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SAVE THE DATE! CVIA Summer Social August 27, 1-4 pm



Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Special guest will be Cole Valley's new supervisor Rafael Mandelman. Snacks, wine and beer are included in the \$10 per person entry fee. Members and their guests only. Location TBA.

It's Decided: No Cars on the East End of JFK Drive

In a 7-4 vote, the Board of Supervisors backed legislation from Mayor London Breed that bans cars in perpetuity on 1.5 miles of Golden Gate Park's main thoroughfare. After months of debate and endless arguments—including among CVIA Board members—the decision was finally made. The COVID restrictions of the past two years made it an easy temporary choice. But forever? Like it or not, that was the verdict and we must find work-arounds to live with it.

As the vote numbers reveal, the Supervisors were far from agreement. Connie Chan and Shamann Walton, who



Photo: walksf.org

The decision was postponed for months as neighbors fought acrimoniously.

sponsored an alternate proposal, voted against the ordinance, as did Supervisors Ahsha Safaí and Aaron Peskin.

The vote came at the end of a 12-hour meeting, most of which was consumed by a deluge of public comment, both in person at City Hall and on the phone.

The supervisors' decision resolves one of the most highly anticipated issues in recent months and finalizes the transformation of a thoroughfare that leads to some of the most prominent attractions in the park system.

Fortunately, the Supervisors also approved amendments from Supervisors Catherine Stefani and Gordon Mar

Cole Valley Fair September 25

It's a pleasure to announce the relaunch of the 18th annual Cole Valley Fair on Sunday, September 25th, 10 am to 5 pm. Cole Street will be cordoned off from Grattan to Carl—and, a first this year, extending partway to Frederick to better include those brick and mortars as well. As in previous years, this Cole Valley tradition is free to all. It's family-friendly and features local makers, merchants, art-



Everyone turns out on fair day, especially if the weather cooperates.

ists, advocates, delicious food, live music, Chuck Canepa's vintage automobile exhibition, fun activities for kids and so much more—all surrounded by the amazing shops and restaurants of Cole Valley. More details and vendor registration at www.sunsetmercantilesf.com or 415-465-2475.

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Say Goodbye to Residential Parking Stickers

SFMTA transitioned its annual Residential Parking Permits (RPP) from physical stickers to virtual permits. This will streamline the RPP application and administration process. This change will not apply to other permit types—including 1 Day, Visitor, Press, City Vehicle, Teacher and Contractor permits.

Currently, about 70,000 San Francisco residents living in RPP areas purchase an annual parking permit in sticker form each year. Those renewing their permit at the same



New technology enables the City to transition to virtual parking permits.

address can pay online and receive their permit in the mail. People buying new permits can do so (a) in-person at the Customer Service Center, where the customer receives their physical sticker at the time of purchase, (b) by mail, or (c) online, and receive their permit in the mail.

Virtual permits have several benefits, such as: being immediately active as soon as it is paid—no waiting for a permit to be mailed; permits can be purchased online—no need to visit the Customer Service Center; no need to place a sticker on the vehicle and, best of all, digital permits cannot be stolen from a vehicle.

This transition is made possible through the use of License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology which allows vehicles to read license plate numbers as they drive through neighborhoods, checking in real time if vehicles have a permit and then notify a Parking Control Officer

The current 2022 residential permits are valid until November 30, 2022 and must continue to be displayed on the vehicle. No change or update is required. The new technology will be used initially for new permit applications. Over the next 12 months, SFMTA will continue to issue physical permit stickers allowing enforcement officers to double-check vehicles during the LPR pilot period, and allow customers to get used to the new virtual permit system.” For more information go to <https://www.sfmta.com/residential-parking-permit-application>.

—Tom Hubbard

Cars Banned from JFK, continued from page 1, column 2.

that will require city officials to provide two years of quarterly reports, starting in July, about their progress improving Golden Gate Park parking options and access for disabled people, among other initiatives. Some of which are: lowering the cost of garage parking, more frequent stops by the park shuttle and running a Muni line the length of the park’s interior to enable easier access for those with mobility problems and from distant neighborhoods.

—Karen Crommie

When Will the 43 Masonic Full Route to Marina Be Restored?

Since the pandemic has subsided and wearing masks on busses is “advised” but no longer mandatory, we might reasonably expect the 43 Masonic to return to its normal route. In fact, a CVIA member, close to the transit folks tipped us off that we might expect it very soon, saying, “In



6 Parnassus service has been suspended although it still appears on bus shelter signs.

June ‘tentatively’ we’ll see the restoration of the 43-Masonic to its full pre-pandemic route. After June, there is a fourth phase to restore Muni routes, but with no tentative date. Under the fourth phase is the return of the 6-Haight/Parnassus and the return of the 66-Quintara to its pre-pandemic routes.” Alas, we heard that rumor three months ago and still nothing has happened.

