

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free piano concerts at the Cadillac Hotel, 380 Eddy St. August 10, noon-1 p.m. Elisa Welch. August 17, 24 and 31 pianists to be announced. Presented by the Cadillac Hotel, Tenderloin Housing Clinic and the North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit Corporation. Information: Elaine Zamora, 440-7570 ext. 21 or ezamora@sbcglobal.net.

Safe Haven Campaign Launch Party, Sat., Aug. 18, noon-2 p.m., 201 Turk St., Community Room. Unveiling of campaign art logo contest winner, announcement of central city safe sites, refreshments. Campaign sponsored by TNT, Community Housing Partnership and Safety Network. Information: Dina 538-8100x204.

Mayoral forum and Tenant Associations Coalition of S.F.'s 9th anniversary celebration, Wed., Sept. 5, noon, 201 Turk. All mayoral candidates invited, refreshments. Co-sponsored by TAC, Alliance for a Better District 6, North of Market Planning Coalition and others. Information: 339-3327

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

Supportive Housing Network, 4th Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., 54 McAllister. Contact: Alecia Hopper, 421-2926 x302.

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.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

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

Health & Wellness Action Advocates, 1st Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928. Call: 421-2926 x306.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, Quaker Center, 65 Ninth St., noon-1:30. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

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

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

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. Call 905-6264. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

SAFETY

Safety for Women in the Tenderloin, every 3rd Wednesday, Central City SRO Collaborative, 259 Hyde St., 4-6 p.m. Informal, friendly environment, refreshments, gender sensitive to LGBTQ community and sex workers. Discuss how to make Tenderloin SROs safer for women. Information: Leanne Edwards, volunteer campaign coordinator, 775-7110, ex. 102.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Call Lt. Erica Arteseros., S.F. Fire Department, 970-2022. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

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 Meital Amitai, 538-8100 ext. 202 or mamitai@iisf.org.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Call Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

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.

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

Central City Democrats, meets four times a year, 301 Eddy St. Community Room. Addresses District 6 residential and business concerns, voter education forums. Information: 339-VOTE (8683) or centralcitydemocrats@yahoo.com.

Community Leadership Alliance. CLA Community Advocacy Commission monthly meeting, City Hall, Room 034. Subcommittee meetings and informational forums held monthly at the Tenderloin Police Station Community Room. Information: David Villa-Lobos, admin@CommunityLeadershipAlliance.net

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activi-

ties and improvements. Contact: 552-4866.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SoMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 538-8100 x202

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 Tenth streets.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Call: 820-1412. Neighborhood planning.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, 1st Thursday of the month, noon. Call Elaine Zamora, 440-7570.

SoMa Leadership Council, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., The Arc, 1500 Howard St. at 11th. Emphasizes good planning and good government to maintain a diverse, vibrant, complete neighborhood. Contact: Jim Meko, 624-4309 or jim.meko@comcast.net.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Health, Safety and Human Services Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday after the first Monday, 1035 Folsom, noon. Information: 487-2166 or www.sompac.com.

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

SENIORS AND DISABLED

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

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 965 Mission #700: Pedestrian Safety, third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Senior Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Information: 546-1333 and www.senioractionnetwork.org.

SUPERVISORS' COMMITTEES

Budget and Finance Committee Daly, Dufty, Ammiano, Mirkarimi, Elsbernd, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

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

Glide, partners open \$2.3 million health clinic

BY TOM CARTER

GLIDE Health Services held a grand "re-opening" in July of its community health clinic, after a \$2.3 million renovation into a dazzling state-of-the-art facility in the harsh heart of the Tenderloin. It's expected to annually serve 6,500 residents, double the previous caseload.

The new 4,100-square-foot clinic on the sixth floor of Glide's offices at 330 Ellis St. is roughly the same size as the old clinic on the fourth floor but has more rooms.

Glide Health Services and its partners Catholic Healthcare West, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, UCSF School of Nursing, plus multiple donors and public funds, are responsible for the now 10-year-old clinic. Open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the clinic is a training ground for UCSF nurses who see upward of 80 patients a day. More than 60% of the clients are homeless.

"It's the palace on the sixth floor," said Glide's new CEO, Willa Seldon, at the July 13 news conference. The clinic's reception area was crowded with several dozen staff and health care representatives.

"We're striving to create a healthy community that improves spiritual, physical and emotional health in order to break the multigenerational cycle of poverty and low self-esteem," she said.

Built over nine months, the clinic has seven medical exam rooms, four mental health therapy rooms, two complementary care rooms, two HIV counseling rooms and a nursing case management office.

"We can offer an integrated approach and wrap the client in a net of services under one roof," said Patricia Dennehy, director of Glide Health Services. Plus, there's more privacy, she said.

The Rev. Cecil Williams, Glide Memorial Methodist Church's minister, was the catalyst for the collaboration.

"Until I had to go and get taken care of myself,"



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Ribbon cutters: (from left) Lloyd Dean of Catholic Healthcare West, Tom Hennessey of St. Francis Hospital, Kathleen Dracup of UCSF's School of Nursing and from Glide, Jan Mirikitani, Willa Seldon and the Rev. Cecil Williams.

he said, he didn't know how important a state-of-the-art-clinic was. He said he is successfully battling to keep his cholesterol count down.

"This is a proud day," Williams said. "Thousands will come through these doors. We're making history because we care."

Although operational, the clinic still needs \$500,000.

"We'll be knocking on doors," Williams said.

The clinic has a \$2 million-a-year budget and a staff of 25.

Janice Mirikitani, Williams' wife and founding president of Glide Foundation, recalled the early days when Glide was trying to raise the health consciousness in the neighborhood.

"We held raffles to get people in here — people weren't interested in their health," she said. "Twenty-five years ago, we gave 15 women mammograms in the parking lot."

Dr. David Smith, founder of the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic, presented the clinic with a check for an undisclosed amount. ■