Alamo Square Newsletter

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

MONDAY, SEPT 24, 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

Tuesday, August 14
District 5 Candidates Debate
Harvey Milk Democratic Club
7 - 8:30 p.m.
518 Valencia Street

Saturday, August 18
Alamo Square Flea Market
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Scott, Hayes and Fulton

Friday, August 24
MTA Hearing
6 p.m. Re: dedicated Tour bus loading zone on Fell Street

Reminder: Scott Street between Hayes and Fulton will be closed to traffic.

The 29th Annual Alamo Square Flea Market

The Alamo Square Neighborhood Association (ASNA) presents the 29th Annual Alamo Square Flea Market on Saturday, August 18, 2012.

The Alamo Square Flea Market features great antiques, estate pieces, and handmade items. Check out vintage items, art, and crafts see Alamo Square Flea Market details > see Events >
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Alamo Square Flea Market details, cont’d

from Alamo Square neighbors and local artisans. Vendors will surround the park on Fulton, Scott, and Hayes Streets from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Off The Grid is providing street food from gourmet food trucks, and the Creative Arts Charter School is creating a dedicated kid craft area featuring bubble painting, still-life drawing, and face painting on Grove Street near Scott Street.

Street closures include Scott Street between Fulton and Hayes Streets and Grove Street between Scott and Divisadero Streets with access for local traffic only.

29th Annual Alamo Square Flea Market Additional Facts
• ASNA Donations and Membership Booth will be on Scott Street at Grove Street steps, featuring antiques, Persian rugs, books and collectibles, and other great finds.
• ASNA Raffle Tickets will be sold at the Membership Booth. Gift certificates to local businesses, such as NOPA, Plant It Earth, Little Star Pizza, Touchless Car Wash, MoJo Bicycle Cafe, The Independent, and Madrone Art Bar, were previously awarded.
• Rocket Dog Rescue will have dogs to adopt on Scott Street at Fulton Street.
• The Scott Street Showcase will feature locally made crafts, including jewelry, clothing, furniture, glassware, and beautiful framed bugs.
• Bike parking will be provided in a designated area on Grove Street.
Flea Market Volunteers get a free t-shirt!

This year’s Alamo Square Flea Market will take place on Saturday, August 18th. Volunteers at this annual neighborhood event play a crucial role in the success of the Flea Market. Please join us this year and help make the 2012 Flea Market the best one yet.

There’s something for everyone throughout the day. Are you a morning person? Sign up for any of the setup tasks to help get things off to a great start. Once the Flea Market is underway (those savvy buyers show up early) we need your help to make sure all of the multiple activities are properly supported. Or join us for the closure tasks which are so important to restoring the neighborhood back to pre-Flea Market condition. Only have an hour to spare – that’s ok. We understand everyone has very busy schedules. What about making it a family affair? Many volunteer jobs are perfect for your tweens or teens.

To sign up please send an email to volunteers@alamosq.org. Let us know which job(s) you’d like to work on and what time you can volunteer. It’s that simple.

On behalf of the ASNA Board and the Flea Market Committee, we greatly appreciate your support. There’s no way the Flea Market can happen without volunteers like you.

Letter from the president

Dear Neighbors,

We are all flea these days – not the pest, but the Flea Market! We hope to see you on Saturday August 18th from 9am-3pm for our 29th annual Alamo Square Flea Market!

We have received an amazing response from our vendors, and are completely sold out of spaces! This year we will once again have a kid corner (thanks to Creative Arts Charter School), bike parking, food trucks, and more!

Please be sure to stop by the Alamo Square membership booth to have a look at our Community Opportunity Fund application and proposed designs.

The Flea Market, like all Alamo Square Neighborhood Association events, is run completely by volunteers. We could use YOUR help! How about pitching in for an hour or two? It’s fun, it’s easy, and it’s a great way to meet your friends and neighbors. We have two-hour shifts all day, from 6am – 4pm. Take your pick! Let us know if you’d like to do the 5:30am coffee and donut run (yum!), help sell raffle tickets, manage a street barricade for safety, be part of the clean-up crew, or sell at our booth.