On the other hand, we have to cut SFMTA some slack. Director Jeffery Tumlin recently told the SF Standard, “Travel patterns have dramatically changed. Our system was designed primarily to bring people to a financial district that is now empty. It’s coming back, but it’s coming back slowly. Each quarter, we’ll be doing a new planning exercise to look at the data: where are the needs? and how do we allocate our new operators?”

“This June we’ve got a general obligation bond for \$400 million. Next November, there is reauthorization of the existing transportation sales tax (Prop A). So those are both basically reauthorizing what we already have and are both necessary to keep us from collapsing, but don’t actually allow us to add anything.”

After reading this excellent report from Michael Barba, published in the SF Standard on April 29, we can easily understand that Muni has greater needs than those of our neighborhood, still, we sorely miss our one-way ride to the Marina.

—Karen Crommie



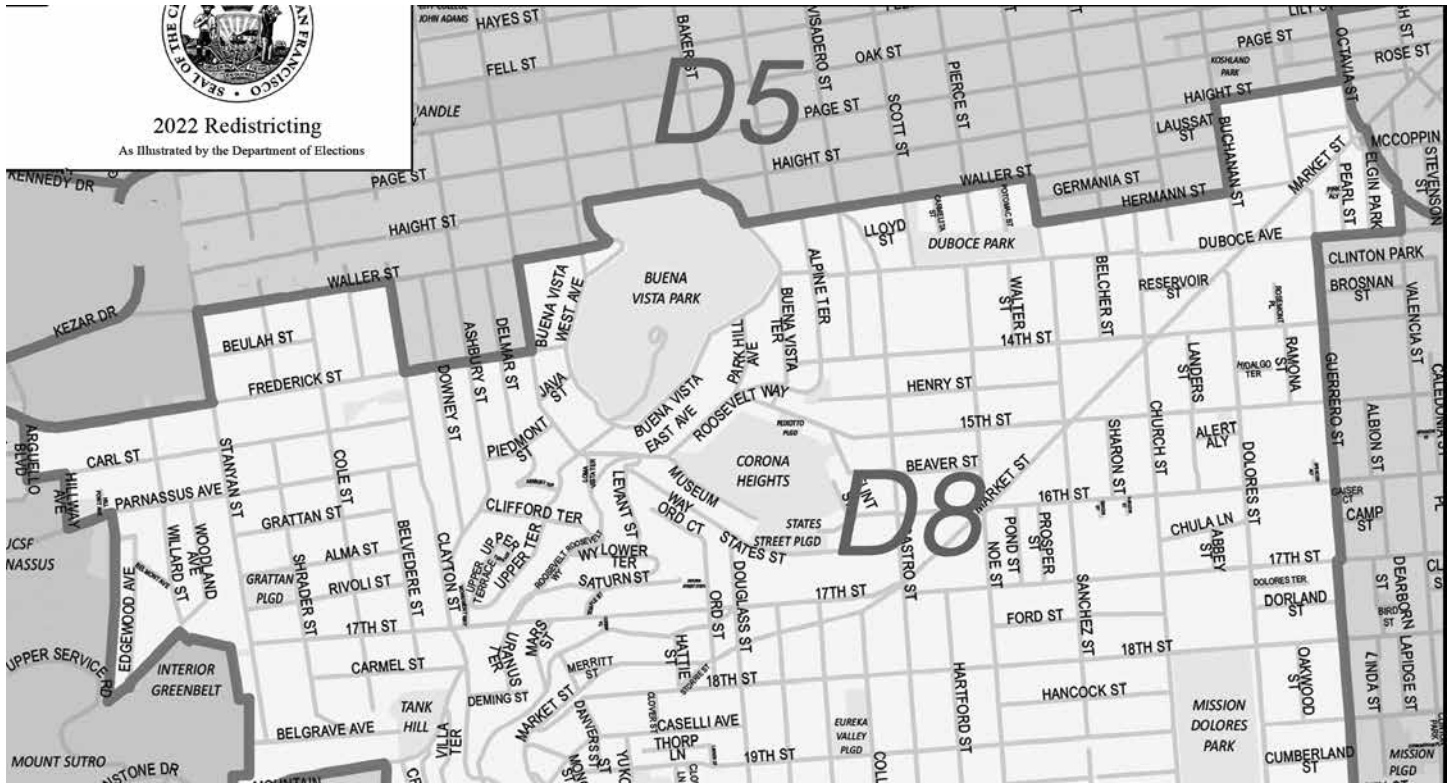
The 43’s traditional route provided direct access to the Marina.

Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied.



2022 Redistricting

As Illustrated by the Department of Elections



Cole Valley Leaves District 5 to Join District 8

On Thursday, April 28, the Redistricting Task Force (RTF) voted to adopt a final map by a 5 to 4 vote. Under the new, tortured division lines, District 5 will basically end on Waller Street, with everything south now in District-8, Supervisor Mandelman’s bailiwick. A total of 26,737 residents previously in District 5 will be moved out of District 5, which is 33% of its population.

