



# Glen Park News

## Coming Next: Second Phase of Rec Center Improvements

**V**isitors to Glen Canyon Park have been greeted with piles of dirt and rock, bulldozers, and temporary fencing for the past several months. Parents who want to bring their kids to the nearest playground have had to find alternate venues.

by  
Bonnee  
Waldstein

The work in progress is the result of \$5.8 million in funding provided by San Francisco's voter-approved 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond. The new playground is being enlarged, the tennis courts are being relocated, and a welcoming entry plaza will take shape, among other projects that were debated and prioritized in a community planning process that began in late 2010.

The work going on now is largely unseen, inside the Recreation Center, where the heating system and an ADA-accessible restroom are being upgraded. The plan is to make these basic improvements and reopen the Rec Center for activities this summer,

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Photo by Rachel Gordon

### **GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**Thursday, July 18th at 7 p.m.**  
Recreation Center in  
Glen Canyon Park

The agenda includes "A History of Glen Canyon," an illustrated talk by Evelyn Rose, the blogger of "Tramps of San Francisco." Also scheduled are presentations on transportation plans in Glen Park, and Sunday Streets in San Francisco.

## Neighborhood Parties at Glen Park Festival

**G**len Park residents and visitors packed into the epicenter of our village for the 15th annual Glen Park Festival on Sunday, April 28. The big crowd danced to bands that performed on stage at Chenery and Diamond streets.

The kids had plenty to entertain them with jumpy houses, animal balloons, face-painting, story-telling, games and a

real fire truck to climb. There were wares to buy and food to eat, and community groups and schools staffed booths to let passersby know what they're all about. The popular street fair, put on by a group of dedicated volunteers, raises money for children's programs based in and near Glen Park. The bottom line: The Glen Park Festival rocks!

More Festival photos are on Pages 10 and 11



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## FROM THE EDITORS

Sometimes it feels as though not much changes in Glen Park, especially when it comes to building and construction projects. But change does come, albeit after a lot of community process for which San Francisco is famous.

It's almost impossible to miss what's going on at Glen Canyon Park, where the old playground and tennis courts have been ripped out, trees felled and alterations to the Rec Center begun as part of an ambitious improvement project funded by the 2008 voter-backed parks bond. More upgrades are in store, thanks to passage of another parks bond in 2012. Planning for that one is well under way.

The City's Planning Department and Municipal Transportation Agency, meanwhile, are promising pedestrian-safety improvements near the BART station, most notably at the busy intersection of Diamond and Bosworth streets, which is packed with people during the morning and evening com-

mute hours. We hope funding will be freed up soon to make good on the promise of safer streets.

Across from the BART station, at Bosworth and Arlington streets, sits the BART-owned parking lot, which the regional transit agency has eyed for dense residential development. The prospect has ignited fierce debate over what would be fitting for Glen Park, given our historic aversion to large development projects.

For residents of Diamond Street, just up the hill from the village, the sound of jackhammers, skip loaders and bulldozers being used for sewer replacement and road repaving have dominated the audioscape since late May. Drivers who've gotten used to detouring around the closed block between Chenery and Surrey during the day will have to find new routes when the work moves up to Sussex. Daytime runs of Muni's No. 52 bus will be routed along Elk and Bos-

worth streets for the duration.

And as the economy has picked up, sawing and hammering for home renovation projects have become noticeably more frequent.

For many of Glen Park's old-timers, the neighborhood has changed vastly in the last two decades. Some people miss the feel of a more sleepy, worn neighborhood; others embrace what they see as progress.

Whatever your view, we urge you to get involved. Attend a community meeting or City Hall hearing. Write the mayor (he lives in Glen Park), your BART Board rep or your district supervisor. Join the neighborhood association. Participate in online discussions or head to a nearby cafe and engage in a friendly debate with the person sitting at the next table over the hot neighborhood topic du jour.

This is your neighborhood. Our neighborhood. Jump on in. ♦

## GPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Sidewalk bulbs. Pedestrian scramble. Turning radii. Peak-hour rules. Left-turn pockets. Median greening. Are we talking about spring flowers? Ordinary eggs for breakfast? Dance moves? The latest cargo-pants styles? Last call for happy hour? Partial energy savings?

No, this is all traffic lingo that took up a good part of the April Glen Park Association quarterly meeting. As reported in the story on Page 4, Amnon Ben-Pazi of the Planning Department and David Greenaway of the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) returned for an update on the long-planned improvements to the Diamond-Bosworth intersection and nearby streets.

The latest plans make clear again how fixing traffic, pedestrian and transit movements in Glen Park is a very finely tuned process. Left-turn signals and lanes on Diamond at Bosworth need space for both a through and a right-turn lane. So the plan would remove three parking spaces on the west side of Diamond. But merchants reasonably see this parking change as negative. So the City is considering whether the parking controls could be peak hours only.

Lots of pedestrians crossing all the corners at the BART station? Add an

"all-pedestrian" signal phase, so we could cross safely in any direction. The sidewalk bus loading areas are pretty tight, particularly for Muni's 44 line on the north side of Bosworth and the 23 line on the west side of Diamond. Add sidewalk bulb-outs, but make sure the traffic lanes are still adequate. The sidewalk bulbs also shorten the pedestrian crossing distances.

I was impressed by how many people attending the April meeting asked detailed, practical questions about all these interconnected factors, and added other topics such as the operation and loading of private commuter buses at the BART station. Those buses do make wide turns, and they use loading space near Muni stops. I did not know that Genentech runs buses every 12 minutes during commute periods.

We also heard questions about pos-

sible changes at the BART plaza to free up more pedestrian space. While these are not currently funded, incremental changes could improve pedestrian space.

Amnon and David did not have all the answers. They acknowledged that traffic engineering analysis was under way to make sure these details work together, and they committed to coming back to Glen Park to keep us up to date on the plans and, of course, hear more questions.

We were told that construction could begin around Diamond and Bosworth as early as this summer. That is good news, once our questions are addressed. Looking back at the long history of studies of the problem, it is time to see real implementation. ♦

*Michael Rice is president of the Glen Park Association.*

### ST. AIDAN'S FOOD PANTRY NUMBERS TELL THE STORY

At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Gold Mine Drive at Diamond Heights Boulevard, a group of 28 parishioners, friends and neighbors volunteer their time and caring to enable the church's food pantry program to function. The volunteers also provide small gifts for holidays.

There are now 191 households, comprising 409 individuals, registered to shop at the church each Friday. Said Rev. Tommy Dillon, the rector: "It is an enriching and rewarding experience for all of us." ♦



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

I have the honor of representing Glen Park at the Board of Supervisors. Glen Park is a terrific neighborhood for a lot of reasons, and now is a particularly good time to serve in this role, given how many exciting things are happening in the area. Here are a few examples of positive progress in Glen Park:

Glen Canyon Improvements

The last two parks bonds have invested heavily in Glen Canyon. The current project, which will significantly improve the tennis courts, the Elk Street entrance and other aspects of the recreational areas of the canyon, is moving forward steadily and should be completed later this year.

And, we're not done. The 2012 parks bond contains full funding for rehabilitation of the aging and failing Rec Center, which needs quite a bit of work. The Rec Center can, and should, be at the hub of the community, and after it's rehabilitated it will be able to fully play that role. I'll be partnering with Rec & Park to host a community meeting on July 13 to begin the design process. (The first such meeting was held on June 13.) Department staff members will present concept designs for discussion and feedback. For more information about the July meeting, including time and location, please contact my office.

Diamond-Bosworth Improvements

Diamond and Bosworth is arguably the worst intersection in Glen Park and one of the worst in all of District 8. It's crowded, confusing and poorly designed. A decade ago we received \$3 million in federal funding, through the work of the late U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos, to improve the intersection.

After a decade of neighborhood frustration over the lack of momentum in implementing changes, we are now aggressively moving forward to improve that intersection and, we hope, adjacent Bosworth Street intersections at Arlington and Lyell. We are nearing the end of the design phase and should be able to start work this fall, or by the beginning of next year at the latest. These changes will improve this stretch of Bosworth for pedestrians, drivers, Muni riders and others.

Pedestrian Safety Legislation

Pedestrian safety has been a top priority for me. In addition to the Bosworth-Diamond project, I've helped move forward pedestrian projects on Castro

Street, Dolores Street and other parts of the district. Despite the widely recognized importance of making our streets more usable by everyone, even popular and fully funded projects can be challenging to implement for a variety of reasons. I'm sponsoring several pieces of legislation to improve our process in delivering these projects.

First, when disagreements arise among the five departments that must sign off on street changes, the projects can grind to a halt. To help solve this problem, my legislation will require City agencies to coordinate and resolve disputes proactively through creation of a Street Design Review Committee, facilitated by the Mayor's Office and with representatives from the City departments that are typically involved: the Department of Public Works, the Planning Department, the Municipal Transportation Agency, the Fire Department and the Public Utilities Commission.

Second, the legislation will make it easier for developers to build streetscape improvements and gift them to the City. Our current process imposes permanent maintenance obligations on the developer, which discourages these projects. My legislation requires the developer to establish a maintenance fund for the property, with the City then assuming responsibility for maintenance. This improved process will incentivize developers to build pedestrian improvements for everyone.

Third, the legislation will create greater flexibility in our Fire Code, which operates under the suburban-focused state minimum street width of 20 feet. Bulb-outs will now be counted toward that 20-foot minimum as long as they contain no obstructions—that is, so that a fire truck can drive over them if necessary. Currently, the Fire Department sometimes objects to pedestrian upgrades on the ground that bulb-outs make a road too narrow. Fire safety is incredibly important, and I'm confident that we can balance it effectively with pedestrian safety.

I hope that by passing this legislation we will be able to more efficiently improve our streets for pedestrians in Glen Park and all over the city. The legislation will be coming to the Board in the next few weeks. ♦

*Scott Wiener represents District 8, including Glen Park, on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. To receive Supervisor Wiener's monthly newsletter or to follow him on Twitter or Facebook, go to [www.scottwiener.com](http://www.scottwiener.com)*

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# Transportation, Public Safety Hot Topics at Glen Park Meeting

**P**ublic safety, street lighting, open space in the Bosworth corridor, transportation plans in the village, and neighbors building new landscaped steps between Sussex Street and Surrey Street were key topics at the April 2013 Glen Park Association quarterly meeting at St. John School.

