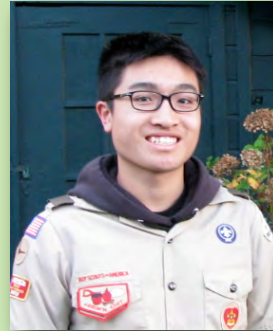


Future Eagle Scout

You may have noticed that the two garages on Forest Hill Clubhouse property have been painted. This was an Eagle Scout project undertaken by Jacob Wong and over a dozen fellow Scouts of Troop 88, which has held its meetings in the Clubhouse for several decades. The Forest Hill Association paid for the paint and other materials. The father of one of the scouts, licensed contractor **Steve McKay**, contributed his expertise and labor. **John Balestreri** provided labor and supervision on behalf of the Association



Eagle Scout candidate **Jacob Wong**, 16, possesses 19 merit badges and began his scouting career when he joined the Cub Scouts while a second-grader. He is now a junior at Lowell High School, where his favorite subjects are English and history. Jacob plans to attend the University of California, perhaps at Berkeley or Santa Cruz. Although he will not choose his major subject for a few years, he has an interest in studying law after he receives his bachelor's degree.

Thanks for your contribution to the community, Jacob!



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From left to right: John Balestreri, Michael Dotson (Scoutmaster), Jackson, Steve McKay, Clayton, James, and Jacob (the Eagle Scout candidate), and on the ladder is Jacob's father George.

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Arch. Review: Paul Cooper (liaison)
 Mark Watts (chair)
Clubhouse: Paul Cooper (liaison & chair)
Communications: David Aldrich (liaison & chair)
Finance: Eric Buonassisi (liaison),
 Christine Willemsen (chair)
Infrastructure: Warren Krauss (liaison)
 Dan Kelly (chair)
Legal: Warren Krauss (liaison & chair)
Trees: Diane Wara (liaison & chair)

Clubhouse Rental

Contact: Jutta Lammerts
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Board's Corner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS NOTICE

The Forest Hill Association Board elections will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Membership at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 14, 2014.**

Candidate's Statement

Any member in good standing may become a candidate for the seven-member Board of Directors by filing (1) a statement of intent to become a candidate and (2) a statement of up to 200 words indicating his or her qualifications for the post with the secretary of the Board by **5:00 PM March 7.**

Candidates are expected to appear before the FHA membership at the Candidates' Forum on **Monday, March 31.** Ballots and their candidates' statements are to be mailed to all members at least 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting on **April 14.**

Inspector of Election

An independent inspector of election will be appointed to oversee the process. Governance by the FHA Board of directors requires a high participation standard (35% presence in person or by proxy). It is important that you look for your mailed ballot, review the enclosed Candidates' Statements, complete your ballot and return it to the FHA Office in the enclosed envelope in time for the annual meeting on April 14. Results will be tabulated by the Inspector of Election and the new Board seated at the next monthly meeting.

Get Involved! We ask each of you to consider throwing your hat into the ring. Our community is enriched by "new blood" on our Board. New Board members bring creative ideas as well as new energy and vitality to our activities. Please consider joining us. Email **Diane Wara** at office@foresthill-sf.org with questions.

Thank you for participating in our neighborhood governance.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

With 9 months in the rear view mirror, the association's finances are in good shape! We are under budget and the 2014 maintenance assessments have begun pouring in. As of today, over 400 members have made payments of more than \$166,307 (almost 64%). As a reminder, all 2014 maintenance assessments are due by January 31st. If you need a new coupon or have any questions concerning your dues payment, call the office **415 664-0542** or email EricB@foresthill-sf.org. Thank you for your prompt payment which allows us to better plan future service to our community.

	April - Dec '13 (9 mos)	75% of Budget Year
Income		
Clubhouse Rentals	\$ 18,273	56%
Member Dues	\$ 121,350	46%
Total Income	\$ 140,363	47%
Operating Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 29,139	72%
Insurance, Tax, Utility	\$ 23,648	110%
CH Security, Mtce,	\$ 15,244	175%
Landscaping	\$ 68,403	61%
Services, Debt, Comm	\$ 34,640	80%
Total Expenses	\$171,074	73%

Thank You!

to all the homeowners who have already paid their 2014 assessments.

