Rafael Mandelman is preparing to take office as Glen Park’s new District 8 representative on the Board of Supervisors after he won the recent election in a landslide with 60 percent of the vote, besting incumbent Supervisor Jeff Sheehy. Mandelman is expected to take the oath of office in July, once results of the June 5 election are officially certified. His win means that Glen Park will lose one of its own on the Board of Supervisors, with the departure of Sheehy, who lives with his husband and middle-school daughter a short walk from downtown Glen Park.

One of Sheehy’s first acts as supervisor was to address a problem he saw firsthand every day: the traffic mess at the busy Bosworth-Diamond intersection. He convinced the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to assign traffic control officers to help tame the commute-hour chaos in the area.

Mandelman, who lives near 25th and Valencia streets, vowed to keep the needs of Glen Park in sharp focus, whether concerning the citywide challenges of affordable housing and homelessness as they affect the neighborhood or the more mundane concerns of potholes and stop signs.

“You want my attention, you have it,” Mandelman said in a recent Sunday morning interview with the Glen Park News at the Bello Coffee & Tea café. “If there are events or meetings in Glen Park that folks want me to be there, they should please let me know.”

Mandelman, an attorney specializing in housing and development, spent a lot of time in Glen Park on the campaign trail, knocking on doors and greeting commuters at the BART station. He may not have the same intimate familiarity with the neighborhood that Sheehy has, but he has done his homework.

One topic: the potential development of the BART parking lot across the street.

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Glen Park Businesses: Longevity Rules

One family. Three locations. Fifty years.

Even for tiny Glen Park, where a surprising number of businesses are in their second, third or even fourth decade under the same ownership, Dalere’s Beauty Salon stands out for longevity. Glory Dalere is 83 now, a widow, and has long since turned over the operation of the shop to her daughter Marian, who runs the two-chair salon part-time, by appointment only. Six years ago, the Chenery Street operation was moved upstairs from the ground floor, in order to make room for Cheese Boutique to relocate from next door.

That was the third location for the salon, which opened in October 1968 on Diamond Street, in the space where La Corneta Taqueria is now. In March 1975, it moved to its current location when Glory Dalere and her late husband bought the building at 660 Chenery, with its storefront shop.

Young Marian loved the move. On Diamond Street, she had to get a grown-up to help her across the street to buy candy at Diamond Super Market, but on Chenery she could go next door to the Italian deli (later the first

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If you've accessed www.glenparkassociation.org recently, you might have been shocked at the sudden transformation of the GPA website. Where once there existed a clunky page that put the scroll bar to the ultimate test of endurance, now appears a sparkling page with multiple stories and photos to entice you further into the depths of the site.

At the January meeting of the Glen Park Association, President Scott Stawicki reviewed the GPA's accomplishments in 2017, and its goals for this year. Among the goals for 2018 was a redesign of the GPA website. The old site was based on a WordPress platform that had limited functionality. The new site, still on WordPress, has a much broader range. The most important change, we feel, is that you can preview several recent posts at one time and follow through on any one by clicking on it. On the old site, you had to scroll through an entire story to get to the next one.

This caused headaches for the editor, who needed to prioritize time-sensitive stories so that they could be seen immediately upon opening the site. Depending on the timing of the posts that came in, some recent posts would get buried under older posts. Confusing? Yes.

The new design addresses that problem in an elegant way. Now, featured stories are splashed on top, followed by a scroll of older stories for you to preview and access. The GPA engaged Mary Szczepanik, a web designer who lives in Glen Park, to do the makeover. "When redesigning the website," she said, "we wanted to make it easier to navigate and view multiple stories at once, provide an enhanced calendar listing, and generally make the site more visually compelling—there are so many great photos of Glen Park that could be shown.

In addition, the capacity of the new site is much greater, so you don't hit a wall after reviewing the limited number of older posts on the previous site. Szczepanik notes, "One of the more exciting elements of the site redesign was ensuring that all the archives of old stories transferred—the GPA website/blog has been such a great repository of information, we wanted to ensure that information was preserved."

As before, there is a search function, which will bring up any post from anytime in the past. We will be using "categories" on our posts going forward, so you can focus on a particular topic, such as transit, crime, environment, education, etc.

Our calendar has been redesigned to be more user-friendly. The linear, chronological listing of events has been replaced by a monthly calendar with events placed on the date of the month. You can get an at-a-glance view of everything happening that month. Clicking on a specific event will bring up all the details about it. You can advance to future months to plan to attend an event or go back to past months to bemoan what you’ve missed.

As before, new events are added as information becomes available. We hope that you will come to rely on the calendar as your go-to spot to find out everything that’s going on in Glen Park. In an effort to be more interactive and responsive, our contact tab will let you know whom to address if you want general information, have an event to post on the calendar, or have written something you’d like to have posted on the site.

The home page of the new site will always feature the front page of the current issue of the Glen Park News, clickable to the entire issue, as well as archives to back issues. Time and place of the upcoming quarterly Glen Park Association meeting will likewise be viewable on the home page, as soon as the information is available.

One thing we’re really excited about is the link to the Glen Park Association Facebook page (did you know we had one?), where you’ll find posts about GPA activities, such as Greenway plantings, and where the mayor’s Fix-It Team has been beautifying and improving Glen Park. You might be inspired to participate in one of the many community activities that are featured on our Facebook page. Glen Park sometimes makes big headlines. When it does, there are links to stories in the Chronicle. There are also links to random musings from Glen Park on Instagram and Twitter.

Some things haven’t changed, but we have a feeling many people aren’t aware of all the longstanding features of the GPA site. On the Glen Park Association tab, you can find board contacts and minutes of the quarterly general meetings and monthly board meetings, so you can be in the know about what issues the GPA and the community are working on. If you have insomnia, you can read the GPA bylaws and fall asleep assured that our association functions by a set of transparent rules.

If you want funds for a project that will benefit Glen Park, you can go to the “grants” category (full disclosure: it’s currently under construction). And if you’ve ever wondered where the heck Glen Park is, exactly, you’ll find a Glen Park boundary map.

Another thing that hasn’t changed: You can join or renew membership in the GPA online for 10 bucks, and you can subscribe to the website to get the latest post in your email. Please do both!

Although there were many issues to address and myriad pesky details, it has been rewarding to achieve the functionality of our website that we’ve always wanted. “Working on the GPA website was a super fun project for me,” Szczepanik said. “It felt great to be able to help with the GPA website, since Glen Park has given me and my family such a wonderful community.”

We hope you’ll enjoy our website makeover, and that it will give you valuable information and insight into our great little corner of the city.
We also want to take this opportunity to thank Supervisor Jeff Sheehy for his service on the Board of Supervisors since January 2017. A Glen Park resident, Sheehy was picked by the late Mayor Ed Lee to fill out the term of District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener when he was elected to the state Senate. Sheehy showed from the start that he cares deeply for the neighborhood and he worked hard to address constituent concerns. Following Mandelman's victory, Sheehy announced that he has no desire to take on Mandelman again in the fall 2018 election.

Not only are we greeting a new supervisor, we also welcome a new mayor. Congratulations to Board of Supervisors President London Breed, who came out on top in the June election to serve out the remainder of Mayor Lee's term, which ends in January 2020. Lee died last December, mid-term. Breed, as board president, automatically succeeded him, as City law dictates. But her colleagues had the right to oust her, which they did less than two months later, and gave Supervisor Mark Farrell the job. Voters put Breed back in office and she is expected to run for a four-year term in the November 2019 election. The race we just got through should be looked at as a warm-up.

All that maneuvering is captivating to political insiders, but the general population is less intrigued—most are more interested in having a mayor who improves people's quality of life and holds true to San Francisco values. Breed has signaled she will do both.

