Glen Park may get its own farmers market on Sunday mornings, which organizers hope to start in June. They have yet to nail down a location but say the goal is to keep the market small and aim it at neighborhood residents.

Neighbor interest “has been overwhelmingly positive,” says Ric Lopez, the president of the Glen Park Merchants Association, which has spearheaded the effort to open a market in our neighborhood.

His preferred space would be on Wilder Street, starting at Diamond Street and closing off the street just up to the driveway for the condo complex at 53 Wilder that is part of the library/Canyon Market building. Lopez said he met with homeowners from the group during the last week of February to seek their endorsement, but their decision is as yet unknown.

During farmers market hours, Wilder Street would be closed to through traffic all the way to Arlington, but the market itself would occupy only the Diamond Street end of the block. Wilder Street residents would be able to drive in and out of the street during market hours, Lopez says.

For the project to move forward in that space, everyone whose home or business would be directly affected by the street closure would need to sign a letter approving it, said Elizabeth Howe, regional manager for the nonprofit Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association. The organization would coordinate the market together with the Merchants Association. She oversees similar markets in other San Francisco neighborhoods and San Mateo County.

“We think Glen Park village would be an amazing location for a market,” she said.

While a farmers market can add vibrancy to a neighborhood and convenience for residents who want to pick up a pint of just-picked strawberries or a bunch of earthy carrots, it also can generate extra trash, noise and traffic.

If there is opposition to the Wilder site, Howe’s group will look to the Merchants Association to begin scouting another location. One possibility: the BART parking lot at Bosworth and Arlington streets. However, Howe says she has no idea whether the lot even would be an option.

Supervisor Candidates Hit the Trail

The November elections for new representatives on the Board of Supervisors may seem a long way off, but they will have enormous impact on the city and our neighborhood. So the Glen Park News is beginning in this issue what will be a two-part series on the District 8 race.

In this issue we present information from the three most prominent candidates, all of whom have been actively seeking endorsements from neighbors for months—at least. Next issue we’ll take a deeper look at specific issues affecting Glen Park and look at where the candidates fall on San Francisco’s political spectrum.

In this year’s election voters will choose five district representatives for the 11-member Board of Supervisors. Once elected, the supervisors fight for neighborhood equity in City resources, such as police patrols, street cleaning, fire protection, park gardeners, social services, Muni, bike lanes and pothole repairs.
The big story of the season in Glen Park is whether we’ll be getting a neighborhood farmers market. The Glen Park Merchants Association has been working with a nonprofit to set up a weekly outdoor market that would operate  ing with a nonprofit to set up a weekly outdoor market that would operate

The big question is, where will it be located.

The focus now is on Wilder Street, of Diamond Street, adjacent to Canyon Market.

Nearby residents and store owners want to make sure that concerns about traffic, litter, safety and similar issues are adequately addressed before the project goes forward.

While a farmers market could bring fresh vitality to Glen Park, it is important that the project not be one that divides the community, but instead one that brings it even closer together. We at the Glen Park News hope all interested parties will work together to find common ground. For a full report, see our story on the front page.

San Francisco’s mounting budget problems may have a big impact on Glen Park and neighborhoods throughout the city—from street cleaning and recreation programs to parking policies and health care services. Already, the Municipal Railway has decided it must impose deep service cuts starting on May 1.

Several bus lines serving Glen Park would be affected, if the reductions are implemented: the 36-Teresita, the 44-O’Shaughnessy, the 52-Excelsior and the J-Church all are scheduled to run less frequently, anywhere from one minute to 15 minutes, depending on the line and the time of day. This comes on top of other service reductions enacted in December, which included the loss of the 26-Valencia and replacement of part of its route through Glen Park with an extension of the 36-Teresita.

As the City heads into a new budget cycle, the Glen Park News will keep an eye not just on Muni’s new budget, but on such other City services to see what’s in store for the neighborhood.

The mission of the Glen Park Association is to promote the collective interests of all persons living in Glen Park, to inform and educate about neighborhood and citywide issues, to promote sociability and friendships and to support beneficial neighborhood projects.

Mayor Gavin Newsom must present his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors by June 1. The debate will continue through the summer.

Speaking of the Board of Supervisors, in this issue we begin to take a look at the major candidates running for District 8 supervisor to replace Bevan Dufty, who will be terming out in January 2011. If you’d like them to address specific issues for the summer issue of Glen Park News, e-mail your question to news@glenparkassociation.org.
During my years as president of the Glen Park Association I have written in this column about how our neighborhood has changed in the past, our connections to the rest of San Francisco, and how to consider future changes.

Among the future changes, of course, is the possible lease of the BART parking lot for development, as well as other land-use changes considered in the 2003 Draft Glen Park Community Plan. At more than one public meeting in the past year, we have heard strong opinions about the BART site.

The City is reviewing these matters, in part through an outside consultant assessing the Glen Park Transportation Study and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Glen Park Community Plan.

PBS&J is the consulting firm under contract to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prepare the Glen Park Transportation Study and the EIR on the Glen Park Community Plan. I work for the firm, and this contract raises a possible appearance of a conflict of interest with my role as president of the Glen Park Association.

PBS&J’s client is the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency—not BART or a prospective developer for the BART site. SFMTA and the Planning Department direct the PBS&J work. Neither BART nor any private developer has formal input into these decisions.

I am a salaried employee at PBS&J, and I have managed EIRs for projects in San Francisco. When the PBS&J team offered a proposal to SFMTA, was selected and then entered into a contract to perform the work outlined above, I was already president of the Glen Park Association. SFMTA and Planning Department staffs were aware of my involvement with the Glen Park Association.

Information or opinions arising from the community must be taken into account as part of the SFMTA and Planning Department work. My independent opinions as a resident of Glen Park will have no effect on the business interests of PBS&J. However, because of my employment at PBS&J, I am aware of the possible appearance of a conflict, and during public meetings in the past year on the community plan or the transportation study, I have taken only an observer role, and I have not led any GPA presentations or questions.

I have discussed with other GPA board members how the community plan issues should be handled at future Glen Park Association membership meetings. If there were formal consideration of a GPA position on such matters, I would step aside as chair for that item and turn the job over to another board member. Depending upon the specific matter under consideration, I may excuse myself from voting on the action.

I have been proud to be a Glen Park resident for over 23 years, and a GPA officer for eight years. I in fact have no opinion as to a particular plan for development of the BART parking lot, but I and others look forward to seeing detailed information on BART proposals, so the neighborhood can evaluate planning, traffic and parking issues carefully.

Michael Rice is president of the Glen Park Association.

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Ingleside Station’s Top Cop Lays Out Plans for Glen Park

At a town hall meeting of the Glen Park Association on Jan. 13, Captain David Lazar, commander of the SFPD’s Ingleside Station, delivered a positive report on the crime situation in Glen Park. Several folks, with the concurrence of everyone else, expressed their appreciation for the enthusiasm and efforts of Capt. Lazar and his force in keeping the crime rate down over the past year. Matthew Leong and Amanda Kabanuck, our local beat officers, were also lauded for their accomplishments in keeping Glen Park safe.

Captain Lazar listed several highlights of new programs and initiatives:

San Francisco has a new police chief, George Gascon, who has decentralized investigations of robberies, burglaries, auto thefts and assaults. These crimes are handled at the station level, rather than at the Hall of Justice, and are parceled out among seven sergeants who act as liaisons to community groups.

Bicycle officers now patrol Chenery Street and the Lower Mission, every day during the day.

CompStat is a system of computer-generated statistics that helps police connect the dots, predict possible incidents and hold individuals accountable for follow-up and results. It was originated in New York City and used by the NYPD’s 71 police captains. Each month five SFPD stations will present their stats, and the next month, the other five stations. The program is open to the public and the next presentation will be at the Scottish Rite Temple at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard on March 17 at 10 a.m.

To enhance communication within the Ingleside Station, Lazar has begun to produce a “Daily Mission” to the force, which is basically, “Here’s what to look for today,” be it gang activity, burglaries on Teresita, graffiti, tire slashing, auto theft or other crime du jour.

