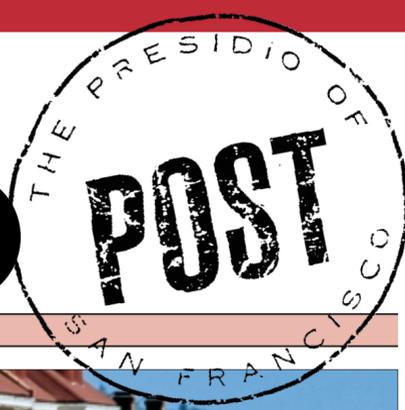




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News Briefs

Presidio Cleanup News

The first issue of *Presidio Cleanup News*, a new quarterly Presidio Trust publication that provides an overview of environmental cleanup activities at the park, is now available. To request a copy, please contact Ina Shlez at 415.561.4255.

Bay Area Ridge Trail Guide

Ready to go for a hike? A new guide to the Bay Area Ridge Trail at the Presidio has been prepared to lead the way. The pamphlet contains information about "don't miss" spots to visit, trail etiquette and the Ridge Trail's history. To receive a copy, please call 415.561.5418.

Federal Environmental Roundtable

The Presidio has been selected as the site for the Federal Environmental Roundtable, a gathering at which representatives from federal agencies throughout the western United States share environmental "success stories" with their peers. The March meeting will allow the Trust to showcase environmental sustainability programs that may be emulated by other agencies.



The full history of the Presidio is reflected on the Main Post.

THE "HEART OF THE PRESIDIO" BEATS AGAIN

What sites, sounds and experiences will bring the Presidio's Main Post to life? How can we celebrate the history of the "heart of the Presidio" while reinventing it for today's users? These questions are at the center of the Presidio Trust's current effort to revitalize the park's most historic region.

In an important first step in making the heart of the Presidio beat again, this winter nearly a dozen organizations are moving into newly renovated historic buildings once occupied by the U.S. Army.

Yet, leasing activity is just one component of an all-around effort to renew the Main Post. The Trust is also studying how to create a more "visitor friendly" experience, make the area easier to navigate and enhance open space and views.

Building on the General Management Plan Amendment's Main Post vision, the Trust kicked-off an implementation planning process in April 1999 with a public workshop. A January 2000 community meeting – and a follow-up session scheduled for February 9 at the Presidio Visitor Center, Building 102 from 6 to 9 p.m. – are gathering ideas and suggestions from the public the park serves.

LOOKING FORWARD

The look and feel of the Main Post will evolve gradually over the course of about five years. The planning issues that will be considered include:

- **Land Use and Organization:**

New land uses that reflect the historic layout of the Main Post and meet current needs are under consideration. "History has a logic which can be interpreted in terms of new uses," says Peter Owens, Presidio Trust planner.

- **Parking and Circulation:** The pedestrian "character" of the Main Post will be restored as a clearer street design is developed. Ultimately, the presence of cars will be reduced, parking relocated, and access by foot and bicycle increased.
- **Open Space and Views:** Opening historic views to San Francisco Bay, connecting the Main Post to Crissy Field, revitalizing the three historic parade grounds and restoring Tennessee Hollow as a natural boundary are priorities.

- **Historic Character:** The Main Post is the site of some of the Presidio's most historic buildings. The Trust will generate funds to renovate these cultural treasures by selecting appropriate new tenants and uses. Ways to enhance historically significant gathering places such as Pershing Square will also be studied.

- **Visitor Experience/Public Amenities:** Creating a compelling experience that allows visitors to understand and appreciate the Main Post's history is a key goal. Ways to improve lighting, signage and public amenities will also be studied.

A Walk Through the Main Post

El Presidio

The Officers' Club sits atop the original Spanish settlement at the Presidio.



Old Parade

The American expansion of El Presidio; the symbolic center of the Main Post.



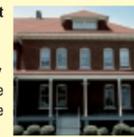
Funston Avenue

The former entry to the Main Post includes a row of officers' houses.



Montgomery Street

Brick structures were built at the turn of the century to demonstrate the permanence of the Army's presence.



Halleck Street

Connects the Parade Ground to the shore of San Francisco Bay.



