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February, 2016

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE GGTA

GGTA will hold its annual membership meeting from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, February 27, at L'Olivier Restaurant, 465 Davis Court. Our former and newly re-elected District 3 supervisor Aaron Peskin has accepted our invitation to speak.

Other speakers will include Sue Rokaw on security, Bill Hannan on neighborhood developments and Lee Radner on 8 Washington. GGTA officers and board members will be elected for 2016. There may be free coffee.

Any resident of the Gateway who pays annual dues of \$ 30 is invited to attend membership meetings. For 2016, first-time members will be allowed to join for \$ 15. Checks payable to GGTA may be mailed to PO Box 2134, San Francisco, CA 94126, or will be accepted at the door. Please fill in and bring the "coupon" in this newsletter along with your dues payment or mail it with your payment.

WHAT IS THE GGTA?

While some of us have known the GGTA since its founding in 1982, many of our neighbors are not familiar with what we do and why we exist. On the third page of this issue of our newsletter, we have an overview of our organization and its activities that benefit the residents of The Gateway. Please take the time to read it and if you are not already a member, consider joining us. The larger our membership, the more impact we can make on our corner of San Francisco.

TEATRO ZINZANNI

Plans are in the works for the Teatro ZinZanni which will be located in what is now the triangular shaped parking lot at the end of Broadway. The 180 room, 4 story hotel, will front on Broadway and will have a ground floor restaurant at the corner of Broadway and the Embarcadero. Included in the plans are a dinner theatre and a small park. There will be no on-site parking. The aforementioned dinner theatre will be a glass enclosed tent in the middle of the triangle.

MORE CONSTRUCTION COMING OUR WAY

In addition to Teatro ZinZanni, a number of construction projects are slated for our neighborhood. An affordable housing project is planned for 88 Broadway at Broadway and Front which we expect will include units for middle-income tenants. A proposed 33 unit condominium project is being considered at Battery and Pacific; likewise, a 22 story hotel may rise at 439 Washington next to the fire station, located at Sansome and Washington, where Il Massimo is now.

As we learn details, we will keep you informed via Nextdoor or on our own website, www.goldengatewaytenants.org.

KEEPING INFORMED

Besides Nextdoor and our website, a great source of current local information is the free online news service Hoodline.com with our own Geri Koepfel.

A GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Good things are happening at The Gateway to ensure a safe environment for all both during the Super Bowl activities that have wrapped up and going forward. Do your part by not allowing people into each of your own buildings if you do not know them. Send these people to the main security desk. And always, be aware of your surroundings.

The Gateway Management Team, Clarisse Tan, Director of Property Management and Jose Angulo, Operations Manager, reported the installation of cameras on the roof decks of the four Gateway Center buildings plus additional cameras in the garages. The main security desk monitors these cameras.

As for intolerable noise coming from other apartments, residents are also reminded to report this to the main security desk (415-434-2000). After one warning, Gateway Management can serve a three-day notice to these noisemaking residents to quit such conduct or leave. As for residents leasing their apartments through Airbnb or otherwise, such sub-leasing is NOT allowed per the leases we all signed and will result in the service of a three-day notice to such noncompliant residents to quit such conduct or leave. By the way, certain apartments at The Gateway are corporate housing which require stays of at least 32 days which means that you should not see different people coming and going from these apartments each day. If you do, let the main Gateway security desk know.

Good news at our local Safeway! District Asset Manager Brian Tremper, who spoke at the recent January 12, 2016, Neighborhood Watch meeting, reported on safety improvements at the store. A new monitor, in addition to the 48 cameras already in place, record all entries into and exits from the store allowing for easier identification of shoplifters. In addition, Safeway employees have received additional training in being more observant and visible in the store by moving around and being more proactive in making contact with shoppers, particularly those without shopping carts or baskets and are roaming through the store. This is particularly true in the morning hours when the incidence of shoplifting was the greatest. So far the results are positive and Central Police District Captain David Lazar advised there are fewer reported incidents from Safeway due to these improvements. Three cheers for Safeway!

by: Sue Rokaw, Vista East

WHAT WE DO

Founded in 1982, the Golden Gateway Tenants Association is a volunteer organization that informs its members and all Gateway tenants, and advances mutual interests including the preservation of rent control. We meet with Gateway management to discuss tenant concerns; keep

track of neighborhood developments that affect our quality of life; and promote social events that allow residents to meet and share common interests.

