

# Clubhouse Rental

Our newly renovated historic Forest Hill Clubhouse is now open and ready to host your private events! With its beautiful Bernard Maybeck architecture, its courtyard under towering trees and its romantic and elegant atmosphere it is the perfect setting for all your most memorable events, from weddings to birthday parties, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, anniversaries and any other special occasions of your choice.

The Clubhouse can accommodate up to 85 guests for a sit-down dinner and up to 120 guests for a cocktail party. We have a state-of-the-art catering kitchen, ADA-accessible bathrooms and an impressive list of suggested vendors for your convenience. The rates for FHA members in good standing are highly discounted - you can hold your private event for as little as \$ 600 on a weeknight or \$ 1,000 on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The rent includes the use of tables and chairs for 80 guests, professional cleaning services before and after your event and event management services.

Please check Clubhouse availability online at <http://www.foresthill-sf.org/association/FHA-wallcal-thismonth.html> and contact FHA Executive Assistant Jutta Lammerts at [office@foresthill-sf.org](mailto:office@foresthill-sf.org) for more details and for Clubhouse tours.



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# Forest Hill ASSOCIATION

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## Board's Corner

Your FHA Board has worked diligently to assure that our Clubhouse renovation is completed on time and within budget. We're proud of Plath & Company's outstanding workmanship and are pleased that our Clubhouse was returned to our Community October first. Our gala opening party was a great success, as was our annual family Halloween Party. We look forward to the upcoming December holiday events. Come and join us for the FHA holiday festivities!

### MODERNIZING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT PROCESS

We have changed the payment process for the 2014 assessment. The payment statements will be sent to you in December as before, and payment amounts will remain the same, but you will not send your checks to 381 Magellan. Instead, you will mail them to a free Union Bank mail box account where they will be deposited immediately in the Forest Hill Association (FHA) account.

The assessment statements sent to you next month for your 2014 payment will include a detachable payment coupon with a scan line that identifies your account number, so it is imperative that the coupon be detached and sent with your check. (1) Make out your check to the Forest Hill Association, then (2) place it and the coupon in the pre-addressed envelope, (3) add postage, and (4) mail it to Union Bank. Union Bank will process all checks immediately upon receipt and provide FHA with a daily, secure electronic file summarizing all checks received and comparing them to the assessment statements. We anticipate that this new procedure will be a major improvement in the accurate and timely processing of all annual assessment payments.



### CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION RIGHT ON TARGET

In the May FHA newsletter, we reported on the plans for a \$650,000 clubhouse renovation. This amount included Plath & Co's contract bid, anticipated change orders, and associated construction expenses. We have just paid the sixth invoice from Plath and will soon complete the final walk-through to ensure that all work has been completed. The final Plath invoice is expected to be \$29,802.73 and there is an additional outstanding project-related expense of \$7,852.97. In the next few weeks, when these two checks have been issued, we will have completed the clubhouse renovation within \$100 of the budgeted \$650,000!

Completing this historic renovation within \$100 of budget (and on time) is amazing considering the problems encountered after the initial demolition work. We had to install steel seismic supports, a new roof, two new restrooms, a new kitchen and a new floor in addition to a new entry and stairway to our office upstairs. Forest Hill Association Director and project manager Paul Cooper, a professional architect, worked daily and tirelessly to keep the project architecturally sound as well as on time and under budget. Thank you, Paul, for your expertise and devotion. Your work has been a great contribution to our community!

### On another note:

We in Forest Hill are privileged to live in a virtual forest within a City.

The maintenance of our "forest" is every homeowner's responsibility.

Our joy and pride in our community increases as we continue to improve our own land and to provide care to our sidewalk strips. An added benefit is our increasing home values.

Your FHA Board asks that every homeowner work to improve their sidewalk strips and to assure that their yards are carefully planted and maintained.

Please contact [warad@peds.ucsf.edu](mailto:warad@peds.ucsf.edu) with your ideas and strategies for further community landscape improvements.

**Up Next!**

**Kids' Holiday Party**  
**Tuesday, December 10**  
**at 5:00 p.m.**  
 This year featuring a  
 Holiday Book Exchange.  
 Invitation to follow

**Volunteers**  
**Needed**

**Our Lunar New Year**  
 Celebration, tentatively  
 scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
 needs a chairperson.  
 Any interested party  
 should contact Dan  
 McHugh (415-681-5750;  
[dfmchugh@gmail.com](mailto:dfmchugh@gmail.com))  
 ASAP or we may have to  
 cancel this year's event.

All event committees are  
 looking for new bodies  
 and fresh ideas. Please  
 consider joining a  
 committee by  
 contacting a specific  
 committee chairperson or  
 Dan McHugh  
 as set forth above.

**Break-ins**  
**After Dark**

During the past month,  
 we have had multiple  
 reported after dark  
 break-ins while owners  
 were at home. No one  
 has been hurt, but the  
 Board is concerned about  
 the increased frequency  
 of these violations.

PLEASE call 911  
 immediately and phone  
 the Taraval police station  
 (759-3100) if you suspect  
 a break in. Remember to  
 lock your doors and set  
 your dead bolts when  
 you retire.

Also, if you have an  
 invasion alarm (ADT/  
 Tyco or Bayside)  
 consider setting it while  
 you sleep.

Be cautious and be safe..

