



# PRESIDIO POST

## Cleaning Up the Presidio: From Landfill to Landscape



Landfill 4.



Fill Site 5.

The Trust is moving ahead on a fast-track schedule beginning this fall with the cleanup and revegetation of two landfills on the west side of the Presidio.

Landfill 4 and Fill Site 5 are both small landfills created by the Army. The Trust, in order to accelerate cleanup of these sites, is completing an Interim Remedial Action Plan that will be released for public review this month. After responding to public comments on the draft, a final plan should be in place in November. Clean-up work on the sites will begin soon thereafter, and will be completed early in 2002.

“The first steps of the remediation will be to dig up and remove the landfill materials,” said George Ford, remedial construction manager for the Trust. “While neither site is severely contaminated, they do contain building debris, metals, and some pesticides that make them unsuitable in a National Park. We are taking a very meticulous approach to planning the cleanup of these sites, which we believe is warranted in a National Park setting.”

The Landfill 4 site falls within the Presidio’s historic forest. According to Michael Boland, landscape architect for the Trust, the non-native eucalyptus trees in the area were planted in the late 19th century as part of the forestation that transformed the Presidio to the wooded parkland we see today. “Because the historic forest is a feature that contributes to the Presidio’s National

See **CLEANING UP**, 5

## PTIP Public Meeting Rescheduled

Due to the national tragedy on September 11, the Presidio Trust was obliged to cancel on short notice, the first of two public hearings regarding the draft Presidio Trust Implementation Plan (PTIP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The hearing previously scheduled for the evening of September 11, will now be held Tuesday, October 16 at 6 p.m. Please note the change of location: this meeting will be held at the Officers’ Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard, on the Presidio of San Francisco.

The public meeting of the Trust’s Board of Directors and second public hearing on the PTIP, scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, went forward as planned. These two hearings are intended to provide members of the public an opportunity to offer oral comments on the draft PTIP and the draft EIS. All oral comments, together with the written comments received by the close of the comment period on October 25, will be included in the record, and responded to by the Trust when the final plan and EIS are issued. For further information, please call (415) 561-5414.

## Centennial Celebration for Philippine Scouts to be Held at Officers’ Club

When the Japanese invaded the Philippines in 1941, the Philippine Scouts stopped enemy attempts to push into the Philippine Islands for over three months. Their success altered Japanese plans for an Australian invasion, thereby significantly influencing the outcome of the Pacific war. This valiant band of soldiers was formed by Congress in 1901, and served the U.S. over the course of three major conflicts.

The 100th anniversary of the formation of the Philippine Scouts will be celebrated on October 6, 2001 at the Presidio Officers’ Club. Distinguished speakers will include Philippine Consul General Madame Delia Menez Rosal, Madam Beth Day Romulo, and Peter Wainwright (on behalf of the family of General Jonathan Wainwright).

The event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A banquet at the Fort Mason Officers’ Club will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information on how to attend, contact the Trust’s Kimberly Sporkman at (415) 561-5444 or Larry L. Pangan, at (707) 426-0134.

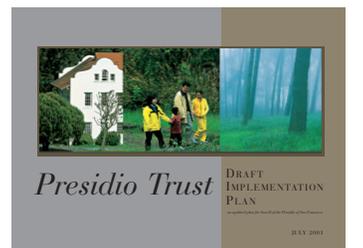


September 11, 2001  
“We will not forget.”

## PTIP Public Comment Period Ends October 25

The Presidio Trust is inviting comments on the draft Presidio Trust Implementation Plan (PTIP) and draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) during the extended public comment period that closes on October 25, 2001. Copies of the draft PTIP and draft EIS (available in print and CD form) may be obtained by calling (415) 561-5414, and are also downloadable from [www.presidiotrust.gov](http://www.presidiotrust.gov). Written comments should be sent to: PTIP c/o John Pelka, NEPA Manager • Presidio Trust • 34 Graham Street; P.O. Box 29052 • San Francisco, CA 94129-0052 • or emailed to: [ptip@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:ptip@presidiotrust.gov).

For more information on how your public comments impact the planning process, see the PTIP article on page two of this issue.