The morning after the polls closed, Breed trailed opponent Mark Leno by 1,146 votes under the ranked-choice voting system despite having taken first place in nine of the 11 supervisorial districts. But as more ballots were counted the following week she squeaked through to victory. Now her task is to find common ground in tackling some of San Francisco's biggest challenges—housing affordability, traffic congestion and homelessness among them.

Breed shouldn't be immune from accountability the next time she's on the ballot, but we hope San Francisco politics will continue to have at least the veneer of civility, rather than the nastiness and rancor that has roiled Washington.

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First and foremost, I want to thank my family for their love and support over the past 18 months. Thank you to the late Mayor Ed Lee for the incredible honor of my appointment as District 8 supervisor. Thank you to all my friends and neighbors who supported me both in my job and in my campaign. I am proud to have served the residents of District 8 and all the people of the City and County of San Francisco. It has been immensely rewarding to serve this fantastic city, and I could not have done it without all of you.

During my time as supervisor, I have been proud to partner with the Glen Park community on various projects. Street safety was a major concern, and I believe we made great headway by installing stop signs at Diamond Street and Diamond Heights Boulevard and, critically, getting traffic officers assigned at Diamond and Bosworth, by the BART station, for the evening rush hour. These much-needed safety improvements have and will continue to reduce the number of vehicular and pedestrian accidents. I hope that more of these types of improvements will continue to be implemented.

Other initiatives included getting funds for a survey of the Greenway, the corridor along Bosworth Street between Chilton and Elk streets; moving the Greenway project forward by facilitating the clearance of dead trees; the historic preservation of Glen Canyon; and working closely with residents, merchants and police on public safety concerns.

Work on the dog park in Walter Haas Park has begun and should be completed in a couple of months. We got funds to replace the dirt with an artificial surface that will be cleaner and also will avoid dust blowing over the children's play area.

During the past year and a half, I have worked with the mayor's Fix-It Team, led by Sandra Zuniga. The Fix-It Team worked all over District 8, and made some great improvements at the BART station and around the neighborhood. Their work will continue. We worked with DPW to bring Community Ambassadors to clean in and around the Village.

This past spring, I became the first District 8 supervisor to bring Participatory Budgeting to our community. Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process where residents have the opportunity to propose and vote on how $250,000 should be spent in our neighborhoods. More than a thousand neighbors voted on proposals, which included neighborhood beautification and public safety improvements. The Boundary Survey for the Glen Park Greenway project, which will advance the Greenway by supporting the detailed design of safe, accessible pathways and restoring native vegetation, won funding through this process.

And in May, I had the privilege to honor the Cheese Boutique and owners Rick and Nada Malouf as the District 8 Small Business Honoree.

I believe that the progress we made together will have a profound and lasting impact on the Glen Park village and outer neighborhoods for years to come, and I will continue to advocate for my Glen Park neighbors in my future endeavors. Feel free to say hi if you see me around the neighborhood.

Happy summer!
Mom Writes an Ode to Glen Park Before Moving

Lauren Tilston wrote a post on the Glen Park Parents’ online forum that attracted the attention of a lot of readers. She wasn’t looking for a high chair or asking about an after-school program or seeking a nanny share.

The mother of two, ages 6 and 8, was leaving the neighborhood and wrote an ode to Glen Park. Her words can serve as reminders of what makes Glen Park marvelous. She experienced what so many of us experience but sometimes take for granted: our downtown offerings, good civic amenities and friendly neighbors.

And hers is a story like so many others: A San Francisco family packing up to buy a roomier house with a big yard—something she and her husband, who had been renting, could not get here—in a neighborhood that her kids can explore by bike on their own. Her husband also commuted for eight years from Glen Park to the South Bay, and now he’s only 15 minutes from work.

“So commute plus lack of space plus finances are the things that really drove the decision to move,” she said in an interview.

It is clear from her letter to Glen Park that the decision, then, was bittersweet; her written tribute to Glen Park speaks for itself:

**Dear Glen Park,**

Our family has lived in Glen Park for eight wonderful years! In less than two weeks, we will be moving [to San Jose] and we would like to say THANK YOU for being our community for the last eight years.

Destination Bakery, you brought us to Glen Park when we used to drive through for a treat on the way to work.

Canyon Market, you have been a staple, bringing great nutrition and smiles to our entire family each day!

SFPL Glen Park Branch, what would we do without you? My kids and I LOVE the library, both for the books and the programs!

Cafe Bello, your coffee is sublime and your “office space” allowed for concentration when the house was full of rambunctious children.

Perch, you are the kings of last-minute and BEAUTIFUL gifts!

Pono, you are my new favorite [and you saved my skin!]. Welcome to the neighborhood!

La Corneta, Gialina, Win Garden [and Osha Thai and Chenery Park], thank you for feeding my family when I had no more left to give.

Le P’tit Laurent, your French toast and dessert wine was our favorite impromptu date night when grandma stayed over with the kids.

Cuppa, my kids will remember you forever, and probably never stop asking me to go there!

Little Artistas, thank you for taking in our children and teaching them to love art and Spanish!

Glen Park Dental, how in the world will we say goodbye? Our closest neighbors, our favorite dentists, our nanny share, smiles in the morning, smiles in the evening, extra treasures for our kids—our friends!

Besides that, the Glen Park community: We have borrowed your muffin tins and your chairs and we have swapped unwanted items—remember when you gave me that bottle of Pisco? We made some great Pisco sours! Remember when you needed a car seat and my kids had outgrown theirs?

Thank you for your generosity!

Here I found moms with babes with whom I could enjoy [and commiserate] about mom life, and they grew to be trusted friends with big kids. Thank goodness for you, mom friends! I also found Leo from UPS when I had a baby and a toddler and no parking and needed diapers and wipes and other household goods that I could not drag from my car, along with the stroller and baby carrier; you delivered them right to my stairs without even judging, always with a smile.

And Rhonda, everyone’s favorite crossing guard! Thank you for keeping us safe! And thank you for your persistence! You have known my children since they were babies and it has taken forever for each of them to break out of their shells and talk to you!

We have enjoyed the bouncy house and live music at the Glen Park Festival with all of you and endured the years of reconstruction at the park and celebrated the return of a [new and improved] playground and rec building.

Hooray for Rec and Park and the people in this community who were active in planning for a space that serves the community! We played soccer with you and Coach Shawn!

Chenery Street, we will miss you on Halloween! Thank you for your abundant candy [and wine!] and good times!

Thank you for being the kind of people who you want to have in your community—people who have got your back and make this life quite a bit more enjoyable! You people are awesome! Sometimes we ask ourselves why we are leaving. (But then we remember the no parking and the stairs! Also, the noise from the bus stop.)

If I have forgotten to express any kindness or greatness you have shown, please forgive me! I hope you continue to support each other and bring goodness to the people around you! You’ve got a good thing going.

Glen Park! I feel so fortunate to have been here and from the bottom of my heart would like to say thank you!

**You are the best!**

**We’ll miss you!**
Hi! from your friendly neighborhood library.

Summer Stride has been underway since May 19. We have a beautiful 46-page guide that can connect you to our 900-plus programs this summer.

Summer Stride connects adults, kids, teens and families to free, entertaining, educational activities all summer long. Summer Stride helps adults rediscover the fun of lifelong learning so that they stay engaged with their community. Summer Stride helps kids connect with the library during the summer so that they continue to learn while having fun.

Patrons who visit the library will receive a 2018 Summer Stride game card. Summer Stride is inclusive—all reading, listening, learning and library time counts. When they reach the 20-hour mile marker, finishers of all ages will receive a tote designed by noted artist and musician Shawn Harris, illustrator of Chronicle Books’ Her Right Foot, written by Dave Eggers. Each SFPL location will raffle for both adults and youth, and they are not required to register for the reading program to play for raffle prizes.