**A GRAND RE-OPENING PARTY**

If the difference between an "opening" and a "grand opening" (or, in this case, "grand re-opening") is the party that goes along with it, then the re-opening of the Forest Hill Clubhouse was as grand as they come. On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, by estimate, some 200 to 250 members of the Forest Hill community met at the Clubhouse to celebrate its renovation and refurbishment.

We heard words of encouragement and praise from our supervisor, Norman Yee. We listened to the pleasant chords of the baby grand piano as struck by

Frederick Hodges. We basked in the warm soothing rays of the perfect sun as we had good luck with the weather. And we were assisted throughout all of this by the Boy Scouts of Troop 88. For these amenities, and to their providers, we are extremely grateful.

At the heart of every good party is food and drink! And the clubhouse grand reopening had plenty of both - due to the generosity of several providers to whom we wish to give special thanks.



FHA Board of Directors - L-R Dave Aldrich, Eric Buonassisi, Tom Cooke, Paul Cooper, Diane Wara and Dan McHugh (not pictured: Warren Krauss)



Supervisor Norman Yee presents an award to President Diane Wara



Supervisor Norman Yee addressing the Forest Hill community

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We are grateful to the following sponsors for their in-kind gifts and donations at the Clubhouse Re-opening.

**Knights Catering**  
 Attn: Maureen Kelly  
 255 Mendell St.  
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 94124  
 (415) 920-3663

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 Catering & Events  
 (hors d'oeuvres)  
 Attn: Fernando  
 Ciurlizza,  
 2321 Filbert St.  
 Oakland, CA 94607  
 (510) 549-3760 ext. 102

**Cake Coquette**  
 (cake/cupcakes)  
 Attn: Gabrielle  
 Feuersinger  
 1501 Cortland Ave.  
 San Francisco, CA  
 94110  
 (415) 641-0200

**West Portal Edible**  
**Arrangements**  
 (edible table  
 arrangements)  
 (Attn: Susan Leigh)  
 312 West Portal Ave.  
 San Francisco, CA  
 94127  
 (415) 731-3120

**San Francisco**  
**Wine Trading**  
**Company**  
 Attn: Gary Marcaletti  
 250 Taraval Street  
 San Francisco, CA  
 94116  
 (415) 731-6222

**Boy Scouts**  
**Troop 88**  
 Attn: Michael Dotson  
 381 Magellan Ave  
 SF, CA 94116



Hors d'oeuvres, anyone?

**STREET LIGHT OUTAGE**

Street light outages continue to be problematic. Your FHA Board requests that every homeowner contact the City, either by phone using 311 Or electronically at [SFgov.org](http://SFgov.org) going to the 311 (city repair) icon to request attention/repair to street light outages. Please note that the City requires that you provide the closest address to the street light as well as other descriptive information in order to respond to your request. Simple bulb replacement generally is provided within one week, although more difficult repairs may require up to one month. We have found the City to be responsive if they receive all of the necessary information. Please contact the FHA only after you have provided the necessary information to the City and have allowed the necessary 30 days for repair

**A CRAPPY WAY TO TREAT YOUR NEIGHBORS**

We applaud those dog owners (companions?) who bag their dogs' feces and dispose of it at home. Unfortunately, there's also a group of irresponsible owners who let their dogs defecate anywhere or use a neighbor's recycling bin as a receptacle for the fecal matter. Recently, a neighbor complained about a bag of dog poop (we hope) being deposited in his recycling bin, which he stored in his garage. The odor in his garage was soon horrific! PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT YOUR NEIGHBOR TO DISPOSE OF YOUR DOG'S EXCREMENT AND KEEP THE DOGGY STOOL SAMPLES OFF YOUR NEIGHBOR'S LAWN!



Join the Garden Club in  
**MAKING SPIRITS**  
**BRIGHT**  
 at our annual  
**Holiday Dinner Dance**

**Monday,**  
**December 9**  
**at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Bring your**  
**friends!**



Come enjoy the free flowing Martini & Manhattan bar  
 Sumptuous Dinner by Knight's Catering  
 Dancing the night away with the fantastic  
 Tony Macaroni Band  
 Sing-along your favorite carols with Walt Farrell

**Black Tie Preferred**  
 Open bar begins at 6:00 PM

**Only \$90 per person**  
 R.S.V.P. by Monday, November 25th

To reserve your seats and to indicate seating preference  
 contact Event Tickets Chair: **Yen Bachmeier**  
 (415-664-9668) or [yen@foresthill-sf.com](mailto:yen@foresthill-sf.com)

Make check payable to  
 Forest Hill Garden Club and mail to:

**Yen Bachmeier**  
 240 Montalvo Avenue, SF, CA 94116



**FOOD DRIVE**  
**Nov. 18, 2013**

We invite YOU to  
 participate in lending a  
 hand to feed families this  
 holiday season.

Nonperishable food --  
 please -- we suggest:  
 Dry cereal, all canned  
 fruits, vegetables, meat,  
 fish, soup, and juices.  
 Also pasta, beans and  
 rice, and in mixes.

If you are too busy to  
 gather foods, for your  
 convenience, we also  
 accept cash or check  
 donation.

- For every \$1 donated, the Food Bank can distribute \$6 worth of food.
- \$25 provides a complete holiday meals for 3 families.
- \$100 provides 300 meals or one week of food home-delivered to 3 seniors.

Please make check  
 payable to *The San  
 Francisco Food Bank*.  
 Drop off or Mail your  
 donation to:

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THANK YOU!