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## News Briefs

### Presidio Fire Department Offers Emergency Response Training

The Presidio Fire Department is offering Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training sessions for tenants and residents of the Presidio during the month of October. The 17-hour program, being held in three Saturday sessions at no charge, will train participants to respond appropriately in the event of a disaster such as a major earthquake.

Participants will learn about preparedness, hazard mitigation, disaster skills and medical procedures, team organization and management, and more.

NERT training in October will be held on three Saturdays: the 13th, 20th, and 27th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Gate Club. To sign up, or to arrange training for your group, call the Presidio of San Francisco NERT at (415) 561-4065 or visit [www.pfdnert.8k.com](http://www.pfdnert.8k.com).

### EPA Administrator Whitman Visits The Presidio



On August 28, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Todd Whitman visited the Presidio as part of a West Coast tour that also took her to Lake Tahoe and Hawaii. At the invitation of Presidio-based Food, Land & People (FLP), Whitman and Clarendon Elementary School teachers Diane Garfield and Amber Lewis-Francis co-taught a lesson on water conservation to 30 fifth grade students.

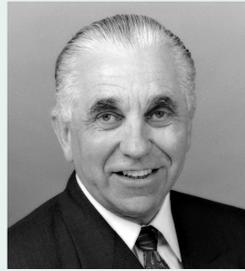
Whitman presented a

# The PTIP Public Involvement Process: How Are Your Comments Used?

The public is currently taking advantage of the opportunity to comment on the draft Presidio Trust Implementation Plan (PTIP) and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Both draft documents were released for public review on July 25. Comments are welcome during an extended 90-day public comment period that will officially close on October 25.

The Trust will equally review and consider every comment received, and use them to inform the preparation and content of the final Plan and EIS. The most helpful comments are those that are as specific as possible, and address either specific analyses in the EIS or the merits of the alternatives (including the draft plan), or both. Comments that are technical, or point out an aspect of planning or environmental review that we may have overlooked, will be investigated.

Following the close of the public comment period, the Trust staff and Board of Directors will give serious consideration to all issues raised. Listening to and considering the opinions of the public is a critical part of our planning process and will help to guide the plan. Using your valuable input, we will consider modifying the



**Jim Meadows**  
Executive Director

Draft Plan, making necessary text changes, and clarifying aspects of the Plan and its environmental analysis. We will also respond to all substantive comments in writing as part of the issuance of a final Plan and EIS.

It is anticipated that a final Plan and EIS will be released early in 2002. After distributing the final Plan and EIS, the Trust will prepare a Record of Decision describing the selected course of action and explaining the basis for the decision. Even after a final plan is adopted,

there will be many additional opportunities for public involvement and input regarding plans for the Presidio's future. As stated in the draft Plan Chapter 5, all projects calling for major demolition or construction, or significant changes to the historic landscape, will require more detailed planning, studies and environmental analyses, as well as coordination with the National Park Service, and other agencies. Public input would also be solicited as part of planning for these large projects.

Please refer to the box on the top right hand corner of the front page to learn how to get copies of the draft PTIP and EIS and make your voice heard by the Presidio Trust.

\$25,000 grant to FLP to support expansion of their environmental and agricultural education program. FLP's "Resources for Living" curriculum now reaches more than 300,000 students annually. Whitman, who was accompanied by Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jim Mosely, was updated on Presidio environmental programs by National Park Service and Presidio Trust leadership.

### Webcast Workshop Fosters National Energy Dialogue

Trust personnel facilitated an energy conservation dialogue at a Department of Energy ALERT (Assessment of Load and Energy Reduction Techniques) workshop and webcast held at the Presidio Officers' Club on August 30, 2001. The event, the first of its kind at the Presidio, provided an opportunity for the 25 federal agencies participating in the ALERT program to share information, and compare their successes and

challenges in reducing energy usage and improving overall conservation.

According to Aimee Vincent, sustainability manager for the Trust, the webcast event not only addressed but demonstrated energy efficiency. "We had over 75 participants logged on from locations as far-flung as Hawaii and Washington, D.C.," she said. "This web-based event not only promoted but actualized our goals by allowing broad participation without the cost and environmental impacts of bringing so many people to one location."