In weeks of deliberations, the CVIA Board of Directors was torn. One faction wanted to stay in D-5 as the loyal opposition to the far left progressive majority. Others wanted to bail. After hours of deliberation we decide to petition the RTF to keep CVIA in one district. Of course the redistricting process was complicated and there were many more considerations than our or-

ganization. Since Supervisor Preston is unsympathetic with CVIA’s safe, clean neighborhood priorities, many welcomed the possibility of more clout at City Hall under Mandelman’s leadership. D-5 Supervisor Dean Preston, however, was not so accepting of the redistricting, posting an accusation of (yes) class warfare, “There can be no doubt that District 5 was the target of a gerrymandering campaign by a task force that ignored public input, tore apart communities, and consistently elevated the wishes of the wealthy over those of struggling San Franciscans and their neighborhoods.” I’m not so sure. Anyhow, the die has been cast. Mandelman’s office has already welcomed CVIA and we are grateful for being wanted at City Hall once again.

—Karen Crommie

Fair Organizer Passes Baton

I have had a lot of time to think about my ability to continue organizing the fair and realized that I do not have enough time moving forward to devote to making it the amazing event that it is. After seven years, it is my time to step down and pass it along to someone who is able to plan and execute the successful fair that it has become and will continue to be.

Luckily, I knew just the person to contact. Angie Pettit-Taylor is the owner and founder of Sunset Mercantile and has been organizing many large events over the years in the Inner and Outer Sunset neighborhoods. She operates the Inner Sunset Sunday’s Flea Market and the Outer Sunset Farmers Market. She was co-owner of Cole Valley Antiques at 90 Parnassus for 8 years. Despite relocating Cole Valley Antiques in 2016, she remained tied to the community as a vendor at the Cole Valley Fair.

Angie has shared that our fair is one of her all-time favorite community celebrations and that she plans to carry on this tradition with little change to the overall look and feel. However, she looks forward to bringing some fresh ideas to the table as well.



Cole Valley Thanks Erica

Sunset Mercantile will be reaching out to the broader Cole Valley Fair community soon, introducing themselves and with details about this year’s fair and how to apply. If you have any questions, please reach out to Carol Lau at carol@sunsetmercantilesf.com.

I am thrilled to have Angie and her team continue the unique Cole Valley Fair and am excited to attend in September. Hope to see you there.

—Erica Kajdasz
Midline Studios

It's Good to Reflect That, Yeah, We Got It Good

Today is a gorgeous day; the sun is shining brightly while keeping Carl the fog well offshore, the wild parrots are squawking overhead as the N-Judah pulls up to Carl and Cole. Breathing deeply, I am consciously grateful that I live in Cole Valley. Cole Valley is a wonderful San Francisco neighborhood that feels like a small town or village thriving in the middle of a major city. In Cole Valley, restaurant



Living in the moment with a sense of gratitude has its benefits.

and shop owners know their patrons, neighbors recognize neighbors and greet each other with a Good Morning or Hello. Within a well-kept, three-block radius, Cole Valley residents enjoy access to numerous wonderful restaurants and specialty shops; imported and local wine and cheese, dry cleaning, pet food and supplies, a dog park, homemade ice cream, handmade coffee beverages, a hardware store, farm fresh groceries, fresh flowers, a pharmacy, gym and postal/shipping service.

Cole Valley enjoys a walk score of 97/100 ranked by www.walkscore.com. Our neighborhood is a walker's paradise and is supplemented by public transportation via San Francisco Muni's N-Judah light rail operating between downtown San Francisco Embarcadero and Ocean Beach. Cole Valley is centrally located just steps away from the eastern entrance to our glorious Golden Gate Park.

As I gaze up towards Twin Peaks, I marvel at the sight of those lovely homes built into the hillside. This view reminds me somewhat of the town of Positano located on Italy's Amalfi coast. Cole Valley is truly a gem, I am happy to be home.

—Tom Hubbard

Read your voter information pamphlet carefully. The issues are complicated. And be sure to vote on June 7

Cole Valley Tavern Opens for Business at Cole and Carl

The Cole Valley Tavern opened its doors on April 19 and owner Jim Angelus could not have been more pleased with the community's reaction and support. Jim hoped that there would be a positive response "but you just don't know until you open the doors." So far folks seem to be loving it. The cocktails are a big hit, the wine on tap has been a home run and the feedback on the food has been extremely positive.

The most popular item on the menu is the burger. I asked Jim what happened to those amazing onion rings and he explained that there is just so much room in the fryer and they needed to make some decisions. It seemed to be the right decision, the reaction to the tater tots has been overwhelmingly positive. Another popular



Jim Angelus has a new vision for the former Kezar Bar & Restaurant.

item is the soft serve ice cream and not just with the kids, the adults are loving it too.

I had the lamb burger and fries, the tofu crudo and the charred broccoli caesar- all delicious. I can't wait to make my way down the menu to try it all. And I can say from first-hand experience that the cocktails and the wines on tap are exceptional. You can still get a great burger and a beer at the Cole Valley Tavern, but if you're looking for fresh oysters or a charcuterie plate and a nice bottle of wine, you'll find that, too.

