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DUBOCE TRIANGLE NEWSLETTER

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Monday April 12

7:00 to 9:00 pm

PUBLIC MEETING

CPMC Davies Medical Center,
Auditorium, Lower Level B

Meeting Agenda:

- Meet your neighbors
- Office of Supervisor Bevan Dufty Update
- Earthquake preparedness
- Upper Market Development updates
- Trader Joe's update

Please join us!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed Apr 7, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Castro Farmers' Market returns.
Noe St between Market & Beaver
Ribbon cutting 5:30 pm
Continues every Wed. through Oct 27

Sat Apr 10, 10:00 am to noon

Sat May 8, 10:00 am to noon

Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day
Contact Rose at rosegillen@sbcglobal.net or 255-8370 for more information

Thu Apr 15, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Harvey Milk Rec. Center, Duboce Park
Meet the Artist for Church-Duboce
Street Art. www.sfartscommission.org/publicartcollection or Jennifer Lovvorn 252-4637

Sat May 15, 11 am to 4 pm

Play Day in May. Harvey Milk Rec.
Center, Duboce Park. Contact Brando
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Sat May 22, All Day

All day celebration of Calif's FIRST
Harvey Milk Day. Many events in the
neighborhood. Watch the Calendar at:
www.CastroCBD.org

Brad Villers, DTNA Board Member, Neighborhood Activist, Small Business Owner, Passes Away



Brad Villers, friend, DTNA Board Member, owner of the Kard Zone store at Market and Noe, MUMC Board member, a "manny" to small fry in the neighborhood, member of the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee, and passionate advocate for the neighborhood and for independent small businesses died suddenly on March 13. He was 51.

Brad joined the DTNA Board in January 2008. He had moved to San Francisco in 1987 and had immediately plunged into the Castro and Duboce Triangle as a business owner and resident. An innately happy, friendly man, he did not just want to say 'hello' to people on the street, he wanted to stop and chat. If he asked you about something in your life, he cared about it.

And he was funny and laughed easily and with you.

Genuine, honest, and committed are words which describe him. A strong advocate for the issues he cared about, from pigeon control to getting vacant stores rented, from tree planting to caring care for small kids, from supporting small businesses to finding new ways to promote the Castro, he was in many ways the always-busy opposite of the shorts-wearing, flip-flop shod guy who greeted you with an upbeat, "Hi, what's going on?"

His store stocked the breadth of his life, from children's toys to sympathy cards, from kid's bibs that said "I love my daddies" to Sierra Club cards, from baby booties to "adult" birthday cards.

And he always had time to argue for the things he felt profoundly about. He could within a 15 minute span make you vow never to speak to him again and double over in laughter.

He spent most of his life in public, moving amongst us, visible, engaged, giving back to the community. He was taken from us much too soon, and we are all the poorer for it.

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A Big Step For A Better Church & Duboce Streetscape



Bevan Dufty
San Francisco Supervisor

On March 23rd, the Plans and Programs Committee of the San Francisco Transportation Authority (sfcta.org) unanimously approved two projects that will enhance public transit in Duboce Triangle and improve the pedestrian safety and the urban design along both Duboce and Church.

First, the Plans and Programs Committee supported the plans for the Rail Replacement Program that will be administered by the MTA. The boundaries for the rail replacement program are along Church (between Duboce and Market) and along Duboce (between Noe and Church).

The transit corridor leading onto Church and into the Duboce Muni Metro Tunnel is a vital thoroughfare for the J and N connecting downtown and Upper Market, as well as all the neighborhoods served by the J and N. The existing track is nearly 40 years old and is nearing the

end of its serviceable life.

The rail replacement program replaces more than 4600' of track with a new support system and will also replace aging parts of the overhead contact system, upgrade the signal and track switch control system, expand and extend boarding islands (Duboce at Noe and Duboce at Church)

In addition to the Rail Replacement Program, the Plans and Programs Committee also approved funding for the "Duboce Avenue Pedestrian Improvements." As a result of this vote, two curb bulbs will be added to Duboce, one located at the northwest corner of Steiner and the other on the southwest corner of Sanchez.