In addition, San Francisco Public Library’s ongoing partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) has inspired one of our most popular summer programs: the National Park Service shuttles. These shuttles are field trips, with transportation included, that will ferry our patrons to a nearby national park. There is a ranger walk/talk, and usually a couple of different activities from which to choose upon arrival. Interested parties can sign up on the Eventbrite website: www.eventbrite.com/o/free-community-shuttles-from-libraries-to-national-parks-13763221843.

Here are a few of Glen Park Library’s upcoming highlights (check the Community Calendar on Page 20 for more programs):

• Saturday, June 30, 4:15 –5:15 p.m.: The Lizard Lady will show us snakes, lizards, tortoises and other reptiles. Cozy up to some very cool cold-blooded critters.

• Saturday, July 28, 1–2:30 p.m.: K.J. Landis, author of Happy Healthy You: Your Total Wellness Toolkit For Renewing Body, Soul, and Mind, will describe the history and benefits of all-natural body scrubs. Space is limited.

• Sunday, July 29, 3–4 p.m.: Kirk Waller will blend a mix of spoken word, music and movement!

The library is a lively community center ready to serve the Glen Park community. Please pop in and pick up the Summer Stride Guide or Glen Park monthly calendar to keep up with what is going on at your local neighborhood library. Now go out there and *Read*Explore*Connect*. (Summer Stride is funded in part by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.)

Note that all San Francisco Public Library branches will be closed on Independence Day, July 4.

Michelle Waddy is the branch manager of the Glen Park Library.

Correction: In our spring edition, the last name of Glen Park chief librarian Michelle Waddy was misspelled. We apologize for the error.
Congratulations to all Glen Park gardeners! We are now receiving the recognition we deserve for helping preserve habitat for all kinds of insects and birds. Many organizations understand the important role of the home gardener. It is even possible to have your garden certified as wildlife habitat via the National Wildlife Federation and the North American Butterfly Association.

One of the greatest threats to the diversity of life on our planet is the loss of habitat. Your garden may seem small and insignificant in the face of this challenge, but collectively we can recreate a nurturing environment for insects and birds and support the rich microbial life of the soil. For instance, we can plant nectar plants for endangered butterflies such as the Mission Blue, the Green Hairstreak or the gorgeous Swallowtails.

We can create a garden for pollinators with plants that attract bees, moths, butterflies and birds. We can design an oasis of nectar and water, and a safe place to reproduce for many species. Fortunately, this is relatively easy to achieve. Here’s how to get started (and read on for some very good news).

First, quit with the chemicals! Chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers will destroy the useful bacteria and fungi in your soil, and kill beneficial insects, bees and even birds. It is possible to find some organic products for pest management, but always check for their effect on bees and beneficial insects. Remember, a garden does not have to be perfect.

Second, look after your soil — garden the dirt! Add compost and mulch once or twice a year, and your plants will be stronger and better able to defeat pests.

Third, provide shrubs and trees for birds and large insects to hide in, and keep an eye out for predators and competitors.

Fourth, provide a fresh-water source. People love ponds, but I remember with horror installing a large pond for a client only to find it ripped apart one morning, the expensive water plants strewn around the garden and nary a fish to be found — raccoons, of course. So for our smaller gardens, I prefer a shallow fresh-water source in a safe place to attract small birds and insects.

Fifth, don’t let weird inhabitants freak you out. Snakes belong in our gardens. The most common snake seen around here is the striped garter snake, which is completely harmless. Our native possum is an ugly fellow with an impressive set of pointed teeth, but these sharp teeth are used to kill unwelcome rats, mice, gophers and large grubs in the garden. Learn to love those possums!

Finally, and this is the good news, be a lazy gardener! Many species need a weedy, unkempt area to breed and hide in. Small lizards and snakes like piles of old wood. A lawn that is not trimmed down provides food and shelter for all kinds of tiny creatures. And those tiny creatures are part of the food chain. If they disappear, the larger, more popular species go as well. For instance, don’t clean up all those spiders — birds eat them and use the webs for nesting. Perhaps the imperfect wild garden is really perfection.

Here are some great plants to drop into your garden.

For pollinators:
- **Ceanothus thrysiflorus**: large shrub with brilliant blue flowers.
- **California phacelia**: low growing, brightly flowering plants. Include the buckwheats (Eriogonum species), coyote brush (Baccharis species), mallows, Monardella or bee balm, and any of the sages (Salvia species). Plant milkweeds (Asclepias species) in the hope of nurturing Monarchs!

For butterflies:
- **Ribes or California currant**: vigorous and useful native shrub.
- **Seaside daisy**: pretty pink and white ground cover.
- **T oyon**: large shrub for background fill.
- **Yarrow or Achillea millefolium**: pale white pincushion flowers, very prolific bloomer.

For butterflies:
- **Hummingbird sage**: furry long leaves with pink whorled flowers held on long stems.
- **Coast buckwheat**: delicate, pale pink pincushion flowers.
- **Ribes or California currant**: vigorous and useful native shrub.
- **Seaside daisy**: pretty pink and white ground cover.
- **T oyon**: large shrub for background fill.
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By Kay Hamilton Estey

**The endangered Mission Blue butterfly.**

**Dalere’s Beauty Salon**

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**Coast buckwheat with a black-tailed bumble bee.**

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Kay Hamilton Estey is the Glen Park Garden Club columnist. For more information about the garden club, including its activities and lecture series, contact her at kay.esty@gmail.com.
It has been proposed that Fairmount School, a 154-year-old institution offering a Spanish immersion program, be renamed in honor Dolores Huerta. With César Chávez, Huerta cofounded the United Farmworkers Union in 1962, and she has worked tirelessly as a feminist, an advocate for children and the downtrodden, and as a non-violent civic activist. Huerta is certainly deserving of such an honor. Yet Fairmount School, at Chenery and Randall streets, is a highly visible landmark in Fairmount Heights, and at a recent community meeting about the name change, I expressed concern over the district’s gradual loss of identity.

Founded in 1864 during the Civil War, it is one of the oldest neighborhoods beyond the original business district of San Francisco. Chenery and Arlington streets first appeared in the original Fairmount Tract homestead along the winding route of the Old San Jose Road (likely also the route of the Spanish El Camino Real).

Over the past century and a half, Fairmount Heights has become linked with significant histories associated with agriculture, civil rights, immigration, railroads, aviation firsts, post-earthquake recovery, mid-century redevelopment and environmentalism. I provided a brief overview of these histories at a community meeting. While the name change is likely to proceed, attendees agreed that the histories of Fairmount Heights should be taught during the name transition and to future generations of students.

The reason why Fairmount Heights has been gradually losing its identity appears to be due to neighborhood cartography which, like history, has been changing over time. The original Fairmount Homestead was bounded by Grove Street (today’s 30th Street) on the north, Castro Street on the west, and the San Francisco-San Jose Railroad (later the Southern Pacific) bending southeasterly from 30th Street to Castro along today’s San Jose Avenue. It would continue to be labeled the Fairmount Tract on various maps into the 1890s.

The first reference to Fairmount Heights appeared in 1906, when the infamous Gray Brothers quarrymen were accused of obstructing the water supply to residents of Laidley and Beacon streets. After 1915, fueled by two world fairs, transportation modernization and the growth of personal wealth, San Francisco tourism continued to escalate through the 20th century. As a result, identification of neighborhoods became more of an exception. Maps became more whimsical, to focus on sights to see, or utilitarian, to help ease crosstown navigation.

Today, in maps at the San Francisco Planning Department and the Glen Park Association, Glen Park’s boundaries extend east and north and incorporate the Fairmount Tract’s original 1864 borders. Realtors promote Fairmount Heights as Glen Park with growing frequency. Zillow’s list of “Recently Sold Homes in Glen Park” extends from Elk to 30th streets, and from Monterey to Diamond Heights boulevards.

