



# CIVIC CENTER CAMPUS CHRONICLE

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## DEAR TENANTS:

Happy New Year! Welcome to the latest edition of the Civic Center Campus Chronicle. 2011 is off to a great start with so much in store for our City in the coming year!

We have new faces to welcome in City Hall as our newest members of the Board of Supervisors settle in, joined by our new Mayor, Edwin L. Lee, to lead us through the coming year. Additionally, we have a new Acting City Administrator, Amy L. Brown, who is excited about her many challenges ahead.

This issue includes information on many exciting happenings in and around City Hall, including our tasty new Café. As always, the issue also includes some motivating Shape-Up and "green" tips to keep you healthy and environmentally astute.

We continue to encourage comments and feedback regarding this publication or any building issue of concern that you might have.

Enjoy!



**John Updike**

ACTING DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE  
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## New Café In City Hall



Noticed any new activity in the North Light Court lately? That would be City Hall's new café setting up here in the building. After a lengthy Request for Proposals process, the Mint Café has been chosen as the new Café Operator for City Hall.

You might recognize Reem Nasra and her staff from the café in the Superior Courts building, or their outlet in the Main Library. If not, now is your chance to get to know them and get acquainted with the delicious food they will be serving in both the North Light Court and the Ground Floor Café space.

Mint Café has set up the first phase of their operation in the North Light Court with freshly brewed coffee, scrumptious pastries, and a variety of freshly prepared salads, soups, and sandwiches. This location will serve as the Mint Café's main outlet in City Hall while the Ground Floor Café location undergoes a welcome renovation. The North Light Court Café will remain in operation after the Ground Floor Café is re-opened.

The Ground Floor Café is expected to be open for business in the first quarter of 2011. At that time, the NLC location will be reprogrammed with an emphasis on additional retail services, such as floral and gift items, newsstand services, books and cards.

The Mint Café operates weekdays, from 7:30AM to 4:00PM. They accept all major credit cards and are a future Clipper Retailer. Free Wi-Fi is available in the North Light Court. The café's main number is 415-255-9500.

Please welcome our new Café operators and try out some of the many delicious items now available in our building.



## We Welcome your Feedback!

City employees can send "Civic Center Campus Chronicle" questions and suggestions to  
[Lori.Mazzola@sfgov.org](mailto:Lori.Mazzola@sfgov.org) 415-554-5702

# CITY HALL OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, December 12th, Mayor Gavin Newsom, City Hall Departments and other members of the elected family opened their office doors to the public for the 2010 City Hall Open House. Members of the public were allowed to meet elected officials, explore their offices, and take pictures by the holiday tree. An estimated 1,500 guests turned out and were treated to cookies and hot cocoa.

Along with the celebrations inside the building, a number of children's activities took place outside in the Civic Center Plaza. Children enjoyed playing in jumpy houses, viewing and petting animals provided by the SF Zoo, and playing in the snow! The highlight of the outdoor festivities was the Snow Slide in the middle of the plaza, where children were able to sled down a mountain of snow!

An information booth was set up for those who wanted to donate food or money and a canned food drive took place during the event.



## GIANTS TROPHY TOUR CONTINUES TO SPREAD GIANT'S FEVER!



On Wednesday, December 15, 2010, City Hall became filled with jubilant Giants fans crowding in to see the championship trophy, which was in town to kick-off of a five-state tour that will stretch over the next few months. The San Francisco Giants have launched a public tour of the World Champions trophy, which returned once again to City Hall on January 4th and 5th on its first official stop of a 30-stop tour around Northern California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, and New York.

In the months leading up to the opening of the 2011 baseball season, the World Champions Trophy Tour presented by Visa, will travel throughout northern and central California, southern Oregon and western Nevada. The Trophy Tour will make a few detours when it travels to the Giants Spring Training Facility in Scottsdale, Arizona and to New York City to pay tribute to those New York/San Francisco Giants baseball fans residing on the east coast. It will also make a trip to Troy, New York - where the team was originally founded - and a visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

"For more than 52 years, our dedicated fans have supported us through thick and thin," said Giants Managing General Partner and CEO Bill Neukom. "The trophy belongs to them

as much as it belongs to us, and we want to thank our fans by extending the World Champions celebration throughout Giants country."

