



Newsletter, July 2021
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**Please join us at the next Cayuga
Neighborhood Improvement Association
General meeting.**

When: Saturday July 17th, 2021

Time: 10 am via Zoom (zoom info sent out Friday)

Guest Speakers:

Lauren Chung -Sup. Safai's Office

Ingleside Police Station, Capt. Nicole Jones

Sarah Quinones – Vision SF

David Amador – SF District Attorney's Office

**Presidents Forum
Acting President Chris Dillon**

Over the past months, I've encountered the phrase 'brain fog' scattered throughout the media. As I ponder writing this column, the plants in my center patio are shrouded in our city's precious summer fog. Throughout my life, summer in our city has been a challenge! I now realize that the most evocative phrase for my seasonal disorder is 'brain fog'! Thus, I am delving into past columns for inspiration.

The call for officer nominations has been put forth since April, as our mandated by-laws elections schedule was disrupted due to Covid 19's SIP. This election cycle will be for one year only. Please contact us with nominations through our Gmail account: cayugaimprovement@gmail.com

A reminder: many members, including me, completely lost track of our dues status during Covid. In the near future, you will be receiving e-reminders re. your dues status. As we emerge from the depth of Covid isolation, our community will require a strong voice at City Hall! Please renew your membership, if you've not done so already! It takes a large community team with high hopes to influence

City Hall. In support of encouraging membership, I'll date myself by quoting a bit from a song from the 1950s:

'High Hopes':

Just what makes that little old ant
Think he'll move that rubber tree plant
Anyone knows an ant, can't
Move a rubber tree plant

But he's got high hopes, he's got high hopes
He's got high apple pie, in the sky hopes

So any time you're gettin' low
'Stead of lettin' go
Just remember that ant
Oops, there goes another rubber tree plant!

Our two focal team projects at this time are:

- 1). Securing a Pit Stop within our community. Pit Stops are pivotal to effective public health protocols. Pit Stops are a positive investment in support of dignity and quality of life for all who reside within our boundaries.
- 2). Organizing a community wide gathering at Cayuga Park during October. This gathering will focus on safety activities and will, hopefully, include real life training on how to pro-actively respond to the increase in hate crimes in our nation and communities.

During my interim presidency, I will continuously focus on my chosen theme: 'Find someone doing something right, recognize, and reward them!' I want to recognize the core members of the CNIA board...without them, there would be no functioning CNIA at this point. They are an amazing TEAM. Other members will be recognized in future columns. The CNIA board serves our community well:

MG Thomas, our secretary, serves as our memory. She organizes our meetings through her minutes and keeps us focused! A special note: MG's poem on 'White Privilege' was chosen by the poet laureate of San Francisco for publication through the San Francisco Public Library!

Renee Anderson, our treasurer, is also our cyber guru. Renee, while working full time in a demanding position, has shepherded the CNIA out of the 19th century and into the 21st! She manages our cyber presence.

Barbara Fugate, our at large and newsletter editor, has served diligently on more city wide committees than I can keep count of. She has served in many offices, including president. Currently, she is once again creating a highly read-able newsletter.

Jane Merschen, our membership and outreach coordinator. Jane has contributed many hours to the CNIA over the years. I remember going door to door with Jane, who is the best cold call person I've ever known, well over

10 years ago. The membership flyers being distributed now were created by Jane & her team. Jane has also created 'Cayuga Jeopardy', a truly fun on line board game focused on our community. You will all have a chance to play it soon while learning weird and wonderful facts about our history.

I re-iterate my April message: I would like to encourage everyone in our community to find someone doing something right and then recognize them with a heartfelt thank you. 'Many hands make light work' ~ this phrase from my childhood sums up the impact of selfless acts. If we each choose to do what we realistically can, together we will ultimately have achieved a lot (remember the ant and the rubber tree plant)!!

May 2021 be filled with blessings in each of your lives and in our community.

**Cayuga Improvement Association General
Membership Meeting April 17, 2021, 10:00 am (held
online via Zoom)
MG Thomas**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Acting President Dillon welcomed attendees and gave the CIA's contact and social media information: Website: cayugaimprovementassociation.org
Email: cayugaimprovement@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CayugaImprovement/>

Report from Ingleside Precinct, SFPD Captain Nicole Jones joined the SFPD in 2007 and worked 5 years in Ingleside. Her email is nicole.h.jones@sfgov.org. SFPD is preparing response plans to the Chauvin trial with outreach efforts to the community. Generally, crime trends are down in the precinct except for robbery and burglary. There have been many garage break-ins and the SFPD has put information in their newsletters about how to avoid break-ins. There is also a very slight increase in auto theft. More campers have been parking illegally overnight; report this to the police department when you see it.