By replacing outdated equipment with advanced technologies, and through education and outreach efforts across the park, the Presidio Trust has reduced park-wide energy consumption by 20 percent since last July.

### Mountain Lake Update

Work continues on implementation of the Mountain Lake Enhancement Plan. In late August, 86

eucalyptus trees along the lake's east shore were removed. This step was necessary to eliminate the steady influx of leaf litter that has contributed to poor water quality and clarity in Mountain Lake for decades. Four of the largest eucalyptus trees were temporarily left along the road to maintain a visual barrier between the lake and adjacent golf course.

Additional site improvements will be made throughout the autumn, including backfilling and regrading of the former tank site, removal of exotic weeds, and erosion protection. Then this winter, volunteers and staff will plant thousands of native trees, shrubs, grasses, ferns, and other plants in the area where the trees were removed. A portion of the shoreline immediately north of the former tank site will be left unplanted until next year, to create equipment access for future dredging of the lake.

For information about the

Mountain Lake Enhancement Plan, or to learn about volunteer opportunities at the site, please call Michael Boland at (415) 561-2702.

### First Republic Bank Opens Presidio Branch

First Republic Bank, a full-service commercial bank, is opening a branch on the Presidio in early October. The bank has branches in five major metropolitan areas.

Community involvement has been a cornerstone of First Republic's mission since its inception. The bank provides five students with scholarships each year, and helped launch the BASIC Fund, a highly successful scholarship for children of low-income families. It also supports the San Francisco Exploratorium, the Raphael House, and Habitat for Humanity, among many other causes.

First Republic will be holding open house events in November to meet the community. For more information on the bank and its services, call (415) 392-1400.



# Calendar

**Every WED & SAT**

## Habitat Restoration Programs

The Presidio's native habitats need the help of human hands to stay healthy. Habitat restoration programs run from 9 to 12. Presidio Native Plant Nursery programs run from 1 to 4. For more information call (415) 561-4755 or e-mail [volunteer@ggnpa.org](mailto:volunteer@ggnpa.org).

**Every THURSDAY**

## Grabhorn Institute Fall Programs

3 p.m.  
The Arion Press and the Grabhorn Institute are offering weekly tours of their historic letterpress printing facility in the Presidio. Fee: \$7 per person. For reservations call (415) 561-2542 or visit [grabhorn@arionpress.com](mailto:grabhorn@arionpress.com).

**1-31 OCTOBER**

## This Month at the Golf Course

Every Monday Night, 5:30 p.m.

### Presidio Golf Course Monday Night Football Party

October 7 and 14, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Pee Wee Golfer Parent-Child Golf Clinic

For golfers ages 6 and under and their parent(s); \$49 for two-day clinic.

October 12, 8 a.m.

### Presidio Golf Course 9-Hole Beginners' Tournament

October 16, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Boss' Day Happy Hour Party

For more information on these events, call (415) 561-4661.



**6 OCTOBER - 5 MAY, 2002**

Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Mathematica Exhibit at the Exploratorium

Complex mathematical concepts come to life in a classic exhibit by Charles and Ray Eames. See 512 light bulbs performing multiplication, and 30,000 randomly cascading plastic balls form a bell curve. Special events and demonstrations will take place throughout the exhibition run. The Exploratorium at 360 Lyon Street. For information call (415) EXP-LORE.

**12-14 OCTOBER**

## BayWood Artists' Exhibit

The Bay Area Ridge Trail and the BayWood Artists present landscape art on exhibit at the Presidio General's Residence, 1337 Pope Street. Opening reception October 12, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Weekend hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half of all proceeds will benefit the Bay Area Ridge Trail. For information, call (415) 391-9300.

**12-14 OCTOBER**

## Open Studio: Photography Alliance

Hosted by the Presidio Alliance. Hours: Opening reception Friday, October 12, 6 to 9 p.m. Open studio Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At the Presidio Alliance, 563 Ruger Street. For information, call (415) 561-3993.

**13 OCTOBER - 21 JANUARY, 2002**

## At the Presidio Exhibition Meiji: Japan at the Dawn of the Modern Age

Woodblock prints depict Japan's rapid "Westernization" and transformation into a modern nation-state during the Meiji era, 1868 to 1912. The prints are selected from the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Collection at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Presidio Officer's Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard. Hours: daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and holidays. For information, visit [www.atthepresidio.org](http://www.atthepresidio.org). To reserve tickets, call TicketWeb at (800) 965-4827.



