

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Walk San Francisco general membership meeting, Wed., June 9, 5:30 p.m., SPUR meeting room, 312 Sutter. Walking in San Francisco and how to make it safer and better. Info: 431-9255.

Town hall meeting on the S.F. budget, Sat., June 19, 1-3 p.m., City Hall. Districts 6 and 8 residents concerned about the 2004-05 budget meet with Supervisors Chris Daly and Bevan Dufty.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

HOUSING

Consumer Housing Group, 1st Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., Mental Health Association, 1095 Market St., Suite 408. Contact: 241-2926.

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

Supportive Housing Network, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., 111 Jones. Contact: Belinda Lyons, 241-2929.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Board, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. CMHS advisory committee, open to the public. Contact: 255-3474.

Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group, 2nd Monday and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. 1095 Market, Rm. 609. Contact: 241-2926.

CMHS Consumer Council, 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30-7:30, CMHS, 1380 Howard, Rm. 537. Contact: 255-3428. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F., 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough, 5th Fl. Contact 905-6264. Family member group, open to consumers and the public.

SAFETY

SoMa Police-Community Relations Forum, 4th Monday of the month, 6 p.m. Location changes monthly. May meeting is at The Arc, 1500 Howard at 11th Street. Contact: Lisa Block, 538-8100 ext. 202, or Jan Rasmussen, 553-1155.

Violence Prevention Network, last Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m., 220 Golden Gate, Rm. 4D. Contact Christina Goette, 554-2741, Violence prevention.

Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting, last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

North of Market NERT, bimonthly meeting. Contact Tim Agar, 674-6142, or Lt. Juanita Hodge, S.F. Fire Department, 558-3456. Disaster preparedness training by the Fire Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Alliance for a Better District 6, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf_district6@yahoo.com. Districtwide association, civic education.

Mid-Market Project Area Committee, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Hotel, 1231 Market. Contact Carolyn Diamond, 362-2500. Market Street redevelopment on Fifth to Eighth street.

Tenderloin Futures Collaborative, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., Tenderloin Police community room, 301 Eddy. Contact Jerry Jai at 358-3956 for information. Network of residents, nonprofits and businesses sharing information and taking on neighborhood development issues.

Friends of Boeddeker Park, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m.,

Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact: Betty Traynor, Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260 ext. 101.

South of Market Project Area Committee, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom, between 6th & 7th. Contact: SOM-PAC office, 487-2166.

North of Market Planning Coalition, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., 301 Eddy. Contact 474-2164. TL 2000, jobs, neighborhood planning.

Tenderloin Merchants Association, contact Jamie Cutlip, 553-4433 ext. 22 or jamie@urbansolutionsf.org.

Boeddeker Park cleanup, 3rd Saturday of the month, 9-noon, organized by the Friends of Boeddeker Park. To RSVP to work or for information, contact Betty Traynor at the Neighborhood Parks Council, 621-3260.

SENIORS AND DISABLED

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

Tenderloin Police Station Seniors and Disabled Meeting last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy. Contact Susan Black, 345-7300. Concerns specific to seniors and the disabled.

Senior Action Network, general meeting, second Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Mary's Cathedral. Monthly committee meetings, 975 Mission #700. Fundraising, first Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pedestrian Safety, second Friday, 10 a.m.; Sr. Housing Action, third Wednesday, 1:30; Health, last Thursday, 1:30. Information: 546-1333.

Spirited spar over Rescue Mission pastor's tactics

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Evans said, with widespread urination and defecation in the streets, more public toilets are in order for the homeless, not fewer.

Moreover, the minister's criticism of Boeddeker Park as needing to be cleaned up for families, seniors and children ignored the vast improvements by numerous groups there over the last year. Though more work needs to be done, likely the park has reached its finest hour yet, an advance noted in a recent Examiner editorial.

As the din rose, someone claimed to have seen Huang eating real food during his hunger strike.

"You should be mindful of saying you represent the Tenderloin," said David Villa Lobos, a neighborhood activist. "People have worked very hard for the district. Just tell the truth."

Bobbing and weaving under the barrage, Rogers kept his poise, stood his ground and flicked out an occasional jab.

"Now, there's a lot of noise on the street," he said of the strip club. "The activity was quieter when it was a gay club."

ALAN WEIGHS IN

Alan, finally rising to speak, contended his outside security guards, who escort the female strippers to their

cars, make the whole block safer. He was unaware of any rowdiness, he said, but he'd look into it.

Alan strongly objected to Huang's characterizations of his business, and said he tries to be a "good neighbor." The signage, he said, is neither raunchy nor offensive, nothing explicit.

"Yet children (when they protested) were told what to do and say," Alan said. "and it was revolting that these children were being paraded and used as pawns in a political battle. And to think what goes on inside is lawless is a big mistake." He called Huang's strike "grandstanding."

"The man threatening to kill himself over this is terrorism in its worst form," Alan said.

"This is not a form of terrorism!" objected Rogers, who said he had served in the U.S. Air Force Security Service in Pakistan in the mid-1960s and has two sons now in the Army. "And I'm not a terrorist!"

"But you are coming rather late to your community activism," said longtime resident David Baker. And Rogers readily conceded.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

"I totally accept that we're late," Rogers said. "We want to put our shoulder alongside yours. I love Mr. Alan for his volunteer work in the neighborhood. It's the business opening at 220 Jones (I oppose)."

Rogers later explained that in his five years with the mission, since retiring as a Bank of America financial

systems manager on Market Street, he had focused solely on outreach to people, such as delivering meals to shut-ins and doing their cleaning. But lately, he said, he has been attending "a lot more meetings." He confessed, however, that he has been somewhat disappointed to find many of the same people at the same meetings. And some of the meetings were poorly attended.

Manuel called for a show of hands on the Chez Patee's right to remain in the neighborhood. More than half were in favor.

The item that had been scheduled for 15 minutes had lasted 45. Alan had won the bout on points. Tacitly, though, the evening was a unanimous decision that no one should step out to represent the Tenderloin without doing some serious roadwork.

The standing of Earl Rogers in the rankings did not suffer. Days later he was still bruised over the terrorist reference, but not vindictive or even ruffled. He told The Extra he probably could have defended himself better but, not wanting to escalate the noisy onslaught, didn't. As an invited speaker, he had expected more courtesy, he said, especially to be allowed to finish statements without being cut off. He speculated that some of the attendees' lives center around attending meetings. He said his time is better spent out in the neighborhood.

"But it was fine if it gets us further along," Rogers concluded. "In the end, it is what we can do for the people and the community." ■

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TARC seeks RN's

The Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center, 187 Golden Gate Ave seeks registered nurses for Per Diem work. TARC's health services program operates daily, RNs work as part of the team in conducting onsite client treatment along with street and SRO based healthcare outreach. Resumes to Lawrence Li at resumes2@tarcsf.org or fax to 413-751-9641 More info at www.tarcsf.org"

SERVICES

WOMEN'S DAY AT OASIS

Every Friday it's women-only at the Office of Self Help's Oasis Community Center. Socialize, talk about women's issues, and enjoy a free lunch followed by some group activity. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1095 Market St., Rm. 202.

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