Sideshowes are ongoing and the SFPD has created a consolidated response team. Please call 911 if you see a sideshow in progress; don't assume someone else has reported it. The SFPD is fully aware of the increase in attacks on AAPI people. They are working with all communities, trying to make people more comfortable calling and reporting all incidents directly to the police, and not just posting on social media.

A question was raised about thefts of catalytic converters. Captain Jones explained that these aren't individuals - they are well-organized teams that can do this in minutes. Research is ongoing about how to prevent these thefts; making the catalytic converter secure in a car is very expensive. For now, if you see something, say something. If you catch something on your home or

business security camera, please share it with SFPD. It was noted that there has been an increase in unruly behavior in Cayuga Park. Captain Jones said they can increase their "passing routes" in the area.

Report from the Supervisor's Office Ernest Jones is a Land Use and Planning Specialist in Supervisor's Safai's office explained about Home-SF, which is an optional program for developers constructing mixed-income buildings in certain areas of San Francisco. Under HOME-SF, 20 to 30 percent of the units in a new housing project must be affordable to low and middle-income families. As far as parking in these developments, it's an ongoing struggle. The city prefers for people to use public transit and not have parking spaces in new developments. There is coordination between new construction sites and SF Muni to determine whether additional buses will be needed. Ernest also gave an overview of some nearby construction projects. The site at Foote and Mission has been delayed. Originally, it was going to be a live-in care facility but now discussions are being held about making it a residential building instead; at this point nothing is firm. The planned residential building to be constructed at the Safeway location on Mission Street will be all rentals, all 100% affordable housing. Preference will be given to people already in the general neighborhood. A question was raised about carbon neutrality in new construction. Ernest explained that all new buildings are being built with environmentally friendly components and there are also tax credits for the developers to do so. There is a new cannabis dispensary planning to open at 5801 Mission Street. Ernest will attend their upcoming meeting. The supervisor is aware and concerned about another dispensary in the area.

Lauren Chung was asked about our suggestion to get a Pit Stop installed. She said it would have to go into the next budget. It's on their radar, but no firm plans yet.

BUSINESS MEETING: It was moved and seconded to approve the General Meeting minutes from February 2021. Treasurer's Report: Renee Anderson reminded attendees that our dues are \$10/year. Dues can be paid on our website with PayPal, or by mailing a check payable to Cayuga Improvement Association to Renee at 322 Rome St, SF, 94112. Since our last meeting, we paid \$200 for flyer printing and \$180 for our web hosting service.

Call for Officer Nominations: The election for CIA President and Vice President will be held at the July meeting. Email your nominations to us at cayugaimprovement@gmail.com, or by mail to CNIA, 34 Rae Ave., SF, 94112.

TEAM REPORTS Vehicle Triage Site: The final report from Barbara Fugate is in our newsletter. Friends of Cayuga Park: Yoni Carnice has expanded his thesis into a book with extensive information on Cayuga Park. The information will be added to our website when the book is released. Several of the park statues are being stored for safekeeping

and repair. When the pandemic restrictions are lifted, we will have a painting party to refresh the statues' colors.

CPAB: Joelle Keneally reported that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday. NERT: Jane Merschen reported that a recertification training will be held soon for those who are already NERT certified. Other: A new vaccine site is now open on Norton Street. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Treasurer's Report **Renee Anderson**

Since our last General Membership meeting we have spent an additional \$200 for membership flyers. Many members are now taking advantage of the savings when paying 4 or 5 years membership dues in advance. Yearly dues remain at \$10 a year. If you wish to pay for 5 years the dues would be \$40. In the near future expect a notice on your status. Due to Covid we have found that many of us have forgotten if we owe dues or are current.

It is also very important that we get updated information on our members. **We promise you we will not share you information, your information will remain private and only the CNIA board will have access for CNIA business.**

Why does the Board believe it is important that we have your contact information? Because there are times when we would like to update members, especially when we are made aware of safety concerns for our neighborhood. Capt. Jones may have a safety alert she would like everyone to know about and time is of the essences. And of course we need your email information to make sure you get a copy of the quarterly newsletters.

Covid 19 Vaccinations:

Anyone still in need of a Covid 19 vaccination is encouraged to drop in at one of our local pharmacies for these shots. There is no charge.