**13 OCTOBER**

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary 20th Anniversary Celebration

Join the celebration for a full day of activities including the Marine Sanctuary fair, activist center, children's events, silent auction, speakers, and beer and wine tasting, all to support marine education. The event will be held at the Sanctuary Headquarters and Visitor Center on Crissy Field. For information, call (415) 561-6622.

**13 OCTOBER**

## Pedal Power's First Annual Bike Fest

Day-long event includes guided bike rides for riders of all abilities and youth-specific fun races. The 8th Annual Romp following these events includes dinner and fundraising auction to support this non-profit youth development group. For more information, call (415) 561-6578 or email to [email@pedal-power.org](mailto:email@pedal-power.org). Additional information is available on the web at [www.pedal-power.org](http://www.pedal-power.org).

**14 OCTOBER**

2 to 4 p.m.

## Friends of the Urban Forest Tree Tour

Tour McLaren Park with David Graves, expert on ecological restoration of native plant communities. Meet at the corner of Bacon and Oxford Streets, near the Yosemite Marsh. For information or reservations, call Chris at (415) 561-6890, x108.



**16 OCTOBER**

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Rescheduled PTIP Public Hearing

NOTE: This meeting, originally scheduled for September 11, has been rescheduled due to the national tragedy occurring on that day. Attendees of this public hearing on the draft Presidio Trust Implementation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement will have an opportunity to enter their comments into the record. Location; Presidio Officers' Club. For more information, call (415) 561-5414.

**19 OCTOBER**

## 5th Annual Latino Film Festival of the San Francisco Bay Area

This 3-week event features over 60 independent films from the world's Latino countries. Opening night event at the Presidio Officers' Club on October 19. For screening information visit [www.latinofilmfestival.org](http://www.latinofilmfestival.org) or call (415) 454-4039. For tickets call (866) 468-3399.

**20 OCTOBER**

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Compost Tea and Other Decaying Recipes

Learn to turn decaying matter into rich and fertile humus. Brew compost tea, a nutrient-rich brew to benefit growing plants. Led by Marney Blair, an expert in recycling of organic materials who manages the composting program for the Presidio Trust. A Crissy Field Center workshop. For information, call (415) 561-7690.

**23 OCTOBER**

7 p.m.

## The Presidio Dialogues: The Spirit of Renewal

Guest speakers: Karen Wilhelm Buckley, author; Dennis Klocek, Goethean Studies Program, Rudolf Steiner College; and Tom Hurley, The Chaordic Alliance. Golden Gate Club, 135 Fisher Loop on the Presidio. For information or registration, visit [www.thepresidiologues.com](http://www.thepresidiologues.com).

**27 OCTOBER**

## The Pet Cemetery

Beloved pets of former Presidio residents have their final resting place in the Presidio Pet Cemetery. Learn about this unusual site, and view unique headstones dedicated to dogs, cats, fish and birds. Led by Ranger Sidney Webster. A Crissy Field Center Walking Tour. Meet at Crissy Field Center. For information, call (415) 561-7690.

**28 OCTOBER**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Ridge to Bridge Ride

Experience the visual variety of the national parks straddling the Golden Gate as you cycle the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This is a 12-mile, arduous loop into the headlands and back through the Presidio. Helmet required. Rain cancels. Meet ranger James Osborne at the William Penn Mott Jr. Visitor Center on the Main Post. For information or reservations call (415) 561-4323.

**6 NOVEMBER**

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Tennessee Hollow Restoration Information Forum

Learn about the history of Tennessee Hollow and help plan the restoration of the historic watershed. This kickoff meeting is the first of a series of meetings to be held over the next year to help restore this historic creek. Presidio Officers' Club. For more information call (415) 561-5424.

**9 NOVEMBER**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Food, Land & People 3rd Annual Symposium

Food, Land & People's Symposium 2001: Building Bridges of Understanding between Agriculture, Education, and the Environment. To be held at the Golden Gate Club on the Presidio. Topic: What advice would each group give to improve relations? For information and to register: [foodlandpeople.org](http://foodlandpeople.org) or call (415) 561-4445.