GPA President Michael Rice opened the meeting by reporting on the March GPA open houses that elicited residents' issues and concerns for the coming year. Key comments included potential development of the BART parking lot; while the selected developer and BART eventually plan to come to the community, GPA has not heard anything specific about the project moving forward.

Public Safety is an important issue for many residents, who monitor crime reports from the Ingleside Station and the Glen Park Association websites. The GPA has other initiatives in this area, such as fixing street lighting problems.

Recreation and Park Department activities are eliciting continuing interest. The 2008 Parks Bond funded Phase 1 work now under way at the Rec Center; Phase 2, funded by the 2012 Parks Bond, will start soon, with the Recreation and Park Department coming out to the community to discuss plans. See Bonnee Waldstein's story on Page 1.

Transportation/Traffic/Pedestrian Safety issues on the April program included a presentation from the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) and the Planning Department about plans to improve the Diamond/Bosworth intersection, as reported below.

Carolyn Deacy, GPA vice president and public safety chair, went into more detail about the association's Lighting Subcommittee, which conducted evening walking inspections that identified flickering or burned-out streetlights, and trees blocking lights and in need of trimming. Most of the problems have been addressed, but "dark areas" that need new lighting are flagged for follow-up. The meeting heard about reporting street light outages to 311; turning on porch lights at residences; and adding

outdoor lighting to homes, with Glen Park Hardware offering neighbors a 20 percent discount on fixtures.

Nicholas Dewar, GPA planning and zoning chair, summarized initial ideas on improving the Bosworth corridor, the second largest open space in Glen Park. This corridor, from Elk Street to Diamond Street, includes ownership of parcels by the Department of Public Works, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and St. John School, so planning is a challenge. Dewar asked for participation from residents to show community support for upgrades, and urged them to work with the City.

The main program were speakers Amnon Ben-Pazi from Planning and

sidewalk widening at the southwest corner of Diamond, and a pedestrian bulb-out on the northwest corner.

- ▣ Implement left-turn signal phases and turning lanes on Diamond.
- ▣ Signal timing also might include a pedestrian-only phase, although the traffic engineers are still analyzing this.
- ▣ The Environmental Impact Report from the Glen Park Community Plan will need an addendum to cover these plans.
- ▣ The goal is to begin construction in late summer 2013.

The audience had many lively questions on topics such as the adequacy of

to install traffic signals, turn lanes and better crosswalks at the intersections of Arlington and Bosworth and Bosworth and Lyell streets. The roundabout presented in the Community Plan is not feasible, and signals are considered a better solution.

Questions also included the existing trees in the Bosworth median, which are now 55 years old and nearing the end of their lifespan. The response was that the median on Bosworth may be extended toward Arlington so there would be more space for new trees. Another commenter suggested consideration of a fence on the median to prevent jaywalking.

The impacts of future BART parking lot development plans on traffic measures aren't known at this time; staff noted that the plan was a long way out. GPA President Mike Rice noted that potential development was analyzed in the Community Plan EIR.

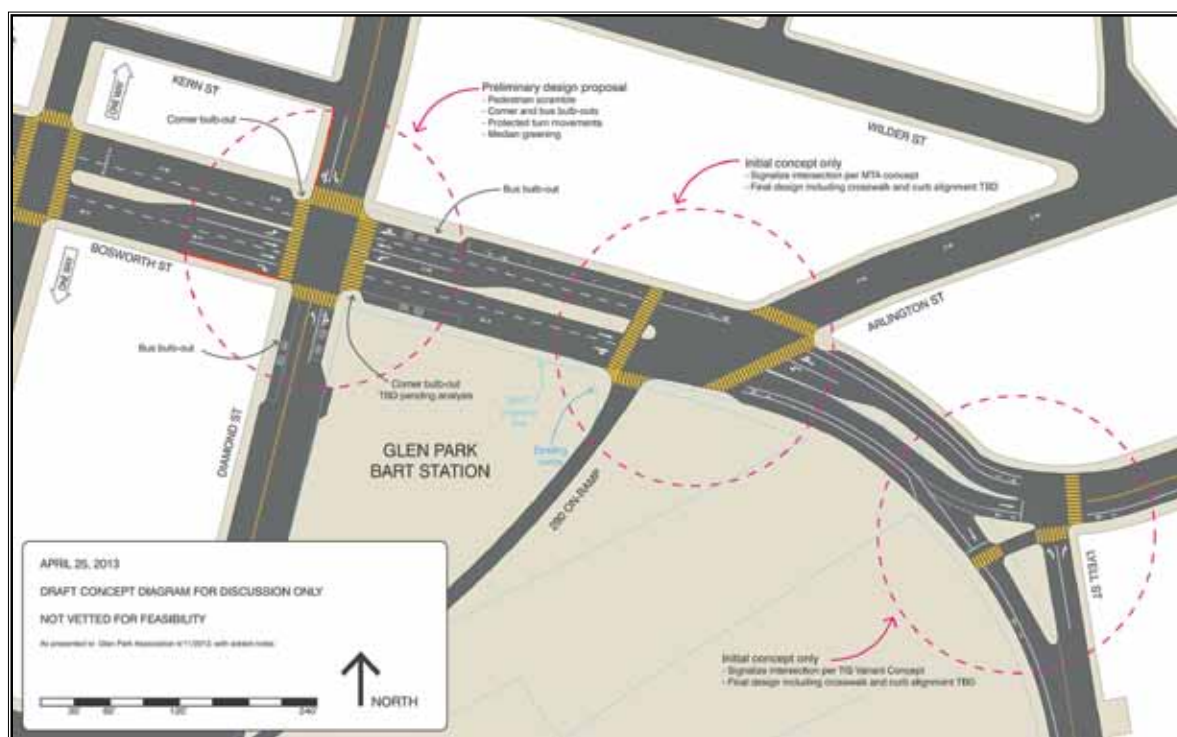
There were also concerns that the planning process and details needs to be brought back to the community before implementation. Ben-Pazi acknowledged this, and said staff would certainly post information and come back to future GPA meetings.

Rice then introduced architect Adam King, a Diamond Street resident. King talked about the history of the Penny Lane/Surrey Steps Project.

Seven years ago King and others developed a plan to build landscaped steps up the

undeveloped right-of-way path from Surrey Street up to the Penny Lane alley, and from Penny Lane up to Sussex Street. The area is a DPW sewer right of way and before beginning, the City required a project description, budget, design and funding. After initial design, the group reached out, met with all the immediate neighbors and developed an e-mail distribution list. King discussed the support the group got from DPW in moving materials and taking away cuttings and weeds.

King was enthusiastic about the volunteer-based effort, and the budget for materials has come from the neighbors and some grants. The project's current building phase, with weekend work parties, will be followed by planting phases. ♦



Draft conceptual design of Glen Park traffic plan by City Planning and Municipal Transportation Agency.

David Greenaway from the MTA, who reported on progress on intersection, pedestrian and transit improvements around Bosworth and Diamond. They reminded the attendees that the transportation proposals were part of the adopted Glen Park Community Plan, earlier versions of which have been brought to previous GPA meetings. Holding up a large map, Ben-Pazi and Greenaway described proposed fixes for the neighborhood's busiest intersection:

- ▣ At the northeast corner, widen the Muni bus stop sidewalk on Bosworth for boardings and drop-offs;
- ▣ Add a pedestrian bulb-out to shorten the crossing distance on the southeast corner. MTA has to make sure turning buses can work with this.
- ▣ Other measures include a 2-foot

turning space from Diamond to Bosworth for both Muni and private commuter buses; commuter buses interfering with Muni loading; and alternative commuter loading locations near San Jose Avenue. Another concern was keeping curb parking on the west side of Diamond at least during non-peak hours; the current plan would remove those spaces to make room for a left-turn pocket and a through/right-turn lane.

Other questions covered potential changes to the BART plaza, to create more pedestrian space at the corner, but the staff responded that those changes were some time off in BART's schedule.

Greenaway and Ben-Pazi discussed longer-term plans (as yet unfunded)



# Coming Next: Second Phase of Rec Center Improvements

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while the outdoor projects are still under way.

Karen Mauney-Brodek, project manager in the Recreation and Park Department, says things are on track for the work to be completed as scheduled this November.

But the 2008 bond fund, though welcomed, was not nearly enough to address all the needed improvements in the park. With the passage of the 2012 Parks Bond, a new infusion of money—\$12 million—will fund the expansion and a more complete renovation of the Rec Center.

That means the community planning process is continuing. Meetings just began in June and another one is scheduled for Saturday, July 13. The focus of these initial meetings is to show neighbors the latest designs that came out of the initial planning process, and get their feedback.

The plan for the new round of Rec Center renovations incorporates many of the improvements that were discussed in the last round of meetings for the 2008 funds. Lack of sufficient money in that bond issue resulted in the deferral of a major Rec Center renovation until the 2012 bond passed.

The revamped Recreation Center will retain the same major components—the gymnasium and auditorium. As has been the norm with other recent parks improvements in the city, the building also will have additional, smaller multi-purpose activity rooms.

The infrastructure will be brought up to current seismic and safety codes, including the roof, water lines and electrical service. The restrooms will be on ground level, not downstairs, to provide ADA-mandated accessibility and greater general convenience.

A goal in renovating the Recreation Center is to qualify for LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) gold certification—a “green” building designation that meets standards of energy efficiency, uses a lot of



Construction dominates landscape near Rec Center as improvement work continues.

Photos by Michael Waldstein.

recycled materials and makes sure the development is done in an environmentally friendly way. This would be in keeping with San Francisco’s commitment to sustainability.

Fortunately for Glen Park, the renovation is one of the first City projects that will be undertaken with the 2012 bond funds. And with much planning already done because of the 2008 process, things are expected to progress rather smoothly.

The Recreation and Park Department and the Department of Public Works are leading the project, in partnership with Glen Park residents and District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener.

Mauney-Brodek hopes to continue the positive dialog with Glen Park residents. “I want to share as much information as possible, with regular e-mail updates, and coming to as many Glen Park Association meetings as I can. We’re also going to continue to put all design options on our website,” she said.

She’s also planning to vary meeting times, including having more on Saturdays, to give young families more opportunities to participate. Mauney-Brodek also welcomes e-mail exchanges



for any questions or comments.

