



Russian Hill Neighbors

Russian Hill Neighbors is a voice for residents and merchants to preserve and advance neighborhood character and quality of life through collaboration, volunteerism and celebration of community.

RHN Newsletter
Spring 2011

From the President by Tina Moylan

Please join our Board of Directors and members at Russian Hill Neighbors' Annual Meeting on Friday, April 15th at the University Club, 800 Powell Street from 6:30-8:30 pm. At the corner of California and Powell, it is easy access for mass transit. Also, valet parking is available. We shall provide a wide assortment of appetizers and a no-host bar. Social time starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by our Keynote Speakers, Supervisors David Chiu from District 3 and Supervisor Mark Farrell of District 2. They will do a duet presentation regarding issues on Russian Hill and citywide with questions and answers to follow. We shall have a brief vote to elect new Board Members. We have chosen different organizations who are very involved in the health, safety, and well being of our community to table at the meeting. They are North Beach Citizens, SAFE, Broadway Tunnel Project, Tel Hi Center, the Polk Corridor Resiliency Project, and the North Beach Coalition. You will receive much information at our meeting, and I encourage all of you to get involved in any way you can in these amazing, selfless organizations that are helping our City on a daily basis.

Another eventful year has passed with the RHN Board continuing to build our committees. Our Design, Zoning and Land Use Committee, ably led by Vice President and Committee Chair Marvin Frankel, is tracking as well as involved in sixteen Land Use Projects. In keeping with our mission to preserve and enhance the character and beauty of the neighborhood, the ten-member team is tracking the Valencia Garage project at 1945 Hyde Street. Safety Chair Deborah Garofalo has had a busy year both on our Board and in an Advisory capacity to Central Station on neighborhood issues. She is currently putting together a SF SAFE summit and information forum at Tel Hi Center along with the SFPD. This forum will provide our membership and other neighbors with tips on personal safety, home safety, and other aspects of protecting ourselves from the opportunists who seem to be thriving in our depressed economy. More information on the details of this summit will be available at the Annual Meeting as well as through our monthly eBlasts.

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Membership is at an all time high and many thanks to the countless hours spent by both current and past Membership Chairs, Kris Anderson and Helen Doyle. We are continuing to take an active role in our neighborhood parks, which are well maintained and beautiful and the members who help both physically and financially in keeping them gems. Judy Junghans, Lucretia Rauh, Phoebe Douglass, and Alison Collins all make the park work look easy...it's not! Special thanks to the neighbors at the top of Vallejo Street who maintain the beauty of the park at their own expense.

We are always looking for new volunteers to make a difference in our community. The Board of Directors meets monthly at one of our homes and many friendships have been forged through this process. We are currently looking for a Secretary and Communications Chair for our Board and are in the process of creating a Families with Children Committee. Please contact me if you are interested, and I'll happily meet with you to discuss any of the open positions.

Wishing you a wonderful spring filled with the hope that much of the world is finding difficult to find.

Neighborhood Nert News

As the recent devastation in New Zealand and Japan serves as a reminder to be prepared, we know disaster strikes without warning and, when it does, we'll all need to be ready to take care of ourselves, those with whom we live, and our neighbors. Members of Russian Hill Neighbors are people who care about their neighborhood and community ... which makes all of us perfect candidates to learn the skills needed to offer help when the going gets tough! If you are not yet a NERT, you may not know that training is free and is offered in six three-hour classes or just two intensive days. Please consider becoming a member of the San Francisco Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). You will not be required to help in an emergency but you will learn to take care of yourself, your home, and your well-being. As involved members of the community, however, I'll bet that you'll be keen to help when the time comes.

Russian Hill NERT members meet bi-monthly to exchange news, discuss topics of interest, and forge a sense of community and cooperation. Even non-NERTs are welcome to attend these informal meetings. Our Russian Hill NERT Coordinator, Sandra Gardner, is always available to answer questions at 415-244-3499 or sandra@sandragardner.com. For a schedule of upcoming NERT classes and events, go to sf-fire.org, keyword NERT. Also, watch for the annual City Wide Drill, this year happening on April 16.

Social Committee

Come join in the fun of planning or just enjoy the fun of the activities of the Social Committee. Throughout the year we have the last Monday of the Month "Cheers" get-togethers, dinners at various neighborhood restaurants, tickets to the theater and the San Francisco Symphony's All City Concert. Coming attractions will include an RHN Book Club. Join the committee and bring your ideas to help make our Social Committee vibrant and varied.

