PORTOLA PROGRESS

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WHO ARE WE?.... St. Elizabeth's SFOP is a group of volunteer community leaders who are in constant contact with their friends, neighbors and fellow community members in an ongoing effort to identify the needs of the community. Then we "research" to understand the problems and move our concerns to ACTION, where we propose solutions to the decision-makers who have the power to make changes.

We welcome ALL to come and participate.

<u>WE MEET</u>...... regularly at 7PM on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month at CANTWELL HALL. Come and voice your concerns and work with your friends and neighbors to achieve solutions.

PORTOLA MERCHANTS MET....Hala Hijazi, special assistant to Mayor Brown, outlined a program to grant matching funds for facade improvement. Captain Ron Roth and Lt. Jere Williams reported on police activities. We had the opportunity to identify our parking problem spots for Linda Lawrence, our district supervisor of DPT Community Parking Control. A meeting of merchants in the summer will explain further details about the facade improvements and provide information about the advantages and perks of being a member of a Merchants Association.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL WORKING FAMILIES....
400 people gathered at an SFOP ACTION to tell
60v. Gray Davis that we want state Tobacco
Settlement funds to be used to extend access to
Health Care to all working families. We also had
a commitment from Supervisor Leland Yee to
facilitate the cooperation of the City and the
School Department in securing additional funding for programs.

In answer to SFOP's request the city is planting street trees on Silver Avenue.

DO LIBRARY HOURS MEET YOUR NEEDS?

EVALUATION.......7PM JUNE 22, PORTOLA LIBRARY

Expanded hours and more books came from the the passage of Prop. E five years ago. The proposition mandates neighborhood meetings to evaluate the use of the funds. While hours can't be increased, we are asked if the scheduled hours are appropriate or if different hours would better serve us. Also we are asked our ideas on strategic planning for the future of our library system. Come and share your views about this fine, convenient neighborhood resource.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS.......The PICO CAL-FORNIA PROJECT strongly supported this state legislation. State funding will bring strong academic and enrichment programs to 12 elementary and 14 middle schools, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School.

MANY THANKS.......to all the merchants who place trash receptacles outside their door. This makes it easier for pedestrians to deposit trash properly. Cleaner sidewalks and streets make our shopping district more attractive. This encourages even more customers to come.

普特洛社區快訊

<u>我們是--</u>聖伊莉沙白社區組織是由社區領袖以義工身份組成,主要是與朋友,鄰居,社區人士接觸,瞭解社區的基本需要。之後,我們加以瞭解,並將需要化成行動,我們向決策者提出解決方案。我們歡迎所有有與趣人士加入。

我們的開食時間 ---- 通常是每個月第三個星期三在 Cantwell 廳。請參與會議讓我們知道您的意見,並和您的朋友和鄰居商討解決之道。

下一次開會時間地點---六月十六日在Cantwell廳一號房。警察局代表將會向您報告治安情況,並答覆任何問題。

關於普特洛商人會議一市長特別助理希嘉希報告店舖門面美化改善計劃基金。警察分局長羅斯和副分局長威廉斯報告治安情況。在會議上我們也報告給交通局社區督察員代表停車問題。會上也決定將會在暑假開會進一步解釋有關店舖門面美化改善計劃,並提供有關加入商會成為會員的好處

提供所有工作家庭保健-- 超過四百名民眾參加由三藩市社區組織行動舉行的一項活動中,向戴維斯州長請求將州政府的煙草庭外和解經費用來提供所有工作家庭渠道,讓他們可以得到適當的保健。我們也得到市參事余 胤良的承諾,將會加強市府和校區的合作,取得有關的經費。

<u>我們的成就</u> -- 在三藩市組織計劃的要求之下,市府目前正在大道上種植樹木。

與IreneCrescio 晤面--她是普特洛社區的長期居民。她目前是普特洛巡邏計劃的成員,也參加加許多三藩市社區組織的活動。她對社區的期望是希望普特洛成為一個繁榮,安全,吸引當地民眾和遊客的社區。

圖書館開放時間是否配合您的需要?六月二十二日晚上七時在普特洛圖書館將會進行有關的民意調查 -- 五年前通過的提案中,選民同意延長圖書館開放時間,並增加藏書。提案並規定舉行固定社區會議來評估經費的使用。雖然不能增加開放時間,但是我們要求目前的開放時間是否適當。同時也會討論如何改善我們未來的圖書系統。歡迎您們前來發表您的意見。

課後活動-- PicoCalfornia 計劃強烈支持這項州計劃。州政府經費將會增強本區的十二所小學和十四所初中的學科活動。

三藩市警察委員會議 將會在六月二十三日下午六時在灣景警察分局舉行請參加這項會議,來認識我們的警察分局,以及支持我們的社區警察。

萬分感謝 --向所有在店舖外面放置垃圾桶的商户致謝。這項措施使得所有行人方便丟置垃圾。也使得街道更加清潔和美觀。