Japan at the Dawn of the Modern Age:

# An interview with collector Frederic A. Sharf

*Excerpts from an interview conducted by Randolph Delehanty, Ph.D. at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston with businessman, collector, scholar and MFA trustee Frederic Sharf.*

## Discovering Victorian Japan in London

I began to collect these Meiji-era woodblock prints in June of 1983. My eye was caught by some prints of Victorian Japan, that I saw in London. I knew nothing about them, but I bought them. I have always been a collector of American art of the years between the Civil War and the turn of the century. These prints showed Japan at the same time, and therefore they interested me.

## The War Prints

The next trip I made to Japan was in the fall of 1983 and I was able to acquire a number of prints. At the time when I was buying these prints, they didn't have a great value to print collectors in general, or to Japanese print collectors in particular. The prints of the Chinese-Japanese War of 1894-95, the handful of prints of the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, and the prints of the Russian-Japanese War of 1904-05 were the least desirable. Over a period of half a dozen years, I put together a very large collection of prints that concentrated on the modernization of Japan during the Meiji era, including the wars in Asia.

## Researching the Prints

The next step was to research the prints. That led me ultimately to the Yokohama Archives, which has English-language newspapers from the Meiji period. I found that, by and large, the prints I was acquiring were produced in



**The Meiji Exhibition:  
Presidio Officers' Club  
Opening Day**

**Saturday, October 13  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

- Free entertainment begins with San Jose Taiko drummers at 11 a.m.
- Costumed performance by the Children's Dance Ensemble of Presidio Performing Arts Foundation at noon.
- Afternoon storytelling and family activities, including a woodblock printmaking demonstration, continue until 3 p.m.

advance of, or contemporaneous with, the event that they depicted. The next step in my collecting was to acquire photography of what Japan looked like back then so as to be able to compare the photograph of a place with the print maker's image. The final step was to try to understand what Meiji Japan was really like. So I began to collect diaries of men and women who had traveled to Meiji Japan.

## History or Art?

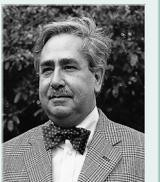
For me, these prints always reflect the historical moment in which they were produced. I did not buy them as works of art. I bought them as a substantive record of an important historical moment. What I like people to look at is the event that is being depicted in the print. What message is the artist trying to convey to the viewer about the event that he is depicting?

These Meiji prints were for me a window into a lost world on the one hand, and on the other hand they were a tremendous collecting opportunity which has given me twenty years of fantastic pleasure. The prints continue to give me great pleasure because now they are reaching so many people.

## Learn More about Meiji Japan: The Moraga Series Programs

**Wednesday, October 17th, 7-8 p.m.**  
**Meiji Japan: A Walk Through Time**

Join Trust historian Randolph Delehanty, Ph.D., the curator for the exhibition, as he outlines this dynamic era in Japanese history as reflected in this extraordinary exhibit. His illustrated talk will relate what he learned and what visitors can expect to experience both in Meiji art and history.



**Wednesday, November 7th, 7-8 p.m.**  
**Shakuhachi & Koto Concert**

"There is a secret to excellent playing of the Shakuhachi," believes Masayuki Koga. "Blow not intently, but from your heart. If we are natural, we make fine sound. If we have an open mind, our sound will be mellow. If we have right attitudes toward life, our music will be acceptable to everyone."



Enjoy this performance by two of the finest traditional Japanese musicians in the world, Masayuki Koga, master of the Shakuhachi (ancient bamboo flute), and Michiyo Koga, a virtuoso Koto (Japanese harp) player and singer.