District 2 Update - Supervisor Mark Farrell



I am very honored to be your new representative on the Board of Supervisors. I am thrilled to represent District 2, the neighborhood where I grew up and the neighborhood where my wife Liz and I are raising our children.

From the great restaurants and shops of our neighborhood commercial districts, to the history of the Presidio, the beaches of Crissy Field and the wide avenues of the Richmond District, District 2 has some of the most distinct, beautiful and colorful parts of San Francisco. As I stated throughout my campaign, it is in the neighborhoods where I truly believe we see the heart and soul of our great City, and I vow to be a steward of our neighborhoods in City Hall.

There are many issues on the horizon in District 2 that will need our attention. The California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC), which provides health care for more than 40% of San Francisco patients, plans to build a new hospital on the corner of Van Ness and Geary at the old Cathedral Hill Hotel site. The current hospital design will consist of 555 beds combining both the California and Pacific campuses, which are also located in District 2. Plans for the Pacific campus include transforming it into an outpatient care center, and CPMC is still deciding what to do with the California campus. I look forward to convening neighborhood discussions on all of these plans.

As the Doyle Drive construction continues and the Presidio Trust moves forward with its plans to develop the Main Post and other parts of the National Park, we need to be mindful of any impacts on our neighborhoods. In Russian Hill, the Public Utilities Commission has announced its intention to sell the Francisco Reservoir for development. We need to work with the PUC to make certain that the area is maintained as open space and public recreation as called for in the General Plan.

One of the most exciting things on the horizon is the America's Cup, a world-class sailing competition where the winning Yacht Club makes the rules and hosts the subsequent event. District 2 is actually the home of that winning club, the Golden Gate Yacht Club, and after rounds of negotiations, San Francisco won the right to host the next America's Cup in 2013. The race is estimated to generate more than \$1 billion in economic activity and thousands of new jobs. District 2 will be intimately involved as many viewing areas will be set up and activities will be held at the Golden Gate Yacht Club. I look forward to taking an active role and working with neighbors, city officials and other agencies to make the 34th America's Cup a huge success.

As I settle into my office at City Hall, I am mindful of the enormous amount of work that lies ahead. As we face a record budget deficit, I will lean on my finance background and push for measures that will provide long-term solutions to San Francisco's financial mess. I look forward to working on measures that will bring jobs back to San Francisco and that will help our local small businesses grow.

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If you ever have any questions or concerns, you can always reach me by calling the office at 554-7752 or by emailing me at mark.farrell@sfgov.org. My legislative aides, Margaux Kelly and Catherine Stefani, are also available to listen and help with any of your concerns. They can be reached at the same number or at margaux.kelly@sfgov.org and catherine.stefani@sfgov.org.

I hope you will engage with the political process in San Francisco and be part of the effort to bring real change to our great City – from the neighborhoods all the way to City Hall.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your District 2 Supervisor.

District 3 Update - Supervisor David Chiu



The appointment of Ed Lee as Interim Mayor at the beginning of the year ushered in a refreshing cooperative tone to City Hall. This shift couldn't come at a better time -- the City is facing a projected \$380 million budget shortfall and ballooning pension and health care costs. We must figure out how to tighten our belts without compromising the values and city services that make us all so proud to live in San Francisco.

Greening the City – One Step at a Time

Every year, enormous yellow pages sit untouched in my apartment lobby for months, and pile, unwanted, on doorsteps throughout our neighborhoods. After investigation, I learned that 1,600,000 yellow pages are delivered every year – almost two for every person in the City. These directories find their way into trash and recycling bins, with staggering environmental and financial costs. In February, I introduced legislation to reduce the delivery of unwanted yellow pages. This first-of-its-kind law makes sure that every resident who wants a phone book gets one - the City will reach out to senior, disabled and low-income San Franciscans. A strong coalition of support is forming with the Sierra Club, Senior Action Network, the Green Chamber of Commerce, and others. Soon, we will not have to walk by piles of unwanted yellow pages that litter and blight our sidewalks.

Office Art Show – Add Bonn

This month, my office welcomes the art of Add Bonn, a native San Franciscan and longtime resident of Russian Hill. Add is turning 100 while we host her work, and the show is curated to present styles that span her long, artistic career. She studied at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco (now San Francisco Art Institute), as well as studied with Hazel Salmi and Marion Hartwell. Add has exhibited in juried shows at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Palace of Fine Art, the De Young Museum, the Legion of Honor, the Oakland Art Museum and the Richmond Art Center. I am honored to have Add's work in my office at City Hall. Please stop by anytime, or come to our reception (and birth-

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day party!) on Friday, April 22 from 4-6pm.

