

# FOREST KNOLLS

serving and improving the FOREST KNOLLS neighborhood since 1960

Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization

July 2017

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Park Station and the Community Policing Advisory Board



**Invites the Forest Knolls Neighborhood to Attend**

...a unique neighborhood EVENT to discuss  
Public Safety with your local Law Enforcement

## *MEET THE BEAT*



**THURSDAY, JULY 27 6:30–8:00 PM**  
Meeting to be held at St John Church - 275 Olympia Way



We want to hear your perspectives on **CRIME, COMMUNITY CONCERNS, And COLLABORATION...**



Come and Meet Captain Sanford and Park Station Officers  
Should you have any inquiries, contact Park Station: (415) 242-3000

## FOREST KNOLLS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

a neighborhood meeting is scheduled for

**Thursday July 27, 2017**

**6:30 - 8 pm: Meet the Beat with SFPD Capt. John Sanford Jr.**

**8 - 9 pm: Neighborhood Meeting**

St. John Armenian Church Hall

275 Olympia Way

next to our fire station

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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:

Summer maintenance work is in full swing at Sutro Tower. Each year specially trained maintenance crews tackle the horizontal facings and one of the three legs of the tower, thus covering the whole tower every three years before starting over. This year it's the west leg. The crews are removing old paint and rust, then coating exposed portions of steel with a high-quality two-part epoxy paint called Carbomastic. They're also replacing any bolts that are nearing the end of their useful life, installing grade A490 non-galvanized steel bolts. The paint and the bolts are American made and are "the toughest you can order," according to Sutro Tower Maintenance and Safety Manager Shane Best.

In addition, this year our maintenance crews have removed unnecessary, 45-year-old electrical conduit and lights inside the three legs of the tower, which will reduce the load on the structure itself by 8000 pounds. The removal will have no impact on the electrical power needed for the antennas at each horizontal level of the tower, which is separate.

We also conducted a pressure wash inside the west leg to prevent future corrosion by removing bird droppings that can clog drain holes and allow water to collect. And finally, as recommended by Sutro Tower's structural engineers, we are replacing some "c-channel" mounts and installing 30 new two-way antenna mounts, for the tower's paging and other radio customers.

Maintenance work is estimated to finish in October. We are continuing to meet our goal of minimizing the noise impact on neighbors, by using quieter tools as much as possible, and using louder heavy-duty air tools only when absolutely necessary in order to meet maintenance requirements.

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..



## Please Break Down Cardboard Boxes

**San Franciscans face a new challenge in their quest to increase recycling – a proliferation of cardboard boxes.**

Many people now place orders online via computer and smart phones to purchase just about anything, and those orders arrive in cardboard boxes. It is not unusual to see boxes stacked in an apartment building entry or on a neighbor's porch.

Here is the consequence: Often people toss the opened box in a recycling bin without breaking it down or flattening it. When this happens, the intact box can take up much of the bin's volume, making it difficult for other people to recycle their boxes as well as bottles, cans, and paper.

**When you need to recycle a cardboard box, please break it down. That way the pieces can fit inside a recycling bin and still leave room for other recyclables.**

Recology purchased and installed special equipment at Recycle Central, the large recycling plant on Pier 96, specifically to sort and recycle cardboard.

Breaking down cardboard boxes and recycling as much as we can helps our City make progress toward zero waste, a movement that aims to eliminate landfill disposal. Thank you for considering these points and doing your part.

**San Francisco  
Police Department**



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Hello Forest Knolls,

It is an honor and pleasure to serve Forest Knolls as your district captain. It is my number one priority to provide the Forest Knolls neighborhood with the best public safety possible. I have studied the crime analysis in your neighborhood and despite the crime rate being extremely low, I know your neighborhood has been plagued with isolated burglaries, auto thefts and way too many auto burglaries.

I am confident that we can lower this crime rate if we collaborate and work in partnership. Such a plan will enable us to increase the safety for everyone while decreasing crime throughout the neighborhood. It is my experience, supported by evidence, that when communities band together and work with their local law enforcement agency the community is much safer. Please join me in this partnership so we can make the hidden gem of Forest Knolls even safer.