I was very happy to see that they serve dinner until 10:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday. When there is more staff to support longer kitchen hours, they plan to serve until 11:00 pm and will eventually



open for brunch on the weekends. According to Jim, the biggest challenge right now is staffing, especially in the kitchen. Once some of those positions are filled, we will

see an expanded menu with changing seasonal specials.

Jim would like to serve food on Sunday but wants to give his staff a day off, so he has invited Cod Damn, the chippy pop-up to serve fish and chips out of the kitchen on Sundays from 4:30 -8:00 pm. We'll continue to see a few tweaks and additions as things settle in, such as a house cocktail and brewed iced tea on tap. The parklet will be open soon where they'll serve bar snacks and cocktails.

Jim expressed how grateful he is for the turnout from the neighborhood. "It's nice to have the corner alive again." Welcome to the neighborhood, Cole Valley Tavern!

—Shannon Cooper Hock



Thank You For Your Support



It certainly isn't expected, but when a member sends in an extra contribution, we appreciate it greatly. Unfortunately only a few of our merchants contribute to the daily cleaning of Cole Street's business district, which costs CVIA \$1,033 each month. We make up the deficit with member contributions, and a discount from CleanScapes. So we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members for their generosity during the period March 2021 to April 2022. Please notify us if your name has inadvertently been omitted.

Daddy Warbucks: Anonymous (\$3000)

OMG: Tracy & Patrick Jennings (\$2500)

Bacons: Abby & David M. Rumsey (\$1000)

Benefactors: (\$250-\$500): Anonymous, Jennifer Braun & Raymond Ryan, Lena Emmerly & Charles Canepa, Karen & David Crommie, Robert Goodman, Jane & Michael Miller, Michael Siliski, Michael J. Sullivan

Donors: (\$100 - \$249): Cecile & Jeff Bodington, Megan & Bruce Bourne, Chris Bunga, Chantal Byrne, Linda Coda, Elaine Robinson & Andrew Citizen, Ellen Curry, Diane & Christopher Davies, Mary Ann de Souza, Elinor Diamond, James Diwik, Sandra Norberg & Richard Drake, Linda Erkelens, Tresa & Jim Eyres, Russell & Margaret Garvin, Carol & Richard Harris, Marianne Hesse, Shannon & Chris Hock, Thomas Hubbard & Sam Jackson, JJJ Corporation, Robert G. Jones & John T. Smith, Jacqueline Kelly & Dylan Morse, Jim Laufenberg, Randy & Rich Lavinghouse, Karen Mar, Janan New, Jan Platt & Jeff Ross, Michael Raftery, Susan & Steven Rosen, Sigrid Schafmann, Elizabeth Corden & Ken Shannon, Tracy Grubbs & Richard Taylor, Jillian & Blake Tyrrell, Victoria Zaroff

Contributors (\$50-99): Susanna Lorant & Mark Anthenien, William Barnaby, Travis Becker, Sharon Birenbaum, Philip Brodey, Pete Chung, Gloria Galindo & Mari Coates, Anna Coles, Sheila Cordon, Joseph Creitz, Frances Dependahl, Claudia Scharff & Timothy Dunn, Irene Jang & Matthew DuVall, Deb & Tod Frederick, Kevin Dede, Jeanne Blamey & Rob Fram, Lyn & Harold Isbell, Sarah & Neema Jalali, Catherine & Brian Kane, Lauren Peters Lague, Laura Lai, Margareta Ekblad & Vojtech Licko, Michelle & Wallis Lim, Barbara & John Manning, Jamie & Michael Moore, Ineke Ruhland & Bill O'Such, Robert Page, Francine M. Prophet, Ellen Rashbaum & John Wallace, MeMe Riordan, Kendra & William Robins, Valerie Walker, Mary Ann Wolcott

Supporters (\$25 - \$49): Barbara Alexander, Azadeh Moghtaderi & David Amiss, Anonymous, Rob Bakewell, Molly Barry, Gail & Howard Berman, Mary Helen Briscoe, Robert G. Burkhead, Kristina & Howard Case, Meredith White & Steve Cheng, Rita & Richard Felciano, Melissa & Glen Gee, Carole Glosenger, Mike & John Greenwood, Minette

& Isac Gutfreund, Douglas Hall, Lynn Kormondy, Jennifer LaVail & Russell Snyder, Marcia Sollek Lenard, Adele Dorison & David Neuman, Steven Madrid, Thomas Nicoll, Helen & Allan Ridley, Serena Unger & Cole Roberts, Marie Samson, Diane & Bob Silver, Iolanthe Stronger, Fabienne Thuillier, Cynthia Travis, Nicole Valco, Edward C. Walls, Cindy Morton & Peter Weiss, Kack & Doug Wilhelm, Elsa Rosenberg & David Zuckerman