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Shifts:
- 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer Job Assignments:
- ASNA Membership Booth (Sales: Tshirts, Hoodies, Raffle Tickets, etc.)
- ASNA Donation Booth (Sales)
- Barricade Entrance Volunteer
Or help us with set-up or clean-up:
- Set-up crew 5:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.
- Clean-up crew 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Sign up at volunteers@alamosq.org

see President’s letter >

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.
All volunteers for the Flea Market will receive lots of good neighborhood karma AND a snazzy Alamo Square T-shirt! To volunteer, email volunteers@alamosq.org.

We continue to work with Supervisor Olague, the SFMTA, the SF Tour Bus Operators Association, San Francisco Travel, and the Divisadero Merchants Association to find better solutions for tour bus visitors to our neighborhood. The MTA will hold a hearing on August 24th to determine whether to allow a designated tour-bus loading/unloading space on Fell at Divisadero (next to New Star-Ell).

Additionally, we recently held a planning meeting for a Tour and Employee Bus Summit meeting. The goal is to create legislation that will determine how and where large private coaches travel in San Francisco. This will include both tour buses and employee shuttle buses. It’s important to look at the bus circulation around San Francisco as a whole, because a ruling in one neighborhood will affect adjoining neighborhoods – even on a street by street basis. For instance, when we asked the local tour buses to avoid Hayes and Steiner Streets to mitigate the impact of the tour buses on those streets, suddenly our neighbors on McAllister and Fillmore were inundated with large coaches. When our Fillmore/Fell neighbors reached out to the SFTOA, they agreed to look at staggering the routes to decrease the traffic impact.

I had a recent conversation with Captain Corrales of SFPD Park Station about safety in the neighborhood. There is ongoing focused enforcement around the area of Divisadero and Grove Streets, where recent police reports include people with weapons and car break-ins. If you see any criminal activity in our neighborhood, please report it to the police immediately. Captain Corrales holds the Park Station Safety meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Park Police Station. All are invited to attend.

Finally – please join us for our Tree Tour with HortScience on Tuesday, August 28th at 6 p.m. (meet at the bulletin board in the park). Jim Clark will identify the significant trees in Alamo Square, and describe their health condition, as well as suggested maintenance. We will also have folks from SFRPD on the tour. We will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the needs of our trees, to keep them healthy for future generations, as well as to identify areas that require pruning and replanting, to plan for the next 100 years of our urban forest.

Thank you for all you do in our neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market!

Lisa Zahner
ASNA President
Sunday Streets is back in the Western Addition/Alamo Square/North of Panhandle on September 9, 2012, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. This is the second to last Sunday Streets of the year. The eight-month Sunday Streets 2012 season opens streets to pedestrians, cyclists and people-powered wheels of all kinds by temporarily removing vehicular traffic on select Sundays, transforming street-space usually reserved for cars into recreational space for everyone to enjoy safely.

Founded in 2008, Sunday Streets has grown from two events to 10 and creates miles of car-free space on City roads. San Francisco was the third city in the United States to premier this free, community-oriented initiative. Since then it has become the nation's largest, and one of the City’s most exciting initiatives promoting benefits such as biking, walking, recreation, and community-building. The program was one of only eight programs in the country to be selected for possible inclusion in Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” anti-obesity campaign.

Activities planned for September include healthy living workouts and demonstrations, free skate rentals, youth bike safety courses, Interactive Eco projects by Climate Change Education, Activities for kids by Fillmore Buchanan YMCA, Head Start, free bike rentals by Parkwide, LLC, free bike repairs, and more activities to be announced!

Host an
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

- Seeking a new and exciting cultural experience?
- Would you like to host a short or long-term international student who is studying English?
- Does your home have wireless internet access?
- Do you live near public transportation and within 45 minutes of downtown San Francisco?

If you answered “Yes” to these questions, please contact Converse International School of Languages to learn more.
Bi-Rite to open in 2013

“When will Bi-Rite on Divisadero open?” Right now, it’s looking like the early part of 2013.

On July 26, Bi-Rite received a conditional use permit from the Planning Department for a rooftop mechanical room and to connect the adjacent storage space.