**Wednesday, November 14th, 6-8 p.m.**

**Kodomotachi! An Evening of Children's Performances**

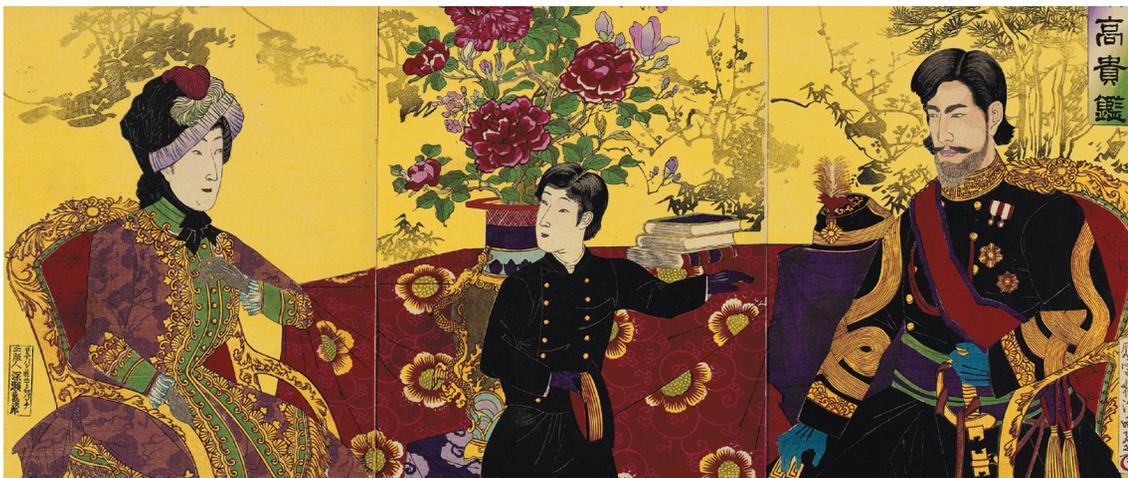
A lively evening of Japanese-inspired performances featuring authentic costumed dance by Children's Dance Ensemble of the Presidio Performing Arts Foundation, drumming by San Francisco Taiko Dojo, and music by the Suzuki Music Studio of San Francisco.

**Wednesday, November 28th, 7-8 p.m.**

**Tea & Tales: Tea in Japanese Folklore and History**

Drink a rare and legendary tea while storytellers share tales that reveal some of Japan's heritage. Entertainers include tea author James Norwood Pratt, and the talented Jim Mita & Megumi.

December and January programs will be announced. All programs are free and will be held at the Officers' Club. For program information, visit [www.atthepresidio.org](http://www.atthepresidio.org), or call (415) 561-5086.



**Toyohara Chikanobu; A Mirror of Japanese Nobility, August, 1887.**

**This print shows the emperor, the empress, and the crown prince in Western clothing.**

*Based on the exhibition organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, from the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Collection.*

**Kobayashi Kiyochika, A Soldier's Dream at Camp during a Truce in the Invasion of China, April, 1895.**



## Presidio Officers' Club Exhibition Hall

Presidio of San Francisco  
50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard  
The Main Post  
(415) 561-5086

### Parking and Transit

The 29 Sunset MUNI bus stops at the Officers' Club. Free park shuttle service is available every 20 to 30 minutes from the Lombard Gate. Free parking is available.

### Hours

Open Daily:	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesdays/Holidays:	Closed
Wednesdays:	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Admission (price includes audio guide)

Adults:	\$9
Seniors, Students, Children 12 and under:	\$6
Groups of 15 or more with advance reservations:	\$5

An audio guide by Antenna Audio included in admission price brings the exhibit to life. To reserve tickets visit [www.atthepresidio.org](http://www.atthepresidio.org), or call Ticket Web at 1-800-965-4827.



## Transportation Update

### Trust Recognized for Promoting Transit Alternatives



On August 21, the Presidio Trust was honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation for joining the Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative. This voluntary public-private partnership promotes employer-sponsored commuter benefits that

encourage employees to use public transit options to get to work.

By participating in the initiative, the Presidio Trust earns the designation "Commuter Choice Employer," a mark of excellence denoting environmental and employee-friendly companies. Over 100 Trust employees participate in Trust-sponsored Commuter Checks, vanpools, and other transportation programs.

### Have You Tried the Free Shuttle?

Now in its second month of operation, the Presidio Free Shuttle (still in search of a name) is gaining a loyal ridership of park tenants, visitors and residents. A detailed schedule including estimated arrival time at

each stop is now available on the Trust website at [www.presidiotrust.gov](http://www.presidiotrust.gov). In addition, an early commuter run now leaves the Lombard Gate at 6:20 a.m. and arrives near building 1750 (near the 25th Avenue gate) at 6:40 a.m.