Duh?—Thanks to Chief Gascon,

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Red+White=Success

January was a red-and-white-banner month for Juliana Flores and Peter Bell—their new wine bar at 678 Chenery St. opened on Jan. 2, and daughter Liv Flores Bell was born on Jan. 15.

Red+White wine bar and café is already a local draw, with mostly local crowds sipping a variety of wines and snacking on cheese, olives and charcuterie plates. “We are so thankful the neighborhood has been so supportive,” said Bell, sounding weary and excited in equal measure. He estimates that 75 to 85 percent of their customers live in Glen Park.

Both parenthood and operating a small business are new to Flores and Bell. The wine and food descriptions give evidence of their backgrounds in advertising. The casual ambiance is enhanced by imaginative descriptions of the wines available for tasting by the glass or half-glass—“This is a Pinot Grigio for those who like Pinot Grigio. And it’s a Pinot Grigio for those who don’t”—and names such as “O-Sala-Mia” for a grilled salami and cheese sandwich.

The best seats in the house are on red leather couches facing low tables decorated with succulents. There are more seats at the bar, and plenty of standing room. Derek Cienfuegos, the in-house wine expert, says that zinfandels have been big sellers. “The neighborhood likes their zins,” he notes.

Bell says that diners awaiting tables in Glen Park’s three destination restaurants—Chenery Park, Le P’tit Laurent and Gialina—are being steered to the wine bar to pass the time in comfort. The restaurant owners use texting to notify customers their tables are ready across the street.

“We’re delighted to do it,” Bell says. There has already been an adjustment in hours. Red+White is open Tuesday through Thursday, 3–10 p.m.; Friday, 3–11 p.m.; Saturday, 1–11 p.m., and Sunday, 1–10 p.m. Bell says they also plan to add additional signage to supplement the name on the awning. But the central premise—wines to drink there and there alone—is a keeper.

“We’ve been so happy to be here in the neighborhood, and certainly so many people are happy we’re here,” Bell says.
Neighborhood Raccoons Are Skating on Thin Ice

Glen Park residents have long been subjected to nocturnal visits from raccoons, which are skating on thin ice toward a bad reputation as bestia non grata or “nuisance animals.”

Raccoons are highly intelligent, opportunistic and habituated to life among humans. This, we know, can be a troublesome combination. Although they may have a reputation for being hooligans, they can easily coexist without bothering us.

Ancient inhabitants of San Francisco, raccoons live in every neighborhood of the city. Scarcely seen during the day, they sleep nearly 100 feet high in trees, or under structures when they find crawl space. Raccoons enjoy dining on mice and rats, but will settle for snails and grubs. They have been spotted rolling up lawn sod to find the grubs and worms.

Problems often arise when a raccoon is met with a novel source of food or a cat door. Just as in bear country, latching-down waste, recycling and compost bins, then waiting until morning to put them out for pick-up, can mitigate interactions. Keeping pet food indoors is also an easy way to avoid unwanted diners. When we overlook these details, things can get ugly. One Glen Park resident recently had an incident in which a raccoon delivered a fierce claw wound to the tip of her dog’s nose.

Attacks resulting in pet insurance claims can include lacerations like this. “I’ve seen a couple of cases of raccoon-inflicted wounds,” reports Dr. Naomi Nagayama of Irving Pet Hospital, adding that although the incidence of rabies is quite low, the treatment protocol is stringent. “We give boosters of the rabies vaccine for pets that are up to date on their vaccine. If the animal is not up to date, then we recommend quarantine between 10–30 days.” But ultimately, she says, one should try to avoid any interaction between pets and raccoons.

From a public health standpoint, the diseases that can be passed between raccoons and domestic pets, and in some cases to humans, are not as worrisome as one might think. No cases of rabies in any land mammal have been reported in the city for the past 60 years. The Centers for Disease Control reports highly infrequent incidences of raccoon roundworm which, practically speaking, is passed on only by ingesting raccoon feces.

Jaime Ray, a wildlife rehabilitator with the San Francisco Rescued Orphan Mammal Program, has logged over 10,000 calls on the wildlife hotline. When we spoke with Ray, she was on a call about a raccoon family nesting in a crawl space under a house. This is a temporary natal nest, Ray assured the caller. As soon the babies are two weeks old, they begin walking and climbing, and the crawl space will be abandoned.

In the case of a persistent raccoon, Ray urged people to call Animal Care and Control dispatch, which will route the call to the wildlife hotline. “For anything that wildlife do to bother people, there are effective and humane ways to resolve any problem behavior,” she added.

For more information, visit the San Francisco Rescued Orphan Mammal Program web site at www.sfromp.org.

Parents with young children may check out a book called The Raccoon Next Door, a delightfully illustrated book by the Bay Area’s own Gary Bogue.

For practical advice, see the UC Davis publication, Wildlife Pest Control Around Gardens and Homes.

New Dentists in Town

Longtime Glen Park dentists and neighborhood boosters, husband-and-wife team Dr. Dan Gustavson and Dr. Mai-Ly Ramirez, relocated to Auburn in Gold Rush country—leaving a big hole to fill in everything from the Glen Park Festival to the Merchants Association.

The move was prompted by family illness. Two years ago Gustavson’s mother was diagnosed with cancer. The couple has been making the 125-mile drive to Auburn almost weekly since then to help Gustavson’s parents. They made the difficult decision to move in the fall, and then had another heartbreak when Gustavson’s mother passed away during the Christmas holidays.

But they decided that Gustavson’s father needed more family support than ever, “so moving was never a difficult decision,” says Ramirez.

So far the transition has been smooth. “We’ve been driving back and forth from Auburn to SF for two years now, so we’re somewhat used to it,” says Gustavson.

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Living the Dream on Harry Street Steps

by Murray Schneider

Harry Street residents pose on their stairway to heaven.

Photo by Michael Waldstein

If you wanted to throw a block party on Harry Street, you’d end up with only four households joining the celebration.

On the border of Glen Park and Noe Valley, only yards from Billy Goat Hill, Harry Street is not the world’s best kept secret, having fostered a cottage industry-worth of well-deserved publicity. The 258-step promenade has been featured on the cover of Adah Bakalinsky’s Stairway Walks in San Francisco and was voted the best stairway walk in San Francisco by the Bay Guardian.

Make no mistake, Harry Street is worth every column inch.

The steps serve as a cloistered conduit between the 100 block of Beacon Street and the 200 block of Beacon Street. Australian flax and California redwoods tower over four fairy-tale houses along a walkway that, arguably, boasts some of the best views of downtown San Francisco. The street was listed in an 1868 San Francisco City Directory and described as a “cowpath” in a 1916 directory.

But residents just call it magical.

“I feel like calling the front desk to request staying another day,” says Daniel Oppenheim, CEO of The Urban Safari, who has lived in a house on the Harry steps since 1991, in a structure that would be the envy of Hansel and Gretel, possibly even Bilbo Baggins.

More like a Hans Christian Anderson cottage than a two-story 1904 American-built home, Oppenheim’s shingled house, where he raised his son and daughter, reminds him of his Colorado boyhood. “Living here,” he jokes, “is like being off the grid.”

After finishing a tour leading visitors on one of his patented off-the-beaten-track San Francisco destinations, he surveys his hideaway home, 126-steps above Laidley Street, where each one of his windows is surrounded by cathedrals of Japanese maples.

Oppenheim initially rented on Beacon Street, taking daily walks along the stairway, admiring the homes snuggled along its steps, promising himself he would buy one when the opportunity arose.

“Walking the steps was like a fantasy,” he says. “On Harry I could leave behind both traffic and stress.”

Oppenheim shared a sense of rusticity with his children, Mackenzie and Nate. Growing up on the steps, each played “jungle,” daily exploring its secluded nooks and crannies of which most children can only dream.

“Mac and I once made a brick wishing well,” reminisces Oppenheim, “only to come home one day and see half of it destroyed because we built it over a water main.”

It seems that the city water department disassembled the family public works project brick-by-brick, precipitating a cascade of unintended hydraulic consequences.

“The meter reader’s ill-timed dismantling prompted a natural waterfall and three-pool stream,” explains Oppenheim.