Unfortunately, way too many people depend on their neighbors, neighborhood association or the police to keep their neighborhood safe, but it is imperative that every neighbor play an active role with keeping the community safe. If you take a conscious role in actively participating, I guarantee you that we can make a huge difference.

Public safety goes far beyond this article. I have specifically scheduled a "Meet the Beat" for the Forest Knolls neighborhood on Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. We would like all community members to attend so we can meet you, but more importantly to hear about your community safety concerns. I thank each of you in advance for your contribution and I am looking forward to our future partnership.

**John Sanford Jr.  
Commanding Officer  
Park Police Station**

# Steppin' Up

## Walk our Walks

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

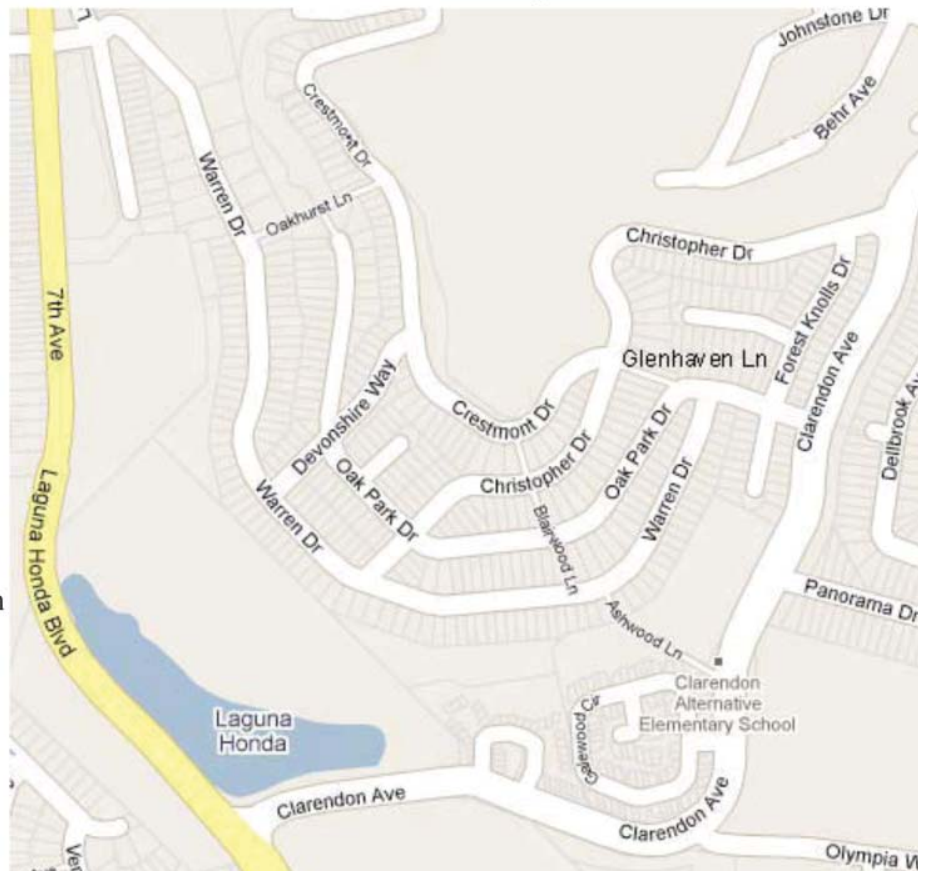
We are fortunate to have stairways that connect our neighborhood streets as an immediate source for exercise. The advantage of having the stairs is that you do not have to drive to the gym – no gas, no traffic, and no parking problems. The stairs are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with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

*Beverly Mack*

## SAFE: Safety Awareness For Everyone



SAFE engages, educates, and empowers San Franciscans to build safer neighborhoods through crime prevention, education, and public safety services that result in stronger, more vibrant and resilient communities. San Francisco SAFE, Inc. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) is a community crime prevention and public safety program that works in cooperation with the San Francisco Police Department and other city agencies to help San Franciscans protect themselves from becoming victims. SAFE conducts various services to the citizens of San Francisco from the Neighborhood Watch program, safety presentations, home security inspections, and SAFE Bikes. SAFE is a small organization with a wide reach in San Francisco and continues to help the city grow stronger and safer every day.

