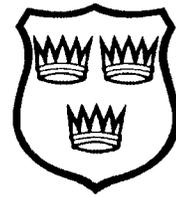




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BOARD MESSAGE

UNVEILING AFTER-SCHOOL STEM COURSES AT THE CENTER



Liam Reidy

The Center's range of kids' programs is undergoing a dynamic transformation and expansion. Building on the triumph of our recent Irish summer camps, I have long envisioned an augmentation of our children's educational offerings at the Center. With a facility that remains underutilized from the early afternoon until the evening, when music and dance instruction takes over, a remarkable shift is on the horizon.

Community Driven Programs — In the preceding summer months, I engaged in several dialogues regarding an after-school program at the Center with dedicated members and parents, Adrian and Jaime Fox. Thanks to their committed involvement, starting this September, the Center will launch a comprehensive 12-week array of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) after-school courses tailored for local children, spanning from Kindergarten to 8th Grade. The enthusiastic response from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, and we anticipate accommodating more than 60 children every Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Engineering For Kids — The courses will be expertly taught by the esteemed San Francisco-based institution, Engineering For Kids. Their captivating and hands-on educational curriculum aims to acquaint young learners with the wonders of the engineering discipline. Recognizing that proficiency in science, technology, engineering, and math forms the bedrock of numerous contemporary careers, the course offerings (ranging from engineering to coding) are all about instilling a sense of excitement in young minds about their future prospects.

A Glimpse into the Future — When I contemplate the architectural plans for our forthcoming 2025 building, replete with dedicated classroom spaces, one's imagination takes flight, envisioning the immersive experiences that youngsters will encounter within a cutting-edge, modern "smart" facility. Picture robotic creations crafted by kids traversing the stairs between the building's first and second floors—an inspiring glimpse into the potential.

On the Homefront — As a parent of four children, a significant portion of the latter part of last month was devoted to preparing them for the start of the approaching school year. This encompassed numerous trips to the school supplies store, acquiring fresh white-soled sneakers, expeditiously completing summer reading assignments, and even embarking on an out-of-state journey to "drop off" one of them at school.

Our family embarked on a journey across the Rockies to the eastern Colorado town of Golden. This town gained prominence in 1873 when beer brewer Adolph Coors established the original Coors brewing empire there. Much of the campus was built by the Coors family over the last century and a half. My son, Shane, is now a student at the School of Mines in Golden with a plan to major in Computer Science and Engineering. Much like countless other youngsters his age, he's adapting to life in a new town.

Anyone for Banjo? — One of the initial priorities was figuring out how he could continue his banjo education while away from home. A brief search of the Denver area revealed the presence of several Irish music sessions, including one close to Golden at Clancy's Irish Bar in the suburb of Wheat Ridge (only a 15-minute ride from Golden). We visited this establishment and met with the resident banjo player Pete Strickler, the host of the Wednesday night session. Pete lives and breathes the banjo, and as a teacher of Irish music he encourages others to join him in sessions. Talk about Shane landing on his feet and meeting an esteemed another

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(President's Message continued)

banjo living so close to his new school! Hup!

2025 Project Volunteers — The 2025 Project team are looking for help with website management and video editing. Know anyone that has those skills and would like to help out? Send an email to: marketing@irishcentersf.org

College Prep Seminar — On September 13th the Center will host a college prep seminar for 11th and 12th Grade families with Peter Baxter. Info: 510-213-8072

August Blood Drive — Thanks to all who came out for the SFFD Blood Drive! Because of you we ended up with 29 donors registered and 26 donors who donated. We collected 19 whole blood and 7 2RBC, so 33 lifesaving units were collected! This means we collected 99 lifesaving units for the hospitals and helped up to 99 people! Way to go! Thanks to SFFD organizer Jeff Marcaletti and a crew of volunteers who worked to turn the UICC into a lifesaving machine!