Community District

Includes public buildings such as a theatre, an exhibition hall, a bowling alley and a daycare center.



DESCRIBE YOUR VISION OF THE MAIN POST

- ❖ What is special about the Main Post?
- ❖ What are the objects or qualities that contribute to the Main Post's character?
- ❖ What should the Main Post look like in 20 years?

Please forward your ideas to planning@presidiotruster.gov.

PRESIDIO VOICES

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARK

PET CEMETERY SPOTLIGHTED

In December, KPIX-TV's *Evening Magazine* visited the Presidio to film a segment on the park's Pet Cemetery. The Pet Cemetery was featured in the recently published "The Monk's Guide to California," a travel book that outlines 25 unusual spots to visit.



HISTORIC NEWSPAPER DISCOVERED

Trust staff renovating Presidio Building 36 discovered a copy of the now-defunct San Francisco Call newspaper dated June 18, 1907, lodged in the building's wall. The newspaper features stories on the Presidio troops on assignment in Brownsville, Texas, and the farewell dinner for Captain and Mrs. Lawrence B. Simonds, for whom Simonds Loop is named. The newspaper was carefully removed and will be safely stored until a permanent display site is selected.



Legend

- 1 The Main Post
- 2 Crissy Field
- 3 Fort Point and the Golden Gate Bridge
- 4 Fort Scott
- 5 Coastal Bluffs
- 6 Presidio Forest
- 7 Cavalry Stables
- 8 San Francisco National Military Cemetery
- 9 Letterman Complex
- 10 Housing Areas
- 11 Presidio Golf Course
- 12 Public Health Complex
- 13 Lobos Creek Valley

PILOT COMPOSTING PROGRAM

The Presidio Trust is kicking off a six month pilot program at the Baker Beach Apartments to study ways kitchen wastes generated by Presidio households can be recycled as compost. Composting is a method of speeding up the natural process of decomposition to create a nutrient-rich product which is used to nourish soil.



FIRE STATION DESIGN HONORED

The California Preservation Foundation (CPF) has recognized the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service with its 2000 Preservation Design Award for the renovation of the Presidio Fire Station. Built in 1917, the modernized building serves the needs of a growing park community while retaining its historic character.



Sustainability Spotlight

“Salvaging” the Main Post

As the Presidio community evolves, the park's Main Post is one of several sites where buildings are being renovated for new uses. In any large renovation project, a large amount of waste is typically generated. However, the Presidio Trust is striving to make the Presidio a “zero-waste” park. This means that we are recycling and reusing materials whenever possible.

The Presidio Salvage Team began a building materials reuse program in fall 1999. The former headquarters of the military police at the Main Post – a site that will soon house five park tenants – was one of the first buildings to be searched for items with value remaining. As rehabilitation began, wood, scrap metal and other reusable items were retrieved rather than sent to landfills. Historic items such as doors and windows were preserved for reuse within the building.



As a result, over 60 sheets of plywood, 1,000 linear feet of high-grade wood and two tons of metal were recycled. Some of the wood has been used in the rehabilitation of the Presidio's new Salvage and Recycling Center. Other materials will be used by the Presidio Safety Office as disaster relief supplies.

In January 2000, the Presidio Salvage Team visited Main Post Building 102 and reclaimed modular office partitions, furniture, supplies and more. Materials are stored at the salvage warehouse and reassigned on renovation projects and for new operations.

The Presidio Salvage Program advances both the Trust's environmental and economic missions. It is estimated that salvaging at the Presidio last year yielded previously “trashed” items with an estimated value of \$150,000 – funds that can now be used for park preservation.

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By Jim Meadows
Presidio Trust Executive Director

Did You Know...?

WHO ARE WE WELCOMING TO THE PRESIDIO COMMUNITY?

This winter the Presidio Trust is delighted to welcome several new park partners to the Presidio community. The tenant organizations were selected through competitive processes to identify groups that add to the richness of the Presidio community, are consistent with the national park's mission and help the Trust reach its goal of financial self-sufficiency. More than 100 organizations competed for the opportunity to locate in the Presidio – a setting of incomparable beauty that offers unique opportunities for collaboration.