There are downsides to living halfway up a stairway. “As a kid,” 24-year old Mackenzie recalls, “the question was always, ‘Are we carrying groceries?’”

Anyone who has climbed the steps has probably wondered how one would get a grand piano up it or what would happen if the family’s geriatric dog develops a hip problem? Dana Thistlethwaite, a veterinarian who’s lived on Harry Street for two years, doesn’t need to wonder. Her eight year old dog, Lola, is beginning to struggle with hip issues.

“It’s definitely something to think about,” Thistlethwaite says. “If Lola becomes lame, we’ll just have to put a sling under her tummy and take some weight off her.”

And if you want prosaic in paradise, there’s the weekly green, black and blue recycling bin dilemma.

Bill DiFrancesco and his partner, John Walker, wrestle with these colorful containers each week. DiFrancesco has been on Harry Street since 1976, perched on about one-half an acre he maintains with an experienced green thumb. Surrounded by an oasis of lavender, jasmine, cypress, redwoods, eucalyptus and pines, DiFrancesco’s garden is his passion. A St. Francis Hospital nursing coordinator, he recently planted a grove of birch trees to remember 12 fallen friends, lost to AIDS and breast cancer. He doesn’t mind the pedestrian work of hauling his refuse bins up 128 steps to Beacon Street, convincing himself that it is a reasonable tradeoff for the privilege of living in his dream house.

“It’s difficult, but worth it,” says DiFrancesco, whose weekly Herculean labors keep him trim and fit and whose favorite time of the day is sitting in his manicured garden sipping a morning cup of coffee, serenaded by humming birds and entertained by squirrels.

And if he misses a day at the gym, he just needs to heft more mulch down the boculic steps or haul more compost back up them.

“I can’t imagine living anywhere else,” he says. “I never take Harry Street for granted. I know how fortunate I am.”

So does Emily Beck, a lead midwife at St. Luke’s Hospital, who has lived on Harry Street for one year, 88 steps above Laidley Street, and who knows all about Harry Street squirrels.

“Where else in San Francisco can you wake up hearing the pitter patter of little squirrel feet on your roof? It’s a pastoral pleasure, like living in the middle of a forest.”

Does Emily Beck stress over the obvious inconveniences of dwelling on Harry Street? Not at all, not even when she carries her bicycle up the steps.

“I raise my eyebrows when friends ask about my bike,” she says. “The steps are actually a pleasure.”

Bennett Grassano lives across from Beck, and has hauled his bike up the steps for the two years he has lived on Harry Street.

“I consider it exercise. After the first 10 steps, the city sort of disappears and I’m near my urban cabin.”

Maybe so, but his metropolitan cottage is sometimes overrun with rural critters.

“Gangs of raccoons send our dog and two cats into a frenzy,” Grassano smiles. A graduate of U.C. Santa Cruz, Emily Beck is familiar with her own Harry wild life. “The banana slugs are huge and beautiful and come out when it is wet early each morning.”

On some mornings does so the San Francisco Fire Department, which trains along the tree-lined Harry steps, often in front of Bill DiFrancesco’s English Tudor-designed house, fittingly built for a San Francisco fire captain’s wife in 1929.

“We always approach from the top down,” says Assistant Fire Chief John Lee, a retired 31-year department veteran, no stranger to training regimens that call for leading yards of hose lines and carrying 35-foot extension ladders. “We want fire fighters to be familiar with the peculiarities of all streets.”

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Born in New Jersey on Oct. 6, 1912, years. Turk had pretty much done it all. Rutgers university, Turk jockeyed freight armed with a degree in journalism from patronized working-class men and women. socialism and throughout his life championed working-class men and women. Armed with a degree in journalism from Rutgers University, Turk jockeyed freight trains across the country during the Great Depression.

Turk joined the merchant marine in 1942, serving as an ordinary seaman, and several months after Pearl Harbor found himself sailing through the Golden Gate at the ship’s helm. Concluding that Turk understood the ship better than he did, the harbor pilot told him to take the ship under the bridge himself!

“Turk never had a more exciting time,” shared Luke Tergis, his 31-year-old grandson.

After World War II Turk put down anchor in Susanville, California, where he taught school. Always surrounded by a pantheon of books and eventually his own 12-volume autobiography, Turk’s radical ideas caught up with him in faculty room imbroglios. He decamped for the Bay Area, leaving Lassen County pedagogues rushing to research teacher tenure laws.

Turk landed in Daly City in 1948 and became an elementary school teacher. Undaunted by rattling box cars, Turk found corralling Jefferson Elementary School students in the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s to be an entirely different matter.

For 27 years, the sixth graders wore him out, he often joked. So he repaired to his Beacon Street home, changed into southwestern wear and walked the Glen Canyon ridges before Diamond Height homes were even a glint in Joseph Eichler’s eye.


“Turk was a hulk of a man with a huge heart,” Huajardo remembered. “I first saw him holding a third grader’s arms in the school yard. She was struggling with her batting stance and Turk wanted that child to succeed.”


One of those students is Ruth...
Canyon Market Aims for Zero Waste

Do you suffer from Recycling Anxiety, Composting Angst or Garbage Guilt? Are you about to leap off Billy Goat Hill to end forever your confusion about which waste goes where?

Have you experienced existential frustration over the futility of ever saving our doomed planet?

Maybe you need a PGA (Personal Garbage Assistant). Last year, Canyon Market had one of sorts, in the person of Rachel Woods-Robinson, who had just graduated from San Francisco's School of the Arts high school. There, she and some friends had started an Environmental Club whose major accomplishment was building a compost station on campus and distributing and collecting compost bins between classrooms. Woods-Robinson was shocked to see how much useful stuff was being thrown away.

Richard and Janet Tarlov, proprietors of Canyon Market, were having similar revelations. Running a complex business, while trying to be responsible environmental stewards and keeping down their operating costs, was a daunting challenge. They needed someone who had the enthusiasm, brains and creativity to study their waste cycle and come up with new ways to reduce it; someone who could share ideas with the staff so the program could carry on; someone like Rachel.

In a three-week period after she graduated and before she started classes at UCLA (where she majors in Ethnomucology and will add a second major—either astrophysics or environmental science), she conducted her hands-on study. Here's how she describes it.

“I figured out which days the Sunset Scavenger garbage truck came, and decided to analyze Canyon Market's waste a day after the truck came. It turned out to be a war zone. My ammunition: a box of latex gloves, swine flu masks, a pile of tools and the ability to hold my breath for long periods of time. My enemy: a two-square-yard dumpster.”

She then did five “dumpster dives,” separating recyclables, compostables and garbage. She separated out items that could be composted or recycled, weighed them and measured the volume. She found that 43 percent of what was being thrown away was not actually trash! Sunset Scavenger charges for garbage but not recycling and composting, so that's where a lot of savings can be realized. Right away she was able to divert materials from the dumpster (that would be the black bin from Sunset Scavenger, for residential users) into recyclables and compostables.

Recyclables are taken by Sunset Scavenger to Recycle Central at Pier 96, where they are sorted, baled and shipped all over the world to be made into new products. One destination, Epic Plastics in Lodi, uses the materials for landscaping products such as timbers and header boards. Sunset Scavenger takes the compost material to a facility in Vacaville where it is processed and distributed to farms, orchards and vineyards as “Four Course Compost,” which is so rich in nutrients that farmers call it “black gold.”

By contrast, the trash that Sunset removes ends up in a landfill in Livermore where it will reside, literally, forever, wreaking environmental havoc.

The key to ongoing savings and social benefit was training the Canyon Market staff. A lot of changes resulted, both big and small.

Reducing waste means discarding less food—either cooking it or having it picked up by Food Runners to deliver to seniors and the needy, setting unusable scraps aside for compost. It means recycling all clean paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and hard plastic materials. Signs around the store serves as reminders and helps the workers keep everything sorted consistently.

The store’s compressor is a Star Trek worthy behemoth of a machine that provides a computer-controlled system for the refrigerators, freezers and retail coolers. It uses only the energy that’s needed, where it’s needed. Richard Tarlov is clearly enamored of this “very reliable, brilliant system,” which also uses heat generated by the compressor to heat water. The market needs only a standard domestic hot water heater to supplement this supply.

