beginning in May, safety crews will be searching for and removing corrosion that occurred due to wind, rain and fog, minimizing their noise that neighbors might hear per agreements with Forest Knolls and two other neighborhood organizations. Behind the scenes, broadcasters with antennas on Sutro Tower will be assessing the impacts of the Federal Communications Commission's nationwide sale to wireless companies of certain radio frequency spectrum space currently used for TV broadcasting. FCC officials have told us it's too early to tell what the impacts will be, but it is possible that in the next few years many broadcasters will need to replace their antennas as broadcast signals are "repackaged" within a narrower portion of the radio frequency spectrum.

As always, if you have any questions about Sutro Tower, please contact me at 415-681-8850 or [ericd@sutrotower.com](mailto:ericd@sutrotower.com).

Best regards,

Eric Dausman  
Vice President & COO  
Sutro Tower, Inc..



## SFPD Park Station

The Park Police District comprises the area bordered by Geary Boulevard, Steiner, Market, Upper Market, 7th Avenue and the vast east end of Golden Gate Park. The men and women officers at Park Station serve the communities of Cole Valley, Haight Street, the Western Addition, Twin Peaks, and the Duboce and Castro areas. They work in patrol cars, on foot beats, on buses, patrol wagons and off-road vehicles from the renowned bucolic stretches of Golden Gate park to the world-famous thoroughfares of Haight Street and Castro Street.

Built originally as quarters for the Mounted Unit, the station was reopened in 1995 after a complete refurbishing, maintaining the original 1910 Mission-style façade with its stucco walls and tile roof. The station is now an efficient, functional and secure place for officers, as well as a non-intimidating building for the residents and visitors on the surrounding neighborhoods.

1899 Waller Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 ♦ (415) 242-3000 ♦ [SFPDParkStation@sfgov.org](mailto:SFPDParkStation@sfgov.org)  
Emergency, dial: 911 ♦ Non-emergency, dial: (415) 553-0123 ♦ TIP LINE: (415) 731-2865

# Steppin' Up

## Walk our Walks

### Walking our stairways is good clean fun – it's healthy exercise too

We are fortunate to have stairways that connect our neighborhood streets as an immediate source for exercise. The advantage of having the stairs is that you do not have to drive to the gym – no gas, no traffic, and no parking problems. The stairs are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with no closures because of holidays. And above all else, IT IS FREE.

So, let's start exercising by stair climbing. Take your dog, children, grab a neighbor, or better yet start a group. Stair climbing uses your quads (front of your thighs) and buttocks. It is an intense exercise because you are carrying your body weight against gravity. It is an intense cardiovascular and leg muscle activity. And it is low impact and safe for your knees. Do not do too much too quickly, and be sure to consult your orthopedist if you have existing knee problems. There is stress to your knees coming down stairs rather than climbing up, so when you reach the top of any level, walk back down along the sidewalks of our Forest Knolls streets.