In January, the San Francisco Film Centre and The Concord Group were the first arrivals on the Main

NEW MAIN POST PARTNERS

San Francisco Film Centre
San Francisco Science
Food, Land and People
The Guardsmen
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Presidio World College
The Aspen Group
The Concord Group
Erler and Kalinowski
Center for Real Estate Enterprise Management
Britannica Education

Post, joining over 85 organizations located elsewhere in the Presidio. Over the course of the next several months they will be followed by additional organizations from both the non- and for-profit sectors working in the fields of health and education, among others. By April of 2000, nearly a dozen new tenant partners will bring renewed vitality

to the Main Post.

The Presidio's new tenants will occupy historic structures that have been upgraded to allow for exciting new uses while carefully preserving their unique character. The visiting community will be invited to learn about the legacy of these structures through interpretive displays located in the buildings' public spaces.

The Presidio is an emerging collaborative community in which tenants, residents, visitors and the Presidio Trust work as a team to shape and support the park's future. We welcome our newest partners and look forward to the creativity and energy they bring to the Presidio.



SITES FOR SPECIAL TIMES

MAKE THE PRESIDIO A BACKDROP FOR YOUR MEMORIES



The rustic Chapel features dramatic natural lighting, a 1,600 square foot courtyard and space for catering. The site is available for weddings, receptions and meeting space, among other uses.



With a 120 degree panoramic view of the Presidio and a setting that can accommodate up to 250 guests, the historic Log Cabin is an ideal site for receptions, work retreats and private parties. The Cabin also features a dance floor and an outdoor barbecue and patio area.



Tranquil outdoor gardens, a large kitchen and rooms that can accommodate up to 75 guests make the General's House perfect for art shows, weddings and small private parties. The 7,000 square foot three-story brick structure was originally constructed in 1915.

IMAGINE EXCHANGING VOWS IN THE SHADOW OF THE HISTORIC FOREST...RETREATING WITH COWORKERS TO A SETTING OF SERENITY AND RENEWAL...ENJOYING A PEACEFUL FAMILY PICNIC SERENADED BY A TRICKLING STREAM...WAKING TO A VIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY VISIBLE JUST BEYOND YOUR CAMPSITE.

With a diverse range of buildings and outdoor sites available for rental by the community, the Presidio of San Francisco offers venues for these activities and more.

In an effort to allow greater numbers of people to enjoy the sights, sounds and experiences that the park has to offer, the Trust has made available several buildings, campsites and picnic areas for uses that are appropriate to a national park setting. The Presidio Trust's recently created Special Events office is eager to work with community members

hoping to make the Presidio a backdrop to create special memories.

Venues available for rental include the Log Cabin, the General's House, the Chapel of Our Lady, the El Polin Spring picnic area and the Rob Hill Campground. Over the coming months additional sites, including some near Crissy Field, are being prepared for special uses.

For more information about rental opportunities at the Presidio, contact the Presidio Trust Special Events office at 415.561.5444.



Atop a hill overlooking Baker Beach, Rob Hill Campground features barbecue grills and a “fire ring.” Two group camp sites will be available for overnight use beginning April 1, 2000.



Groundwater flows from the earth at El Polin Spring. The area can be used for picnics, weddings and other appropriate social events serving up to fifty people. Tables and barbecue grills are available.

PRESIDIO TENANT PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

INTERFAITH CENTER AT THE PRESIDIO

“Swords into plowshares” surfaced as part of the vision for the Presidio of San Francisco in 1992, and religious communities paid attention. The San Francisco Interfaith Council gathered a coalition of Bay Area interfaith agencies with the goal of creating a long-term interfaith peacemaking presence in the nation's newest national park.

In September 1995 the Interfaith Center at the Presidio was incorporated. Six months later the Center was invited to move into the historic Main Post Chapel and respond to a growing public demand for access to the beautiful sanctuary.

In March 1999 the Interfaith Center was awarded the long-term lease for the care of the Chapel. The Center's diverse, non-sectarian leadership – the current board has American Indian, Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Jewish, Mormon, Muslim, and Protestant members – reflects the diversity of the Bay Area and the nation.