With the limited space available, having enough bins for recycling and composting throughout the market, in the appropriate sizes and colors for nearby activities, has proved to be a logistical problem.

Another challenge is—us. The sorting bins provided for the public in the outdoor seating area are routinely misused; sorting those discsards is one of the more frustrating tasks.

Canyon Market is also interested in helping Glen Parkers with their personal recycling needs. There are bins where people can deposit their clean plastic bags and plastic wrap (this drop-off service is mandated by the state), fluorescent and high-intensity-discharge (HID) light bulbs, and batteries. People can bring in their used cooking grease and ask the staff to put it into the store’s barrel. And the latest addition to the recycling arsenal,orks.

Tarlov praises the successful efforts of everyone involved in the program, which has cut the dumpster size in half and saved $415 a month, a 73 percent discount.

San Francisco currently recovers 72 percent of discarded materials. Being diligent about reducing our trash will take us toward meeting the goal of 75 percent diversion from the landfill this year and zero waste by 2020.

Here's a quick primer on some of the complexities of “what goes where”:

**Compost (green bin):**
- All food scraps
- Food-stained paper including brown paper towels, napkins, cardboard, bags, containers, trays, coffee cups and clutches, plates, butcher wrap
- Compostable takeout containers
- Waxy milk/juice cartons if not foil lined
- Clean wood pieces less than 4 feet
- Flowers and leaves

**Recycle (blue bin):**
- All clean paper: newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, shopping bags, cardboard (without foil or waxi lining) like coffee trays, egg cartons.
- Plastic bottles and lids
- Plastic coffee lids
- Clean hard plastic labeled 1-7
- Plastic takeout containers, forks, spoons, knives, straws - wiped of food as much as possible
- Clean glass bottles and lids (not broken)
- Clean metal/aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil and trays (ball it up)

**Garbage (black bin):**
- Anything with human/animal waste, including used tissues, etc.
- Broken glass or ceramics
- Containers; packaging with mixed materials, such as cardboard containers with plastic
- Paper that can’t be recycled
- Stickers
- Food-stained or clear plastic bags
- Bubble wrap
- Styrofoam
Where Does It All Go, Anyway?
Recycling Sorts Itself Out

The North Fork of Islais Creek rises from the upper stretches of Glen Canyon Park, flows toward the Recreation Center, then is swallowed into a big underground tube that carries it beneath the ball field, under Paradise Street, behind St. John's School, 12 feet below Wilder Street, then generally under Bosworth Street, San Jose Avenue and I-280. It joins the South Fork and continues eastward beneath the produce/industrial area, finally spilling from an outfall under the CalTrain tracks into Islais Channel. This channel opens to the bay right at Pier 96, at the end of Cargo Way. I envisage the stream of the creek as analogous to the “waste stream” of our discards. What’s so special about that? Pier 96 is the place where those big red-and-white Sunset Scavenger trucks with the big sneezes and the clanking metal bin shakers deposit their heavy loads. All told, sorting is done there for 16 types of materials including paper, cardboard, metals, glass and plastics. A constant parade of some 300 of these discard collectors arrives there from 4 a.m. to about 4 p.m. every day except Sunday to deposit the material they collect from our blue recycle bins. The trucks back into one end of a huge building, covered on the south side with solar panels, which furnish some 30 percent of the plant’s power needs. The giant pile from our neighborhood trucks disappears over the course of a day with voracious dinosaur-bites of big front-loaders. They dump it onto huge conveyor “disassembly” lines where it is sorted and tossed into multiple bins with rapid care by nearly 100 masked and gloved sorters. I was treated to an information-laden tour by the public relations manager for Recology-Sunset Scavenger San Francisco, Robert Reed. He led me to an almost overwhelmingly huge set of very noisy machines that help sort and classify our waste. His familiarity and inspired conversation showed his pride in the accomplishments of this immense operation. Huge tilted and vibrating conveyor belts lift the garbage mix almost three stories up. Some of the bigger stuff spills off and is collected, some is shaken off and collected and the rest is dumped on long, flat conveyor belts. The resulting mix is subjected in several places to several treatments—magnets pick up iron objects, sorters pull off plastics and heavy objects, other places collect glass (whole and broken), aluminum cans are whished off the belt by an electronic whoosh (whose official names is an “eddy current separator”).

At the end of a day, more than 30 shipping containers are filled with mattress-sized paper bundles strapped with wire—to be sent (sold) to a paper recycler. Whole glass bottles are sorted by color (green, clear, amber) and shipped to a glass recovery plant. Broken glass is collected in bins and shipped as mixed glass, to be re-formed. Aluminum cans are mashed and sold to an aluminum foundry. Iron is collected and sold to an iron foundry. A quandary is what to do with the many types of plastic: clear bottles and heavy colorless containers are OK for the blue recycling bins, but not plastic bags or other films or filmy plastics. Those lightweight plastics wrap around recycling equipment and contaminate paper bales. They should be collected and disposed of separately; the Diamond Heights Safeway has a recycling bin for them outside its west entrance. If you find a throwaway paper on your sidewalk, separate its wrapper before you toss the paper in the blue bin.

A San Francisco ordinance bans plastic bags at grocery stores and large drug stores. The City recommends that shoppers use canvas carry bags. That, like metal coffee mugs and water bottles, is an example of reuse, and reuse is superior to recycling. What happens to wood from construction projects and food scraps from our green compost collection bins? Most of this goes to construction recycling and food-scare transfer operations at 501 Tunnel Avenue’s just west of Highway 101 near Candlestick Park. Recyclable construction stuff from large projects can be handled on that long, flat mound you can glimpse through the trees on your way to SFO. Contractors and individuals can bring small loads, as well as household hazardous wastes such as paint and cleaning products. Most organic products sorted here are sent to chippers and grinders, creating astonishingly fertile compost after being laid out in rows to become compost.

Reed showed me some photos of vineyards treated with compost and planted with root-producing cover crops. The crops are harvested, while the roots are left to decay in the ground and become compost themselves. Best of all, these cover crops pull carbon from the atmosphere and return carbon and nutrients to the soil.

One more point: the black bins. Reed, a bit embarrassed, said there isn’t yet the technology to get “all” waste separated and recycled. A key step we can take now is to help everyone see the environmental upside of recycling and composting. Once people better understand the true environmental benefit, they are more attentive to recycling.

Reaching zero waste will take some time and money. For now, the stuff is compressed and sent to the dump in the Altamont Pass area. It would be impossible to recount here the many projects Recology has in the works. All are directed toward driving recycling to 100 percent while at the same time being as green as possible. Their 385 collection trucks and 37 transfer trucks run on alternative fuels, primarily biodiesel. These are the trucks whose drivers we see every week in our neighborhoods. They are incredibly facile at getting those big machines between autos on our narrow streets, often with only 2 inches clearance. You know them. They are friendly, dedicated and competent.

Recology is the new overall name for the combination of several agencies in the tremendous effort of San Francisco to recycle 100 percent of the waste stream. It is the umbrella for several familiar names: SF Recycling & Disposal (now Recology San Francisco), Sunset Scavenger, Golden Gate Disposal. In addition to our neighborhoods, most city businesses rely on Recology for their waste pickups, debris boxes and shredded material.

Visiting the Pier 96 Recology Center certainly boosted my confidence in our efforts to control waste and emphasize a rethinking of the act of how we discard any material: just about everything we “throw away will be picked up, carefully and individually sorted into classes, bound, collected in huge containers or compacted into bundles to be sold and reused as something new.

For more information, contact www.recology.com.
The remaining three contenders are Rafael Mandelman, Rebecca Prozan and Scott Weiner. Three other candidates in the race are considered long shots: James Boeger, Starchild and William Hemenger. The filing deadline for the Nov. 2 election is Aug. 6.

Under San Francisco's system of ranked-choice voting, voters will rank their top three picks for the seat. If no candidate receives a majority of first-place votes in the first round of vote counting, the candidate with the fewest first-place votes is knocked out of contention. Then, the second-choice picks of voters who selected the eliminated candidate are redistributed. The process of eliminating last-place candidates and redistributing votes continues until one candidate exceeds 50 percent of the vote.