America's Cup

On New Year's Eve, San Francisco won our bid to host the 34th America's Cup in 2013. Akin to rolling the World Series and Super Bowl into several months of sailing races, the Cup will bring over \$1B of economic activity to the Bay Area, showcase our magnificent Bay, and bring aging piers into the 21st century. My office played a central role negotiating the City's winning bid, and I am proud that our hard work will bring new opportunities and excitement to San Francisco and to District 3. Our Northern Waterfront piers will play a central role in hosting the America's Cup, and organizers will engage the neighborhoods as planning for this incredible event begins. I look forward to working with City staff, the America's Cup team and our neighborhood leaders to address preparations for public transit, small businesses, recreation, tourists, and safety for 2013.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods

An emerging body of knowledge shows that communities with greater social capital are more resilient in times of adversity, and better equipped to solve everyday neighborhood challenges. With the support of the Russian Hill Neighbors and District 3 residents, my office is working on two exciting new initiatives in North Beach and the Polk Corridor. These initiatives will strengthen relationships, while tackling neighborhood issues and planning events. For more information, visit the Neighborhood Empowerment Network at www.empowersf.org.

Upcoming Neighborhood Summit

Please join me at the North Beach Neighborhood Summit on Saturday, April 16th from 10am–1pm at Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center. The Summit is a time for neighbors to meet, discuss ideas and challenges, and strategize about how to improve our community. Free lunch and childcare will be provided. The Summit is organized by the North Beach Resiliency Coalition with the support of City, SFSU, and USF partners - hope to see you there!

Moving Forward

My office's hard work is generating meaningful results. In the coming weeks, an appointment vacancy website I championed to facilitate greater participation for all San Franciscans in citizen boards, commissions, and task forces will go live. Meetings my office convened on crime victims have led to greater communication between departments that provide services to victims and a centralized victim services website. After consultations with my office, the MTA is in the final stages of preparing a proposal to restrict the movement of tour buses on certain streets in North Beach. I am working on new proposals, including some that will assist small businesses and make government smarter, and I look forward to sharing them with you in the near future.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me or my staff to talk about your ideas and important issues. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Russian Hill Neighbors Annual Meeting on Friday, April 15th!

RHN Proposed Board of Directors and Officers 2011-2012

The nominating committee of RHN has carefully reviewed the candidates for officers and directors for the upcoming year. The committee recommends the following:

President	Tina Moylan	incumbent
Vice President	Geoff Barneby	currently a director
Vice President	Marvin Frankel	incumbent
Secretary	Open	
Treasurer	Harold Wong	incumbent
Director (2011-2013)	Lydia Pugliese	currently VP
Director (2011-2013)	Sarah Taber	incumbent
Director (2011-2013)	Laurie Petipas	incumbent

Tina Moylan has served as President of RHN for the past two years and is up for re-election. Tina is involved in many community activities and serves on the boards of several San Francisco nonprofit organizations. She lives on Russian Hill with her husband Mike who is a fellow USF graduate. They have two grown children.

Marvin Frankel was born in San Francisco, raised on the peninsula and returned to Russian Hill in 2003. He and wife Audrey are raising two children ages two and three. He has served on the board of RHN since 2009 where he helped put together the Design, Zoning, and Land Use Committee, often referred to as DZLU. Marvin now chairs that committee of ten to track projects on the hill.

Geoffrey Barneby and his wife Robin and year-old baby Gemma reside on Russian Hill. Geoff joined the board in 2010 as a director and is now the nominee for Vice President.

Harold Wong served as Treasurer of the Board from 1982 – 1991. He then moved to the Peninsula to start a family. We are fortunate that he has moved back to Russian Hill, where he grew up, and that he has become active in the neighborhood again. He serves on many boards throughout the City and returned to RHN as treasurer in 2009.

Lydia Pugliese has lived on Russian Hill for 10 years and has been a member of RHN since 2001. During that time she has served on the board of her homeowner's association, chaired the Neighborhood Improvement Committee and served as vice-president on the Executive Board while chairing the Traffic and Transportation committee.

Sarah Taber has been on the RHN Board since 2009. She and her husband recently completed construction on their apartment on Green Street, and she is delighted to be back in "the best neighborhood in town." Sarah had been active in RHN in the early 1980s and is currently serving on the DZLU Committee. She is project chair for the Valencia Garage Project.