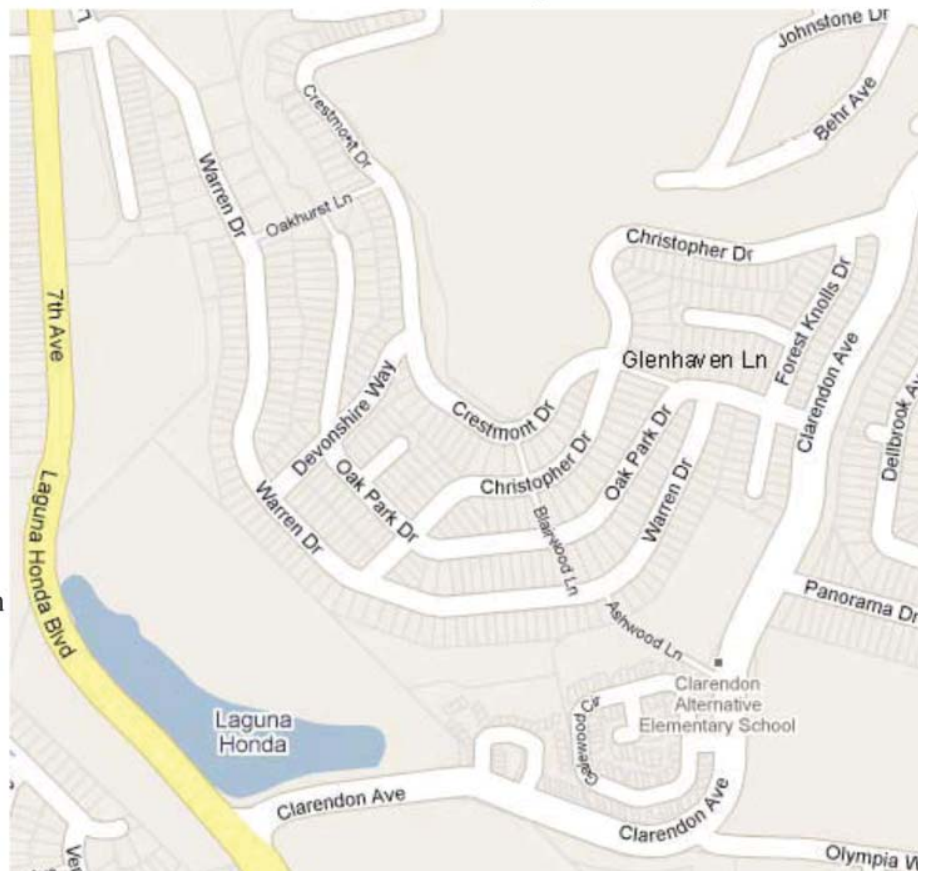
Depending on your body weight and pace, stair climbing can burn 300 calories in 30 minutes. Make sure to wear shoes with good support. Drink enough water before, during and after your workout. Think about alternating stair climbing with other activities, such as taking a walk in our great forest. Whatever you do, make sure to check with your physician.

The Forest Knolls stairways consist of four separate lanes:

- Ashwood Lane runs from 400 Clarendon Avenue (Clarendon School) to 100 Warren Drive: 109 steps. •
- Blairwood Lane runs from 100 Warren Drive to 300 Oak Park Drive: 117 steps; from 300 Oak Park Drive to 300 Christopher Drive: 103 steps; and from 300 Christopher Drive to 100 Crestmont Drive: 118 steps.
- Glenhaven Lane runs from 200 Oak Park Drive to 200 Christopher/1 Crestmont: 167 steps.
- Oakhurst Lane runs from 400 Warren Drive to 600 Oak Park Drive (cul-de-sac): 162 steps; and 600 Oak Park Drive to 300 Crestmont Drive: 193 steps.

Start slowly, wear supportive shoes, drink water, and don't forget to stretch before and after exercising.

Above all have fun. And besides, it's a great way to meet your neighbors.



## FOREST KNOLLS

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October 6, 2005

To: **Forest Knolls** Neighbors  
From: Concerned Residents and Past Officers of the **Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization**  
Subject: Revival of the **Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization**

Is the noticeable increase of traffic in our neighborhood of concern to you?  
Are the parked cars lining Christopher all day long getting in your way?  
Are the speed demons on Warren Drive making you uneasy?  
Is the proposed 34 unit Crestmont Hills Development worrying you?  
Will the City ever begin to properly maintain the City-owned trees in our neighborhood?  
Is the increase in garbage dumping along Clarendon troubling you?  
Is our neighborhood fire station safe from closure from budget cuts?  
Do we have adequate police patrols and protection?

These and many other issues are of mutual and unique interest and concern to us in Forest Knolls and Mt. Sutro Woods. We all share a common bond as neighbors. We would be best able to address these issues collectively, since City agencies and elected officials respond best to organized groups --- especially those which mobilize their members to action.

Over time many of you have stated the obvious: **Forest Knolls** is a unique stand alone neighborhood and should have a representative organization to speak for its concerns.

Longtime residents may remember that this neighborhood had an active neighborhood organization from its inception through the 1980's. Sadly enough, over time the **Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization** fell into a dormant state. Even during this period of inactivity, many of your neighbors have been in touch with nearby groups to address those important issues which have arisen from time to time.

