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Glide Memorial Methodist Church is turning its apartment building rooftops into showcases for real food for the residents, a step toward changing bad dietary habits and improving health. The latest example is a mini vegetable and herb garden on the sixth-floor roof at Cecil Williams Glide Community House, 333 Taylor St. It was dedicated Nov. 4.

The education project for about 110 formerly homeless residents started two years ago with sessions on nutrition and cooking emphasizing that ‘healthy food was an option’ to junk food at the corner store, said Deborah Whittle, executive director of Glide Housing.

Next came on-site planting, growing and tasing. A $20,000 Community Challenge Grant bank-rolled delivery of 12 wood planters and a truckload of soil in May. The residents handled the rest and developed a work roster. Soon, they’ll taste homegrown potatoes, tomatoes, kale, squash, grapes, basil and apples and figs. But harvests aren’t big enough to offer more than snippets of the good stuff.

‘I’ve already sampled the cherry tomatoes,” said Elmer Ray Knowles, a Thursday volunteer.

Linda Galian of the Zen Center advised on the project and blessed the garden. It overlooks another roof garden to the west on Glide’s main building at 330 Ellis, started 2½ years ago. It has 14 planters funded by $10,000 in grants from Clif Bar and Focus the Nation.

Whittle said Glide is considering programs for Glide Economic Development Corp.’s apartment buildings at 125 and 149 Mason St. for families and the formerly homeless, respectively.

District 6 has dirtiest streets and most graffiti

DISTRICT 6 had four of the five dirtiest corridors in the city, according to the annual Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Standards report from the controller’s office.

Three are in the Inner Mission District and one in the Tenderloin, according to the 54-page 2009-10 report on city cleanliness released Oct. 28. The data were based on 385 inspections by the City Services Auditor’s office and the Department of Public Works.

District 6 had none of the top five cleanest residential and commercial corridors in the city, but its four dirtiest were all commercial: Geary between Jones and Van Ness, Mission between Duboce and 18th Street, 16th Street between Valencia and Folsom, and 15th Street between Guerrero and Capp.

To be considered clean, a corridor must have fewer than five pieces of litter per 100 feet of curb. The darp corridors had five to 15 pieces per 100 feet of curb.

Overall, according to the report, city streets were 18% cleaner than in 2008-09, and sidewalks were 10% improved in reducing an ugly mix of needles, feces, broken glass, condoms and dumping in general.

But when comparing supervisorial areas, District 6 had more street and sidewalk litter than the others, although the district showed improvement over 2008-09 in both categories.

Another dismal result showed District 6 had by far the most graffiti on private property and non-DPW public property than any other district — and 61.5% more than the city average. It was the third consecutive year District 6 led the category. Graffiti throughout the city has increased over four years.

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Boeddeker Park gets $4.5 million for makeover

Garrity, “better views of the park’s areas for in the park,” said Tenderloin Capt. Joe Traynor. This new park will be a very well-liked. The average grant amount was $2.97 million.

“I think the new park will be much more utilized by the diverse groups in the neighborhod including families, kids of all ages, seniors and nonsenior adults,” Traynor said.

“There are so many new features such as the multipurpose basketball court where people can also play other games such as volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area for picnics and socializing; greatly improved volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area people can also play other games such as the multipurpose basketball court where they can also play other games such as volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area for picnics and socializing; greatly improved volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area people can also play other games such as the multipurpose basketball court where they can also play other games such as volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area for picnics and socializing; greatly improved volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area people can also play other games such as the multipurpose basketball court where they can also play other games such as volleyball and badminton; larger grassy area for picnics and socializing; greatly improved volleyball and badminton; 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City kicks in over 1/3 of District 6 campaign costs

Continued from Page 1

spent $1,073,667, hundreds of thousands of dollars less than what it cost them this year in the five districts where candidates took public money.