These bulb-outs will improve both the pedestrian safety and the urban design along Duboce. In 2009, as Chair of the Transportation Authority, I helped secure \$47,000 in funds so that the SFMTA could design the project that we are now closer to completing.

During the rail replacement work, DPW will also repave the streets and upgrade the curb ramps, the PUC will upgrade the water main along Church and Duboce, upgrade the sewer main system along Duboce, and upgrade and improve the streetlights within the plan area.

Most of all, I want to congratulate and acknowledge the members of DTNA who led this process, especially Kit Hodge and Peter Cohen for their dedication and strong advocacy. Thanks to DTNA, Kit, Peter, the Castro CBD, and the staff at the Transportation Authority, Duboce Triangle will see improvements starting in December of 2012 that will improve pedestrian safety and the reliability of MUNI.

This is one of the most heavily travelled pedestrian areas in District 8 and it will be great when we have an inviting, safe, green streetscape to make the neighborhood more inviting and fun.

Should you have any questions about this project, please don't hesitate to email me at Bevan.Dufty@sfgov.org

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Noe Street, The New Neighborhood "Town Square?"



Dennis Richards
DTNA President

Up until last year, the neighborhood's sidewalks and parks served as a meeting place where friends and neighbors would encounter each other, providing the important public open space for residents and visitors. Last year, the 17th Street plaza at Castro & Market was launched as the city's first experiment in creating a public open space out of a street. Despite concerns about maintenance and homelessness, the neighboring businesses and the Castro Community Benefit District (CBD) have done a great job maintaining the plaza. The plaza has been so successful it is going to be made permanent (please see page 8 for related article)! During the construction phase of the permanent plaza, it will be temporarily closed.

The 17th Street plaza is just outside the edge of Duboce Triangle but once a week we have had somewhat of a plaza of our own a little closer to home on Noe, between

Market and Beaver. In 2009, each Wednesday afternoon in the spring, summer, and fall that stretch of Noe was transformed into the Castro Farmers Market (please see page 4 for related article). Also on Easter Sunday 2009, that half block was turned into a gathering space with great success for an Easter Party hosted by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Included in the Streets and Open Spaces Element Section of the Market, Noe and 16th intersection is listed as a priority intersection for pedestrian improvements. Additionally, both the Castro CBD's Neighborhood Beautification and Safety Plan and the Upper Market Community Design Plan call for improvements to Noe which include widening the sidewalk north of Market to accommodate expanded seating, bike parking, and vending opportunities.

As all of these planning documents were written and adopted before the Farmer's Market, the Easter Party, and the success of the 17th Street Plaza, none discuss the opportunity I see to create another public open space on Noe Street.

Since the 17th Street plaza will be closed while it is made permanent, why not move some of the "programming" of that plaza to Noe St? Closing Noe for concerts would be the next step in

making it our newest "town square." The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association will consider working with the Castro CBD in the coming months on a further "proof of concept" of this vision. Please let me know what you think by emailing me at dennisxrichards@sbc-global.net.

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Castro/Upper Market CBD Spring Updates

April is bringing some wonderful improvements to the Castro! Look for the popular 17th Street Plaza to become a permanent plaza with new planters, seating, and beautiful landscaping.

Harvey Milk Plaza will also see a facelift with new and improved landscaping in the planting pods, and custom designed seating.

These improvements to public spaces are being provided through City grants secured by the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefits District (Castro CBD).

If you are interested in helping the CBD with improving these public spaces, the CBD will be holding a community planting day for the 17th Street Plaza. Check the Castro CBD's website for the date, www.castrocbd.org

The Castro CBD, which includes Market Street from Octavia to Castro, the Duboce/Church transit corridor, Castro St. from Market to 19th, 18th St. from Hartford to Diamond, and 19th from Castro to Collingwood, has also been hard at work keeping the district clean. On a daily basis, the CBD removes graffiti, cleans the sidewalks, calls in large debris left on the sidewalk, generally providing additional eyes and ears on the street. Please call our Clean Team Dispatch Service at 415-559-

8492 to report bad spills, debris dumping, graffiti, etc.