**The Safety Coordinator for San Francisco SAFE, Sean Mac Nab, will be present at the Meet the Beat meeting with SFPD Captain Sanford on July 27. Sean will be there to discuss the Neighborhood Watch program, and to facilitate establishing a Neighborhood Watch in Forest Knolls.**

For more information: <http://forestknolls.org/Documents/SAFE-Neighborhood-Watch.pdf>

Here is a guide to get you started. Your Public Safety Coordinator will be there as your group forms to coordinate planning, facilitate initial meetings and answer any questions. SAFE has a long standing relationship with many city departments and organizations and can help you find the resources you need to improve the quality of life where you live.

**People decide to start this process for a variety of reasons and motivations. Here are just a few:**

- A desire to make connections and get to know neighbors
- A need to be more informed and aware of what is happening in the neighborhood
- A desire to work directly with the Police Department and other city departments to effectively problem solve and address issues
- A curiosity about how to access resources available in San Francisco that can support individuals and neighborhoods
- An interest in playing an active role in the improvement of the area in which we live A need to be prepared and able to respond effectively in an emergency situation – whether it is crime related or a natural disaster such as an earthquake

Whatever motivates you, SAFE is your resource and guide as you begin to organize your block. We have the tools and strategies to address most issues and enjoy the process of learning with you how to best approach a new challenge. Please use this guide as needed throughout the process.

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## San Francisco Fire Department in the Community



On January 18, 2017, the San Francisco Fire Department began holding Public Safety Fairs in each of our 10 Battalions. These events allow all San Francisco communities to meet the members of their nearby Stations and get a better sense of what we do. The San Francisco Fire Department's newly formed Fire Prevention and Education Community Outreach team promotes Fire Safety to the community at large. This is an effort to connect the communities we serve with their local Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics.

Among the many things that are available at the events are Fire Prevention and Education materials, various demonstrations such as how to use a Fire Extinguisher, and answers to inspection questions. Department members will teach Hands-only CPR, and our Recruitment team will be available to answer questions related to our hiring process. Free Smoke detectors will be available, while supplies last, to residents of San Francisco.

**Our Fire Station 20 is in Battalion 8.**

**The Battalion 8 Public Safety Fair will be held on Wednesday September 20, 2017 at Fire Station 19, located at 390 Buckingham Way at Winston Street behind the Stonestown Galleria.**

## **FOREST KNOLLS**

Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization  
P O Box 31387  
San Francisco, CA 94131-0387  
[www.forestknolls.org](http://www.forestknolls.org)

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**

## SFPUC - Upgrading Our Sewer System

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission provides water, power and sewer services to San Francisco. As many of you may know, our combined sewer system dates back to the Gold Rush. Many of our brick-lined sewer pipes are over 100 years old and counting. As part of our annual Sewer Repair and Replacement Program, each year the SFPUC inspects approximately 150 miles of sewers and repairs or replaces approximately 15 miles of sewers. Repair work is often done in conjunction with SF Public Works. We also partner with other agencies when their projects, like the Central Subway or Van Ness Improvement Project, give us access to replace our old water and sewer pipes. No new projects are planned for the Forest Knolls neighborhood in 2017, but plans can change. For information on sewer work near you, call 311 or visit [sf311.org](http://sf311.org).

In addition to this annual capital investment program, we have embarked on a citywide program of upgrades to address other challenges faced by our aging sewer system. The Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) will upgrade our system so we can continue to protect public health and the environment for the next 100 years. Learn more at [sfwater.org/ssip](http://sfwater.org/ssip).

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@sfgwater.org](mailto:info@sfgwater.org)

SF Water Department – 415-550-4911

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

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## CleanPowerSF

### Enroll Today to Save Money and Our Environment

CleanPowerSF is part of a growing movement in California that empowers local communities to choose a cleaner energy future. Through CleanPowerSF, ratepayer funds are reinvested locally in new clean energy infrastructure, which creates jobs and stabilizes energy prices.

CleanPowerSF customers can expect to pay a little less and get more renewable energy than they currently do with PG&E (40% renewable with CleanPowerSF Green service vs 33% renewable with PG&E). PG&E continues to send your monthly bill, maintain the power grid and respond to outages. San Franciscans can upgrade anytime to 100% renewable SuperGreen service for about the price of a cup of coffee per month. The next deadline to enroll is July 21st if you wish to begin CleanPowerSF service in October 2017.

