



NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE: Before the epidemic, we were working on a number of things, so I thought I'd update you ... First, we are pleased to announce we finally have a grocery on Union Street. Luke's Local will move in around August. The owner, Luke Chappell, came by our last meeting with a list of items he wants to carry. It looked good to all of us ... I visited Luke's Cole Valley grocery and this will be an excellent match. The high quality food emphasizes healthful products and organic stuff, and I did not see sodas or candy bars ... In another development, Lyft considered an electric bicycle station in front of the Golden Gate Valley library, but we voiced objections (less parking space, limited senior access, etc.) and they later dropped the concept. It's doubtful electric bikes are allowed in shelter-in-place ... Popular newsstand Juicy News closed permanently March 1. Good timing, perhaps? A GGVNA board member rang up the SF Office of Economic Development, and they are looking for an alternative location ... With all the boarded up businesses, it is reassuring to see restaurants still open. I can continue to get takeout from Tacko, dinner from Mel's Diner, and absinthe from Wildseed.

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PITCHING IN: Some members mentioned they would like to help in this health crisis. A local company called Flexport generously donated many surgical gowns, masks, gloves and the like. So can you. To give supplies, please visit <http://Give2SF.org> ... Supervisor Catherine Stefani has started a great campaign to reach out to vulnerable neighbors. You work the phones calling locals. Info: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/>

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viewform ... Meals on Wheels San Francisco is looking for volunteers to deliver
groceries for homebound seniors. See <https://www.mowsf.org/volunteer-response-covid> ...

And SF Jazz Center has shuttered all auditoriums. But for just \$5 a month, see
great musical acts online every Friday: <https://www.sfjazz.org/watch/>

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“Hello GGVNA. Are you there? Hello?”

CANADA DRY: I earlier mentioned in these pages the NBC show "Zoey's
Extraordinary Playlist," which filmed in North Beach. The production has since
shifted to Vancouver, so now when you view the program streets are barren, the
actors cold, and skies are always cloudy ... Fort Mason's Farmer's Market now is
open Wednesdays 9:30 to 1:30 pm, in addition to Sundays ... Our next meeting will
be Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm. For safety, this likely will be a conference call. If
you want to participate, let us know. Stay healthy, everybody!

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