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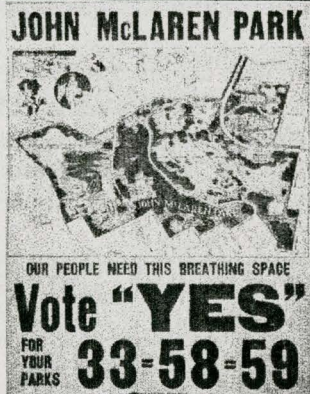
Park Paradise

City's Last Natural Wonder

When the weather turns nice and the kids are out of school, our attention turns to the out-doors. Luckily, you don't have to travel far to avail yourself of a natural wilderness setting away from the clatter of city life; infact, you don't even have to leave the neighborhood.

Nestled in a hilly area just south and west of the University Mound and Portola neighborhoods, respectively, is found San Francisco's last natual wonder, "John McLaren Park". Founded in 1934, the park is named for the Scottish landscape gardener, John McLaren, who was the chief architect in the design of "Golden Gate Park" and later its Director.

Comprised of 318 arces of wooded landscape, "McLaren Park", rivals "Golden Gate Park" and "The Presidio" in its scope, but yet this park maintains an unspoiled splendor unique unto itself. Whereas, its more celebrated cousin, "Golden Gate Park", is essentially a grand, man-made



Poster used in 1928 Park Bond vote.

garden, "McLaren Park" by contrast is a pristine urban wilderness, virtually untouched by development. Stroll the park's rolling, wooded hills and you can behold an abundance of animal wildlife, such as Gray Foxes and Quail, scampering through the varied fauna and flora that engender one of San Francisco's last remaining natural wildlife habitats.

"McLaren Park's" ideal location affords panoramic views of the City's downtown to its north, of the Bay and the town of Brisbane to the south, and even as far west as the Farallon Islands - on a clear day of course. Within this picturesque

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Political Profile

Project Gets A Boost

Migden comes up with \$100K

With State coffers drained by this year's power crisis, State Assembly Majority Leader, Kevin Shelley's, stewarded funding contribution for the "San Bruno Avenue Revitalization Project" stalled for now.

However do not dismay! The Project is still picking up traction thanks to a \$100,000 capital funding allocation obtained by Assembly member and Chair of the Appropriation Committee, Carol Migden, and steered to San Bruno Avenue by District 10 Supervisor, Sophie Maxwell.

The money will be used for the refurbishing of building facades, as a first step in a comprehensive beautification of the San Bruno Avenue commercial corridor. The SFOP inspired the revitalization project will ultimately transform San Bruno Avenue into a premier shopping destination for the southeastern sector of the City.



State Assembly member
Carol Migden

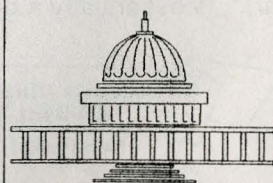
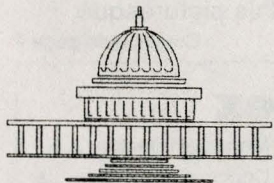
Mindful that San Bruno Avenue services her legislative district's constituents residing in the adjacent Silver Terrace and Portola Place neighborhoods, Migden plans a walk through tour of the area, sometime in October, in order to become familiarized with the details of the project's vision.

THANK YOU CAROL MIGDEN for sharing our vision!

We'll keep you posted for that tour date so that you too can join in a show of community support.

City Services

District 10 Supervisor.....	554-7670
Mayor's Neighborhood Services.....	554-6110
Department Parking & Traffic.....	553-1200
Department Public Works.....	895-2020
Graffiti Cleanup.....	241-Wash
Animal Control.....	554-6364
Parks & Recreation.....	831-2700



Crime & Safety

Burglars Caught

8 Suspects apprehended

There has recently been a rash of home burglaries on the 800 block of Girard Street and the 500 Block of Felton Street; as well as, a more serious home invasion of an elderly women's residence on the 400 block of Felton Street.

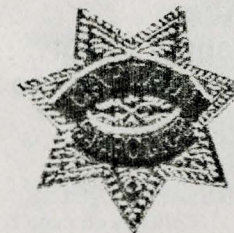
The perpetrators gained entrance through both front and rear means, usually during the daytime hours when residents are typically away at work.