Before CleanPowerSF, PG&E was the sole electricity provider for most of San Francisco. PG&E controlled where and how your electricity was generated, and delivered that energy over its own poles and wires. Now, with CleanPowerSF, PG&E will still deliver electricity, maintain the power grid, and handle customer billing, but the electricity itself will come from cleaner, local energy sources.

The Forest Knolls neighborhood has not yet been scheduled for auto-enrollment in CleanPowerSF, but you can join thousands of San Franciscans making a direct impact on greenhouse gas reductions by enrolling early in CleanPowerSF. Enroll online at [cleanpowersf.org](http://cleanpowersf.org) or call 415-554-0773.

# Rainwater Catchment & Rain Garden

by Liza Kachko & Dion Libutti

In 2016, Sutro Stewards received a Community Challenge Grant from the City of San Francisco to install a rainwater catchment system and plant a rain garden at the Sutro Native Plant Nursery. The project offers several benefits: reducing and slowing storm water runoff from Mount Sutro, reducing municipal water use by the nursery, and creating a rain garden that increases habitat and helps to stabilize a formally weedy slope.

The 530 gallon cistern is installed and the rain garden planted with over 300 California native plants! This would not have been possible without the help of our partner organizations - UCSF, San Francisco Parks Alliance, and The Urban Farmer Store. We also could not have completed the project without the help of over 140 volunteers, who contributed over 300 hours of service over the past year to complete this project! Thank you to all the individuals and groups that contributed!

If you live in San Francisco, or anywhere in California, you know this was a wet winter. By early 2017 our entire 530-gallon cistern was filled with rainwater! But before the rain garden could be planted, we added stabilizing logs to the site where it would be located. These logs prevent soil erosion, stabilize the hillside, and provide terracing and easier access to the garden. Installing the logs was no easy task! Volunteers and staff salvaged a dozen Acacia tree trunks from trees that had been felled by storms during the winter. These trees were chopped into 16'-20' logs, carried 800 feet by a team of volunteers, and drilled into place in trenches dug in the rain garden.

Over the last couple of months, Sutro Stewards staff and volunteers have worked to plant and mulch the rain garden just down the hill from the Native Plant Nursery. Hundreds of California native plants were installed to improve habitat and stabilize the steep slope previously covered in Cape ivy and Himalayan blackberry. Over 49 species were planted, including pink flowering currant, fringe cup, manroot, cow parsnip, seep monkey flower, blue rush, and many others.

The final piece of the project was installing irrigation and creating a spot for our recycled water from pot washing, a gravel filled pit planted with rushes and sedges that allows the water to slowly percolate into the soil.

The complete project allows us to increase water conservation while improving habitat and biodiversity this year and into the future as this system will now continue functioning on its own with a little maintenance help to keep the rainwater catchment system debris-free and the rain garden free of weeds.



Stop by the Nursery any Wednesday morning from 9:30am-12:30pm to volunteer and see this project in action! An interpretive sign is posted by the cistern for all guests to learn about the project. A big thank you to our two spring interns, Kelsey & Dion, for designing this sign.

Thank you again to the City of San Francisco's Community Challenge Grant Program for funding this project!

See project photos at [https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN3xq4vboW4XZtGg7P\\_Q2aHMg2B-HeZ6wEoVXOu-p2MurgUWVKMtt7u5OlyladS\\_g?key=T3NfaUJBelp5OXlx1ZveFZRuzhjtXBjZ0IWRkr3](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN3xq4vboW4XZtGg7P_Q2aHMg2B-HeZ6wEoVXOu-p2MurgUWVKMtt7u5OlyladS_g?key=T3NfaUJBelp5OXlx1ZveFZRuzhjtXBjZ0IWRkr3)



## 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

### Frequently Used Services

	<u>Number</u>
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)

# SFMTA: Municipal Transportation Agency

The SFMTA plans, designs, builds, operates, regulates, and maintains one of the most diverse transportation networks in the world. In addition to the four modes of transportation (transit, walking, bicycling and driving, which includes private vehicles, taxis, carsharing, on-and off-street parking and commercial vehicles), the Agency directly oversees five transit modes (bus, trolley bus, light rail, historic streetcar, and cable car), in addition to overseeing paratransit service, which serves individuals unable to use fixed-route transit service.