If you haven't done so, please make your payment by the January 31, 2014 due date to avoid penalty.

Winter Pruning

will begin on or around Monday, February 3rd after a two week comment period from January 20th thru February 2nd. See the Forest Hill website to review the proposed winter pruning plan.

Contact Diane Wara at office@foresthill-sf.org with questions/comments before February 2nd.

Email Communication

is increasingly important for the maintenance of our Community. We utilize email to communicate neighborhood meetings and minutes for projects such as infrastructure revision, to spread the word about community events such as the upcoming Lunar New Year celebration, to notify homeowners of tree pruning as well as home break-ins and neighborhood disturbances. If you are not already on our email list and have email access, please send your email address to Jutta Lammerts at office@foresthill-sf.org ..

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Our community had a successful 2013 with the completion of our Clubhouse renovation project and the beginnings of the **Forest Hill Infrastructure project**. Find the minutes of our last infrastructure meeting with City officials at <http://www.foresthill-sf.org/association/minutes/Minutes-20140109-Infrastructure.pdf>. We thank those who have participated in these activities and ask everyone to provide their questions and ideas regarding infrastructure to Dan Kelly at office@foresthill-sf.org.

Four significant construction projects are, or soon will be, underway in Forest Hill, each of which will which will cause some inconvenience, but add to the neighborhood's safety and quality.

1. The Dewey Circle Traffic calming project has just been completed, and is already reducing speeding and making the pedestrian crosswalks much safer
2. The Dewey Corridor Traffic Calming Project, approved by SFMTA in December, will install islands and traffic cushions along Magellan, Pacheco, 9th Avenue Taraval and Dewey. There will be a new traffic circle at Dewey and Pacheco.
3. PG&E is about to drill test holes for new streetlight wiring in the area along and below Pacheco street, from Dewey to 9th Avenue. Trenching for the Installation of new wiring will begin in the spring and may involve

digging up streets and/or sidewalks. Some of the light poles will be replaced and we are asking that eight additional ones be installed to cover areas that are now poorly lit. Residents will receive notice prior to each phase of the work.

4. DPW is preparing to repave the portions of San Marcos and Santa Rita Avenues from Mesa and Castenada to the end of the cul-de-sac. They will also repair and rebuild the failing portions of the retaining wall on San Marcos and replace the chronically damaged pipe rail fencing. The stairways that cross the median are in poor condition and will be repaired as well. Two large trees in the median have been posted for removal in the areas where the wall has been weakened. Tree removal, stairway and retaining wall work will occur in the spring and summer; paving and gutter/curb repair is expected next Fall or Winter. Residents will receive notice before each phase of the work.

The infrastructure Committee and the Board of Directors are working with the various agencies involved in these projects to achieve the best possible results and consistent inter-agency coordination, but many details of both the lighting project and the street/median strip repairs remain to be determined. Minutes of the Jan 9th Community meeting, with details about the latter two projects, have been sent to our e-mail list and are posted on the Forest Hill website.

CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Our recently formed **Clubhouse Maintenance Committee**, under the leadership of **John Balestreri**, needs membership. The Committee's charge is to maintain our newly renovated Clubhouse by noting items for repair, performing small jobs themselves and identifying competitive contractors for supervising larger jobs such as exterior paint. We look for individuals who have some experience with home maintenance and could volunteer throughout the year for work on small projects.

Resolve to help your community this year!. This new sub-group of the FHA Board is forming to do the following:

1. Develop an ongoing maintenance plan
2. Advise the board regarding needed repairs
3. Do some minor repair work
4. Lead occasional volunteer work groups

If you are interested in helping, please contact the chair person, John Balestreri, at (415) 665-5140 or jpbal@att.net

SF311 - THIS NEW SERVICE WILL BE THE APP(LE) OF YOUR EYE!