The good news is that the SFPD has arrested eight burglary suspects believed to have been the culprits preying upon the Portola and Silver Terrance neighborhoods. However, police still caution that the best defense is neighborhood awareness. Neighbors keeping a watchful eye over one another's residences during their neighbors' absences, and then reporting any suspicious activities is still most effective.

Remember to keep the contact numbers below close to your phone!

Who to Call

Emergency.....	911
S.F.P.D. Bayview Station.....	671-2300
S.F.P.D. Ingleside Station.....	553-1603
Crime Stoppers.....	1-800-giveinfo
SAFE (neighborhood watch).....	673-safe
Domestic/Family Violence.....	864-4422



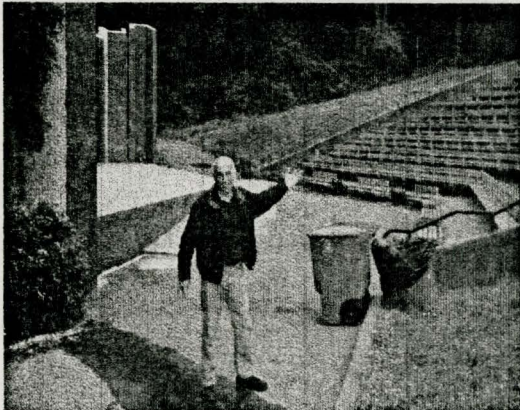
Merchants Spotlight

DOING IT YOURSELF

Where To Go For Tools & Advice

If all this talk about the outdoor beauty of McLaren Park has you thinking about your own home garden paradise, then you may want to keep in mind the "San Francisco Tool Lending Center" - located at 2713 San Bruno Avenue.

Sponsored by the SF League of Urban Gardeners and the SF Public Library it is an ideal service for tools and good advice; their bi-weekly "Jam Sessions" afford you an opportunity to run your home improvement questions by licensed contractors.



FOMP Pres. Franco Mancini shows off McLaren Park's new Amphitheater

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setting a host of park amenities are featured for the enjoyment of visitors of all ages. There are

hiking trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, natural lakes, tennis courts, dog runs, and a state of the art Amphitheater where you can enjoy venues ranging from music festivals to "Shakespeare" performances, and it's all right here in your own backyard.

Friends of McLaren Park

The van guard in the preservation of McLaren Park's ecology and wildlife are the "Friends of McLaren Park" (FOMP). Established in 1994, FOMP's mission is to fulfill John McLaren's dream to provide city dwellers with an unspoiled alpine haven away from the urban rancor. FOMP's President, Franco Mancini, characterizes his group as devoted park enthusiasts working in a hand and glove relationship with SF's Dept of Recreation and Parks, to ensure a safe, clean, and enjoyable experience for park patrons.

FOMP's commitment to the maintenance and protection of the park has been key to the preservation of its splendid beauty. FOMP accomplishments include the assembling of trash clean-up brigades, refurbishing of playgrounds, reforestation projects,

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Merchant Directory

Automotive

Silver Gas & Diesel - 2400 San Bruno
Shell - 2380 San Bruno
Unocal76 - 2895 San Bruno
Valero - 2985 San Bruno
Express Gas - 2985 San Bruno
Arco - 2190 Carroll
Unocal76 - 975 Bayshore
Portola Auto Service - 2780 San Bruno
City Service Auto - 2800 San Bruno
Kragen's Auto Parts - 2500 San Bruno
Epoch Auto Accessories - 2601 San Bruno
Hole in the Wall Motorcycles - 3030 San Bruno

Banking

Bank of America - 2485 San Bruno
Bank of the West - 2675 San Bruno
1st Federal Savings of San Rafael - 2521 San Bruno
Money Mart - 3000 San Bruno

Bakery

Lido Pastry - 2684 San Bruno
Georgie's Donuts - 2462 San Bruno
Red House Chinese Bakery - 2495 San Bruno
Sugar Bowl Chinese Bakery - 2623 San Bruno

