

AROUND THE VILLAGE

SEPTEMBER 2019

1st Annual Getting There Together (GTT): A Celebration of All Ages and Abilities

At Sunday Streets Tenderloin- @ Civic Center

September 8th, 2019 | 11am – 4pm

<http://www.sundaystreetssf.com/gtt/>

The inaugural Getting There Together event is a signature citywide celebration of San Francisco seniors and adults with disabilities. Presented by CASE (Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly) in partnership with Livable City/Sunday Streets, the Department of Aging and Adult Services, Age and Disability Friendly San Francisco, and the Dignity Fund Coalition, the event will bring together seniors, people with disabilities, service providers, City officials, and the general public to celebrate and ensure San Francisco is a great place to live and age.

Taking place during Sunday Streets Tenderloin in Civic Center — the heart of San Francisco — the 2019 Getting There Together Celebration will feature:

Main Stage (line-up coming soon!)

The main stage will provide a platform for community performances and celebration — all while raising awareness about the contributions of seniors and adults with disabilities to the broader community and attendees at Sunday Streets. With a focus on diverse, culturally relevant programming, the main stage entertainment will fuse professional music and dance performances with community group recitals and exciting guest stars for 5 hours of free public programming.

Interactive Resource Fair

Livability Pavilion – One-stop shop for information about housing, transportation and street safety, financial planning, and other resources that all San Franciscans need to thrive.

Health & Fitness Track – Learn about resources for physical and mental health, healthy eating, fitness, and caregiver resources. We'll also have a one-of-a-kind "Loving Hut" — an area where we'll explore healthy sexual expression at all ages and for people of all abilities.

All Abilities Open Air Gymnasium (line-up coming soon)

Taking place in and around Civic Center Plaza, the All Abilities Open Air Gymnasium will feature a range of accessible classes, workshops, and activities throughout the day — from line dancing, to Tai Chi instruction, to seated meditation, to Paralympic-style fitness competitions. *Getting There Together is presented by CASE, in Partnership with Livable City/Sunday Streets, the Department of Aging and Adult Services, Age & Disability Friendly SF, and the Dignity Fund Coalition.*

NEXTVillageSF

At home, right where you are.

Monthly Events Around the Village

Join us for these fun monthly activities!

New Event location: Coffee Klatch -

Wednesdays, 10-11:30am

Fueling Station, 2436 Polk St

Bocce Ball -

Wednesdays, 3pm

Joe DiMaggio Bocce Ball Courts, 651 Lombard Street.

Drink and Draw -

Friday, September 6th 1-2:45pm

North Beach Library (In the Community Room - upstairs/elevator), 850 Columbus Avenue.

Writing with Meg O - A unique approach!

Monday September 9, 1-2:45 pm

North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue.

Lunch with The Bunch -

Wednesday, September 11, 11:30am-1pm

Perry's 1944 Union Street

Sid's Salon! Sid keeps the classic films coming!

The Wind Will Carry Us

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00pm-9:30pm

Jane Winslow's home. RSVP for details.

Happy Hour -

Monday, September 16, 4-6 pm

Bella Cora - 565 Green Street

Death Café – Share your thoughts!

Tuesday, September 17, 1-2:45pm

North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue
Free-form conversation about end of life.

Reading Circle- Calling all readers!

Books, Magazines, Journals

Wednesday, September 25, 4-5pm

Fior D'Italia, in the San Remo Hotel, 2237 Mason

Technology Teach-in - New Teacher needed

Friday, September 27, 1-2:30pm

North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue

RSVP required.



OFFICE SPACE NEEDED:

Help NEXT find an office! We would like to have a permanent home to better serve you. Send us your tips!

Please tell us about an office, unused storefront, or any donated or low-cost space we could call home. As you walk around the neighborhood, please take pictures and jot down numbers of anything that you think might be suitable.

We're in search of a space that is accessible so that all of our members can enter without any mobility limitations.

Please send all information to: jjones@nextvillagesf.org or call 415-888-2868. Thank you.



