



NOVEMBER NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CHN DUES

Since its founding in 2004, the household membership dues have remained at \$15 a year. (With our previous organization, which began in the late 1960s, the dues were also \$15—so after 50 years, it's time!) More than half (59%) of the membership pay more than \$15. The Board voted to change the minimum dues payment to \$25 beginning January 1, 2024. Those who have recurring payments through Classy will be grandfathered in and not have to change their payment amount. Thanks to all of you for your support over the years.

SUPERVISOR DORSEY POLICE PROPOSAL

During October, CHN and other neighborhood groups were invited to review and comment on a measure proposed by Supervisor Dorsey, which aims to address the current full time police officer shortage.

The measure, a proposed Charter Amendment, had its first public hearing (at the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee) on October 23. The Committee re-heard a slightly amended version again on October 30. At that time, it was amended again, over the objections of Supervisor Dorsey. The measure as amended is now set for a third Rule hearing.

Charter Amendments can be placed on the ballot by gathering the required number of voter signatures (varies, but can be tens of thousands) or by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Most reach the ballot through the Board of Supervisors action. This measure, if placed there by the Board, would appear on the March 2024 ballot for approval or rejection by voters.

The Dorsey proposal notes that the current number of SF Police Department officers (just under 1500) is only approximately two-thirds of the number the city's independently-established needs study finds are required (just under 2200) to carry out the responsibilities expected of our police force. In addition, approximately 350 of the current 1500 employed officers have

qualified for full retirement benefits based on age and years of service. Should large numbers exercise that option, the SF police force would suffer a further decrease in capacity. The Dorsey measure, if enacted, would mandate a gradual increase in full time officers over the next 5 years to the 2200 level and require the necessary funding. It would also require funding to aid in the recruitment and retention of officers.

Based upon the widespread concern among CHN members and area residents, about public safety and lawlessness, your Board has, over the past year, worked to better understand policing issues, public safety concerns, the views of officers responsible for our district and the role of the Police Commission.

After reading the language of the Amendment and the independent legislative summary of it, and related information, given the fast approaching Rules Committee hearing the CHN Board agreed that our organization take a formal public position of “support in concept” of the measure. Insufficient time prevented a formal membership poll, but members may request the measure and/or the Board’s position be reviewed at the next membership meeting.

HALLOWEEN AT PARK PANOS (CORBIN STAIRS)

Panos Koutsoyannis is a neighborhood icon and does a tremendous job of keeping things fun between 198 and 200 Corbett. Here are a few photos of his take on Halloween.





“STORYBOOK HOUSE”

Of course, the well-known “Storybook House” at 45 Upper Terrace never fails to disappoint. The longtime owners champion every holiday with ornate decorations, and Halloween is no exception. While just outside of CHN boundaries, this house is certainly worth the walk up the hill.



RANDALL FAMILY HALLOWEEN

CHN families are some of the Randall Museum's most frequent visitors. Located just northwest of our neighborhood, the Randall Museum is free for all guests. One of the can't-miss events on their calendar is the Randall Family Halloween bash, which features live music, games for all ages, and copious amounts of candy. Pictured below are three CHN families before their children ate their body weight in sweet treats.



AL'S LATEST

All photos by Margaret K who has talents in photography as well as gardening!





MERRITT IS LOOKING BETTER AND BETTER

Franco S., our gardener for Al's and Merritt (and sometimes Ord), does a great job at these parks 1x a month.



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