For the past five months the CBD has been conducting a pilot Community Guide program. The Community Guide serves as a goodwill ambassador for the neighborhood, providing information about our businesses, giving directions, and connecting those in need of help to the correct services. The Community Guide is available from 3:00 pm–7:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and on Saturday. The Guide is easy to spot, wearing a navy Community Guide jacket with the Castro CBD logo on the back. An evaluation component has been built into this program and decisions on the future of this program will be made over the next couple of months.

Castro CBD Board of Directors meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. The CBD Board meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Chase Bank Community Room 2112 15th St. The next meeting is on April 8, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Aiello, Executive Director at execdirector@castrocbd.org or by phone at 650-355-1294.

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Sunday Streets



Sunday Streets, the enormously successful Sunday program to close streets in particular neighborhoods on a given Sunday so that people can bike, skate, play, and take a stroll in the streets, has announced the dates and neighborhoods for Sunday Streets 2010.

Check out the streets involved at www.sunday-streetssf.com.

2010 Schedule:

April 11: Great Highway/Golden Gate Park

April 18: Bayview

May 23: Bayview

June 20: Mission

July 11: Mission.

August 22: Great Highway/Golden Gate Park

September 19: Western Addition

October 24: Civic Center/Tenderloin

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DTNA Board Meeting Notes / March 8, 2010

Attendance:

Dennis Richards, David Troup, Peter Cohen, Erik Honda, Mark Scheuer, Curt Holzinger, Brad Villers, Cheryl Brinkman, Tim Dunn, Linda Tran, SFSU Capacity Building Intern

Website:

David: Stephanie Henry is a web-designer working on website design, we've seen mock-ups and we like it. Should be up within a month or two. DTNA.org will still be the address. MyCastro.com is a new web portal that wants to link to us. We are OK with that.

Newsletter:

Current layout person has five more issues to go. We need a new layout person. Feedback that the last newsletter was nice and balanced. Only people who do not read the whole article think it is not. Do the headlines communicate to people who don't read the article? Think about that during layout.

Capacity building:

Linda Tran is our intern. She will work with us to increase our capacity on a variety of systems. She is in Masters program in Public Policy student at SFSU.

Land Use Committee:

a) Trader Joe's. Scoping of transportation study in process should be done end of March. Danny Y and Peter C met with planners and looked at specifics. Curt – need some

specific recommendations on how to deal with traffic – what are the mitigations?

b) Market Street Zoning, Noe to Castro. DTNA wants to extend Market/Octavia zoning to Castro. Would cover 3 current development proposals– Market and Noe Hole in the Ground, Gold's Gym, RC gas station. Would net us community benefits and developers would get to follow the new rules for rest of area. Meeting with Bevan Dufty, John Rahim, and Dennis, and Land Use people, EVNA, and CAPA on March 26.

c) "Stimulus" Proposals from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development. 1st Proposal: Allow project sponsors to defer various fees on development and pay them afterward. The City would establish a bank to pay the costs up front and have the developers pay them back. Land Use Committee recommends that the Board approve the bank proposal, if a) the bank has enough funds to cover all upgrades, b) the pay-back process is airtight, c) interest rate on lending is competitive, and d) sunsets in 3-years (it is a stimulus). Curt: Be sure that we give it a new name: Infrastructure Banking and Deferral Program. Otherwise we get sucked into "tweaks" of the city ideas. David: Fits our stance of being a "Modification and Suggestion" organization. Moved and seconded

as Curt recommended, motion was unanimously approved. 2nd Proposal: Reduce by 1/3 the number of affordable units that owners have to pay for, and put the cost on the units. Land Use recommends against, Board moves and 2nds a motion to oppose this, approved unanimously.

Transportation:

Duboce/Church: Plan for curve in the tracks to reduce squeal, a "grease box", mounted on sidewalk – ugly but a payoff for the reduced noise. Utility boxes at Church Duboce, 3 reduced to 2, but significantly larger ones by the Castro Café and by Out of Closet. Can have "art" mu-

ralized. Castro CBD may pay for that.



