

Beach Chalet Soccer Field Lighting

Howard was asked about the willingness of the GGNRA to provide more feedback on the negative impact of the lighting on the GGNRA land. Howard said that he would consider this, but wasn't sure that anything additional comments would be forthcoming.

Park Safety.

There have been a few homeless people in the park that have created a threatening environment. If anyone sees a crime or feels threatened, they should call see a crime call 911. If it isn't an emergency, they can also call the park service at **415.561.5505 (not sure if this is the right number)**. (Note, on the night of April 28th, the both city and park police were out to address problems with a homeless man. The park police spent a while in the area where there have been homeless camps.)

Coyote Protocol

Please treat the coyote as you would other wildlife. Please help keep coyote wild and keep food sources controlled.

Parks Conservancy – Jennifer Greene (via email)

Merrie Way

Maintenance work will start soon in parking lot and vicinity. They are also putting in a new short trail.

Eagle's Point

The contractors are doing more restoration work, including addressing erosion issues. Some trails might be closed but this will be marked. Should be completed in a week.

VAMC – Amy Meyer

The VA management isn't showing a lot of flexibility on some projects, including some that impact Fort Miley. Still trying to get redesign of buildings that overshadow the park or abut the fence line

Those interested in understanding more about the VAMC Development Plan can attend a meeting on May 21 5:30 PM at the VAMC Auditorium, Building 7.

VAMC Parking – Kathleen Stern

Kathleen had noted that the VA employees were parking in the visitor parking spaces along Merrie Way. She found out that the VA had erroneously informed employees that they could park there. VA employees have been informed that this is not correct and four-hour parking signs are now in place. This seems to have addressed the problem.

Sutro Dunes – Tom Kuhn

Issues with vandalism in the Sutro Dunes. One of the Sutro Dune signs is missing, graffiti and damage to benches.

If you see vandalism, please contact **(need contact info from Howard, I couldn't find. Dan Collman in our Maintenance Division maybe?)**

Impact of special events on our neighborhood – Jason Jungreis

There has been an increase in the number of events (e.g., concerts, marathons) in the neighborhood but no signs of a cohesive plan that takes into account the cumulative impact of these events. The Mayor's Office of Economic & Workforce Development is in charge of this, so we would need to follow up with them with our concerns.

Beach Chalet Soccer Fields – Kathy Howard

Petition to stop the artificial turf and lights

The *Coalition to Protect Golden Gate Park* is gathering signatures on a petition entitled the "Golden Gate Park Athletic Fields

Renovation Act," to put this issue before the voters to decide. Its goal is to keep artificial turf and stadium lighting out of the playing fields in the western part of Golden Gate Park and to renovate those fields with real grass.

If you'd like to sign the petition in support of the Ballot Initiative, or if you'd like copies of the petition to circulate, please contact Mike Murphy or Shawna McGrew.

- Shawna McGrew email: (b)(6)
- Mike Murphy email: info@protectggp.org
- www.protectggp.org

So many people have come together to share their love of the natural beauty of the north end of Golden Gate Park. As the construction permits for the soccer fields have been approved and tree removal starts soon, Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance (GGPPA) is putting together an online celebration of the naturalistic beauty that may be irrevocably altered by the new soccer fields. You can submit photos, videos, artwork, essays, songs or other works of the heart to share. For more information, go to <http://beachchaletfields.jimdo.com>.

Vandalism in Golden Gate Park

A San Francisco resident has been cited numerous times for vandalizing plants, shrubs and trees in the park, and he will finally go to trial in late May. Currently he is under order to stay out of the park, but it is suspected that he is not complying. His attorney is likely to request that the charges be dropped. Please, if you see a man breaking limbs and/or piling limbs, send a letter (sample attached) with a description (or photo if possible) of the man and the dates (as close as possible) when you saw these actions taking place. This can help strengthen the case against him and protect the park from additional damage.

Send the letter to:

Marc.Massarweh@sfgov.org

Marc Massarweh, Assistant District Attorney

San Francisco District Attorney's Office, 850 Bryant Street, Room 322 SF CA 94103

Upcoming meetings

Ocean Beach Master Plan Review

SPUR is holding a meeting to update on projects to implement the recommendations in the 2012 [Ocean Beach Master Plan](#).

The meeting is Saturday May 10th, County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
1199 9th Ave (near Lincoln Way and 9th Ave). 9:00 AM to 12:00 p.m

VAMC

VAMC Development

Wednesday May 21st 5:30PM, VAMC Auditorium, Building 7.

Coalition to Save Ocean Beach / Friends of Sutro Heights Park

Next meeting - Monday August 11th

Home of Ilana Bar-David, 510 48th Ave between Geary & Anza, 7:00 PM