Building

SF International Building Supply - 2442 San Bruno
Celtic Glass Co. - 2598 San Bruno
Bob & Tom's Windows - 2636 San Bruno
Best Tile Inc. - 2975 San Bruno
Infiniti Kitchen & Bath Designs - 2633 San Bruno
Magic Carpet & Flooring - 2857 San Bruno

Cleaners/Laundry

Sliver Cleaners - 1258 Silver
Jo-Ann's Cleaners - 2481 San Bruno
Ho's Tailors & Cleaners - 2818 San Bruno
Launderette Wash & Dry - 1440 Silver
Landerland - 2810 San Bruno
Wash-Dry - 2810 San Bruno
Foothill Wash & Dry 3028 San Bruno

Clothing/Shoes

Ruth's Children Shoppe - 2469 San Bruno
Payless Shoes - 2555 San Bruno
Donny's Shoe Repair - 2509 San Bruno
Frank's Shoe Repair - 2497 San Bruno

Dental/Medical

Richard Pirodi, DDS - 2497 San Bruno
Dr. Justin Tin & Dr. Sh Wan Chan & Asst - 2748 San Bruno
Ladow Chiropractic - 2633 San Bruno
Dr. Michael Wong Chiropractor - 2858 San Bruno
Dr. Anthony Kakis Podiatrist - 2858 San Bruno

Driving/Traffic School

Nu Tech - 2633 San Bruno

Electronic Sales/Repair

Ocean T.V. Repair - 2542 San Bruno
Radio Shack - 2490 San Bruno
New City Wireless - 2700 San Bruno
Tri Star Copier Service - 2726 San Bruno

Florist/Gifts

Il Fiore Flowers - 2466 San Bruno
Botany Shop Florist - 2556 San Bruno
Gifts Europa - 2585(B) San Bruno
San Bruno 99¢ Gift Store - 2563 San Bruno
Creative Gifts - 2822 San Bruno

Herbs

Merit Herbs - 2488 San Bruno
Han Hing Herbs - 2512 San Bruno
J&C Market & Herbs - 2544 San Bruno

Jewelry

Johnny Ko's Jewelry - 2511 San Bruno

Furniture/Upholstry

Avenue Upholstry - 2820 San Bruno
Stanly Steamer Upholstry - 2360 San Bruno
Mr. R's Furniture Refinishing - 7 Dwight
Mistique Antiques - 2739 San Bruno
Frames & Antiques - 2473 San Bruno

Grocers

Bell Market - 1390 Silver
Foods Co. Supermarket - 345 Williams
San Bruno Supermarket - 2480 San Bruno
White Palace Market - 1524 Silver
La Loma Produce Market - 2456 San Bruno
Bus Stop Liquors & Market - 2698 San Bruno
Tierra Santa Market - 2890 San Bruno
Foothill Market & Liquors - 3004 San Bruno
Jamil Market - 153 Bacon
Mike's Market - 2200 Silver

Hair/Nails

Giannini's Barber Shop - 2732 San Bruno
Saleema Beauty - 2418 San Bruno
Michele Workers Hair Stylists - 2591 San Bruno
Portola Beauty Salon - 2585(A) San Bruno
Image Hair Tech - 2491 San Bruno
New Start Hair Studio - 2653 San Bruno
San Bruno Hair Salon - 2670(B) San Bruno
Galloways Hair Care - 2605 San Bruno
Michele's Hair Studio - 2772 San Bruno
Anza Hair Design - 2701 San Bruno
J.C. Beauty Salon - 2832 San Bruno
TGIF Beauty Supply - 2714 San Bruno
American Pro Nails - 2577 San Bruno
Kevin's Nails - 2611(A) San Bruno
Tena Pro Nails - 2717 San Bruno
Lido's Nails - 2863 San Bruno
Nails Plus - 2803 San Bruno

Votre Petite Beauty Shoppe 1444 Silver

Music/Video

Sports Werr Music - 1401 Silver
Long-Hai Video (Vietnamese) - 2564 San Bruno
ROM Merchandise (Tagalog) - 2477 San Bruno
Record Store - 2658 San Bruno
Lucky Star Video (Chinese) - 2676 San Bruno