In a new book by Richard Walker, Pictures of a Gone City: Tech and the Dark Side of Prosperity in the San Francisco Bay Area, Fairmount Heights, Glen Park, Sunnyside, Diamond Heights and several other neighborhoods are no more. This “New Urbanism” neighborhood map instead shows an expanded district called Twin Peaks—extending from Bernal Heights to the Sunset, and from Ingleside to the Haight. It serves to reemphasize the importance of the conservation of our neighborhoods’ histories, lest our entire district may be forgotten with the passage of time.

Evelyn Rose, project director and founder of the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project, is documenting the histories of Glen Park and nearby neighborhoods. To learn more, visit www.GlenParkHistory.org. To join the mailing list, contact GlenParkHistory@gmail.com.
Rafael Mandelman Vows to Bridge Divide

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Bosworth Street from the station. While there are no formal proposals to build on the parcel, the idea has been raised over the years by BART and housing advocates. But any development there would be sure to spark fierce debate, for the site could support dozens of units, which could change the character of the low-key neighborhood.

“Given San Francisco’s housing crisis, I think it gets hard to preserve surface parking lots, particularly right near mass transit,” Mandelman said. But he fell short of a full-throated endorsement. “I’m open to thinking about the use of a surface parking lot for housing.”

He also said there may be ways to reduce the impacts that bringing in a large influx of new residents could have on existing neighbors. One possibility would be to prevent the new residents from obtaining residential parking permits in order to reduce the demand for street parking. “That’s potentially a reasonable accommodation.”

Mandelman, a 44-year-old homeowner and past president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, graduated from Lick-Wilmerding High School and earned degrees from Yale, Harvard and UC Berkeley. He was born in Laguna Beach and moved to San Francisco as an 11-year-old. He first ran for District 8 supervisor in 2010, but lost to Scott Wiener. He then successfully ran for a citywide seat on the Community College Board in 2012 and won re-election four years later.

Wiener, meanwhile, was elected to the state Senate seat and left the Board of Supervisors before the end of his term. Then-Mayor Ed Lee tapped Sheehy to fill the vacancy in January 2017. Under the City’s election rules, Sheehy had to run for election in June 2018 to retain his seat. Mandelman decided to challenge him, and now must face election again for a full term this November. Sheehy has said he will not run.

In the June race to fill out the last few months of Wiener’s term, Sheehy was cast as the moderate candidate and Mandelman had the backing of the city’s progressive flank. His win could give the progressives a 6-to-5 edge on the Board of Supervisors, but Mandelman cautions against pigeonholing him.

“I am going to work really hard to build good relations with all of them,” he said of his new colleagues. “Coming from this district, it’s going to be important to not be too aligned with any of them.”

In District 8, Glen Park, Diamond Heights and Noe Valley tend to skew a little more moderate than the Castro and the eastern edge of the district. But this being San Francisco, the ideological differences between progressives and moderates are not vast.

While campaigning, Mandelman heard from a lot of people across the district about their growing concerns over homelessness and mental illness and drug use fueling uncivil behavior on the streets.

Mandelman’s mother suffered from severe mental illness and was unable to take care of him. She ended up homeless at one point and Mandelman, whose parents were divorced, bounced around, living with relatives, a foster family, the family of a classmate and a high school teacher. That experience, he said, helped shape who he is.

He favors expanding the system of conservatorship to better care for people who can’t take care of themselves, increasing the capacity for residential mental health treatment, opening regulated safe injection sites for intravenous drug users, and removing tent encampments. He also wants to see more police officers walking beats.

“In terms of getting scary and sick people off the street, we’re getting an F and we need to do better,” he said. “I will work really hard to help make that happen.”
Lots of Summer Fun on Tap at Rec Center

The Glen Canyon Recreation Center summer program, already underway, will continue through Aug. 26. It offers a number of exercise classes, as well as pick-up basketball games, pickleball matches and rock-climbing drop-in schedules.

Qigong, a holistic exercise system of coordinated body posture including movement, breathing and meditation, is offered for seniors interested in a low-impact exercise. Tai chi, a Chinese martial arts class for those 18 and older, offers instruction in defense training as well as providing health benefits.

Pilates is also offered once a week. The exercise regimen uses special apparatus designed to improve physical strength, flexibility and posture while enhancing mental awareness.

The Rec Center highlights both gentle Hatha yoga and Zumba gold. The former emphasizes physical posture and provides a gentle introduction to the most basic yoga postures, while the latter offers a lower-intensity workout that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination.

Vinyasa yoga takes yoga to another level. "Vinyasa" can be translated as "arranging something in a special way." This class teaches participants to coordinate movement with breath to flow from one yoga pose to the next.

Children are more than accommodated. They can enroll in drop-in rock climbing classes or take advantage of Karate Kidz—Little Kickers, a program that offers the rudiments of traditional and functional martial arts, but does not teach fighting or combat techniques.

Kids can also enroll in Petite Bakers, designed for children between 3 and 6. Here they learn the art of baking in the Rec Center's new kitchen.

There are fees for classes, and the newly renovated facility is closed on Sunday and Monday. Check the Community Calendar on Page 20 of this newspaper for class times.

The tennis courts and the baseball diamond—home to Little League baseball games and soccer matches—remain available through the summer. For those interested in hoops, there's open gym five times a week where the basketball games of round-the-world, horse and three-on-three are played.

Segueing to the park's 70 acres of natural area is always an effortless transition. Day users can enjoy short walks around Islais Creek or challenge themselves on Franciscan chert rock outcrops. They can hike along the canyon's three pristine trails that provide California wildflowers in bloom, overhanging arroyo willow that offer shade on warm summer days, and an assortment of birds to view. All of it is tended by the Rec and Park Natural Areas Program staff and by Friends of Glen Canyon Park volunteer stewards.

For more information, call 415-831-2700, check www.sfrecpark.org, or drop in at the Rec Center office and introduce yourself to park supervisors Oskar Rosas, Toby Wiley and their staff.

 Photos by Murray Schneider

Kids climb to new heights at Glen Canyon Recreation Center, above, and pickleball enthusiasts, below, take a break from play.
Two Little League teams faced off on the Thelma Williams Diamond in Glen Canyon Park on a warm Saturday afternoon in April. The players were 6 years old, maybe 7. Parents watched from behind the backstop and along the base paths. A father, the pitcher, knelt halfway between home plate and the batter’s box.

The boys let one pitch pass, then another, before he slapped a dribbler to short. The ball bounced twice. The shortstop first booted it, then picked it up and arced a toss to first, where it hopscotched in front of the first baseman.

No surprise, the runner beat out the throw.

Behind first base, a mother took it all in. “They’re learning,” she said, “and they’re having fun.”

Similar scenes have been played out on tens of thousands of diamonds millions of times. For more than four decades in Glen Canyon Park, kids’ league games were overseen by Thelma Williams, who coached more than 2,000 kids very much like like the ones who competed on this April.

Williams, who made her home on Joost Avenue, ensured that each player learned baseball, and enjoyed doing so: “I want them to have fun playing the game first,” she said early in her coaching tenure. “That way they will learn to love it.”

A plaque honoring Thelma Williams, installed in 1991, rests on a cement platform, testimony to what she donated in both time and energy to generations of neighborhood children.

“In the early 1950s, my mother replaced my father as coach in the Rec and Park League. said Mareth Vedder, Williams’ daughter. “I was 10 years old, and I’d accompany her to games.”

Vedder was sitting on a bench near the Thelma Williams Diamond left-field foul line on April 13, the day before the San Francisco Youth Baseball League game. She shared memorabilia and photographs of her mother, who died in 2000.

“My mom was a pioneer, way ahead of her time. In 1952, it was an era before women became coaches,” said Vedder. “An opposing coach early on told her, ‘Go home, wash dishes.’”

Dick Morosi played against Williams’ 1952 Glen Park team. Morosi was coached by Grove Mohr, a man ahead of his time regarding gender roles.

