



*CHN: 15+ years of serving/protecting our neighborhood*

## **Al turns 100; Al's Park is reborn**

More than 70 friends and neighbors turned out to celebrate Al Kovalick's 100 birthday and to salute his tireless commitment to our open/green spaces. He created "Al's Park" on Corbett Avenue, the Clayton Steps Park, and improved the Corbett Slope. We also celebrated his bravery and commitment as a tail gunner during World War II.

Remarkably, he flew 50 bomber missions over Europe...and lived to tell about it. So Al is both a national hero and **our** hero!

To express our gratitude, CHN raised more than \$7,000 and our parks committee members invested countless hours of volunteer time. But the work continues.....

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### **The Party**

More than 70 friends and neighbors attended the Champagne event to recognize Al and tour the new park.

### **The Presentation**

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman presents Al with a Certificate of Honor approved by the Board of Supervisors.

### **The recognition**

Citing more than 50 years of bringing joy to the Corbett Heights neighbors, the declaration also congratulates Al on his 100th birthday.

### **Al's Park: Before**

It took \$3,500 and four days of non-stop work to tame this unique space which starts at Corbett and ends at Market.

### Al's Park today...

The new entrance to Al's Park. The neighbor to the east built a long, new fence and CHN planted a new Cherry tree.

### ...Al's Park today

There is more work to be done, but the local reaction has been very positive. And it now is actively enjoyed.

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*“Plant and tree life is a calming joy  
alongside the hum of a big city.”*

*Al Kovalick*

## CHN support's Mandelman's homeless proposal

After sending a survey questionnaire to the membership of Corbett Heights Neighbors, the CHN board voted to support Supervisor Mandelman's legislation that would direct the City to plan and fund a program to expand the existing "Safe Sleeping Sites" program, which permits tents in selected spots with City-provided and supervised services. To read the legislation, [click here](#)

Of those CHN members who responded to our survey, 60% supported the idea.

"We debated this extensively and we recognize that views on the issue are often strongly held, but ultimately we decided that, particularly after the Board went on record months ago decrying the epidemic of homelessness, some action needs to be taken," according to CHN President, Bill Holtzman.

One such site currently exists at the old McDonald's site at the corner of Haight and Stryan.

"This is our community's number one concern. Just complaining is not enough. We think FDR had the right strategy when addressing the Great Depression," Holtzman added.

**"One thing is sure. We have to do something. We have to do the best we know-how at the moment. If it doesn't turn outright, we can modify it as we go along."**

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

# CORBETT SLOPE CLEAN UP: SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1:30 pm

At long last, we will make a final push to clean up the Corbett Slope. Due to the steep slope, bring heavy-duty boots and a thick pair of work gloves, and (you guessed it) a mask. CHN will supply all the tools and garbage bags. You just need to bring yourself and your neighbor (s). We are budgeting 90 minutes for this much-needed clean-up.

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