



Permeable Sidewalks are the latest thing on the City's east side.

Permeable landscaping allows water and air into the soil. It has numerous environmental benefits including storm-water management, air filtration and wildlife habitat;

Permeable landscaping is part of the sewer system for storm water ... the most beautiful, sustainable and efficient part!

Permeable pavers replaced broken concrete along Alabama St in 2005. Look online for info on the new permeable lanscape initiative in San Francisco. www.plantsf.org



Love Your Franklin Park

Event Sat. Feb. 11

The Neighborhood Parks Council is calling out to park volunteers across the City to create REPORT CARDS for their neighborhood parks.

Saturday Feb. 11 will kick off this new program at our often neglected Franklin Park.

PARK SCAN is another NPC program utilizing hand held computers by volunteers to monitor and report back on conditions in each of the City parks, so the Park & Rec Dept. can prioritize their limited resources.

Contact Jeff Condit at NPC for more info on how you can get involved in the Neighborhood Park Campaign.

621-3260 or email: jcondit@sfneighborhoodparks.org

Neighbors from western SOMA have also helped organize clean-up days for Franklin Park and helped bring the deplorable conditions of our park to the attention of the authorities. (somawest.org)



When you're looking for a sunny spot in the morning York & 18th St is a quiet respite from the busy traffic a few blocks away.

Mission Flea Market is Moving

The Mission Village Flea Market at 18th & Alabama is over. A new government sponsored, housing project will begin construction on the old truck rental lot later this summer. The site was made available for the market at the request of Mission community groups, while the new owners secured their building permits.

I will miss the Bike Kitchen, where I could get help with my bike before heading out for a Sat ride. The Market organizers (associated with Cellspace) are still looking for another site. They received permission from SF School District officials but have had trouble finding a principal that would agree to host it at their school, according to Zoe from Cellspace. "We are now looking at more outlaying areas without as many residents" she says, "perhaps we can create some street closures somewhere".

What was originally advertised to be an organic farmers market, was poorly managed and attracted many stolen goods, according to nearby residents. "We all dreaded Saturdays and are thrilled that it is now over" said David Dempsey who lives across the street.



Site of new government sponsored housing project. Next month's issue will focus in some detail on the project and the new neighbors we can expect to arrive soon. For more information, please call Scott Falcone at Citizens Housing Corporation: 421-8605 x.21

The SF Mayor's Office of Housing provided \$10 million to Citizens Housing Corp. to purchase the site, a higher price than any land purchased in the area to date. The seller was a previous Planning Commission president, who initiated the first round of Industrial Protection legislation in 1994, preventing most other commercial property owners from developing housing on their property in the area since then.

Letters from the editor

I miss Victor Miller so much. I still see him around town on his bike, and I know I have his full support in this printing venture. I was a regular writer for his New Mission News around the turn of the century, and was accused of presenting balanced and insightful reports on the hot topics of the day: Live/Work Lofts and Silicon Implants to name a few.

With 20 years in the neighborhood, I feel strongly that this unique area is poorly represented by our City officials, due to the low density of residential voters still, yet we are at the center of the debates over how these mixed commercial areas south of market, will develop into the future.

The people who actually live and work here should have a voice in the debates that have been going on too long without our participation. Much is going on. Lets get informed!

Please send news, suggestions, comments, etc. by fax at 552-7558 or to west@madrinagroup.org until we get the new website up.

Neighborhood Watch

According to Vice President Allen Kessler, Project Artaud has been experimenting with off-duty police officers to monitor Florida & Mariposa Streets on weekend evenings to dampen the late night antics from the nightclubs.