



under the dome

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Dear City employees who work in City Hall:

Introducing the first year of City Hall Building Management's monthly newsletter entitled "under the dome", created specifically for City employees who work in this wonderful building. Each month "under the dome" will provide you with a variety of City Hall news and information including building safety tips, preservation updates and art attractions. On the lighter side, regular features such as "Transformations" and "Scene & Heard" will introduce you to fellow City employees who work in City Hall and provide hot tips on hip lunch spots, movies, music and more. It is with great pleasure that I bring this resource to you. I hope that you enjoy working under the dome as much I do.

Happy Reading!

Lesley Giovannelli

Building Services Manager
City Hall Building Management

We Welcome your Feedback!

City employees can send "under the dome" questions and suggestions to lesley.giovannelli@sfgov.org

SFGTV introduces Podcasting of all On-Demand content



As part of an on-going initiative to bring open government to San Francisco residents and citizens everywhere, SFGTV is announcing another innovative service. The station is now offering podcasts and MP3 audio downloads of all Mayoral press conferences, Board of Supervisors meetings as well as the City commission meetings videotaped by SFGTV. San Francisco is the first local government to offer these services.

"San Francisco is a model for other cities in using key emerging technologies like podcasts," said Mayor Newsom. "Podcasting will provide our city government with an innovative way to keep constituents informed," Newsom added, "allowing for a vital democratic exchange of ideas between city government and the community."

Now active citizens can take their city meetings on the go. "This is a valuable service which will allow anyone to download and listen to civic proceedings in their car, on the bus, or just about anywhere," said SFGTV General Manager, Jack Chin.

Podcasting is the distribution of audio or video files, such as coverage of a meeting or press conference, over the Internet using Really Simple Syndication (RSS) for listening on mobile devices and personal computers. The subscription feed of automatically delivered new content differentiates a podcast from a real-time stream. Podcasting will make SFGTV's archive content available (audio or video) for anyone that wants to listen when they want, where they want, and how they want.

SFGTV features gavel to gavel coverage of meetings of the Board of Supervisors, Mayoral press conferences, and 11 City commissions including the Police, Public Utilities and Building Inspection Commissions on cable channel 26. SFGTV2 features new original programs that highlight city services, city events and city life on cable channel 78. SFGTV is managed by the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services (DTIS).

1906-2006 Rebuilding: Then and Now

The Rebuilding San Francisco Committee presents an extraordinary photographic exhibit entitled "1906-2006 Rebuilding: Then and Now." Featuring over 80 black-and-white images, the exhibit celebrates workers reconstructing the San Francisco Bay Area following the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, and workers of today constructing Bay Area buildings and bridges. Both the historical and contemporary photographs give a behind-the-scenes, close-up look at how workers have built the San Francisco Bay Area during the last century.



The exhibit opens June 22, 2006 on the lower level of the San Francisco City Hall and closes on August 25, 2006.

The historical photos are the most extensive collection of post-earthquake images of workers rebuilding San Francisco ever exhibited. They were taken by an unknown photographer and are part of a collection known as the Schmid-Allmond Album. Dating from April, 1906 until early 1908, these fascinating photographs show carpenters, bricklayers, masons, ironworkers, teamsters, piledrivers, laborers, operators, and electrical workers rebuilding well known sites such as the Bank of California and the Palace Hotel, as well as homes and businesses throughout the city.

The contemporary photographs, taken by Joseph A. Blum, document many of the same crafts, as well as boilermakers, painters, and glaziers. Blum's images bring the workers and their labor process to the forefront. In these striking photographs we see workers engaged in high-rise construction in downtown San Francisco, rebuilding the Conservatory of Flowers and the Ferry Building, and constructing the Al Zampa Memorial Bridge over the Carquinez Strait and the new East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

The exhibit curator Joseph A. Blum is a retired boilermaker and photographer. His photographs have been exhibited at the Berkeley Art Museum, the J. Paul Leonard Library and the Gallery at San Francisco State University, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Labor Archives of San Francisco State University, the SomArts Cultural Center and at the Photo Center, San Francisco.

Transit Safety

Mass transit systems may be vulnerable to both accidents and terrorist incidents. Mass transit customers should be aware and vigilant. Be well informed and know your surroundings.