This new application, SF311 APP, connects residents, using their smartphones, iPhones, and iPads, with City agencies. Users can obtain information about City services or report and track progress on street light outages, potholes, graffiti, and more. Simply state the problem (even add a photo) and tell City agencies exactly what it is and where it is located. Service requests can be made on line or via twitter. SF311APP is available at the APP STORE (Apple) or GOOGLE PLAY (Android), or can be downloaded at <http://www.sf311.org/mobile>.

SF311 will continue to provide service by live customer service representatives by phone (DIAL 311) seven days a week.

MUSICAL DAYS 2014

August 21 – August 24, 2014

Save the dates - August 21st through August 24th - for Musical Days in Forest Hill 2014. Kent and Mari Nagano, along with the local board of Musical Days in Forest Hill, have planned another remarkable festival, presenting world acclaimed artists, some returning to Forest Hill from previous festivals. We'll hear fine, classical music with piano and string instruments, Mozart and Ravel violin solos, and string/piano duets, all performed on exquisite rare instruments. Keep checking the web site: www.foresthill-sf.com/musicaldays for more information. We count ourselves fortunate: A festival of this quality and artistry does not exist anywhere in the city outside of Forest Hill!

If you are interested in hosting a musician in your home, hosting a luncheon or dinner for the musicians, or assisting with the festival in any other way, please email Sally Kipper at spkipper@sbcglobal.net.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Sunday March 2nd, at 2:00 PM



Save the date: Sunday March 2nd, at 2:00 PM, to celebrate the Year of the Horse (4711) with us at the Clubhouse.

As in years past we'll have entertainment, good food and be ready to start a year that is characterized by high energy, creativity and positive

human interactions..

Volunteers are needed to help in the planning set up and service.

Please contact **Dan Kelly** (kellydanp@gmail.com)

CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 13
at 10:00 a.m

Details in Invitation to follow!



FRIENDS OF FOREST HILL

Although the Forest Hill Association is a non-profit entity, it is not able to solicit donations that would be tax deductible. Accordingly, a new non-profit organization, the Friends of Forest Hill, has been formed to benefit the Forest Hill environment, providing an opportunity for those who would like to support local improvements with deductible contributions. Examples of such improvements might include better paving in the entrance area of the Clubhouse, enhanced landscaping in the Triangle, Medians and Clubhouse gardens, building a children's garden and play area on the Clubhouse grounds. Contributions will not be sought for normal maintenance. Those expenses will continue to be covered by our homeowner dues and clubhouse rental fees. However, tax deductible donations to help launch this neighborhood improvement effort can be sent to:

Friends of Forest Hill, 385 Magellan, SF CA 94116

We hope that this new entity will complement the work already done by the FHA, the Garden Club and Forest Hill Musical Days, to make our neighborhood uniquely livable and desirable.

*Dan Kelly, President
Sally Kipper, Treasurer
Mel Bachmeier, Secretary*



Join the Garden Club

**St. Patrick's Day
Dinner Party**

Monday, March 17
at 6:00 p.m.

\$30 per person

RSVP:

**Kathe Farrell
681-2876**

TREES & LANDSCAPES

The FHA contracts with Valley Crest to assist in the maintenance of trees and shrubs on our sidewalk and median strips. Valley Crest provides weekly landscape maintenance of the Clubhouse and Pacheco triangle, a seasonal pruning and weed control program of sidewalk landscape strips and planted median islands, and irrigation management of all automated irrigation systems on medians, islands and Clubhouse landscapes.

Summer and winter pruning of trees following FHA approval is limited to pruning necessary to meet structural, liability and clearance needs of the tree and site, while maintaining the tree's natural form. Pruning occurs after the proposal is posted on our website for 14 days to allow for homeowner comment.

Our tree removal program, as defined by the City, is limited to trees that are dead or infested without likelihood of improvement. Every tree that is removed must be replaced as per San Francisco guidance; the FHA pays to remove and to replace trees (15 gal container size). We obtain the necessary City tree removal permit on behalf of homeowners.

Please note that homeowners are responsible for sidewalk and curb repairs. Please see details of the Valley Crest agreement on our website.