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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOISE ABATEMENT

### AirBnB Rentals in Forest Hill

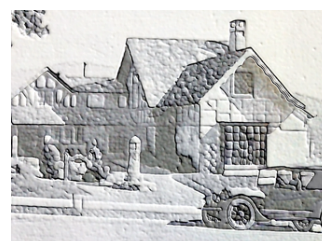
The advent of AirBnB has been the subject of ample discussion in city government here and in many other cities around the country as it has affected both the hotel industry and the way in which homeowners use their property. In Forest Hill, some homeowners have used this company as a way to offer short-term rentals of bedrooms in their homes. There are also homes which are no longer family residences, but now are used exclusively as short-term rentals, almost as hotels. These are sometimes rented out to multiple unrelated individuals, bringing multiple vehicles to the house and street.

On some occasions the homes have served as party houses, resulting in noise, raucous drinking and other disturbances. Some residents have asked that AirBnB be banned completely in Forest Hill, while others viewed it as a positive opportunity for individual homeowners. The board had a long discussion of the challenges

brought by this new service and will seek legal advice before taking any action on the question.

### Change in Clubhouse Rental Policy

At the October 12th board meeting, the board of directors voted to immediately cease rental of the Clubhouse to people who are not members of the Forest Hill Association and, to the extent possible, cancel any such rentals, which have been contracted already. This action was taken after a Cease and Desist Order from the Planning Commission, which the Association was contesting. But was also in response to growing community concerns about the impact that such rentals have caused, through traffic, crowds, and noise, and through reduced availability of the Clubhouse for community events.



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## Board's Corner

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Neighbors and Friends,

We are toward the end of 2015. This has been another fantastic quarter. As you read the back of this newsletter, there have been complaints regarding the rental of the clubhouse. We had too many parties! We are working on settling the issues concerning the use of the clubhouse. We have dramatically cut back the rental of the clubhouse. Speaking of parties, we recently had the children's Halloween Party. There were lots of spooky ookys, candy and fun! Thanks to all of you volunteers! I know everyone I have spoken to had a great time. The next neighborhood event will be the Sunday Breakfast November 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be the inaugural event and perhaps an annual Forest Hill gathering. The menu will have sausages, pancakes, and fruit. I have a few volunteers for flipping the pancakes, but could use some help with table and chair setup, and cutting all the fruit early that Sunday. Please contact me at [markwattsappraiser@gmail.com](mailto:markwattsappraiser@gmail.com) or 415-990-0025 if interested. This event is planned for a rolling group of 80 over the 3 hours. It is expected to sellout, so please get your reservations in to Janette sooner rather than later.

We are working on a new and updated website. The original information will be included, but with an easier format to use. It will also be easier for the Association to update information. The website should be up and running by December.

A few are complaining about AirBnB rentals in the neighborhood. The Board can only offer organizational help. We can send letters to the owner. We do not have financial resources to do anything further. You as homeowners should direct complaints regarding short-term rentals to **Chaska Berger** in San Francisco Planning 415-575-9188 [chaska.berger@sfgov.org](mailto:chaska.berger@sfgov.org). Chaska Berger, a San Francisco native, is our Planning Department enforcement officer. The next step would be legal action by the homeowner.

The rainy season will soon be upon us. Remember to check your gutters and driveway drains for blockages. Last year a whole side yard came crashing down the neighbors walkway because of a disconnected drain pipe. The affected neighbor asked if I would "send a crew over". I said "the only crew we have is you and me!" The theme is neighbor helping neighbors. Forest Hill is a group of strong individuals who band together for the common goal of a better neighborhood.

Please see the Forest Hill Calendar for more upcoming events in our fantastic neighborhood.

Cheers!  
Mark Watts





The Boy Scout Troop 88 will be conducting an Evergreen and Wreath fundraiser. The Troop uses this fundraiser to be self sustaining -largely funding Summer Camp and other activities for the boys. A 22-inch wreath sells for \$22 and will be delivered to your door during the week of November 30th. To order, contact Xavier Bougot at (646)290-1795 or [xbougot@gmail.com](mailto:xbougot@gmail.com)

Get your home ready for the holidays and help a Scout!

## REMEMBER TIM TREACY

Our neighbor Tim Treacy passed away peacefully on October 5, 2015, at the age 83.