As candidates have become savvier about making the most of public financing, and the size of the field has grown in some races, the impact of public financing on the city’s general fund has grown apace. In this year’s five supervisorial races, half of the 44 candidates on the ballots qualified for matching funds. In this year’s five supervisorial races, half of the 44 candidates on the ballots qualified for matching funds. Rob Arrow, campaign coordinator for Voter Owned Elections, which led the 2005 drive to expand public financing to the mayoral campaign, said not to worry, even though it might appear that the inflationary nature of public campaign funding is cause for alarm.

“It’s a very small price to pay for vastly improved government,” he said, “to ensure that all candidates have enough money to get their messages out without owing favors to special interests. Contributors get a payback,” he concluded.

“I am impressed,” said Rich DeLeon, a retired professor of political science at San Francisco State, “that the winner (Kim) received the most public financing and the least PAC money. In general, and on principle, I support public financing of campaigns because it lowers the entry barriers that would otherwise discourage many worthy potential candidates from running, widens the voter’s field of choice and dilutes the influence of PAC money and other private funding.

“I think the city’s limited and conditional public financing law does a lot to strengthen citizen participation and local ‘small-d’ democracy. In the old days under at-large elections, a nonincumbent candidate for the Board of Supervisors had virtually no chance of winning a seat without raising a minimum of $250,000 and attracting a minimum 100,000 votes.”

Although Prop O had called for a $143,000 overall spending limit for any supervisorial candidate to qualify for matching funds – which by formula would have included $89,000 of taxpayer money — the Ethics Commission has the discretion to raise that ceiling in $10,000 increments in attempting to keep the playing field level. Were a candidate, for instance, to find himself or herself battling a free-spending Whitman-type rival, the commissioners would be likely to approve a request to loosen the restraints.

For instance, in District 6 this year, the money raised by PACs supporting Sparks was a game changer. The executive director of the Human Rights Commission ultimately raised $175,751 through PACs.

“I don’t know where it all came from,” Sparks told The Extra, pointing out that PACs are required to be operated separately from the campaigns they support.

In response to the PAC funding, the Ethics Commission raised the spending limit for Kim and Walker.

“Sparks raised the limit for Jane and me,” said Walker, who nonetheless came in under the original limit, with $72,346 of public funds as of Oct. 16. Kim, however, was at $90,817 in public funding at that point, already almost $2,000 more than the original cap.

Sparks and Walker each got almost $10,000 in PAC money from the California Nurses Association, which Walker said may ultimately have worked to Kim’s advantage, by splitting the labor vote.

**DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES’ CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND COSTS**

The 14 candidates spent a total of $1,058,318 on their combined campaigns through Oct. 16, according to their disclosures filed at the S.F. Ethics Commission. Final disclosure does not have to be filed until Jan. 31, 2011, so the cost per vote could increase.

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* Candidates filed a one-page disclosure that they raised and spent less than $1,000 on their campaigns. Source: San Francisco Ethics Commission

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tions reach $50,000, the city matches donors' dollars 1-1. The match ceil-
ing depends on how much is in the set-aside fund.

Two months before this election, city coffers held $6.4 million for pub-
clic financing of the 22 qualifying can-
didates, or $293,288 each.

The city wound up spending $1.4 million for candidates in District 2, 6 and 10 (in District 4, incumbent Carmen Chu took no public money.) Ultimately, an average of $63,656 per qualifying candidate was dis-
bursed, an amount swelled by District 10 candidates, whose city take exceeded half a million dollars. ■

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CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES FOR TOP THREE VOTE-GETTERS

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| Political consultants          | $54,813           | $2,500              | -0-                 |
| Campaign staff                 | $17,710           | -0-                 | -0-                 |
| Office expenses                | $3,286            | -0-                 | -0-                 |
| Print and promotion            | -0-               | $2,500              | -0-                 |
| Legal/Accounting               | -0-               | -0-                 | -0-                 |

*Final financial disclosures are to be filed by each candidate Jan. 31, 2011, info that will change these numbers

Source: San Francisco Ethics Commission

How trio at top spent what they got

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inal disclosure of how and where campaign funds were expended is not due from the can-
didates until Jan. 31, but filings with the Ethics Commission through Oct. 16 reflect that as election
day approached, money flowed copiously, especial-
ly for the top three vote-getters.

