

BAYVIEW COMMUNITY UPDATE September 22, 2004

The following information will be released by the Police Department in an official Press Release today:

An unprecedented collaboration of Bayview businesses, residents, and city departments has brought about the return of Late Night Basketball to the Bayview District following a multi-year absence. The official title of this unique basketball league will be the Bayview Late Nite Peace Hoops games, which will affiliate with the Peace Games Project. A committee of Bayview supporters has worked tirelessly for over four months, meeting weekly at Bayview Station, in order to see this vision become a reality.

Late Night Basketball is about so much more than basketball. The purpose of this program is two-fold; first, to bring peace to the Bayview, and second, to create opportunities for young men residing in the Bayview District.

In an effort to bring peace to the streets of the Bayview, a district which has suffered more than its fair share of violence and tragedy, Late Night Basketball takes young men from rival neighborhoods and teaches them to trust and respect each other by making them teammates. So a young man from Harbor Road might be on the same team as a young man from Double Rock. And a young man from Westpoint Road might be on the same team as a young man from Kiska Road. These young men would normally never even speak with one another, let alone work together as teammates. And it is these same rivalries that have often led to violence, and even death.

The second component of this program focuses on opportunities for the young men. Before each night's games, a workshop is conducted by men who have credibility within the community. These men speak with the players about everything from job interviews and resumes, to HIV and parental responsibility. These workshops seek to provide the young men with both guidance and support, and to track the young men's progress as the season unfolds. As an adjunct to these workshops, every night's games will also

include a visit by a local business person who will speak about what it takes to work for his or her company. In addition, many of these businesses have committed to offering a full or part time job to one or more of the young men following their presentations.

The financial support for this program came from both the private and public sector. The largest financial backer is Sunset Scavenger, a San Francisco based company which volunteered early on to provide the necessary funding to support this effort. Additional Bayview businesses which supported Late Night Basketball are the T. Delaney Company (landscape design firm located in the Bayview), Bode Gravel and Concrete Company, and the William Spencer Company. Additional funding was provided by the San Francisco Housing Authority, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, and the University of California at San Francisco.

Among the many collaborators which met weekly over a period of many months in order to make this dream a reality are the following: the Bayview Foundation, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Housing Authority, and the San Francisco Police Department.

On September 22, at 7:00 p.m., Late Night Basketball will return to the Joseph Lee Recreation Facility at Newcomb Avenue and Mendell Street. The first night's event will include a "player draft" which will place the 60 players onto six teams. The draft will be followed by three mini-games. Also included in the first night's event will be a visit from some ex-49ers. Actual league games are scheduled to begin a week later, on September 29, and will continue for an additional seven weeks. All games will be played at the Joseph Lee Gym, except for the championship game, which is scheduled for November 17 at Kezar Pavilion.

For additional information regarding Late Night Basketball, please contact:

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Quality of Life and Housing Phones (This section will remain in every update).

For abandoned autos and other vehicle-related issues, phone 254-7185. Officer Maurice Edwards will have this phone from Monday to Thursday, from 6:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For illegal encampments, trash dumping, graffiti, etc., phone 254-7120. Officer Sue Lavin will have this phone from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For drug dealing, prostitution, and other related activities, phone

254-7197. This phone will be in the possession of the on-duty plainclothes unit, which changes from day to day and from watch to watch. Sgt. Carl Fabbri and Lt. Charlie Orkes will have this phone from around noon until around 11:00 p.m.

For the Westbrook Development (top of Hunter's Point Hill); Officers Edie Lewis and Raphael Rockwell can be reached at 509-1678. Officers Ramon Reynoso and Brett Bodisco can be reached at 806-8304.

For the Hunter's View Development (Westpoint & Middlepoint Roads); Officers Mike Robinson and Dave Dockery can be reached at 509-1270. Officers Ray Pascua and Mike Chantal can be reached at 987-6569.

For the Potrero Hill Development; Officers Kelvin Sanders and Alex Rodatos can be reached at 509-1408. Officers Tim Fowlie and Brian Hoo can be reached at 987-6389.

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