



# Eureka!

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## News In Brief

You might have noticed that the Castro/Upper Market area has been looking brighter these days. And you might have spied some people combing the streets in teal jackets with the initials "CBD" emblazoned on the back helping to make it brighter. Beginning in February of this year MJM Management Group began cleaning efforts in the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District area to beautify the area for residents and visitors alike. Maintenance workers have been working daily to sweep the sidewalks, remove graffiti and perform general cleanup of the district.

The area encompassed by the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District (CBD) stretches from the intersection of Castro and 19th Streets up Market Street to its intersection with Octavia Street. The district takes in many of the side streets along Market Street, approximately one block on each side.

MJM Management Group performs sidewalk maintenance, including daily sweeping and periodic steam cleaning, graffiti removal and basic landscape maintenance. For assistance with public right-of-way issues please call the Castro/Upper Market CBD dispatch line at 415-559-8698 seven days a week between the hours of 9 am and 6 pm. The MJM dispatcher will then direct the maintenance staff to handle the request. In addition, beginning in May, a special SFPD patrol will begin patrolling the Castro/Upper Market CBD area in the evenings. For problems after 6 pm the Patrol Officer can be reached at 415-559-8698. For any sidewalk or public right-of-way issue, MJM Management Group is here to serve you.

## Volunteers Needed for Pink Triangle

EVPA Treasurer and Board Member David Weiss has graciously agreed to place a table outside his restaurant, Catch, on Pink Saturday (June 24) to provide information about the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial and to get new members to join our organization. We will need volunteers to man it from noon until 8PM. Details will be discussed at the next General Membership meeting. If you are interested, please contact David at [developsmartusa@yahoo.com](mailto:developsmartusa@yahoo.com).

On Sunday, June 25, volunteers are also needed to place the pink triangle flag atop Twin Peaks. It takes at least 40 people to make the project happen. The goal is to educate people about the hatred of the past to help prevent it from happening again. If you can't make it, please let others know that their help would be greatly appreciated. The installation will be Saturday June 24, 2006 from 7am -10am with a Commemoration Ceremony at 10:30 am. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is our special guest speaker! Numerous dignitaries will be at the commemoration, as well as the fabulous S.F. Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. The removal will be Sunday June 26 from 4:30 – 7:30. For further information, please contact Patrick Carney (415-247-1100 x 142) or visit the web site at <http://www.thepinktriangle.com>.



## Planning Committee Notes for June 2006

Relatively few notices were received in May, I encourage interested EVPA members to contact the Planning Department (558-6392) and request copies of these notices so that you can review them at your convenience. As you stroll through your neighborhood, please take a moment to walk by these addresses to see first-hand what building is being considered for remodel, addition or demolition.

Here is an update on new notices:

3087 20th Street: A proposal to construct a rear addition to enclose an external staircase and add a roof deck. This proposal is subject to a variance hearing scheduled for 5/24/06.

70 Douglass Street: A proposal to demolish the existing single family home, subdivide the lot, and build two single family homes. One new building would face Douglass, while the other would face Ord. From the Douglass Street side, the existing building is set far back on the lot, leaving a large front yard. This is somewhat odd for this block, as on either side of this property are multi-unit buildings with no front yards. From Ord Street, the building is difficult to see and the sidewalk is overgrown with weeds, although they have recently tidied it up. The building itself appears relatively plain and needs of some attention. Right now, I don't see any problem with this demo, but I'm interested in any comments membership may have. EVPA has not yet been approached by the developer or by any neighbor regarding this project.

590 Castro Street: A proposal to subdivide two existing units above a ground floor commercial space into a total of four units, each with two bedrooms. A variance for open space and a conditional use for parking were previously granted for this project.

3976 19th Street: A variance request for rear yard setback, increasing a previously approved rear deck 2.5 feet into the rear yard.

209-209A Castro Street: A proposal to add a second unit to the existing single family home. This won't expand the building beyond its current dimensions. A variance has been previously granted regarding the lack of a second off street parking space.

133, 135 & 135 Collingwood: A proposal to lift up the existing two-story, three family dwelling approximately 7 feet to allow for a garage and new living area. Also included is demolition of the existing rear deck and construction of a rear horizontal extension. These changes comply with the Planning Code in terms of setback and height.

2268 15th Street: A proposal to construct an addition to the front of the top floor of the existing three family dwelling. A flat roof is proposed. The project will not increase the height of the building.

