



# 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 Nolan**  
Building Services Manager  
City Hall Building Management

## We Welcome your Feedback!

City employees can send "under the dome" questions and suggestions to [lesley.nolan@sfgov.org](mailto:lesley.nolan@sfgov.org)

## Don't Forget To Cast Your Ballot June 6th!

On June 6th, the primary election will be held for the City and County of San Francisco. Polling places will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Early voting will be available at City Hall beginning on May 8th. The last day to register to vote for this election will be May 22nd and the last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you will be May 30th. Primary Election ballot contests include 2 State and 4 Local Ballot Propositions, Partisan Federal Offices, Partisan and Non-Partisan State Offices, a Non-Partisan Superior Court Judge, as well as Partisan County Central Committees. The June 6th election is a "modified" closed primary. If you are registered to vote with a qualified political party, you will only receive the ballot from that party. If however, you declined to state a political party when you registered, you may request a ballot from the American Independent Party, the Democratic Party, or the Republican Party. Decline-to-State voters will not be able to vote in the county central committee contests. All registered voters may vote for non-partisan offices and for or against ballot propositions.



For the June primary, San Francisco voters will continue to vote using the same paper ballot system that has been in use since 2000. Voters with specific needs, including but not limited to sight and mobility impairments will have the option to use a new ballot-marking machine. This machine is designed to help voters with specific needs vote independently and privately. This machine, known as the "AutoMark", provides multiple ways for voters to mark their paper ballot, including a touch screen interface, a Braille touch pad, as well as the use of assistive devices such as a sip/puff mechanism. The AutoMark also provides an audio function that allows voters

to listen to instructions and ballot selections while marking their ballot. If necessary, a zoom feature can increase the font size, and ballot instructions are offered in English, Spanish and Chinese. The AutoMark ballot machine will be available for use during Early Voting at City Hall beginning on May 8th through Election day.

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, the Department of Elections is always recruiting poll workers to help us on Election Day. For more information or to sign up as a poll worker, visit [www.sfgov.org/election](http://www.sfgov.org/election) or call (415) 554-4395.



## Transformations

Do you recognize this City employee who works in City Hall?



*Adorable baby!*



*Voted most likely to succeed  
and best smile!*



*Look at our lovely liberal!*

Jill Lerner, General Services

## Art in City Hall

### SFPUC Centennial Photo Exhibition Traces Destruction and Renewal of San Francisco's Water System: 1906-2006

Ground Floor of City Hall

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) presents "The San Francisco Water System: Devastation and Renewal, 1906-2006," an exhibition of historic photographs, mostly from the SFPUC archives, in lower level City Hall, March 27 through June 9, 2006.

The images portray the 1906 destruction of San Francisco and its water system, the round-the-clock dedication by plumbers and other city workers to restore inoperable pipelines and mains, the birth of the ingenious new 167-mile Hetch Hetchy Water System designed to provide reliable water into the future, and today's aggressive program to upgrade the 72-year-old aqueduct and enable continued water supply in the wake of the next major earthquake.

The collection of nearly 40 framed black-and-white prints will complement another SFPUC exhibition of large-scale historic banners on the walls of the North Light Court, open for public viewing on April 6.

For further information, please contact Michele Liapes, SFPUC Communications, 415-554-3211, [mliapes@sfwater.org](mailto:mliapes@sfwater.org).

Also be sure to check out the two other 1906 earthquake centennial exhibits located in City Hall for the upcoming spring months. The SF PUC will be showing an additional photo exhibit in the North Light Court. The SF Historical Society will be showcasing various displays in the South Light Court museum area.

## Tick, tick, tick ...

The clock in the rotunda is truly a unique treasure, its hands are gold leaf accompanied by gold Roman numerals.

All of these historic clocks have something most unique, the standard Roman numeral four is "IV" but in the case of City Hall the less common variety used for the Roman numeral four is the "IIII's". It goes without saying that we would have a one of a kind design for the clocks in a one of a kind City.

