The Painted Ladies ladies’ room (and men’s room) will receive a complete makeover by next year, thanks to funds from the 2008 Parks Bond.

New district boundaries to be finalized April 15th

The latest map from the San Francisco Redistricting Task Force (SF RDTF) changes District 5 by adding more of the Inner Sunset, and taking District 6’s stake west of Van Ness. USF and Lower Pac Heights are lost to Districts 1 and 2.

The SF RDTF is convening to redraw the districts in San Francisco, based on population changes from the 2010 census. The Task Force has already gone through several drafts of proposed new district boundaries. You can find more information at www.sfgov.org/rdtf.

The Task Force is accepting Citywide district maps from the general public until Friday March 2, and district-specific maps until Thursday March 29.

San Francisco Parks Bond on November 2012 ballot

The San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department gave ASNA an overview of the 2008 Bond measure and its implementation, before going into the November 2012 Bond, at our January Meeting and Potluck.

The Alamo Square Restroom was included in the 2008 Parks Bond that was passed by voters that year. Planning for the Alamo Square Restroom project is set to begin in 2012, and the restroom is to be see 2012 Parks Bond >

next meeting

General membership meetings are usually held the fourth Monday of every other month.

MONDAY, MAR 26, 2012

What: General Meeting

Where: Chateau Tivoli
1057 Steiner Street
Entrance between McAllister and Golden Gate

When: Doors open 7 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

upcoming events

Every Saturday
Fillmore Farmers Market
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fillmore & O’Farrell

Every Sunday
Divisadero Farmers Market
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Divisadero & Grove

Saturday, March 3
Creative Arts Charter School Benefit Party and Auction
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
West Bay Conference Center
1290 Fillmore Street

Saturday, April 7
Park Volunteer Day
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Meet near the tennis court
Coffee provided!
Email park@alamosq.org to sign up.

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People of the December 22nd Fire:
Manny Nevarez

By students of the 5th grade class at
Creative Arts Charter School

Liam and Pana were sitting on the bench in the fifth grade classroom interviewing Manny Nevarez, a construction worker at our school and a hero of the fire on December 22nd. Manny is wearing his construction suit.

“I have been a construction worker for 17 years, 1995 is the year I started,” Manny Nevarez stated.

“What do you think caused the fire?” Liam asked.

Manny thought for a second. “Hmm, I don’t know,” he replied.

We asked him a second question, “What do you think happened to the injured people?”

“I don’t think many people were injured,” the construction worker said.

“What did you do?” we asked.

“I knocked down doors and got people out,” he replied.

SFkids.org Free Summer Resource Fair on Saturday March 3rd

Saturday, March 3, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th & Brannan Streets. Accessible by MUNI.

Join families with children of all ages at this fun, free showcase of summer activities for children, youth, and families. Entertainment • Giveaways • Workshops • Demonstrations

Information about: Camps • Classes • Arts • Sports • Teen Opportunities

More info about exhibitors, entertainment and activities at www.SFKids.org. Presented by the SFKids.org, SFUSD Student Support Services, Department, and the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families.
Dear Neighbors,

Spring is coming to Alamo Square! It’s such a nice place to be and neighbors are out in full force.

Thanks to all who attended our annual New Year’s Potluck and general meeting. Special thanks to our host, Jim Seigel, as well as Kelly Edwards and Fayette Hauser who welcomed over sixty neighbors to their home. We welcomed new boardmembers Mary Bosworth, Katrina Jankowski, and Quintin Mecke, and thanked Michael Smithwick for his 12 years of service on our board. To show our appreciation for all he has done to promote traffic calming and pedestrian safety in the neighborhood, we presented Michael with the Golden Foot Award: a glittering miniature traffic cone and a bottle of champagne. Thanks, Michael!

We also welcomed new Supervisor Christina Olague at the Potluck, and she spoke briefly about her commitment to District 5. She then had an opportunity to meet many neighbors and hear neighborhood concerns.

2012 is going to be a big year for our neighborhood and park. There are several issues we are working on this year for Alamo Square and our neighborhood, including:

- Restroom renovation, and possible relocation
- Irrigation system overhaul
- Tour bus management
- Traffic Calming, pedestrian safety and bike lane changes
- Tree care and planting plan

At our Potluck, we discussed the

See President’s letter >
The importance of treating each of these projects as part of a whole for our neighborhood and park, as well as nearby neighborhoods, like Hayes Valley and North of Panhandle. For instance, if the restrooms are relocated, what does that mean for our park irrigation? How would a relocation affect the trees and pathways that are already in place? If there were legislation around the tour buses, that might have an impact on Muni, as well as pedestrian safety. If bike lane changes affect traffic lanes or street parking availability, that might affect overall traffic patterns as cars travel from one neighborhood to the other.