As of June 2013, there’s just a rough timeline for the next phase: The design should be completed this year and put out for contract bids in 2014; construction will start in 2015; and the Grand Opening will be in spring 2016.

Even when the major renovation of the Recreation Center is complete, many projects will remain on the wish list: improvements to the ball fields and the Silvertree Camp-Glenridge Co-op building in the canyon, and daylighting the creek, to name just a few. ♦

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# Neighbors Use Sidewalk Landscaping to Green Glen Park

**B**it by bit, Glen Park is getting greener.

That's happening a couple of ways. One is by creating islands of nature from unused or underutilized public spaces, such as roadway medians. In planning parlance, they're called street parks or pocket parks.

Another option is sidewalk landscaping that transforms small patches of the concrete in front of buildings from gray to green with plantings that can be enjoyed by all.

That is what Dr. John Brown, an emergency physician at San Francisco General Hospital, chose to do. Brown has a largish corner property on Arlington Street. The front of the house has a generous sidewalk. On the west side there is a wide spur of sidewalk that dead-ends at the busy San Jose Avenue thoroughfare. That is a lot of concrete.

"I had an affinity for gardens growing up in Connecticut—my dad had a vegetable garden and my mom had her flower beds. When I moved into this house in 1996, I thought it would be nice to add a garden," he said.

Busy with his job, which requires long hours and changing shifts, Brown didn't give the idea his full attention until two years ago, when the roots of one of the



trees in front of his house cracked the pavement, prompting a notice from the City to repair the sidewalk.

A landscape architect friend advised him that in removing the old concrete, Brown could trim the tree roots that

were impinging on the sidewalk, and let them grow laterally into a wider open space; that would, in turn, create room for more plantings.

In addition, the generous sidewalk width on the house's west side allowed

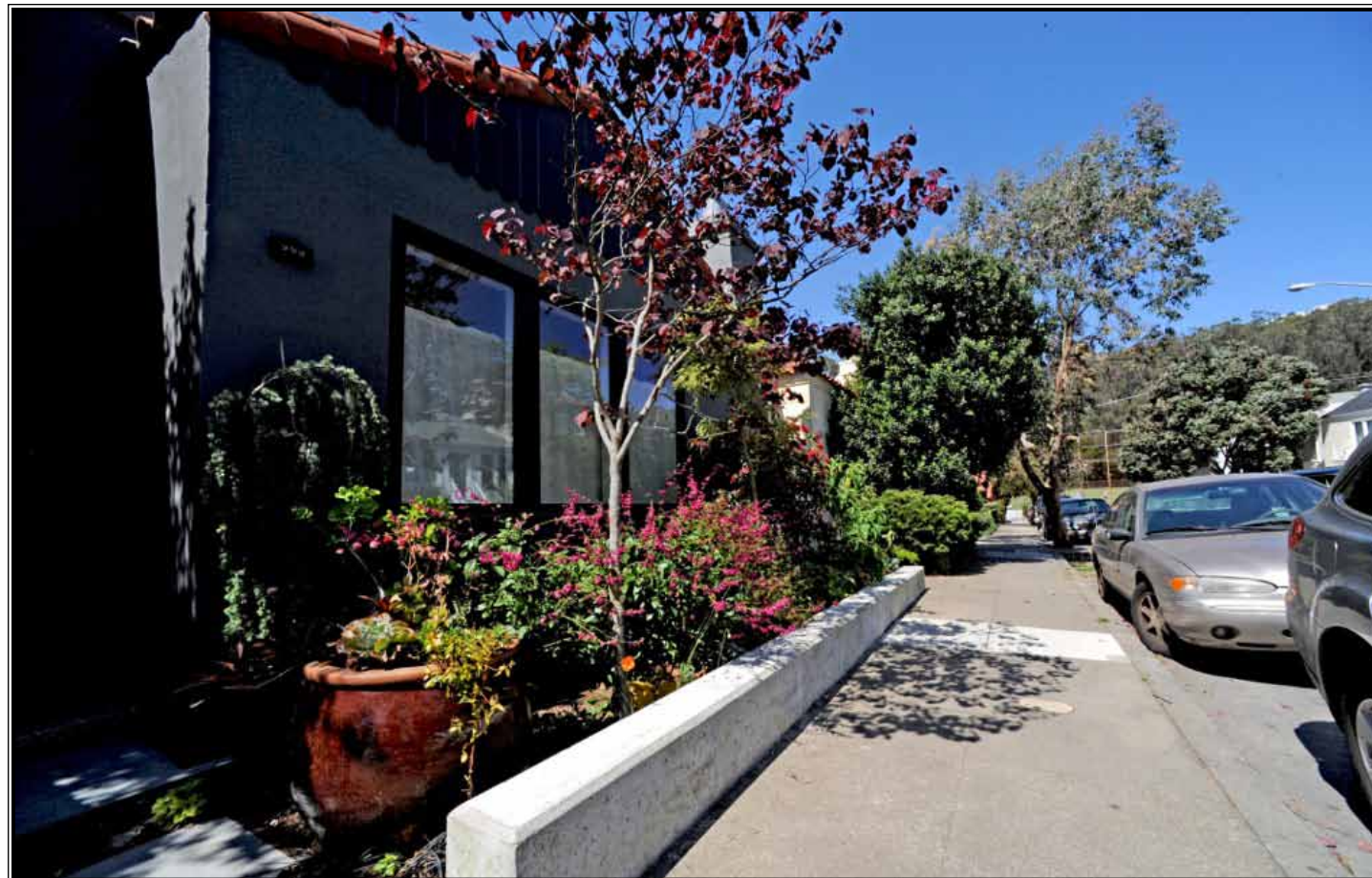
Brown to create swaths of planting beds, one up against his house and the other on the opposite side of the pavement.

He chose plants that require low maintenance and little water. He has two types of aeonium—one is a lush, ornamental, subtropical succulent with a rosette form, and the other is a ball-shaped spiky variety from the Chihuahuan desert. He's also got a bush anemone, which is evergreen and one of California's rarest shrubs. Then there are the leucadendron, and fortnight lily, also both evergreens, for flowering color.

At the time, Brown was unaware that the City was in the process of adopting a program—The Better Streets Plan—that encourages just such greening projects by residents. The final plan, adopted by the mayor and the Board of Supervisors, took effect in January 2011.

The City has a lot of reasons to promote the plan: It enhances the pedestrian experience, provides habitat for birds and butterflies, and reduces storm-water runoff. Sidewalk landscapes also look great and enhance property values.

The Better Streets Plan describes design guidelines for pedestrian and streetscape features in the public right-of-way, as well as requirements for new development. Landscaping in sidewalk areas must be properly constructed and maintained, with consideration to



Top photo: A wide sidewalk on a spur of Mateo Street at Arlington Street provides space for landscaping on either side. Residence of Dr. John F. Brown. Bottom photo: A lush front garden makes the most of a narrow sidewalk on Chenery Street near Glen Canyon Park. Residence of Seth Boor and Elena DiMuzio.

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environmental benefit, public safety and existing infrastructure. A minimum of four feet of clearance is required to allow safe pedestrian passage.

The Department of Public Works must approve all plantings, and favors drought-tolerant species. Not embraced are ivy and other invasive ground covers, which provide a haven for pests. Also on the no-go list are tall dense bushes and hedges, which limit visibility and accessibility, and thorny or spiky plants.

The fronting property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk landscape.

DPW oversees the permitting process. For smaller projects, it takes about four weeks to get final approval. The applicant must fill out the permit paperwork, submit additional documentation and plans, and pay the required fee (around \$200). The City reviews the permit application and may request changes before granting the final go-ahead.

Seth Boor, an architect, and Elena DiMuzio, an attorney, and their daughter Cecily, 4, had a different situation from Brown's. Their house on Chenery Street near Glen Canyon Park is abutted on either side by neighbors. When they bought their house in 2005, much of the sidewalk on the block came almost up to the houses, including theirs—they had room for just 18 inches of planting in front. Yet the property line extended further out, giving the potential for more planting area.

"To us it felt like the sidewalk was too close to the front windows. We wanted a buffer—the idea or feeling of a front yard even if it was tiny," Boor said.

A permit wasn't required to plant up to their property line, but they wanted a low concrete wall that extended beyond the line for a separation point with the sidewalk, and to line up better with their neighbors' frontages. The wall keeps dogs from running in and doing their thing, and litterbugs at bay. It also encourages kids to take a break and sit there for a while, giving the space a warm and welcoming feel. Passersby often stop and talk, remarking on the improvements in the landscape.

As an architect, Boor is used to dealing with the City, and says that DPW does its best to make the approval process user-friendly.

He got a lot of planting advice from Flora Grubb Gardens, a Bayview dis-

trict nursery. Boor has managed to make his frontage of 19.5 feet chock full of a variety of plants. There are three trees: a cedar, which will climb over the side of the house; a redbud, which has a branchy shape; and an azara, which is twiney. A palm tree is in its seedling stage. Ferns are interspersed.

Pots contain bromeliads, vines and grasses, fuchsia, sage and salvia, which together create a small but verdant urban oasis.

Under the same permit, Boor and DiMuzio also were able to plant vegetables outside the rear of the house. DiMuzio says this is "the productive part of our project. The front is for fun, to be ornamental, not useful."

Boor likes the idea of keeping concrete to a minimum so water can percolate and has somewhere to go other than the sewer system.

Irrigation systems and low-voltage wiring for lighting don't require a separate per-

mit and make for ease of maintenance and visibility.

These Glen Park homeowners have had positive reactions from neighbors. The cost of a permits is less if next-door neighbors go in on it together. Boor says his neighbors already had their desired plantings in place but were pleased with his project.

Brown talked with neighbors and some were inspired to begin their own sidewalk landscaping. Ironically, some also told him that, years ago, their parents had trees removed, because of maintenance and potential damage to sidewalks.

He's had one instance of theft of several succulents. One seedling was overlooked so it's tasked with making a comeback in the garden. Nevertheless, Brown is undeterred.