Boosters: (\$24 and below): Anonymous, Anne Buchanan, Beverley Epstein, Maryann Hrichak, Davelene Israel-Han-niford, John Priest

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Our Neighborhood Heroes
2022 Merchant Participants

Cole Cleaners, 930 Cole Associates,
Cole Hardware, Cole Valley Pets,
Crepes on Cole, Ino Vino, Finneg-
ans Wake, Padrecito, Postal Chase,
Wooden Coffeehouse

POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM

Captain Chris Pedrini holds community forums the Fourth Thursday of every month (except December) from 6 to 7:00 p.m. He gives briefings on upcoming permitted events, reviews neighborhood criminal activity, and addresses the safety concerns of residents. It's an excellent way to stay in touch with what's going on in the neighborhood. The meetings are held at Park Station's Community Room (1899 Waller). Or join the meeting via Zoom. To register go to: <https://bit.ly/ParkCommMtg>.



May 26, June 23, July 28.
Mark Your Calendar

SF History: Why Cole Street?

Dr. R. Beverley Cole of Philadelphia was advised for health reasons to move to California. He did so during the gold rush period, making a Panama crossing, then arriving in San Francisco aboard the steamship Cherokee in 1852. At the age of twenty-three, already an accomplished surgeon, he was San Francisco's first practitioner of the new specialty of obstetrics. Cole had performed three Cesarean sections in the East, a medical marvel in those days. He was a handsome man, with black wavy hair, dark eyes, and light skin. He was noted for his immaculate and well-tailored clothes, and for his dashing horseback riding. He was frequently spoken of as a "dandy" because of his theatrical appearance and manner. He had great personal charm, although he could shock men and women alike with his swearing. All through his life he was considered a raconteur and bon vivant.



Dr. R. Beverley Cole

In addition to his medical practice on Montgomery Street, Cole served as Surgeon General to the forces of the Vigilance Committee in 1856, and subsequently was appointed Surgeon General of the state of California. Cole's first academic appointment was Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children and Physiology at the Medical Department of the University of the Pacific in 1859. He was Dean of the Medical Department from 1858-1864.

Cole added to his notoriety in 1858 when he read a committee report before the California State Medical Society. He was chairman of the "Committee on Obstetrics and Diseases of Women." The remarks of the young man of twenty-nine about the chastity of the ladies of California to which so many took exception were shocking: "...they yield to the solicitations of the opposite sex and seductive allurements of dissipation, and find themselves in a short time the prey of disease. This applies equally to the married and unmarried--and so general is it that I believe I am correct when I estimate two in every three females, who have reached the age of fifteen, to be victims of this dissipation and fashionable life."

Cole was a member of the Outside Lands Committee of the Board of Supervisors. He proposed that San Francisco develop 1000 acres west of the downtown area into what eventually became Golden Gate Park. Cole played a key role in the plans for the Affiliated Colleges rising above the park. From 1868 to 1870 he was Chairman of the Hospital Committee of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco. It was mainly through his efforts that a new City and County hospital was built to replace the aging structure near the Toland Medical College. He served as Dean of the Medical Department of the University of California from 1873 to 1882. Cole had a number of political positions of promi-

nence. He was a San Francisco supervisor, State chairman of the Democratic Party, and Commander of the Knights Templar. He was Editor of Western Lancet in 1873, a publication that overtly represented the Medical Department of the University of California.

Cole's loyalty to the University of California also was unswerving. It is said that he could "beg with the skill and grace of a medieval friar" when soliciting donations for the University of California Medical School. The older he got, the more of his time was devoted to political endeavors. In 1884 he was elected President of the Medical Society of the State of California. He was President of the American Medical Association from 1895 to 1896. After his installation, he said that the honor of being made president of the American Medical Association was all the greater because it was unsolicited and unexpected. Those who knew Cole's pioneering talents found great humor in the remark. In 1897 he was on Mount Parnassus for the laying of the cornerstone of the Affiliated Colleges of the University of California. He died in 1901 of a stroke. Energetic to the end, he was serving at the time as Coroner of San Francisco and as a member of the State Board of Health.

(Thanks to the scholarship of Frances T. Gardner, Emmet Rixford and Henry Harris.)



Dennis was one of three Martino brothers raised in the Haight Ashbury neighborhood. After graduating from St. Ignatius High School in 1963, he went on to City College and then U.C Berkeley.

In 1976 Dennis became a San Francisco firefighter. Most of his 32-year career was spent at Station 12, on Stanyan Street. While there he lived in a Victorian on Beulah Street and was a fixture in the neighborhood on his morning walks with his dog, Bobo. He also loved cycling in Golden Gate Park. Dennis was an avid gardener, world traveler and talented photographer. His trips to Africa resulted in some extraordinary photographs.



After moving to Santa Rosa in 2002 Dennis stayed connected to the Cole Valley neighborhood and kept his membership in CVIA.

Dennis is survived by his daughter Kirsta, two granddaughters Ava and Lilli and his longtime partner Margaret (Peggy) Fraze.

