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Having Fun in The Neighborhood



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Friends & Advocates of Crocker-Amazon & The Excelsior



Bal Girls at the Excelsior Library Opening



Jerry Garcia Amphitheatre Officially Named

The Faces of Success

Our Neighborhood is Enjoying its New FACES

July was a watershed month in the neighborhood. We opened a library! The newly upgraded **Excelsior Library** reopened with a sidewalk parade, welcome speeches, gifts, food and entertainment. The newly renovated branch, the first library renovation through the Branch Library Improvement Program, has special green features, including solar panels, natural ventilation, open space warmed by wood and natural light, areas for web surfing and added insulation throughout the building. On hand at the opening were Mayor Gavin Newsom, Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval, City Librarian Luis Herrera, City Administrator Ed Lee, Friends of the Library Executive Director Donna Bero, community campaign chairs Grace D'Anca and David Hooper. The library renovation was an exciting neighborhood project and the first done through the Branch Library Improvement Program and couldn't have been done without community fundraising.

We named an amphitheater! Thanks to very hard work by neighborhood folks who have been lobbying for years for a tribute to native son Jerry Garcia, we can proudly show off our efforts. On July 21st, **The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission** voted unanimously to rename the McLaren Park Amphitheater the: **Jerry Garcia Amphitheater**.

FACE members can be very proud of our contribution to this project. FACE members worked hard to gain approval from the many neighborhood groups and associations that surround the park. We got to know some great folks in Visitation Valley and The Portola who also share a love of McLaren Park. We especially want to thank Friends of McLaren Park who had the vision of this tribute almost 10 years... to Franco Mancini, the current president of FOMP for his tireless lobbying for this park and to the SF Rec & Park Commissioners who gave us a very enthusiastic thumbs up. Well done everyone!

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Every Saturday – 7:00 am – Fitness “Boot Camp” a 40-minute workout led by Omari Williams of *Curves* – Meet at Crocker Amazon Park Tennis Courts, (Moscow Street at Italy Avenue) Saturday mornings at 7AM—lasts about one hour...\$5 donation.

District 11 Town Hall Saturday July 30th 11am-1pm
Sheridan Elementary
461 Capitol Ave, @ Farallones Street

Community Arts Town Hall Meeting Saturday, July 30th – 10:00am-1:30pm — Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue

Sunday July 31st at 5:00 pm – Multi-media Tango Class – **Mamá Art Café** – watch great tango dancers and then dance the tango with Marcelo Solis and Romina Hahn.

Community Activities

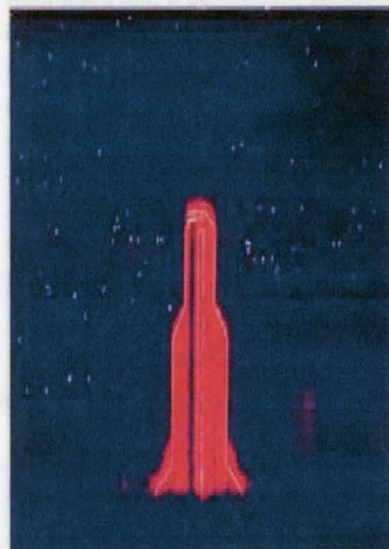
Wayne's World ~

We are beginning a new series – *Wayne's World*, featuring the work of our neighbor and FACE “camera-shy photographer of all neighbor events that he stumbles across,” Wayne Hemer. Wayne has taken hundreds of neighborhood photographs of the many celebrations, parades and gatherings.

For this new feature Wayne has offered a “mystery” picture. If you want to take a guess at what it is, or where it is, we invite you to send us an e-mail.

No prizes awarded, other than

your name in print!



Some people see this every day....What is it?

2005 Film Nights in the Park

Film Night in the Park 2005. If you haven't joined your neighbors at Film Night in the Park 2005, San Francisco, you are missing a great evening of fun.

The next film night is on **Saturday, August 27th** in **Union Square**, with a showing of the Hitchcock classic, “**North By Northwest**,” followed on Saturday Sept. 10th by “**Bullitt**” filmed all around the city at **Dolores Park**.

This is a great outdoor movie experience that starts at 8:00PM and is a fun friends and family experience.

Get there early for a good spot on the

grass and to enjoy this thriller and a fun way to enjoy the San Francisco summer evening. Bring blankets or very low beach chairs to sit on.

Suggested donation for adults is \$5 or kids \$3

For a complete listing of more movies throughout the summer months, visit www.filmnight.org. We will list upcoming films in each newsletter throughout the year.

See you there!

FACE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval's Town Hall Barbecue

Saturday August 13th @ Cayuga Park. Noon-3PM. FREE... hot dogs and full picnic fare provided. Bring the family, the dogs, the Frisbees... play some softball... meet your Supervisor and your neighbors.