"I would encourage people to do this kind of project," he said. "Instead of coming into my house from all-concrete surroundings, now it's concrete, plants, trees, house. I think it's a feng shui effect, a feeling of transitioning into the warm environment of home." ♦

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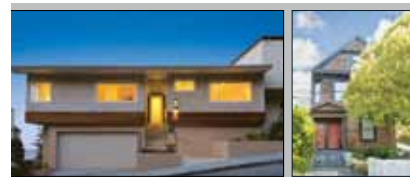
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# In the Middle of It All, Volunteer Gardener Plants an Urban Oasis

John Priola spent seven months in the middle of Glen Park's busiest thoroughfare, beautifying the Bosworth Street median strip with drought-tolerant plants. Cars breezed past one recent Saturday as 20 or so neighbors stood at the corner of Bosworth and Congo streets to applaud Priola's creation, Bosworth Gardens. Wearing the orange vest he uses to alert motorists to his presence, he told his appreciative audience, "I'm both touched and impressed."

Priola, who worked on his own, without pay, to spruce up the center-divider spaces, is an artist and art teacher who has lived on Surrey Street for 13 years. "I ran out of room in my own backyard and it's now filled to the brim," he said. "I love growing plants, and we're so lucky to have a Mediterranean climate here."

He pointed out some 60 new plants, many of them agaves—perennials that can tolerate dry seasons like this one: "The great thing about these plants is they require little overseeing and only small amounts of water."

His efforts won praise from Julia Brashares, stewardship manager of the San Francisco Parks Alliance.

"It's so important to connect nature with our lives," said Brashares, who oversees streets-to-parks programs to establish and maintain community gardens on City property. "Community stewardship is a win-win for everyone."

While she spoke, a hummingbird browsed the daisy-like flowers of a gazania. "It's unique to be able to beautify such a space and make it green," she said.

Priola himself provided most of the hundreds of environmentally friendly plants, but had help from neighbors. Chris and Dan Channing kicked in an agave Americana.

"I collect, gather and solicit at other gardens and obtain cuttings, most of which have spines, thorns or irritating sap," Priola said. "The majority of the plants I find come from new homeowners who have children and who don't want spiky plants that come with the house."

"They have both good sense and generosity and don't want to green-waste them," he continued. "I propagate the succulents, which are very easy and very fast to grow."

As soon as plants are donated, they get added, Priola said. "This is not the traditional way of garden design, which



creates a planned layout and a specific look."

He welcomes assistance, but understands that volunteers might feel uncomfortable gardening in a narrow traffic median. "I like to work alone, though," he said.

The Department of Public Works, which has jurisdiction over the medians and provides the water for plants and greenery, must sign off on Priola's voluntary endeavors, as well as green-light any future work. That's a good thing, said Jake Sigg, conservation chairman of the Yerba Buena chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

"These medians are basically for traffic calming," Sigg said. "I'm glad there are no invasives, such as pampas grass, and that the project is approved by the Department of Public Works."

Brashares looked pleased, as well. The Parks Alliance, a private nonprofit group, works with DPW to improve small public spaces and ensure commu-

nity interest in maintaining improvements.

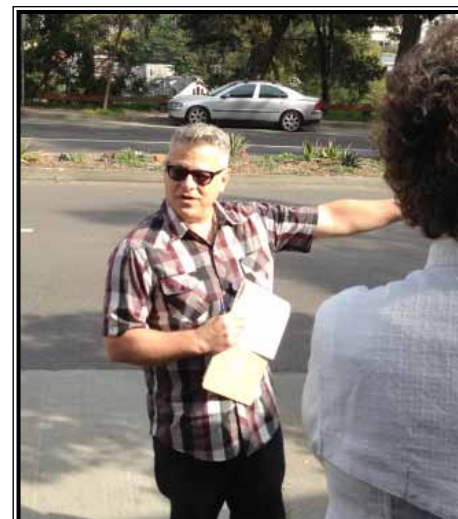
"In addition to medians, we oversee public stairs, traffic circles and parklets," she said. "We have over 100 volunteer groups now, and this signals neighbors getting to know neighbors, as well as minimizing negative behaviors such as dumping."

Farther up O'Shaughnessy Boulevard, additional John Priola gardens complement traffic-calming medians. Community members in the Sunnyside are doing similar work along Monterey Boulevard.

Up O'Shaughnessy, at the Malta Drive intersection, a tiny Priola-fashioned rectangle acts as a safety island for Muni riders disembarking from buses and crossing the busy boulevard.

"The Malta-turn island has had the least number of accidents [along O'Shaughnessy]," said Priola. "It has better signage."

Automobiles have crashed into some



John Priola, volunteer gardener (above) and the magic he worked on Bosworth.

Photo of Priola by Murray Schneider.  
Photos of plants by John Priola.

of his creations, destroying his plant mosaics. Litter tossed from moving cars is a problem—such as a banana peel impaled on a plant spike.

Priola shrugged it off. "At least bananas are compostable," he said. Dogs and their custodians are another matter. "Medians aren't a place to hang out," he said.

Sometimes drivers inform him of potential danger, such as approaching Muni buses, while he is doing median maintenance.

"I thought at first the drivers were beeping their horns at me," he said. "But they're doing it as a warning, as a courtesy, because each bus gives off a gust of wind as it passes."

Alison Draper, a new Friends of Glen Park volunteer, had put in time pulling mustard on a steep canyon hillside the same day she wandered past Bosworth Gardens.

She compared Priola's work to streetscapes in her native Brighton, England. She moved to Glen Park last November, and lives on Chenery Street.

"Back home we had guerrilla gardeners," she said. "Then the city council donated plants and it made Brighton so much better."

"I'm so lucky to have found Glen Park," she said. "It's quieter, it's a bit quirky, but it has its own identity."

It now has Bosworth Gardens, too.

Draper, with British understatement, approved of John Priola's masterpiece: "We need more of this, don't we?"

*For more about Bosworth Gardens: [bosworthgardens.blogspot.com](http://bosworthgardens.blogspot.com). Contact John Priola at [jpriola@gmail.com](mailto:jpriola@gmail.com) and Julia Brashares at [julia@sfparksalliance.org](mailto:julia@sfparksalliance.org).*



## DIGGING THE DIRT

### News from the Garden Club

Are garden clubs square? Definitely not—the Glen Park Garden Club is a hive of learning and fun-filled activities. Joining our club may be the hippest thing you can do in Glen Park

right now. I'll mention by a few of the programs; Kay Hamilton Estey there are more.

We nurture the Glen Park Garden on Diamond Street, just up the hill from Buddy's Market. This requires quite a commitment from those members who volunteer. We have redesigned and replanted; we purchase new plants, add mulch, put bark on the paths, water, clean up, prune and weed. The water is generously provided

by the garden's neighbor, Bill Persh. One member is in charge of the garden for a year and organizes the care of the garden. We have purchased and installed a bench—it's rewarding to see people sitting in the garden enjoying the peace we created.

The club recently reinstituted the Gift to the Street beautification award. It will be given to residents who have managed to squeeze beauty and interest into the few square feet in front of Glen Park houses and spread a little joy around. It may be a few fantastic containers with tiny gardens, or a beautiful tree with creative plantings in the tree box.

A new and exciting club project is an exhibition of botanical art in the Glen Park Library. Six club members take botanical art classes with the Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration at the Miraloma Improvement Clubhouse at 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd. The exhibit, featuring works in watercolor, pen & ink, ink wash, graphite and colored pencil, will run from July 3 through August 29 in the Library, and a reception for the artists will be held July 13, 3–5 p.m. The public is most welcome.

We are also fabulous party givers—one particular highlight of the year is

the garden tour and brunch. Usually we tour members' gardens, and then enjoy lunch outdoors in the sun. This year we are touring a special selection of outdoor public gardens in downtown San Francisco—with lunch to follow, of course!

Many members also volunteer on Glen Park improvement projects, such as taking care of the plants and bird habitat in Glen Canyon Park. Members have also worked with local experts as they beautify traffic islands on Monterey and O'Shaughnessy boulevards.

The Club is casual, but well organized. We have monthly meetings with speakers from local nurseries, experts or members themselves, covering many different garden-related topics, such as

how to grow certain plants, best resources in the area for garden tools, gardening tricks, pest control, pruning practices and more.

Our members are a diverse group with a rich background of careers—a few in the horticultural field—and we welcome beginning gardeners as well. Members are expected to be involved. This level of commitment means the club is flexible, growing and useful.

All of us share a passion for gardens and for the wonders of the botanical world. We swap plants and cuttings among members and often bring available plants to our meetings.

I joined the club long ago, having been an insane gardener and plant collector who is mostly self-taught. I found in the club a group of like-minded people who soon became friends and part of my community.

Our mutual interest and delight in the plant world binds us together. The recent Glen Park gopher invasion is a typical example—without the advice I gained through the club, I think, those little furry critters would have ruined my garden. ♦

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# A Glen Park Homeowner Has a Woeful Story to Tell – How a Bedbug Invasion Made Her, Um, Rather Buggy

**W**hat catastrophe do dorm dwellers at UC-Berkeley's Griffiths Hall, patrons of the Los Angeles Central Library, adventurous travelers practically everywhere and several unlucky Glen Park residents—including me—have in common?

by  
Gail  
Bensinger



Bedbugs. More specifically, the expensive agony of dealing with bedbug infestations.

The entire world has seen a huge upswell of bedbugs since the beginning of the 2000s, public health officials say. While the annoying pests been around ever since humans started sleeping horizontally, they fell into decline during the last half of the 20th century due to the rampant use of multiple pesticides.

Now they're back with a vengeance, immune to most of the chemicals that once kept them in check. Long-distance shipping and the popularity of international travel has spread them practically everywhere on Earth.

In San Francisco, they're "an expensive nuisance," said Manny Barretto, an investigator at the Department of Public Health's Healthy Housing and Vector Control Program. "It was a shock to learn how widespread they were."

While most of the cases he sees are in the Tenderloin and other densely crowded neighborhoods, he said, the bugs can "hitchhike" around town, on Muni buses and BART trains, even in Laundromats. His best advice for landlords and homeowners on what to do about an infestation? "Do not scrimp on eradicating it."

Kevin Youngblood of Scent Tek, which provides sniffer-dog services, says he knows of a half-dozen cases of bedbugs infesting stadium-style movie theaters in the Bay Area—but only in the very top rows. He speculates that's because it's hard to heat open spaces like a big auditorium, and heat rises.

My bedbugs probably came from India, where I spent two weeks in February 2012, but I can't be sure. I didn't notice their presence until October. In my long siege, I learned a lot, starting with the fact that a surprising number of people, especially older ones like me, don't react to bedbug bites. Those who do react get itchy and/or painful welts, but those of us who are immune can take a long time to realize we're under attack.