- Review emergency exit information on the vehicle.
- If you see something, say something! Report all suspicious parcels, bags or containers to the nearest police officer or transit employee. Never touch a suspicious object
- In the event of an emergency, remain calm and follow the instructions of transit or rescue personnel
- Only use cell phones if you absolutely must as they could interfere with emergency equipment
- When riding MUNI, never leave an underground streetcar unless instructed or assisted by transit employees or rescue personnel. High voltage electrical systems that power the cars can be extremely dangerous.
- If you're instructed to evacuate, take your belongings (but leave your bicycle behind)
- If you are traveling with others, stay together
- If you are on a BART train, use the intercom at the end of the car to report your concerns to the train operator. Be prepared to give your exact location and the individual number of the BART car you are riding

Stern Grove Festival

FREE Concerts

Sunday's at 2:00 PM - June 18th through August 20th 2006
19th Avenue & Sloat Boulevard - 415-252-6252

August 6

Grammy Award-winning Spanish Harlem Orchestra brings the best of salsa to the Grove. Assembled by the world famous pianist and arranger Oscar Hernández, the Spanish Harlem Orchestra makes a bold new case for pure salsa in an age of hybridized forms...

August 13

Appearing for the first time on the newly-renovated Stern Grove stage, San Francisco Ballet makes its only Bay Area summer appearance with some of the company's most luminous stars.

August 20

Stern Grove Festival ends its 69th Season with the high-voltage star power of Ozomatli, the Los Angeles-based Afro-Latin-and-beyond group that won a 2005 Grammy for their album Street Signs.





City Readies for West Nile Virus Season

Fight the Bite Campaign Rolls out for 2006

Last year 19 Californians died and 935 became ill from West Nile Virus, a serious disease spread through infected mosquitoes. Three San Franciscans were stricken with the illness in 2005, but none of the cases were locally acquired. Many expect this year to involve more illness in Central and Northern California, due to the excessively wet winter and late spring.

Working on the success of the popular Fight the Bite Campaign that helped launch West Nile Virus awareness throughout California, local authorities have once again joined forces to educate the public about West Nile Virus and its prevention. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, SF Environment, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Works and the Recreation and Park Department are focusing their efforts on keeping San Francisco Safe from mosquitoes and reminding residents to eliminate stagnant water where mosquitoes breed.

“San Franciscans will be at risk for West Nile Virus both in San Francisco and through travel during the summer and fall when mosquito activity is at its peak,” observed Rajiv Bhatia, MD, Medical Director for Environmental Health at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. “We know that West Nile Virus has already been identified in birds close as close as San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Even in San Francisco there are pockets of mosquito breeding areas that pose a threat to the public. This disease is preventable and it takes all of us working together to keep ourselves and our families protected.”

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is attacking WNV from both an environmental and a surveillance perspective. The Department’s Environmental Health section is available to help enforce issues such as standing water and mosquito control.

The Disease Control section has already issued new laboratory forms and directives on diagnosis, testing and treatment to the City’s healthcare providers and labs. City agencies have increased their monitoring of city parks, reservoirs, and public areas.

“We are once again asking San Franciscans to be vigilant about mosquito bite prevention,” said Mitch Katz, MD, Director of Public Health. “The very young, the elderly and anyone with a weakened immune system need to be particularly cautious. Like sunburn, West Nile Virus is completely preventable. A little prevention goes a long way in keeping everyone safe.”

Fight the Bite campaign materials have become available in seven languages and state and local employees are busy identifying new ways to distribute WNV materials to the City’s diverse populations. Community groups and individuals may request these materials through www.sfm mosquito.org or by calling 415-252-3806.

Fight the Bite San Francisco campaign materials recommend the follow methods to reduce the likelihood of getting bitten by an infected mosquito:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed
- While outdoors at dawn and dusk, wear long pants and shirts.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin according to label instructions
- Report Significant mosquito activity to DPH at San Francisco WNV Info Line: 415-252-3806
- Report dead birds to the State at 877-WNV-BIRD

Common Building Management Request Procedures

Key Duplication

1. Key duplication requests must come from the department’s manager.
2. Work orders are required complete with each key’s number.
3. The key itself can be substituted for the number if not know or present on key.
4. The locksmith is on site only on Mondays.

Conference and Hearing Room Requests

1. For room availability please view the Administrative Services Calendar at: http://admweb/AdminServices/CityHallCalendar/home_calendar.htm
2. Room requests can be entered in a work order, email, fax, or by phone.
3. Please indicate the meeting’s start time, if setup time is required.
4. If a hearing room is substituted for a conference room and the meeting is intended to be confidential, please notify Media Services so that they may disable microphones and video cameras.
5. If a meeting is cancelled, please notify Building Management so that we may re-schedule the room.