Golden Gate Bandshell Concerts

The Bandshell Welcomes Back More Live Performances in 2022

Live music returns to the Golden Gate Bandshell’s iconic stage with another season of free outdoor performances in Golden Gate Park. The Lift Every Voice performance series, presented by Illuminate, will offer more than 100 free shows in GGP’s Music Concourse in 2022.

The lineup of performers taking to the stage is diverse and local, with occasional international flourishes—The sea-



son will include rock bands and singer/songwriters, R&B, soul, jazz, big band musicians, string ensembles, dancers, and will feature many homegrown stars.

The free, all-ages concerts will run through November of 2022, and echo the 2021 schedule with Singer-Songwriter/Folk/Rock Wednesdays, Jazz and Soul Friday Happy Hours, Cultural and Community performances on Saturdays, and Reggae Sundays, as well as many special events. Go to goldengateparkband.org/concerts/ for schedule.

Dignity Health-GoHealth Urgent Care Reopens in Cole Valley

The center reopened last month at its original location at 930 Cole Street. Dignity Health-GoHealth Urgent Care is now working with UCSF Health to ensure continued



access to urgent care for the community while UCSF Health’s Acute Care Clinic at Parnassus is being used as a respiratory care clinic for patients with COVID-19 and is temporarily closed to other patients. The newly opened clinic will enable patients to

be seen for all other non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries knowing that it shares a medical director with UCSF’s Department of Emergency Medicine, located just 5 blocks

—Haley Dowell
Public Relations

Unintended Consequences

The corner of Cole and Carl used to be a bevy of mostly broken-down newspaper stands. It blighted that corner.



Cole and Carl corner in 2015.

CVIA became a big advocate of the fixed pedestal (Pedmount) news racks. In May of 2002, the Board of Supervisors adopted a news rack ordinance regulating their placement and maintenance. It didn’t ban free standing news racks, which fall under free speech and is protected— it’s aim was simply to reduce the amount of sidewalk clutter.

Years later, Pedmounts are all over the city. . . empty. Publishers of the numerous free papers apparently did not



Cole and Carl corner in 2022.

like the shared space. Another attempt to improve the streetscape that failed, sigh.

—Karen Crommie

Fleas Beware! Market Returns

The Inner Sunset Flea is a grassroots-organized flea market, occurring monthly in the heart of the Inner Sunset neighborhood. The Flea features over 30 resident, artisan, nonprofit, and local business vendors as well as food, activities, and more.



Founded in 2015, in collaboration with Sunset Mercantile, the Flea is an Inner Sunset Sun-

days event and is presented by Inner Sunset Park Neighbors. To participate as a vendor, go to isflea.com

WHEN: The second Sunday of the month: June 12, July 10, August 14, Sept. 11.

WHERE: Irving Street, between 9th and 10th Avenue, in the commercial center of the Inner Sunset, one block south of Golden Gate Park.

TRANSIT ACCESS: N Judah streetcar; buses: 44, 7, 43, and 46.

CVIA Board Minutes

Every meeting begins with a reading of the minutes of the last meeting and reports from delegates to the Kezar Stadium Advisory Committee (KSAC), Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and the Waller Center Advisory Committee.

Virtual Meeting (Zoom) – March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Guest: CVIA member Dan Foldes

■ Treasurer Joan Downey submitted a report that CVIA currently has a bank balance of \$22,278.57, with \$9,431.67 held in the Clean Cole Street fund. To date, seven CVIA merchants have contributed a dollar a day for the year-long, twice a day service to cleaning the Cole commercial area. Joan advised us to send any document of importance to assistant Susan Pedrick to post on Google Drive.

■ Joan reported that RPD General Manager Phil Ginsberg and SFMTA had announced their support of a permanent car ban on all Golden Gate Park streets from Lincoln Way to Kezar Drive, including the controversial JFK Drive from Stanyan to Crossover Drive.

■ President Carole Glosenger asked for recommendation of a civic group in active dialogue regarding people experiencing homelessness. Karen Crommie suggested RescueSF, which continues to do in-depth analysis of solutions. (Rescuesf.org)

■ After a discussion of agenda protocol, it was decided that writing the Board Meeting agenda will remain the obligation of the President, who asked that agenda items be sent to her no earlier than one week before the scheduled meeting.

■ Joan announced opportunity for discounted seats at upcoming Merola performances.

■ Joan reported that plans for reviving the Cole Valley Fair this year are still unresolved. Organizer Erica Kajdasz, who took over from Joan after her six-year stint, is delaying her announcement until completely confirmed. Erica is calling it quits after seven years of managing the Fair with skill and fortitude. She may have found that person but at this time the name has not been released.

■ Lena Emmery reported that the neighborhood's longtime liaison to UCSF, Lily Wong, has been replaced temporarily by Abby Ellis, assistant director of community relations, who is searching for a permanent replacement.