## Update on 341-343 Corbett Street

In the Corbett Heights Neighborhood is a 12,700 square foot lot that goes from Corbett to Market. It is currently zoned "P" for public use. It used to be tended by the neighbors. About 25 years ago, a woman slipped and fell, and sued the city. Since then it has been chain-linked off. Currently it is very overgrown, but still a welcome presence in our increasingly cemented-over neighborhood.

Currently, the city is hoping to sell the property to developers. The money from the sale would go towards affordable housing elsewhere. In order to make the property more attractive to developers, the Planning Dept. is having a hearing on Thursday, June 8th, to discuss changing the zoning to "RH-2" for 2 family housing.

In the 2 years since I've been President of Corbett Heights Neighbors, there has never been an issue that has generated as much grief – first, because the city would consider selling off one of the few remaining green parcels, when greening of the city has been touted by the Mayor's office, and second, because the Planning Dept. would opt to rezone the site without an Environmental Impact Review and before the Board of Supervisors had a chance to discuss other options.

All but one person responding to an email survey voiced a desire to keep the site undeveloped, and hopefully develop it into a park. Another middle ground idea that has been discussed is to construct a stairway that would connect Corbett to Market, with landscaping on either side – similar to the Pemberton or Vulcan steps, and to have the level area on Corbett made into a seating area with benches.

Although this site lacks some of the majesty of Tank and Kite Hills, both of those sites were saved from development by neighborhoods that actively fought to save them.

### Minutes of General Membership Meeting, May 18, 2006

1. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes from the April meeting were approved.
2. Upon motion made and seconded, membership approved writing a letter to the San Francisco Planning Department asking that it defer any rezoning of the property located at 341-343 Corbett Street until the San Francisco Board of Supervisors votes to determine the best use of the land.
3. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

### Upcoming EVPA Meetings

EVPA meetings are back in the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Auditorium, 100 Collingwood (behind Cala Foods).

See you there!

*June 15, July 20, August 17*

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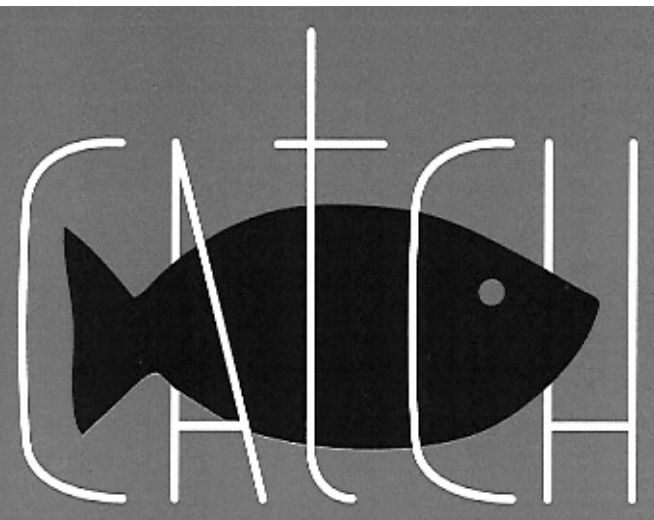
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 Police Non-Emergency 553-0123  
 Police/Mission Station 558-5400  
 Help A Homeless Person 431-7400  
 (Mobile Assistance Patrol dispatched)  
 Street Cleaning 695-2017 or 695-2020  
 Abandoned Vehicles 553-9817  
 DTP Dispatch 553-1200  
 Street Signs Missing/Damaged 554-9780  
 Pot Hole Repair 695-2100  
 Supervisor Bevan Dufty's Office 554-6968  
 bevan.dufty@sfgov.org  
 CBD Hotline 559-6968

### 2006 EVPA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Frank Weiss  
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**At-Large Board Members:** Mike Babbitt, Adam Hagen, Joe Foster, Rick Galbreath

## Join EVPA by Sending Us This Completed Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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My concerns for the neighborhood include \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in working on the following issues:

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\_\_\_ I wish to receive my copy of the Eureka! Via the internet rather than by US Mail

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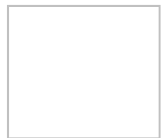
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**General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday June 15, 2006 7:30pm**  
**Eureka Valley Recreation Center**  
**100 Collingwood St.**

### AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of May 18 Minutes
3. TIC Legislation
4. Corbett Street proposal by Gary Weiss
5. Call for Pink Saturday volunteers for EVPA/PTPM at Catch
6. Proclamations
7. Use of email for EVPA bulletins

