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

MONDAY, MAY 21, 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

Monday, April 30
Tour Bus Hearing
Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee, 1 pm, City Hall
SFMTA and SFPD will present suggestions to mitigate impacts

Thursday, May 3
Ida B. Wells Student Art Show and Long Table Dinner
Art Show 3:30-6 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30
Ida B. Wells, 1099 Hayes Street at Pierce

MTA's plans for Oak and Fell bikeways move forward

On Saturday, March 31st the SFMTA hosted the third and final planning workshop to review the proposed conceptual design for pedestrian and bike safety improvements on Oak and Fell streets. The next step for this project will be a traffic engineering public hearing, likely in May.

see Oak and Fell Bikeway proposal >

Alamo Square Ambassadors needed

Bay to Breakers is on Sunday, May 20, 2012. You can help make this year’s Bay to Breakers safe and fun for everyone!

Neighborhood Ambassadors direct runners to nearby restrooms and first aid stations, and help keep the race on course.

You'll get a direct line to SFPD, and a free t-shirt! Come out and enjoy this great annual event with us.

Visit our website at www.alamosq.org to learn how to become an Alamo Square Ambassador.

see Events >
Amendment proposed for Alamo Square Neighborhood Association bylaws

The ASNA Board of Directors proposes to amend the ASNA Bylaws by adding Article VIII, Committees, and amending subsequent Article Numerals.

The amendment will be voted upon at the May 2012 ASNA General Meeting.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES
A. Standing Committees shall be created by the Board of Directors and may be discharged or dissolved by the Board.
B. Special Committees may be created by the Executive Committee or by the President as the need arises.
C. Participation on any Committee shall be voluntary and open to any member of the Association.
D. Committee chairs, selected by the Committee members, shall report regularly to the Executive Committee, the full Board of Directors, or to the membership, and in any event, not less than quarterly.
E. Committees shall consider only items which have been referred to them by the President, or by the Board of Directors. The basic function of each committee is to recommend actions to the full Board. The Board of Directors must vote affirmatively by majority vote on any action recommended by a Committee in order for that action to become an official ASNA position.

Article IX: Amendments

Article X: Procedures

In Memoriam

Tom Conwell

Thomas Richard Conwell was born June 16, 1958 and moved to California in 1978, first locating in Los Angeles, launching his hospitality career at the Beverly Rodeo Hotel. It was in 1980 that Tom moved to his beloved San Francisco and started his career with the Hilton Hotel Union Square.

Tom met Robert Owen Pritchard on May 23, 2005, and soon after Tom became as convicted as Robert and the Save Our Sacred Heart Group to ensure that Sacred Heart Catholic Church remain standing sentinel over their Beloved Historic Western Addition. Tom was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church of San Francisco, The Victorian Alliance, the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association and the Stationary Engineers Local 39 Union.
Dear Neighbors,

We have many projects underway in our neighborhood and I encourage you to get involved: raise your hand, speak your piece, share your ideas, and roll up your sleeves and add some “elbow grease.”

**Park Strategy Planning**

Board member Katrina Jankowski is leading the effort to coordinate long-term park planning with the Rec and Park Department, the MTA, and Supervisor Olague’s office. This includes such topics as:

- Irrigation overhaul
- Hazardous tree removal and recommended actions from Tree Management Report
- Park maintenance (repairing pathways, landscaping, clean-up)
- New restroom, renovation/relocation, its design and potential expanded uses
- Coffee kiosk potential
- Tourist Outreach, how to engage visitors in the park (as more than a Painted Ladies photo-op)

**D5 Transportation Conversation**

As a result of our meeting with MTA Director Ed Reskin, the MTA has agreed to hold a District 5 “Transportation Conversation.” The goal of the meeting is to explore a holistic approach to traffic and transportation in our neighborhood.

**Art Show and Dinner at Ida B. Wells on May 3rd**

The first Long Table Dinner at Ida B. Wells High School, 1099 Hayes is on Thursday May 3rd, 6:30pm! Please join us for this multi-course dining experience made and served by our students. Buy your $35-$40 ticket, advance purchase only, a portion of which will be tax deductible at http://hotklongtabledinner.eventbrite.com.

This is primarily a work-based learning event for our students and a community celebration; we will highlight produce from our farm project with NOPA. The dinner is after Ida B. Wells’ Annual Student Art Show, which is open to the public, 3:30-6pm that day. For more info please visit www.heatofthekitchen.org or contact idabkitchen@gmail.com.

