



Forest Hill Neighbors San Francisco

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Forest Hill and Tiger Conservation

A spectacular new 5-acre forest habitat for endangered Sumatran Tigers opened at the San Diego Zoo's Safari Park over Memorial Day weekend. Several dozen Forest Hill neighbors generously supported the funding effort. We are now enshrined prominently on a donor plaque at the entrance plaza.

The forest has three big enclosures with up-close viewing for the public and rocks, logs, water, trees and plenty of open space for the animals to explore. Sadly, the five new residents total about one percent of all living Sumatran Tigers. The species is highly endangered due to poaching and habitat loss. Part of the funds raised will go toward tiger field research on their native island of Sumatra.

The Safari Park (not the San Diego Zoo) is located in the San Pasqual Valley 35 miles northeast of downtown San Diego. Forest Hill resident Rick Hills is a San Diego Zoo Global Foundation Board Member. Feel free to contact him at rh@vanguardsf.com if you plan a visit or would like more information.

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Board's Corner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS COMPLETE!

Unfortunately, there were only six candidates for election to the seven-member FHA Board at our last election. The vacant seat was filled and the situation remedied when the Board, by a unanimous vote and in accordance with the by-laws, appointed Kathe Farrell a member of the Board.

We are indeed fortunate that Kathe stepped forward to meet a pressing need for experience and competence in the Association's governing body. She comes to the Board with a strong résumé of previous Board service and leadership. She has also been an active leader in the Garden Club. Kathe and her husband, Walt, have been active on various committees and Association events. Our new Board member combines a strong sense of ethics with a thoughtful and unbiased attitude toward Association issues. Welcome aboard, Kathe!



SUMMER PRUNING

Summer pruning of the deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves) that are the responsibility of the FHA will begin on or around August 25th. The FHA is only responsible for pruning trees in the sidewalk or median strips. As we have done for the last few years, we will post the proposed trees to be pruned on our website (<http://www.foresthill-sf.com/association/FHA-treeCare.html>) August 18th for your review and comments until August 25th. If you have a request for additional pruning, please email Diane Wara at warad@peds.ucsf.edu and include your tree's number (on the trunk within 5' of the ground) and your address. We will review all requests made between August 18 and August 25 and, when adding to our budgeted pruning will consider whether the tree has been pruned during the last three years. Kyle Sager (Valley Crest) and I will review all requests for tree pruning in addition to that posted. Please remember that we prune trees on a 3 year cycle, unless a tree has had an unusual growth pattern and requires earlier pruning. Our pines and cyprus will be pruned during late January because summer pruning may actually damage the trees. Please understand that we never "top" trees and that we do not shape trees but, rather, remove excess foliage that will allow a tree to remain healthy and thus have a longer life span.

We are aware that the trees throughout Forest Hill are aging and that an increasing number will require removal for safety reasons during the next few years. We're developing a list of trees that likely will require removal and will work with homeowners to identify appropriate replacement trees. Finally, newly planted trees require frequent watering. Because of our ongoing drought, we have elected to not plant any replacement trees until there is evidence that the skies have opened in response to the rain gods. All replacements will be deferred until at least November, 2014. Thank you for your understanding.

Diane Wara, Trees & Landscapes Committee Chair

Interesting Clubhouse Rental Facts

Did you know?

1. Of the 50 contracts closed in 2014 68% are to FHA members.
2. October, March and June are the most popular rented months at the Clubhouse.
3. An average event at the Clubhouse costs \$450-\$550 to the FHA.
4. 50% of events at the clubhouse are sponsored by an FHA member to a non-FHA member.

Mark Your Calendar

We've got some big events coming up!



Annual FHA summer picnic
Sunday, August 31st,
2:00 pm



Halloween Party
Sunday, October 26th,
5:00 pm



Garden Club
Holiday Dinner Dance
Monday, December 8th,
6:00 pm



Children's Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 9th,
5:30 pm



Lunar New Year Party
Saturday, March 8th, 2015
2:00 pm



Children's Spring Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 29th, 2015
10:00 am

Please make note of these dates!

The Special Events Committee is looking for volunteers who would like to get involved with planning these events in the coming year. Please contact

Tom Cooke at 415-823-1624 or
tomcooke@pacbell.net

NEIGHBORLY COURTESY

We have all paid dearly for our properties and thoroughly enjoy living here in Forest Hill. We would enjoy it even more if all of us showed more consideration for our neighbors in our parking habits. Many of our streets are quite narrow and have little space for parking.

Unfortunately, there have been instances of residents collecting up to four or five vehicles, including trucks and trailers, and parking them, not in their own garages or driveways, but in front of their neighbors' homes for days or even



weeks, making it difficult to negotiate narrow streets or use driveways. We urge all residents to be considerate of their neighbors and to park their vehicles, whenever possible, in their own garages or driveways, so that we all can enjoy our neighborhood to the fullest!



Greetings from the new Clubhouse Manager

Dear Forest Hill Association members and soon-to-be new friends,

My name is Janette Najar and as of the end of May 2014, The FHA Board hired me as the new Clubhouse Manager and FHA Administrator. The FHA Board has tasked me with managing the clubhouse rentals as well as carrying out administrative tasks for the Association. I am your liaison to the FHA Board so please, if you have a question, concern, suggestion, inquiry or otherwise please don't hesitate to call or email me at 415-664-0542 or office@foresthill-sf.org. I work part time but strive to return all calls and emails within 24 hours.

A little about me . . . I am an architect by training. I am happily married and have two girls, 3 and 9 years old. I have stayed home the last 3 years with my youngest who has special needs. Now I am looking to make a career change into wedding/event planning and have already landed my first 2 clients. I look forward to meeting you, working with you and hopefully helping you plan your next event at the Clubhouse!

Sincerely,
Janette Najar

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL Musical Days in Forest Hill August 21 - August 24, 2014

Tickets for this year's Musical Days in Forest Hill are selling faster than for any previous season! There are still tickets for all concerts, but we are headed for sold out houses. So don't delay. Purchase your tickets now!

The musicians are world class, and the programs are designed to showcase their artistry. The children's concert promises to be loads of fun, with performances of "Ferdinand the Bull" and "L'histoire de Babar, le petit éléphant."

Visit the Musical Days website (www.foresthill-sf.org/musicaldays) for detailed information about the artists and the programs and to print out a ticket order form.



Mari Kodama, Musical-Days Artistic Director

THE ALDEN PIANO TRIO SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 5:00-6:30 PM



The Neighborhood Performance Project, an organization working to enrich Bay Area neighborhoods with live performances featuring top local musicians, will present a public performance featuring the **Alden Piano Trio** at the Forest Hill Clubhouse. The performance will take place from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and will feature exciting works by Mendelssohn and Ravel. There is no charge for admission, though donations are appreciated in order to sustain the mission of the NPP. Wine will be available as well.

In order to build a more vibrant arts scene and to provide work opportunities for local musicians, the newly formed NPP produces performances featuring the Bay Area's top musical ensembles in accessible neighborhood venues such as libraries, small businesses, and community centers. The NPP is supported by individual donors and is fiscally sponsored by the Intersection for the Arts. www.thenpp.org

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EMAIL Get plugged in!

Do we have your current information?

Help us communicate with you easily and effectively by making sure we have your correct email address. It's the most reliable way to get the Association's attention quickly when you need a question answered or a service provided.

If you haven't done so already, please send your e-mail address to us at fha@foresthill-sf.com and we'll make sure that you are on the notification list.