Naturally, political consultants, the Merlins of
electioneering, got the biggest chunks of dough.
Winner Jane Kim paid her team of consultants, Left
Coast Communications — home-based in the Embar-
cadero Center — $88,197 in the final 4½ months before
election day; runner-up Debra Walker paid her consult-
ant, Jim Stearns, the go-to guy for city Democrats,
$10,645; and Theresa Sparks paid several consultants,
nicably Christopher Lee and Colleen Crowley, a
total of $17,000.

No campaign can function without staff, from
iegan volunteers who willingly serve the political
cause without pay to fully paid savvy managers and
political veterans who run the candidate’s headquar-
ters, monitor neighborhood group meetings, and

walk the district’s streets. Kim’s staff received
$28,314. Walker and Sparks paid their workers
$15,200 and $10,650, respectively.

As annoying as campaign brochures could be in
flooding voters’ mailboxes as Nov. 2 approached, can-
didates continued to pump money into the design,
printing and distribution of self-promoting pieces.
These commercial expenses for Kim — $4,479 — and
for Walker — $4,500 — were restrained compared
with Sparks’ $56,989. Kim’s cablevision and print ads
directed to Asian voters seems to have reaped the
highest return.

Interestingly, only Sparks seems to have paid
legal and accounting fees in the run-up to election
day — a combined $15,952 to the Sutton Law Firm
and to Warren and Associates.

Offices and all the expenses they generate, from
rent payments and postage fees to bottled water bills,
took their toll with Kim paying $11,005 in overhead,
Walker $6,750 and Sparks $4,000. ■

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The joyous, free-spending multitudes that lined the Giants’ World Series victory parade route Nov. 3 were a blessing to convenience-food stores but a $100,000 curse to the farmers’ market at U.N. Plaza, where authorities aborted the working day and shut down scores of vendors, costing them their income that Wednesday.

Businesses around Seventh and Market streets told The Extra that sales spiked three or four times normal from an extra tens of thousands of people. But the Heart of the City Certified Farmers Market in U.N. Plaza, overseen by the Rec and Park Department, was belatedly closed, the city losing $3,300 in vendor stall rentals.

A communication snafu led to Park Rangers and SFPD cops sending the market vendors packing at mid-morning, not quite two full days after the Giants clinched the Series over the Texas Rangers.

"Parks called and left a message for us Monday night after the (Series-clinching) game to close on Wednesday but we never got it," said John Hernandez, the market’s assistant manager. "Then they called at 7, 8 and 9 on Wednesday morning. But we were at the market, and not in the office."

Meanwhile, 67 vendors — one date farmer came from Death Valley — had arrived unaware, and struggled to set up their stalls amid the growing swarm of baseball fans. "They (the authorities) came at 10:30 a.m. and kicked everybody out," Hernandez said. "It was a terrible day. The farmers lost $100,000 — it’s their livelihood — and the city lost $3,500 in rental fees. I don’t start collecting them until noon."

Four vendors remained at 1:30 p.m., Hernandez said. They were stranded, awaiting their vehicles that had been parked several blocks away. It took up to five hours, he said, for the trucks to inch back through the crowd while fans pounded victoriously on them. Trucks parked on Hyde Street suffered a different fate. Hernandez said 20 to 30 people climbed atop them to jump up and down in celebration. Angry farmers complained of dents they left.

Echoing a common reaction, Hernandez said the city should have staged the parade on Saturday.

Nearby, store managers, many unprepared for the onslaught, scrambled to meet a demand they later equated to the annual business surge from the Pride Parade. But the rush from the World Series Parade started much earlier.

“We noticed it at 3 a.m.,” said Teary Sang, behind the glass counter at the 24-hour Donut World at Seventh and Market, a short half-block off the parade route. "We didn’t really plan ahead."

The shop ran out of doughnuts and ordered another delivery at 1:30 p.m. They sold out of sandwiches, too. The line was out the door. It took 20 minutes to get served. Sang and her brother and co-worker, Bunny Sang, said the crowd was pleasant and patient.