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**Letter from the president**

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**PARKING SPACE NEEDED**

If you have a parking space available for rent within two (2) blocks of Divisadero and Fell Streets, please contact Leslie at (415) 913-7800 or lvalpey@lexlawgroup.com. Thank you.
President's letter, cont'd

hoods: Alamo Square, Hayes Valley, North of Panhandle, Lower Haight and Duboce Triangle, all the way into the Inner Sunset. Our communities are becoming disjointed because of the lack of comprehensive traffic planning and traffic calming in our area.

The meeting will be modeled on the Divisadero Planning meetings which helped to transform Divisadero into a more viable neighborhood commercial shopping district. Everything is on the table: Safer Sidewalks, Better Bikeways, Smoother Streets, Connecting our Parks, Public Art, Crowdsourcing (for data collection). Other ideas include working with SF Travel and the MTA to help tourists get Muni passes more easily so they can get around the City on Muni, planted intersections for beauty and traffic calming…. If you can imagine it, come share it!

We will have a date and time for this meeting soon. I encourage you to attend, bring your good ideas, throw some proverbial spaghetti on the wall, and let's see what sticks. We don't know what the outcome of the meeting will be, but this is an important first step in talking about how we get around our neighborhood, and how other folks experience and behave when passing through our neighborhood.

Tour Bus Hearing

On Monday, May 30th, The Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee will discuss our request to prohibit tour buses larger than 9 passengers within the Alamo Square Historic District. The meeting is at 1pm, City Hall Room 278. If you have thoughts about the tour buses, please attend this meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to express your opinion on this matter, please send an email to board@alamosq.org, and cc: Christina.Olage@sfgov.org.

Bay to Breakers!

The 101st Bay to Breakers is Sunday, May 20th. We need THIRTY Alamo Square Neighbors to join us as Ambassadors. You get coffee, a free Zazzle T-shirt, and that 'feel-good' feeling. Go to alamosq.org/bay-to-breakers-2012 to sign up for a shift!

Lisa Zahner
ASNA President

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Oak and Fell Bikeway proposal

Stakeholders will have the opportunity to voice their support or concerns about the project at the upcoming hearing. Detailed design, environmental review, and legislative approvals through the SFMTA Board of Directors and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will follow. Implementation of this project may occur as soon as spring 2013, dependent on funding.

**Fell and Oak between Baker and Broderick**

SFMTA’s proposal concentrates on the six blocks of Oak and Fell between Baker and Scott Street. Shown above is Fell and Oak between Baker and Broderick. The red indicates new no-parking zones. Over 100 parking spaces are proposed to be eliminated for the new bikeway project. However, SFMTA is looking into ways to bring back at least 57 of those parking spaces with proposals for angled parking and Residential Permit Parking.

The renderings above show Baker Street with angled parking on the west side, facing the Panhandle. A road diet is proposed for Baker, removing a lane of traffic.

Advance limit lines help to reduce vehicle encroachment onto the crosswalk, and are proposed for all intersections of the Oak and Fell Bikeway project, creating a safer environment for pedestrians. Aside from a painted buffer for the bikeways, traffic diverters in the form of raised features will also be included. These reduce turning conflicts and calm traffic.

**Fell**

To avoid “hook” collisions between turning cars and cyclists, the Bikeway Merge design, shown at Fell and Baker, creates a designated merging area and a shared turn pocket/residential bikeway. Turning motorists would yield to cyclists as indicated by the “shark’s teeth” yield lines.

**Oak**

Traffic signals on Oak Street between Baker and Divisadero would be re-timed to give priority to cyclists and pedestrians, and to slow vehicle speeds. Signals would be timed to allow cyclists to approach Divisadero in advance of cars.
Fell between Broderick and Divisadero

Oak between Broderick and Divisadero

Oak and Fell between Broderick and Scott
Some locations require a longer merge area with green markings to guide cyclists and alert drivers of where they should expect cyclists.

Longer merge areas are needed where long queues of cars are expected and where cyclists are traveling at faster speeds. These longer merge areas, called Mixing Zones, are proposed for Oak at Divisadero (shown above) and Fell at Divisadero (next page).