The system was set up in 2004 to end the need for costly runoff races. Wiener, Prozan and Mandelman have been hard at work for months lining up endorsements, raising money and stump ing for votes. None live in Glen Park, but all vow to keep Glen Park on their radar.

The Glen Park News asked the three front-runners to answer some questions about themselves and Glen Park. Their responses follow.

Rafael Mandelman

Age: 36

Residence: Dolores Park, since 2002

Own or rent: Renter, plus has a partial ownership interest in a family rental in the Sunset.

Occupation: Private-practice attorney representing local governments.

Other affiliations: Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Appeals; vice chair, San Francisco Democratic Party; member, Jewish Community Relations Council.

Family status: Single, no children.

Pets: None

Transportation: Does not own a car, commutes on the J-Church and BART.

If you had to describe Glen Park on Twitter, what would you say? Semi-urban village of winding streets, sweet stores and SF's best park, but sure would be nice to fix that intersection?

If you had four free hours on a quiet Saturday to spend in Glen Park, what would you do? I might take a walk in Glen Canyon, grab brunch at Tyger’s, spend some time with the books at Bird and Beckett, pick up a gift or two at Perch, and check out the latest at ModernPast. Sounds like a pretty nice afternoon.

Which aspect of Glen Park most pleases you? Which most annoys you? I love the feel of the neighborhood as a self-contained, cozy village. I am not particularly annoyed by anything about the area, but as I indicated above, I do wish the intersection of Bosworth and Diamond were a bit more pedestrian-friendly.

What is the biggest challenge facing Glen Park and how would you address it? I think the biggest challenges for Glen Park relate to land use. The BART parking lot is the most obvious example, but there will be other important sites becoming available for development in the coming years, and even smaller-scale development can gradually change the character of an area.

Like all communities, Glen Park will have to wrestle with the difficult questions of livability and equity that come up around development. As a commissioner on San Francisco’s Board of Appeals, I have demonstrated my commitment to affording neighbors a strong voice in determining what happens to their own neighborhood and to seeking outcomes that benefit the larger community rather than just the bottom line of a developer.

As a supervisor, I would work to engage as much of the community as can be engaged in open and transparent conversations about the costs and benefits of development, to ensure that residents have accurate information about specific proposals, and to afford all perspectives an opportunity to be heard.


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**District 8 Race**

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even better, Sunnyside Conservatory. Even better than that, get some of our honorary nephews and nieces to join us. Maybe we’d get sandwiches at Canyon Market. Top it off with wine tasting at Red + White and maybe dinner at Giuliana (if it’s early enough to miss the crowds) or Chenery Park.

Which aspect of Glen Park most pleases you? Which one annoys you?

Glen Park represents one of the best neighborhoods in the City. Families can still afford to live here—there are parks for kids to play in, family friendly restaurants like Tuesday nights at Chenery, the Santa event at ModernPast.

Through the campaign trail, I’ve met young couples who are choosing Glen Park because it’s affordable, and because BART permits them to access downtown easily. People see themselves in the future in Glen Park, and we must protect it for the future of our city.

As a prosecutor, I’m particularly pleased that the community got together to expand the Patrol Special Safety Program and banded together to hire Officer Wiley to do foot patrols in the area.

I prefer to use the term frustrate than annoy. Public safety issues continue to plague this neighborhood. The economy still affects our daily spending decisions, affecting merchants who are striving to make it here. Parents are struggling to make ends meet, many of whom are opting out of public schools because we aren’t delivering what we should.

What is the biggest challenge facing Glen Park and what would you do as supervisor to address it?

The proposed BART parking structure presents a contentious issue for the neighborhood. As supervisor, we need to run a thoughtful and focused process which allows any and all neighborhood input.

Public safety continues to be an issue in Glen Park. I’ll work closely with Capt. David Lazar of Ingleside Station, neighborhood safety advocates and my colleagues in the District Attorney’s Office to ensure appropriate prosecution of these cases.

The economy will also be a factor for all of us. We are asking people to give us feedback on how to trim this year’s budget. The Mayor’s Office is projecting a $522 million dollar budget deficit, which represents a third of our current budget.

City government has been neglecting Glen Park’s basic needs; folks are leaving San Francisco because basic needs like housing, transportation, parks and public safety are unmet.

Our Parks bonds created incredible new facilities and playgrounds and open spaces, without the infrastructure to maintain them. In fact, Glen Park Recreation Center was slated for rebuild but keeps continuously being reduced as a priority on the list. Some folks feel unsafe in their homes on and our streets.

This situation demands experienced, proven leadership. For the last 14 years, I’ve been working for the people of San Francisco. I was a Special Assistant to Mayor Willie Brown, the mayor’s LGBT liaison, appointed to the Recreation and Park Commission, co-chaired Supervisor Duffy’s first campaign and then served as his legislative aide. As a veteran prosecutor at the District Attorney’s Office, public safety is my top priority.

**Web site:** www.rebeccaprozan.com

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**Scott Wiener**

**Age:** 39

**Residence:** Castro, since 1997

**Own or rent:** Condo owner.

**Occupation:** Deputy City Attorney in San Francisco.

**Other affiliations:** Elected member of the Democratic County Central Committee and immediate past chairman of the DCCC; board member and past co-chair of Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club; immediate past president of my neighborhood association, the Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association (formerly the Eureka Valley Promotion Association).

**Family status:** single, no children.

**Transportation:** Owns a car, rides Muni five to seven days a week (the Metro, and the F, 24, 35, 37 and Market Street lines.

**Pets:** Tabitha, a 14-year-old cat.

If you had to describe Glen Park on Twitter, what would you say? Glen Park: vibrant neighborhood that combines the best of urban, village, and outdoor living.

If you had four free hours on a quiet Saturday to spend in Glen Park, what would you do?

I would begin with a hike through Glen Canyon, followed by a walk up Chenery to the village. I’d grab a cup of coffee at Bird & Beckett. After grabbing an early dinner at Chenery Park, I’d continue my walk up Chenery to 30th Street, where I’d catch the J Church to go home.

Which aspect of Glen Park most pleases you? Which most annoys you? Pleases: The fact that the neighborhood has a huge natural area right on its border. Annoys: The Diamond and Bosworth intersection, which needs to be fixed.

What is the biggest challenge facing Glen Park and how would you address it? Glen Park’s greatest strength is also its greatest problem: its location. Glen Park is fortunate to be in a central location, next to a beautiful natural area, in a transit-rich environment, with easy access to BART, Muni and the freeway. This allows people to live in a vibrant neighborhood and to have easy commute access to downtown, the Peninsula, etc.

However, the neighborhood’s location also creates problems. It makes Glen Park an easy target for crime, given how easy it is to arrive and then quickly leave. It creates traffic safety issues, particularly around Diamond and Bosworth and also with people who use the neighborhood as a cut-through. And, it creates a limited parking supply since so many people drive into Glen Park to access somewhere else.

I will address these issues in several ways. First, public safety must be a priority, in Glen Park and elsewhere. Through better technology, an emphasis on foot patrols (particularly around the BART station and along Chenery) and supporting our police officers, SFPD can deliver better service to the neighborhood. I will work with Capt. David Lazar and Chief George Gascon to accomplish that.

Community policing also has a significant role, as I know from my work with Castro Community on Patrol, a neighborhood walking patrol I helped found.