We now urgently need your help to revive our neighborhood organization. We ask that you join with us in creating a vibrant **Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization** by becoming a member, completing the enclosed *green membership form* and mailing it along with \$20 in the pre-addressed envelope, and then attending an initial organizational meeting at **7:30 pm on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> – at the Midtown Terrace Clubhouse at Clarendon and Olympia Way**, across from our nearby neighborhood Firehouse 20.

George Zaback, Jr.  
135 Crestmont Drive  
32 year resident  
past president

Joan Diffley  
39 Warren Drive  
46 year resident  
past secretary

Richard J. Morris  
161 Forest Knolls Drive  
47 year resident  
past treasurer

Herb Dunmeyer  
345 Warren Drive  
27 year resident  
past officer

We look forward to your participation in the exciting future of the **Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization**. We hope to see you on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Midtown Terrace Clubhouse.

Kristine Zaback  
acting Secretary, **Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization**

## City and County of San Francisco Online Information and Services

311 Contact Information

[www.sf311.org](http://www.sf311.org)

Securely pay for parking tickets, Muni passes, parking cards, and other services

Please contact 311, the City's Customer Service Center for most of these services.

The San Francisco 311 Customer Service Center is the primary point of contact for City and County of San Francisco government general services.



| <u>Frequently Used Services</u>                     | <u>Number</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Abandoned vehicles                                  | 311           |
| Animal care & control                               | 311           |
| Board of Education                                  | 241-6000      |
| Board of Supervisors                                | 554-5184      |
| Blue parking zones: handicapped placard violators   | 311           |
| Building inspection information                     | 311           |
| Building permits                                    | 311           |
| Bus shelters (repair/clean)                         | 311           |
| DPW 24-hour (non-911) emergency hotline             | 311           |
| Environmental health                                | 311           |
| Fire EMERGENCY                                      | 911           |
| Garbage: Golden Gate Disposal                       | 311           |
| Garbage: Sunset Scavenger                           | 311           |
| Garbage: to arrange free pick-up of oversized items | 311           |
| Graffiti Hotline                                    | 311           |
| Hazardous waste disposal                            | 311           |
| Illegal dumping                                     | 311           |
| Library - main                                      | 557-4400      |
| Homeless outreach/transportation                    | 431-7400      |
| Mobile Crisis Team: Mental Health                   | 255-3610      |
| MUNI information                                    | 311           |

| <u>Frequently Used Services</u>                  | <u>Number</u>  |
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| MUNI Customer Services                           | 311  |
| Noise from building construction                 | 311  |
| Noise from street construction                   | 311  |
| PG&E emergencies                                 | 800-743-5000   |
| Parking enforcement (driveways, red zones, etc.) | 311  |
| Parking meter repair                             | 311  |
| Parking permits (residential)                    | 311  |
| Planning Department                              | 558-6378   |
| Police, Fire, Paramedics EMERGENCY               | 911  |
| Police emergency by cell phone                   | 553-8090   |
| Police, non-emergency                            | 553-0123   |
| Public Defender's Office                         | 553-1671   |
| Recreation & Park Department                     | 831-2700   |
| Rent Stabilization Board                         | 252-4602   |
| Sewer repairs                                    | 311  |
| Signs and banners, illegally posted              | 311  |
| Spills, non-hazardous                            | 311  |
| Spills, hazardous or unknown                     | 911  |
| Street construction complaints                   | 311  |
| Street & sidewalk defects                        | 311  |
| Street cleaning                                  | 311  |
| Street lighting                                  | 311  |
| Street repairs/potholes                          | 311  |
| Supervisor Norman Yee                            | 554-6516   |
| District 7:                                      | <a href="mailto:Norman.Yee@sfgov.org">Norman.Yee@sfgov.org</a> |
| Tax collector                                    | 311  |
| Towed cars retrieval                             | 311  |
| Traffic signs: knocked down or missing           | 311  |
| Traffic signals: out of order                    | 311  |
| Tree problems                                    | 311  |
| Water bill inquiries                             | 923-2420   |
| Water emergencies                                | 550-4911   |

### Websites

- [www.sfgov.org](http://www.sfgov.org)
- [www.sfdpw.org](http://www.sfdpw.org)

# SF Municipal Transportation Agency

SFMTA is excited about a number of projects on the horizon that will improve the reliability of our service.