Tim, a third-generation San Franciscan, was a Director of the Forest Hill Association for 19 years, and its President for 14 of those years. Tim grew up in his family's home on Dewey Boulevard and later bought his own home on Linares Avenue. He attended St. Ignatius Preparatory School, Stanford University, and Stanford Law School, and was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1958. After maintaining a successful private law practice, Tim joined the State of California Public Utilities Commission, where he rose to be its principal counsel, specializing in telecommunications law, where he argued cases before the California Supreme Court as well as the United States Supreme Court.

A 50-plus year member of the Olympic Club, Tim was a man of many interests,

including snow skiing and mountaineering, as part of which he scaled peaks including Kilimanjaro, Denali (Alaska) and Aconcagua (South America).

As a FHA Director, Tim not only worked successfully to abate airplane noise, but also to convince the City and County of San Francisco to acquire Hawk Hill as Open Space. He also convinced CCSF, after a brush fire, to fence off the hillside between Forest Hill and Laguna Honda Boulevard, which had become a notorious "homeless area". He also worked with CCSF to sell an abandoned home on San Marcos Avenue, and ensure that the sale proceeds went to the rightful heir. A strong defender of our Urban Forest, Tim was always willing to assist neighbors with their problems. He will indeed be missed by all of us, most especially by those lucky few who knew him well.

## CHILDREN'S GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

**Unfortunate Update:**  
*The children's garden was vandalized during the weekend of October 25th, so we will produce a smaller crop.*

On Saturday, September 26th, 2015, FHCG Committee Member **Alex Mann** generously donated seeds from his family garden for our second crop. Community volunteers gathered to plant the following seeds in our four raised-bed planters:

Beans	Beets	Shelling Peas
Broccoli	Carrots	Swiss Chard
Leeks	Parsley	

Our garden continues to grow artichokes and herbs, including

Oregano	Peppermint	Thyme
Pineapple Sage	Chinese Garlic Chives	

Thank you so much for your support of this community garden. Please visit the garden several times this month to watch the green shoots emerge from the soil and grow toward the sun.

Submitted by the FHCG Committee:

*Alex Mann, Amy Jaure O'Leary,  
Vincent McCormick, Amy Quirk and Diane Wara.*



*Photos courtesy Amy Quirk*

## AREA "T" UPDATE

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, there is a signature gathering campaign underway to get several streets in Forest Hill added to the Area "T" restricted parking zone.

Thus far, more than 50% of the residents on Ventura have signed the petition(s), as have those on Pacheco between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Residents are circulating petitions – albeit not rapidly – on the rest of Pacheco Street and Linares Avenue.

We encourage you to sign these petitions **now**. This is because, as more areas become restricted, the pressure of commuter and RV parking on the remaining unrestricted areas will increase. The choice is to sign now, or to have to sign later, after curb parking on your street is overloaded every workday.

There are downsides to having Area "T" restrictions: you must either purchase a sticker (\$100+/year) or park in front of your driveway (no sticker required). Your daytime guests (8 A.M. – 3 P.M) might be ticketed if they stay over 2 hours. Traffic on your street may increase, and may traffic speed, since there will be fewer cars parked on it.

Note that SFMTA has a traffic calming plan for Forest Hill. The first step in this plan was scheduled at a public hearing on September 4th: Bulb-outs next to the Forest Hill pillars at 9<sup>th</sup> and Pacheco.

If you have not been offered a petition to sign, you can download one by Googling "Restricted Parking Permit" which will point you to the SFMTA document. Notify [jwearhart17@gmail.com](mailto:jwearhart17@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up of your signed petition.

## JOHN GRAVES LEAVING THE BOARD

As John Graves is leaving the Board, we thank John for his dedicated service as board secretary and his excellent contribution in the role of board liaison for the newsletter. We wish John all the very best.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tomcooke@pacbell.net).



## GARDEN CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The Garden Club invites YOU to participate in our annual Food Drive, benefiting the San Francisco Food Bank. \$50 provides a complete holiday meal for six families.

\$100 provide 300 meals or one week of food home delivered to 3 seniors. Please make check payable to The San Francisco Food Bank and drop off at our meeting at 1:00-5:00 pm on November 16th.

**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  
Watch for our flyer in the bulletin for more details.