



**EXCELSIOR DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

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San Francisco
Neighborhoods,
District 11 Council,
Neighborhood Parks
Council,
SF Neighborhoods
Alliance for Political
Awareness*

To: All Members, Neighborhood Leaders, and City Officials
From: Rebecca Reynolds Silverberg, President
Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. @ 45 Santa Rosa

SPECIAL GUESTS

Assessor Mabel Teng

Will discuss property tax assessment and Proposition 13

EDIA Member, Realtor Jeanine Narita

Will talk about property values in the Excelsior

If you need a ride, call Lucia Paulazzo at 584-0852
or Rebecca Silverberg at 584-0535.

Refreshments by REB who found a sale on panettone!



Terry Gwiazdowski, Branch Manager
Excelsior Library
4400 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94112

mail

or current resident

*If you would like to be on our email list to receive neighborhood notices,
send me a message at sfRebecca@aol.com*

✂ Cut here and post on refrigerator!

UPCOMING EVENTS: You Don't Want to Miss These!

- **Tues, Nov 4 – VOTE!**
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Wed, Nov 5 – Excelsior Library Meeting**
6:30 p.m., Excelsior Library, 4400 Mission Street
- **Sat, Nov 8 – Supervisor Sandoval Townhall with Senator Jackie Speier**
1:00 p.m., Excelsior Playground Clubhouse, 579 Madrid @ Russia
- **Fri, Nov 14 – Salsa Concert & Lesson with Mas Que Nada**
8:00 p.m., Ocean Avenue Presbyterian Church, 32 Ocean Avenue
- **Sat, Nov 15, Balboa High School Hall of Fame dinner**
6:00 p.m., El Patio Español, 2850 Alemany
- **Sun, Nov 23 – Excelsior Library Closing Party**
1:00 p.m., Excelsior Library, 4400 Mission Street
- **Sun, Dec 7 – Excelsior Holiday Party!**
11:00 a.m., Excelsior Playground Clubhouse, 579 Madrid @ Russia

Regularly scheduled meetings (if you would like your meeting announced here, contact Lucia at 584-0852.

- Excelsior District Improvement Assn. – fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., 45 Santa Rosa Street
- Cayuga Improvement Association – second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Cayuga Playground Clubhouse
- New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn. – third Monday, 7:00 p.m., Ingleside Police Station
- Outer Mission Residents Association – second Monday, 7:00 p.m., Crocker-Amazon Park Clubhouse
- Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods – third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Northern Police Station, Turk & Fillmore Streets
- SF Neighborhoods Alliance for Political Awareness (SF NAPA) – second Friday, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 2nd floor
- District 11 Council – second Saturday, 10:00 am, Ingleside Police Station
- Ingleside Police Community Meeting – third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Ingleside Police Station

Also, be sure to monitor the "Neighborhood Calendar" and "City Hall Calendar" sections of *The Independent*.

Chick-n-Coop

A big thank you to the fabulous folks at this Excelsior landmark eatery on the corner of Mission and Santa Rosa for their generous donation to our newsletter mailing fund. It's a favorite of CIA (that the Cayuga Improvement Association) Treasurer Sharon Eberhardt. The filet of sole is so light it could drift off your plate and the spaghetti is almost as good as the Granada – shush!

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Menu prices range from \$5 to \$13 and they offer a senior discount. Lunch is \$5.99 for a sandwich, salad, and drink. There are hot entrees like roast chicken, meat loaf, ribs, and sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, ham, turkey, roast beef). I get their whole rotisserie beef roast for the Coalition for SF Neighborhoods annual holiday party and the Excelsior is positively everyone's favorite neighborhood!

PHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

28CLEAN – Dept of Public Works
553-0123 – Police Dispatch
553-9755 – Crime Stoppers (anonymous)
404-4000 – Ingleside Police Station
553-1200 – Parking Enforcement
(blocked sidewalk, driveways, etc)
553-9817 – Abandoned Cars on Street
252-3806 – Non-operating cars on
private property
554-0730 – Streetlights burned out
558-3403 – Leaking Fire Hydrants

It is very important that we all take time to report trash and crime. The number of calls to both 28CLEAN and Police Dispatch are tracked. Funding for services in our neighborhood are based partly on the number of calls placed. Don't just complain, do your bit—CALL!