Laurie Petipas is a 33-year resident of Russian Hill. He has served with Russian Hill Neighbors since its early inception, first as a volunteer and later as a Board member and Committee Co-chair. He is currently a member of the Design, Zoning & Land Use Committee.

From the Desk of Captain Ann Mannix Northern Police Station



Hello Russian Hill Neighbors, fellow crime fighters...The big crime news this month city-wide is car break-ins. You have probably seen the broken glass in the street; you may have even been a victim yourself. I need your help in combating this crime, and I promise it will not take much effort on your part. Please do not leave anything of value in your parked and unattended car, even for “five minutes.” Even if you park your car in a garage, do not leave anything of value inside. Tell your friends too, and tell them to tell their friends. Education equals prevention! Check out our YouTube video to see how quick and easy it is to break into a car. Once on YouTube query: Northern Station PSA 2.

Robberies are about one-fifth as frequent as car break-ins, but they are much higher on our “scale” of crime importance because they are against a person. **The number one targeted item out there right now is still the Apple iPhone.** The

resale value on the street for that phone is very high. There is a lot of money to be made for little effort on the part of the (opportunist) criminal. I call them opportunists because criminals are basically pretty lazy; they look for the easiest opportunity to ply their “trade.” So when you are on the bus, sitting by the back exit door, totally engrossed in some application on your cell phone, it takes very little effort to snatch the phone out of your hand and run off the bus. It actually takes about 10 seconds. Oh, and by the way, next time you are on the bus, look around you and see how many other people are totally engrossed in their phones. It’s enlightening. When you are on the phone walking down the street oblivious to your surroundings, having a great conversation with someone, again it takes little effort to “relieve” you of that phone. I can’t tell you how many times I have read the following in police reports as victims attempt to unsuccessfully recall what the bad guy looked like “I didn’t see it coming” or “it happened so quickly.” All I am asking of you in our partnership is that when you are out there talking/using your cell phone (especially iPhone) is be aware of your surroundings and if you ever get a “bad” feeling about a situation you are in, to trust those instincts as they are usually right. Yes, I have even read that in a police report, as a victim recounted the robbery incident, literally “I had a bad feeling that something was going to happen.” Another great YouTube video we created concerns robberies. Look for it at: Northern Station PSA 3.

Another great partner in our crime fighting efforts is SF SAFE (www.sfsafe.org). This is a great WEB site with lots of crime prevention tips.

If you are interested in receiving my monthly newsletter that includes arrest highlights, crime prevention tips, resource information, and other crime-related information, please email me and I will add you to Northern Station’s newsletter list: ann.mannix@sfgov.org. You can also follow me on twitter at: northern station. Finally, I hold a monthly meeting at Northern Station (1125 Fillmore) on the second Thursday of the month at 12 noon. It is an open forum where we discuss myriad community concerns. Be safe out there and thanks for the help!

From the Desk of Captain Kevin Cashman Central Police Station



Looking back on the previous year, I notice the majority of crimes were non-violent in nature. The crimes that do jump out were theft related and can be reduced with a little effort in deterrence.

Auto boosting, or thefts from a vehicle, is a city-wide concern. Every district in San Francisco has a problem with suspects breaking into vehicles and stealing personal items. Remember, there are several ways to deter a potential thief from breaking into your car:

- Always lock your doors and roll up your windows after parking your vehicle.
- Never leave items of value in your vehicle - even hidden; crooks will find them.
- If you are going to leave items in you car, put them in the trunk prior to arriving at your destination.

I have also noticed that, although not too prevalent in Russian Hill, garage burglaries are another police concern throughout the residential areas. Again, there are ways to deter this crime from happening in the first place:

- When driving out of your garage, be sure the door closes completely before pulling away.
- Like on the street, it is never a good idea to leave items of value in your vehicle.
- Check your garage's key for signs of tampering and assure it is always in working order.
- The installation of cameras can help capture a garage thief if they do get in.

These are just a few of the ways you can protect yourself from such crimes. For more information on how to deter crime or form a neighborhood watch, contact S.A.F.E. at www.sfsafe.org.