Second, we need to implement the Glen Park Plan’s pedestrian safety and...
How to Avoid a Ticket in a Pedestrian Sting Operation

Motorists have received tickets for violating pedestrians’ right-of-way in crosswalks in Glen Park, particularly at intersections on Bosworth including the southbound I-280 on-ramp. Here’s what drivers and pedestrians need to know, from the commander of the SFPD Ingleside Station:

Pedestrian sting operations are important to send a message to motorists regarding driving safely and watching closely for pedestrians. Community members have told me that they have made themselves more aware of intersections and crosswalks after receiving a citation in one of our sting operations. Our mission is to increase pedestrian safety. Our procedures are as follows:

1. We target heavily traveled areas.
2. Enforcement has a secondary impact in enforcing the speed laws as well.
3. We are well aware that a pedestrian does not have an absolute right of way. Simply put, a pedestrian cannot suddenly step out in front of an approaching motor vehicle if that motor vehicle would not have time/ability to stop.
4. When conducting these operations, Officers will judge the speed of traffic and visibility conditions (checking for possible obstructions to a motorist’s visibility) and determine a point on the roadway which delineates the minimum distance between the motorist and the decoy officer as he/she steps out into the crosswalk. This allows the motorist to have sufficient stopping time.
5. A motorist will not be cited for approaching a pedestrian crosswalk if that motorist does not pose a threat to the pedestrian. This accounts for vehicles which are “too far away” and for vehicles which are traveling on a multi-lane street and are on the opposite side of the street and pose no threat to the pedestrian.
6. Officers involved in the operation do have to make a judgement call— in other words, how close can a vehicle get to the pedestrian. If an approaching vehicle’s speed and direction is such that a pedestrian has to slow or stop, and if that motor vehicle had the ability to stop for the pedestrian, and if that pedestrian did not suddenly step into the path of the approaching vehicle, then the motorist is in violation of Section 21950(a) of the California Vehicle Code.

Good rules [and] common sense should apply to all. Try to make eye contact with both pedestrian and driver. Drivers should slow down and assess the situation when they see pedestrians, and pedestrians should make things easier for drivers by giving hand signals when appropriate.
Please...Slow Down!

by Rachel Gordon

Dozens of red and white signs have been posted in windows and utility poles along Monterey Boulevard in recent months with a simple message: Please... SLOW DOWN!

The grassroots crusade is aimed at slowing traffic on the major thoroughfare that cuts through the Sunnyside neighborhood, connecting the city’s West of Twin Peaks neighborhoods to Interstate 280.

“Our goal is to make it safer for everyone, but especially the kids and older people,” said Jon Winston, a Monterey Boulevard resident who co-founded the campaign. Neighbors hope to convince City officials to lower the speed limit to 25 mph, down from 30 mph. They’re also pressing for other traffic-calming measures, such as brightly striped crosswalks and “bulb-outs,” which extend the sidewalks at intersections to shorten the walk for pedestrians crossing the street.

A recent City study found that the average speed of traffic eastbound on Monterey Boulevard at Congo Street was 32.4 mph; it dropped slightly to 31.7 mph westbound.

Traffic and public health analysts have determined that lower speed limits result in fewer pedestrian injuries and deaths. At the same time, City officials have to take into account the impact that reducing speeds will have on traffic flow and congestion.

The groups Friends of Monterey Boulevard (www.friendsofmonterey-bivd.org) and Walk San Francisco recently received a $10,000 grant from the Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Study Center to help with the slow-down campaign. Large banners will be hung from light poles reminding drivers to ease up on the accelerator and a detailed pedestrian study will be conducted at the intersections of Detroit, Edna and Foerster streets.

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, whose district includes a stretch of Monterey Boulevard, said the traffic issue is a concern. “It’s on my radar,” he said. Anecdotally, Elsbernd said the situation appears to have worsened after Caltrans shut down the earthquake-damaged Central Freeway in 1996 and motorists began using Monterey as a shortcut to access Highway 101 and I-280 to and from the City’s western neighborhoods.

Elsbernd said the San Francisco County Transportation Authority is collecting data to assess the freeway closure’s impact on surface streets and may steer funding toward traffic-calming projects in adversely affected neighborhoods.

In the meantime, Winston and his cohorts are continuing to build community support for their campaign, which began in the fall. First, organizers got business owners along Monterey Boulevard to post the 12-by-14-inch SLOW DOWN! signs in their store windows. Then they distributed them to residents. In all, about 100 have been handed out, said Winston, a printer who provided the signs.

The group also started circulating a petition in support of its efforts and now has more than 200 signatures, Winston said. Neighborhood schools, including St. Finn Barr and Sunnyside Elementary, also have expressed interest. Eventually, the petition will be handed to City officials. From there, Monterey Boulevard activists will have to compete with other neighborhood groups vying for project funding.

The Municipal Transportation Agency already has embarked on a traffic-calming project in the Sunnyside, but Monterey Boulevard is not part of the plan, according to City transportation planner Dan Provence.

Winston said his group is committed to seeing traffic slowed on Monterey. “Everyone knows cars go too fast,” said the father of two. “We need to get them to slow down.”

Harry Street

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Can’t get much more idiosyncratic than Harry Street.

Just ask D. Mayes, a Comcast technician. Busy stringing cable to Bill DiFrancesco’s house, Mayes studies the storied staircase.

“If I fell in love with a woman who lived on these steps,” he grins, “she’d have to be Rapunzel. I’d have to use her hair to get up here!”

And since September 2, 1999, it’s been a lot safer for both the SFFD and Comcast to access the Harry Street steps. Throughout that August, the Department of Public Works restored 50 steps beginning at Laidley Street, complementing an earlier 1994 effort that constructed dozens of new steps descending from Beacon Street. Prompted by Daniel Oppenheim, PG&E mounted four street lights in strategic places along the steps and the water department installed a city water main so residents might tap into city water on public property.

“At night it was dark and gloomy,” says Sandy LaBelle, who lives with Oppenheim. “The addition of the lights made the steps safer.”

Willie Brown came to Fairmount Heights that fall, surveying the same slope where Mission Dolores cattle and sheep once grazed in 1799.

Standing on Oppenheim’s front porch, Mayor Brown cut a ceremonial ribbon and praised the community effort for maintaining a city resource, singling out a matching grant from San Francisco Beautiful and plants donated by Yerba Buena Gardens.

Moher Downing, who has lived on the crest of Miguel Street for 20 years, has been a beneficiary of Harry Street’s restoration. A health educator who worked throughout Africa, Downing suffered a stroke in Tanzania four years ago. Her medical team gave Downing her marching orders.

“My physical therapist said walk! So I walk every day, always on the Harry steps.”

With a twinkle in her eyes, she adds “Always down, though!”

People who stumble upon the steps tend to be astounded by them. Samantha Tackoff, a New Hampshire native, recently ascended the steps for her initial Harry Street experience. Living at 30th and Church streets, she simply wanted to...
Farmers Market
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range from five to 75 farmers. The Glen Park market would “be on the smaller side, with vendors who could offer the local neighbors a little bit of everything,” said Howe.

The farmers market association only allows the sale of produce grown within California, though generally most farmers are within 150 miles of the market where they have stalls. “Sometimes we get Fresno, but we also have farmers who come from Half Moon Bay and we have people who grow in the city and make honey in the city,” said Howe.

The organization, which was founded in 1985, partners with a local community group in the market location. It coordinates the farmers and handles permitting, while the community group, in this case the Glen Park Merchants Association, serves as “the point person” for the community.

Currently the organization sponsors small markets in the Inner Sunset, the Divisadero corridor, the Castro, Mission Bay, the Kaiser Permanente campus on Geary Boulevard, the Inner Sunset and the Fillmore. Glen Park would be one of possibly two markets it might add in San Francisco this year.

The markets serve several important purposes, said Howe. First, they provide people a place to gather around food and buy locally grown fruits and produce. But they also are an important venue for farmers, especially those just starting out.

Farmers markets are a crucial income stream for smaller farmers, but most established farmers markets are full. So new markets, like the one that may open in Glen Park, offer new farmers a chance at a market that they wouldn’t otherwise have.

to from other parts of the city, but one they walk to,” said Howe. The hope is to hold the market Sunday mornings, not beginning before 9:10 a.m. and probably ending by 2 p.m. It would offer vegetables, fruits, nuts and grains grown within 150 miles of the city.

If the Wilder Street neighbors agree, the next step is for the City’s Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) to hold a hearing to consider approving a weekly closure.

Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who represents Glen Park at City Hall, has asked staff to look into the matter, an aide confirmed.

Janet Tarlov, who owns Canyon Market with her husband, Richard, said she’s excited about the possibilities of the proposed farmers market but that there are details still to be worked out before she signs off.

“We feel that increased foot traffic in the village would be good for us and the other merchants in the area,” Janet Tarlov said. “We also feel that the opportunity to have closer relationships with the participating farmers will be a great thing for our produce section and the needs of our regular shoppers on non-market days.