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Bicycles in the City (Part 2)



[The first part of this article ended with observations about Portland's bike plan and how if changed the temper and kind of both bicyclists and auto drivers]

So what type of cyclists are our streets designed for?

Portland has designed a bike network for all levels of cyclists, from the very experienced to the new, old, or young, and that's what they got. They have cyclists for whom riding a bike is not a political or social statement, it's just the most sensible way to get around.

Are our cyclists riding because it's a fun, dependable, inexpensive, and healthy way to get around? Because it's practical? A lot are. Or are some riding for the thrill of being an outlaw and rebel, dashing around corners and cutting through traffic?

We should welcome new bike lanes and traffic calming projects because we need to design for the road users and

cyclists we want.

Currently we have streets designed for the most intrepid, kamikaze type cyclists. The brave warriors, the 1% who will ride no matter what the conditions are and the more challenging the better. I consider a lot of these riders to be anti-social. They are the riders who cut you off in the crosswalk and dart around cars and other bikes at stop signs.

As Enrique Penalosa of Walk and Bike for Life said, they ride as if they have no mother, no partner, no children, or family who love them.

We can expect a bit of anarchist in your face behavior from those in their teens and twenties, but it should be a small percentage of our overall population. Our road designs have allowed the balance to tip in favor of the fast and intrepid, both for bikes and cars, and to the detriment of the other road users who don't feel safe or comfortable. If we want more

mellow cyclists, more middle aged women like me, more parents with children in tow, more seniors and children, then we need to design our streets for those cyclists

The best way to tame the cycling in our City is to add more cyclists, and the best way to get more cyclists is to add bike infrastructure. New lanes, new signage, bike boxes at intersections that let bikes wait in front of the line of cars for safety.

Physically separated bike lanes such as the new Market Street example make cyclists of any skill level feel more comfortable on the road. It will become difficult for a road warrior to misbehave

when he or she is stuck behind a crowd of well behaved cyclists.

We can get those well behaved cyclists by creating streets where they want to ride. Let's design for the cyclists we want, not the cyclists we have.

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Meet Your Board Member



DTNA Secretary Erik Honda has lived in the Triangle - on middle Henry Street - since 1992. He is a public high school teacher in Lafayette (he commutes there via bike and BART).

He lives with his wife Esther, who is a librarian at Rosa Parks Elementary in the Western Addition, son Justus (12), a student at Presidio Middle School in the Richmond district, and daughter Caden (7), who attends Rosa Parks. His household also includes housemates Chris Parsons and Debbie Fedorchuk, a teacher at Mission High School, and their daughter Anna Mae (9), a student at Marshall Elementary in the Mission. A former house-

mate and current colleague on the Land Use Committee is Lynn Bayer, now living on Carmelita Street.

Erik came to DTNA through his involvement with the Market/Octavia Plan rezoning project, and started work with the Land Use Committee last year. He loves the neighborhood's gay culture and history (he is the advisor of his school's Gay/Straight Alliance and an activist in the Marriage Equality movement and other gay rights causes), its eclectic and funky blend of architectural styles, and its multi-layered ambience of quiet tree-lined streets, bustling city-center energy, destination restaurants, and quirky local businesses and hot-spots. He plans to spend the rest of his life in the neighborhood, and hopes to watch it grow and develop in a manner that will enhance and develop its past and present strengths and character.

Dogs and Kids Woof It Up At McKinley Elementary School Dogfest

April 17, 2010 from 11am to 4pm in Duboce Park

Top Chef veterans Ryan Scott and Preeti Mistry, along with official Lemony Snicket representative Daniel Handler, District 5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, and District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty are among the many local celebrities set to appear at the McKinley Elementary DogFest. DogFest is a celebration of dogs and kids benefiting SFUSD's McKinley Elementary School, a K-5 public school located at Castro and 14th Street. The festival offers something for all San Franciscans. Enter your dog in contests for "best trick", "best costume", "best look-alike duo", "best bark", "most ear-resistible", and other categories (doge-gories?). Or treat your human child to a day of jumpy houses, face painting, carnival games, tasty treats, and more.