The face of the historic clocks was designed by Albert Samuel, Sr., founder of the historic jewelry company which original location is marked by the "big brass" clock on Market Street across from the former Emporium and the new site of Bloomindaes.

The Mayer Brothers of Seattle, Washington designed the working mechanisms of all the historic clocks.

Next time you are in our grand rotunda, take a pause and admire the craftsmanship of the beautiful time pieces located around the building!





# Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the current avian influenza situation?

At this time avian influenza (H5N1), also known as bird flu, is a disease of wild birds and domesticated poultry like farm chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Although millions of birds have been infected, only a very small number of people have been infected (see [www.sfdph.org/cdcp](http://www.sfdph.org/cdcp) for exact numbers). Because all influenza viruses have the ability to change there is concern that the H5N1 virus could mutate and be spread easily and widely by humans. If that happens, it is possible that a pandemic or widespread outbreak of disease could occur. World health organizations and the San Francisco Department of Public Health are monitoring the situation and making plans to control avian influenza.

### What is the difference between avian influenza and pandemic influenza?

- A pandemic influenza occurs when a new influenza virus:
- 1) develops and there is little or no immunity (protection due to previous infection or vaccination) in the human population;
  - 2) it is easily passed from human to human;
  - 3) is found in many countries; and,
  - 4) causes serious illness in humans. Presently avian influenza (H5N1) is not a pandemic influenza because it is mostly a disease of birds and is not easily passed between humans.

### Is there avian influenza in the U.S. now?

No. Avian influenza has not been found in wild birds, domestic poultry, or humans in the United States.

### How can a person get avian influenza?

Avian influenza is not easily passed from birds to humans. People may get avian influenza by touching an infected bird, fluid or surfaces contaminated with fluids from infected birds and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. People who could be at risk in the US are those who travel to countries with outbreaks of avian influenza and have close contact with live or improperly cooked poultry while there.

### Can I get avian influenza from eating chicken or other poultry?

Thoroughly cooked poultry cannot infect someone with the virus. Avoid eating uncooked pink chicken or runny yolks. The U.S. does not import poultry except for a small amount from Canada. When cooking it's always good practice to wash your hands, surfaces, and cutlery after handling raw poultry products, including eggs to kill germs.

### What can I do to prevent catching avian influenza?

When traveling to areas reporting avian flu outbreaks avoid direct contact with poultry, wild birds, farms, and live-animal markets. Avoid touching surfaces contaminated with poultry feces (droppings) or secretions and only eat well-cooked poultry. Wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

### What are the symptoms?

Individuals with avian influenza (H5N1) usually develop symptoms within 10 days of contact with infected birds, became very ill, and required hospitalization. Symptoms are

usually severe and include high fever, muscle aches, cough, mucus production and shortness of breath. Abdominal pain and diarrhea can also occur.

### Is it safe to travel to countries where avian influenza has been detected?

Yes. Follow the safety measures above. If you have contact with birds and develop symptoms within 10 days of close contact, call your doctor and let him/her know about your travels and contact with birds.

### Is there an avian influenza vaccine?

No. A vaccine for humans is being developed. It is expected that if avian influenza becomes easily passed between humans a vaccine could be available within 4-6 months. There is now a vaccine for birds which is being used on domestic poultry in areas that have infected birds.

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## Scene and Heard

### “What is your favorite lunch spot in the area?”

“My favorite lunchspot in the area is **Ananda Fuara Vegetarian Restaurant**. It's only 2 blocks away, the food is delicious and healthy, the service is good and it's a great place to bring a book or people watch. I've never been disappointed with any of the dishes I've tried and the “Neatloaf Sandwich” is a favorite of mine.”

**Beth Lipski**  
*Department of Elections*



### “What are you currently watching?”

“This weekend I am going to see the latest Play @ A.C.T.- **NUMBERS**.”

**Patti Carlise**  
*Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services*



### What are you listening to?

“The new **Pearl Jam** album, it's a must hear.”