The mission of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio is to welcome, serve, and celebrate the diverse faith traditions and spiritual wisdom of the Bay Area. The Chapel, open to all, is used for weddings and memorials,



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Hundreds of couples have exchanged vows at the Interfaith Center's Main Post Chapel.

worship, concerts, and workshops. More than 600 events were hosted in 1999. The Center's programs bring people together from different races and religions to develop relationships and share concerns.

The Center is committed to its higher purpose – to be an interfaith agent and resource in revaluing and rehumanizing the globe and its peoples, starting in our own back yard.

In January the Chapel began the new millennium with “72 Hours of Peacemaking,” three days of reflection that included a “peace walk” to Presidio sites of spiritual significance including the newly restored wetlands of Crissy Field cherished by the Ohlone Indians, Fort Point, and the site of a 1776 Catholic mass.

Please call 415.561.3930 to schedule the Chapel or 415.775.4635 for more information about the Center. Information may also be viewed at www.interfaith-presidio.org. The Chapel is open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays, following meditation.

The Presidio of San Francisco is one of our nation's most diverse and dynamic settings. Countless stories wait to be told.

Each month the Presidio Post shares a “slice of life” at the national park with our community. We hope to bring you news about the people and projects that are shaping the ongoing transformation of this remarkable place.

Now we want to hear from you. What is going on at the Presidio that you'd like to learn more about? Please take a moment to tell us how the *Presidio Post* can connect you to exciting happenings at our park.

READERS' POLL

TELL US WHAT STORIES YOU'D LIKE TO READ IN THE PRESIDIO POST

THE FRONTIER OF SPANISH SETTLEMENT, THE BACKDROP FOR EVERY AMERICAN MILITARY ENDEAVOR OF THE 20TH CENTURY, A TRANSFORMING NATIONAL PARK, A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK, A DESTINATION FOR VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE, A RECREATIONAL HAVEN.

PRESIDIO VOICES

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ ABOUT IN THE PRESIDIO POST?

- recreational opportunities
- planning/leasing
- environmental restoration projects
- historic preservation
- volunteer opportunities
- Presidio history
- the activities of Presidio tenants
- the visitor experience
- public events/programming
- other

WHO ARE YOU?

- Presidio Tenant/Resident
- Bay Area Resident
- California Resident
- National/International Presidio Supporter

Please share your thoughts by writing to: The Presidio Trust, Public Affairs Department, 34 Graham Street, P.O. Box 29052, San Francisco, California 94129-0052 or jsanford@presidiotrust.gov or by calling the Public Affairs Line at 415.561.5418.

February

Wednesday, February 9, 6 to 9 p.m.

Presidio Trust Public Planning Workshop

Please join us for a follow-up discussion focused on Main Post planning. The meeting will be held at the Presidio Visitor Center, Building 102. A shuttle will convey guests from the Lombard Gate to the meeting site. Please call 415.561.5300 for more information.

Saturday, February 12, 1 to 2 p.m.

The Presidio and the 1906 Earthquake

View a slide show that documents the Presidio's role in providing emergency relief following the great earthquake and fires of 1906. Meet at the William Penn Mott, Jr. Visitor Center, Presidio Building 102. Reservations are suggested. Call 415.561.4323 for more information.

Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, 2 p.m.

Exploratorium's Valentines Day Film Weekend

Poets and filmmakers create valentines for husbands, daughters, truck drivers, waitresses and grandmothers. Live poetry and music will accompany many of the films. The event is free with admission to the Exploratorium. Please call 415.563.7337 or visit www.exploratorium.edu for details.

Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission

The meeting will be held in the Upper Fort Mason Center. Please call 415.561.5418 for more information.

Ongoing

Through February 29, 2000

“Aliens and Knights” at the Presidio

The new Presidio Salvage and Recycling Center hosts an exhibit by international artist Kornellos Grammenos. The Center is located at 1243 Appleton Street in the Presidio. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Please call 415.648.6542 for details.



Through March 9, 2000

Artists Exploring “Sustainability”

The work of more than a dozen artists examining environmental and cultural sustainability will be featured at the Tides Center's San Francisco Art Center at the Presidio. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 707.935.1207.