We're actively working on multiple fronts to create a safer and more reliable experience both on and off transit. Muni Forward brings together a long list of projects and planning efforts underway to achieve the vision of a safer and more connected San Francisco. Informed by the Transit Effectiveness Project, route changes and service improvements are being implemented to reallocate limited resources where they are needed most. Updating our transit fleet and making important safety and accessibility improvements is crucial to our core achievements.

Just this month, we've received our first new LRV 4 train—part of a new generation of Muni Metro trains that will be picking up riders at Forest Hill station and giving your community more reliable access to the rest of the city. These trains aren't just sleeker, quieter and safer than our current train fleet. They're also expected to be far more dependable, running an average of 59,000 miles without breakdowns, compared to less than 5,000 miles with our current trains. These trains will replace our current fleet of 151 trains and expand it by 64 in phases over the next few years. This is in addition to replacing the entire bus fleet that, hundreds of which, are already in service along San Francisco's busiest corridors.

For more information on our Muni Forward projects, please visit [MuniForward.com](http://MuniForward.com). Updates on other agency news can be read on our blog, Moving SF: [sfmta.com/blog](http://sfmta.com/blog)

## SFPUC'S SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

For the past 100 years, the City of San Francisco has protected public health by operating a sewer system that reliably treats and disposes of sewage and street runoff to the Bay and Pacific Ocean. After decades of service, many of the system's pipes and facilities are nearing the end of their useful life. It is critical to invest and strengthen this system now to ensure that the one million people who live, work, and visit San Francisco can depend on its reliable operation.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is upgrading sewer and storm water infrastructure for reliability and regulatory compliance. The Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) is a 20-year, multi-billion dollar citywide investment required to upgrade our aging sewer infrastructure to ensure a reliable and seismically safe sewer system now and for generations to come. The SSIP will upgrade our infrastructure for reliability, resiliency, and regulatory compliance; while implementing innovative green infrastructure projects to reduce the storm water impacts to our system; and, all of these vital upgrades will protect the health of our community and environment.

Phase 1 of the SSIP has been approved and focuses a significant portion of our work at the Southeast Treatment Plant located in the Bayview neighborhood. Built in 1952, the Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP) is San Francisco's largest wastewater facility and treats 80% of the City's sewage and storm water flows. Many of the existing SEP solids treatment facilities are over 60 years old, require significant maintenance, and are operating well beyond their useful life.

In addition to work at SEP, other projects will upgrade both the Oceanside Treatment Plant and the wet weather Northpoint Facility, as well as a variety of sewer line and pump station improvements. For more information about upcoming construction projects led by SFPUC, visit [sfwater.org/construction](http://sfwater.org/construction). Please note that the Department of Public Works is often the lead on construction projects in the community, for more information about DPW or any projects in San Francisco, please call 311 or visit [311.org](http://311.org).

SFPUC Communications – 415-554-3289, [info@sfwater.org](mailto:info@sfwater.org)

SF Water Department – 415-550-4911

And as always, 311 which is the best way to initiate an inquiry.



## San Francisco Public Works

You may have seen our new logo around town on trucks, construction signs and posters. We've changed our name to better reflect what we do to serve the public. We're a 24/7 City agency that cleans and resurfaces streets; plants and nurtures City-maintained street trees; designs, constructs and maintains City-owned facilities; inspects streets and sidewalks; builds curb ramps; eradicating graffiti; partners with neighborhoods; trains people for jobs; greens the right of way; and educates our communities.

We've been working hard in District 7 and the rest of the City, to improve our streets. Over the past five years, 3,834 blocks were resurfaced, 490 of them in District 7. More roads are set for paving in Forest Knolls in the next couple of years, including Oak Park Drive and Crestmont Drive.

