



View from the Terrace

...current events in, around, and about Balboa Terrace

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Tree Planting: Calling All Volunteers!

You might have seen that our Association is in the process of removing five dead or dying trees on the Balboa Terrace side (south) of Monterey Boulevard, at the North end of our common border with St. Francis Woods. We plan to plant eight new trees with the help of Friends of the Urban Forest and some volunteers from the Goldman Sachs Company.

The planting is scheduled for Wednesday July 30, in conjunction with the planting of some 30 to 40 trees in the West Portal neighborhood. Since there are more trees going into West Portal, we assume those plantings would start there first, and the work in Balboa Terrace would start in late morning or early afternoon. It would be nice if the homeowners who live on Monterey Boulevard or any other part of Balboa Terrace could be available to help. The trees will require substantial watering at planting time. While the Association will install adjustable "bubblers" at the base of each new tree, and attached to our new irrigation system, the installation will probably be installed after the trees are in place.

A potluck lunch for all volunteers will be held at the West Portal Community Center on top of the Muni tunnel, immediately after the plantings. Please call Board Member Dave Slifer at 239-5516 if you are willing to volunteer, and whether you would like to attend and contribute to the potluck lunch.

Thanks for your help! ♦

All San Francisco Concert, Coming Again in September!

Once again, Walt Slater of San Benito Way is coordinating a group of tickets for the All San Francisco Symphony Concert, which will take place Friday, September 5th.

The All-San Francisco Concert is the Symphony's opening season concert for social service and community organizations. The show is a symbol of the Symphony's commitment to being not just a venue for wonderful music, but also a community center serving the Bay Area. Like last year, we only get 32 tickets, priced at \$10 per ticket. It's first come, first serve, so reserve your tickets today! Minimum 2 tickets per person, please.

When: Friday, September 5, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness at Grove

Program: Ligetti, *Lontano*. Poulenc, *Concerto for Two Pianos in D Minor*. Prokofiev, *Symphony No. 9 in B Flat Major*. fortabile.

Special needs: Handicapped facilities are available, including wheelchair access and infrared listening devices for the hearing impaired.

How to reserve: Call Walt Slater at 334-2876.

The tickets will be mailed to Walt some time in August, at which point he will distribute them. ♦

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Annual Picnic Coming Up, September 28th!

Boo Boo Bear, it's time for another pick-a-nick. Mark your calendar for the annual Balboa Terrace neighborhood picnic!

When: Sunday, September 28, 2008, 11am-3pm

Where: San Leandro between Monterey and Darien

Entertainment: Performances by our neighbor Gregangelo's Velocity Circus, a visit from a fire truck, and, we hope, a henna tattoo artist!

Food: As always, the Association will provide hot dogs and bratwursts or sausages, drinks, and chips,

What to bring: A side-dish to share, and if you have tables and/or chairs you can bring, that would help too!

Come, and bring your kids or grandkids. We can't do it without you! ♦



Crime Report: Read All About It!

By Helen Gourley of San Benito Way

You already have too much to read? Of course, we all do. But here are two reading recommendations that will give you real and timely information.

Taraval PD Captain Chignell's Daily Report

A lot of Balboa Terrace residents already take advantage of this exciting report. If you have ever said "Where is a policeman when you need him?" the answer is here. He, or she, is right here in our neighborhood working hard to protect us all. You can get on the email list simply by sending a request to our very own Officer Mary Burns, with your e-mail address. Every day you will receive a very brief note from the Taraval Station listing the important events of the day. Here's an excerpt:

06/16/08 8:04 pm 700 block of Capitol

Officers Ronald Choy and Justin Quintero were monitoring a group of loitering gang members who were moving in and around parked cars. As they approached one of the groups, a male saw the officers and stated "oh shi-"and

took off running towards Montana Street. As the suspect was running he was attempting to discard a heavy black jacket. As he took the jacket off, a silver handgun fell out onto the ground under a parked vehicle. The suspect retrieved the weapon and continued running to the 200 block of Montana. He then threw the weapon and another object into the air and discarded gloves that he was wearing. As the officers took him into custody, he stated, "it ain't mine, I ain't got nothing." Officer Gregory Pak retrieved the loaded firearm, a large batch of suspected cocaine rocks, and the gloves. The suspect, who has prior firearms violations and lives in Albany, was arrested on multiple firearm and narcotics charges. This was excellent police work. Case #080630928

