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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Our own Forest Hill neighbor and acclaimed composer, Kirke Mechem, will speak about and sign copies of his new book at BookShop West Portal, Tuesday, September 22 at 7 pm. *Believe Your Ears: Life of a Lyric Composer* was written for all who love classical music and have been bewildered by the experiments and cacophonies of many "progressive" composers. "Written with insight and wit," wrote one reviewer, "the book is a must-read for choral and opera enthusiasts."

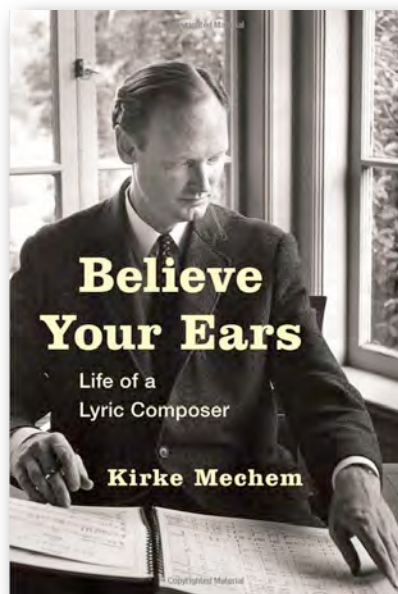
Kirke is the prolific composer of some 250 published titles, most notably four operas and many orchestral and vocal works that have graced the stages of opera houses and symphony halls throughout the world. He is commonly referred to as the "dean of American choral music." His opera *Tartuffe*, premiered by the San Francisco Opera in 1980, has been performed more than 400 times in six countries. He just celebrated his 90th birthday and is still writing commissioned works! His opera on Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* is due to be premiered in 2017; the first scene was given a tryout at Davies Hall in 2007.

Mechem's unorthodox path to music provides a fascinating narrative. He wrote songs and played music by ear as a newspaper reporter, a touring tennis player, and a

Stanford creative-writing major before studying composition and conducting at Harvard. He encourages younger composers who are trying to bring back beauty, passion, and humor—even entertainment—to classical music.

Along the way, readers will meet Dimitri Shostakovich, Wallace Stegner, Billie Jean King, the Grateful Dead, Richard Rodgers, Benjamin Britten, Bill Tilden, and Aaron Copland—a who's who in Mechem's storied career.

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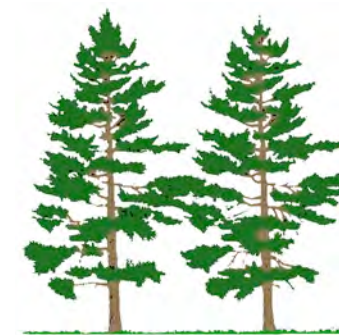
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TREES & LANDSCAPES NEWS

SUMMER PRUNING will begin early September. The pruning plans are posted on our web site at <http://www.foresthill-sf.com/association/FHA-c-landscapes.html>. Please review the plans and contact Diane Wara at warad@peds.ucsf.edu if you have questions or require clarification. Remember that we prune trees, on average, every 3 years. We prune to maintain a tree's health and never top trees. The FHA does not provide "ornamental" pruning. You can always request (and pay for) additional pruning thru Valley Crest. Pruning will occur on your street's street cleaning day to assure that parked cars do not interfere with the process.

PLANNED UPGRADES: We plan to replant significant sections of the Pacheco Median Strip. Final reviews are ongoing as we will

plant drought resistant plants that should require minimal maintenance. Planting should occur mid- to late October. If you're interested in reviewing the plans, please attend the September Board Meeting (September 14th, 7PM at the Clubhouse) where they will be discussed.



MAINTENANCE of trees, shrubs and yards: Yes, we are experiencing a drought. However, within San Francisco we're being urged to make certain that our significant trees and shrubs are adequately watered. Please water any significant tree or shrub once weekly by hose. Also, please use left over water to maintain other plantings. Landscape maintenance is a significant part of the beauty of Forest Hill. Please do your part.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

We have always needed a way to contact our members for communicating alerts, special event invitations – like the August 30th Picnic at the Clubhouse and other important safety messages. Our membership contact information at the office needs your help! For example, only 6 out of 10 of our homeowners have an email address listed with us – and among those we have, many are no longer active. When we have an old phone number that is dormant, we have no way of contacting you! Please take a moment to send us the following updated information:

**Current Owner Name(s); Number and Street ;
Phone number(s) and Email address(es).**

You can email us at the office where we will keep it secure and use it only for important FHA information. We do not share this information with anyone and it will only be used for FHA business. Just email it to us at office@foresthill-sf.org or type/print it in a letter and mail it to: **Forest Hill Association, 381 Magellan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116.**

If you would like to see the new Children's Garden and take a nice walk, you can also drop it off at the office mail slot in the door to the left hand side of the Clubhouse.