All proceeds benefit much needed educational enrichment programs for McKinley children.

DogFest 2010 also features a live auction at 12:30pm and a free performance by The Busy Bee Dogs at 2:30pm.

Admission is free. Fees vary for dog contests and food. Visit www.sfdogfest.org to pre-register your pup for the show and get the scoop on the DogFest 2010.



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CPMC Davies Update Part II

Representatives of the DTNA Board and Land Use Committee met in mid-February with CPMC project supervisor Geoffrey Nelson to continue discussions regarding CPMC's plan to begin long-delayed construction on a new building along Noe Street between Duboce and 14th Street.

Since a number of neighborhood improvements have been financed by other sources since the original agreements between CPMC and DTNA were signed back in 2007, Nelson and DTNA agreed that some of the \$325,000 that CPMC planned to spend on those completed improvements could be repurposed, in part to address some of the perimeter improvements discussed by DTNA Land Use Committee members and CPMC representatives at campus walk-arounds in December and February of this year (see DTNA February/March Newsletter for more details).

Nelson also expressed a willingness to help DTNA move forward to secure area permit parking on the three sides of the CPMC campus not currently covered by it (Noe Street was converted to area parking earlier). CPMC has already signed a letter of support for area parking, and DTNA is currently working to secure signatures from residents to complete the process. Thanks to the "N" line

and other programs in place, Davies campus already has a high rate of transit use by its employees (44%) but they would like to see it go higher.

Nelson also provided the latest renderings of the medical office building design, which will be considered at the next meeting of the Land Use Committee.

If you have something you'd like to see happen to make the Davies campus a better neighbor, e-mail Board Member Erik Honda: ehonda@acalanes.k12.ca.us

April 7th: The Castro Farmers' Market Returns!

The Castro Farmer's Market is once again returning to the neighborhood earlier and a little bigger than last year. The Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC) was such a success that there will be 3 additional weeks and 3 additional vendor spaces added this year.

At 5:30 on the afternoon of Wednesday April 7th, after a blessing by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Steve Adams, president of MUMC, and Donna Sachet will cut

the ribbon to open the 2010 Farmers Market. The Market will run each Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 to 8:00 from April 7 through October 27. Purchase "in season" organic foods from local farmers, fisherman, and other food purveyors every week. Please support these local farmers each week and watch the seasons change.




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District 8 Candidates Night

DTNA was a co-sponsor of a very successful and well-attended Candidates Night for the District 8 Supervisor's seat, which was held on February 22nd at the Harvey Milk Rec Center. Over 100 concerned citizens and neighbors created a standing-room-only crowd which listened attentively as all seven of the candidates for Supervisor outlined their positions on a variety of neighborhood and city-wide issues.

Three of the candidates—Laura Spanjian, Scott Weiner, and Rebecca Prozan—have significant experience in city government: Spanjian as a legislative aide at MUNI and the P.U.C., Weiner as Deputy City Attorney, and Prozan as a legislative aide for the Recreation and Parks Commission, and as a city prosecutor. Three of them; Spanjian, Weiner, and Rafael Mandelman (a public interest lawyer who works in support of affordable housing), also serve on the Democratic County Central Committee and are running for re-election to those posts as well.

The discussion was lively, with candidates fielding pointed questions from the audience on a variety of issues including support for neighborhood retail vs. chain stores, Mayor Newsom's proposed sit/lie ordinance, support for local public schools, and their ideas for improving the sometimes dysfunctional ideological polarization of the current Board.

Residents are encouraged to visit the websites of the various candidates (the three not mentioned above are Starchild, Bill Hemenger, and James Boeger), to engage in discussions with them about the issues important to you, and, come November, to VOTE VOTE VOTE.

[Editor's note: Laura Spanjian has since withdrawn from the race, and will become the Sustainability Director in the administration of Houston's new mayor, Annise Parker]

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Bike to Work Day



Commuter riding on Market St. on last year's Bike to Work Day

I love riding my bike to work. I get a rush coasting past Duboce Park, though I'm never in a rush. Instead of stressing over making the bus, sitting in traffic, or finding a place to park, I look forward to moving my legs, feeling the breeze on my face, and seeing the people and sights in our neighborhood.