**Laurel Barsotti**  
*Film Commission*



**CHECK FOR UPDATED  
AVIAN INFLUENZA INFORMATION**  
[www.sfdph.org/cdcp](http://www.sfdph.org/cdcp)  
&  
**Avian Influenza Information Line  
(415) 554-2905**

**Is there a treatment?**

No. There is no known treatment right now. Research is being done to identify the effectiveness of medications like oseltamavir (Tamiflu) and zanamavir (Relenza). If an outbreak occurs in our region, treatment recommendations will be made based on the most current information. Local and national stockpiles will be used to get the right medications, as available, to infected people and their close contacts.

**Should I avoid chickens and other birds in San Francisco?**

No. Birds are not a risk to people in San Francisco at this time.

There is no avian influenza in chicken flocks, other domesticated birds, and wild birds in the U.S. If avian influenza is found in the U.S. additional guidance will be posted.

**What should I do if I see a dead bird?**

Avoid touching dead birds with your bare hands. Use gloves or an inverted plastic bag to place the dead bird in a garbage bag. Throw it away with your regular garbage. (To report a dead bird for West Nile Virus testing in California call: 1-877-WNV-Bird).

**What is San Francisco doing to prepare for avian influenza?**

The San Francisco Department of Public Health has created an Avian/Pandemic Flu Task Force for all city agencies. This group works to ensure that all city departments and agencies have well-developed and coordinated plans to address a pandemic influenza situation. We are working to ensure that our hospitals and clinicians are educated about pandemic flu and know how to care for infected patients. We also provide information on our website [www.sfdph.org/cdcp](http://www.sfdph.org/cdcp) and our avian influenza information line (415) 554-2905.

**Will there be a quarantine if avian influenza is found in San Francisco?**

Maybe. A quarantine is when people who may have been exposed and infected are asked to limit their activities to reduce the possible spread of infection. A quarantine is just one of many tools for stopping the spread of an infectious disease. If a quarantine is implemented the health department will likely request voluntary compliance of "home" quarantine.

**The Warm Spring 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.

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### 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

## DID YOU KNOW?



City Hall's Lost & Found is located on the ground floor in Room 008, City Hall Building Management's front office. A wide variety of items are left in the building daily, after various public meetings and hearings and special events.

If you or someone you know have lost an item, please call us immediately

so that we can either return it to the owner or make a note of it in the case that it gets turned in at a

later time. Likewise, we ask that you drop off any items you find in the building as soon as possible to help ensure it get's returned to the correct owner in a timely fashion. Items are held here for 90 days, after which they are donated or recycled.

To contact the Lost & Found, please call 554-4933 or stop by Room 008 between 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.

## Safety Corner

**To report an EMERGENCY:**  
Call 911 then call City Hall Security at 554-7251.

### CIVIL DISTURBANCE

Most civil disturbances are non-violent and are no cause for alarm. However, it is important to be aware of your surroundings and be prepared for sudden and crucial changes to City Hall operations that may occur to protect persons and property and ensure minimal disruption to city business.

**If you become aware of a civil disturbance at City Hall:**

#### DO NOT

- ▶ Panic.
- ▶ Interact with those causing the disturbance.
- ▶ Allow the civil disturbance to come between you and building exits if possible.

#### DO

- ▶ Remain calm.
- ▶ Report the disturbance immediately by calling City Hall Security at 554-7251.
- ▶ Continue business as usual unless you receive official information from emergency personnel to do otherwise.

- ▶ Adhere to sudden and critical changes to City Hall operations such as means of egress.
- ▶ Be patient and remember that decisions are being made to protect you.
- ▶ Assist persons including senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

#### HOW TO REPORT A CIVIL DISTURBANCE AT CITY HALL

- ▶ Contact City Hall Security immediately by calling 554-7251.
- ▶ Speak calmly and slowly.
- ▶ Provide your full name.
- ▶ Provide the telephone extension you are calling from.
- ▶ Provide the location of the disturbance including the floor and room number if possible.
- ▶ Provide a brief description of the disturbance.
- ▶ Stay on the phone with City Hall Security until instructed to do otherwise.