■ Joan commented on participating in UCSF's "open house," introducing plans for the new expansion. She admitted that the models she was shown did not portray the new hospital as overwhelming in size as earlier graphic renderings but still very dominating.

■ Again, we were reminded that the SF Redistricting Task Force will focus on District 5 at its March 16 meeting at 5:30 at City Hall, Room 416.

■ Agreed that the next meeting will be in-person at Carole's home on April 4, 2022. Members to contribute refreshments.

■ Tabled to next meeting is a review of CVIA's budget for FY 2022, which began on the first of March.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Meeting at the Home of CVIA president Carole Glosenger –April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Cole Valley Fair Organizer Angie Petit-Taylor, CVIA members Jackie Kelly and Dylan Morse, SF Grants for the Arts director Vallie Brown.

■ Treasurer Joan Downey submitted a report that CVIA currently has a bank balance of \$23,345.20, with \$9,834.88 held in the Clean Cole Street fund. All but \$4,667.20 remains in the fund for the American Cyclery parklet, which has been cancelled. The majority of contributors has been reimbursed. The remaining funds will continue to be held until all the contributors have been located and/or another community benefit project has been identified.

■ Joan also announced that, to date, nine CVIA merchants have contributed a dollar a day for the year-long, twice a day service to cleaning the Cole commercial area. Because she will be traveling from April 28 to May 15, Karen Crommie will pick up CVIA mail and deposit checks.

■ After a presentation of redistricting options by Board president Carole Glosenger and a lengthy discussion, the board opted for Map 4B, which keeps most CVIA members intact, although moving to District 8. Again, we were reminded that the SF Redistricting Task Force is continuing their meetings beyond the first week of April and still intends to announce their final decision on April 15.

■ Motion by Lena Emmery that CVIA will donate \$2,000 to the Mt. Sutro Stewards to support the maintenance of trails and habitat was passed unanimously

■ Joan introduced the organizer of this year's Cole Valley Fair Angie Petit-Taylor who described her plans for tackling the many logistical challenges and permits including SFMTA, ISCOTT, Health Department, etc. Her job is complicated by the new presence of parklets that remove potential booth space. For this reason, she is considering an extension of the fair north, beyond Carl Street, perhaps half a block. Having arranged many similar events over the years, Angie is definitely up to the task. As a small business owner both in Cole Valley and the Inner Sunset, she intends to concentrate on close collaboration with the Cole Street merchants. CVIA treasurer Joan Downey, who managed the Fair for six years, has offered to assist her in planning. CVIA will also help by encouraging members to volunteer on Fair day. CVIA will have its usual booth in front of Luke's Local. Guest Dylan Moore offered to help Chris Hock in getting music groups for the fair.

■ Lena reported that the last meeting of the CBAB concentrated on SFPD's protocol for de-escalating potentially violent situations. She also announced that National Night Out, police departments' nation-wide community outreach event will take place at Duboce Park on August 2. Both she and Chuck Canepa have volunteered to work on the event again this year and we thank them

■ Next meeting will be in-person on May 2., 2022. Location to be determined. Board members to contribute refreshments.

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Virtual Meeting on Zoom –May 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Guest: CVIA member Joe Klosterman

■ Treasurer's report was not submitted due to Joan Downey's absence but will be incorporated into the June report.

■ Lena Emmery reported that crime is down in Park Station jurisdiction but there is a crisis in staffing. The new protocol regarding Use of Force is making policing more challenging. National Night Out is August 2 at Duboce Park from 5 to 7:00 p.m. Board is encouraged to turn out to show support for the officers of Park Station.

■ Discussed the upcoming Cole Valley Fair on September 25 and agreed that the CVIA booth should include a visual display of the organization's neighborhood impact.

■ Discussed plans for our first Summer Social in two years. Agreed we would hold it on August 27 at the newly renamed (and reopened) Cole Valley Tavern, if possible. But we have several alternatives if that is not feasible. Supervisor Mandelman has been invited to speak. Since he has just inherited Cole Valley into his District 8, we all want to hear what he views as his priorities and challenges.

■ Agreed that we should schedule a meeting with Supervisor Mandelman in his office at City Hall.

■ Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

CVIA Executive Board: Chuck Canepa, Shannon Cooper Hock, David Crommie, Karen Crommie, Joan Downey, Lena Emmery, Carole Glosenger, Marianne Hesse, Chris Hock, Tom Hubbard, Edward Walls,

Dispose of Unused Medicine?