Liam, It's Jerry Here! — My last paragraph for this month is dedicated to Jerry Cassidy, who suddenly passed away on August 5th. "Liam, it's Jerry here!" Those were the words Jerry always used to greet me whenever he called, seeking my assistance at the Center. Whatever volunteering bug Jerry caught during his years at the Center, he certainly passed it on to me. More often than not, the tasks turned out to be far more time-consuming than the mere 10 minutes Jerry had initially estimated. If it involved painting, Jerry paid close attention to how I held the brush or roller. I recall a time when I undertook the task of refinishing the wooden stalls in the men's restroom that had fallen victim to graffiti. It was quite

an effort, and when I finally completed it, Jerry offered his gratitude. Jokingly, I asked, "Where do I 'cash' that thank you?" With a mischievous glint in his eye, he replied, "Your reward will come in due time!"

The United Irish Cultural Center held immense significance in Jerry's life. Photographs lining the hallway depict him laboring alongside his lifelong friend Dan McAuliffe during the construction of the center. Together, they ran a painting business for over 40 years. I can scarcely imagine what it must have been like for someone with such a profound and unwavering connection to the Center for five decades to witness its struggles back in 2018. Since then, I'm certain he found solace in witnessing the recent resurgence of the Center's fortunes and the unveiling of plans for the building in 2021.

A mere two weeks prior to his passing, Jerry was on the phone with me one Friday, discussing the need for some grease on the entrance gate hinges at Wawona Gates. He followed up that conversation on Monday to inquire whether I had addressed the issue. Indeed, I had. I contacted Mike Bowler, and with the combined efforts of Mike and Joe O'Leary, the gate now swings freely, devoid of any creaking sounds.

Sincere sympathy to his daughter Anne, son Gerald and wife Sally.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam" (May his soul is at the right hand of God).

Liam Reidy, President
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

■ SEPTEMBER 9, SATURDAY

• **Irish Genealogy Club Zoom** ~ 11:00am-1:00pm
2023 club leads: Pati Traktman & Nancy Sanchez
Email: IrishGenealogyClub@gmail.com

• **Irish Marvels, Past and Present** ~ 2:30-4:30pm
Distant Jo Coffey presents: "Winter Solstice at Bru na Boinne" Hope you can join us, all are welcome. Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe — Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

■ SEPTEMBER 10, SUNDAY ~ 1:00pm-3:00pm

• **Mad Hatter's Tea Party & Library Fundraiser**
St. Patrick's Room - Hats are encouraged
Tickets: Regular \$40 Kids (12 and under) \$25
Register online — <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mad-hatters-tea-party-library-fundraiser-tickets-682483024097>
OR mail a check to: Sally Cassidy, 4521 Irving Street, SF, CA 94122

■ SEPTEMBER 12, TUESDAY ~ 7:00pm-9:00pm

• **Irish Set Dancing**
Contact Josephine Brogan at 415-264-8856 for more information

■ SEPTEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY ~ 7:00pm-9:00pm

• **College Prep Seminar** ~ St. Francis Room
For information call Peter Baxter (510) 213-8072

■ SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY

• **Robert Emmett Day & Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**

■ SEPTEMBER 21, THURSDAY

• **Biscuits & Books, Live!** ~ 4:00-4:45pm
Live chat featuring the library's book sale, collection, and community programming. Watch live on the Library's Facebook page, or Pre-register on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZArdu6qrzLuGdJj4rYqg0fFvK3trPyN0woy> and have an active part in the conversation

■ SEPTEMBER 23, SATURDAY

• **Irish Heritage Day with Stanford Football**
At Stanford Stadium Tickets: fevogm.com/event/UICC
\$10 of every ticket will be donated to the United Irish Cultural Center

■ SEPTEMBER 26, TUESDAY ~ 7:30pm-9:30pm

• **Irish Set Dancing**
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■ SEPTEMBER 30, SATURDAY

• **5th Annual Oktoberfest by the Beach**
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Greetings from the Library in early Autumn ; Beannachtaí ón Leabharlann i dtús an fhómhair

It is a new [school] year, so time to try new things. Coming off of a summer full of balancing new collections to process, a need for space, and a desire to share more of what the Library has to offer, I and the volunteers are looking to expand awareness of, and interest in all the many treasures our beloved library has to offer. Feel free to let me know if you love, like or loathe the format experiments.