Bike racks have been installed on several of the shuttle busses. Each bus with a rack can accommodate up to two bikes.

Permanent shuttle service will be initiated in early 2002 with new alternative fuel vehicles. Please forward your suggestions for route and service changes, and shuttle naming contest entries until October 31, by calling (415) 561-5300 or emailing to [shuttle@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:shuttle@presidiotrust.gov).

### Presidio – Marina Lunch Shuttle

To reduce neighborhood

traffic and parking impacts, the Presidio Trust operates the Presidio-Marina Lunch Shuttle on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This free shuttle takes riders to a variety of shops and restaurants in the Chestnut and Lombard Street area during the lunch hour.

Seven more restaurants are now offering discounts to riders. Curbside Too, Fuzio, Asqew Grill, Bechelli's, and Tichada Thai are offering a 10% discount on lunch. For dessert, get 10% off a scoop of Mitchell's ice cream at Santa Barbara Ice Cream and Yogurt, or get an afternoon pick-me-up at Coffee Roastery, which is offering a 20% discount. For pet owners, Catnip and Bones has joined the program with a 10% discount.

The restaurants Dragon Well, Café Marimba, and

Pluto's are sponsors of the program, contributing to the cost of updating the lunch shuttle brochure. The Marina-Cow Hollow Neighbors and Merchants, Banquets Etc., and Seasonal Sensations have also donated to updating the brochure. Look for the updated brochure, which can be found around the Presidio and on the shuttle.

The lunch shuttle pick-up points include the Presidio Trust (Buildings 1750 and 34), the Visitor's Center (Building 102), the Officers' Club and the Thoreau Center at noon. The shuttle returns to the Presidio from the Marina Middle School on Fillmore Street at 12:35 p.m. and the Presidio Theatre at 1:00 p.m. A detailed schedule is available in the Shuttle brochure.

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Historic Landmark status, it must be managed carefully to preserve its historic significance," he said.

Remediation activities on the Landfill 4 site will include removal of approximately 40 eucalyptus trees. When landfill removal and other remediation activities are completed, the area will be reforested. "The selection of specific species, spacing and other details of this replanting will be guided by the Presidio Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), and the Historic Forest Character and Treatment Study which is currently underway," Boland said. "Following the guidelines set out by these studies will ensure that the replanted forest at the former landfill site will maintain the forest's historic character, while improving other landscape values and utilizing the best available landscape management techniques."

Fill Site 5 is located outside the historic forest and borders on important natural serpentine and sand dune habitat. This site will be restored to a mosaic of serpentine grassland and scrub habitat to the north, and dune scrub habitat to the east, following remediation. Restoration will also be guided by the VMP, and will offer exciting opportunities to expand possible habitat for five of the Presidio's rare plant species. "This is the only place in California we are aware of where net square footage of this unique type of environment is being increased," Ford said. "So this cleanup effort will give us a huge environmental payoff. It is our goal to see these two former landfills transformed by early next year."

## New Community Relations Specialist Joins Trust

Wendy Soderborg has joined the Presidio Trust's Public Affairs team as Community Relations Specialist. Wendy is widely known in the Presidio community due to her extensive work with the Presidio Community Activities Team (CAT). You can reach Wendy at (415) 561-5432.

## Presidio Golf Course Integrated Pest Management



The historic 106-year-old Presidio Golf Course uses many modern and innovative management practices to meet the challenge of maintaining a golf course in a national park. Common practices elsewhere such as the use of highly poisonous pesticides to combat weed and turf disease problems are not acceptable here. To minimize the use of pesticides and protect such important Presidio natural resources as rare plants and

Mountain Lake, Arnold Palmer Golf Management is introducing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan. IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on the long-term prevention of pests through a combination of techniques such as the use of a pest's natural enemy, habitat manipulation, modification of maintenance practices, and the use of low-risk chemical controls when other controls are ineffective.