REMINDER: NEXT LAUNCHES NEW RSVP SYSTEM.

With over 100 social, cultural, and educational events each year, and the City's requirement that we track numbers of attendees, we (mostly Molly) are drowning in data tasks. In order to help reduce that workload, we are asking members and guests to please RSVP using the link provided with each activity. Here are the steps:

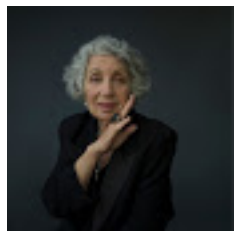
1. Click on the link provided in the newsletter. It should take you directly to the event of your choice.
2. First time users MAY be asked to create a user name and password. This should be your email address and a password of your choice. We recommend you consider something easy to remember.
3. Following that step, you will be able to add your name to the registration list.
4. Feel free to search the calendar for other events you are interested in and register for them at the same time.
5. You can also review the calendar on our website, www.nextvillagesf.org, and use that calendar to access the registration link.

You can still call us with your RSVP (415-888-2868) and if this is too challenging, feel free to send us an email at rsvp@nextvillagesf.org as you did in the past. If you have questions, just let us know!

We're excited to announce that our website has a new, fresh look and features more helpful tools and content. Check us out at www.nextvillagesf.org Do your friends a favor and tell them about us by sending them the link!



Faith Winthrop, jazz vocalist, has passed away.



Faith Winthrop, the jazz vocalist who founded Glide Memorial Church's community gospel choir and mentored Bay Area luminaries such as Ledisi, Lavay Smith and Paula West, died on July 1 in San Francisco. She was 87. Her death was confirmed by Erika Lenkert, her daughter, who said the cause was complications from what was expected to be a simple surgery. Until her death, Winthrop performed twice monthly at Fior d'Italia restaurant in the city. Faith led a singing group for NEXT Village several years ago and members loved being a part of her class.

Lenkert is planning a celebration of life event for September 29th, 2:30-5:30 at Fior d'Italia. All are invited.



Molly's Minute – The Volunteer Corner

Jacqueline here – Molly is taking some well-deserved time away from the office and left me in charge of her column! I know that she publishes a wish list of volunteer service requests that need a trusty volunteer, so I will take a run at that. We have a lot of new members, many of whom speak Italian, and a lot of great volunteers, so wouldn't it be sweet if each of these needs was covered when she returns? Let's take a run at it!

EVENT HOST: Wednesday Coffee Klatch- While Molly and I love to attend our events, it isn't always possible. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve as the host by arriving a few minutes before 10am, welcoming other members to coffee, pushing a table together if need be, and enjoying your coffee. This is something that several of you could offer to do.

GROCERY HELP: We have a number of members who need a ride to Trader Joe's, Safeway, Smart & Final. Can you pick them up and take them on these errands?

TRAVEL TALES SPEAKERS: We are restarting our Travel Tales speaker series. Have you been somewhere interesting and would like to share information about your trip with us? We hope so! We would love to travel vicariously. We are also looking for a volunteer to help you if you need support organizing your photos for the presentation.

WALKING BUDDIES: Several new members would LOVE to have a walking buddy – one would like one three days per week. If several people volunteer, we could cover all of these requests.

If Molly were to write this, I know she would have led with how much she LOVES our volunteers. She truly does. Helping connect members to volunteers is her favorite thing to do. Thank you for all that you do!

Members, please contact Molly if you need something: Molly at (858) 245-5575, 8:30 am-5pm, M-F, or by email at: molly@nextvillagesf.org. P.S. The more advance notice, the better.



ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER – PLEASE JOIN US.

Weekly COFFEE KLATCH NOTE: New September LOCATION -



Everyone is welcome.

Every Wednesday, join us anytime between 10am-11:30am.

JOIN in each Wednesday morning for coffee and conversation at Fueling Station

All the cool members who live near gather round, get to know each other, talk current events, or past events! Enjoy delicious coffee, comfortable seating, tasty food, and a relatively quiet environment.