A bedbug-sniffing beagle picks up the scent.

Photo by BedBugCentral.com

Some biology: Unlike ticks, bedbugs don't carry diseases. They stick close to wherever dinner is, which is why the main infestation is usually in bedrooms. They like cellulose, which is why they hang out in bed innards and in books, among clothes and inside walls.

A well-fed bedbug is about the size and shape of a small ladybug, with a reddish-yellow hue. They multiply like crazy, and can live hidden away for months without feeding—even the nymphs, or newborns. They're adaptable to all sorts of climates and temperature ranges. They can turn practically anything into a hidey-hole—what looked to me like a minuscule gap between my bedroom floor and the baseboard obviously looked to them like the BART Transbay Tube.

Because a bedbug has a relatively short proboscis, it tends to feed on hairless skin where it can reach small subcutaneous capillaries—hitting a vein or an artery would overwhelm it. Males swarm en masse on any available female—"the males are real jerks," Youngblood told me—so a female will scurry away to escape them and establish a new refuge. They don't fly, but they move surprisingly fast.

The telltale little black spots that advertise their presence are fecal matter, not baby bugs. What looks like a dead bug is probably an empty carapace.

Enough biology. What about getting rid of them? The best single source of information I found was the Environmental Protection Agency's website, but there's plenty of other advice online. The City's Vector Control Program keeps tabs on local infestations and its

website lists regulations for property owners. See box on Page 13.

Basically, there are three routes of attack. While there are numerous pesticides that work (until they don't), the best solutions involve heat and cold. For home infestations, forget cold—even your kitchen freezer isn't cold enough. That leaves heat—above 135 degrees.

When I first realized I had a problem, I turned to the online Glen Park bulletin board, where several people offered advice, including the name of a company with specially trained dogs that can sniff out infestations.

The dog confirmed that my house tested positive. Unfortunately, both on that visit and a return after the first heat treatment, the dog missed one major site of infestation, behind the baseboard in my bedroom and closet. Cleaning up the next day, we found more live bugs, which led to heat treatment No. 2.

The treatment involved heating up my bedroom to about 170 degrees, which in theory is far hotter than the bugs can stand, if they haven't managed to hide someplace relatively impervious to heat, such as behind my baseboard. This required a generator on the sidewalk and industrial-strength fans in my bedroom, connected by wires snaking up the stairs. Of course, this attracted a lot of attention from my neighbors, one of whom told me that the generator was as big as the ones used on location by Hollywood movie makers.

Two guys from the exterminating company sealed up my bedroom with a heavy curtain over the door-

way, then proceeded to create chaos—spreading out the books and papers on my shelves, and messing up my bureau drawers and closet to make sure the heat permeated everywhere.

Alas, treatment No. 3 involved the whole house for a whole day, because the bugs had spread into the guest room where I had taken up temporary residence. Finally, two more dogs from a different handler found the spot behind the baseboard, which got ripped out before treatment No. 4. That finally got rid of the damn things, as confirmed by sniffer dog No. 4.

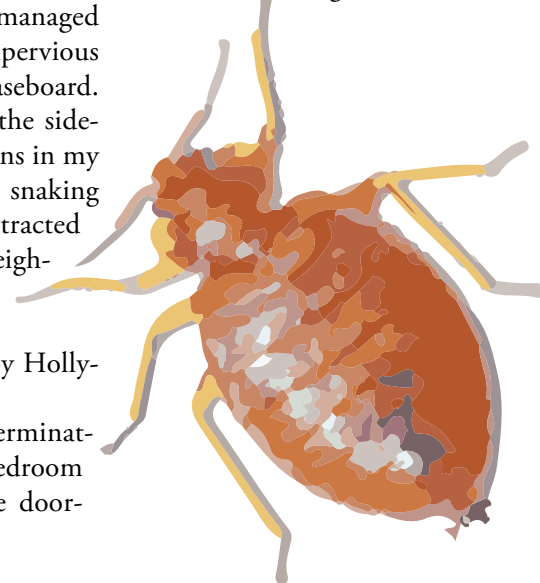
The exterminator told me it was the worst infestation he had ever treated. Oh joy.

Over the course of all four heat jobs, the exterminators found and eliminated multiple colonies in such far-flung places as behind the picture molding, atop bookshelves and on the backs of art hanging on the walls, in addition to the gap behind the baseboard. At one point, I found a truly lost single bug high up on the wall of my bathroom.

In all, the ordeal took about six weeks and cost about \$6,000—not counting extras like dry-cleaning bills for my blankets and bedroom curtains, repair of the crack that the heat caused in my closet door, ditto the cracked ceiling plaster (heat rises), and a new paint job for the bedroom (which had been needed anyway).

It's been six months since my house became officially bug-free. But I'm still careful. I went to Cuba earlier this year and examined the hotel beds before I got into them. I followed the rules you see on the next page for packing and unpacking. And I still check my sheets and pillows every night at bedtime for those tell-tale spots.

So far so good.





## HOW TO KEEP BEDBUGS AT BAY

**Traveling:** Travel is the most likely route for acquiring bedbugs. NEVER put your suitcase on a bed—not in your own house and certainly not in any hotel room, no matter how clean it seems. Instead, put it on a folding luggage rack, wooden furniture, the bathroom or the floor (especially one with no carpet) to pack and unpack. When you get home, take all your dirty clothes directly to the laundry room; don't put things away uncleaned or dump them in the dirty-clothes hamper. Check all the unwashable stuff in which bugs could hide—shoes, toiletry kits, golf bags, whatever. Vacuum your suitcase and carry-ons carefully before putting them away; don't forget all the outside pockets.

**Commercial Exterminators:** Make sure you hire one that is "Diamond Certified" and has experience in handling bedbugs. Find out whether their service includes specially trained sniffer dogs. If you want to remove things from the affected space—your jewelry box, say, or fragile artwork—check to make sure there's no sign of bugs or fecal matter (little black spots). Dog Handler Kevin Youngblood says bluntly, "Never use over-the-counter pesticides." That just encourages the bugs to move to other rooms. Once you've hired a professional, he added, "teamwork is essential." Follow whatever advice the firm gives you to prepare for the pesticide or heat treatment.

**Bug-Proof Your Bedding:** Use bug-impermeable covers for your mattresses, box springs and pillows. They're pricey, but a lot cheaper than an exterminator. Replace them if they spring holes.

**Do-It-Yourself Heating:** If you think anything you wear or own might have been exposed to bugs, put the item(s) in your dryer on high heat for 45 minutes. Be warned—shoes make a lot of noise.

**Books:** First, the good news: Both Denise Sanderson, branch manager of the Glen Park Library, and Eric Whittington, proprietor of Bird and Beckett, say they have never had a bedbug scare in their respective facilities. Michelle Jeffers, at San Francisco Public Library headquarters, says the Main Library and some branches very occasionally have found a suspect bug. When they do, the buggy book is sealed in a plastic bag and tossed, and a brand-new replacement is purchased. That said, used books and the slipcases of used records can be vehicles for bugs to get into your home, so check them out before making a purchase.

**Used Furniture:** NEVER bring a mattress, sofa bed or upholstered chair or couch that you find on the street into your house—you have no way of knowing whether the former owner was getting rid of it because of a bug infestation. Youngblood warns about furniture on eBay and craigslist as well—you might set your sights on a contaminated item. When you buy used furniture from a thrift store or reputable dealer, check it for those telltale little black spots showing evidence of bedbug waste.

**Used Clothes:** The same rule applies to used clothes as used furniture and books—check over everything, especially pockets, seams and pants cuffs. If there's any doubt, and you must have the item, use the 45-minute dryer treatment mentioned above.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, see the EPA's Web site page on bedbugs ([www.epa.gov/bedbugs](http://www.epa.gov/bedbugs)), and San Francisco Health Department's Vector Control Program ([www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/housing/BedBugs.asp](http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/housing/BedBugs.asp))

## A Lot to Say About a Lot

When news broke that the City was going to help fund a new town square-style park on 24th Street in neighboring Noe Valley on land now used for a parking lot and a Saturday farmers' market, Glen Park residents started to ask, Why not here, too? Why not transform the BART-owned parking lot on Bosworth Street into a park? But, suggested others, wouldn't that land be better used for housing?

BART has floated the idea of building a dense residential development on

the site with 50 or more units. If something like that were built, it would be by far the largest housing complex in Glen Park, and could fit nicely into the City's desire to build more residences near major transit hubs. The bottom line, however, is that BART has yet to submit any plan for the parking lot.

Still, a debate (more in the form of a civil discussion) unfolded in recent months on the Glen Park Bulletin Board, a popular online forum for neighborhood news, requests for and offers of advice, and selling and buying used goods. ♦



Glen Park BART parking lot.

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We decided to print a few comments to give readers a flavor of the discourse regarding the future of the BART parking lot:

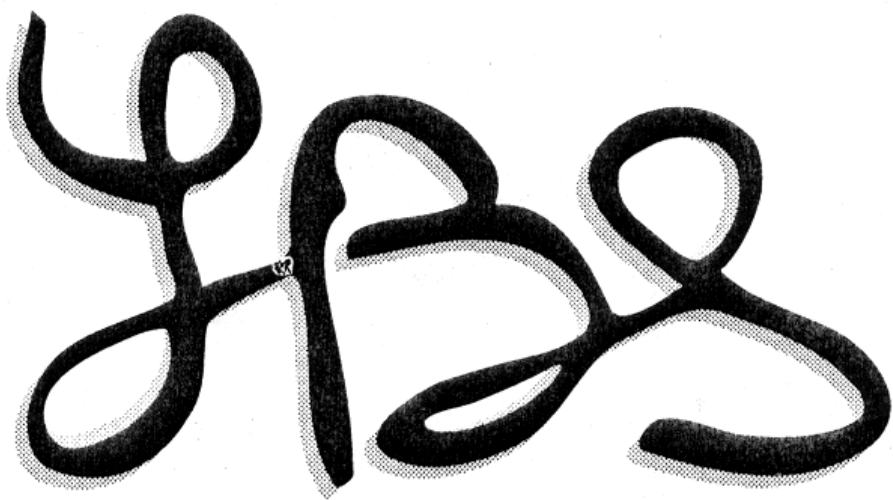
"Please count me as one person open to housing on the lot, and maintaining our great farmers' market in the BART plaza, if/when that day ever comes. I was only able to join this community through the dip in prices with the recession, and truly hope we can continue to admit new people to keep our city and community vibrant, with a middle class."

