

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL MEETINGS

San Francisco Police Commission Meeting in the Tenderloin, Wednesday, March 30, 6 p.m., Community Meeting Room, 301 Eddy.

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 Ill-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. Note change: previously was last Wednesday of the month. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

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

Land Use Subcommittee of the Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 1st Friday of the month, 11 a.m., 100 McAllister, Room 325. Tracks new and continuing building projects and other land use changes in the Tenderloin. Open to public, but call to confirm attendance, 557-7887.

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, neighborhood planning.

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

Budget Committee Sandoval, Daly, McGoldrick, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursday, 10 a.m.

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

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

OBITUARIES

JIMMIE RAY POTTS Robin Hood at the Camelot

Jimmie Ray Potts may have been a Tenderloin resident when he died Jan. 30, but the city's entire black community claimed him as its own.

Born, raised and schooled in San Francisco, Mr. Potts was for 27 years the owner and operator of Barbary Coast Trucking, which contracted with the city to do hauling from the Hunters Point Shipyard and with Onyx Environmental to haul hazardous waste.

He was well-known, respected and outspoken about the rights of black construction haulers. BayView, a community newspaper that over the years has covered Mr. Potts' advocacy efforts, entitled his obituary, "We have lost a soldier."

At the Feb. 17 memorial at the Camelot Hotel, where Mr. Potts had lived for a year, several tenants expressed surprise at his sudden death. He was 57.

"He was a diabetic and died of a diabetic coma," explained Mary Ann Carpenter, Mr. Potts' sister, who attended the service with her daughter and husband. "His death was a shock to all of us. We're having a memorial for him tonight at a mortuary and we almost didn't come today, but we're here to support the residents in the place where Jimmie lived. My brother was unique — he was strong-minded and he also had a very generous, good side."

Others concurred.

"Jimmie was hard-headed, stood true to things and didn't make things personal," said Shannon Hugon, the hotel's support services manager. "He had a spitfire personality but also a warm heart. There will be very few challenges around here without him."

Hotel staff member David Broder said he respected Mr. Potts' frankness and would "miss his assertiveness and honesty."

"Jimmie tried to have a tough-guy act," added Jessica Pitlak, hotel case manager, "but I knew how to melt him and find his sweet side. He defended people in the building and taught them how to stick up for themselves. He was a Robin Hood, even if he didn't always go about it the right way."

Mr. Potts spent much of his free time during his youth at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, according to the mortuary program. And while he loved music, playing drums and many sports, "his greatest love was trucking," it stated.

Mr. Potts is survived by his sister, Mary Ann Carpenter of San Francisco, and three other sisters and a brother, all of Dallas.

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