I encourage you to join the ever-growing number of people who commute by bike and participate in Bike to

Work Day on Thursday, May 13th. On your way home from work, make sure to stop by the SF Bicycle Coalition's Energizer Station (on the Duboce Bikeway at Market St.) between 5pm and 7pm. Volunteers will be handing out free goodies and you can get your bike checked by a local bike mechanic at no charge. For more information on Bike to Work Day, visit the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition at www.sfbike.org.

—Jake Donham

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Duboce Park Update

Park Maintenance

The maintenance issues were updated by Bob Palacio, Neighborhood Services Manager, at the quarterly Duboce Park Community Meeting on February 24. Rec and Park offers these meetings so that the public can become acquainted with and discuss issues with key Rec and Park staff members. The meetings are led by Palacio, who updates the community on all current and future projects in Duboce Park and Harvey Milk Recreation Center. The next Community Meeting is in May.

Ongoing Issues

The final pre-construction walk-through for the Carmelita St. Stairs Restoration project was done on March 1. The project will be ADA-compliant and will include a ramp alongside the stairs to accommodate wheel chairs and strollers. A circular decorative fence, sponsored by the Pierce St. Dead-Enders, and similar in style to the one surrounding the playground, will be installed at the Pierce St. entrance planting circle at the same time that the Carmelita St. stairs work is done. A more substantial tree was also installed to replace the current tree, which was relocated. A curb to keep sand in the playground will also be installed. The surface of Scott St. Labyrinth will be thoroughly cleaned. Anti-pigeon strips have not yet been installed on top of the east wall of the HMRC that faces the

park. Rain has helped keep that wall clean in recent months.

Trash Containers

The Potomac St. trash bin has been replaced with a new bin and relocated further into the park. A recycling bin, the first in Duboce Park, was installed at that location at the same time. Sunset Scavenger continues to monitor the problem garbage can at the Muni stop, which is often overflowing due to the high volume of foot traffic at that location.

Lawn Maintenance. Three additional truck loads of dirt will be spread, along with additional seed, in low spots and holes in the lower main lawn area, particularly near the Potomac St. benches. Those areas received eight loads of dirt in November but wet weather and heavy use made it very difficult for the grass to take hold and grow, leaving the area brown. Extensive over seeding and aerating will be done to the lawn to help it take hold. With community input, Rec & Park will be adjusting the irrigation timer.

New Fence for MUNI Wall

Recovery Act funds will be used to replace the fence surrounding the tunnel entrance (aka East Portal) at Noe and Duboce with a new attractive steel picket style fence, similar in appearance to the playground fence. The northern wall is one side of the future

Youth Play Area. With the new fences located on top of the walls on each side of the tracks rather than in the ground as they currently are, the problem with garbage collecting between the fences and walls will be eliminated.

Harvey Milk Recreation Center (HMRC)

Summer Camp Registration. Registration for Summer Day Camps at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center began March 20. There are six Summer Sessions, each specializing in Drama, Dance, Music, and Visual & Digital Arts, for three age groups: 6 & 7 years; 8 & 9 years; and, ages 10-12 years. Sessions begin on June 7 and end on August 13. Registration can be done online at www.SfRecOnline.org. Each session is typically two weeks long.

Details on courses are available in the SFRPD 2010 Summer Camp Guide, available in the Rec Center lobby. Music for Ages 5 and Under. Also, Little Bears, music for ages 5 and under, begin a six-week session on April 12. For schedules and tuition information, please visit www.bluebearmusic.org.

Play Day in May - May 15, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. This event kicks off celebrations of Harvey Milk's birthday (May 22), the birth of "Friends of Harvey Milk Recreation Center (FHMRC)," and a fundraiser to benefit FHMRC. All proceeds with benefit FHMRC, a group dedicated to increasing and sponsoring program-

ming at the Rec Center.

