

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Meals for the holidays: Glide Memorial Church (Ellis and Taylor) offers a special Christmas day meal plus throughout the month solid, stick-to-your-ribs breakfast, lunch and dinner (breakfast and lunch only on weekends). St. Anthony Foundation (Jones just above Market), which regularly provides one meal a day around lunchtime, will offer coq au vin (sans vin), Thai curry pork and Beef stroganoff in December, turkey Tetrazzini on Christmas eve and honey glazed ham Christmas day. Also on Christmas day at S.F. Rescue Mission, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.: two religious services, toy distribution, food giveaway plus hot food at 230 Jones Street.

Annual meeting and election of officers, Alliance for a Better District 6. Wed., Jan. 12, 6 p.m., Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Information: 820-1560. Note change of day: Regular second Tuesday of the month meetings will resume in February.

S.F. Museum of Modern Art celebrates its 10th anniversary with a free Community Day celebration, Sat., Jan 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Museum, 151 Third St. Activities for families, children, adults.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOUSING

Consumer Housing Group, 1st Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928. Contact: 421-2926 x306.

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of the month, noon, 201 Turk Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training, facilitate communication.

Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., 111 Jones. Contact: Rob Wheeler, 421-2926 x302.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. CMHS advisory committee, open to the public. Contact: 255-3474.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 870 Market, Suite 928. Contact: 421-2926 x306.

CMHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30, CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Contact: 255-3428. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

National Alliance for the Mentally III-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Fl. Contact 905-6264. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

SAFETY

Soma Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location changes monthly. To receive monthly information by e-mail, contact Lisa Block, 538-8100 ext. 202 Lblock@iisf.org, or Jan Rasmussen, 553-1155

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety. NOTE: As of Jan. 2005, this meeting will be on the last Tuesday of this month.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Contact Tim Agar, 674-6142, or Lt. Juanita Hodge, S.F. Fire Department, 558-3456. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com. Districtwide association, civic education.

Mid-Market Project Area Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Contact Carolyn Diamond, 362-2500. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Eighth street.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Contact Jerry Jai at 358-3956 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact: 552-4866.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Contact: SOM-PAC office, 487-2166.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact: 820-1412. TL 2000, jobs, neighborhood planning.

Tenderloin Merchants Association, contact Jamie Cutlip, 553-4433 ext. 22 or jamie@urbansolutionsf.org.

Boeddeker Park cleanup, 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by the Friends of Boeddeker Park. To RSVP to work or for information, contact Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260.

Community Leadership Alliance, last Thursday of the month, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Informational forum with monthly agenda of guest presenters and speakers, sharing news of upcoming events, proposals, resources. Contact David Villa-Lobos: 921-4192 or david_villalobos@sbcglobal.net

SENIORS AND DISABLED

Mayor's Disability Council, 3rd Friday of the month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, Rm. 400. Contact: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 975 Mission #700. Fundraising, first Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pedestrian Safety, second Friday, 10 a.m.; Sr. Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Health, last Thursday, 1:30. Information: 546-1333.

Supervisors' Committees City Hall, Room 263

Land Use Committee McGoldrick, Maxwell, Peskin, Monday, 1 p.m.

City Services Committee Dufty, Ma, Hall, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Budget Committee Daly, Sandoval, McGoldrick, Thursday, 1 p.m.

More desk clerks get opportunities for training

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Justice suggested that the cops' group talk to Daly about the need for more expertise in crisis management with trainings perhaps through the Health Department. He said people are getting criminal records for mental illness incidents that should be handled by medical staff.

"Too many people are ending up at 850 Bryant when they just need psychiatric help," Justice said. "There's too much of that. It's a mental health issue. We need some checks on the service. We don't want them evicted and end up back on the street. But what we are seeing is not what is needed in the hotels. Hotel management doesn't understand. They just want them out of there."

Another problem area for clerks is visitor charges. The practice of charging \$5, even \$20 for a drug dealer or a prostitute to come inside became an outrage a few years ago to anyone on a social visit, or to a caregiver checking on a client. It led to legislation by Daly that specifically outlawed it and tightened visitor regulations.

Police say "most" SRO hotels post a uniform visitor policy, although a survey of nearly 100 hotels in August by the SRO Collaborative found only 12% had complied. The others risk a \$500 fine. The collaborative's Norr says the biggest problem is getting the police to enforce posting the policy near a hotel's front desk, as required.

According to police, the visitor charge has practically disappeared.

If true, it's a good thing because the infraction is pretty low on the response priority.

"We get called and there can be a half hour to two-hour wait before an officer is available," says Sgt. Jim Millett, code enforcement officer for Southern Station. "By then nobody's there, maybe even no contact, if it's an anonymous call. And I'm not sure what an SRO is. The definitions are not clear.

"I don't know of any citations (ever given)," Millett said. "And if we catch somebody, who do we cite, the clerk or the owner?"

Daly was heartily applauded at the tenants' convention when he mentioned the passage of his law banning the visitor fee. "But there's a difference in passing the law and in making it stick," Daly said. "It's still happening on Sixth Street and here down the street (in the Tenderloin)."

Hickman says he has heard that, too. He asked one person a few months ago who complained to him if he had signed anything allowing the fee. When the tenant said no, Hickman advised him to swallow his fear of reprisal and talk to the manager, then go to the Rent Board for a rent reduction. He said the situation was resolved and "the hotel stopped charging. But who knows what happens at night?" he asked.

In a little less than three years, six SRO hotel residents have brought petitions over visitor charges, enabling rent reductions, according to the Rent Board's acting Executive Director Delene Wolf. "But it's not a population to be calling police," she said. ■

RECYCLE Household Batteries

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Richmond & Sunset

Universal Electric: 1551 Clement at 17th Ave.
Progress Hardware: 724 Irving St. at 8th Ave.

Russian Hill/Nob Hill/Tenderloin

Brownie's Hardware: 1563 Polk at Sacramento St.
Cole Hardware: 2254 Polk St. at Green St.

Mission & Bernal Heights

Cole Hardware: 3312 Mission at 29th St.

Haight & Cole Valley

Cole Hardware: 956 Cole at Parnassus Ave.
Roberts Hardware: 1629 Haight at Clayton St.

Castro & Noe Valley

Ace Handyman: 2075 Market at 14th St.

Civic Center & Hayes Valley

Dept. of the Environment, EcoCenter:
11 Grove at Market St.

Potrero Hill/SOMA/Mission Bay

Appliance Sales: 840 Folsom at 4th St.
Cole Hardware: 70 4th St. at Mission St.
Rainbow Grocery: 1745 Folsom at Division St.

Portola & Visitacion Valley

SF Recycling & Disposal: 501 Tunnel at Recycle Rd.

Marina & Cow Hollow

Fireside Camera: 2117 Chestnut St. at Steiner St.
Fredericksen Hardware: 3029 Fillmore at Union St.

Downtown/Chinatown

Charity Cultural Services Center:
827 Stockton at Sacramento St.
Financial District Ace Hardware
140 Pine St. at Front St.

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