



NEWSLETTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: The pandemic notwithstanding, Union Street still has great restaurants, and take-out here can net you terrific meals and be an interesting experience. This is not a bad place to quarantine ... An example is Italian eatery Pane E Vino, which I visited a few days ago. They have great dinners to go, all from the regular menu. I particularly enjoyed the Linguine Alle Vongole E Cozze (that's seafood linguine to us Americans) ... On the subject of food, I ran into the manager of Luke's Grocery. "We're doing very well, and more people are learning we are here. We sold Christmas trees up to the last day," he informed me. Sounds good ... Residents are attempting to turn the Carnegie library at Green and Octavia into a historical landmark. It's a beautiful building and GGVNA will help out ... San Francisco Neighborhood Theater Foundation has offered to purchase the closed Clay Theater on Fillmore. There has not yet been an agreement on the price, however ... Incidentally, if you are looking to reach local officials or police, our website is a good place to start. We'd suggest <https://www.goldengatevalley.org/resources/>.

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CITY HALL SHUFFLE: Well, the November election brought some changes to city government. That's how it works in a democracy, I guess. Tax collector Carmen Chu has left the department and now is city administrator. Meanwhile, Shamann Walton replaces Norman Yee as Board of Supervisors President ... Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Hillary Ronen and Dean Preston won reelection (Preston narrowly), while controversial Supervisor Sandra Fewer decided against running again ... Supervisor Matt Haney was able to get 68 new trash cans installed in the Tenderloin. Good job ... SF still has one of the lowest

Covid-19 infection rates of any US metropolis, and the fewest fatalities. Mayor Breed, the Supervisors and the Public Health Dept. deserve much credit. They plan to vaccinate everybody by June 30.

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"I wrote 3 short stories and a play, but now that I'm vaccinated I may actually have to work!"

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT: San Francisco Opera, Symphony and Ballet have survived due to generous donations. To shore up income, each streams productions and my g.f and I viewed "A Midsummer's Night Dream" the other night (music by Mendelssohn) ... SF Opera's presentation of Puccini's intense "Tosca" screens this weekend at Fort Mason's drive-in theater ... You may recall "The Matrix 4" starring Keanu Reeves filmed in the financial district last year. The movie is finished and producers eye a possible summer release ... But our next monthly meeting is definitely happening, so join our Zoom Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm. See you!

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