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MAX SF NEWSLETTER

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Dear MAX Members and Friends,

The First Friday TGIF event is just around the corner, taking place on Friday September 3 at Beaux, 2344 Market St from 5:30 to 8 (or thereabouts). There is no entry fee for this event (but of course the drinks are not free, but mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7). As I am sure that all of you are aware, COVID vaccinations are required to enter any indoor bar space (and we do socialize indoors at our Beaux events). Please be prepared to show the bar your Personal Digital COVID-10 Vaccine Record issued by the state of California, or lacking that, your vaccination record (or a picture of same) to show that you are fully vaccinated. If you have not gotten your official CA proof of vaccination, it is recommended that you visit: <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov> to obtain the official proof of vaccination. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this fun event on the 3rd!

Third Thursday will also be back this month at Beaux on September 16th. Come socialize with old friends, and make some new friends at this signature MAX event. The fun starts at 5:30, and lasts until 8 (more or less), and again there is no entry fee to attend, but this night has the same half price drink specials as the First Friday event (and the same vaccination restrictions of course). Hope to see you there!

Unfortunately, due to the spread of the Delta Variant of Covid, out of an abundance of caution, we were forced to cancel the Unique Wine Tasting Event that was scheduled for August 28. A lot of planning went into this event, and the folks organizing this event were disappointed when it had to be cancelled, but if we have learned one thing in the last year and a half, nothing is certain due to the spread of COVID. The event proved to be quite popular however, and was sold out within 3 days of the newsletter being issued. We hope to be able to reschedule this event in the not too distant future.

We do have a number of other events in the planning stages. Due to the uncertainty of COVID, most of these activities will be in outdoor spaces. We are planning a luncheon in mid-October to sample a variety of DimSum at the outdoor space of a restaurant in San Francisco. Details will be provided in the October newsletter. Various hikes are also being discussed, hopefully starting in November, to take advantage of the excellent Fall weather that we have in the Bay Area.

Our Eastbay members are probably aware, but BART service returned to near-normal levels starting on August 2nd, which means you will be able to join us at Beaux for the First Friday and Third Thursday events, enjoy a meal in one of the nearby restaurants in the Castro after the event, and still be able to catch a train back to the East Bay. As an added incentive to take BART, the system has announced that all fares will be reduced by 50% throughout the month of September, but Clipper Cards are required to receive those discounts. For more information regarding BART, or their schedules, please see www.bart.gov. In addition, SF MUNI has reinstated more of their routes that were cut during COVID shutdowns. For example you can now take the 35 Eureka Bus from Glen Park BART to Castro and Market. Of course, masks are required when riding on either BART or MUNI.

As we are sure you are all aware, our August newsletter was regretfully tardy and was not distributed until after the First Friday event. That was upsetting to the entire board (especially so to the Newsletter Tsar), and we are making changes to ensure that does not happen again.

Thank you for your patience regarding this issue.

Event Recap:

September 3 - First Friday, Beaux 2344 Market St
September 16 - Third Thursday, Beaux 2344 Market St
October 1 - First Friday, Beaux 2344 Market St
October 21 - Third Thursday, Beaux 2344 Market St

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