RSVP not required, but appreciated

<https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/1047-coffee-klatch-at-a-fun-local-cafe>

415-888-2868.

All San Francisco Concert – Special event, featuring Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor.

Thursday, September 5th, 8pm -10
Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall,
201 Van Ness San Francisco

The All San Francisco Concert is a special Davies Symphony Hall performance for San Francisco social service and neighborhood organizations, in recognition and gratitude for the work these groups do to enrich the lives of and serve the citizens of San Francisco. This concert is an integral part of the San Francisco Symphony's opening week activities, and embodies the Symphony's commitment to bringing classical music to the region's diverse communities.



Program

Liszt

[Mephisto Waltz No. 1 for Orchestra](#)

Tchaikovsky

[Rococo Variations](#)

Gershwin

[Cuban Overture](#)

Gershwin

[An American in Paris](#)

RSVP <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/1035-san-francisco-symphony's-all-city-concert>
Members only. Limit 8 tickets.

Drink & Draw



This class is open to anyone at any skill level. Normally led by the lovely and talented Lucia Gonnella, who fell while in Italy and fractured her femur! A substitute is being lined up, and if no substitute is available, we'll just paint freely together.

Friday, September 6, 1-2:45pm

North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue

Bring your watercolor supplies and fruit & vegetables to paint!

RSVP: <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/731-drink--draw>

415-888-2868.

NEXT Village's Monthly Writing Group- featuring Meg O'Shaughnessy – Open to everyone!

Try Meg's unique method for bringing your creativity forward.



**Monday, September 9th, 1-2:45pm.
North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue**

We are an informal, facilitated writing group that meets once a month for the sheer joy of getting to know ourselves and each other.

RSVP not required: <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/1032> 415-888-2868.



LUNCH IS SERVED!

Lunch with the Bunch!– Bell Tower

Wednesday, September 11, 11:30-12:30 or so.

1900 Polk Street

<http://places.singleplatform.com/the-bell-tower/menu?ref=google>

RSVP: <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/749-lunch-with-the-bunch>

415-888-2868.

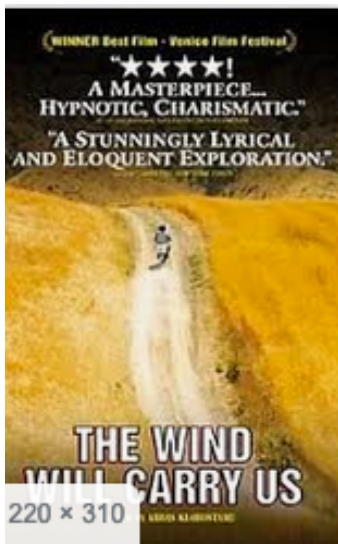


Sid's Salon - Sid keeps the classic films coming!

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00pm. Address given with RSVP.

RSVP: <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/761-sid's-salon->

The Wind will Carry Us – Iran - Abbas Kiarostami 1hr 58 min. 1999



As with many of Abbas Kiarostami's films, it is hard to say what this film is exactly. A poetic, almost surreal, comedy of human behavior comes close. It takes place in Siah Dareh, a traditional village tucked away in the mountains and surrounded in its valley by lush fields of grain and other crops. The cinematography is spectacular, so much so that at times I felt the actions of the protagonist were choreographed to allow us to see both the village and the spectacular valley that is its home. The man (Behzad Dorani) the villagers call "the engineer," runs much of the time, ironically a slave to his mobile phone, which he can only use by racing in his ramshackle truck to the top of a hill to get reception, abandoning whatever he is doing in the process, a forerunner, you might say, of people rushing by us on the streets of San Francisco as they stare fixedly at their mobile phones. Almost 20 years ago, Kiarostami knew what was coming, even in Iran.