We must all see this as an opportunity and not feel pushed. Learning to balance our wants and our needs to be not just sustainable, but also maintainable, will be key for the continued building and safety of our neighborhood. Not everyone is going to agree with the final outcome, but we will make this work.

Even adding one single housing development in a neighborhood is highly controversial. Whatever one's view on development of the BART parking lot, let's be very clear it's one development on one parcel across the street from a BART station. Obviously, if this development does or doesn't happen, that's a drop in the bucket in terms of our housing needs, but replicate it over and over and there does begin to be an impact.

"[The] proposed public area sounds delightful, although it does not address the loss of parking. The public space could be considered an interrupted extension of the potential greenway running up Bosworth. If BART does not want involvement with the lot, they should be happy to consider other reasonable alternatives, such as selling it. There is no getting around it: San Francisco needs housing. But six stories on the BART lot is truly over the top, not a good idea, and out of context for the area."





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## IN GLEN CANYON PARK

While acorns and soap plants were important resources for people living in this area over thousands of years, as I

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wrote in the Spring issue, they aren't the only useful plants in Glen Canyon Park. Another example is the toyon plant, common in both northern and southern California. Its bright scarlet berries are a symbolic native plant, also known as California holly, from which Hollywood gets its name.

Toyon berries have been used for food and medicine, roasted and made into cider or tea; they may need roasting or other treatment before being safe to eat. The bark was used by fishermen to make nets and sails.

Another plant that grows fruit is the hollyleaf cherry, called by Native Americans the Islay cherry. Islais Creek, which runs through the park, takes its name from this plant. These seeds may also be made edible for humans. The kernels, which contain cyanide, were soaked in fresh water to leach out the poison, then pounded into a paste. The berries are eaten by birds such as scrub jays, mockingbirds and robins. The wood of the Islay cherry was used by hunters to make bows.

The creek has been restored and maintained by volunteers and Recreation and Park workers for many years, for the benefit of visitors, plants and animals alike.

As the Glen Park News blog suggested recently, keep your pets on a leash and stay on the trail in the park

due to the high level of poison oak on the hillsides. Poison oak can transmit a rash to people and pets, and if pets walk among the leaves, people who brush or touch them can get the rash as well. Additionally, great horned owls have once again been sighted in the park, so neighbors are warned to avoid using rat poison; rodents that consume it can later be eaten by owls, which are poisoned in turn.

Around the park this year, construction is keeping the main entrance on Elk Street closed, but the other entrances are still accessible, including



A great horned owl chick, courtesy NPS.

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a gate in the Elk Street fence near the softball diamond.

As usual, the Friends of Glen Canyon Park work parties are held every third Saturday and every Wednesday at 9 a.m., meeting at the Rec Center in the park. Visit the Friends of Glen Canyon Park website (<http://bit.ly/glencanyon-park>) for additional information about the park, photos of local plants and activities taking place there. ♦

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# Hark! The Sound of Wedding Bells in Glen Canyon Park

**A**lison Draper came to Glen Canyon to pull mustard and returned a month later to get married.

The choice of location was easy, she said. "I made a connection with the canyon from the first."

"Neil and I enjoy walking," Draper said just before her wedding to Neil Mitchell. "I treasure the aroma of canyon eucalyptus trees."

"It so nice to have this on our doorstep," said Mitchell, gesturing to the canyon behind him as birds darted in and out of lichen-draped arroyo willow.

For the ceremony, Draper and Mitchell stood above the canyon floor next to the angelica rocks. That's what the Friends of Glen Canyon Park call them, because that wildflower thrives on a rocky slope there.

She carried a bouquet of ornamental flowers given to her by Kay Westerberg, another Recreation and Park Natural Areas Program volunteer, whom Draper had known for only two months. The bride wore a dress patterned with British arts and crafts flowers, "The floral



Alison Draper and Neil Mitchell tie the knot at Glen Canyon Park. Mike Watson officiates. Photos by Murray Schneider.

The volunteering doesn't stop there. She has a Glen Park News paper route, and works at Grace Center, a San Francisco program assisting women in drug and alcohol recovery.

Mustard loomed large in her introduction to our canyon. It was introduced to the region by early settlers, who used it for chicken and goat fodder. Up in Napa Valley, vineyards use mustard as a cover crop and green mulch. It's celebrated at annual mustard festivals. But in Glen Canyon, it crowds out horrelia, yarrow, blue-eyed grass and coyote brush, beloved by the birds, butterflies and animals that rely on native plants for food and shelter.

As a volunteer, Draper helps keep the mustard in check. But on a sunny afternoon in March, mustard was far from her mind.

The wedding party gathered at the angelica rocks at 1 p.m. Near a chiseled

chert outcropping, they came across a quartet of shamanic worshippers. The group called themselves Breath of Creation and had staked out a nearby space where they stood chanting in a circle while holding hands.

The bride and groom joined hands, too. Calvin Pennington, Mitchell's brother, performed the role of best man. Jadey, Pennington's dog, sprinted figure eights around the couple.

Mike Watson, of the Universal Life Church, led the couple through a brief ceremony. When he asked Draper the age-old question, she said, "I will."

As they kissed, Jadey circled the newlyweds in a congratulatory victory lap.

"This is such a beautiful spot," Watson said, returning his matrimonial script to his coat pocket. As they posed for photographs, the Breath of Creation quartet slipped by.

"It's a lovely day," said one of them, "and it was special to share this space with you both." ♦

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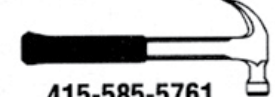
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## ✿ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS ✿

### Glen Park Elementary School

We are wrapping up another successful year at Glen Park School. I am always impressed by how wonderful this community has been to our school. You have supported us by volunteering in our classrooms, by opening your restaurants for fund-raising dinners, by extending your scrip programs or giving gift certificates to our Parent-Teacher Organization members. You have helped with food for our events, sponsored children taking part in our Shape Up Walk, and given in countless other ways over the past several years.

Ultimately you have all played a part in helping raise nearly \$50,000 in extra funds for our school this year—and, in turn, you helped nurture Glen Park School's success. The parents, children, teachers and staff of Glen Park School would like to extend our thanks to our community for such a continued show of support.

Traffic Changes: Starting in the next school year, there will be some changes in our school's afternoon student pick-up procedures. Rather than drivers crowding Lippard Street at 2:40 p.m., all first- through fifth-grade students will be dismissed from the Brompton Street yard. On May 20, Principal Jean Robertson held a meeting, at the behest of neighbor Laura Smith, to discuss these changes and to get some much-needed feedback from our direct neighbors about the challenges created by student pick-ups and drop-offs around our school. For more information, contact the school at 469-4713.

Learning Garden: Starting this summer, a portion of the expanse of blacktop on the Brompton Street side of the school will be transformed into a learning garden for our students. We are excited to announce that our school will also have a full-time corps member from Education Outside, a nonprofit organization committed to advancing science in San Francisco public schools.

Our newest staff member will deliver standards-based, outdoor science education to all students. We will showcase the changes at our third annual Fall

Carnival, to be held on Sept. 28. We hope to see you there!

New Family Playdates: New to our school? Join us at the newly renovated Balboa Park playground for new family playdates on July 14 and Aug. 17, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Meet other new families and PTO members before school starts in late August. Contact [glenparkpto@gmail.com](mailto:glenparkpto@gmail.com) for more information.

From Our "Founding Fathers": In 2008, when my family was looking for a school, the word on the street about Glen Park School was that there was no parental involvement. Our family toured anyway, and discovered a place that was just beginning to have an active parent-teacher organization. Thanks to the time and energy of Charles and Ray Hernandez, the two dads who decided to create our PTO, parental involvement has grown exponentially since then. Now

their daughter is moving on to middle school, so the PTO asked Charles and Ray if they wanted to share a little of their experience with the community. Here is their report:

"Glen Park has been a safe haven for our daughter over the past six years. She made many friends, learned many good things, experienced some difficult lessons, and along with

us witnessed the transition of the parent community at the school. The community of teachers and staff has been constant over this time—a committed group of caring individuals who often come in early, stay late and work during the weekends to fill in the gaps left by inadequate funding. We have been fortunate in this regard, as they are one of the great things about the school.

"We have come to know all of the staff by name, having worked beside them at various events and meetings. We tell stories about our experiences—'Remember when Ms. Wong...'; sing songs about them—'They call me Ms. Phommala, that's right!'; lean on them for support and guidance—Ms. Dearlove, how did you handle that when your daughter...'; and get updates—'What kind of day did she have today, Ms. Zarr...?'

"It has been exciting to see the alliance between parents and staff at the school grow stronger over the time we

have been there. We can confidently say that our daughter would not have been successful without the caring concern she received from those at Glen Park Elementary.

"For the families who are continuing on in the school, we wish you luck and challenge you to continue building the alliance with the school staff that is so critical to support your children, and the children of other families.

"Everyone thinks of Glen Park Elementary as the big blue school on the hill. We think of it as blue on the outside but warm, cozy and safe on the inside. They are a 'family' of golden riches that have forever changed our lives, the lives of children who came before, and those who have yet to experience the treasure." ♦

*Shelley Smith is president of the Glen Park Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization*

### Sunnyside Elementary School

Summer break has begun! The spring semester was as busy as ever at Sunnyside. We held our annual Math and Science event during the school day this year, so all our students could enjoy a full day of rotating from class to class for STEM-inspired games and activities.

This year's International Potluck—our 20th!—was the biggest one yet, with more than 200 people. Families shared dishes representing their cultures. The 2nd grade girls in Ms. Chen's class did a traditional Chinese fan dance, and the students in our ExCEL after-care program rocked the stage with a mix of South American and Caribbean dances. Our 5th graders went on their first school-sponsored overnight trip, aboard the Balclutha, a tall ship in the SF Maritime National Historical Park, where they traveled back in time to live as sailors in 1906.

Throughout the semester, our 3rd and 4th graders worked with Flyaway Dance Productions to create original dance pieces, which they performed for the entire school community in April and May. The 3rd graders created, "Dances to Save the World," investigating natural resource differences both locally and internationally. The 4th graders focused on the essence of school culture, creating "SAFE/SCHOOL/US" as a site-specific performance on the front steps of the school. They also contributed an original song and original spoken word declarations about

safety to the performance.