Excelsior News

This will be our last meeting of the year. In keeping with past practice there will be no November or December meetings because our regular meeting dates fall during the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Holiday Party: Sunday, December 7, 11:00 a.m., Excelsior Playground Clubhouse, 579 Madrid at Russia, will be a potluck brunch. EDIA will provide the ham and eggs, but we need people to bring fixings for mimosa (champagne & orange juice), breakfast rolls or breads, potato dishes, fruit, salads, etc., and we need volunteers to cook (**Leo Martinez?**), bartend (**John Consiglieri?**), set up, and clean up. Also, need drivers to help pickup non-drivers. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. **Grace** has lined up some very interesting entertainment. Almost forgot, be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the Fire Department's Toy-for-Tots barrel. We usually manage to fill two barrels.

The eBus: I went to a short ceremony today where certificates of completion were handed out to people who had completed the October computer classes aboard the eBus. The eBus is a joint project of Wells Fargo, the City, and Bernal Neighborhood Center. It is a typical cross-country bus tricked-out with two aisles of computers. Internet hookup is provided by a satellite dish. The eBus is parked in front of the Greater Mission Consortium, 4468 Mission Street at Excelsior (see schedule below). When **Anna Ulbrich** of Bernal asked about notifying Excelsior kids of the classes, I remembered hearing that seniors were the fastest growing group of Internet users, and put her in touch with **Judy Martens**, the Senior Program Coordinator with the Mission YMCA. Anna told me the 12:30 senior class is the busiest. The November eBus class schedule for the Excelsior is:

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24 at
Greater Mission Consortium, 4468 Mission Street

12:30 to 1:30 Seniors

Intro to Computer, Email, Internet

1:45 to 3:15 Adults

Intro to Comp., Email, Résumé Writing, Job Search

3:30 to 4:15 Grades 3 – 5

Intro to Comp., Internet, Homework, Edu. Games

4:30 to 5:15 Grades 6 – 8

Internet, Email, Homework, Edu. Games

5:30 to 6:30 Mixed Ages

Internet, Résumé Writing, Basic Web Design

To sign up call Anna Ulbrich at 206-2140 x 152

28Clean: I received the following email message from EDIA member Kathryn Kathman. "The important city numbers on your newsletter are really helpful. It reminded me that I called 28Clean the other day and the junk that someone left on my sidewalk was taken away that same day. Well done DPW!" You have no idea how much these kinds of messages mean to City employees. Keep them coming.

Ballot Measures: Held over from last month's meeting, we will review the 14 propositions on the November 4 ballot at our meeting next Tuesday.

Prop A – \$295 School Facilities Bond
Prop B – Safety Employees Retirement
Prop C – Controller as City Services Auditor
Prop D – Small Business Commission
Prop E – Ethics Reform
Prop F – Targeted Early Retirements
Prop G – Rainy Day Fund
Prop H – Police Commission/OCC
Prop I – Preschool for Low Income Families
Prop J – Separate Facilities for the Homeless
Prop K – Transportation Sales Tax
Prop L – Minimum Wage
Prop M – Aggressive Solicitation Ban
Prop N – Taxi Permits

Also, someone from the Department of Elections will stop by to answer any questions about the election.

Excelsior Library Closing Party: As you all know, the Excelsior Library will be renovated as part of the Branch Improvement Program funded by the Neighborhood Library Bond passed two years ago. Work is expected to begin in January and the library will close by the end of the year for about 18 months. A goodbye party is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Branch Manager **Terry Gwiazdowski** promises that you will be allowed to talk and eat in the library without getting in trouble! Mayor Brown will be there and so will Walter Jebe, the father of the Excelsior Library. Lots of food and fun is planned. You won't want to miss this one.

Driveway Red Zones: Some of you have asked about getting red zones painted on each side of your driveway. Here's the information from DPT.

Driveway red zones are intended to provide additional turning clearance for vehicles exiting driveways. When driveway red zones are requested, DPT will consider preservation of existing adjacent parking spaces before making a decision.

