



July Neighborhood News

Because it's July and more or less summer-time here, and because it's good news, let's start with the community parks. In addition to the volunteer work recounted below, CHN pays a contractor on an as-needed basis to help maintain and improve these parks.

Al's Park

Thanks to the sweat equity of neighbors -- and of course money, about which read more below -- Al's Park has never looked better. Special thanks to Andrea and Margaret who continue to take the lead organizing the work teams. Their work day last Saturday brought out 10 volunteers; in addition to Andrea and Margaret, thank you to Jake, Yuli, Sprague, Charles, Coleen, Nic and Heide, and Larry for storing associated farm implements. Last month, the CHN Board authorized the expenditure of funds to obtain advice from the horticultural consultant who advised us on Merritt. During his walk-through with Leslie, Paul, and Margaret, he offered a good deal of advice, which was promptly memorialized in a thorough and helpful report recommending the addition of specific plants, the removal of others, and the addition of mulch, among other things. Accordingly, last Saturday, the volunteer team added 22 cubic yards of mulch and did a lot of other maintenance work. Importantly, we also recently received from a new CHN member, Hannah, an exceptionally generous donation that will be used to cover the cost of monthly maintenance at Al's for a year! Finally, we would be remiss if we didn't thank Maria for launching this project a few years ago. Thanks to all for your help!





Ord Triangle

In addition to their almost daily clean-ups at Ord, Leslie and John recently moved 100 excess stones from Merritt to Ord, planted an Agapantha, added a few ground cover, and supervised the addition of 8 cubic yards of mulch. This park, as well, has rarely looked better although its proximity to the Castro makes it an attractive target for neighborhood miscreants; indeed, not long ago apparently one of them severely damaged a young ginkgo tree at the park. But this might be worse and perhaps even less excusable: Leslie planted 2 yellow ground cover plants that appear to have been removed, perhaps to someone's garden. Would one do that at the Botanic Garden? It's all the same: vandalism.



Merritt at Danvers

Merritt is also blooming, thanks to the replanting that CHN arranged and paid for last fall at considerable expense. Our neighbor, Francisco, continues to be a frequent presence there tending to the park. And, yesterday John planted a new Coastal Live oak, below on the right.



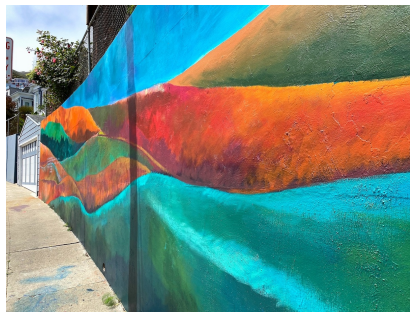
Corbin Stairs AKA Panos Place

Our friend, neighbor, and CHN member Panos continues to make the Corbin Stairs a neighborhood treasure. Continuing thanks to him for all of his love and work on this special place, a frequent spot for photos.



Corbett Slope Wall at Market Street

As previously reported, our friends and neighbors at the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association secured funding for the re-painting of the beautiful mural on Market Street at the bottom of the Corbett Slope. The work has mostly, but not entirely, been completed by the original muralist. This is a significant and beautiful restoration.



Neighborhood Alert

We recently became aware through our friends from the Dolores Heights neighborhood group that an individual who assaulted one of our members a couple years ago is back on the streets, specifically in the Dolores Heights and Castro areas, having been released from custody in November 2022. She was the subject of several CHN newsletters including those on May 13 and May 14, 2021; the former, with the assailant's photograph, can be found here: https://www.corbettneighbors.com/uploads/1/2/7/5/127586326/newsletter_2021-05-13_-_assault_suspect.pdf William Eaton is the name, aka "Sapphire." She has been seen recently vandalizing plants in the area of Sanchez and 20th. Due to her prior history, we urge caution if this individual is in the neighborhood. If you feel threatened, do not hesitate to call 911.

CHN is Recruiting!

CHN's annual membership meeting is coming up — September 13. In advance of that, we urge anyone who is interested in serving on the Board of Directors to submit their name no later than August 14. Ballots will be distributed no later than September 2. We are also looking for an enterprising journalist -- no journalism degree required -- to take over the newsletter. And, of course we can always use help with our parks and myriad neighborhood activities.

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