### CORE VALUES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK:

- Transit First: Transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, carsharing, and ridesharing have the highest priority
- Complete and Green Streets: Streets are designed and managed to be attractive, inviting public spaces for people
- Green, Clean, and Quiet Mobility: Use the greenest, most efficient, and quietest technologies available
- Social Equity and Access: Prioritize the most affordable and accessible modes

### FY2013-FY2018 SFMTA STRATEGIC PLAN

By 2035, San Francisco is projected to have an approximate 15 percent growth in population and a 25 percent growth in employment. This growth requires us to re-think our resources and tools to meet the city's quality of life objectives. SFMTA can leverage its multi modality to facilitate big picture planning, design, construction, operations and overall funding management to implement complete streets projects that make non-auto modes more attractive to all residents, workers and visitors to San Francisco.

Under the FY2013-FY2018 SFMTA Strategic Plan, the SFMTA committed to a mode share goal of 50 percent auto and 50 percent non-auto (transit, bicycling, walking and taxi) for all trips by 2018. Meeting this mode shift goal will put the SFMTA and the city as a whole on track to meet the transportation needs of future residents, employees and visitors.

**SATURDAY, July 29 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



# VOLUNTEER

# COMMUNITY CLEAN TEAM



City College of San Francisco  
•  
50 Phelan Ave.  
(parking lot)

## CLEANING AND GREENING DISTRICT 7!

Community Clean Team is Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods.

**GIGANTIC 3**  
Get rid of unwanted junk for free!  
Limited to Districts 7 & 4 residents.  
**Appointments recommended.**  
Call Recology at (415) 330-1300.  
District 7: Lake Merced, Sunset Circle  
Lake Merced Blvd. at Sunset Blvd.  
District 4: 37th Avenue, between Ortega and  
Pacheco streets (enter from Ortega St.)

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.**  
Please wear closed-toe shoes & appropriate work clothes.  
**Help us reduce plastic waste by bringing your own water bottle.**

**FREE COMPOST**  
Recology will be giving away up to 5 gallons of compost for your garden.  
**No appointment required. While supplies last.**  
Lake Merced, Sunset Circle  
Lake Merced Blvd. at Sunset Blvd.

**VISIT** [sfpublicworks.org/volunteer](http://sfpublicworks.org/volunteer)    **EMAIL** [volunteer@sfdpw.org](mailto:volunteer@sfdpw.org)    **CALL** (415) 641-2600





## San Francisco Public Works

SF Public Works would like to invite the members of the Forest Knolls Neighborhood Organization to participate in the **District 7 Community Clean Team** event taking place on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

Community Clean Team is SF Public Works' longest-running and largest volunteer program that keeps San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and garden projects, graffiti removal, and more.

This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in a hands-on project that'll beautify your community. Get your volunteer team together and prepare to tackle projects all around San Francisco's iconic neighborhoods in District 7.

The event kick-off location is going to be at City College of San Francisco – Ocean Campus, at 50 Phelan Avenue (in the parking lot). We hope that you and your group will be able to join us.

**What:** D7 Community Clean Team volunteer event

**When:** Saturday, July 29, 2017

**Time:** Registration begins at 8:30 AM, volunteer program & activities from 9 AM – 1 PM

**Where:** City College of San Francisco – Ocean Campus, 50 Phelan Avenue (in the parking lot)

**RSVP is required for lunch;** please contact [Julia.Brashares@sfdpw.org](mailto:Julia.Brashares@sfdpw.org) by **Tuesday, July 25** in order to get your group on the list.

Please be sure to mention how many volunteers in your group and if there are any special requirements (food restrictions, accessibility concerns, or if you are bringing small children).

Please bring appropriate clothing for working outside and getting dirty. **PLEASE NO OPEN-TOE SHOES.**

Leave your valuables at home. **Bringing a reusable water bottle is highly recommended to help us reduce waste.**

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## BART Finishes Security Camera Installation Project



Criminals take note—if you're on BART, you're on camera. All 669 train cars now have four working cameras each, adding to a robust network of security cameras inside and outside stations, on platforms, and on police officers themselves.