Newspaper Pick-Up

1. Newspapers have been brought down to room 008, to prevent theft by the general public.
2. Papers are available for pick up every morning beginning at 7:45 AM in room 008.
3. If your paper is missing, please contact your subscription paper to report a missed delivery.

For questions or concerns regarding any of the above information please contact us by phone at 554-4933 or by email City.Hall.Building.Management@sfgov.org



Scene and Heard

What are you watching on TV right now?

"Right now I am watching *"The Closer on TNT"* with Kyra Sedgwick. It's a police drama, great show with interesting characters."

Lanita Henriquez
Community Challenge Grant Program



Have you made any recent additions to your music collection?

"I've been listening to *"Lupe Fiasco's"* new album which just came out."

Kevin Liao
Youth Commission



Do you have a favorite dinner spot in the City?

"My favorite dinner spot to go to is *"Cha, Cha, Cha."* The food is really good & the atmosphere is fun. I usually go out with a group of friends, so we can order up on the menu & try out different dishes. The only thing you have to be careful of is drinking too much sangria."

Winny Loi
Office of Contract Administration



What are you reading right now?

"Believe it or not, I'm reading *"How to Win Friends and Influence People"* by Dale Carnegie. It was recommended to me by one of my supervisors. I'm not sure if that is good or bad."

Michael Lounsbury
Building Management



The warm summer months are here, take your family to local pools for fun in the sun!

Purchase Your Swim Scrip Tickets Online Today!

San Francisco Recreation & Park Department information:

Balboa Pool

Located at San Jose Avenue and Havelock Street in the Ingleside District. Phone number for further information is (415) 337-4701. Pool is indoors. The dimensions are 100 feet long x 40 feet wide, 4 to 10 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained at 80 degrees.

Coffman Pool

Located at Visitacion and Hahn Streets in the Visitacion Valley District. Phone number for further information is (415) 337-4702. Pool is indoors. The dimensions are 100 feet long x 40 feet wide, 4 to 10 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained at 80 degrees.
(closure April 28 for Capital Improvement Project Construction. Anticipated opening: Fall 2007)

Garfield Pool

Located at 26th and Harrison Streets in the Mission District. Phone number for further information is (415) 695-5001. Pool is indoors. The dimensions are 100 feet long x 40 feet wide, 4 to 10 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained between 80 and 85 degrees.

Hamilton Pool

Located at Geary Blvd. and Steiner Street in the Western Addition District. Phone number for further information is (415) 292-2001. Pool is indoors. The dimensions are 100 feet long x 40 feet wide, 4 to 10 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained between 80 and 85 degrees.

Martin Luther King Jr. Pool

Located at 3rd Avenue and Carroll St. in the Bayview-Hunter's Point District. Phone number for further information is (415) 822-2807. There are two indoor pools. The dimensions of the large pool are 75 feet long x 75 feet wide, 3-1/2 to 9 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained at 80 degrees. the children's wading pool is 20 feet long x 40 feet wide, 6 inches to 18 inches deep. Water temperature is maintained at 81 degrees.
(closes for maintenance Monday, April 24 for approximately 3 weeks)

Mission Pool

Located at 19th St. and Linda in the Mission District. Mission Pool is an outdoor pool which is only open in the summer. Phone number for further information is (415) 695-5002.

North Beach Pool

Located at Lombard and Mason Sts. in the North Beach District. Phone number for further information is (415) 391-0407. There are two indoor, parallel pools. The dimensions of both pools are 90 feet long x 25 feet wide, 3-1/2 to 9 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained at 80 degrees.
(closed until further notice)

Rossi Pool

Located at Arguello Blvd. and Anza St. in the Richmond District. Phone number for further information is (415) 666-7014. Pool is indoors. The dimensions are 100 feet long x 40 feet wide, 4 to 10 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained at 80 degrees.

Sava Pool

Located at 19th Avenue and Wawona St. in the Sunset District. Phone number for further information is (415) 753-7000. Pool is indoors. The dimensions are 100 feet long x 40 feet wide, 4 to 10 feet deep. Water temperature is maintained at 80 degrees.

Swimming Pool Rules and General Information:

Pools are generally accessible for persons with disabilities. For further information call (415) 831-2747 or TDD (415) 242-5200.