“We ran out of hot dogs and bread, and then people didn’t mind sandwiches on hot dog buns. They took anything. It was all day, nonstop. It didn’t let up until 4 p.m."

Other store managers, all with long lines far outside the door, agreed on the crowd’s deportment. At vulnerable stores, shoplifting was light. Ming Tsan, who owns the California Bakery on McAllister and Charles J. Brehm Street, said he was helpless to stop people from grabbing Red Bulls out of the standup cooler next to the door and fading back into the crowd. He lost a case of drinks, he said. Another downside to the biggest day of his
one-year ownership, he said, were people "with no place to go," peeing outside on the sidewalk. Up the street at 136 McAllister, Tony, the mom and pop deli and liquor store's employee, said he lost a few bottles of champagne and rum.

"Certain people take advantage of situations," Tony said. "You try your best but some things are beyond your reach. The cops didn't have time for us. But it was a good crowd, families and kids wanting candy and sandwiches. Everybody was happy."

Most of the nine establishments The Extra visited reported business up at least triple normal. More than half of them said it was a bigger payday than the Pride Parade.

Joe Dunphy, owner of Celtic Coffee Company next door to the mom and pop, who the week before had celebrated 1,000 days in his new business at 138 McAllister, got hit so hard by the World Series windfall that he ran out of everything and closed 3½ hours early.

"I wasn't prepared for this," Dunphy said at his coffeehouse haunt frequented by Hastings Law School students who had the day off. He had stocked more than double the normal supplies. "We ran out of everything and I closed at 2:30, exhausted."

He and another employee had opened at 6 a.m., serving a few regulars. But by 7 a.m., 15 people were waiting. Fifteen minutes later it was nearly 50. "I hadn't anticipated this. I didn't have two more employees coming in until 9."

He sold all 150 bagels by 10 a.m., sandwiches by 11. At one point, Dunphy said, he had had 16 bagels lined up and nobody could remember what was to go on them. The line was well out the door and the wait for orders was up to 20 minutes.

"We made three times our usual number of omelettes by 11, then we closed the doors — it was getting out of control."

They made more sandwiches between 11 and 12, reopened, but closed for good 2½ hours later, out of just about everything.

Dunphy said it makes up for the typically slow November and December, when Hastings students, who make up 30% of his business, are mostly out of town.

The sales at Carl's Jr. on U.N. Plaza also did three times usual business and needed a special delivery of burgers to serve a line that stretched out the door and across the plaza to the underground BART entrance. Carl's sold 1,100 of the 2-for-$5 special Western Bacon Cheeseburgers, according to Manager Mohammed Safdar.

His crowds started around 7 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. It "was almost my biggest day" in 10 years of managing Carl's, Safdar said, topped only by the Pride Parade. "And it was almost too much work."

But what business the crush delivered with one hand, it took away with the other. There was no way Galaxy Pizza, a block away on Golden Gate Avenue, could deliver.

"We opened at 11 a.m. and had no deliveries," said owner Abbas Alshadud. "Our driver couldn't get out of here. The gridlock caused by the thick crowd, reportedly 50 people deep at some parade points, knocked out what is usually 80% of his business. Even so, business was "two to three times" a regular day's receipts by the time Alshadud closed four hours early at 8 p.m. because the restaurant had run out of cheese. He hadn't had time to break away and buy more.

Exuberant Eric Man, the 20-year owner-manager of EM's Place at 154 McAllister, said it best. Speaking for his store-managing colleagues about Giants fans on their historic parade day:

"I love them all because they give me the green stuff, the money," Man said, smiling. "I wish every day was like this."
More than 400 mourners jammed the St. Boniface sanctuary Dec. 3 to pay homage to the late charismatic Franciscan friar, Kelly Cullen, whose work to improve the lives of the Tenderloin poor reminded some of the order’s founder, St. Francis of Assisi.

Brother Kelly’s leadership, despite no administrative training, turned around TNDC, the then-stagnant affordable housing nonprofit, after he became executive director in 1992, a position he held until 2005 when he resigned and Housing Director Don Falk, whom Brother Kelly hired in 1994, took over.