Brought up in the Portola district and educated at Sacred Heart High School, Morosi went on to coach varsity baseball at Daly City’s Serramonte High School in the 1970s and later taught civics at Westmoor High School. On May 19, he talked about Thelma Williams at this year’s Prep Hall of Fame dinner at Patio Espanol restaurant.

“I was 9 years old and playing for Portola Playground,” Morosi told his audience. “Glen Park always played us tough.”

Not one to ignore a teachable moment, Grove Mohr handed Morosi two pristine baseballs before the Glen Park vs. Portola Park first pitch.

“Give these to the other coach,” Mohr instructed Morosi.

“I walked the balls over,” said Morosi, “but I didn’t see anyone who looked like a coach. Then this lady, Mrs. Williams, says, ‘Nice to meet you,’ then she tugs at my cap and she says, ‘You just gave the baseballs to the coach!’”

Morosi returned to his side of the diamond.

“Well, Dick,” Mohr asked Morosi, who completed a 42-year career in education as Westmoor’s principal, “Did you learn something?”

As a 10-year-old, Mareth Vedder remembers climbing up and down the Sunny Side hills to and from the Glen Park Recreation Center. “My mom didn’t drive,” Vedder said. “She and I would carry bat bags to the park, which meant climbing Baden, then along Martha, down Congo and across Bosworth to Elk.”

“One afternoon I was collar-boned by a line drive at third base,” she said, “I was so embarrassed, I walked back home by myself.”

Williams was the mother of two sons and three daughters and, ultimately, the grandmother of 13. Vedder’s niece, Sharon Swanson, recalls her grandmother in terms of baseball, too. “She’d bundle us up, stick us on Muni and take us all over the city to baseball games.”

When she wasn’t scheduling games, making batting lineups, reserving diamonds and handing out uniforms for Babe Ruth and midget leagues or working her day job at Meyers Safety Switch, Williams enjoyed sitting in her living room putting thoughts to paper. “I have a small rustic cottage with an old-fashioned garden in the back, a small black poodle and a canary,” she wrote in 1966. “I look down upon the garden at the flowers and the apple tree. It is loaded with green promises of next month’s delicious fruit. I listen to the birds twittering and I think how wonderfully peaceful it is.”

She wrote “Sandlot Corner,” a column in the old San Francisco Progress devoted to Little League box scores and news.

“I never took batting practice,” Williams confessed at 70. “I just didn’t want my players to know I couldn’t hit.”

Williams would give her children a key to her house and leave snacks for them. “Even my grandchildren were used to Nana not being home,” Williams wrote in her 1966 memoir. “They figure that if I’m not there, I’m
Youth Baseball Coach Broke Barriers

Thelma Williams with her Myers Safety Switch team.

usually at a ballgame, and they’d think I owned the sporting goods store when they’d see all the sporting equipment there.”

For the most part she depended on the team dads to pick up her and her equipment. Sometimes she called a cab.

“The cab drivers are generally good sports about lifting a heavy bat bag into their trunk,” she wrote. “Most of the cabbies are interested in what I am doing and some refuse a tip, saying, ‘Give it to the kids.’”

Sometimes she caught a ride in a police black-and-white cruiser. Recently retired San Francisco Police Officer Tom Taylor played for Williams’ Meyers Safety Switch and Flying Goose teams in the mid-1960s. “My partner and I spotted Thelma waiting for the 10 Monterey at 30th and Mission, which would take her to Big Rec,” Taylor reminisced. “She’d come from work at Meyers Safety Switch and had her green duffel bag filled with bats, balls and bases. We were heading back to Ingleside Station, but instead we took Thelma to Golden Gate Park. “I wouldn’t be surprised to hear that she got rides from a fire chief’s battalion car,” Taylor continued. “Her ‘boys’ turned into firefighters, police officers and teachers. We all played for her.”

In 2009, San Francisco Police Athletic League President Rick Bruce, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the PAL, wrote about Williams that she used to refer to the ballplayers as her boys. She was inducted that year into the PAL Hall of Fame. One of those “boys” is Steve Franceschi, who played for her Meyers Safety Switch team in 1962. “I didn’t have any spikes,” Franceschi recalled, “so Thelma bought me a pair.”

Paul Lowery, who played catcher for the PAL Flying Goose Midgets, riffed about cleats, too: “Our spikes never seemingly fit, and our moms and dads wouldn’t purchase the correct size, and they’d tell us, ‘They cost money and you’re going to grow out of them quickly.’ So they’d stuff the front part of the spikes with torn remnants of the Chronicle to ensure a snug fit.”

“Thelma was a giver,” Taylor said. “If you didn’t have a bat or a ball, she’d find a way to get them out of her own pocket. She broke ground, and she learned along the way, and we learned with her.”

More than a half century later, the lessons she taught have stayed with her players. “She matters because we had a joyful time when Flying Goose played Max Sobel on the gentle grass in Glen Park in front of enthusiastic parents,” said Little Leaguer Paul Lowery, who served in Vietnam. “Mrs. Williams matters 50 years later because she represented a period when it was fun to be a kid and when baseball was king and she was the reigning queen.”

“I guess a lot of people think I’m a little bit cracked, and I can’t handle baseball teams,” Williams wrote, “but after 14 years, the old-timers are now accepting me as their equal and instead of offering me advice, they are sending me promising youngsters or any youngster who wants to play ball.”

On April 27, 2018, two such youngsters took to the Thelma Williams Diamond infield, accompanied by their Noe Valley parents. The older, aged 5, selected a bat and stood at home plate; his 3-year-old brother knelt next to his father and mother.

The mother underhanded a ball to the boy, who swung from what a baseball scout would liken to a major league batting stance. It was Glen Park, it was a Sunday, it was family, and it was fun.

For 40 years Thelma Williams, donning a red windbreaker, positioned herself near the on-deck circle on baseball fields across the city. She’d pull at her cap, finger her maroon score book. She’d peer at the hitter. She’d catch her player’s eye as he shouldered his pine. If there were a runner on base, she’d pantomime a sign. Then she’d echo those dozen words every kid has heard who’s ever laid down a squeeze at home, poked a single through the hole, or slugged a round-tripper over a fence.

The same dozen words Dick Morosi heard in the batter’s box, words that have held him in good stead ever since. The same dozen words Flying Goose catcher Paul Lowery and Bob Williams, Thelma’s son, heard from the coach on a Glen Park baseball field all those years ago.

“Don’t take your eye off the ball; watch it hit the bat!”

Members of the Thelma Williams family pose with the plaque honoring her on Mother’s Day 2016.
Neighbors peppered politicians and a public utility wonk with questions about everything from parking lots to poop at the Glen Park Association spring quarterly meeting.

By Heather World

More than a few neighbors at the April 19 gathering asked about the unofficial parking lot on Kern Alley, which continues its slide into disrepair. The land is owned by the Hayes family (as in San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White), which wants to legitimize the lot so they can charge for parking and upgrade it.

The problem is that half the lot is zoned for housing, said District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, who has been working with the family to find a solution.

“I do not think any of us think it should be a permanent parking lot,” he said. “We’re trying to save it for the short term so for the long term it could be housing.” So far, Sheehy has proposed an amendment to the Planning Code to rezone the lot for housing, said District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, who has been working with the family to find a solution.

The Hayes family has approached the Glen Park Association and been invited to speak about the lot at a future meeting, said President Scott Stawicki.

On another topic, Stawicki said the association is working with BART officials to hash out plans to beautify the Glen Park station, particularly the dusty empty planters above the tracks. The condition of the station has been drawing neighbors’ complaints.

Sheehy reminded neighbors of BART’s phone app for reporting crimes: “Please use it because it tallies issues and allows BART police to better allocate resources,” he said.

State Sen. Scott Wiener also was at the meeting, to give a rundown of news from Sacramento and to defend his controversial bill that called for higher density housing along transit corridors. His proposal stalled in the Legislature.