Facilities at all pools include showers, changing areas, and lockers. You must bring your own lock for the locker. Locks may not be left on over night. Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water. Deep water test includes: Swim crawl stroke 6-widths of the pool, and tread water 1 minute.

Deck staff are responsible for enforcing rules and regulations relating to the safety of swimmers and have the authority to eject persons for not complying with said rules and regulations.

All valuables must be checked in with the cashiers. The management will not be responsible for valuables left in the dressing rooms. Check in of articles is merely an accommodation. The Recreation and Park Department, and the City and County of San Francisco assume no liability thereunder.

Shower time is limited to three (3) minutes. Parents who have children shorter than minimum pool depth must abide by these rules 1) parents must accompany children shorter than the minimum pool depth, 2) parents must not leave children unattended, and 3) parents must sign a permission slip. Infants must wear diapers with elastic on legs and waist.

All pool programs are subject to change. Poorly attended programs may be canceled.

Admission Fees - Scrip Booklets (Swim Passes) can be purchased at the following locations:

(NOTE: Check or Money Order Only Payable To: SFRPD)

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM

McLaren Lodge, 501 Stanyan St. (415) 831-2747
City Hall, Room 140 (415) 554-7328

Economic Need - Individuals with a current MEDI-CAL Card qualify for Economic Need pricing. You must present your MEDI-CAL Card along with a valid picture ID at the following locations: City Hall M-F 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or the Assignment Office, 501 Stanyan Street, M-F 8:00 AM to NOON (415) 831-2747.

Senior Citizens - Individuals who are 65 years or older qualify for Senior pricing. You must present a valid picture ID (DMV Driver's License or Identification preferred) at the following locations: City Hall M-F 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or the Assignment Office, 501 Stanyan Street, M-F 8:00 AM to NOON (415) 831-2747.

Children (17 and younger) \$1.00

Swim Lessons/Water Exercise - Children\$2.00 per visit
Swim Lessons/Water Exercise - Adult\$5.00 per visit
Adult Swim Lessons/Water Exercise - Adult Scrip plus \$1.00 lesson fee

Adults (18 and older)
one swim \$4.00
10 swims scrip ticket..... \$34.00

Seniors (65 and older)
10 swim scrip ticket \$20.00
Economic Need
10 swim scrip ticket \$20.00

Glossary of Aquatics Programs:

Adult Lessons

Swimming lessons for persons over 18 years of age.

Children's Lessons

Group lessons taught by an instructor. Levels available are Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced. Level of classes will vary by pool. For further information contact the Senior Swim Instructor at the pool.

Children's Swim Team

Competitive Swimming, ages 6-17. Contact Sava Pool at 753-7000, Hamilton Pool at 292-2001, Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool at 822-2807, Balboa Pool at 337-4701 or Rossi Pool at 666-7014.

Family Swim

Children admitted only with parent or guardian. Adults admitted only with children. Only one child who is under 48" tall will be admitted per adult. Contact Balboa Pool at 337-4701.

High School/Schools/City College

Pool times are reserved for school use only. Pools are closed to the general public during these times.

Lap Swim

Continuous pool length swimming in a specific direction - all ages. All Pools.

Masters

Competitive swim workouts - team competition. Over 18 years of age. Contact Sava Pool at 753-7000 and Hamilton Pool at 292-2001.

SF Merionettes

Synchronized swimming instruction and competition - ages 6 to 18. Call (415) 273-5402 and leave a message for more information.

Pregnant Women

Open swimming - unstructured activities - limited to pregnant women.

Pre-School and Infant Lessons

Lessons taught by parents under the direction of a swim instructor. Parents must be with their child. One parent for each child.

Pre-School Swim

This is a recreation swim limited to parents with pre-school aged children. Parents must be with their child. One parent for each child.

Recreational Swim

Open swimming - unstructured activities-all ages. All pools.

Senior Swim

Recreational swim for persons 65 years and older.

Special Needs

For disabled persons with/without assistant.

Summer Learn To Swim Program

A station by station, assembly line method of teaching swimming to large numbers of children. Pool staff is assisted by volunteer children instructors. Red Cross swimming cards are issued to those who successfully complete various skill levels.

Water Aerobics/Water Exercise/H2O Fitness

Aerobics exercise class in shallow and deep water (some swimming ability required for deep water class). Swimming ability not required. Contact Rossi Pool at 666-7014, Sava Pool at 753-7000, Hamilton Pool at 292-2001, Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool at 822-2807, or Coffman Pool at 337-4702.