Flea Market – August 13th - 2nd Sunday

Every Month – 8:00am-3:00pm – Daly City Flea Market – Doelger Senior Center, 101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City. For information call Connie Ospina at 650-991-8012.

Sunday, August 21th – OMRA Annual Picnic–

11:30am - 3:00pm at 116 Drake Street, San Francisco. Bring a Dish and have fun. RSVP 415-587-9150

Saturday, August 27th

– **Film Night in the Park North By Northwest** – 8:00pm at Union Square, San Francisco. Refreshments and fun. (see article for details)

The GGNRA Dog Policy

"Dogs Are Welcome in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area". So reads the notice. However, a recent court ruling has led to a new chapter in the policy. On the table is a *Notice of Intent to establish a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Dog Management at GGNRA*. Because GGNRA is a Federal Park, the rules applying to dog management have to be publicly reviewed. The Notice of Intent invited interested persons to comment on the current dog policy,

including off-leash recreation. . The 30-day comment period has now closed. There will be a report published and a committee formed to set policy. This issue is very dear to the hearts of people in our community who enjoy off-leash recreation at Fort Funston and various beaches under GGNRA control. If you are interested in knowing more visit:

<http://www.nps.gov/goga/pets/anpr/index.htm> We will update you on this issue as news becomes available.

Community Arts Town Hall

You won't want to miss the Community Arts Town Hall Meeting **Saturday, July 30th** from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue. The San Francisco Arts Task Force, formed by Mayor Gavin Newsom and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, sponsors the event. The Task Force is charged with reviewing how public funds for the arts are administered and recommending how San Francisco best to sustain and build a viable art community, economy, employment and create low and moderate housing for live/work space in the San Francisco arts community:

After an opening performance, there will be a panel discussion to set the

stage and stimulate ideas and community input.

Panelists include: Deborah Cullinan (Executive Director, Intersection for the Arts), Idris Ackamoor (Artistic Director, Cultural Odyssey) and Andrew Brother Elk, (Director, Native American Cultural Center).

For more information on the town hall meeting call Task Force Chairperson Debra Walker at 415-552-6594 or e-mail

debra@debrawalker.com or visit the website at

[http://sfartscommission.org/programs/arts task force.htm](http://sfartscommission.org/programs/arts_task_force.htm)

Jerry Day at Jerry Garcia Amphitheatre

On July 21, the Rec & Parks Commission voted to officially name the amphitheater in John McLaren Park for Jerry Garcia.

The first event in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will be the 3rd annual **Jerry Day** party in Jerry's honor on **Sunday, August 7**, from noon until 5 pm.. McLaren Park, on Shelley Dr.

The free event will feature bands, food, booths and arts and crafts. The Mystery Cats, Seth Augustus,

Harmony Grits and Grapefruit Ed will play and dancing is encouraged. More than 1,300 people are expected to attend and celebrate Jerry Garcia's life, art & music at the **Jerry Garcia Amphitheater**

Aug. 1 would have been Garcia's 63rd birthday and August 9th the 10th anniversary of his death. For more information visit:

www.jerryday.org

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makes the
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We have a website address
but could use help from
volunteer webmasters to help
get this off the ground.
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Neighborhood Business Update:

Zcaveche

The Ocean Mission Geneva Avenue corridor is quietly changing into a "foodie" destination. Zcaveche Peruvian Restaurant at 4769

The UPS Store

A new UPS Store recently opened on Ocean Avenue offering shipping, packaging, mailbox and postal services, plus other services you might not know UPS offers.

UPS can supply you with money orders, printing, copying and fax services, office supplies and even Passport photos.

Lollicup Coffee & Tea

Stop by newly opened Lollicup Coffee & Tea and you'll see a sunny café with indoor and outdoor seating, and a menu offering smoothies, milk teas, hot teas, slushes and juices.

Owner and neighbor Ronnie Lee, wanted to bring some of his hometown in Hawaii with him by offering

Mission Street joins a growing list of new restaurants and cafes. Offering authentic Peruvian specialties, this tasty addition to eateries is a must!

To find the store, go to 1728 Ocean Avenue. The store offers free parking at the Ocean Garden Center parking garage.

To reach them by phone or fax, call 415 337-7755 and fax 415 337-7710.

Da Kine's Hawaiian BBQ to bring Island food along with hot and cold sandwiches and burgers. Stop by for Buy One, Get One opening specials and sign up for a frequent Customer Reward Card

Lollicup Coffee & Tea is located at 4808 Mission Street.

Buena Suerte Market & Cafe

The name means "Good Luck" and we are happy to announce the recent opening of Buena Suerte Market & Café. Located at 4995 Mission

Street the café offers sandwiches, desserts, and coffees and features a small market. Let's make Buena Suerte Market & Café enjoy the good luck of our patronage!

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