

# The Richmond is talking . . .

**Popular parklet on Clement:** Kick back and relax on the northwest corner of Clement Street and Third Avenue. For information about your neighborhood getting a parklet, contact [pavementtoparks.sfplanning.org](http://pavementtoparks.sfplanning.org).



**Street improvements and landscaping:** On Point Lobos between 42nd and 48th Avenues, new trees and a landscaped median will enhance the approach to the beach. Next up are street improvements on Balboa Street between 34th and 39th Avenues, including sidewalk planters, new energy-efficient light fixtures, bulb outs and curb ramps.

**Clement Street Farmers Market:** This popular event (Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., between Second and Third Avenue will continue until November 24, with a hearing for a further extension on October 24.

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## PAR bylaws change to annual elections date up for vote

At the October 16 meeting, PAR members will be asked to vote on a proposed bylaws amendment that would change the date of the annual election of officers and directors from the winter quarterly meeting to the spring quarterly meeting.

“This change would provide a better time period for the PAR Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates,” said Fred Altshuler, chair of PAR’s Bylaws Committee. “Under the previous schedule, the development of a slate overlapped with the holidays.”

The amendment will take effect if two-thirds of the members attending and voting at the October 16 meeting approve. The language to be voted on is as follows (change in bold):

### Article VII MEETINGS

C. Frequency (General Membership): The General Membership shall meet at least quarterly. **The officers and directors of the Association shall be elected at the second quarterly meeting.**

## Help your neighbors get SAFE

I live on a San Francisco Safety Awareness for Everybody (SF SAFE) block on Sixth Avenue. Neighbors on my block know each other. We watch out for each other and alert each other when emergencies arise or we see ongoing suspicious activity.

SF SAFE is a neighborhood crime reduction program sponsored by the SF Police Department. According to Irina Chatsova, our SF SAFE representative on the SFPD, only 10 blocks in the Richmond participate in SF SAFE.

Betty Hartog, our membership leader organized our block 10 years ago to address active drug dealing in three homes on our block. After a successful joint effort between neighbors and law enforcement, the last drug dealer was removed from the neighborhood.

Our SAFE program also has helped neighbors locate lost pets and report car break-ins and even helped neighbors after home fires.

To join SF SAFE, we needed several volunteers who would commit to:

- Host four meetings a year
- Organize a block party (we have two, one in summer and a winter holiday party) and
- Create and update a list of neighbors’ phone and email numbers.

The SF SAFE staff helps with all the activities and attends our meetings. Additionally, the SAFE staff has offered other programs such as the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Training.

My experience with SF SAFE has been very positive. Besides being a service to my neighbors, it is a lot of fun. I encourage every block in the Richmond to become a part of SF SAFE.

For more information, contact Irina Chatsova at 415-553-1982 or [Sfsafe.org](http://Sfsafe.org).

—Sharon Gadberry

**Fall 2013 PAR Meeting**  
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**Public Safety**  
Richmond Station  
Captain Sharon Ferrigno &  
SFPD Crisis Intervention Team  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2013**  
**7 to 9 p.m.**  
Richmond Recreation Center  
251 18th Avenue  
(between Clement & California streets)  
Paid parking is available one block away  
in the lot behind the Alexandria Theatre  
between Clement Street and Geary Boulevard.  
Muni lines:  
1 California, 2 Clement, and 38 Geary

# Letter from the President

Dear PAR Members,  
Judging from the messages we have been receiving, AT&T's proposals to install cabinets for its U-verse service on public sidewalks throughout the Richmond District are generating a lot of confusion and concern.

As of mid-September, PAR had received AT&T's initial proposals for approximately 30 locations in the Richmond District. The latest two lists include:

397 Fifth Avenue	292 26th Avenue
195 Ninth Avenue	700 29th Avenue
199 12th Avenue	701 40th Avenue
599 14th Avenue	470 44th Avenue
600 17th Avenue	201 Parker Avenue
401 21st Avenue	290 Willard North
298 24th Avenue	499 Arguello Boulevard
292 25th Avenue	4800 Geary Boulevard
298 25th Avenue	

## Officers & Directors

### Officers

Raymond Holland, President  
Nicholas Belloni, Co-Vice President  
Richard Correia, Co-Vice President  
Brenda Altman, Secretary  
Christopher Wright, Treasurer