Several classes from grades 1 through 5 worked all semester with the San Francisco Opera's ARIA program. Working with professional teaching artists, the children created their own operas, from characters and music scores to props, costumes and scenes. They performed five unique mini operas at the end of May.

April saw the close of our Walk and Roll Wednesday program, in which students are encouraged to walk or take alternative forms of transportation to school. Students who participate get raffle tickets to win great prizes. The program culminated in a full day of bipedal activities, sponsored by Safe Routes to School. The morning began with Bike to School Day, in which students were encouraged to ride to school. A few dozen students and their parents met at Sunnyside Park to roll to school together. Once at Sunnyside, prizes were passed out to cyclists (and scooterists) and we held a Walk and Roll Wednesday raffle drawing. Prizes included a mountain bike donated by Fresh Air Bikes, kick scooters and skateboards. The day continued after school with a Bike Rodeo co-presented with Y-bikes that included a bicycle obstacle course and freedom-from-training-wheels class.

Speaking of events, the Glen Park Festival on April 28 was as fun as ever. Sunnyside held a beauty booth, selling glitter tattoos, hair tinsel and hair feathers. We also sold baked goods, drinks and SpringFest raffle tickets. It was a fun way to promote Sunnyside while making a little money, and especially satisfying to see all our students arriving at school the following day with glittery faces and hair.

Festivities continued on May 19 with our annual SpringFest Carnival. The day included live music by the Montara Mountain Boys and the Christopher Ford Band, and a dance performance by Na Lei Hulu Humana. Food included premium burgers and fixings by the food truck Doc's of the Bay, and locally-made tortas and empanadas. Activities included carnival games for all ages, a jumpy obstacle course, face painting, hair feathers and an art show. One second grader, on her own volition, brought her violin and played for tips for Sunnyside. She earned over \$36 for our school, which she donated to our opera program.

The spring semester was a good period for grants for Sunnyside.

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## 🐉 CHECK IT OUT AT THE LIBRARY 🐉

With summer upon us, it is once again time for the San Francisco Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program. The program, which began June 1, runs through Aug. 11.

by Denise Sanderson It is for all ages, with different levels of reading and prizes for each group. Sign up at the library, or online at [sfpl.org/summerread](http://sfpl.org/summerread).

Adults who complete 40 hours of reading can visit the library to choose a Summer Reading prize—either a book or a de Young Museum single pass.

All adults (age 19 and older) who read 40 hours also get one virtual raffle entry, for a chance to win a family or individual membership for the California Academy of Sciences, the Exploratorium, the de Young Museum or the Zoo. And you will be eligible for a chance to win a \$500 gift card for Chronicle Books, to be raffled off on Aug. 18 at Sunday Streets next to the Main Library.

Teens (ages 13–18) who complete 30 hours of reading can choose a Summer Reading Prize—their choice of a book or a pair of tickets to an attraction.

All teens who read for 30 hours also get one virtual raffle entry for a chance to win a one-year membership for the California Academy of Sciences, the Exploratorium, the de Young Museum or the Zoo. And, you will be eligible for a chance to win a \$500 gift card for Chronicle Books to be raffled off on August 18 at Sunday Streets by the Main Library.

In addition, all teens who read 30 hours and submit five book reviews will be eligible for a chance to win a \$5,000 college scholarship from Supervisor Mark Farrell.

All children (ages birth–12) who read for 10 hours can choose a Summer Reading Prize – their choice of a book or a pair of tickets to an attraction.

All children who read for 10 hours also get one virtual raffle entry for a chance to win a one-year family membership for the California Academy of Sciences, the Exploratorium, the de Young Museum or the Zoo. Additionally, you will be eligible for a chance to win a \$500 gift card for Chronicle Books to be raffled off on August 18 at Sunday Streets.

The attractions for which teens and children can win tickets are Aquarium of the Bay, Bay Area Discovery Museum, California Academy of Sciences, Children's Creativity Museum, Conservatory of Flowers, Contemporary Jewish Museum, Exploratorium, de Young Museum, Japanese Tea Garden, Presidio Bowl, Pump It Up, Ripley's Believe It or Not, San Francisco Giants, SFJazz Center, the Zoo and Walt Disney Museum.

Also this summer, the Library is proud to host a botanical art exhibit with the Glen Park Garden Club from July 3 through Aug. 29. The reception for the artists is Saturday, July 13, 3-5 p.m. (See Digging the Dirt, Page 9)

The Community Calendar on Page 20 has information about other coming events. To find out more about our programs and other library news, please visit our Glen Park Library Blog at [glenparklibrarysfpl.blogspot.com](http://glenparklibrarysfpl.blogspot.com). ♦

*Denise Sanderson is chief librarian at the San Francisco Public Library's Glen Park Branch.*

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For those families enrolling in Sunnyside Elementary next school year (and those interested in exploring the school), we are hosting several play dates over the summer. The play dates will take place on June 29, July 20 and August 3, from 10 a.m.–noon at Sunnyside Park/Playground.

*Leah Tarlen is president of the Sunnyside Elementary School PTA.*

### Sunnyside School

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Three grants came in for our life sciences garden program—one from Whole Foods, one from Jamba Juice and one from the Ashbury Children's Foundation. We also received a grant from Art4More that will support visual art activities next school year. We submitted several more grant proposals to support the arts, literacy and educational software next year. Fingers are crossed that some of these will come through.

In addition to grants, Sunnyside earned over \$3,700 in loyalty shopping programs

## Library Hours May Increase



The San Francisco Library Commission has proposed opening the Glen Park branch on Sundays as part of a citywide increase in hours at most of its 27 branches.

by Heather World The Glen Park library would be open on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and would open one hour earlier—at noon—on Thursdays.

At the nearby Noe Valley-Sally Brunn branch, the Commission proposes to add eight hours on Mondays, but cut morning hours on Saturdays and shorten Tuesday and Thursday evenings, by three hours and one hour, respectively. Also, hours on Wednesday would change from 1 to 9 p.m. to noon to 8 p.m.

Hours at the Bernal Heights branch would not change.

The proposed changes follow a year-long assessment of library use and public survey information that is required every five years by the City Charter. The Commission was expected to vote June 20, barring any significant changes.

Implementing the changes would then take about six months to ramp up staffing needs, said Michelle Jeffers, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Public Library.

“Without being too solid, we’re saying fall,” she estimated.

For more information, visit [www.sfpl.org/pdf/about/commission/open-hoursproposed2013.pdf](http://www.sfpl.org/pdf/about/commission/open-hoursproposed2013.pdf) ♦

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## GLEN PARK REAL ESTATE

The Number One question on everyone's mind these days is: "Can this growth in our real estate market be sustained?" The answer is that no one knows for sure, unless you have a crystal ball that really works—in which case we need to talk.

by  
Marc  
Dickow

I'll tell you what I do know: This market is different from what we called a bubble market. How, you ask?

Our current market has been called a powerful market. In the prior bubble market, many buyers were simply not qualified or able to purchase the homes that they did. Lenders were offering 100 percent—or more—financing, with sloppy qualifying of buyers. Then, when the bubble burst, a lot of buyers were forced to short sell, or worse, had to go through foreclosure.

In this current powerful market, buyers are able and willing to pay for the homes they are buying. In fact, a startling 33 percent of current buyers are paying all cash—that's one in three homes being purchased outright! In the past three months in Glen Park, 37 percent of the reported sales were all-cash buyers. That is more than at any time in the 30-plus years I've been in this business.

Where is all the cash coming from? Well, certainly there are a lot of high-tech folks who've made enough in stock to pay cash. There are also a lot of buyers who are pulling their money out of other investments that they feel have not done as well as they know the San Francisco real estate market will, especially in the long term.

But sellers need to consider all the facts before accepting any offer. It's great to have people bidding way over your asking price, but there are dangers, too. Many homes go into contract, only to see buyers back out of deals. A lot of uncompleted sales are due to the question: Is this house really worth the price I'm paying?

If loans are involved, the houses may not appraise for the sale price. Some buyers waive all property inspections just to get into contract, but later realize that it might be a mistake. Others have inspections that reveal a lot of work needs to be done.

Sellers should have property inspections done before putting their homes on the market, so that buyers can make a more informed decision when making an offer. That can certainly help cut down on buyers pulling out of deals.

But, most obviously, these bidding wars are worth it to many buyers.

Would-be buyers are frustrated and suffering from buyer's fatigue because of all the offers they have to make. If they really want a particular home, they have to outbid the competition, which may mean offering as much as 30 to 40 percent over the asking price. Currently, few people are going to that extreme, but we are consistently seeing offers of 15 to 20 percent over asking for well-priced homes. As real estate consultant Carole Rodoni says, "Write a contract, not an offer."

Low interest rates continue to help fuel the buyer's market, but at some point this will change and rates will go up. That probably won't happen for another year, but no one really knows that either.

Inventory remains low, but why exactly? Well, there are a number of reasons. Many people who bought during the last bubble are just now at a point where they can get their money out of their homes. Some sellers think they should wait until things go up more, but this may not work out as well as they think.

As more inventory comes on the market, prices may level out. I really can't believe that prices will continue the steep climb that has happened in the last year in San Francisco—about a 15 percent increase from the same time the previous year. But again, who knows for sure?

There will be more inventory as more

sellers feel that they are no longer under water. Even in San Francisco, many people bought at the height of the last bubble and couldn't afford to sell even if they wanted to. As prices continue to increase, we will see more homes coming on the market.

So, is there an answer to the question: How long will this current powerful market last? No, there's really no answer, except to say that the market always cycles, and it will continue to do so.

Can we be confident that San Francisco will remain a strong real estate market no matter what is happening in the rest of the country? I think that if you look at the past several cycles and how they have affected other parts of our state and the country, compared with the effects here in San Francisco, it's pretty clear that our market will remain strong.

I'd love to make this an interactive column answering questions that you may have and writing about topics that interest you. Send any questions or topic requests to [news@glenparkassociation.org](mailto:news@glenparkassociation.org) or by mail to Glen Park News, 2912 Diamond St., #407, San Francisco, CA 94131.