In Brother Kelly’s 13 years at the helm, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation increased the number of its low-cost units from 574 to 1,000. Now TNDC owns or operates 30 SROs and apartment buildings that house up to 3,000 low-income and formerly homeless residents in 2,500 units.

Brother Kelly also created the Celebrity Pool Toss in 1992, an annual fundraiser for TNDC’s kids’ programs that raised $200,000 this year. He was influential, too, in starting the tuition-free St. Boniface Academy next to St. Boniface for poor neighborhood kids.

He won donations from the socially conscious wealthy who gave outside the Tenderloin after bringing them into the slad row neighborhood to see dire conditions and “see the generosity,” could alleviate. He served on the St. Anthony Foundation board in the 1990s.

“He wasn’t Francis,” Girardo said, “he was Jesus.”

State Sen. Mark Leno, who had State Sen. Mark Leno, who had met Brother Kelly, recalled, “’Aren’t we having fun?’”

Ellen Cullen Harris, Brother Kelly’s niece, said she always adored her uncle and told an anecdote that showed his love of freedom and flair for living. Once when babysitting her as a 5-year-old, he woke her from a nap, telling her to remove her shoes and they’d go outside and play on the lawn. She said she still remembers the squishy mud and freshly mowed grass and what a joy it was, but then timidly asked, “Won’t we get into trouble?” “Who cares!” he thundered, she recalled.”

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His friends also alluded to his “dark side.” His methamphetamine use to fuel his fast-paced life, reported elsewhere, led to an addiction that caused him to resign from TNDC and seek treatment. He later became director of the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside, visiting here annually for the pool toss, and sometimes got tossed in, and for TNDC’s birthday celebration.

“He was vivacious and never afraid to jump off a cliff for those in need,” said Girardo. “And it was my privilege to bail him out of jail!” and help with his “recovery.”

Since Brother Kelly loved celebrations and demonstrations of support, Girardo said, he asked everyone at the St. Boniface memorial to stand and applaud. They did, with big smiles, for nearly a minute.

“Justice and generosity,” she said, “he is the one in the world. He spoke of poverty, chastity and obedience. He was very protective when Mayor Willie Brown appointed Leno a supervisor in 1998. “You don’t know what the other side is like,” Leno said. He then announced a $7,500 donation to be divided equally among TNDC, the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat where Brother Kelly had been living, and retired Franciscan friars.

Mourners said Brother Kelly was a very spiritual person who found God everywhere in life. They sometimes were amused and often inspired by his actions. He picked up pennies on the street because he “couldn’t disregard the small things.” He was known for his strange messages in musicals (he sang “Les Mis” four times) and movies (“he didn’t just watch movies, he crawled inside them”), and he traveled to France and Thailand for renewed inspiration.

“But he was a friend, not a monk,” said Father Tom West, referring to the Chronic Obstructive that identified him as a monk. “Monkey go off to be by themselves. Friars go into the world. And Kelly took that to the limit.”

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MikE Turner

Four of Mike Turner's neighbors at the West Hotel came to his Nov. 9 memorial and remembered him as a man who didn't let on much about his past.

“He was just a nice guy,” said Carlos Torres. ‘He didn't bother people, but always said hello. In fact, the day before he died he said to him in the hall, then found out he was gone a few hours later.

“I made me realize how fast things can happen. How mortal we all are.”

Mr. Turner lived at the Civic Center Residence for several years, then moved into the West, at 141 Eddy, three years ago. Declining general health and diabetes that required dialysis three times a week took their toll. He died at the Amb. Oct. 27. He was 62.

“I would've guessed he was in his 70s,” said a resident. “He wasn’t especially well, but he never really talked about himself. He had children, but that’s all I knew about him.”

Mr. Turner’s wife, Ming Tsoi, told The Extra that he had five children, three of them in the Bay Area.