“When you have a hard bill doing something new, sometimes it takes a few years to work through it and get something that gets enough support—and that’s the way it should be,” Wiener said. “I’m happy that it has sparked a long-overdue conversation across the state about what the housing crisis means in California and what it takes to solve it.”

The prolific lawmaker also has written bills to make it easier to prosecute auto burglars, to increase resources for homeless youth, and to mandate that the state issue health and safety guidelines around recycled water so local municipalities don’t have to.

He also has introduced legislation that would allow judges to consider the number of times a mentally ill or drug-addicted person has been to the emergency room, psych emergency facility or jail, when deciding whether to commit them to a conservatorship: “We don’t want mental health and substance abuse issues to become criminal justice issues,” Wiener said. He said his office is still working with interested parties, including the American Civil Liberties Union, to find the right balance between civil rights and the health and safety of an individual and the community.

Most questions directed to Wiener centered on his housing bill, with neighbors fearful of San Francisco “becoming another Shanghai,” a fast-changing and fast-growing metropolis.

“These are very gradual change over decades, not an overnight revolution- ary thing,” Wiener said. He agreed that transit must keep pace with housing development to maintain quality of life, citing his efforts: a statewide $3 billion regional transportation bond, a bond to expand the capacities of BART and Caltrain, and the doubling of Muni light-rail trains.

Meeting attendees also heard from Christina Codero, the director of financial planning for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. She was there to explain the hike in water rates to generate more funding to upgrade the City’s aging wastewater infrastructure and to accommodate San Francisco’s population growth.

The extra money, she said, will help ensure that the system can handle the growing demand, improve seismic reliability and incorporate more conservation measures.

The average single-family home uses 5.3 units of water, costing about $108 per month, Codero said. That rate will go up starting July 1, though the rate increase spans four years. By its end, the average single-family home would be paying $149, she said.

Dotted throughout the meeting were smaller announcements: Rec Center Facilities Coordinator Oskar Rosas gave an update on programming, and Evelyn Rose of the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project announced the dedication of a plaque commemorating Glen Canyon as the location of the country’s first dynamite factory, licensed by Alfred Nobel.
A Guide for Children to Glen Canyon Park

Of the thousands of people who visit Glen Canyon each year, it’s likely that none are more excited and intrigued by its wonders than children. With hawks soaring among towering rock formations and pocket gophers scurrying among the underbrush, the canyon offers a rare wilderness experience in the heart of San Francisco. Yet little is written for children about this remarkable city park.

The children at Noe Valley Nursery School, located next to the rim of the canyon at Christopher Playground on Diamond Heights Boulevard, are regulars along its trails and in its woodlands. So the preschool decided to share its love of the canyon with other kids. With a grant from the Glen Park Festival in 2017, the school has published Exploring Glen Canyon—a Guide for Curious Kids.

The colorful brochure introduces animals and plants native to the canyon and touches on its geology and history. Photos by wildlife photographer Janet Kessler capture the diversity of its inhabitants. Its centerpiece is a charming map of the canyon created by artist Jen Bloomer.

The guide is available free at the Glen Park Rec Center and local libraries. It can also be downloaded on the NVNS website, www.noevalleytours.com.

The introduction to the Glen Canyon guide created by the Noe Valley Nursery School. The guide is available on their website, www.noevalleytours.com.
Longtime Glen Park Businesses Anchor

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Cheese Boutique, now FitGlenFit) without adult supervision. Now, she notes, she is just one flight up from Cheese Boutique's rack of premium chocolates.

Over the half-century since they opened the doors, the Daleres have seen hairstyles change—no more beehives or bouffants à la Jackie Kennedy or French twists—or blue rinses, for that matter, except on young people who want a change from orange or indigo. Back in the old days, Glory styled wigs and hairpieces for making big hair even bigger.

Marian says three original clients still come in regularly for a shampoo and set. One is from Richmond in the East Bay; she gets a hairstyle like Queen Elizabeth's. Others don't date back quite so far, but one regular for decades first came to get her hair done for her prom. And Marian makes regular house calls for another long-term client who is 97.

Marian and her carpenter husband live in an apartment on the second floor, and she spends part of most days helping Glory, who has stenosis and cannot walk unassisted. The Dalere matriarch lives in the family home a couple of blocks from the shop, with one son and her 5-year-old granddaughter. Her other son lives next door, and also helps out his mom. “All three of them are really, really good. They help me so I can stay in the house,” Glory said.

It has always been a tight-knit family, and customers were included in that category. “My dad would bring lunch for her, and would bring enough for everybody,” Marian recalled. “My dad had a garden, and brought fruit and vegetables for our customers.” In return, the customers would babysit Marian and her two brothers after school and on Saturdays, reading to them and helping them with their homework. The kids would run errands for Glory, or go collect cigarettes and put in drinks orders that the local bars would provide to customers under the dryers. Glory would stay open late to accommodate working women, including the nuns at nearby St. John School who taught her children. The salon was, and remains, unisex; she cut priests' hair, too.

Now, Marian's customers babysit her niece—the third generation of Dalere females, Glory points out. Marian says they are still "brain-storming" about how and when to celebrate the half-century mark. It will be low-key, she says. But 50 years is an impressive record for any neighborhood family business. And there is no plan to shut the salon anytime soon.

A number of other neighborhood business owners still get their hair cut at Dalere's—Paul Park of Buddies Market, Rick Malouf of the Cheese Boutique, Tommy Baik of Glen Park Dry Cleaners.

Marian says she used to cut Manhal Jweinat's hair until he started shaving his head. Manhal is the proprietor of Higher Grounds Coffee House, which he has run since 1982, and Manzoni restaurant, which will celebrate its seventh anniversary in December. He plans to retire, he said, only "when I cannot work anymore.”

Tommy Baik is also a second-generation business owner in downtown Glen Park. His parents, Korean immigrants, bought an existing cleaners in 1984, and Tommy took over the management from them when he turned 21, in 1989. It's still a family affair. Tommy's wife Ki does the alterations, and their son, who's attending San Francisco State University, sometimes helps out behind the counter on weekends. Their daughter used to help out, too, until she graduated from college.

Young Kim, also a Korean immigrant, took over Tyger's Coffee Shop, at 2798 Diamond St., in 1997. He is the third owner of the breakfast and...
Neighborhood Commercial Corridor

Married to a pharmacist and the mother of a 19-month-old daughter, Lee has opened another optometry shop on the Genentech campus in South San Francisco, but plans to celebrate her 20th anniversary in Glen Park in another decade—“landlord permitting, yes. I plan to be here for a long time.”

Laurent Legendre will start Year 11 in business at Le P’tit Laurent on July 4. He’s back at 699 Chenery full time, after a slight detour to 24th Street in Noe Valley. Last year he opened a second French bistro, called Chez Marius, but sold it when he got an unexpected offer at a price too good to pass up, he said.

His Glen Park enterprise makes room for his kids. One daughter is working there until she moves to Oregon, and his two sons, 9 and 13, can be seen on the occasional weekend supervising their father as he unloads supplies around back.

Since returning to Glen Park, he’s started weekday happy hours with $1 oysters, among other bargains. “I want to be part of the neighborhood.” Laurent said, welcoming families with kids and older customers as well as young professionals. But he does miss a couple of Noe Valley details: wider sidewalks with benches and baskets of flowers.

Other familiar faces have been part of the neighborhood for the better part of two decades: Eric Whittington of the beloved neighborhood deli, now the 10 winners from other supervisorial districts across the city, there was a reception with refreshments—but, Rick noted, “no hummus.”

Young Kim became the third owner of Tyger’s in 1997.
Glen Park Elementary School

It’s official: Liz Zarr was unanimously approved as our principal by a committee of teachers, parents, staff, and SFUSD personnel, and was confirmed at the end of April.

Principal Zarr brings a wealth of knowledge about Glen Park School to the job, having been a fourth-grade teacher here for many years. We are looking forward to next year and Ms. Zarr’s leadership, expertise and commitment to students. Congratulations Ms. Zarr!