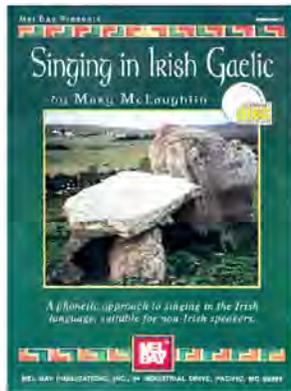
Library Hours, September

Thursday and Friday: 2:30 - 5:30pm

1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 - 4:30 pm ; 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

Closed Sat., Sept 2 for Labor Day ; Saturday Sept 23 TBD: Educator and Irish Cultural Day at the Stanford football game.

Collection Highlights



Singing in Irish Gaelic, Mary McLaughlin
Mel Bay, 2002 [no CD]

“Mary McLaughlin’s ‘Singing in Irish Gaelic’. Comes as a song book available to buy online, with online audio, basic score, Irish lyrics, English lyrics and (drum roll) phonetic English lyrics! She’s a legend. Interestingly, she uses mostly Ulster-style Irish (rather than Connemara), so there are Scotts cross-overs there for our Caledonian mob. Highly

recommend.”

By [Alison a Grà \(Alison Love on FB\)](#), from TheSession.org

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and have an active part in the conversation.

Clubs at the Library

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2nd Saturdays, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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2nd Saturdays, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
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Don't be Late for these Very Important Dates!

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Buy tickets online at Eventbrite: Mad Hatter's Tea Party & Library Fundraiser or mail a check to: Sally Cassidy at 4521 Irving Street, SF, CA 94122

September 17 - Robert Emmett Day celebration at Golden Gate Park

Half-way to Saint Pats, and International Irish Dance Day at the UICC

Volunteers, the Library wants YOU!

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Help out once a month to once a week as your inclination allows. Ideally for 3 hours Thursday and Friday, 1st & 3rd Saturday afternoons ; 2nd & 4th Saturdays late mornings.

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MASS & LUNCHEON

We are delighted to welcome the Chair of the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants, and Bishop of Achonry, Bishop Paul Dempsey, to our September Mass and Luncheon.

A native of Carlow, Ireland, Bishop Dempsey has served as Bishop of Achonry since 2020. The Diocese of Achonry has twenty-three parishes located in Counties Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo.

Bishop Dempsey will celebrate Mass of Our Lady of Knock, and we look forward to welcoming our Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians members to participate in the Mass.

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6:30 p.m.

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OUR UICC COMMUNITY



Margaret and Tom McCarthy came out to enjoy Irish music at Rock the Gates on August 26. They recently retired from the Moving and Storage (McCarthy Moving) business after 47 years in business last year. The firm was established on March 17, 1975 and continued until March 17, 2023. Enjoy your retirement!

Congratulations to Marie and Jack Fitzpatrick on being named as honorees at San Francisco Catholic Charities 26th Annual Loaves and Fishes Gala in October. As 2023 Faith in Action Honorees Jack Fitzpatrick (Catholic Charities Board of Directors Emeritus and Former Executive Director, The Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation) and Marie Fitzpatrick (former Principal at St. Thomas More School, and strong champion of the education in the Bay Area) are being recognized for their vibrant contributions to a stronger, more equitable community, and for their deep connections and commitment to San Francisco and the programs of Catholic Charities.



Patricia and Les Mize, parents of our marketing manager and Keepers of the Steps coordinator Eileen Mize, just celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary. Both born to Irish mothers in San Francisco, they grew up in Marin County, and raised six children in Marinwood where they still reside, enjoying their 8 young grandchildren. They couldn't make it to Rock the Gates this year—but they were representing at home!

Well done to Katie McFadden for representing San Francisco so beautifully on the international stage. The SF native, daughter of Dymphna and Leo McFadden, and firefighter for the state of California with aspirations to be SFFD chief one day, Katie McFadden just returned from Ireland where she proudly represented her home town as the San Francisco Rose. She made it home just in time to hold court and champion future Roses at Rock the Gates.