Play Day in May is a family and neighborhood celebration in Duboce Park that includes live performances, music, food, kids' carnival, dog activities, and merchant fair. Many of the current community groups using the facility will perform, including the Young People's Teen Musical Theater, who will do selections from their latest production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee".

Kids activities include Jumpy Houses & Obstacle Course, Kids' Carnival (the basketball court will be transformed into a Carnival with games and prizes), and old fashioned picnic activities like hopscotch, hula hooping, 3-legged races, egg toss, games, and races. Arts & crafts activities will be available in the Portrait Studio & Exhibit Room of the Center.

There will be a raffle with incredible prizes. Traditional picnic food favorites will be available: burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken & ribs, chips, salads and assorted drinks. All proceeds will benefit the FHMRC. Guided tours of the Rec Center will be available and there will be some really fun activities for dog owners & lovers.

For more information on any class, program, or event at HMRC, please contact Center Director Brando Rogers at brando.rogers@sfgov.org or 554-8742.

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McKinley School Update

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Bread, Poetry and Public Education

"La poesia es como el pan, es para todos"

"Poetry is like bread, it is for everyone"

This old "dicho" from back home in the Four Corners region of the Southwest sums up my feelings about public education: It is for all of us. Whether you have children or not, have them in public schools or not, these institutions and their care belong to all of us. McKinley Elementary is the local neighborhood school and it's been here for 101 years!

Incoming kindergartners will one day cradle our nation in their arms and outgoing high schoolers are a step away from beating their soles into the workforce. So it is not just the second grade student in an overcrowded classroom, or a parent losing support services for their family, or a teacher out of work that are affected by the recent state budget cuts.

It is every one of us that fac-

es the social and economic consequences of abandoning public education. Readers who want to help can sign the petition revising the state budget process at <http://www.improveschoolfunding.com/sign.aspx>, as well as contact local politicians and the Governor to restore funds for schools, including use bonds and license plate fees, where they were intended. Please also consider getting involved with McKinley Elementary School and attend an upcoming event.

Upcoming McKinley events:

3rd annual Dogfest in Duboce Park, Sat, April 17th from 11 am to 3 pm

18th annual U.N. Days, Thu and Fri, May 20th-21st

Junior Olympics, Thu and Fri, May 27th and 28th

9th annual Walk-a-thon, Thu and Fri, May 27th-28th

-Jennifer Baker, McKinley parent



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Friends of the Urban Forest Offers Sidewalk Tree Planting

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On Saturday June 5th, 2010, Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) will be coordinating a large tree planting in our neighborhood. The neighborhoods included will be Duboce Triangle and Lower Haight area forming a triangle from Market, Oak, and Divisadero.

This is a great opportunity for us to add trees to the already beautiful canopy we have. FUF has received generous funding and the planting will be heavily subsidized by grants that are available this year. The fee for each tree is \$75, which includes full coordination of

planting by FUF, the utilities marking, concrete removal, consultation with tree experts, the tree of your choice, and the actual planting by volunteers on the day of planting.

If you own your property, all you have to do is email greg@fuf.net and let him know you are interested or submit this form to FUF: <http://fuf.net/treePlanting/plantingForms.html>. Once location is approved, FUF will collect the \$75 fee.

If you are a resident, but do not own the property, you can either sponsor a tree planting

(tax-deductible) by filling out the same forms, or you can work with your landlord to fill out the form and agree to care for the tree.

All the forms have to be submitted by May 4, 2010 to qualify for the grant!

Please send your forms to the address given on the website, Attn: Greg Harrell-Edge, fax to (415) 561-6899, or email greg@fuf.net.

NOTES: Please note that trees on some streets are maintained by the city. In those cases the tree planting will cost an

additional \$200, however the city will take over the maintenance of the tree after the first three years.

To check if your street is included in the "DPW" streets go to: http://www.sfgov.org/site/sfdpw_index.asp?id=33189

All trees need care the first few years. 15 gallons of water per week will be needed. Tree care and maintenance instructions will be provided by FUF prior to planting.

Contact Greg with any questions, greg@fuf.net.

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San Francisco, CA 94114

Name: _____
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Comments: _____

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