### Directors

Fred Altshuler	Margie Hom-Brown
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Gene Brodsky	Brian Larkin
Julie Burns	Claire Myers
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Herb Elliott	Bill Shepard
Paul Epstein	Cheryl Schultz
Robert Fries	Andy Thornley
Sharon Gadberry	Peter Winkelstein

### Emeritus Directors

Lynn Altshuler • Jim Lazarus • Ron Miguel  
Paul Rosenberg • Michele Stratton

### PAR Representatives in Other Organizations:

Friends of Mountain Lake Park Playground:  
Claire Myers  
Housing Action Coalition: Dan Baroni  
Kaiser Permanente Citizens Task Force:  
Peter Winkelstein  
Neighborhood Associations for Presidio  
Planning: Paul Epstein, Sharon Gadberry,  
Ray Holland  
Neighborhood Working Group for Presidio  
Master Plan: Ray Holland  
Ocean Beach Master Planning Committee:  
Julie Burns  
Presidio Restoration Advisory Board:  
Julie Cheever  
Richmond Community Coalition: Ray Holland,  
Nick Belloni

We also learned AT&T may have substituted new proposed locations for some of its initial lists without notifying PAR. For example, it appears that a new proposed location at 301 26th Avenue may have been substituted for the proposed location at 298 25th Avenue and 292 26th Avenue; 4590 Balboa Street may have been substituted for the previously proposed location at 699 47th Avenue. There may be other substitutions about which PAR has not been informed.

Last year, PAR joined San Francisco Beautiful in appealing the Planning Department's exemption of these cabinets on public sidewalks from environmental review. In a narrow vote, the Board of Supervisors upheld that exemption. The exemption is now on appeal to the California Court of Appeals.

Nonetheless, the San Francisco Department of Public Works decided earlier this year to start accepting applications from AT&T for a permit to install each cabinet.

City regulations require AT&T to notify residents, businesses and neighborhood organizations of each address where it intends to install a cabinet before applying for the necessary DPW permit.

If a neighbor resident or business objects, and AT&T cannot or will not change the proposed location, the objecting party may request a public hearing from the DPW.

If you live, work or own business or residential property near any of these proposed locations and would like advice or guidance about responding to AT&T, the DPW or to both, please let us know. You can write to [president@sfpar.org](mailto:president@sfpar.org) or leave a message at 415-541-5652.

## Other PAR Activities

PAR continues to monitor:

- Our litigation against the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center regarding its Draft Long Range Development Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Draft Historic Preservation Consultation Process and alternatives for each.

- The work that Caltrans and the Presidio Trust are doing to dredge and restore Mountain Lake and Veterans Boulevard.

- The Presidio Trust's plans for future uses of the former commissary across from Crissy Field.

On the economic front, PAR worked with the Board of Supervisors on recently enacted amendments to legislation governing the environmental review process and its recent enactment of "Better Streets" legislation (The latter could affect the process for determining where AT&T's U-verse cabinets ought to be located). PAR also continues to collaborate with the Mayor's Office, Supervisor Mar's Office, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, both the Geary Boulevard and Clement Street Merchants Associations and others on the new "Invest in the Richmond" effort.

As proposals to improve public transit across the Richmond multiply, members of PAR's Board of Directors are making recommendations to the County Transportation Authority and the Municipal Transportation Agency.

We continue to invite your comments, questions and suggestions with regard to these or any other issues in the Richmond District.

*Ray Holland*  
[president@sfpar.org](mailto:president@sfpar.org)

## PAR's fall meeting highlights public safety

Our fall meeting on Wednesday, October 16, will focus on public safety and include Richmond Station Captain Sharon Ferrigno's report on crime and policing in the District.

We have also planned an interactive presentation on the Police Department's

Crisis Intervention Team strategy for dealing with mentally ill persons in crisis.

After a report on traffic safety and police department innovations, we will hear about crime prevention tactics from criminal justice system stakeholders.

### Correction

PAR regrets the omission of Yasmine Scallan as a Sponsor in the 2012 Donor List.

# Citywide database coming to aid in bike recovery

Bicycle theft is a perennial problem. In a recent report from the San Francisco Police Department's Richmond Station, seven of the 12 "noteworthy incidents" involved bikes stolen from garages and off the sidewalk.

Citywide, bicycle thefts have increased 70 percent in five years and have outnumbered smartphone theft three to one.