UICC member and long-time supporter Tom Murphy was recently honored by the city for his efforts in organizing a popular Jerry Garcia event. In light of the recent 21st annual Jerry Day at McLaren Park which was a big success, Mayor London Breed presented Tom with a special proclamation celebrating his efforts. Well done!

Founder of the McBride Irish Dancers Annie McBride, ADCRG is being celebrated by generations of Marinwood dance students for her 45 years of commuting from her home in Oakland to the San Rafael community of Marinwood every Thursday for 45 years! A new era begins in Marinwood with Alisa Belew, TCRG of the Healy School taking the reins while Annie focuses on her many East Bay classes. Her commitment to being one of the first to bring Irish step dancing to the North Bay in the late 70s, having started her own school in 1967 is to be commended. 100s and 100s of dancers were introduced to Irish step dancing as a result of Annie McBride. Best of luck at your upcoming feis—the 41st Annual East Bay Feis, and thanks to you and your daughter Eileen McBride Parker, TCRG for bringing your dancers to our recent Rock the Gates event.



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CORK NATIVE SHOWCASES ART COLLECTION



West cork native (Kilcrohane, Co. Cork) Jerry Daly showcased his collection of painted art at the Rock the Gates festival in August 26th. Jerry exhibited over 80 individual pieces of his art collection which has developed over the years. The exhibition runs in the St. Francis room until Sunday September 17th.



*Esther Maloub (Keenonart)
with artist Jerry Daly.*



Barry O'Connell, Jerry Daly and Vince Keehan.



Kjersti Kjesbu, Derry Brennan and Jerry Daly.

IN MEMORIAM



GERRARD "JERRY" CASSIDY — MAY 20, 1938 - AUGUST 5, 2023

Gerrard "Jerry" Cassidy, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, passed away suddenly on August 5th in San Francisco California at the age of 85. Jerry is survived by his wife of 57 years Sarah "Sally" Cassidy; his daughter Anne Cassidy Carew and son-in-law Ed Carew, grandchildren Ryan, Shannon and Matthew; his son Gerald Cassidy and daughter-in-law Ciara Cassidy, granddaughters Aibhlinn and Niamh; and Sister-in-laws Rose Cassidy and Joy Cassidy and his many nieces and nephews in California, New Jersey, New York, Ireland and England.

He is predeceased by his parents John and Rose Cassidy, brothers and sisters, Marraide Cassidy, Rose Baxter, Lily Curran, Benny Cassidy, Paddy Cassidy, Aidan Cassidy, and Peter Cassidy, nephews Brendan Curran and Patrick Curran.

Jerry was born in Brackley, Co Cavan on May 20th, 1938 he was the baby of the family, four brothers and three sisters. At the age of 4 Dad and the family moved off the mountain and settled in Bawnboy, County Cavan.

At 24, Jerry was the last of the 8 siblings to leave Ireland. Two of the brothers settled in England while the other 6 settled in Woodside, New York. This would be a pivotal move for Jerry- it would be there in Woodside at a dance hall in January 1964 at Papparins ballroom that he would meet his future bride Sarah Golden. On April 23rd, 1966 Jerry and Sally were married in Saint Teresa Church.

In February of 1967, the Gavneys and Cassidys set out on an adventure that would last a lifetime and land them in San Francisco. They loaded up a small moving truck and set off on Route 66 chasing tumbleweed and seeing America for the first time. They arrived in SF and knew instantly they had found their new home. Dad started a painting company with Dan McAuliffe and they worked together for 40 plus years.

Some of dad's favorite things to do were playing cards, golfing and being the "caretaker" of the Irish Cultural Center and Holy Name Church. Dad was a Holy Name parishioner for over 50 years and was involved in the United Irish Societies directing parade floats and synchronizing who would carry which County flag. He loved coordinating dinners and football pools, attending the Irish picnics, and playing in the Irish golf tournaments. Jerry was a proud Irishman and instilled the work ethic to "do it right the first time." We will miss that twinkle in his eye, sense of humor and his rascal grin. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends near and far.

CROWDS TURNED OUT IN BIG NUMBERS TO ROCK THE GATES!