We have been able to double our paving work in recent years, thanks largely to San Francisco voter approval of the \$248 million Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond in 2011.

San Francisco voters also gave overwhelming support to Proposition E on the Nov. 8, 2016 ballot. The funding measure sets aside \$19 million from the City's General Fund annually for Public Works to care for all of the City's 125,000-plus street trees and to repair tree-related sidewalk damage, starting July 1, 2017.

We will be assuming responsibility for about 90,000 street trees now cared for by private property owners – the rest already are cared for by us – to ensure that our vibrant urban forest will be healthy and well maintained. This is a big win for the people of San Francisco and the environment.

Mark your calendar for the District 7 Community Clean Team event on Saturday, July 29, 2017. This is the 17th year of Community Clean Team, the largest and longest-running Public Works' volunteer program. Community Clean Team visits a different supervisorial district each month, where volunteers join forces to help keep their neighborhoods looking clean. After each workday, we gather to share a communal meal and celebrate the importance of community. For details, visit [www.sfpublishworks.org/volunteer](http://www.sfpublishworks.org/volunteer) or call (415) 641-2600.

You also can find out more about Public Works on our website ([www.sfpublishworks.org](http://www.sfpublishworks.org)) as well as twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Snapchat. Or subscribe to our award-winning newsletter by emailing us at [dpw@sfpublishworks.org](mailto:dpw@sfpublishworks.org).

Finally, we could really use your help. If you see garbage, graffiti, a pothole, fallen trees or limbs or other problems that need our attention, please contact 311. We need the eyes and ears of the community helping us keep San Francisco safe and clean.

# Experience Mount Sutro

This past fall, Sutro Stewards celebrated their 10-year anniversary. Sutro Stewards works to create recreational access and improve habitat, and provides opportunities for the community to get their hands dirty accomplishing meaningful projects. The entirety of Forest Knolls sits on the south slope of Mount Sutro and was once fully part of Adolph Sutro's Rancho San Miguel vast property holdings in the late 1800s.

The Sutro Stewards program was formed by a small group of community members and volunteers to build and restore trails in the UCSF Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve. Their original goal was to create quality recreational access for the community to enjoy and explore this previously underutilized resource.

The open space now has a 5.5-mile multi-use trail system that the Stewards continue to build and maintain. Sutro Stewards has also grown to include an on-site native plant nursery. The nursery propagates plants for installation at sites throughout the open space, in conjunction with conservation efforts to increase biodiversity and enhance wildlife habitat. (Plants are also sold to the public seasonally; stop by Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for the Winter Plant Sale!)

A hiker on Mount Sutro can expect to encounter a variety of microclimates, a couple dozen habitat restoration sites growing with myriad native plant species, the Rotary Meadow gardens at the summit, and many birds chirping and flying by the trail. Take your family for a hike this weekend and experience the trails yourself! (Find a trail map here: [www.sutrostewards.org/trail-map](http://www.sutrostewards.org/trail-map).)

Join Sutro Stewards for a guided hike, plant sale, or volunteer event; as a volunteer based organization, you make the work possible. Stewardship volunteers work with dedicated staff and crew leaders to improve habitat, build and maintain trails, and care for plants in the nursery. Sutro Stewards provides all of the tools, gloves, and instruction necessary to complete the projects, plus free lunch and refreshments for volunteers after Saturday events.

## **Nursery & Habitat Stewardship**

**Wednesdays | 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Meet at the Sutro Nursery (476 Johnston Drive)

Volunteer at the Sutro Native Plant Nursery to grow native plants and improve habitat. Complete projects including propagation, seed collection and processing, transplanting, and other nursery care, as well as conservation projects including invasive plant weeding, native planting, and more. The nursery is located just above Christopher Drive with easy access for Forest Knolls neighbors.

## **Habitat & Trail Stewardship**

**1st & 3rd Saturdays | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Meet at the Woods Lot (100 Medical Center Way)

Tackle trail work to create, rebuild, and maintain the five miles of multi-use trails; weed invasive vegetation, plant natives, or mulch conservation sites to improve habitat quality and biodiversity. Work until 12:30 pm and then break for lunch and refreshments.