Because of the way projects are funded individually, many times there is an unintended ripple effect: a change on one street affects a neighborhood 10-15 blocks away.

Supervisor Olague has pledged to organize a meeting with the boards of nearby neighborhood associations and MTA leaders so that we can represent our area holistically, rather than project-by-project. Hopefully, this can help us identify solutions that work well across the neighborhoods.

We are looking forward to working with Supervisor Olague, the Park and Rec Department, the MTA, and SF Parks Alliance on these projects. Our upcoming General Meetings will have representatives from various City departments to give us updates and ask for neighborhood feedback, so please be sure to attend to provide your very valuable input.

Alamo Square has an amazing, colorful and rich history, and brothers Nathan and Andrew Codd have started a video project to capture the rich memories of the neighbors who have contributed to Alamo Square and San Francisco. They will interview Alamo Square neighbors about past projects and accomplishments, such as favorite memories of the park, of Divisadero and Fillmore Streets, significant homes, and more. When the videos are completed, we will share them on our website, as well as the brothers’ site, Local Addition, which is all about the Western Addition. Do you know a neighbor with a rich history to share? Do you have a fabulous story to tell? Please contact Nathan at editor@localaddition.com.

As we gear up for the 101st Bay to Breakers, please join us as a Neighborhood Ambassador! Neighborhood Ambassadors volunteer for 2-hour shifts, helping runners locate first aid tents, portajohns, and alerting authorities of any problems. It’s a fun way to participate in the race, and you get a snazzy T-shirt! To volunteer, contact Christian Nguyen at christian.nguyen@alamosq.org.

I hope to see you in the park soon!

Lisa Zahner
ASNA President
Park Volunteer Day Schedule

Park volunteer days are scheduled throughout the year. Come out, join your neighbors, pitch in and give back to your community!

Save the Date!
Next Park Volunteer Day:
Saturday, April 7

2012 Volunteer Days
Saturday, February 4
Saturday, April 7
Saturday, June 2
Saturday, August 4
Saturday, October 6

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Email park@alamosq.org to sign up! Meet at the tennis court. Coffee provided!

2012 Parks bond, cont'd

completed in Spring 2013. The same timeline exists for the Buena Vista Restroom.

Other District 5 projects that were part of the 2008 Bond include: Panhandle Path and Pavement (construction to start Spring 2012), Kimbell Field Renovation (completed Summer 2010), Kimbell Park renovation (design underway, construction to start January 2013, to be completed Summer 2013), and Hayes Valley Playground, to be completed Spring 2012.

The 2012 Parks Bond only includes one nearby park this year under the current proposal, the Margaret Hayward Playground at Laguna and Golden Gate. Other parks proposed to be included: Allyne Park, Richmond Playground, Willie "Woo Woo" Wong Playground, Bernal Heights Park, Garfield Square, Balboa Park and Pool, George Christopher Playground, Excelsior Playground, John McLaren Park, Gilman Playground, Douglas Playground, Golden Gate Heights Park, Angel J Rossi Playground, West Sunset Playground, States Street Playground, and Potrero Hill Rec Center.

A second round of community outreach is scheduled for March-April 2012. Approvals are needed from the Rec and Park Commission, the Capital Planning Committee, and the Board of Supervisors before the bond appears on the November ballot.

Alamo Square hoodies and t-shirts

As a member of the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association, you get the best price on our hooded, zip-front, fleece-lined sweater. Machine washable, sturdy, and perfect for those brisk days and nights at Alamo Square.

Hoodies (Black or Brown)
$45 Members
$60 Non-Members

$15 T-shirts (Green, Black, or Gray)
Email us to check availability and place an order: hoodies@alamosq.org or tshirts@alamosq.org.
Temporary Shoe Garden Hiatus

Throughout the last ten years, the Alamo Square Shoe Garden has delighted, perplexed, mystified, and inspired visitors to our park who have found it unassumingly tucked away behind the restrooms.