A FAREWELL TO MICHAEL BOLECHOWSKI



Our neighbor Mike Bolechowski died unexpectedly last Tuesday at age 69. He and his wife, Anna, have lived here in Forest Hill for over a quarter century. Mike has been an active participant in the Forest Hill Association and served on the Board of Directors 1995-2007. He and Anna were also

active in Forest Hill Garden Club events through the years, co-hosting several parties. Mike loved this neighborhood and was committed to its improvement.

After attending Alliance College and Temple University School of Law, Mike practiced law here for many years after he and Anna left Philadelphia.

Since his retirement earlier this year, Mike has enjoyed morning coffee klatches on West Portal Avenue with neighbors and friends. Over the years, he has pursued his interests in the opera, the symphony, cooking, golfing and target-shooting.

When he retired, friends looked forward to seeing more of Mike. Everyone appreciated his ebullience and wit. He was at his best at parties, but he also excelled at serious conversations. Mike was a good and compassionate friend; he will be missed by all. We hope that when we go on to that better place, one of our neighbors will be Mike.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

We harvested our first crops with the children on Sunday, August 30th at the Annual Picnic.

Here are some images of the crops, courtesy of Yen Bachmeier, which included: arugula; lettuces; herbs; beans; radishes; and other ingredients we enjoyed in a Forest Hill salad shared at the picnic.

We dedicated the new path to the garden during the Annual Picnic as well. It was built with care and skill by Forest Hill neighbors Mark Watts, Eric Buonassisi, Rigo Cabesaz and Vincent McCormick. Thank you, gentlemen!

We are collecting ideas for the second crop. What would you like to grow in the garden? Please send your thoughts to: FHCG 381 Magellan Avenue 94116.

FHCG Committee:
Alex Mann, Amy Jaure O'Leary,
Vincent McCormick,
Amy Quirk and Diane Wara.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REGULATIONS

The Forest Hill Association's Architecture Review Committee evaluates all proposed exterior construction projects in Forest Hill. What are the laws/regulations/codes that apply to projects in our Forest Hill community and who enforces them? Here are answers to frequently asked questions:

KEY: a. San Francisco Planning Departments Code and Zoning,
b. Forest Hill Agreement

1. Forest Hill is a community of single family homes only. (a & b)
2. Mother-in law units are not permitted. (a & b)
3. Rentals for extended periods are permitted for full houses. No short-term room rentals are permitted. (a & b)
4. Parking in the front yards (the first 15' of the property from the sidewalk) is not permitted. (a)
5. Fences in the front yards can not be over 3' in height. (a & b)
6. Garbage cans are permitted to be at the curb for 24 hours only on pick-up day and then stored, not in the front yard but hidden from street view. (a)
7. FHA recommends that all projects that the city requires Building Permits for are obtain and finalized (note that these are required for the resale of your home).

Please feel free to contact the AR committee whenever you have any questions and always before you appropriate any serious expenses for a possible project. We can help you navigate through many of the problems the are the maze of construction controls that exist in San Francisco today.

The full code sections (a & b) construction regulations will soon be posted on the FHA web site.

SAVE THESE DATES!



Children's Halloween Party Sunday, October 25, from 5-7 p.m.

Bring your little ghouls, ghosts and goblins to the Clubhouse for a monstrous event! For more information or to help with the festivities, please contact Event Chair Tessa O'Leary tessa_oleary@yahoo.com



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Board President Mark Watts promises to flip pancakes for the whole neighborhood, so come with a hearty appetite. For more information or to help with the event, please contact Mark at markw@foresthill-sf.org



Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, December 13, from 1-3 p.m.
What better way to celebrate the holidays in Forest Hill? For more information or to help with the event, please contact Tom Cooke at tomcooke@pacbell.net.



GARDEN CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

The Garden Club invites YOU to join us at our monthly events:

Monday,
Sep. 21st @ 11:00 a.m.
Annual Chicken Salad Luncheon.

Monday,
Oct. 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.
Fall Party

Monday,
Nov. 16th @ 1:00 p.m.
Book-Fest & Food Drive

Friday,
Dec. 4th @ 10:00 a.m.
Wreath Making Day

Sunday,
Dec. 6th @ 10:00 a.m.
Deck the Halls
Party Set up

Monday,
Dec. 7th @ 6:00 p.m.
Holiday Dinner Dance