We would like to remind everyone that each local SFPD station has a repository in its lobby to dispose of prescription drugs year-round. These collection containers are for prescription pills that are expired, unused and unwanted. We



ask for no identifying information and plastic bags will be available at each site if needed. This service aims to provide a safe, convenient and ecologically responsible method of prescription drug disposal while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

—Captain Christopher Pedrini
Park Police Station

The Towering Size of 730 Stanyan Still a Scandal

Although many of us may be in a different supervisorial district, we are still, most decidedly, all in the same neighborhood, where our greatest long-term challenge, apart from keeping our neighborhood businesses thriving, is the size of the affordable housing project at the site of the former McDonald's. The impact of as many as 400 formerly homeless people into the Haight, across from Golden Gate Park, is sure to be a strain on all aspects of our infrastructure. CVIA



The 143,000 square foot, eight story building is simply too large.

agreed to six stories, but the developers, using bonuses from a variety of government regulations supporting affordable housing, unilaterally increased the size to eight stories. Although there were numerous (albeit meaningless) neighborhood meetings on the project, the jump to eight stories was not discussed. While the developers concentrated on convincing us in excruciating detail that the monolith incorporated design element intrinsic in the historic architecture of the Haight Ashbury and took polls as to the desired color of the building, everyone could recognize gaslighting when they saw it.

—Karen Crommie

Second Book For Hesse

Marianne Hesse has resided in Cole Valley for 39 years. She is an active member of CVIA and serves on the Board of Directors. For years Marianne has been incubating ideas for children's books. Finally in 2020 she went to work on her first book—"Then We'll Say Goodnight." This is a beautifully illustrated book with a very sweet story. She wrote a second book, "The Bird on My Plate" in 2021. Both of the books are illustrated by a young artist named Angela Paul.



Recently, Marianne found out about a competition for children's books that was organized by Bill Bob Buttons, aka Edward Trayer. The appeal of the contest was that actual children would be the judges of the contest.

She entered both books in the contest and "Then We'll Say Goodnight" was one of the 25 finalists. A pretty amazing result for a first book! The books are available on Amazon or you can contact Marianne directly. MHesse@pacbell.net.

—Lena Emmery

Postscripts

At last! The **Board of Supervisors** passed legislation in March (introduced by **Mayor Breed**) to make admission to the **Conservatory of Flowers and Japanese Tea Garden**



free for San Francisco residents and all veterans. **The San Francisco Botanical Garden** is already free to residents. So, what's stopping us?

The Chronicle's Sam Whiting described a two-alarm fire at **400 Upper Terrace** as a "nightmare situation." The April 4 conflagration broke out on the third floor shortly after 8:30 p.m. and left 40 residents without a place to stay. Two oc-



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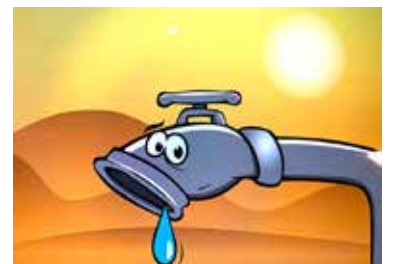
cupants and a cat had to be rescued while the others got out safely. It took an hour and a half to contain the blaze, which burned so intently that one firefighter had to be taken to the hospital for treatment.

The lovely old turreted corner house at **Carl and Stanyan** is still on the market. Not having gotten any viable offers, \$45,000 has been sliced off the original offering price re-



ducing it to just under \$6 million. It's beautifully renovated although not restored. It's many rooms, tastefully staged, are well worth touring during one of the Sunday open hours.

In case you didn't know it, yes, we are officially in a drought. To help extend water supplies, the **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission** declared a Water Shortage Emergency. The action calls for a 10% reduction in water use across our regional system. This breaks down to a 5% water reduction target for San Francisco. When you get your bill, don't say we didn't warn you.



Cole Street's Pharmaca, along with its 27 other stores, has been bought by Medly, a Brooklyn-based pharmacy chain described as the nation's fastest growing digital pharmacy.

The company was founded in 2017 providing same day prescriptions. Medly's CEO Marg Patel stated, "We are excited to merge Medly's deep knowledge of the pharmacy space with Pharmaca's extraordinary wellness offerings, providing customers with a 360-degree pharmacy experience, ensuring customers can get the full range of their health-care needs delivered directly to their door.



Pharmaca was founded in June 2000 in Boulder as the nation's first integrative pharmacy chain offering traditional pharmacy services alongside natural and complementary health solutions, including natural health and beauty products.

Letters

Dear CVIA

Thank you so much for publishing the Mountain Walk piece and promoting our Native Plant Sale! I really appreciate all the ways you support our work and Mount Sutro.

Also, what an interesting newsletter! I was not aware of the new speed limit on Haight, the proposed mural at the skate park, Aaron Peskin's proposal for appointment authority transfer, the redistricting of the City, etc. Such good stuff! The pieces on UCSF and the PCHP were great too.

Ildiko Polony
Executive Director
Sutro Stewards

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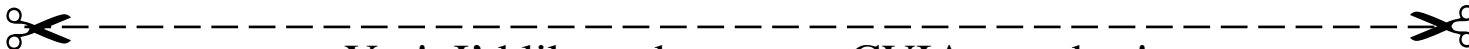
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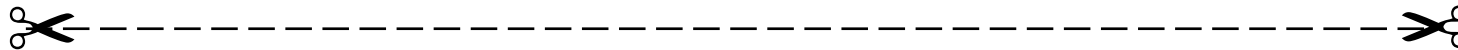
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