Visit [www.sutrostewards.org](http://www.sutrostewards.org) for more information and to sign up! Stay tuned for more guided tours announced on the online calendar soon. Looking for an opportunity for your team or office? Bring your group out for a service project on Mount Sutro to discover and care for this one of a kind open space in the heart of San Francisco. Contact [events@sutrostewards.org](mailto:events@sutrostewards.org) to set up a project.

UCSF is currently working on a plan to guide long-term management of the open space. There will be opportunities to voice your support for sustainable long-term management, safe recreational access, biodiversity and wildlife habitat, and more. Visit [www.ucsf.edu/cgr/cgr-projects/mount-sutro-open-space-reserve](http://www.ucsf.edu/cgr/cgr-projects/mount-sutro-open-space-reserve) for more information and updates.

See you on the trail!

# Sutro Bird Watcher: Golden-Crowned Sparrow

By Maryann Rainey

Grab your binoculars!

Traveling in small groups, a migrating species of sparrow, the Golden-crowned Sparrow, arrived in late September to its wintering grounds on Mt. Sutro.

The plumage of the Golden-crowned Sparrow in winter is not outstanding. When the Golden-crowned Sparrow arrives in late September, it looks like a large, brown sparrow to the naked eye. Even with binoculars, the markings include an assortment of browns and gray. The golden crown of the male is only an impression in autumn.



The gold coloring of the male's crown slowly emerges through the winter as the feathers develop. In the springtime, the "golden crown" can be seen in its glory on the male bird. The crown is followed by a white stripe at the back of the head.

It is the behavior of these arriving birds that brings attention to its presence. These large sparrows appear in groups of three or more. They peer from the upper story of the chaparral, resting and looking for a passing insect to eat. In the shrubs and trees they are eating leaves, fruit and flowers. This sparrow will also be seen on the ground, hopping among the leaves and litter, eating seeds, during this time of year.

Ornithologists report that migrating Golden-crowned Sparrows return to familiar wintering grounds. Therefore, we can assume that individual birds on Mt. Sutro have been here before, or will visit here again. The success of populations of birds is linked to having reliable wintering grounds. Mt. Sutro does serve as the winter home for a cohort of migrating Golden-crowned Sparrows, it is safe to assume.

Witness the wintering of Golden-crowned Sparrows on Mt. Sutro as they feed in the chaparral and sing a downward three-part song "Oh Dear Me," a song that is sometimes described as plaintive. This bird is known to sing when it first arrives at its wintering grounds, then to fall silent for months. Singing resumes soon before leaving for summer territories in western Canada and Alaska.

To recognize our Golden-crowned Sparrow's metamorphosis from basic winter-drab coloring to breeding plumage requires the observer to be attentive. To recognize our Golden-crowned Sparrow with its unique behaviors and song, is to recognize the majesty of migration that includes Mt. Sutro, neighboring gardens and Pacific coast habitats.

Check out the link for more information, including identification, life history and sounds:

[https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Golden-crowned\\_Sparrow/id](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Golden-crowned_Sparrow/id)

Come out for a bird walk on Mount Sutro on Saturday, February 18 at 8:15am.

For more information, visit [www.sutrostewards.org/events](http://www.sutrostewards.org/events)

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## WINTER PLANT SALE

Saturday, February 11, 9 am - 1 pm

Sutro Native Plant Nursery – 476 Johnstone Drive, SF 94131

It's planting season! California native plants are a great addition to any garden or landscape, and provide food and home for native insects such as bees and butterflies. Visit the Sutro Native Plant Nursery and take home the perfect plants for your space! There will be many species of locally native and drought tolerant plants available and we can help you select the best for your conditions.

See [www.sutrostewards.org/nursery](http://www.sutrostewards.org/nursery) for availability. End of season pricing – this is the last chance for plants at our low prices!





# Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve

UC San Francisco has published its proposed vegetation management plan for the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve aimed at restoring the health of its ecosystem following years of drought and to protect the safety of its students, faculty, staff, patients, and surrounding neighbors. Neighbors can download a copy of the plan on UCSF's website: [mountsutro.ucsf.edu](http://mountsutro.ucsf.edu).