The new cameras and digital recording devices provide high-quality images from onboard trains, with BART meeting its July 1 installation goal after public concern over security infrastructure in 2016 prompted an evaluation of existing coverage.

Now that every car is outfitted with cameras, victims of crime should take note of their car number—which is posted above the end doors of each car. Having that number makes it easier for investigators to track down the video associated with any reports, which in turn makes it easier for law enforcement to bring criminals to justice.

"The installation of new digital cameras demonstrates our commitment to public safety," said BART Police Chief Carlos Rojas. "These cameras will be an effective tool for solving crimes that occur on the BART system by helping investigators identify suspects. The devices will also serve as a deterrent to prevent some crimes from occurring in the first place."

The original in-train camera deployment included a mix of real and decoy cameras that were installed in the late 90s and early 2000s as a deterrent against vandalism, but with the advent of modern digital storage technology a full deployment is now far more cost effective.

The new cameras are expected to last six to seven years, a lifespan which coincides with the time it will take for the aging train cars to be retired from service as BART welcomes its new Fleet of the Future—a fleet that will come with built-in cameras.

The BART Board of Directors approved the contracts to purchase the cameras, DVRs, and box housing units for \$463,749 in August, 2016 after testing various models. The full cost of the project including labor and other materials was \$1.42 million with the money coming from BART's operating budget.



## Report on Mount Sutro

As many of our neighbors know, it's difficult to hike on Mount Sutro without noticing that the landscape has changed. There are views to the ocean where it was once dense forest. In many areas, the cape ivy has taken over, covering the forest floor and climbing the many trees that are standing dead throughout the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve. The extended drought, aging forest and multiple pest infestations have resulted in a widespread loss of trees in the Reserve over the past several years.

At UCSF, our top priority is to ensure the safety of the Reserve for our residents, patients, visitors, campus buildings and neighbors. In 2015, we began an extensive public process to develop a vegetation management plan by forming a Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of forestry experts, and engaging community leaders and neighbors to guide a long-term strategy to improve the health of the ecosystem, promote regeneration of the trees, maintain a forest experience and improve the safety of the Reserve for UCSF and our neighbors.

The restoration work outlined in the plan is more critical now than ever. In the last winter season alone, our arborists catalogued 342 trees that fell down throughout the Reserve, forcing repeated closures of hiking trails. An independent survey determined that out of the approximately 14,000 trees in the Reserve, approximately 3,500 are standing dead or are dying. The conditions on Mount Sutro mirror the effects of the drought statewide, where at least 102 million trees have died across California since 2010. We must take immediate steps to remove dead and dying trees and begin regenerating the forest to improve the health of the ecosystem.

On July 24, we will publish the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the vegetation management plan, outlining the potential environmental impacts of the plan. We invite our neighbors to review the DEIR and provide comments during the comment period from July 24 to September 8. UCSF will hold a public hearing on August 24 at 6:30 pm at Millberry Union on UCSF's Parnassus Campus to give residents an additional opportunity to comment on the DEIR.

You can read the Mount Sutro Open Space Reserve Vegetation Management Plan and DEIR at [www.mountsutro.ucsf.edu](http://www.mountsutro.ucsf.edu). If you have questions or comments, contact Christine Gasparac at [christine.gasparac@ucsf.edu](mailto:christine.gasparac@ucsf.edu) or 415-476-8431.

# A Message from Supervisor Norman Yee

There has been a spate of burglaries and car break-ins in the district, including in Forest Knolls. While it may seem futile, it is important to report crimes and suspicious activity to the San Francisco Police Department. These reports aid investigations, especially if organized crime networks were involved. Your reports and calls will also help quantify the greater need in our neighborhood for regular patrols. As a reminder, the online forum, Nextdoor, is a great tool for communication, but does not replace the need to report crimes to the police. The allocation of resources is based on calls for service, so please continue to report to local law enforcement, even after the crime has occurred.



It is clear that we need more resources to combat property crime, especially in our Westside neighborhoods. One of the issues I have been prioritizing at the Board of Supervisors is supporting the Police Department in maximizing and growing its resources to address these neighborhood issues. Currently, we do not have enough active officers to deal with violent crimes, calls for homeless response, and patrols of neighborhoods to prevent property crimes. While different benchmark staffing numbers have been presented on how many police officers we need in San Francisco, some of the statistics have been arbitrary or based on outdated information. In order to proactively support the Department, we need to look at our existing resources and needs to assess better efficiency.