Bikeway Project Schedule
Planning and conceptual design are on track to be complete this spring and will be followed by detailed design, environmental review, and legislative approvals through the SFMTA Board of Directors and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Implementation of this project may occur as soon as spring 2013, dependent on funding. If you wish to share your thoughts regarding this project, please contact Luis Montoya, SFMTA at luis.montoya@sfmta.com or 415.701-4376.

Community Opportunity Fund
We have an amazing opportunity to apply for funding for park-specific capital improvements through the Community Opportunity Fund. The deadline to apply is fast-approaching, and we will hold a brainstorming meeting on May 9th at Madrone at 7:30pm. Do you have ideas for a project that would benefit Alamo Square? Join us!
Residential Permit Parking

The following are the requirements to establish a new RPP permit area in the neighborhood.

The proposed block(s) must be contiguous to each other and must contain a minimum of one mile of street frontage.

A petition signed by at least 250 households in the proposed area must be submitted to Transportation Engineering (one signature per household). Blank petition forms can be obtained from the Municipal Transportation Agency’s Transportation Engineering at One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor.

At least fifty percent of the vehicles parked on the street in the proposed area must be non-resident vehicles. At least eighty percent of the legal on-street parking spaces within the proposed area are occupied during the day. (The area proposed by SFMTA for RPP currently meets these two criteria.)

The legislation and sign installation process takes approximately three months from submittal of valid petitions for area extensions and six months from submittal of valid petitions for new areas. The process is as follows:

1. Review by the Traffic Engineering Division
2. Field study conducted
3. Review by the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT)
4. Departmental Public Hearing
5. Review by the SFMTA Board of Directors
6. Sign installation and permit issuance
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, June 2
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Email park@alamosq.org to sign up! Meet at the tennis court. Coffee provided.

Remaining 2012 Volunteer Days
Saturday, August 4
Saturday, October 6

Neighbors Developing Divisadero

Neighbors Developing Divisadero aims to contribute to the rich history of neighbors working together in support of a vibrant, unique, and inclusive Divisadero.

Learn more about their project, the Harding Theater Revitalization Project, and how to get involved at nddivis.org.

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.

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$15 T-shirts (Green, Black, or Gray)

Email us to check availability and place an order: hoodies@alamosq.org or tshirts@alamosq.org.

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BY NICO LIZARRAGA, ASNA BOARD MEMBER

Despite some setbacks to Divisadero, such as the delayed opening of Bi-Rite and the price increase of Popeye’s Two for Tuesday deal (egads!), things are booming on the strip right now.

The most long-awaited arrival would definitely have to be the traffic lights at Grove and Divisadero. Now we can all safely cross the street to buy our vegetables at the Farmers’ Market on Sunday!

March saw the opening of Rare Device and San Franpsycho on Divis. Giselle and Phurba Gyalze, owners of Rare Device moved their popular Market Street boutique and gallery to the location of the former Divisadero Meat Market. Rare Device also features the Little Otsu mini-store which carries most of the Portland based publisher’s stock of paper goods and books. There is an impressive range of items available in the shop, from children’s books to art prints to jewelry.

The ever-present San Franpsycho now has a permanent home on 505 Divisadero at Fell. What started off as a group of filmmaking surfers has now morphed into a popular brand that can be seen all over the city.

Kelly Malone’s newest venture Workspace and the art gallery/studio A Second Story will have also opened their doors just in time for this spring’s Divisadero Artwalk. Just a few months away is the long awaited opening of Bi-rite in October. Four Barrel Coffee/Josey the Baker will also be opening a new café where the old Emblem Market once was.
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**Events, cont’d**

**Wednesday, May 9**

**Community Opportunity Fund Brainstorming Session**

Madrone Art Bar
500 Divisadero at Fell
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Share your ideas about new ways to utilize our park!
We will be applying for a Community Opportunity Fund grant for Alamo Square.

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**Privacy policy**

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

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**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 ___________________________
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**Address Information**

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**Membership Rates**

☐ $15 - Basic Membership
☐ $30 - General / Family Membership
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☐ Other contribution _______________
☐ Check this box if you are renewing your membership
☐ I would like to receive the Alamo Square Newsletter (bi-monthly)

**Indicate areas of interest:**

☐ Park Volunteer Days
☐ Alamo Square Flea Market Volunteer
☐ Transportation & Pedestrian Safety
☐ Neighborhood Socials and Events
☐ Other ___________________________

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