Calvin and Sam shared the building plans for the new store at the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association meeting at Chateau Tivoli on July 23rd. ASNA members voted unanimously to support the Bi-Rite project.

Vapor Room eighth to go

On July 31, 2012, Vapor Room on Haight Street became the eighth medical cannabis dispensary to close its doors in San Francisco due to federal Justice Department pressure mounting since last fall (they are now delivery-only). Property owners have received letters from U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag that warn of property seizures and prison sentences unless they kick out their medical cannabis dispensary tenants.

Other dispensaries that have closed since November 2011 include MediThrive, Mr. Nice Guy, Divinity Tree, Sanctuary, Market Street Cooperative, Shambhala, and HopeNet.

California first approved the use of medical cannabis in 1996, and storefront collectives were approved in 2003 by the state Legislature. Vapor Room has operated in the Lower Haight since 2004. Called a model dispensary for its ability to strictly follow San Francisco Planning and Health Codes, it was targeted by Haag only for being within 1000 feet of the playground at Duboce Park.

There are now fewer than 20 permitted and operating medical cannabis dispensaries in San Francisco.
Park Volunteer Days are scheduled throughout the year. Come out, join your neighbors, pitch in and give back to your community!

**Save the Date!**

Last Park Volunteer Day of 2012:
Saturday, October 6
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Email park@alamosq.org to sign up! Meet at the tennis court. Coffee provided.

**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.
The case of the missing Ladies

Every so often we hear from a concerned neighbor or visitor to Alamo Square about the seemingly missing houses on Steiner Street between Grove and Fulton. After all, it appears as if three beautiful Painted Ladies were razed for no apparent reason!

In fact, no Victorians were razed on that block. Rather, the one-time Addition to the white corner mansion, which from the park looked like a large white retaining wall with box windows, has been demolished. The plan is to make way for three new houses.

The lot is now subdivided into 4 separate lots: 56.5' x 125' lot around the existing mansion at 940 Grove, and three 27' x 125' lots at 802, 804 & 808 Steiner. Each of the three new lots is entitled for a new construction 5400-7500 square foot building. All are on the market for sale.
The Victorian Alliance of San Francisco is pleased to announce its 40th Anniversary Fall House Tour. Seven beautiful Victorian homes that have retained or regained their 19th century elegance will be showcased.

Interiors of these exceptional private residences will be open to the public for touring on Sunday, October 21, from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. With a primary focus on Queen Anne architecture, this picturesque style of the 1890's will be highlighted, with its curves and bays, towers and balconies, and the whimsical ornamentation of Cranston & Keenan and other Victorian builders. Docents will be on hand to provide historical background on the house's architect, contractor, craftsmen and the families who settled NoPA in the 19th Century.

This cluster of tour homes is located in San Francisco’s North of Panhandle neighborhood, developed soon after the creation of nearby Golden Gate Park and its Panhandle Park. All residences lie within a relatively flat, compact and walkable area, well served by public transportation. Comfortable dress and shoes are recommended and note that home visits require stair climbing. A Julia Morgan-designed property will house a gift shop, where complimentary refreshments reward tour guests.

All net proceeds benefit the Preservation Grant Fund of The Victorian Alliance, San Francisco’s oldest all-volunteer, not-for-profit architectural preservation and education organization. Visit our website (www.VictorianAlliance.org) for a list of beneficiaries.

On-line Ticket Orders: (nine tickets or less): www.VictorianAlliance.org

Or send check payment with stamped, return envelope to: The Victorian Alliance, Post Office Box 377, Tomales, CA 94971. Phone Inquiries: (415) 824-2666.

**Ticket Pricing Schedule**

Victorian Alliance members:
$25.00 purchased by October 15, 2012

General Public:
$30.00 purchased by October 15, 2012
Groups of ten or more:* $25.00 purchased by October 15, 2012

After October 15, and day-of-tour, all tickets will be $35.00.

*For group sales, phone Lloyd Anderson: (415) 673-5057.

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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
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City ______________________ State _____ Zip ______________

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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