Spring meant many fun events for the Glen Park School community. Our first nighttime Talent Extravaganza featured performances by an incredible turnout of 73 students. Gymnastics, violin, dance and comedy acts made the night memorable. The final STEAM Night before the school year begins is to attend one of our playdates. The events are scheduled for Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, Aug. 12. All playdates will occur at Glen Canyon Playground from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We will see all of our students, new and returning, when school begins on Monday, Aug. 20. Have a wonderful summer!

Katie Ripley is the communications chair of the Glen Park School Parent Teacher Organization. For updates on school events, go to glenparkschool.org. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/glenparkschool.

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Mark your calendar for the second annual “Where in the World is Christopher Park Festival” on Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Friends of Christopher Park received a grant from the City’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development for this year’s festival. A huge thank you is due to Supervisor Jeff Sheehy for designating grant funding for District 8 festivals.

Would you be interested in participating in the festival as an artist, business or sponsor? Would you be interested in helping plan the festival or volunteering during the event? The festival supports stewardship and playground improvements for Christopher Park, and volunteering offers the opportunity for neighbors to connect and for students to obtain community service experience. Help is needed with publicity, entertainment, the doggie fashion show and photography contests, signage and decorations, children’s activities, recycling and set-up. Please contact Brynna McNulty at friendsofchristopherpark@gmail.com or visit www.friendsofchristopherpark.org for more information.

Thank you to all who voted for Resilient Diamond Heights (RDH) for the participatory budgeting for District 8, provided by Supervisor Sheehy. RDH came in 5th in the voting among 11 projects that were selected. With the funding, RDH will be able to purchase supplies for the Neighborhood Support Center and Diamond Heights NERT for use after a disaster, provide 100 emergency kits for seniors and people with disabilities, and develop training and templates to improve emergency plans for the 13 housing developments in Diamond Heights. The emphasis in emergency situations will be on checking on older people, people with disabilities and those who live alone.

Our neighborhood is grateful for the many improvements that have been components of the Diamond Heights Improvement Project, funded and coordinated by Public Works with additional funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Public Utilities Commission. Recently completed improvements on Diamond Heights Boulevard include the mid-block crosswalk with solar-powered flashing lights at the Diamond Heights Shopping Center, and the attractive wooden railing adjacent to Glen Canyon Park, between Berkeley Way and Arbor Street. Still to be completed is the repaving of Diamond Heights Boulevard from Berkeley Way to Elk Street.

Improvements not associated with the overall project are the new stop signs at Diamond Heights Boulevard and north Diamond Street, installed in February. The first few days were touch and go, since many people sped through the new stop signs. Traffic has now settled into a much safer traffic flow, although there are the usual drivers who pause briefly instead of stopping.

Renovations for the Walter Haas Dog Play Area started in early May and will continue through the summer. According to the Recreation and Park Department, the scope includes installation of synthetic turf; irrigation and drainage improvements; replacing the drinking fountain, and replacing the fence screen fabric.

The Diamond Heights Community Association had a hand in advocacy for all of the above. While we are very proud of our accomplishments, we would love to have more volunteers to help with our list of projects! Please contact us if you’re interested.

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“A Step in the Right Direction: Sussex St. Staircase Completed

The Sussex Street steps leading into Glen Canyon from Elk Street were completed in June.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Sheehy

Neighborhood Organizations

Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 415-867-5774
Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131
Website: www.dhcasf.org
Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Call for location

Friends of Glen Canyon Park
Contact: Richard Craib, 415-648-0862, or Jean Connor, 415-584-8576
Address: 140 Turquoise Way, SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Friends of 30th Street Senior Center
Contact: Marianne Hampton, 415-601-7845
Address: 225 30th St., SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Glen Park Association
Contact: Info@glenparkassociation.org
Website: glenparkassociation.org
Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Quarterly. See website for details.

Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project
(Glen Park, Glen Canyon, Sunnyside, Fairmount Heights and Diamond Heights)
Contact: Glenparkhistory@gmail.com
Website: Glenparkhistory.wixsite.com
Meetings: See website for details.

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)
Contact: Glen Park coordinator Susanna Russo, sgrdvm1@me.com
Website: http://sf-fire.org/neighbourhood-emergency-response-team-nert
Meetings: See website for training schedules.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association:
Contact: info@sunnysideassociation.org; voice mail: 415-937-1305
Website: Sunnysideassociation.org
Address: P.O. Box 27615, SF CA 94127
Meetings: Quarterly. See website for details.
I have had, for the past couple of years, the privilege of representing San Francisco and the San Francisco Association of Realtors at the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors conferences. The mid-year conferences are centered around legislative issues. A couple of bills are being discussed that are of importance to us in San Francisco and California as a whole. The first is the proposed portability initiative, and the second is the bill that would repeal the Costa Hawkins Act.

I’ll discuss both of these in more detail but first let’s do the numbers!

What an incredible quarter we had in Glen Park. In all, 18 single-family homes sold between Feb. 14 and May 20, as well as nine condominiums and five two-unit buildings. Yes, there was more inventory in the first part of the year than there has been in a while, at least in Glen Park. But there were also more eager buyers. It’s still the strongest seller’s market we’ve seen in over a decade.

The median sale price for a single-family home hit an all-time high during this quarter, coming in at $1,950,000. The median list price was $1,650,000. The average overbid was 15 percent over asking—though there were some really aggressive buyers who went as much as 60 percent over asking!

Check out the recent sales on the accompanying list and prepare to be amazed. The average days on market accompanying list and prepare to be amazed. The average days on market was 42, which is pretty consistent with the city as a whole. Interest rates continue to be very low, even though we’ve seen the Fed raise rates several times in the past year. The average rate for a 30-year fixed rate loan is 4.47 percent, while the rate for a 15 year fixed is 3.9 percent—meaning that it is still a fantastic time to buy a home with rates this low.

Now, on to legislative matters.

There may be a bill on the ballot that you are currently paying property tax based on the original purchase price you are currently paying property tax that you’ve lived in for, say, 20 years. Because if you were to sell your home days in San Francisco. Particularly if ing in their homes much longer these stories of available homes. People are stay-

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I'm pleased that this is an interactive column, answering questions that you have and writing about topics that are of interest to you as a reader. You can send any questions or topic requests to news@glenparkassociation.org, marc@opni.com, or The Glen Park News, 2912 Diamond Street #407, San Francisco, CA 94131.

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**Mondays**

**Family Storytime and Playtime**
Every week, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Glen Park Library
Books, songs, rhymes, and fun for children of all ages.

**Poetry with Open Mic**
First and Third Monday of the month, 7-9 p.m.
Bird & Beckett
Poets read, followed by open mic. See Birdbeckett.com for more details.

**Tuesdays**

**Family Storytime**
Every week, 10:15-10:30 a.m., and 11-11:45 a.m., Glen Park Library
Books, songs, rhymes, and fun for children of all ages.

**SFPD Community Meetings**
Third Tuesday of the month, 7-8 p.m., location varies
Ingleside Station's commanding officer, Capt. John Hari, hosts a Community Relations Forum. Free information and questions can be submitted at the website at InglesidePoliceStation.com or call 415-404-4050.

**Rock Climbing**
Every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (through August 14), Glen Canyon Rec Center
Ages 6s-, drop-in, $10 fee.

**Pickabble**
Every week, 5-8:45 p.m. (through August 14), Glen Canyon Rec Center Gym
Ages 18+, drop-in, free.

**Low Impact QiGong for Seniors**
Every week, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (through August 14), Glen Canyon Rec Center
For ages 55+, free.

**Wednesdays**

**Friends of Glen Canyon Park Work Parties**
Every week, 9-noon.
Meet behind the Rec Center off Elk St.
Volunteers are welcome to work in the canyon with the Rec and Park Department's Natural Areas Program staff. To join Friends of Glen Canyon Park, or for more information about the park, interpretative walks, and volunteers, contact Jean Comer at 415-580-6776.