06/16/08 11:55 pm 9th and Irving

At 10:55 pm, four young men were walking in Golden Gate Park from "Big Rec" to the 9th avenue and Martin Luther King Drive area. Two men on bicycles came by and stopped and engaged in conversation with the four men. Suddenly, one of the men on bicycles pulled out a large handgun and held it to the head of one of the victims and demanded money and cell phones from all four victims. The victims, fearing for their lives, gave the suspects their property. The suspects then fled the area. The victims ran to 9th Avenue and Lincoln looking for a police officer or passing police car and flagged down Inspector Milanda Moore who was patrolling in the area. The victims gave a detailed description of the suspects including the color of the clothing that the suspects were wearing. Inspector Moore broadcast the descriptions over the police radio. One hour later Officers Joe Chang and Matt Friedman were on patrol on 9th Avenue near Irving when they spotted the two suspects who exactly fit the description of the robbers. The officers yelled, "police, stop" but the suspects took off running, one towards a nearby donut shop and the other full speed into Golden Gate Park. Officers Chang and Friedman chased down the suspect into Golden Gate Park at Sharon Meadows with the suspect yelling "I give up". That suspect had discarded a firearm on the sidewalk in front of the Park Chow restaurant while he was running away from the officers. The second suspect was found by Officers Alan Levy and Danny Barajas at a donut shop on 9th Avenue. The four victims positively identified the two suspects as the robbers. The suspects, who live on Balceta and the 1400 block of 39th Avenue, were arrested for rob-

bery and conspiracy charges. This was tremendous police work. Case #080631299

These events all took place right in the Taraval District. It's gratifying that very few incidents report the perpetrator as a resident of Balboa Terrace. So if you want some real life police action without the commercials, forget about TV shows and just read these email reports. Send your request to Officer Burns at: sfpdtaravalpermit@sbcglobal.net

A website with the real scoop - SNOPEs

We get all kinds of reports on scams and snares. Some may be just fiction—runaway imagination. Some are real. To find out the true status of these stories, you can check it out on a website called www.snopes.com.

I recently got a notice from a source that sometimes repeats not-quite-real dangers, so I looked on SNOPEs and found it was true. There are several ways that thieves can snag your ATM card access, and they require your cooperation—and your ignorance of the scam. To find out about it, go to www.snopes.com. On the home page search block, type "ATM." The first several items will tell you how clever thieves catch your card and your PIN number. One of these items contains a series of pictures showing an operator at work.

The site will also tell you when a scare report is false, like the "cyanide on the deposit envelopes at the ATM" story. If you get a warning of any kind, even a bizarre one, remember it may be true, so check it out before either believing or disbelieving it. We have to remember that the target population for the scammer is often the well-to-do senior citizen. The means West Portal, folks!

Board Officers Approved at Annual Meeting

In addition to approving the slate for our Association's Board of Directors, we also voted in new Board officers at our annual meeting in March. Here they are:

President: Kevin McDonough of San Leandro Way
 Vice President: Dave Wentker of Santa Ana Way
 Secretary: Cindy Hu of San Rafael Way
 Treasurer: Hanna Fleck of Upland Drive

We thank our officers for their hard work and dedication to making Balboa Terrace one of the best places to live in the City! ♦

Balboa Terrace's own Velocity Circus to Appear at Festival of Sail

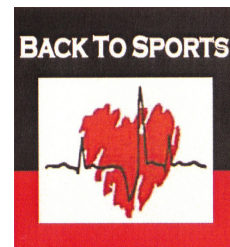
Our neighbor Gregangelo and his ensemble Velocity Circus will appear at the Festival of Sail in San Francisco, July 23-27. Kids of all ages will enjoy the intricacies of a highly theatrical and interactive environment, while honing the skills and ways of those mischievous water rogues, otherwise known as PIRATES. Velocity Circus team of slightly unprincipled, playfully deceitful scoundrels and rascallettes will teach children how to walk, talk and present oneself in only the most proper pirate ways.



For more information, check out festivalofsail.org/pirate-academy.asp

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