"It's great news that the Giants have decided to share this trophy with Giants fans all over America," said Mayor Newsom. "We're honored to join the Giants in kicking off this tour, and thank them for being such an excellent civic partner over the years. Congratulations again to the entire Giants organization on a magical 2010 season."



Fans can view the trophy in person at each stop during the specified times on a first-come, first-served basis. The viewings are free to the public. Fans will have the opportunity to have a professional photo taken and can purchase those photos on-line.

The trophy will tour the neighborhoods of San Francisco eventually making its way to AT&T Park for the home opener on April 8, 2011.

For a complete listing of tour stops with corresponding dates, visit [www.sfgiants.com](http://www.sfgiants.com).



## ***Profile: Four New Supervisors***

**Four new members of the Board of Supervisors have moved into City Hall. Let's take a look at our newly elected officials:**



### **District 2- Mark Farrell**

Born and raised in San Francisco, Mark Farrell attended Stuart Hall and Saint Ignatius. After graduating from both Loyola Marymount and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he returned to San Francisco.

As an attorney, Mark consistently represented pro bono clients - assisting both 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations as well as representing political asylum applicants in front of the Department of Homeland Security. As an investment banker, he founded his firm's first internship program for inner-city high school students. Today, Mark is involved with the Jordan Park Improvement Association and serves on the Board of Directors at San Francisco SAFE and Plan C. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Marina Earthquake Monument.



### **District 6- Jane Kim**

Jane Kim's family immigrated to the United States in the early 1970's. She received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, where she studied Political Science and Asian American Studies. She then received her law degree from U.C. Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall.

Jane is currently the President of the SF Board of Education and a civil rights attorney at Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. She also was a fellow at the Greenlining Institute, and worked as a Senior Community Organizer for the Chinatown Community Development Center in SF. Jane was elected to serve as President of the San Francisco People's Organization, she is a co-founder and co-director of Locus Arts in the North Mission and SOMA, and also served on the Board of Directors for the Asian American Theater.



### **District 8- Scott Weiner**

Scott Wiener was born in Philadelphia and grew up in southern New Jersey. He attended college at Duke University, studied on a Fulbright Scholarship in Chile, and attended Harvard Law School. Scott has lived in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood since 1997. He worked as a Deputy City Attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office where he supervised a team of attorneys on the Trial Team and represented San Francisco in court.

Scott served as President of the Eureka Valley Promotion Association, chairman of the SF Democratic Party, and co-chaired the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Democratic Club. He is currently an elected member of the SF Democratic County Central Committee and continues to serve on the Alice B. Toklas board of directors. He served as treasurer and then co-chair of the board of directors of the SF LGBT Community Center. He served for four years on the board of directors of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), which is the Bay Area's LGBT bar association, and co-chaired the organization. He served for almost a decade on the national board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBT advocacy organization.



### **District 10- Malia Cohen**

Malia Cohen, was born in San Francisco and is a Managing Partner with Power Forward Consulting, a public affairs, media and policy consulting firm.

Prior to establishing Power Forward Consulting, Malia was a member of the Corporate Strategy and Communications team for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which conducts the Nation's monetary policy, supervises and regulates banking institutions and maintains the stability of the financial system.

In addition, Malia served as Assistant Executive Director of the Hunters Point Youth Park Foundation and as a delegate to the California State Democratic Party Convention.

Malia earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, with honors, from Fisk University, was awarded the prestigious Coro Fellowship in 2001, and recently completed a Masters degree in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Let's welcome our new Supervisors to City Hall!

# • GREEN SCENE •

## LOG ON AND BE GREEN A GREEN CITY'S FAVORITE WEBSITES

### [www.sfenvironment.org](http://www.sfenvironment.org)

The Department of Environment has packed this website with information to help all of us make our offices, homes, our city, and our planet a healthier place to live. You can find out about the City's environmental programs and policies and find great waste reducing ideas and references. One great tool is the SF Approved Green Products link which is your one stop shop for over 1,000 green products that can be used to green your office and your home.

### [www.citycarshare.org](http://www.citycarshare.org)

San Francisco's contract with City CarShare allows departments to approve employees to use a car share vehicle when other travel options (such as walking, public transit, teleconferencing) are not appropriate. Join now for a convenient, eco-friendly transportation option.