The fee for a standard two-foot red zone on each side of the driveway is \$55. A repaint fee is the same. Red zones need not be renewed. To apply for a driveway red zone, you must submit a letter with the property owner's signature and your daytime phone number, along with the address and description of your request to: DPT, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 345, SF, 94102. For more information call 554-2300.

Happy Thanksgiving to All



District 11 is Now Online

For you Internet browsers, check out the online news-paper *San Francisco Sentinel*. District 11 has it's own column called "A View from Inner Siberia." As you may remember, when Captain Dillon was assigned to Ingleside Station, the joke was he was going to "Inner Siberia." (In cop-talk the airport is Outer Siberia and Ingleside is Inner Siberia.)

Wanting to focus on lesser-known neighborhoods, editor Pat Murphy asked if I would like to write a column about District 11, and "Inner Siberia" seemed like the perfect name for it. A new column is submitted every Monday and runs for the entire week. If you have items of interest, get them to me by Sunday night.

"A View from Inner Siberia"
www.SanFranciscoSentinel.com

Last Sunday's First Annual Excelsior Festival Was the Biggest Event to Hit the Excelsior Since VJ Day!

And if you don't understand that comment, you're too young to be reading this column. The first annual Excelsior Festival was a humongous success. I'm not sure how many people attended, but I gave out two COSTCO tubs each of red vines and ring pops. Reverend Lonna Lee of Ocean Avenue Presbyterian Church (the Julia Morgan sanctuary, for those of you who have read my braggings in earlier columns) said her guess was that we exceeded the 5,000 original estimate, and my candynometer says about the same.

Success Begins with Inner Siberians Themselves

The reasons for the phenomenal success of this first-time event were community participation and a desire for quality neighborhood activities. The festival was produced by the Excelsior Action Group with financial support from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development. The EAG, which meets at Ocean Avenue Presbyterian Church, is open to all District 11 residents who want to get involved, and involved they were. Members from all the neighborhood and business groups out here participated, and so did people who don't usually join anything, because they found working with their neighbors such a positive experience.

We Inner Siberians, like people from other outlying neighborhoods, are hungry for local activities and entertainment. We don't want to drive across town and fight for parking; we want to have fun at home. Fleet Week and the Columbus Day parade competed for our attention, but we stayed in the 'hood!

A successful event starts with active, visible promotion and the Excelsior Festival was advertised by one of the most striking flyers to hit the streets in years. Designed by Julio Martinez and printed by Rick DeCost, the blocks making up the Excelsior are illustrated in a patchwork of gold, green and orange fall colors with a star marking the location of the festival. The flyers have become so popular that people were trying to buy them at the festival. So if you see one in a shop window or on a post...

IMPORTANT

911 in San Francisco may not be in San Francisco

Tonight at the OMI/Neighbors in Action meeting, Peter Vaernet said that he had recently dialed 911 from his cell phone in San Francisco but reached the California Highway Patrol in Vallejo! Chief Keith Sanford of the Taraval Station said that local 911 cell phone calls are supposed to go to San Francisco's 911 Emergency Dispatch Center, but when you are on or near a freeway the call is often routed to the CHP command center, which is in Vallejo, by satellite. To make sure your 911 call goes to San Francisco 911, you need to dial 553-8090 on your cell phone. Of course, the best thing to do is program the first speed dial number to dial 553-8090. Of course, always dial 911 from your home phone in case of an emergency.

Excelsior Youth Center News

by Jane Zimmerman, Director

Need a Quality After-School Program for Your Kids?
The Excelsior Youth Center may be your answer:

- Learning Center! Fun and educational programs and homework help
- Gym and Athletics! Games, teams and sports
- Recording Studio! Learn music, record your own songs
- Technology! Computer skills and high speed Internet access
- Social recreation! Pool, foosball, and more

For information call 334-2582 or drop by and visit with Program Director Tahmal Fleming: 163 London Street.

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For those of you who renewed or joined the Excelsior District Improvement Association, thank you for your commitment to the Excelsior. If anyone else would like to join or contribute, please do. Dues are only \$5 a year unless you'd like to chip in a little extra to cover the cost of postage for 12 of these enlightened epistles a year!

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