Arnold Palmer Golf Management wishes to become an industry leader in golf course IPM. Their goal is to apply IPM to help preserve natural resources, and protect employees and visitors, while maintaining an outstanding public golf course. To this end, the IPM Plan provides detailed guidelines about how non-chemical pest management practices will be implemented in order to avoid the use of pesticides. The IPM Plan contains protocols for using a restricted list of low-toxicity pesticides. Best management practices are also outlined to ensure that all pest control is conducted in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, wildlife, and the environment.

*A draft of the Presidio Golf Course IPM Plan is available for review. To request a copy by mail, please call 415/561-2720. The document may also be reviewed in the Trust's library. The Presidio Trust is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the environmental impacts of implementing the IPM Plan. Please send any comments and suggestions on the environmental issues you believe should be evaluated in the EA to: Greta Kirschenbaum, Environmental Protection Specialist, Presidio Trust, 34 Graham Street, P.O. Box 29052, San Francisco, 9412-0052 or [gkirschenbaum@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:gkirschenbaum@presidiotrust.gov).*



Tenant Profile:

# The Presidio Fire Department



Department fire fighters conduct a practice drill on the Presidio.

By Dianna Waggoner

*Our own Presidio Fire Department is no stranger to disaster. It was founded in 1915 after a fire killed four members of General John Pershing's family on the main post. The Presidio Fire Department was the first to respond to the fires in the Marina District following the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989. In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, I talked with Fire Police Chief Tim Phipps.*

## What did you do last Tuesday?

I called an emergency staff meeting of all personnel and initiated a higher security alert for the station. The apparatus was pulled inside and the doors were closed. The crew stayed close to the station and listened to the news, particularly local news.

We're first responders to the Bridge, so I met with the CHP and the Bridge district to discuss security options. We closed walkways to pedestrians and bicycle traffic to avoid any security threats. There haven't been any made, by the way. I phoned SFPD to stay in the loop with them. We were on standby. Other than all the security briefings it was a pretty quiet day.

## How did the New York

## events affect this station and the people in it?

It's unprecedented. Everybody is walking around with a heavy heart. Back there whole fire stations are empty because people are lost. The magnitude of that isn't lost on the fire fighters. We're wearing the mourning band on our badges for an undetermined time. We're carrying the flag on all rigs in support of our fallen brothers and sisters. We're collecting donations for the New York Firefighters widow's and children's fund. The whole department would probably want to go out there right now. But we know that we're needed here.

## What's your relationship with the San Francisco Fire Department?

We have a mutual aid agreement both within the park and the surrounding areas. In case of major incidents or multiple incidents we support each other. For instance, we supported San Francisco during the 1989 earthquake in the Marina. In fact, we're having anti-terrorism training with them today and tomorrow. Basically, protection against biotech terrorism.

## Does it make you feel more mortal?

Absolutely. Absolutely. I think everybody, not just in the fire service, has looked

in the mirror and thought about the things that really matter – family, friends, loved ones.

## When you arrive at a large fire what do you do?

When there's fire coming out of the building the chief officer will do a quick lap around the building looking for people trapped and any hazards, such as fuel tanks. We shut off the electricity and gas. Then the engine and the truck come in to provide the water supply. Crews will put on all their personal protective equipment, their Scott air bottles, full turn-out suits, and initiate a search, if needed, then pour water to suppress the fire.

## Are you part of a greater regional response in

## case of a major disaster?

We belong to Organization of Emergency Services throughout the state. Last year we sent an engine to a wildfire in Wyoming.

## What percentage of your time is fighting fires?

Our main responses are medical. I believe we had 40 reportable structural fires last year.

## What kind of training does the personnel have for non-fire events?

All personnel here are emergency medical technicians. Also, we run our own ambulance company with paramedics. We respond to hazardous materials calls, public assistance, search and rescue, cliff rescues when visitors to the park climb where they shouldn't. We

have a zodiac rescue boat that has rescued windsurfers down or missing, and bridge jumpers. We work with the Coast Guard on water rescues.

## How do we reassure people that the Presidio is a safe place to be?

Because this is a high tourism area, there's a lot of traffic into the Presidio, especially on weekends. But you have a full law enforcement contingent on patrol constantly. You have a fully functional, profession fire department serving all public safety needs. It's a well protected area. Because of the Bridge, we're also on alert in that area. We just want people to know that there's a great concern for their safety and we'll protect that safety as we always have.

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