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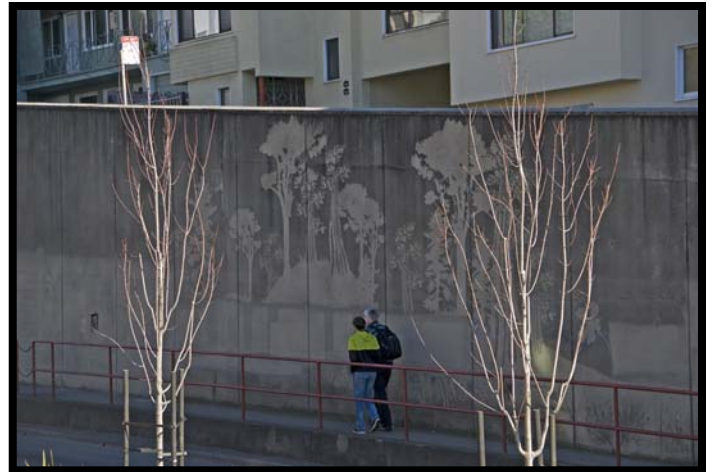
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Greening the Broadway Tunnel

Saturday, February 12 was DPW's Cleanup day. It was a beautiful day for working outdoors, and several events took place on Russian Hill.



(Above photos by Al Greening, RHN member)



DPW painted the back walls at the Hyde Street overpass. You will note from the photo that the planters are now installed and the irrigation is hooked up. We are waiting for trees to be planted in place of the current ground cover. One step at a time....

Volunteers painted the railings Golden Gate Bridge red. The color adds contrast to the barren walls and brings out the murals that Moose Curtis did last year. The planted trees in the median frame it nicely.

District 2 and 3 Clean-Up Day



Supervisor David Chiu, Russian Hill Neighbors, and Middle Polk Neighbors helped the San Francisco Rec and Park department plant more bushes at the Broadway Mini Park above the Broadway Tunnel. If you have not been up there lately, you will be amazed at the difference; from a dog park to the lush, green inviting park that it is today.



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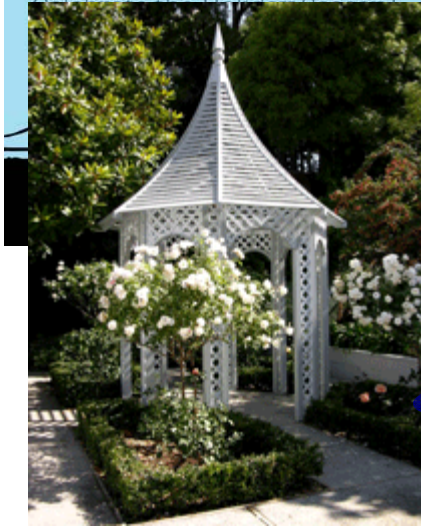
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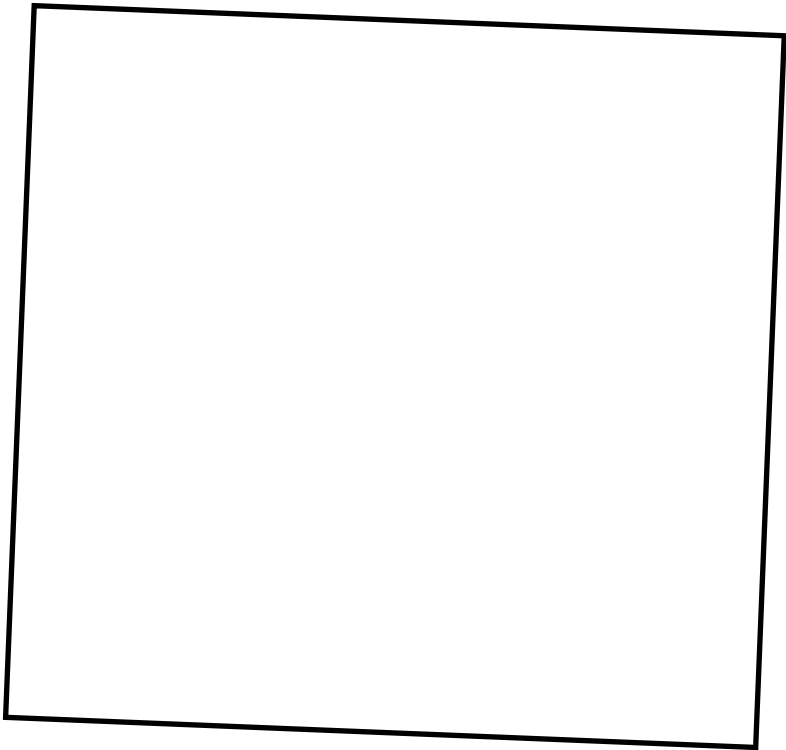
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