This year, I passed a resolution urging the San Francisco Police Commission to form a Strategic Police Staffing Task Force to conduct a comprehensive, data-based approach to determine the best staffing level for the Police Department. This will also include an evaluation of existing deployment. The Police Commission unanimously supported this proposal and will be commencing this work in the next few months. I also requested a full audit of the San Francisco Police Department by the Budget & Legislative Analyst to evaluate existing staffing levels, deployment of uniform staff, and other efficiency performance measures.

While these internal analyses will take time, I know that crime will not slow down. During my term, I have been working closely with our Police Captains, including Park Station Captain Sanford, to address these growing concerns. We have also been supportive of increasing funding for SFSAFE, a nonprofit organization, that provides free security assessments and organizing tools for neighborhood watch groups. If your neighborhood has experienced increased property crime, please contact SFSAFE at 415.673.SAFE or [www.sfsafe.org](http://www.sfsafe.org) to make an appointment with one of their specialists to do a site visit and evaluate options for crime prevention. My office is also exploring a pilot program for community surveillance cameras. Please also feel free to contact our office if we can be of any support in providing more resources to you and your neighbors.

## City and County Budget

The Board of Supervisors will be wrapping up this legislative cycle in July and going into a month-long recess in August. Over the past month, we had weeks of long meetings to review the city and county budget for final Board and Mayoral approval later this month. As Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, I can attest that the budget process is onerous given the sheer size of our City and County. The proposed budget totaled over \$10 billion. While that number is daunting, much of the budget is earmarked for enterprise departments, such as the SFO airport and other baselined services. The remainder of the budget is more discretionary, but Departments also need to maintain a certain level of funding to continue or expand basic services, such as healthcare and street cleaning.

We spent countless hours deliberating where to cut unnecessary staff or new expenses and ultimately agreed upon a more refined budget. I am happy to announce that through the budget process, I was able to secure over \$1 million for District 7 programs and services, above and beyond the city services already covered in the general budget. This funding will support children activities, senior programs, playground and open space renovation, and our special Participatory Budgeting program, which allows District 7 residents to choose which projects they want to see funded. Part of the Participatory Budgeting program will be dedicated to Vision Zero, pedestrian and traffic safety improvements. We have a great need in District 7 to abate speeding and improve pedestrian visibility. I know that Forest Knolls has a number of pending traffic projects and look forward to the possibility of funding more of them through the Participatory Budgeting program next year.

The proposed budget addresses the great need to reduce harm on our streets by creating more opportunities to move homeless residents into shelters, supportive housing, and treatment programs. I am also proud that our budget prioritized investing an additional \$4 million in child care for infants and toddlers. It is a struggle to raise children here in San Francisco, and the scarcity of child care slots is one of the factors driving families away. We were also able to dedicate additional funding to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by adding more funds to street resurfacing projects and taking back the care of street trees. While there will always be more needs, I also want us to be prudent with our tax dollars. One of the factors I want better evaluated in the future is overtime spending by Departments, which is now being evaluated by the City Controller.

It has been a busy legislative year with more pending items coming before us in the fall. I am always eager to hear new ideas and suggestions from my constituents. If you have any concerns or if my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Norman.Yee@sfgov.org](mailto:Norman.Yee@sfgov.org) or call 415.554.6516.

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## Paving Progress

San Francisco's construction boom in San Francisco doesn't just pertain to the explosive growth in new buildings, but also has included our streets. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has been busy replacing aging sewer and water lines and San Francisco Public Works has been resurfacing city streets at a record pace.

More than 5,000 blocks have been repaved in the past decade.

Construction can be inconvenient – temporary loss of parking, traffic detours, noise and dust. But when the work is completed, the streets safer and smoother for all users – drivers, bicyclists, transit riders and pedestrians.

The paving surge came after the passage in 2011 of the \$248 million Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond, which at its peak spending level more than doubled the number of blocks paved every year. Prior to the bond, the City was paving about 400 blocks a year; after the bond, the number surpassed 800.