The first step to preventing theft is securing your bike with a good lock

everywhere you park it, including inside a garage.

If your bike is stolen and recovered by the SFPD, you must prove ownership to get it back. At a minimum, you should keep a record of the serial numbers and a description of the bikes you and your family own.

Help in the recovery of stolen bikes is coming. Supervisor Eric Mar's office secured \$75,000 for the development of a

citywide bicycle registration program. In addition, the SFPD is streamlining how bicycle thefts are reported, and the San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority will accelerate improvements to bicycle parking.

Until the citywide database is implemented, bike owners can register their bikes with the Ingleside Police Station. You can download a bicycle registration form from [inglesidepolicestation.com](http://inglesidepolicestation.com).

## Tips for safe & neighborly biking (and driving, too)

Bicycling in San Francisco is growing in popularity. It's a healthy, convenient and cheap, way to get around the Richmond District and the city. Whether you're on a bike or a bus, on foot or in a car, you can help keep the city's streets safe by paying attention to a few basics for sharing the road.



**Ride predictably.** Don't weave and dart or make sudden erratic movements.

Ride so other people can guess what you're going to do. Stop and give way as appropriate, signal your turns, let other people know where you're going.

**Take your turn.** It's the Golden Rule and a cornerstone of civilization. Think about the other guy and give way when it's not your turn at a stop sign, crosswalk or lane change. Stop and yield when you're supposed to—you'll keep the streets safer and avoid getting a ticket.

**Always yield to pedestrians.** This is especially important at crosswalks and when turning. Jaywalking is often dumb and dangerous, but foot traffic should always get the breaks (and the brakes), especially at intersections. Don't bully people with your bike (or your car); let them cross and then take your turn.

**Stay off the sidewalk.** Don't ride your bike on the sidewalk or park your car on the sidewalk. Kids under age 13 may legally bike on the sidewalk in San

Francisco, but it's safer if bikes roll in the street with other traffic where everyone is expecting to see them.

**Be visible at night.** Wear light-colored or reflective clothing at night. Mount lights on the rear and front of your bike.

**Brush up your bike skills.** You can become a safer and more confident bike rider by taking one of the SF Bicycle Coalition's free urban cycling classes.

Whether you're a seasoned two-wheeler or a wobbling newbie, these classes will give you in-depth information about the rules of the road, safety gear and technique, buying and locking a bike and lots more.

No bicycle or experience is needed; classes are free and open to anyone age 14 years or older. See the SFBC website at [sfbike.org/edu](http://sfbike.org/edu) for more information or to register for a class. Now get out there and ride safely!

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**Fresh & Easy Market sold:** Tesco, the British owner, sold the chain to Yucaipa Companies, an investment firm.

Its managing partner, Ron Burkle said of the sale, "We plan on continuing to build Fresh & Easy into a 'next-generation convenience retail experience,' providing busy consumers with more local and healthy access for their daily needs."

**300 Cornwall:** This new six-apartment building got a thumbs-up from John King, the San Francisco Chronicle's architecture critic, for its innovative design, which he described as well suited for the unusual lot shape it occupies.

During construction, neighbors were pleased that the builders were cooperative about keeping the site clean and removing graffiti as it occurred.



For up-to-date PAR and neighborhood news, visit [www.sfpar.org](http://www.sfpar.org).

# Join PAR now and make your voice heard.

Membership is open to all persons living, working, or owning property in the Richmond District of San Francisco. PAR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Your contribution is tax-deductible as provided by law.

Yes! I/we want to support the Richmond District.

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<b>Name of business</b> (for business members)			
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<b>Primary phone</b>		<b>Cell/other phone</b>	
<b>E-Mail</b> <i>PAR respects your privacy and will not share your email.</i>			
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Please complete and cut out this form and mail it together with your check (payable to the *Planning Association of the Richmond*) to

**PAR**  
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**THANKS** for helping to support the quality of life in San Francisco's Richmond District.

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*to join, contribute or pay your dues the easy, electronic way!*

## Resolved: Actions taken by PAR

**Submitted:** A letter to CalTrans asking the agency to consider improvements to Veterans Boulevard from Lake Street through the MacArthur Tunnel. The letter asks for measures to be taken to deaden the sound in mitigation of the removal of trees along the western side of Mountain Lake Park.

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PAR meeting in 2013

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