Pharmacy

Walgreens - 2477 San Bruno

Realty/Notary/Tax

A-1 Realty - 2420 San Bruno
Jennings Realty & Notary - 2745 San Bruno
Milanes Realty/Notary/Tax - 2527 San Bruno
H&R Block Tax Service - 2750 San Bruno
F. Dorsey Tax Service - 2493 San Bruno

Retail

Casa Sport Soccer Supply - 1250 Silver
T.W. Import Distributor - 2587 San Bruno
T.W. Wholesale - 2501 San Bruno

Storage

U-Haul - 1575 Bayshore

Tarven

El Toro Night Club - 2470 San Bruno
The Avenue Club - 2575 San Bruno
O'Connor's Bar - 2629 San Bruno
Joey J's Bar - 2819 San Bruno
New Junich's Bar - 1888 San Bruno

Restaurant (American)

Breakfast at Tiffany's - 2499 San Bruno
Avenue SweetShop - 2680 San Bruno
Johnson's BBQ - 2646 San Bruno
G.T. Express - 2763 San Bruno

Restaurant (Chinese)

Ling Lings Chinese Cuisine - 2517 San Bruno
Imperial Garden Seafood - 2626 San Bruno
China City - 2428 San Bruno
Tops Cafe Hong Kong BBQ - 2460 San Bruno
Hoy Suin Restaurant - 2520 San Bruno
Wing King Restaurant - 2550 San Bruno
Silver Garden Restaurant - 2571 San Bruno
Giant Scoop Cafe - 2708 San Bruno
Hong Kong Restaurant & Ice Cream - 2728 San Bruno

Restaurant (Italian)

Amaninos Italian Deli - 2599 San Bruno
Round Table Pizza - 2660 San Bruno

Restaurant (Mexican)

Cinco De Mayo Taqueria - 2426 San Bruno
La Placita Taqueria - 2531 San Bruno

Restaurant (Japanese)

Ariya Japanese Restaurant - 2600 San Bruno

Restaurant (Thai)

Charm Thai - 2546 San Bruno

Community Services & Associations

Services

S.F. Public Library (Portola Branch)
2450 San Bruno Avenue - 715-4090

US Post Office (Portola Annex)
2755 San Bruno Avenue - 800-275-8777

W.I.C. Foods (Women & Infant Care)
2424 San Bruno Avenue - 715-0300

Boys & Girls Club (Portola Unit)
2574 San Bruno Avenue - 468-0616

Family Connections
2565 San Bruno Avenue - 715-6746

Palega-Portola Recreation Center
500 Felton Street - 468-2875

S.F. Tool Lending Center
2713 San Bruno Avenue

Associations

R.O.S.E.S. (Residence of SouthEast Sector)
A community forum addressing community-policing issues.
7:00pm - first Thursday of month at SouthEast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Avenue.

S.F.O.P. (San Francisco Organizing Project)
Organization focused on improving our community.
7:00pm - third Wednesday of month at St Elizabeth Church's Cantwell Hall, Wayland & Goettingen.

S.B.M.A. (San Bruno Merchants Association)
Meeting information contact S.B.M.A. president Paul Giannini at 468-5175.

F.O.M.P. (Friends of McLaren Park)
A community organization dedicated to a clean & safe park.
Meeting information contact F.O.M.P. president Franco Mancini at 239-5378.

P.P.H.A. (Portola Place Homeowners Association)
Information contact: Jim Rodriguez at 370-2648.

P.T.A. (Parents Teachers Association)
E.R. Taylor Elementary - Contact Parent Leadership President Veronica Maya 330-1530.

California Soccer Association
1348 Silver Avenue - 467-1881

McLaren DOG (Dog Owners Group)
Contact: Bill Carlin - www.mclarendog.org - 584-2472

Religion

Allen Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal
195 Scotia Street - 468-8406

Apostolic Church
100 Felton Street - 468-1652

Christian Evangelical Mission
400 Brussels Street - 468-6518

Grace Lutheran Church
465 Woolsey Street - 468-2937

Greater Life Ministries
1015 Silver Avenue - 585-4545

† Mathew Zion Baptist Church
2340 San Bruno Avenue - 467-4233

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist
3043 San Bruno Avenue - 467-1764