The work paid off. San Francisco's regionally tracked Pavement Condition Index score hit 69 last year, up from 68 the year before. Prior to the Streets Bond, the citywide Pavement Condition Index score averaged 64 over a 10-year period.

The Pavement Condition Index assigns city blocks a score from a low of zero for a badly deteriorated road to a high of 100 for a freshly paved block. Public Works evaluates the impacts of wear, erosion and aging of each street, and assesses street deterioration with a rating for each of the City's 12,800-plus blocks.

A Pavement Condition Index score of 85-100 is rated as "excellent," 70-84 "good," 50-69 "at risk," and 0-49 "poor." Currently, nearly two-thirds of San Francisco blocks are rated at good or excellent; less than 15 percent are rated in the poor category.

The assessment, monitored by the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission, is based on visual surveys performed by specially trained and certified staff. Each segment is evaluated based on ride quality, cracking and signs that the roadway may be breaking up in places.

The Public Works paving management team took a look at major streets in the Forest Knolls neighborhood. Forest Knolls Drive, for example, has a Pavement Condition Index Score in the 80s, so in good shape. There's one block of Warren Drive, which is part of a current resurfacing project; another eight blocks of Oak Park Drive are candidates for resurfacing in 2019.

Several Forest Knolls area streets are not accepted, meaning that adjacent property owners, not the city, are responsible for their upkeep. Among them are Behr Avenue, Galewood Circle and three blocks of Johnstone Drive. Devonshire Way is concrete and not in the paving queue; neither is Clarendon Avenue.

Meanwhile, if you see any potholes, please report them to 311; Public Works crews attempt to address them within 72 hours.



## Celebrating Park & Recreation Month

In partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), we celebrate Park and Recreation Month in July by highlighting all of the exciting things going on in your parks over the next several weeks. From concerts in the park to celebrations and free park play day events, SF Rec and Park is proud to provide a wide array of activities for you and your loved ones to enjoy this summer. This July, celebrate your parks by getting outside to your favorite park to play.

### Flower Piano at the San Francisco Botanical Garden

This summer, music, community, and nature join forces once again in the heart of the city during the 12-day, outdoor extravaganza known as Flower Piano. Now in its third year, Flower Piano once again transforms San Francisco Botanical Garden (SFBG) into the city's own alfresco concert hall, and everyone is invited to play and listen.

From July 13 - 24, visitors will find 12 pianos tucked among the many flower-filled gardens within SFBG's 55 acres and are encouraged to play what they like, from chopsticks to Tchaikovsky. On weekend days, event partner Sunset Piano has invited professional pianists and a whole host of other musicians to perform throughout the Garden as well, and the public is welcome to pack a picnic and enjoy the shows.

Visit <http://sfbotanicalgarden.org/flowerpiano/> for more information.

### Free Shakespeare in the Park

Journey into a forest full of faeries and lovers in We Players' adaptation of William Shakespeare's all-time favorite, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

We Players presents site-integrated performance events that transform public spaces into realms of participatory theater, bringing communities together through art. The six-person version of this classic tale is a dark and hilarious exploration of the complexities of love, our complicated human relationships, and the boundaries between reality and imagination.

Join We Players in the forest atop Strawberry Hill at Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park (50 Stow Lake Drive). Shows start at 6:30 p.m. on June 22 to 25, July 6 to 9, July 27 to 30. Visit [weplayers.org](http://weplayers.org) for more information.

### Free Sunday Concerts at Stern Grove

This summer, come out to beautiful Sigmund Stern Grove for free Sunday afternoon concerts, featuring a wide array of world-renowned artists, including War, Malo, San Francisco Ballet, Mavis Staples and Eric Burdon and the Animals.

Stern Grove is located at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard. Concerts begin at 2 p.m. and are admission-free.

For more information, visit [sterngrove.org](http://sterngrove.org).

## 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 continue to work with the SFPD for radar enforcement of the 25 mile per hour speed limit on both Warren and Oak Park Drives. Additionally, there is a good 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 SFMTA 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. recently replaced 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 July 27, 2017**  
**St. John Armenian Church Hall**  
**275 Olympia Way @ Clarendon Ave.**  
**San Francisco**  
**6:30 - 8 pm: SFPD Meet the Beat**  
**8 - 9 pm: Neighborhood Meeting**

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