COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tenderloin tree planting organized by Friends of the Urban Forest. Now's the time to sign up for the June 13 event. Buy a tree if you're a property owner — fuf.net/eform — or volunteer to help. Contact Caitlin@fuf.net, 415-268-0773.

Youth Resource Fair, April 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Moscone Center, 747 Howard St. For youth 16-24, the free fair features practice interviews, help with resumes and employers like Starbucks, Target, and Levi's on site conducting interviews for summer jobs. Visit 2015sfsummerjobs.eventbrite.com to sign up.

Tenderloin Sunday Streets meeting, April 15, noon, City Hall Room 278. Come with ideas for making the July 12 annual event a success. Info and map of route: sundaystreetssf.com.

Central City Democrats, meeting and 9th anniversary celebration, Apr. 28, 6 p.m., 201 Turk Street Community Room. Award ceremony, guest speakers, board elections, door prizes, light refreshments. Co-sponsored by North of Market Business Assn. and Tip Top Market. Info: 339-8683.

ARTS EVENTS

"The Name of the Monster," by Aren Haun, April 3-11, EXIT Studio, 156 Eddy St. A satire of the Hollywood system, focusing on a special-effects artist, presented by Slacker Theater. Tickets and times: brownpapertickets.com.

Music at the Main, Main Library, Koret Auditorium, noon-1 p.m. April 4, Dreaming of Li-Po, concert and commentary: Shoko Hikage, koto and bass koto; Cynthia Baehr, violin; and Hyo-Shin Na, composer. April 7, Cypress String Quartet.

"Bitch and Tell: A Real Funny Variety Show," April 10-25, EXIT Stage Left, 156 Eddy St. Standup to slapstick, magic to storytelling, circus to improv presented by Footloose. Tickets and dates: eventbrite.com.

"Untitled (This is a metaphor, No. 3)," a 20-foot inflatable dancing figure by Jeremy Mende, S.F. Arts Commission Galleries window installation site, 155 Grove St., through June 5, viewable 24/7 from the sidewalk.

Gratitude, A Benefit Concert for Veterans, Apr. 26, 5 p.m., 491 Post St., Academy of Arts University Morgan Auditorium. Brahms, Mozart and Sibelius by S.F. Conservatory of Music students. Free for soldiers and veterans with military ID or in uniform. Tickets and info: concertgratitude.eventbrite.com.

Eric Parthum

Drea Lusion *performs in "Bitch and Tell" at EXIT Stage Left on April 11, 17, 18.*

REGULAR SCHEDULE

HOUSING

Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco, 1st Wednesday of each month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

CBHS Client Council, 3rd Tuesday of month, 3-5 p.m., 1380 Howard, Room 515. Consumer advisers from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome. Info: 255-3695. Call ahead as meeting location may change.

Healthcare Action Team, 2nd Wednesday of month, 1010 Mission St., Bayanihan Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

Hoarding and Cluttering Support Groups, weekly meetings at various times, conducted by Mental Health Association of San Francisco, 870 Market St., Suite 928. Info: 421-2926 or mentalhealthsf.org/group-search.

Legal clinic, 4th Thursday of the month, 507 Polk St., 10 a.m.-noon. Legal help for people with psychiatric or developmental disabilities who need help with an SSA work review, sponsored by People with Disabilities Foundation. Sliding-scale fee. By appointment only: 931-3070. Info: pwdf.org.

Mental Health Board, 3nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition, 4th Thursday of the month, 3 p.m., Kelly Cullen Community Building, 220 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor auditorium or 5th floor gym. Public meetings to discuss legislation that encourages corner stores to sell fresh food and reduce tobacco and alcohol sales. Info: Jessica Estrada, jessica.healthyretail@gmail.com, 581-2483.

SAFETY

SoMa Police Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 538-8100 x202.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Tuesday of month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com, a districtwide improvement association.

Central Market Community Benefit District, board meets 2nd Tuesday of month, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., 3 p.m. Info: 882-3088, http://central-market.org.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., park Clubhouse, Eddy and Jones. Info: Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board, 3rd Thursday of month, 5 p.m. Works to protect SoMa resources for all residents. Gene Friend Rec Center, 270 Sixth St. Info: Tim Figueras, 554-9532.

Tenderloin Community Benefit District. Full board meets 3rd Monday at 5 p.m., 55 Taylor St. Info: 292-4812.

Safe Haven Project, 4th Tuesday of each month, 3 p.m., 519 Ellis St. (Senator Hotel). Contact: 563-3205, x115, or centralcitysafehaven@gmail.com.

SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee, 3rd Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudine del Rosario, 701-5580.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon, Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Info: 820-1412.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

Mayor's Disability Council, 3rd Friday of month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 554-6789. Open to the public.

Senior & Disability Action (formerly Planning for Elders/Senior Action Network), general meeting, 2nd Thursday of month, 9 a.m.-noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. SDA Housing Collaborative meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. HealthCare Action Team meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 1010 Mission St., (Bayanihan Community Center). For info about SDA's Survival School, University and computer class schedules: 546-1333, www.sdaction.org.

DISTRICT 6 SUPERVISOR

Jane Kim, member, Land Use Committee, School District, Transportation Authority; chair, Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors; vice chair, Transportation Authority Plans & Programs Committee

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Listana family

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Getting the internship would mean District 6 wouldn't be represented on the Youth Commission for two months. And that, she says, could be a problem. But her year on the commission would be up before college starts in the fall. She dreams of attending Harvard, but would gladly settle for UC Berkeley.

Her father's deep-seated feelings for inclusion seem to have influenced his daughter's attitude about track at her high school. She was on the track team for three years and the cross country team four years, forgoing her senior year of track because of her growing organization obligations. (Precious is also vice president of the Keystone Club of the TL Boys and Girls Club whose high school members research and report on social topics such as teenage suicide and Internet addiction.)

"Cross country is more team-oriented," she says. "That's the way we made it (so) to strive a little harder. There's no 'I' in cross country. It's more of a family. Every person counted. It's more my sport."

There are dozens of activities that bring the mix of Curran House residents together periodically, from tending the rooftop's 22 fruit- and vegetable-bearing planter boxes to celebrating an array of ethnic holidays.

But it can't be taken for granted that bias doesn't show up someplace, sometime.

Precious recalls that when she arrived in the United States at age 9, "it was a cultural shock." She was used to being surrounded by Filipinos. At the Chinese immersion school she was "bullied" for her accent, which she has since lost.

"I had a lot to learn," she says, "and it was a blessing in a way. It made me more understanding of different lifestyles. Riding the elevator (here) people always acknowledge each other and say, 'Have a nice day.' My friends are shocked at that. But it's very beautiful. And I love the diversity of this place."

"It's the microcosm of the Tenderloin," her father said. ■

Marjorie Beggs

Listana *totes ballot boxes for TNDC resident council elections in May 2014.*

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