“We are actively working with the Merchants Association’s farmers market committee to identify the best possible location, and days and hours of the market, so as to support regional farmers while minimizing the loss of parking or increased congestion for our loyal customers,” she said.

Howe’s organization runs about 60 markets in the greater Bay Area. They

9am Sunday Family Service
This energetic celebration of God’s inclusive love is designed to be child-friendly and is also widely attended by many who do not have kids. Coffee and refreshments follow the service.

During the school year, Gody Play begins at 10 o’clock for children 3 to 10. Based on a Montessori model, the children are invited to wonder about the meaning of Biblical stories.

11am Sunday Choral Eucharist
Following the model of more traditional Anglican worship, incense, organ and choral music are used in this high-church service. While it is a very traditional service in most aspects we use more inclusive language in our references to God so that a wider variety of 21st century people may feel included and so that we can continue to expand our image of a loving God. Children are always welcome.

Coffee hour follows.

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break in her new sneakers and came upon Harry Street by accident.

“I’m in awe,” she says, pointing at Daniel Oppenheim’s house. “It’s magical.”

Since September 10, 2003, 149 other “first-timers” have become equally enchanted with Harry Street. And it has little to do with the serendipitous pleasure of coming upon the unexpected. Each logged onto www.geocashing.com, linking to “Harry’s Hideout.” As a consequence, trekkers from all over the globe have unearthed a tarnished tin-can cache beneath a Harry Street step. Uncovering the stash, the sleuths sign an “explorer” book, and maybe even place a memento in the box for the next treasure hunter to discover.

Our skilled team of remodelers offers design/build projects with our licensed, in-house architect, or general contractor services in collaboration with your architect/designer.

• Whole House Renovations
• Master Suite & Garage Additions
• New, Updated Kitchens
• Historic Restorations
check it out at the library

We are getting excited for spring at the Glen Park Library.

The weather is starting to warm up and hours of sunlight are getting longer. Now is a good time to start planning some walks or hikes. Of course you can keep it really local and visit our wonderful canyon. If you want to check out some areas that aren’t too far away, we just received some new books to help with that. The Glen Park Library owns all these titles, but if they aren’t on the shelf we can happily reserve them for you:


The San Francisco Public Library system is increasing programming for the growing population of active older adults (50-plus years) and isolated senior citizens in San Francisco. The branches and the Main library will be offering frequent classes for that audience. Please check out the library web site or our monthly newspaper, At the Library, for more information. At the Glen Park Branch, we are hosting two upcoming adult programs:

- Wednesday, March 31: 2:30–4 p.m.: On-line Social Networking and Tyze—End Isolation and Loneliness One Network at a Time. An instructor will show how Tyze online personal support networks are being used to end isolation and loneliness for older adults, and people with disabilities and their care providers. This hands-on session will demonstrate Tyze and provide assistance for those wishing to establish a Tyze personal network for themselves or someone they care about. Please pre-register by e-mailing: tyze@sflcommunityliving.org. For additional information, call the Community Living Campaign at 821-1003.
- Wednesday, May 12, 6 p.m.: Engage as you Age: Nana-technology. Discover easy-to-use gizmos and gadgets that help family members stay connected.

The last program I would like to mention is our An Afternoon of Japanese Culture on Saturday, April 10 from 1–4 p.m. We will have Japanese snacks, music and crafts. Koto player Shoko Hikage will perform at 1:30 p.m. Suminagashi, Japanese paper marbling, will be offered by Urban Fauna at 3 p.m. Class size is limited so please sign up at the Information Desk in advance. The Craft class is for ages 10 and up. Light refreshments will be available throughout the program.

The Community Calendar on the back page of this issue lists more events. To find out more about our programs and other library news, please visit the Glen Park Library Blog at http://glenparklibrysfl.blogspot.com/.

Library web site: http://sfpl.org/

**Glen Park Branch Library**

2825 Diamond Street (near Bosworth)

- Monday 10-6
- Tuesday 10-6
- Wednesday 12-8
- Thursday 1-7
- Friday 1-6
- Saturday 1-6
- Sunday – Closed

Denise Sanderson is the Glen Park Branch Librarian.

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Bird & Beckett

BOOKS AND RECORDS

New & Used Books and Jazz Vinyl

Live Jazz Every Friday 5:30–9:00
Live music every Sunday 4:30–6:30
Poetry 1st & 3rd Monday 7:00–9:00

Sunday December 6th, at 2:30
A book release party for “Among the Lost” by Bob Davis Berkeley, 1964: Journalist Dante Auciello embarks on a “ship of fools” from the Bay Area through New York and Prague to Havana-defying the U.S. ban on travel to Cuba, searching for a killer...

Monday December 7th, at 7:00
Bebop pianist Don Alberts reads from his semi-autobiographical novel, “The Rising”, and raises funds for production of his SF jazz history project: “Diary of the Underdogs”

Bird & Beckett Books and Records
653 Chenery St (in Glen Park, SF)
birdbeckett.com (415)586-3733

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The Craft class is for ages 10 and up. Light refreshments will be available throughout the program.

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An Afternoon of Japanese Culture

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in glen canyon park

by Monika Lewis

Glen Canyon Park is home to a large variety of butterflies and moths thanks to the plants and flowers that grow there. With luck, a visitor to the park can catch a glimpse of a butterfly or a moth.

A leopard moth caterpillar was spotted by a volunteer work party in the park in January. The caterpillar was black with red stripes; there are spines to deter predators.

One butterfly sighted in Glen Park is the Red Admiral (Vanessa atalanta). It is black with a red-orange band around the center and ends of each wing, and white markings at the outer edges. It feeds mostly on nectar from nettles (Urtica dioica). Don’t get too close to the nettles, however. Upon contact with skin they can cause an irritating sting that lasts several hours.

The Red Admiral is a brush-footed butterfly (family Nymphalidae) with wings measuring at least two inches. Other brush-footed butterflies, so called because only four of their legs are visible, include:

- Mourning Cloak (Nymphalis antiopa): Purplish brown butterfly that feeds on nectar from willows, birch, cottonwood, elm and hackberry trees.
- Painted Lady (Vanessa cardui): Orange with black and white markings, lives in fields, marshes and other open areas.
- Common Buckeye (Junonia coenia): Feeds on flowers such as snapdragons, monkey flower and false foxglove.

Other species of butterflies that frequent Glen Canyon Park in the springtime include:

- Anise Swallowtails (Papilio zelicaon): Eats nectar from parsley plants, sweet fennel (anise, a weed from Europe). In gardens the anise swallowtail feeds from parsley, dill and carrot plants, and citrus trees. Swallowtails are in the family Papilionidae, which are large and have tails.
- Western Tiger Swallowtail (Papilio rutulus): A yellow butterfly with tiger-like black stripes; it feeds on nectar from trees including cottonwood, willow, quaking aspen, alder, maple, sycamore, hoptree, plum and ash. Also in the family Papilionidae.
- Cabbage White Butterflies (Pieris rapae): White in color with a black tip on the forewing. Males have one black spot and females two spots on their forewings. They are in the family Pieridae, which includes white or yellow butterflies.
- Acmon Blue (Icaricia acmon): Males are blue and females are brown. They feed on flowers and seeds of buckwheat, lupine, lotus and milk vetches. They are members of the family Lycaenidae, which includes Blues (males have blue upper wings) and Hairstreaks (small with tails on their hind wings).
- Umber Skipper (Poenes melanoe): Habitat includes shady gardens, streams and canyon openings, feeds on grasses. The Skippers (Hesperidae) are small and brown or black with backward-facing antennae clubs.
- Other butterfly families are Satyrs and Wood Nymphs (Satryidae), including the California Ringlet (Coenonympha californica) and Milkweed Butterflies (Danaidae), of which the Monarch butterfly (Danaus plexippus) is a member.

Butterflies, known for their beauty and grace, have an interesting life cycle that progresses in four stages. The butterfly usually lays eggs on leaves. The larva, or caterpillar, hatches from an egg, grows until it enters the chrysalis or pupa stage, and later emerges as an adult butterfly. Some advanced insects have this complete life cycle while others have only three stages, egg, nymph and adult.