The Shoe Garden was started around 2002 by then-gardener David Clifton. From the very beginning the shoes were replaced often since the weather would eventually make them too difficult to maintain.

The Shoe Garden will be on hiatus as Rec and Park plans for a new/restored Alamo Square Restroom. Help us advocate for the best use of Rec and Park resources by giving us your input (see article below).

Alamo Square Park Master Plan accepting input

The Alamo Square Park Advocacy Committee is gathering information from neighbors and park users. What should be the priorities for park maintenance at Alamo Square? Where should resources be spent?

The Park Advocacy Committee will create a Park Master Plan based on priorities identified by the community and various stakeholders. ASNA's goal is to present the plan to the Rec and Park Commission, to set our priorities and expectations for park maintenance.

Email board@alamosq.org to give us your thoughts on the priorities for park maintenance.

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- Fried Chicken...a leg & Mac 'n Cheese
- Hangar Steak, Just Plain Rice & Mixed Veggies
- Spare ribs & French Fries

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- Saturdays: 2 mimosas for the price of one
- Saturday nights: shrimp broil and Red Stripe for $14.95

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Redistricting SF

What is Redistricting?
Every ten years, the Federal Government conducts a census to determine the number of individuals living in the United States. After the census is completed, the Charter requires the Director of Elections to determine whether the existing supervisorial districts meet the legal requirements established by federal, state and local law. If the existing supervisorial districts no longer comply with these legal requirements, the Charter requires the Board of Supervisors to convene a Redistricting Task Force to redraw the supervisorial district lines. The process of redrawing the supervisorial district lines is known as redistricting.

How Does Redistricting Work?
The Redistricting Task Force consists of nine members. The Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Elections Commission each appoint three members. These nine individuals work with City staff and outside consultants to determine how the supervisorial district lines should be redrawn so that the districts comply with the legal requirements established in federal, state and local law. As part of this process, the Redistricting Task Force holds multiple community hearings to receive input from the people of San Francisco. Throughout this process and based on community input, the Redistricting Task Force will make several changes to the existing supervisorial district lines. The Redistricting Task Force must present a final plan outlining the new supervisorial district lines to the Board of Supervisors by April 15, 2012.

Redistricting Regular Meetings
The Redistricting Task Force regularly scheduled meetings are on the 1st Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Room 406 and 3rd Friday at 3:00 p.m. Room 416.

Public invited to redraw San Francisco districts
Members of the public may submit proposals for a single district, a combination of several districts, or for the entire City and County of San Francisco. In addition, the Task Force will accept maps showing neighborhood and/or Community of Interest boundaries. While the deadline for the Task Force to adopt new district lines is before April 15, 2012, it has begun the process of developing these new boundaries.

The deadline for submitting proposed City-wide maps is Friday, March 2, 2012. The deadline to submit proposed District maps and recommendations is Thursday, March 29, 2012. The Task Force may not consider proposals submitted after this date. Members of the public may submit recommendations by hand delivery, mail, or e-mail to:
San Francisco Redistricting Task Force
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail address: rdtf@sfgov.org
Plans may be submitted by in one of the following formats:
1. By using the online redistricting application at: http://redrawsf.org. Upon finishing your plan, you can directly submit it electronically to the Redistricting Task Force.
2. By drawing proposed boundaries using Google maps (please note that this is not a redistricting program and is most useful for the submission of neighborhood or Community of Interest boundaries).
3. By submitting a pdf or other image file along with an equivalency file if you are using a redistricting mapping program such as Maptitude for Redistricting.
4. By drawing proposed district boundaries on a paper street map of San Francisco. Members of the public are encouraged to include information describing their submission. For example, if you are submitting neighborhood boundaries, please include the name of the neighborhood.

For submission of Community of Interest boundaries, please include information about what defines your community of interest. If you are submitting single or multiple districts, or a city wide plan, it is helpful for the Task Force if you include a summary of what you achieved or attempted to do with your submission.

Agendas and documents relating to meetings may be found at Sfgov.org/rdtf 72 hrs prior to the meeting and in Room 244, City Hall, Board of Supervisors.

Posted agendas are located at SF Main Library, Board of Supervisors Kiosk located outside of Room 244, City Hall, Department of Elections bulletin outside of Room 48, City Hall and outside the respective meetings rooms.