We meet Behzad Dorani as he travels with some colleagues to the village, filmed in a long shot, so we never see who is in the old car that labors up the hills surrounding the valley and its hillside village. We just hear their voices complaining about the

length of the trip. It seems they are a small film crew on an assignment to film something in the village. A woman 100 years old is dying and most commentaries say the men, or at least the "engineer," as the people decide to call him, is there to be part of the vigil during the woman's final days, but it is not clear—deliberately. Her persistence in living is the shaggy dog story that forms the loose structure of the film. But the real story is

the engineer's relationship to the villagers— his pregnant neighbor across the courtyard, the owner of a tea shop, a teacher, and most of all to a young boy named Farhad who acts as his guide to the village. His relationship to this young boy teaches the engineer about the village and, finally, about himself. It is touching, often wryly and gently humorous, and profoundly human, right to the end.

Let us know if you need transportation. All are welcome. \$5 for non-members.

<https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/761-sid's-salon->



Docent-led Tour of Historical of Ft. Point. (Marine Drive, West end of Crissy Field near the Golden Gate Visitors Center)

Friday, September 13th, 11am-12pm (Meet there at 10:45 am)

Join a ranger near the front entrance of Fort Point for a tour! Learn about the soldiers' lives at Fort Point, the fort's unique architecture, the defenses of the Golden Gate and lots more. Tours are scheduled daily at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.



Members only. Limit 10. RSVP required. [https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/1081-tour-of-historic-ft - point](https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/1081-tour-of-historic-ft-point) 415-888-2868.

Cheers! Happy Hour

Monday, September 16, 4-6pm

Everyone is welcome!

New location: Bella Cora - 565 Green Street

RSVP not required: <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/773>
415-888-2868.



TALK. LISTEN. SHARE. Men's Conversation Group ~ Women's Conversation Group **Led by Ace Volunteer, Alex Pellegrini @Aquatic Park - 890 Beach Street**

The women's group meets every ***Wednesday from 12:45-1:45pm in Rm. 11**

The men's group meets every ***Wednesday from 2:30-3:30pm in Rm. 13**

RSVP not required.

Thank you, Alex & Leslie for all that you do for this group. We appreciate you!



Death Café – Circle of Sharing – Tuesday, September 17, 1-2:45pm North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue

A unique opportunity to share what's on your mind regarding this often-unspoken subject. It's not morbid, we promise! What's keeping you from trying this?

Death Café's (<http://deathcafe.com/what/>) have been steadily gaining fans. At Death Cafe people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death.

A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes.

Note: A Death Café is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

<https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/787-death-cafe-circle-of-sharing>



Technology Teach-in

We are carrying on with Hope's Technology Teach-in's.

Friday, September 27, 1-2:30pm

Technology Support - phones, i-Pads, tablets, email, etc.

North Beach Library, 850 Columbus Avenue, Downstairs Teen Room. Bring your devices and passwords.

Members only. RSVP required. <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/1082-tech-teach-in>
or 415-888-2868.



Reading Circle – Read what you like and tell us about it!

Wednesday, September 25, 4–5pm, Fior D'Italia. 2237 Mason

Here is a recommendation from a recent Reading Circle:

***Papa Hemingway: A Personal Memoir* (AE Hotchner)** [Recommended by Jennifer]



In 1948, A. E. Hotchner went to Cuba to ask Ernest Hemingway to write an article on “The Future of Literature” for *Cosmopolitan* magazine. The article never materialized, but from that first meeting at the El Floridita bar in Havana until Hemingway’s death in 1961, Hotchner and the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize–winning author developed a deep and abiding friendship. They caroused in New York City and Rome, ran with the bulls in Pamplona, hunted in Idaho, and fished the waters off Cuba. Thankfully, Hotchner took it all down. *Papa Hemingway* provides fascinating details about Hemingway’s daily routine, including documentation of his encounters with many of the twentieth century’s most notable artists and celebrities. In the literary icon’s final years, as his poor health began to affect his work, Hotchner tenderly and honestly portrays Hemingway’s valiant attempts to beat back the depression that would lead him to take his own life.