Last year, UCSF hired experts to assess the current health of the vegetation on Mount Sutro and to develop a management plan to improve the health and sustainability of the Reserve. UCSF staff and forest management consultants estimate that approximately 24 percent of the trees in the 61-acre Reserve are dead, with many more in decline. The University formed a Technical Advisory Committee composed of local experts in forestry, fire hazard-reduction, biology and habitat restoration who volunteered their time to provide guidance on the scope, techniques and best practices for managing an urban forest. Their guidance helped shaped the proposed vegetation management plan.

## Retaining a 'Forest' Experience

UCSF acquired Mount Sutro, a dense woodland that rises more than 900 feet above the heart of San Francisco, in 1953 and designated it permanent open space in 1976. UCSF maintains the Reserve as public open space and provides public access (in partnership with the non-profit Sutro Stewards) through five miles of multi-access trails. In the past few years, the declining tree health and increased risk from hazardous trees near roads, trails, and structures led the University to form a team to assess the current conditions and to develop a management plan to increase the health and safety of the Reserve.

The proposed plan aims to retain the "forest" experience on Mount Sutro while increasing its safety, health and sustainability. Specifically, its goals are to:

- Protect the safety of Reserve users, UCSF students, faculty, staff, patients, neighbors and adjacent campus and residential properties
- Improve and enhance the health and stability of the ecosystem;
- Enhance the visual design and aesthetic experience;
- Maintain and ensure public access to the Reserve.

The proposed plan divides the Reserve into four areas, designated as forest types based on similar characteristics and tree conditions. The management actions would take place over three phases: the first five years as the first phase, six to 10 years as the second phase, and 11 years and beyond as the third phase. The final phase includes an assessment of the success of the previous phases to allow the plan to adapt management strategies based on the success of the interventions.

## Community Feedback Process

UCSF has engaged in an extensive public process to develop the plan and invite feedback. We held four public Technical Advisory Committee meetings, two community open houses, and presented the plan to local environmental and community leaders. In February, UCSF will begin an environmental review process, under the California Environmental Quality Act, to identify potential environmental impacts of the plan.

Pending completion of this process, the University hopes to begin implementing the forest management recommendations in the fall of 2017. For additional information or questions on the project, contact Christine Gasparac at [Christine.Gasparac@ucsf.edu](mailto:Christine.Gasparac@ucsf.edu) or (415) 476-8431.



# PLANT SALE

Saturday, February 11

9 AM — 1 PM

**Sutro Native Plant Nursery**  
**476 Johnstone Dr**  
**(off Clarendon Ave)**  
**San Francisco, CA 94131**

Find the perfect California Native Plants for your yard. California Native Plants are drought tolerant once established, and create habitat for our local birds, bees, butterflies, and other insects.

*We are clearing out our inventory; last chance for plants at our low prices!*



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# A Message from Supervisor Norman Yee

It is a great honor to continue serving as the Supervisor of District 7. In my second term, I am looking forward to advancing more policies to make San Francisco safe and vibrant for our communities.

This year, I will be serving as the Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee and Member of the Rules Committee. Our city will be facing challenging decisions as we have a growing deficit and uncertainty with federal funds. While we must fund critical services, it is crucial for us to be disciplined in our spending. I will continue to be judicious on the Budget Committee and will keep our residents in mind as funding decisions are made.

I realize how our residents don't often see their tax-dollars to put work. That is why for the fourth year, I secured funding for District 7's Participatory Budgeting program. Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process in which residents directly decide how to spend \$550,000 in District 7. The process allows District 7 residents to propose project ideas and ultimately vote on which will be funded. A great example of a winning project is the expansion of the mural on Laguna Honda, which is underway. This year, \$300,000 will be allocated for general projects and an additional \$250,000 for Pedestrian Safety- Vision Zero projects. The submission period for proposals is now closed, but stay tuned for updates on when voting will begin.