Community Outreach Meetings
Friday, February 17, 2012, Regular Meeting, 3 p.m., Room 416, City Hall.
Saturday, March 17, 2012, Special Meeting - District 5, 10 a.m., Location to be determined.
Thursday, March 29, 2012, Special Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall.
Visit www.sfgov.org/rdtf for the full schedule of community outreach meetings.
Bay to Breakers 2012

What is staying the same in 2012
• The starting time for the race on May 20th will be 7 a.m.
• Registration for the 2012 race will be capped at 50,000 participants
• Alcohol and floats (including wheeled objects) will not be permitted on the course
• Only registered participants are permitted on the course
• Community Outreach and messaging: Zero tolerance on alcohol/floats on the race course, only registered runners permitted on the race course
• Enforcement checkpoints on course
• Race resources, including clean-up, fencing, and porta potties (with minor adjustments to accommodate feedback on access points)
• The course will be closed and diverted at JFK/Chain of Lakes at 11:30 a.m.
• The finish line will close at Noon
• The Great Highway will be open to through traffic by 2:00 p.m.
• Community Hotline and Centralized Command
• Post-Race Transportation

What is changing in 2012
There will not be a post-race festival at the Polo Fields or Hellman’s Hollow. Instead, a post-race event similar to the post-race event hosted in 2010, called The Final Mile, will consist of sponsor and exhibitor activations, and vendors along MLK Drive between Lincoln Way and Chain of Lakes.

Divisadero developments
The former Divisadero Farmer’s Market Store space is still undergoing renovation and improvements as the second location for Bi-Rite. Meanwhile, at Divisadero and McAllister, Green Earth is expanding into the former Muslim Community Center space.
Other new businesses moving into the Divisadero Corridor include Four Barrel Coffee and Josey Baker bakery/cafe (736 Divisadero) and San FranPsycho (505 Divisadero). Welcome!

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500 Divisadero Street (at Fell) www.madroneartbar.com
Highlights of Harding Theater Survey Results (As of 2/5/2012): 229 completed surveys.

Demographics
89% of 229 respondents were from the immediate Divisadero neighborhood (94115/94117)

Goals/Values Section
Respondents rated their support for each of the following project goals/values:
1) Preserve and revitalize the historical legacy of the Harding
2) Re-establish the Harding as a venue for film and live performance
3) Restore the character defining features of the building’s exterior and interior
4) Reduce blight on the Divisadero corridor
5) Explore the addition of programming/tenant spaces to maximize usage and financial viability
6) Create dozens of long-term living wage jobs
7) Maximize local-hire labor throughout the restoration/development process
8) Create additional meeting space for the community
9) Maximize opportunities to "green" the roof (renewable energy and/or garden)
10) Maximize affordability of the programming, services, and/or retail offered by the Harding
11) Maximize opportunities for community-members to have financial ownership of the Harding

- Each of the 11 listed goals/values received at least 66% support and very little direct objection. At least 90% of the 220 respondents were supportive or highly supportive of the following values: Reducing blight (94%), restoring character defining features (93%), creating living wage jobs (90%), and re-establishing the Harding as a venue (90%).

Proposed Type of Theater Usage Section: Each type of usage received at least 77% support, little indifference, and very little objection.
• Highest levels of "Support/One of my top choices": Movies (92.6%), Film festivals (88.7%), Live Performance (Music) (86.5%), and including food and beverage during all hours (85.2%).

Proposed Type of Additional Programming Section:
• Highest levels of "Support/One of my top choices": Outdoor/rooftop garden (83%), rotating restaurant space for foodtruck vendors/restaurant (75.6%), Bookstore (65.9%), Communal Workspace (59.4%).
• Highest levels of indifference/objection: Hair salon (80.3%), Yoga Studio (67.7%), Holistic Wellness Center (63.9%), Child care (63.3%), Neighbor involvement section:
• Highlights: 189 sign ups for particular types of support (in addition to promoting through personal networks).
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Important Contacts
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ParkScan: Report park issues at ParkScan.org

Privacy policy
Alamo Square Neighborhood Association (ASNA) will not share your information with anyone, nor will your information be given out for political purposes.

2012 ASNA Membership Form

Personal Contact Information  (2 contacts per general/family membership, will only be used for ASNA purposes)

Primary Contact - Please print legibly
First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Email ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Secondary Contact
First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Email ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Address Information
Street ___________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

Membership Rates
☐ $15 - Basic Membership
☐ $30 - General / Family Membership
☐ $50 - Contributing Membership
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