Enjoy the summer, and see you around town! ♦

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429 Laidley St.	3/1/13	12	562,000	718,000	127.76%
533 Laidley St.	3/8/13	25	2,650,000	2,650,000	100.00%
162 Randall St.	3/8/13	14	1,049,000	1,325,000	126.31%
518 Chenery St.	3/12/13	33	759,000	860,000	113.31%
265 Beacon St.	3/20/13	34	1,595,000	1,655,000	103.76%
9 Harper St.	3/28/13	49	535,000	586,000	109.53%
135 Arbor St.	3/28/13	26	1,549,000	1,650,000	106.52%
128 Laidley St.	4/5/13	14	1,299,000	1,550,000	119.32%
380 Laidley St.	4/10/13	14	1,749,000	2,007,000	114.75%
566 Congo St.	4/12/13	32	899,000	1,030,000	114.57%
45 Chilton Ave.	4/19/13	28	1,750,000	1,800,000	102.86%
142 Acadia St.	4/26/13	38	1,000,000	1,000,000	100.00%
11 Whitney St.	5/3/13	6	1,395,000	1,800,000	129.03%
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ☉ Glen Park Association ☉

Quarterly meetings are held in January, April, July and October. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike. Annual dues of just \$10 support the Association's important work on behalf of the neighborhood.

☐ Next meeting: Thursday, July 18, 7 pm, at the Recreation Center in Glen Canyon Park. The agenda includes "A History of Glen Canyon," an illustrated talk by Evelyn Rose, the blogger of "Tramps of San Francisco." Also scheduled are presentations on transportation plans in Glen Park, and Sunday Streets in San Francisco.

### ☉ Friends of Glen Canyon Park ☉

The Friends are volunteers who help maintain and improve our neighborhood park and enhance our knowledge and enjoyment of the city's natural wonderland. Their regular activities in the canyon continue while reconstruction work is under way between the Recreation Center and Elk Street. To join Friends of Glen Canyon Park, contact Jean Conner at 584-8576. For information about Friends' activities, visit <http://bit.ly/glencanyonpark>.

Meet behind the Rec Center for these activities in the Canyon:

☐ Third Saturday of each month, 9 am–noon: Meetings and Plant Restoration Work Parties. Tools, gloves and instruction are provided. Next dates: July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21.

☐ Every Wednesday, 9 am–noon: Weekly Work Parties.

Volunteers are also welcome to work in the canyon with the Recreation and Park Department's Natural Areas Program staff. For information, contact Joe Grey at 831-6328 or e-mail [joe.grey@sfgov.org](mailto:joe.grey@sfgov.org).

### ☉ Park Planning Meetings ☉

Saturday, July 13, 10:30 am–12:30 pm, at the Rec Center, Glen Canyon Park: The Rec & Park Department continues its community planning process for Glen Canyon Park with a series of meetings. This is everyone's chance to see the latest designs and provide neighborhood feedback. This July meeting also will be the first in the newly reopened Rec Center, which has a new heating system. Access is available from Elk Street via the steps opposite Sussex Street or a gate in the fence near the softball diamond, and from the end of Bosworth Street. Bonnee Waldstein's story on Page 1 has more information.

### ☉ Glen Park School ☉

Sunday, July 14, & Saturday, Aug. 17, 11 am–1pm, Balboa Park Playground: New-Family Playdates for incoming Glen Park School families and PTO members. Contact [glenparkpto@gmail.com](mailto:glenparkpto@gmail.com) for information.

Saturday, Sept. 28: Third Annual Fall Carnival at the school, 151 Lippard Ave.

### ☉ Sunnyside School ☉

Saturdays, June 29, July 30 & Aug. 3, 10 am–noon, Sunnyside Park/Playground: Playdates for enrolling families.

### ☉ Garden Club Art Exhibit ☉

Saturday, July 13, 3–5 pm, Glen Park Library: Reception and opening of a new exhibit of botanical art featuring works in various media by Glen Park Garden Club members. The display runs through Aug. 29.

### ☉ St. Aidan's Episcopal Church ☉

☐ Every Friday, 1–2 pm: Food Pantry, for low-income and disabled clients who live in the 94131 ZIP code. St. Aidan's, 101 Gold Mine Dr. at Diamond Heights Boulevard, 285-9540.

☐ Saturday, June 22, 5:30 pm, \$55: Summertime Blues "Supper Club" with comedy, music and auction, a fund-raising event for St. Aidan's community programs. Supper at 6, music at 7.

☐ Sunday, June 23, noon–3 pm, \$35: Pride Gospel Brunch, a fund-raiser including musical show and silent auction, benefitting St. Aidan's ministries.

### ☉ Glen Park Branch Library ☉

Denise Sanderson, manager of the Glen Park Branch at 2825 Diamond St., oversees a lively agenda of events at our local library. See her column on Page 17 for more information. A full schedule is always available at the library, and all programs are free.

Following are a few of the events planned this summer.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

☐ Every Tuesday, 10:30 am: Baby Rhymes & Playtime. Rhymes, stories and fingerplays for ages birth–3 years.

☐ Mondays, July 8 & Aug. 12, 10:30 am: Preschool Videos, for ages 3–5.

☐ Thursday, June 27, 4 pm: Origami, for ages 4 and up.

☐ Tuesday, July 2, 1 pm: Comedy Magic with Robert Strong, all ages.

☐ Friday, July 12, 4 pm: Movie Day.

☐ Tuesday, July 16, 4 pm: Triskela Harp Trio.

☐ Monday, July 22, 10:30 am: Music with Tim Cain, all ages.

☐ Thursday, July 25, 4 pm: Legos We Do, for ages 7 and up.

☐ Thursday, Aug. 1, 4 pm: Books and Journal Making, for ages 5 and up.

☐ Saturday, Aug. 10, 4 pm: Boswick the Clown.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

☐ Second Tuesdays, 3–4 pm: Drop in E-Reader training.

☐ Fourth Saturdays, 3 pm: Saturday at the Movies.

☐ Wednesday, July 24, 6:30 pm: Bay Area Beauty: The Artistry of Harold G. Stoner, Architect.

### ☉ SFPD Community Forums ☉

Third Tuesday of every month, 7–8 pm, at Ingleside Police Station, John V. Young Way off San Jose Avenue. For details call the station at 404-4000, or visit the website [InglesidePoliceStation.com](http://InglesidePoliceStation.com).

All residents are encouraged to participate in these informative monthly Community Relations Forums hosted by Capt. Tim Falvey, Ingleside Station's commanding officer. Keep up to date on neighborhood police issues, get acquainted with the dedicated people who keep our neighborhood safe.

☐ Next dates: July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17.

### ☉ Glen Park Farmers' Market ☉

Sundays, 10 am–2 pm: Vendors at our neighborhood farmers' market brings nature's bounty to the BART parking lot, Bosworth and Arlington streets, every Sunday through Nov. 24, 2013.

### ☉ School of the Arts ☉

If you hear music wafting through the air on the third Wednesday of the month, the folks at the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts at the top of Glen Canyon hope you'll bear with them—you may be hearing student performances during the acclaimed high school's monthly Diversity Days. Throughout the school year, students present an eclectic calendar of music, dance and theater performances as well as visual arts exhibits, all open to the public. There's a modest charge for most events, and free parking in the lot off O'Shaughnessy Boulevard. To find events you'd like to see, visit [sfsota.org](http://sfsota.org).

### ☉ Bird & Beckett Events ☉

Bird & Beckett Books & Records, 653 Chenery St., presents literary and musical events under the auspices of the nonprofit Bird & Beckett Cultural Legacy Project. Admission is free, but requested donations make the series possible, and your purchases are vital to keep the book store open. Tax-deductible contributions to the Cultural Legacy Project help keep cultural programming alive in Glen Park.

Check online for the latest information at [www.birdbeckett.com](http://www.birdbeckett.com), pick up a monthly events schedule at the bookshop, or call 586-3733. Shop hours are 11 am–7 pm Saturday–Thursday, 11 am–9 pm Friday (hours are often extended on evenings of events).

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

• Wednesday, June 26, 7 pm: Reception for photographers Irene Poon & Charles Wong.

• Sunday, July 28, 2 pm: Poet Donnelle McGee.

• Wednesday, July 31, 7 pm: Poets Jackson Meazle, Jason Morris & Sunnylyn Thibodeaux – celebrating the publication by Bird & Beckett of Morris' Local News and Thibodeaux's 88 Haiku

for Lorca by Morris' PUSH Press.

• Sunday, September 8, 2 pm: Italian-American Poets – A reading hosted by Laura Ruberto.

#### WEEKLY & MONTHLY SERIES

☐ **Two book groups** meet monthly, at 7 pm. Call the store for title(s).

• Bird & Beckett Book Club: 1st Thursdays.

• Political Book Discussion Group: 2nd Thursdays.

☐ **Live Jazz in the Bookshop:** Every Friday, 5:30–8 pm. A neighborhood party to help unwind from the work week.

• 1st Friday of the month: Don Prell's SeaBop Ensemble.

• 2nd Fridays: The Jimmy Ryan Quintet.

• 3rd Fridays: The Scott Foster Quartet.

• 4th Fridays: The Chuck Peterson Quintet.

• Special 5th Friday – August 30: The John Calloway Ensemble.

☐ **Which Way West?:** Every Sunday, 4:30–6:30 pm. This concert series features Americana roots bands, jazz groups, world music performers, classical music and more. All ages welcome.

• June 23: Chaudé Symphonie – Le Jazz Hot.

• June 30: Matt Renzi Trio – Jazz.

• July 7: Buena Vista Jazz – Trad Jazz.

• July 14: Grant Levin Trio – Jazz.

• July 21: Noel Jewkes & Grant Levin Duo – Jazz.

• July 28: Sandra Aran Quartet – Samba, Bossa, Jazz vocal.

• August 4: Ruth Keady Quartet – Jazz vocal.

• August 25: Hawkeye – Jazz.

• September 8: Betty Shaw Quartet – Jazz.

• September 15: Frank Jackson / John Clark Ensemble – Jazz.

• September 22: Pasha Band – Pan-Arabic Music.

• September 29: FivePlay Jazz Quintet – CD Release Party.

☐ **Poetry with Open Mic**, hosted by Jerry Ferraz: Third Thursdays, 7 pm.

• July 18: Rosemary Manno & Ronald Sauer.

• August 15: Michael Koch

• September 19: Kim Shuck

☐ **Literary Talks:** Last Sundays at 2:30 pm (August to May). Walker Brents III addresses literary, mythological and philosophical topics. ♦

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