Skekinah Christ Fellowship
2650 San Bruno Avenue

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
449 Holyoke Street - 468-0820

Ukrainian Orthodox Catholic Church
215 Silliman Street 468-2601

Community Spotlight

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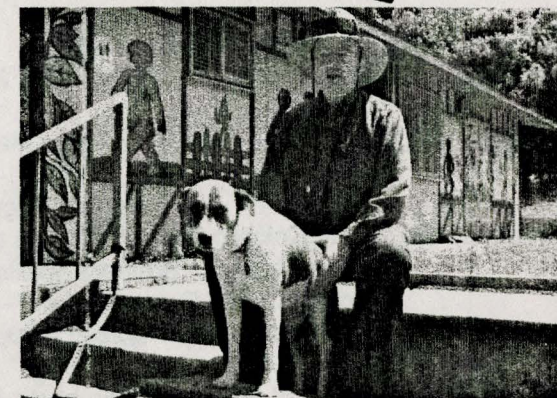
and the construction of the performing arts amphitheater.

McLaren DOG

FOMP's position in the current citywide debate on a policy for dogs within city parks is that in McLaren Park it is in reality a non-issue; so long as we respect one another there is plenty of room for us all.

Good news for the "McLaren Park Dog Owners Group" (McLaren DOG) which has been actively working to preserve the park's 2 off-leash areas, where for 30 years people have come for their dogs to run, play, exercise and socialize; activities all essential for well-adjusted pets.

McLaren DOG President, Bill Carlin, (himself a founding member of FOMP) informs us that his group promotes responsible dog ownership, and the education of the general public about dogs. The group has worked closely with San Francisco SAFE, the SPCA, as well as, the Recreation and Parks Department, creating the successful "McLaren Park Safety Day". Participating local middle school students were given hands-on safety demonstrations and were instructed on how to approach dogs and other animals.



McLaren DOG President Bill Carlin and his best friend Masie

To Franco, Bill and the dedicated FOMP & McLaren DOG members we offer our appreciation for their caring stewardship of a great park.

NOTICE

While online, keep up with what is happening within the community check out: www.portoladistrict.com

Upcoming Meeting

Portola Place Homeowners Association's general meeting to be held on Sunday August 26th from 1:00 to 2:30pm at the Bayview Police Station Community Room.

Community Calendar

S.F. Public Library (Portola Branch)

Programs information contact staff at 715-4090, located at 2450 San Bruno Avenue.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Public Library's "Overdue Materials Amnesty Program" June 1st-15th

Summer Program for July

Performances: "Gato Colorado Puppetry" - 7/14 at 2:00pm
"Flying Calamari Brothers Acrobates" - 7/21 at 3:00pm
"Cotton Candy Express Music" - 7/24 at 10:00am
"The Bubby Lady" - 7/28 at 2:00pm

Reading Programs: "Curl up with a good book" (ages 13 and under) June 9th - August 11th.
"Teen Read 2001" (ages 13 and over) June 16 - July 28

Family Connections *(A multi-cultural family resource center)*

Programs information contact staff at 715-6746, located at 2565 San Bruno Avenue.

Summer Programs:

Academic Enrichment: (9am-1pm, Mon-Fri) science experiments, art projects, math & reading tutoring.

Recreational Program: (1pm-5pm, Mon-Fri) creative crafts activities and field trips.

Boys & Girls Club *(A youth development center)*

Programs information contact staff at 468-0616, located at 2574 San Bruno Avenue

Summer Programs:

Education Activities: creative writing, exploring MS Print Shop; journal writing.

Arts & Crafts Activities: jewelery making; paper crafts; painting; sewing; cooking.

Recreational Activities: volleyball league; whiffleball; basketball; swimming lessons.

Palega-Portola Recreation Center *(A youth recreation center & park)*

Programs information contact staff at 468-2875, located at Felton and Somerset Streets.

Summer Programs

Activities: arts & crafts, badminton, basketball, outings & hikes, swimming, tennis, volleyball

McLaren Park

Programs information contact staff at 831-2782.

Summer Program

RARE Camp Program, (for ages 12-17) 9:30am - 2:30pm, Mon-Fri.