As a former educator, father, and now, grandfather of two, it has been my utmost priority to fight for the children and families of San Francisco. While our city continues to grow, we must be proactive about how we sustain it for generations to come. Families are leaving San Francisco, and I am committed to reversing this trend. One of the ways we can shift our priorities is by ensuring that new housing is family-friendly by design. We need to ensure that our neighborhoods are equipped to support families with children, such as walkable streets, accessible childcare, and open space.

It is also important to me that we take care of our seniors and aging population. District 7 has one of the highest senior populations in the city. For the past few years on the Board, I was able to secure funding to bring senior services to new neighborhoods in our District, such as West Portal.

In my next term, I will also continue advocating for public safety in our streets and in our neighborhoods. I will continue to champion Vision Zero, our citywide initiative to end traffic-related deaths by 2024. With the help of our community members, we have identified a number of unsafe streets in our District. I will ensure that these streets are prioritized. I will also continue working closely with the Police Department and District Attorney to increase patrols in our neighborhoods and prevent property crime.

We have a busy year ahead of us, but my commitment to the great people of our city is stronger than ever. I am looking forward to continue working with the residents of District 7. I welcome your ideas, feedback, and engagement. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [Norman.Yee@sfgov.org](mailto:Norman.Yee@sfgov.org) or call 415.554.6516 if I can be of assistance.



*Supervisor Norman Yee*

## **Committee and Board Assignments:**

- ◆ Vice Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- ◆ Member, Rules Committee
- ◆ Member, San Francisco County Transportation Authority – Plans and Programs Committee
- ◆ Vice Chair, San Francisco County Transportation Authority – Vision Zero Committee
- ◆ Member, San Francisco County Transportation Authority

## Midtown Terrace Playground

Midtown Terrace is a neighborhood park located at the intersection of Clarendon Avenue and Olympia Way. The park includes a clubhouse, playground, informal lawn area, separate area with swings and slide, and a picturesque natural landscaped hillside.

The Midtown Terrace Playground clubhouse is open Monday through Friday, from 3 pm to 6 pm, during which an after school program takes place. The program serves youths, ages 6 through 12, providing a variety of after school activities that includes homework help, games, sports, arts and crafts and other safe and fun activities. If citizens have inquiries or issues regarding Midtown Terrace or other parks in the immediate area, they can reach Neighborhood Services Area manager Robert Muhammad at (415) 753-7042 or [robert.muhammad@sfgov.org](mailto:robert.muhammad@sfgov.org). Those interested in signing up for recreation programs can access our online registration site at [sfrecpark.org](http://sfrecpark.org).

While the clubhouse is open on a limited schedule, restrooms are open daily in the fall and winter from 8 am to 5:30 pm and are open in the spring and summer from 8 am to 8 pm.



## Clarendon School Information

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## Water Fountains for Sutro and Summit Reservoirs

For many years we have been working with the PUC, to install drinking fountains at the two reservoir sites. We now have a fountain at Sutro Reservoir on Clarendon which provides a water source for people as well as our dogs when they are being exercised. We thank Sutro Tower, Inc. for making this possible. We continue to urge the PUC to install a similar fountain at the Summit Reservoir which sits adjacent to the base of Sutro Tower.



## Traffic Issues

### Increased cross-town traffic and afternoon congestion at Clarendon School

We are still working with the SFPD for radar enforcement of the 25 mile per hour speed limit on both Warren and Oak Park Drives. Additionally, there is the possibility of having new speed meter signs installed which indicates the actual speed of vehicles traveling past.

SFMTA installed speed humps on both Warren and Oak Park to slow down the increasing traffic our neighborhood is experiencing, and continues to monitor the traffic congestion caused by parents picking up children at the end of the school day.

### Signage at Neighborhood Entrances



Thomas-Swan Sign Co. will soon replace the deteriorating cast letters, first installed in 2009, with new anodized letters at the entrances to our neighborhood. Thanks again to Sutro Tower, Inc. for their contribution which made the 2009 installation possible.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**  
Thursday February 16, 2017  
St. John Armenian Church Hall  
275 Olympia Way @ Clarendon Ave.  
San Francisco  
7:30 - 9 pm

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