### [www.newdream.org/junkmail](http://www.newdream.org/junkmail)

Can't stand the endless junk mail that you receive each day? The Junk Mail Reduction Campaign helps locals save trees by cutting back on their direct mail. Visit this site to learn how to get off of junk mail lists.

### [www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org](http://www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org)

Help conserve energy, save trees, and stop the unsolicited delivery of unwanted phone books by opting out. This site also has over 27.6 million business listings, so you can find your local businesses in just a few clicks!

### [www.sfgreenbusiness.org](http://www.sfgreenbusiness.org)

The SF Green Business Program helps San Francisco businesses adopt environmental practices that are sustainable as well as profitable. Its **Green Business Directory** lists a variety of local businesses that meet high environmental standards and are recognized by the City and County of San Francisco for their achievements.



## Wind and Solar-Powered Hybrid Streetlights

### Installed in Civic Center Plaza

Four state-of-the-art wind and solar powered hybrid LED streetlights have been installed in Civic Center Plaza as part of a pilot demonstration project by the SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). The hybrid streetlight demonstration project is another step towards realizing the Civic Center Sustainability District announced by Mayor Newsom and former President Bill Clinton in 2008.

"The Civic Center Sustainability District seeks to showcase cutting-edge environmental technologies, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects all within the context of our historic Civic Center Plaza," said Mayor Newsom. "This new hybrid streetlight pilot project is another step towards achieving our vision of a model, sustainable public square that harnesses the power of the wind and sun to deliver an essential government service."

The new hybrid LED streetlights will reduce energy consumption at Civic Center Plaza by 1400 kilowatt hours per year and offset the equivalent of 1516 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. The lights are comprised of a 600 watt vertical axis wind turbine, along with an 80 watt photovoltaic solar generation module, both of which are mounted on the light pole. The power produced by the operation of the wind turbine and the solar module will be used to charge a battery pack, which will then power the streetlight during its dusk and nighttime operation. The renewable power is stored in a battery, with a 5 or 7 day storage capacity.

The installation of the hybrid streetlights at Civic Center Plaza will also complement the upcoming citywide LED Streetlight Conversion Program. Beginning in the spring of 2011, the SFPUC will replace approximately 18,500 high-pressure sodium streetlights in San Francisco

with dimmable LED streetlights. The LED conversion program will provide substantial environmental, financial and economic benefits to the entire City, reducing energy and maintenance costs by \$900,000 annually and saving 5,800 megawatt hours/year – the equivalent of taking approximately 950 houses off the grid.





# Gung Hay Fat Choy!

**YEAR OF THE RABBIT – LUNAR YEAR 4709**

**Chinese New Year is  
February 3rd**

Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day of the new year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade. The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to "catch up" with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years (seven years out of a 19-yearcycle). This is the same as adding an extra day on leap year. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are celebrated as a family affair, a time of reunion and thanksgiving.

**Saturday  
February 19, 2011  
5:15pm-8:00pm  
FREE**

*Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade  
Market and Second Street to Kearny and Jackson  
Location of bleachers: Kearny Street  
(between Sacramento & California and between Pine & Bush)*



Named one of the top ten Parades in the world by the International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA), the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco is one of the grandest night illuminated Parades in the country. Started in the 1860's by the Chinese in San Francisco as a means to educate the community about their culture, the Parade and Festival have grown to be the largest celebration of Asian culture outside of Asia. Parade highlights include elaborate floats, lion dancers, folk dancers, costumed elementary school groups, marching bands, stilt walkers, Chinese acrobats, and a 250 foot long Golden dragon, ("Gum Lung.")

**February 19 - 20, 2011  
Saturday 10:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm  
FREE**

*Chinese New Year Community Street Fair  
Grant Avenue from California to Pacific  
Pacific Avenue from Kearny to Stockton  
Washington and Jackson Streets from Kearny to Stockton*

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of San Francisco's exhilarating Chinatown during one of the community's most exciting times of the year. Enjoy dance and music from throughout Asia and experience ancient and modern Chinese arts such as calligraphy, kite-making, and acrobatics.