“Mike was born in Texas and came to San Francisco with his parents — he was the baby in the family — and he lived here most of his life,” said Ms. Tsoi, who was separated from him in 2010. She worked for many years through Local 510, the Trade Show and Convention Installers and Exhibitor Builders Union.

“He was a very outgoing person,” she said. “He’d get the roommates and people laugh and people were drawn to him.

Illness, perhaps, made him grumpy sometimes. A resident at the memorial recalled how he wasn’t too cheerful when they were being done.

“He had this walking roller and complained a lot,” he said. “I think the health system let him down.”

William Leary, the West’s social work supervisor, said that despite Mr. Turner’s problems, his friendliness persisted.

“I’d see him out in front of the hotel, laughing with some people who came by,” Leary said. “He seemed to have a lot of relationships with people in the community, and I’m sure he’ll be missed.”
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BY TOM CARTER

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J. Paul Chaisson, Drop-In Center coordinator

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Edgar Mercado, Warm Line coordinator

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Dana Lyn Wedel, psychiatric nurse practitioner

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Dr. Yuan Wang, acupuncturist

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Myrda Monasterial, administrative assistant

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Glide public holiday events: Dec. 17, grocery bag giveaway, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Dec. 21, toy giveaway, 9-10 a.m.; Dec. 24, prime rib luncheon, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dec. 25, Christmas breakfast, 7-8:30 a.m.; Christmas celebrations, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Christmas dinner, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Alliance for a Better District 6, 12th Annual Meeting, Wed., Jan. 16, 9 a.m. 201 Turk St. community room. Awards to community members who’ve made significant contributions to District 6, door prizes, guest speakers, refreshments, election of officers and more. Co-sponsored by La Parrilla Grill, Lefty O’Doul’s, Tip Top Market, 201 Turk Street Family Apartments, Northeast Community Federal Credit Union, Susan Bryan, Michael Nulty.

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Tenderloin Walk on the Wild Side, Jan. 11, 2 p.m. meet in front of 134 Golden Gate Ave. for a reception and free 90-minute preview tour with TL historian Deleano Seymour. Preview includes walk past 101 Taylor, the former site of Compton’s Cafeteria and “the birth of the national LGBT movement.” Seymour says, He’s planning a series of perhaps weekly low-cost or donation-only tours. Info: 574-1641.

COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., Dorothy Day Community, 54 McIntyre St. Call: 427-2900 x304.

Tenants Association Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of the month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

CBHS Consumer Council, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5-7 p.m., CBHS, 1380 Howard St., room 537. Call: 255-3695. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health advocates. Open to the public.

Health & Wellness Action Advocates, 1st Tuesday of the month, 5-7 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market St., Suite 802, 421-2928 x406.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1010 Mission St., Bayviewan Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Call James Chionsini, 701-0188 x304.

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 (NAMI), 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough St., 5th Fl. Call: 906-6264. Family member group, open to the public.

SAFETY

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Training (NERT), Central city residents can take the S.F. Fire Department’s free disaster preparedness and response training at neighborhood locations. www.sfgov.org/sffdnert, or Lt. Arteseros, 970-2022.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 809-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com, a districtwide improvement association.


Friends of Beedeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Beedeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy St. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SfMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: Tim Figueras, 554-9532.

North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, Full board meets 3rd Monday of every other month, 5:30 p.m., 134 Golden Gate Ave., 292-4812.

SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Community Advisory Committee meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 5-7 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor atkrm. Info: Claudine del Rosario 749-2519.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1050 Polk St. Health, Safety & Human Services Committee meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday. 1035 Folsom, noon. 487-2166 or www.sompac.com.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon, Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Information: www.tfcures.org, 820-3989.

Tenderloin Neighborhood Association, 2nd Friday of the month, 842 Geary St., 5 p.m. Nonprofit focuses on health and wellness activities to promote neighborhood interactions. Info: tenderloinneighborhood@yahoo.com.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

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

Senior Action Network, general meeting, 2nd Thursday of the month, 9 a.m.-noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. Monthly programs. 965 Mission St. #700; Senior Housing Action Committee, 3rd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. Call for health program and Senior University: 546-1333 and www.shan.org.