



October Neighborhood News

ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to members who voted for Board Members for the 2023-2024 year and indicated their position on the Flag Stop poll. The voter participation rate, as calculated by Election Runner, was 34%.

1. All six candidates running for Board seats, having received at least 10 votes or at least 15% of the votes of the participating voters, have been elected.

The new and continuing Board members are: Maryann Dresner, Mark Ryser, Casey Rando, Joseph Accordino, and Becca Orloff-McCann.

2. CHN members voted regarding their wishes pertaining to the elimination of parking spaces for Muni flag stops. 83% of those who voted said that they did not want the parking spaces eliminated and 17% stated that they supported the elimination of the parking spaces.

On September 9, 2023, the Board, based upon the results of the above poll, took the position to support the majority vote. The Board will be in contact with SFMTA and Supervisor Mandelman to discuss the results of the poll and neighborhood concerns. Refer to the website if you want to review this issue.

Block Party

The 3rd Annual Ord (& Friends) Block Party was a success! About 60 neighbors, including Representative Rafael Mandelman and Senator Scott Wiener joined the festivities on September 9th. Some potluck highlights include the peach cobbler, Mike's famous ribs, and the coconut mochi—mmm! Straw hats were in style this year. Special thanks to the McCann Clan for hosting. Mark your calendars for next year's bash: September 8, 2024 at the intersection of Ord Court & Ord Street. We hope to see you there!



Membership

Paid household members now stand at a record breaking 133. If you are not a member, please consider joining for as little as \$15 a year. Go to www.corbettneighbors.com to join.

Recent Car Thefts and A Home Invasion

There have been three car thefts (as far as we know) recently in our neighborhood. According to a Park Station Police sergeant, there are two active gangs in our area. One steals muscle cars (Dodge Chargers, Camaros); the other, cars known to be easy to steal, which are apparently used to commit other crimes. The Dodge Charger was stolen on June 30 at 12:18 AM (see photo as the clutch lock is cut off) and has never been recovered.

The ten year old Toyota was taken September 12 between 1 and 2 AM was found in Tenderloin (undrivable) on the 15th. Neither car had GPS or a Tracker, but the thefts were caught on cameras. Park Station said it would increase patrols in the area later at night.

A home invasion “hot prowl” occurred on May 14 at 8:30 AM (reported late to us) at Clayton, near the Pemberton Stairs. The perpetrator was caught with the victim’s cell phone, was released, committed another crime, cut off his ankle bracelet, etc., and apparently, the perpetrator is yet to be held accountable.

If you would like to follow all reported crimes in the Castro/Upper Market area, we recommend the following website: sfcrimewatcher.com

Confused by the Court Injunction Re Homeless?

Supervisor Joel Engardio provides a good explanation of what can be done, what can't be done, and why. See <https://engardio.com/blog/sunset-tent>

The Parks

Al's Park latest clean-up was September 9. Thank you again for all who attended. The next scheduled work party is the first Saturday of the month, October 7, 2023. It's really taking shape. Do stop by. An artifact left by Al was recently uncovered and is now back!



Merritt/Danvers has a new tree—to replace the downed Black Acacia (January 2023). It's a Coastal Live Oak. This tree reaches a height of 25-82' and width of 15 to 35'. Growth is slow to moderate and it flowers in the spring and winter. Some trees attain an age exceeding 250 years. It thrives in the coastal environment. Butterflies use oaks as host plant. Ours was donated by the Friends of the Urban Forest. (The damaged sidewalk on Market Street has been reported, but no work has begun as of yet.)



Ord/Corbett is looking great after a recent clean up and new mulch.

Market Street Mural

On September 26/27 the mural, yet to be completed by Betsie Miller-Kusz, was vandalized and reported to Park Station. And additional graffiti appeared on September 28/29. The artist will return to complete and restore the damage in October.



Please donate through the website of the **Castro CBD**, [available here](#) to raise funds for this project.

Graffiti

The private property fences once covered with graffiti on the 3000 block of Market, south side, are looking very good. Thanks to Francisco who lives on that block for painting all of the fences with a graffiti resistant paint.



A Bit of History

A Letter Concerning the Ord Triangle Published in the *San Francisco Call* on August 6, 1912.

PRAISE FOR Public WORKS: At the present time, when so much adverse criticism is being indulged in regarding the actions of our board of public works. I think it only fair to call public attention to one piece of work, which calls only for commendation and praise. I refer to the work done at the entrance of Corbett avenue at Seventeenth and Douglass street. A neater and more artistic Idea could not be conceived. Now, if the city will plant with shrubbery the triangle bounded by Seventeenth street and Corbett and Clara [now Ord] avenues the entrance will be something to be

proud of and a thing of beauty and joy forever. Yours respectfully, FRED J. SCHMIDT. [Fred J. Schmidt lived at 4312 19th—near Diamond.]

Thank you for your support!

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