RSVP requested but not required: <https://nextsf.helpfulvillage.com/events/799>
or 415-888-2868.



Bocce Ball every Wednesday from 3-5:30 at the North Beach Library courts.

Boules Sauvages, Bocce and Boules – call it what you will - The game anyone can enjoy. Everyone is welcome. No prior skills needed. Led by Rod Freebairn-Smith. Feel free to just show up and join the fun, wine, and light food. No RSVP required. Just drop by!



LGBTQ News: Mayor Breed Proposes New SAFE Navigation Center in the Bayview

Mayor London Breed, along with Supervisor Shamann Walton, on July 29 proposed building a new SAFE (Shelter and Access for Everyone) Navigation Center in the Bayview to serve people experiencing homelessness. The proposed SAFE Navigation Center is part of her efforts to open 1,000 new shelter beds by the end of 2020. San Francisco District 10, which includes the Bayview, has an especially urgent need for additional shelter beds. The 2019 Point-in-Time Count found 1,889 people experiencing homelessness in District 10, and only 455 emergency shelter beds.

The SAFE Navigation Center would provide approximately 200 beds for people experiencing homelessness and would include dormitories, offices and community space, along with laundry facilities, and medical and social

services. The Center would replace the 125 overnight mats currently offered at Providence Church with beds, and would add 75 new beds.

“We have to continue to move quickly to build more shelters and housing throughout our City because there are too many people suffering on our streets,” Mayor Breed said. “We especially need more shelters in neighborhoods like the Bayview where there aren’t currently enough resources to serve the people who need them. This SAFE Navigation Center will be a place where people can get the help they need to exit homelessness.”

Community Health Status Assessment data concerning the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood reveals that HIV/AIDS is one of the top causes of premature male death, with violence/assault and drug use disorders also being on the list. Homeless individuals can be more susceptible to HIV/AIDS and other health problems, as well as becoming victims of crime, given their inherent lack of resources and protection, along with other factors. As *San Francisco Bay Times* columnist Andrea Shorter reports in this issue, LGBTQ youth make up about half of the unsheltered youth population in San Francisco.

In terms of the proposed new navigation center, an advisory committee consisting of local residents, merchants, faith leaders and advocates is working with the City on the project. The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH).



Our 5th Annual Halloween Party is NEXT MONTH!



NEXT’s famous Halloween Party is Sunday, October 27, at the Italian Athletic Club. Our theme this year is **Motown!**

NEXT Village San Francisco presents our super-fun annual Halloween Party Featuring *SHAKE* - performing a tribute to Motown, and: Fantastic costumes, and costume contest, hors d’oeuvres, CASH BAR, RAFFLE, and plenty of room to sing and dance along.

Grab some friends, join your neighbors, or come solo. It's a warm and welcoming scene. There will also be lots of seating- host your own table, or join a table-in-progress.

PS, We are looking for great raffle items... gift certificates, vacation destinations, airline tickets, etc. If you have anything to contribute, please let us know! Thank you.

Tickets, and new this year, Small Business Supporter sponsors are now available at:
<https://www.universe.com/halloweeninthevillage-motown-style>

KLEID DESIGN GROUP DONATES CONSULTING SERVICES TO THE HALLOWEEN RAFFLE!

Thank you to our first Halloween Party Raffle donor, three hours of consultation, valued at \$450, courtesy of Jonathan Kleid from KLEID DESIGN GROUP, Fine Custom Cabinetry. 415-207-6597.

For over two decades, Bay Area interior designers and architects have been using Kleid Design Group to design, manufacture and install beautiful kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities, library bookshelves, window seats, and home office furniture.

Whether you have an idea in mind, or don't know where to start, Jonathan Kleid and his network of local craftspeople and specialized manufacturers will take care of you.



THANK YOU, KLEID! Readers, you don't have to wait for the raffle to consult with KLEID DESIGN GROUP. Reach them at 415-2-7-6597 or <https://kleidgroup.com/>



From the Director:



L-R, daughter Jasmine, the bride, and me!