For more information on all Chinese New Year Events, please visit [www.chineseparade.com](http://www.chineseparade.com).

## SFMTA TO ENFORCE PARKING METER FEES FOR CITY VEHICLES



On November 16, 2010, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors approved revisions to the Transportation Code required to implement certain changes to parking management for City vehicles. SFMTA has implemented these changes for the purpose of improving the management of parking availability, reducing traffic congestion, and encouraging the use of alternate transportation by City employees.

Effective February 1, 2011, City vehicles will no longer be allowed to park at parking meters in San Francisco for free. Beginning February 1st, any City-owned vehicle parked at a meter on official City business will be required to display an SFMTA issued parking permit or deposit sufficient funds into the meter for the time required.

City Departments can purchase an annual Official City Business Parking Permit through SFMTA. The parking permits are designed to be transferable among multiple vehicles and may only be used by employees in the course of their official job duties. Agencies may also choose to purchase pre-paid parking meter cards from the SFMTA.

For more information, contact SFMTA customer service at 415-701-4759.

## San Francisco City hall



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## Social Networking: SF City Hall on Facebook

Adding to the wave of elected officials, departments, divisions and programs that have various social networking pages, San Francisco City Hall has started its own Facebook page!

Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and type in the search field 'San Francisco City Hall.' On our official page, you will find pictures from around the building, various events, and exclusive photos of the Giants Victory Celebration.

Additional information, press releases, and photos are added weekly, so look us up and 'Like' San Francisco City Hall!



# SHAPE UP:



## BEAT THE WINTER BLUES - SHAPE UP!

It's hard finding the motivation to exercise during the winter months. Many feel limited in the types of exercise that they can do - especially if they don't belong to a gym. Here are some ideas that may get you motivated to work out in the winter.

### • POP IN A DVD

Building muscle is key in overall good health and fitness. You can start strength training right in your own home with simple items like dumbbells, a small exercise bench or stability ball, and a barbell. Select a stash of fitness DVDs and get fit in your living room.

### • PLAY GAMES

Invest in the Wii Fit. This game console features yoga, strength training, aerobics, and balance games. A great way to get families exercising together!

### • DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Salsa, swing, or freestyle your way into shape with dancing. It's a fun way to work your glutes, abs, and legs without having to leave the indoors.

### • WINTER SPORTS

Skiing, snowboarding, and ice skating are not only fun but can provide a great cardio workout. Getting the entire family involved is even better.

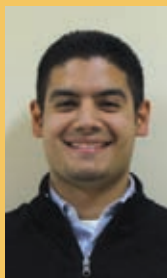
Don't let the cold weather stop you from working out outdoors, but keep in mind:

Winter cramps - Cold weather restricts blood flow to the muscles so it's important to warm-up to aid circulation.

Dehydration - Cold weather can also make us feel less thirsty. Drink plenty of water before working out to keep yourself from dehydrating.

Thermal Wear - Layering your clothing in the winter is important, however, the right thermal wear can make exercising in the winter more tolerable. Look for cold weather wear designed to keep you warm and dry.

## SEEN AND HEARD



**Nicholas Delgado**  
Office of the Controller  
City Services Auditor  
City Hall

**Q: What is your favorite restaurant in San Francisco?**

A: Izzy's Steakhouse

**Q: Where is your favorite vacation spot?**

A: Cairns, Queensland, Australia

**Q: Who is your favorite SF Giant?**

A: Can't decide. It's between Tim Lincecum and Buster Posey



**Irella Blackwood**  
Office of the Controller  
Office of the Controller  
City Hall

**Q: What is your current Facebook status?**

A: It's so easy to get addicted to these reality TV shows. I'm now wondering what to do with my Wednesday and Thursday nights now that this season's Apprentice and Top Model are over. Find another workout class at the gym?

**Q: What is your favorite restaurant in San Francisco?**

A: The Cliff House. It has great views of the Pacific Ocean and fresh food.



**Alexandria Ashley**  
Office of the City Administrator  
City Hall

**Q: What is your favorite website?**

A: Torrid.com

**Q: What is your current Facebook status?**

A: OMW to work, blessed because not many can say the same. Hope everyone has a productive and positive day.

**Q: What is your favorite restaurant in San Francisco?**

A: Munch Haven on Market