**California Native Plant Society Work Parties**
Every week, Noon-3 p.m., Glen Canyon Park
Volunteer activities include weeding, planting and general maintenance. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and layers. The event will occur rain or shine. RSVP, email recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org or call 415-831-6333.

**Pickabble**
Every week, 1-3 p.m., Glen Canyon Rec Center
Ages 18+, drop-in, free.

**Diamond Diners Lunch and Social Hour**
First Wednesday of the month, Noon-1 p.m.
St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive
Bird & Beckett Book Club
Second Wednesday of the month, 7-9 p.m., Bird & Beckett
A book is discussed each meeting. Participants choose the next month's book. See Birdbeckett.com for more information.

**Lego Free Play**
First Wednesday of the month, 2-4 p.m., Glen Park Library

**Rock Climbing**
Every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (through August 15), Glen Canyon Rec Center
Ages 6s-, drop-in, $10 fee.

**Thursdays**

**Decorate the Refrigerator**
Every week, 10-11 a.m., Glen Park Library
Fun and age-appropriate crafts as an introduction to the world of preschool crafts. Bring your oldest pre-stained clothing. Ages 18 months to 4 years.

**Resilient Diamond Heights**
First Thursday of the month, 7-8 p.m., St. Aidan’s Church
Dinner and disaster preparedness planning. For information, call 415-285-9540, ext. 3.

**T(wee)time**
Every week, 3-5 p.m., Glen Park Library

**Rock Climbing**
Every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (through August 16), Glen Canyon Rec Center
Ages 6s-, drop-in, $10 fee.

**Gold Zumba**
Every week, 1-2 p.m. (through August 16), Glen Canyon Rec Center Gym
Ages 55+, free.

**Fridays**

**Pickabble**
Every week, 5-8:45 p.m, Glen Canyon Rec Center Gym
Ages 18+, drop-in, free.

**Food Pantry**
Every Week, 1-2 p.m., St. Aidan’s Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr.
Volunteers run this free food pantry for low-income and disabled clients who live in the 94131 area code. This is just one of the many activities St. Aidan’s hosts. Other includes yoga, AA, A-Coan, Overeaters Anonymous, and other community groups. For details, visit www.staidsan.org or call 415-285-9540, ext 3.

**Jazz in the Bookshop**
Every week, 5:30-8 p.m., Bird & Beckett, 653 Chenery St.
A neighborhood party every week, with live jazz. $10 per adult suggested donation; kids welcome and free! See birdbeckett.com for performers.

**Rock Climbing**
Every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m (through August 17), Glen Canyon Rec Center
Ages 6s-, drop-in, $10 fee.

**Pickabble**
Every week, 5-8:45 p.m., Glen Canyon Rec Center Gym
Ages 18+, drop-in, free.

**Tai Chi for Ages 18+**
Every week, 7-8 p.m. (through August 3), Glen Canyon Rec Center

**The Late Show**
Every week, times vary, Bird & Beckett

**Saturdays**

**Family Playtime**
Every week, 10 a.m., Glen Park Library
Jazz Club
Every Week, 7:30-10 p.m., Bird & Beckett
Jazz concert series. $10-$20 cover charge. Free food and wine will be available. See birdbeckett.com for performers.

**Rock Climbing**
Every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (through August 18), Glen Canyon Rec Center
Ages 6s-, drop-in, $10 fee.

**Finish the Story:**
Saturday, June 24
New! The Southern Boundaries of Sunnydale: The Wild 1890s, the Jail Next door, and the Making of City College
11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Meet at CUP Café, 6 Monterey Blvd., just off the corner from the Glen Park BART station.
On this 2-mile walk with local historian Amy O'Hair, hear about Sunnydale’s rough beginnings, from the county jail, a reservoir that was never filled, and the forest at the end of the road. Moderate, 2 miles, with hills. Suggested minimum donation $10. RSVP: SunnysideHistory@gmail.com.

**Lip Balm**
2-4 p.m., Glen Park Library
Chopped lip balm yourself lip balm! Ideally suited for ages 7-12. Part of the library's drop-in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program.

**Calli O’Doherty Quartet**
7-30-90 p.m., Bird & Beckett

**Sunday, June 30**
Lizard Lady Reptiles
4:15-5:15 p.m., Glen Park Library
Cozy up to some cool cold-blooded critters. The Lizard Lady will show us snakes, lizards, tortoises and other reptiles.

**Sunday, July 1**
St. Aidan’s Summer’s Picnic
12 Noon, Christopher Playground (behind Diamond Heights Safeway).
St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church in Diamond Heights will host its summer picnic. St. Aidan’s will supply soft drinks, fruit and other snacks. Sign-up board at St. Aidan’s to bring sides, salads and desserts. Games, prizes and lots of fun times. All are welcome.

**LED Squishy Circuits**
2-4 p.m, Glen Park Library
Make simple electrical circuits on insulated and conductive play dough in our open lab. Added LED lights will allow you to create lit sculpted animals or items. Part of the library's drop-in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program.

**Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project**
2:30-4:30 p.m, Glen Canyon Recreation Center
Multi-Purpose Meeting Room
Join Evelyn Rose as she leads an exploration into the Glen Park and Fairmont Heights connection to two aviation pioneers whose contributions over a century ago have been largely forgotten. Plus, more newly rediscovered history of the Sunnydale. Free.

**Thursday, July 5**
Lisa Mezzacappa, Six: COMICOMICS
Salon #3
7:30-9:30 p.m., Bird & Beckett

**Saturday, July 7**
DIY Duct Tape Ziploc Pencil Pouch
7-9:30 p.m., Bird & Beckett
Make your own decorative pencil case with a Ziploc plastic bag and duct tape. Materials provided, but space is limited to 20 participants. Call 415-355-2858 or email david.brink@plp-gov.org to register.

**Saturday, July 8**
The Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company
2-2:30 p.m., Glen Park Library
Enjoy original, traditional and contemporary Chinese dances. Colorful costumes and vibrant music will take you on a journey through China! Audiences of all ages will enjoy a mini-show that dazzle all of the senses.

**Monday, July 9**
Kentucky Twisters - Fanny Renoro presents...
7-9 p.m., Bird & Beckett
Frank Holmes on guitar and vocals, Steve Breen on banjo, Tom Cline on dobro, Emil Nishi on bass, Bruno Kola on mandolin and Louise Felthouse on guitar.

**Monday, July 16**
Noses Off - Sara Moore!
7:30-9:30 p.m., Bird & Beckett

**Saturday, August 11**
A Trestle Ran Through It: Early Days in Glen Park Village
9 a.m.-12 noon; meet at Glen Park BART
Take this 1.8-mile walk with historian Evelyn Rose back through time to help us rediscover the history of Glen Park that would set the foundation for the enduring character of our neighborhood today. Suggested donation $10. RSVP: GlenParkHistory@gmail.com.

**Monday, August 13**
Jazz Jam - RJAM!
7:30-9:30 p.m., Bird & Beckett

**Thursday, August 16**
Bird & Beckett
Larry Vuckovich Jazz Lecture
2-4 p.m., Bird & Beckett

**Saturday, August 25**
New! The Northern Boundaries of Sunnydale: Dairy Cows, Early Speculators and Activists, and the Steepest Parks in the City
11 a.m.-1 p.m., meet location TBD.
On this 2-1/2 mile walk with local historian Amy O’Hair, hear stories from Sunnyside’s northern edges: how our two parks were built; a tragic landscape disaster; the never-built streets laid out by the land speculators who created Sunnydale; and dairy farming, buzzing with hills. Ages 12 and up. Well-behaved pets on leashes are welcome. Limited to 15 people. RSVP: SunnysideHistory@gmail.com. Suggested minimum donation $10.