

GWPNA: Why Be a Member?

A strong neighborhood association helps us all when problems arise, and often helps avoid them. To be strong and effective, we need and want to hear from you frequently, and we encourage you to come to as many monthly meetings as you can. We have a wealth of knowledge and influence when pooled together!

We communicate to our membership and the neighborhood in many ways, including:

- The FogCutter, our **Newsletter**
- www.gwpna.org, our **website** – where you can get information on meetings, agendas, minutes, and current events
- **Monthly open meetings** of the Steering Committee – all members and the general public welcome to hear speakers and discuss issues of vital interest to city residents (7:30 pm on first Tuesdays at the newly renovated West Portal Playground Clubhouse, 139 Lenox, above the Muni Tunnel).

Some of our **recent and current projects** for the West Portal community include:

- Upgrade and renovation of the West Portal Playground and Clubhouse on Lenox Avenue – where we now have our monthly meetings.
- Continual monitoring of development plans for the neighborhood to ensure compliance with the Planning Code and Prop. M requirements (keeping neighborhood character) such as plans for 470 West Portal (former SBC call center, soon to be a campus of The Waldorf School).
- Restoration and enlargement of open space on Edgehill Park, as well as planting/maintaining the space on second Saturdays of each month (1-3 pm).
- Working with MUNI to help provide landscaping around the West Portal Tunnel Station in combination with renovation and maintenance work scheduled for March 2006.
- Insisting on enforcement of zoning laws prohibiting additional financial institutions instead of ground-floor retail on West Portal Avenue.

Many of the members of our **Steering Committee** are significantly engaged in the work of the city, serving by appointment or request for the following:

- Mayor's Homelessness Council
- Mayor's Task Force on Housing
- Metropolitan Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Council
- Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
- Veterans Committee
- Lake Merced Task Force

Help our city and neighborhood by supporting and joining your local neighborhood association. **Visit our website and join!** If you have questions, please email our Membership Chair, Bert Hill at echill@sfhills.org



GWPNA Meetings for 2006

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

Meetings held at **West Portal Clubhouse**

139 Lenox (on top of MUNI Tunnel)

SEPTEMBER 12th Meeting: 7:30 pm **139 Lenox St. (above the Tunnel)**

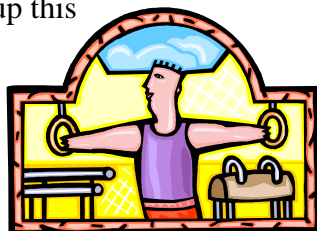
- Formal Election of New Steering Committee
- Update from Taraval Police Station
- Update from Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
- Neighborhood Status Reports
- Planning for Topics/Speakers for Upcoming Meetings



NEW **on the** **AVENUE**

So many new businesses and shops have opened up on the Avenue over the summer and late spring!

Back to Sports: Fitness Therapy at 342 West Portal. Darren Badong heads up this smart-looking center for personalized sports medicine, post-therapy rehab, athletic training and flexibility training.



The Dubliner Irish Pub

and sports bar at 324 West Portal – was a happenin’ place during the World Cup games this summer! The old “TK’s” never looked like this – check it out! Guinness on tap!

Ethan Allen Travel Agency at 314 West Portal, in part of the former Barbagelata real estate office.

Etteniotna: Handicrafts Collection at 248 West Portal – a fine array of interesting handmade gifts, clothing, jewelry and accessories for the home.

Que Syrah Wine Bar at 230 West Portal – if you haven’t stopped in for a late afternoon or evening taste of wine at this special little wine bar, you’re missing a real treat! Owners Stephanie and Keith are friendly and knowledgeable about wine, and eager to share their great wine discoveries with the neighborhood.



The Dog Spa – 169 West Portal – though it’s “By Appointment Only” there seems to be plenty of doggies getting the best attention at this little spot where the framing store used to be.

Just Because – Gifts and Cards

at 162 West Portal – Cynthia Pagan has more than given a facelift to the former Hallmark card store next to the Village Grill and the bakery – it’s a delightful place run by friendly people, offering great cards, stationery and gifts.



Bookshop West Portal at 80 West Portal – after GWPNA and the Merchants Association brought some pressure on the Planning Commission, this wonderful



space (formerly Hausen Home gifts) was saved for a true retail spot – and Neal and Anna Sofman have opened a great bookstore there! Children’s activities are available on weekends, and there have already been several authors of note appearing for signing events and reading excerpts from their books.

Opening Soon....

Little Fish Boutique – 320 West Portal – a women’s and children’s clothing store with toys too!



Edible Arrangements – 312 West Portal – going beyond the gift basket of fruit concept, this shop will be offering “fresh fruit designs” for gifts and parties.

Wine Styles – at the corner of West Portal and Ulloa, where Antiquarios used to be – should be opening soon, we hear, and they’ll feature a wide variety of wines arranged by descriptors (such as Smooth, Fruity, Light, etc.) for easy shopping.

And lastly, leaving our Avenue:

Carina (231 West Portal), the Italian bracelet and gift store, is closing ... but will continue to be available through its online store.