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, nearly 1,500 turned out for the 2nd annual Rock the Gates Summer Music Festival at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco's Outer Sunset. This family friendly festival certainly had something for everyone—not just in terms of a range of music, but also various other attractions such as a Classic Car Show that dominated their block of 45th Avenue, a special art exhibition featuring large mixed media on canvas by Irish-born, SF artist Jerry Daly, the Irish Dance museum "Keepers of the Steps" hosting a dress and shoe drive for no-longer-needed Irish dance regalia, a special Whiskey Workshop by a local rep from Clonakilty Irish Whiskey, a special Irish Coffee collab with next door neighbor Java Beach, face painting (thanks Kevin Birmingham) and a bounce house (thanks, Cyril Hackett) for the kids, and so much more!

The festival featured over a dozen bands, primarily from around the Bay Area, across three stages along with appearances by dancers from seven Bay Area Irish Dance Schools and several pop-up processions by the San Francisco Irish Pipe Band. The Irish Center is very much a neighborhood community center, so this summer festival serves as a great way to connect with friends and neighbors during the back-to-school time when people are back from summer adventures.

Aside from rejoicing in a team of extraordinary volunteers who turned out in force, event highlights include the Irish dancers (nearly 100 in total!), 80s dance band, Dirty Spoon, the U2 tribute band—L.A.vation, The Hooks closing down the Emerald Pub, the SF Irish Pipe Band, the multi-generational fun being had by all, and a lot of rockin' great music!

The festival serves as a great Open House of sorts for all the amenities the Irish Center has to offer for members, prospective members, neighbors, and friends. The Irish Center is a great event space and also boasts a library and research room for all things Irish, meeting space for youth music lessons, local church services, blood drives, polling place, meetings and events, and more. Check out our website at www.irishcentersf.org for a calendar of events or for event rental information.



San Francisco Rose Katie McFadden with Rosie (Keeban) Falvey, former San Francisco Rose.



Bob Forghani and Gerilyn Hayes-Forghani.



Leo Cassidy, Liam Reidy, and Dennis O'Keefe.



UICC marketing coordinator Eileen Mize, Vice President of the Board Anne Cassidy Carew, and Events Manager Aileen Dulobery.



Cathy Mibach and Carol Barazi.



Vince Keeban, with Jim and Jamie Fogarty.



Irish Pipers take over Wawona Gates Stage.

A Classic Car show along 45th Avenue greeted guests arriving at Rock the Gates.



ROCK THE GATES PHOTO GALLERY



Matthew Dobbyn, brand ambassador for Clonakilty Irish Whiskey leading a Whiskey Workshop in the St. Francis Room against a backdrop of Jerry Daly's art exhibit.



Nancy Sanchez and Pati Traktman.



Christine Del Carlo and Roger Gargano.



Board members Suzie Sheedy and Jeanne Connolly.



Bill Carey, Sophie Breall, Kathleen Dowling, Brendan Cormack, Francie Bedinger, and Kevin McDonough.



Murphy Irish Dancer Maggie Doherty stopped by the Keepers of the Steps display at the Dowling Library before dancing at the festival.



Denise Bray and Edel Gorman.



Val Kirvan with Martha Cohen.



Three generations—Peggy O'Sullivan with daughter Stephanie Reidy and granddaughter Aoibhinn Reidy.



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San Francisco Rose Katie McFadden with Irish Consul Micheal Smith.



Aoibhinn Reidy with Irish musician Darren Kiely.

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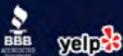
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Junior golf participants received a scholarship towards their school expenses for the 2023-2024 academic year. Aoibhinn Reidy and Ethan Daly were the top prize winners on the day. Aoibhinn attends the Convent of the Sacred Heart school while Ethan is a student at the University of Portland. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients.



*Roisín and Fintan Reidy
with Tanner and Sawyer Manning*



*Ronan and Robert Gee with Michael McKeon
and Cooper Lucey*



Will Lucey, John Mulherrins and Jim Lucey.



Con McKeon, Cooper Lucey and Jimmy McKeon.