Our website is: goldengatewaytenants.org

We are affiliated with the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association, and GGTA members are nonvoting members of BCNA at no additional cost. GGTA board member Geri Koeppel is district editor of the free online news service Hoodline.com

In recent years, we joined other neighborhood groups in successfully opposing the 8 Washington luxury high-rise condominium project. Opponents collected thousands of petition signatures allowing the voters to decide the developer's proposed increase in the height limit for the site. In November, 2013, the voters rejected the 8 Washington height limit increase by a margin of nearly two to one, bringing the project to a halt, at least for the time being.

GGTA and its members contributed generously to the cost of building a privately-financed children's playground in Sue Bierman Park which opened in June, 2013. In 2014 and 2015, we conferred with Gateway management to review steep increases in water bills, and answered many tenant questions about the complicated billing procedure. In September, 2015, GGTA and BCNA jointly sponsored a well-attended District 3 supervisorial candidates' forum at KGO-TV. We invite our District 3 supervisor to speak at our annual GGTA membership meeting each year.

Security is an ongoing concern. In the past year, our security liaison, Sue Rokaw, organized and held three public neighborhood watch meetings with representatives of SFPD, other city agencies and Gateway management. Sue and GGTA president Bill Hannan attended a meeting on October 13 at the Gateway offices with representatives of Gateway management, SFPD and other city agencies.

Our board members attended many meetings in 2014 and 2015 about proposed real estate developments in our neighborhood; a proposed affordable housing project on Port property at 88 Broadway; a proposed 33-unit condominium complex at Battery and Pacific; and a Teatro ZinZanni dinner theater and 180-room hotel on Port property at Broadway and the Embarcadero, all currently in the planning stages, all of which would comply with existing height limits. We support BCNA president Bob Harrer's advocacy of making up to 25% of the rental units at 88 Broadway available to middle-income tenants, drawing on funds from the recently passed \$310M city affordable housing bond.

Our social chairs, JoAnn Michael and Tom Gilligan organize monthly First Tuesday no-host social events at 5:30 pm at various locations, most recently at the Patriot House at Two Embarcadero Center, third level. These events are announced on Nextdoorgatewaynetwork.com

by: Bill Hannan, Vista West

GOLDEN GATEWAY TENANTS ASSOCIATION (GGTA)

Did you know that the Gateway has a tenants association (GGTA) and we would love to have you join us? By joining GGTA, you become a non-voting member of the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association at no extra cost.

Our effectiveness when dealing with Gateway Management and SF city government is directly proportionate to the number of residents we represent. Our advocacy on your behalf can impact rent control, security, neighborhood developments, social events and other matters which mean so much to our lives.

We don't need you to commit your time (unless you wish) but we do need your support so we can work for you as GGTA continues to address so many issues impacting all Gateway residents.

Since we are stronger when our rolls grow, we are offering half-price dues (\$15) for 2016 for new members. In addition, current members who sign up a new member can enjoy the same discount. If you are a new member, or if you have recruited a new member, clip and mail the coupon below, together with your check payable to GGTA. Our half price offer is not available on our website.

If you are already a member, renew your GGTA membership. Simply go to our webpage: goldengatewaytenants.org and click "join" or send your coupon and check to GGTA, PO Box 2134, San Francisco, Ca 94126. Be sure to give us both your building and apartment number and your email address.

New or renewing members can also bring their check and coupon to the annual meeting on February 27.

by Bob Demchick, Vista West

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GOLDEN GATEWAY TENANTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Building _____ Apt. no. _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Area of special interest or concern _____

- ____ New member (\$ 15)
- ____ Renewing member (\$15); referred _____ as a new member
- ____ Renewing member (\$30)
- ____ Additional contribution of \$ _____ (thank you)