In our area here are four of the locations:

Daniels Pharmacy – 943 Geneva

Safeway pharmacy at 4950 Mission St

Walgreens - 4645 Mission St

Mobile Vaccinations:

In addition, if you or a family member is homebound On Lok can help you schedule a mobile vaccination.

For more information contact Luz Villanueva, Always Active Specialist at 415-550-2265

Transportation support may be available to seniors and those living with a disability. Community Living Campaign is offering subsidies to provide up to \$60 in free taxi rides to and from vaccination sites. Contact Cathy Deluca at cathy@sfccommunityliving.org or call her at 415-638-9183.

Gold Stars and Dog Poop Awards

The Little Libraries:

Gold Star thank you to all who have contributed to the Little Neighborhood Libraries. We need more books all the time. If anyone has books they can pass along to the neighborhood, please consider putting them in the Little Libraries. There is one on Niagara, one on Ottawa near Alemany, one on Cayuga near Rome, and one on Cayuga near Foote. Children's books are especially popular.

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Black Lives Matter Vigil

Members of the Cayuga Connectors and Cayuga Improvement gather for an hour at 4:30pm every Thursday on Geneva Blvd between San Jose Ave and Delano Ave. This group gathers peacefully and quietly each week, with signs to remind everyone who passes that the lives of black citizens in this country matter just as much as other lives. Contact Glenda Hope for more information.

Inner Sunset Community Connectors Flea Market

Now taking place on the 2nd Sunday of each month on Irving Street between 9th and 10th. If you would like to sell at this event see the link for further information. <https://isflea.com/sell/> The next sale will be held Sunday August 8th, 2021 from 10 am to p.m. Come enjoy the talents of local vendors, meet neighbors and friends.

Learn to use a scanner:

Want to learn to use a scanner, turn your photos, letters, recipes and other keepsakes into digital images? The Community Living Campaign is offering a class entitled "preserving Memories Photo and Document Scanning. On Tuesday August 10th from 10 am to 12:30pm at the computer lab at 1663 Mission St. You must make a reservation to reserve a space. you can call 415-821-1003 ex 113 or via email at: teresa@sfccommunityliving.org

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Report from Ingleside Precinct, SFPD

Wondering what kinds of crime are being reported in District 11? Have questions about the types of cases Ingleside Station is handling? For more info here is the link. <https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/stations/ingleside-station>. Capt. Jones puts a lot of information in her newsletters. You can sign up for these weekly newsletter via the precinct's email: SFPDInglesideStation@sfgov.org.

CAYUGA COMMUNITY CONNECTORS JOB OPENING:

Patti Spaniak's position at the Community Living Campaign is still. The Community Living Campaign has been charting a new path for what it means to age in community in San Francisco. The position is part time, 10-15 hours a week. The ideal applicant will create a welcoming environment for neighborhood participants, has a talent for connecting people, sees the gifts and talents in

others, enjoys working with all seniors and adults with disabilities, and is willing to bring their own talents and relationships to the work.

For more information, contact the Community Living Campaign, Lauren at lauren@sfcommunityliving.org, Marie Jobling marie@sfcommunityliving.org or Kat Kukro at kate@sfcommunityliving.org.

Cayuga Park Volunteers

Cayuga Park volunteers have been on break due to Covid quarantines. Volunteers repaint Demi Braceros statues to help preserve them and generally help with tasks needed outside the Rec and Park staff areas.

Community Connector neighborhoods are holding outdoor walks where neighbors can meet in person. Cayuga Connectors gather together every Wednesday, 12 noon, at Cayuga Park. Often we have homemade treats, we have live music, and always we have great conversations.

Slow Streets – Coming Soon, Cayuga Slow Street Slow streets are residential streets that cars and people walking and bicycling use as a shared roadway. With the use of barricades and signage, slow streets discourages through traffic but does not restrict access for local traffic, emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles. Slow streets is not a road closure. Slow streets does not give people walking or on foot exclusive right-or-way. and Slow Streets does not take away any existing parking.

Building project

4742 Mission St at Onondaga – Work has started with demolition in progress. The 7065 sq foot single story commercial building will be replaced with a 45,235 sq foot eight story dwelling unit. The project includes 7 off street parking spaces and 46 bicycle spaces in the basement. Plans are available for viewing at <https://sfplanning.org/notices> or contact Planning Dept Staff Linda Ajello Hoagland 628-652-7320 for further information.. The project has passed CEQA. *Editor's Note: At this time these appear to be market rate apartments not mixed rate or subsidized.*

And last but not least:

It is the policy of this neighborhood association that your silence on an issue will be considered consent.

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