*Sean Mockler, John Singleton, Danny Guiney,
(RCBA President) and John Connolly.*



Timmy Manning, Roisín Reidy and Sawyer Manning.



The Reidy family with John Singleton.



Patrick, John, and Jack Connolly.



Brendan McLoughlin, Eoin and Padraig Lyons.



Nearest to the pin winner Will Lucey accepts his prize from Sean Mockler.



Nearest to the pin winner Fintan Reidy and Sean Mockler.



John Connolly with Aoibhinn Reidy.



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SUMMER BOXING SERIES ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

Our third amateur boxing night of the year drew another robust crowd to the Center on August 12th. Fire in the Ring our boxing partner pulled together a showcase event of local and statewide boxers. Young FITR boxer Johnny O'Shea won bout of the night while Irish man Kevin Cummings won best fighter on the card.

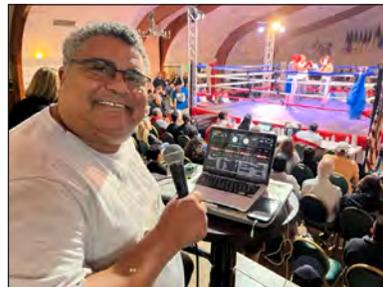
Boxing returns again in 2024! Watch this space!!



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Jenny Adams, Beth Constable and Kimmy Ford.



DJ Paul Haettenschwiller.



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Kevin Cummings, Rosscommon, Shane Muldoon, Knock, Co. Mayo and John Callahan, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.



Eric Bigone and John Fitzgerald.



Val Kirwan, Gerry Kelly and Stephanie Reidy.



Jimmy Ford, Dan Maguire and Jimi Crowley.



Kevin and Lily Wade.



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FITR Boxing Coach Jimmy Ford talks to young Johnny O'Shea during a break in his match.



Johnny and Danny O'Shea.



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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

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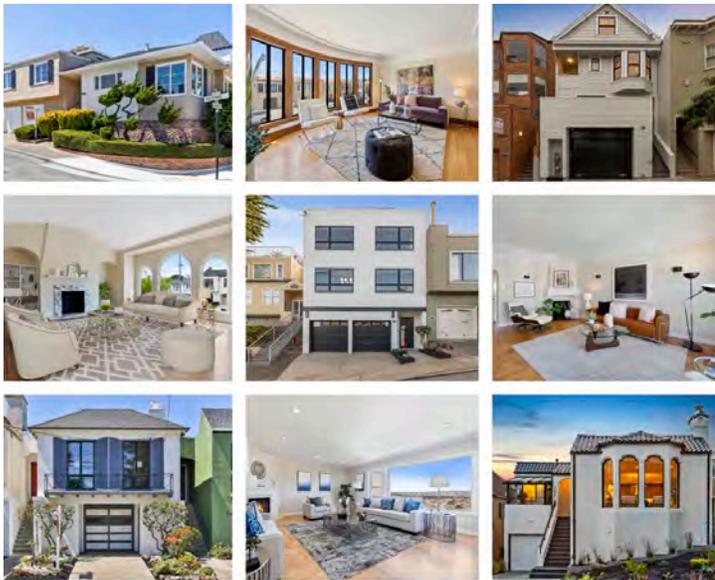
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- CÉILÍ** **SEPTEMBER 12 & 26**
Irish Set Dancing
- CULTURE** **SEPTEMBER 17**
Robert Emmet Day
Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Celebration
in Wawona Gates—live music; Irish dancers
- FOOTBALL** **SEPTEMBER 23**
Irish Heritage Day with Stanford Football
- DINNER DANCE** **SEPTEMBER 30**
5th Annual Oktoberfest by the Beach
with music by Alpine Sound
- THEATER** **OCTOBER 6**
Áran agus Im (Bread and Butter)
Stage production with Manchán Magan
- DINNER** **OCTOBER 21**
Emerald Society Dinner and Dance
- DINNER** **NOVEMBER 18**
San Francisco GAA Dinner
- CONCERT** **NOVEMBER 19**
The Piper Jones Band in concert

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