

MUNA March News Brief

NERT

David Adams attended a meeting of the Potrero Hill NERT group. Briony Doyle, the Potrero Coordinator is holding monthly meetings to review NERT skills and get to know each other. NERT training, provided by the SF Fire Dept is free. NERT volunteers are preparing to help in an emergency. Just google NERT for details. Contact David if you want to help.

PETANQUE

Neighbor Paul Kos will be installing an indoor Petanque Court at SOMArts Gallery 934 Brannan Street April 6-27. There will be an Artists Reception April 8, 6-9 at which time three seasoned players from La Boule d'Or who have won national and international championships, Joss and Jean Krauer and Jacques Biscay, have been invited to take on all comers with previous experience. If you have played before, you are welcome to try your skills against them in triplottes during the opening. If you want to learn how to play, Paul says he can schedule some instruction at a mutually convenient time. Sounds like a great way to learn the game.

PARK and EGG HUNT

RPD has been weed wacking and mowing the north side of the park so it actually looks nice and green at the moment. We are planning on an Easter Egg hunt for kids in the park on Saturday April 23. More details to come.

18th STREET POC and PARKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Not sure if you noticed, but we have been pretty aggressive about painting out any new graffiti that pops up. Do remember to email bridgewatch@sfmuna.org if you see anything. We're waiting for a stretch of dry weather to do some curvy sidewalk painting. The committee has other irons in the fire and we'll see where they lead. One is a plan to do a pilot study with 2 cameras on the bridge to document bridge usage. The other is to put together a bridge mural project.

SAFE

SAFE is initiating a "Community Watch" program which is essentially a way to coordinate the "Neighborhood Watch" groups in the same community. The first meeting in our area will happen April 7. I've offered my house as the first meeting place.

SAFE is also informing folks about a meeting April 6, Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Avenue where George Gascón and other special guests will talk about a Neighborhood Community Courts program.

CRIME

Part of the SAFE idea is for neighbors to keep in contact with each other regarding neighborhood crime. For that reason we need to have both phone and email lists in good shape. If something occurs that neighbors should be aware of please phone me or email me and I'll distribute the information. Reported crimes in our neighborhood are relatively low for this month. The chart below is from the website: <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/sanfrancisco>. It shows reported crimes for March within .2 miles of 541 Utah Street. The explanation points are report of nuisance/noise crimes. Purple car icon is stolen car report, while the black car icons have been broken into. Mask icon is robbery etc. You can also get this report in list format at the website.