The butterfly’s predators include birds, larger insects and lizards. Most caterpillars eat many different kinds of plants, though some diets may be restricted to one species of plant. While caterpillars often hide during the day to avoid predators, some are adapted with spines, toxins or other features that make them unattractive to other insects and lizards that might eat them. Butterflies consume substances such as nectar from plants, honeydew and water.

They belong to the order Lepidoptera, with about 240 species of butterflies in California.

Earlier in the 20th century, butterfly collectors often killed and displayed specimens. But modern researchers advise photographing and viewing them in nature instead. In order to preserve butterfly populations in the wild and allow the full life cycle to progress, butterflies—as with other living things—should not be disturbed in the wild. Certain plants may be raised in the garden to attract butterflies and establish environmental conditions that butterflies enjoy.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park host nature walks, including a butterfly walk on May 22 at 10 a.m. Work parties are held every Wednesday and the third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. More information on activities at Glen Canyon Park is at the park’s website, http://bit.ly/glencanyonpark.

Monika Lewis is the columnist for The Friends of Glen Canyon Park.

digging the dirt:
news from the garden club

by Nan Warren

Members of the Glen Park Garden Club got together recently to check out the newly rebuilt Sunnyside Conservatory at 236 Monterey Blvd.

Originally, the conservatory was built along the typical 19th century pattern—two rectangular ends, and a bulb-like section in the middle, so that visitors walked around the middle planted area, up one side and down the other. Sometime in the last century, due to an error at a City department, one of the rectangular ends was demolished, but the remaining two sections look so good that the missing section is hardly noticed.

The floor pattern on the inside of the conservatory uses colored concrete to show the typical conservatory pattern: plantings down each side of the bulb-like section, and a center section usually reserved for larger plants. The conservatory is surrounded by grounds that were planted, as well. Some outdoor plants have survived 100 years of care and neglect, alternated periodically with vandalism. You’ll find a centenarian Norfolk pine and a Chilean wine palm. There are date palms, too, and they grow gently away from each other because they must give each other space. Date palms can grow straight as a stick only when they are planted far enough apart. A baby Chilean wine palm has been planted. It’s a great tree for San Francisco, but is largely extinct in Chile, where its sap was used to produce wine.

The new plants include kangaroo paws at the main entrance, a large variegated agave Americana (century plant), orange clivia, pter pan agapanthus, and apricot abutilons. You’ll find helichores, lantana, tibouchina and hydrangeas as well. Shredded bark is used as mulch.

All of these plants are good in the climate of Sunnyside, and thrive with fog, cool winters and occasional summer sun. These are plants that would function well in any of our local gardens, so if you have questions about what to plant, the Conservatory is a good place to get some ideas. Over the course of time, these plants will require less and less watering.

The take-home message: Be careful when you plant a tree. It takes two grown women to hug a Chilean Wine Palm that’s 100 years old, so you want to plant a tree away from a structure, and away from other trees. There are not many trees in the City that are that old, so before you plant, stroll around the Sunnyside Conservatory grounds and have a look.

Nan Warren is a member of the Glen Park Garden Club.

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Gigli-Cano, now 55, who remembered those stories: "Mr. Tergis loved stories, making us see and touch."

Steve DeNatale, 54, recalled his "Little Jeff" teacher as a physical man who loved swimming: "His classroom was full of books and full of animal bones."

An invertebrate traveler, Turk's summer education was in South America, Madagascar, the Middle East, Greece, Alaska, Pakistan, Nepal, Africa and Afghanistan. "It was in India," Buck recollected, "where he embraced the chanting of Hindu monks and their Vedanta meditations that allowed him to continue a lifelong quest for God."

With a lifetime interest in botany, which he applied as a Strobing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens volunteer docent, Turk continued to teach even after he retired in 1975. His granddaughter, Athena, 32, remembered Turk's field trips as "Turk expanded my world," said. "He was a life force, making us see and touch." Grolier Tergis, now 55, who remembered those stories: "Mr. Tergis loved stories, making us see and touch."

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Glen Park Association
Quarterly meetings are held in January, April, July and October. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike. Annual dues of just $10 support the Association's important work.
Next meeting: Tuesday, April 20, 7-9 p.m., Glen Park Recreation Center.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park
Meetings and Plant Restoration Work Parties: Third Saturday of each month, 9 am–noon.
Next dates: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19.
Meet behind the Recreation Center. Tools, gloves and instruction are provided.
Weekly Work Parties: Every Wednesday, 9 am–noon. For the current week's meeting place contact Richard Craib, 648-0862.

Bird Walk: Sunday, April 11, 9 am.
Spider Walk: Saturday, April 10, 10 am.
Earth Day Celebration & Bar-B-Que: April 17, 12 noon.
Butterfly Walk: Saturday, May 22, 10 am.

To join Friends of Glen Canyon Park or learn more about their activities, contact Richard Craib at 648-0862 (richcraib@gmail.com) or Jean Conner at 584-8576.

SFPD Community Forums
Third Tuesday of every month, 7–8 pm. Every other month these meetings are held at Ingleside Police Station, John Young Way off San Jose Avenue. In alternate months meetings rotate among various community locations. For details call the station at 404-4000, or subscribe to the captain's daily e-mail newsletter at david.lazar@sfgov.org.
Next dates and places:
March 16, at S.F. Police Academy, 350 Amber Dr.
April 20, at Ingleside Station.
May 18, Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, 515 Cortland Ave.
June 15, Ingleside Station.

Glen Park Branch Library
Denise Sanderson, manager of the Glen Park Branch at 2825 Diamond St., lists other coming events in her column on Page 15. Check with the library for a full schedule. All programs at the library are free.
More planned events.

Baby Rhymes & Playtime: Every Tuesday, 10:30 am. Rhymes, stories and fingerplays, for ages birth–3 years.

The Great Teen Book Swap: Second Thursday, 3 pm; April 8 & May 13. Ages 12–18. Free Book! Just swap us a review!
Teen Gaming Tournament: March 25, 4 pm. Ages 12-18.

The Lizard Lady: April 15, 4 pm. Ages 5 and up. Warm up to cold-blooded critters with Téeresa Killean and her reptiles.

Computer Class: Overdrive. April 17, 2 pm. Learn how to use Overdrive to download audiobooks, ebooks, music and videos to your computer, and how to transfer audiobooks onto portable audio players including the iPod.

Make a Duct Tape Wallet: April 22, 4 pm. Ages 12-18. Use ordinary duct tape in various colors to make a very functional and long-lasting wallet for yourself or as an Earth Day gift. For more information, contact Marla at mbergman@sfpl.org or call 355-2858.

Computer Class: Library Catalog. May 11, 2 pm. Learn how to locate materials in the library catalog, place holds on items and renew materials online. Basic mouse and keyboard skills required. Please sign up at the Information Desk or call 355-2858.

Mr. Shap: May 22, 1:30 pm. For children of all ages. Balloon artistry and magic when Super Happens Always Possible!

Bird & Beckett Events
Bird & Beckett Books & Records, 635 Chenery St., presents literary and musical events under the auspices of the nonprofit Bird & Beckett Cultural Legacy Project. Admission is free, but requested donations make the series possible, and your purchases help keep the bookstore open.
Check online for the latest information at birdbeckett.com, pick up a monthly events schedule at the bookshop, or call owner Eric Whittington at 586-3733.

Coming Events:
• Three book groups meet monthly, at 7 pm:
  Bird & Beckett Book Club: 1st Wednesdays. A book is discussed each month; participants choose the next month's selection.
  Political Book Discussion Group: 2nd Thursdays. Call for the title.
  Eminent Authors’ Birthdays: 4th Thursdays. For these open readings, bring a short piece from the works of a favorite writer born that month to read aloud.

• Live Jazz in the Bookshop: Every Friday, 5:30–8 pm.

• Which Way West?: Every Sunday, 4:30–6:30 pm. This concert series features American roots bands, jazz groups, world music performers, classical music, and more.
  • Poetry with Open Mic: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7–9 pm. Featured readers, then open mic.
  • Literary Talks: Last Sundays.

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