I am grateful that I was able to spend quality time with family during my daughter's wedding in August. I had a house full of relatives and friends and we kept everyone hopping with pre-wedding activities and sight-seeing in beautiful Oregon. The wedding was simple and lovely, and Kasey's father and I are so happy that the two lovebirds had the wedding that they wanted.

Fall is on its way, and with it brings our 5th annual Halloween Party. We look forward to seeing all of you and your costume (optional, but awesome if you do). We plan to offer more donated items at our raffle, so if you have anything of value, be it a service, a trip, airline miles, a get-away, we would welcome that.

We are awaiting a meeting with the Department of Aging and Adult Services about future add-back funding from the Board of Supervisors. Before that meeting could be scheduled, we had to undergo a final annual review by the Department. We had to demonstrate that we had met the service objectives and outcomes as outlined in our contract. That required us to provide them with numerous reports from our database proving that we had served our membership as we said we would. Not only did we meet our goals and objectives, thanks to our volunteers, we exceeded them. If we had been able to include the number of services we provided to our subsidized members, our numbers would have been through the roof. We will keep you apprised of the process.

That's it for now. I'll see you in September, and Around The Village.

Jacqueline

jjones@nextvillagesf.org * 415-888-2868. * www.nextvillagesf.org

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY – Sunday, September 9th!

NEXT'ra: Extra helpful information:

Equifax Data Breach

The hassle of having your data breached by the Equifax credit reporting agency means you may be entitled to \$125 from the settlement ordered by the Federal Trade Commission. 🗝️ If you're one of the 147 million-plus people who had their data exposed by Equifax's massive 2017 data breach, you can file a claim for cash or free credit monitoring, courtesy of Equifax's recent settlement with the Federal Trade Commission.

Details: The deadline for all claims is January 22, per the FTC, and benefits will not be sent until January 23 at the earliest. Click here <https://www.equifaxbreachsettlement.com/> for step by step instructions on how to check if your information was exposed and, if so, how to file a claim.

If you would like NEXT to help you discover if you were impacted and due a settlement, please let us know. We can easily check for you.

Visit SFMOMA for Free. Thursday, September 19th

For the second time this year, SFMOMA is opening the museum free of charge all day on Thursday, Sept 19, as part of the Culture for Community initiative — a coalition of more than a dozen Yerba Buena neighborhood arts and cultural institutions. Don't miss out! Tickets are free, but an RSVP (link below) is highly encouraged.

Bring your friends along to enjoy SFMOMA's seven floors of lively and inspiring artworks. From a [massive digital mural of San Francisco](#) citizens by the artist JR, to a deep and entertaining look at the history of photography "errors" in [Don't! Photography and the Art of Mistakes](#), enjoy the full breadth of the museum all day. Stay tuned for details about SFMOMA's events for the day, including spotlight tours, films, happy hours, and even some intergenerational salsa making! Reserve your SFMOMA tickets now, and you'll be entered to win a one-year SFMOMA membership. Limit two adult tickets per reservation. Children 18 and younger always get in free!

https://www.sfmoma.org/event/culture-for-community-free-day-2/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=MKT_FallCulture4Community-FY20_081219_MIM&utm_campaign=culture-community%20&utm_content=version_A

GO GO GRANDPARENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE NOW OFFERS MEAL DELIVERY!



Our friends at Go Go Grandparent have started delivering meals! Day-to-day, or maybe post-hospital, this might make your life easier! Order meals from local restaurants. Call Go Go Grandparent and get a list of your local restaurants mailed to your home. Craving something different? Let them know and they can make a custom request.

GoGoGourmet is the easiest way to have food from your favorite local restaurants delivered right to your door. Give them a call at 855-754-5328 to speak with a live operator, or visit the Gourmet website at www.gogogourmet.com. (There is a \$4 fee for delivery... very reasonable!)

PS, Thanks you Go Go Grandparent for contributing coupons to last years' Halloween Party!

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