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Come and Celebrate!

By Richard Johnson

I don't have any money. I'll bet you are low on funds too. Yet, here comes the Holiday Season, just the same.

Wouldn't it be great if we could all put the stress of our times aside and take the time to gather together and celebrate as a neighborhood? This is why Community Partners was created. Our mission is to provide community events, throughout the year, that bring neighbors together to foster a more safe and caring community.

And this is why we are having our 8th Annual Giving Voice to the Season celebrations throughout the neighborhood. For eight years CPU, of which HVNA is a founding member, has been hosting community gatherings around the neighborhood to bolster our connections, to strengthen our ties, and really, just to have a reason to hang out together! What could be more important during these uncertain times than to come together, young and old, weak and strong, to support each other?

The 8th Annual Giving Voice to the Season 2009, had a very successful kickoff with our Halloween poster event and various activities this past weekend. If they are a gauge

for the season I feel we are going to have our best Season yet. I want to thank the California State PUC for hosting their 12th Haunted House, WA Beacon Center for an afternoon of ghoulish fun, Hayes Valley South for hosting an early evening of food, fun and crafts. I did not make it to the AAACC Haunted House and look forward to hearing a recap of the event.

There are several upcoming events around the neighborhood and you and your family is cordially invited to attend each and every one! We look forward to seeing you!

Scheduled upcoming activities (Save the dates!):

- 5th Annual Giving Voice to the Season Community Sing Along 6 to 9 pm Friday December 4th, 2009
- Participation in the 20th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants Block Party 6 to 9 pm Friday December 4th, 2009
- Seventh Annual Wreath and Card Making Event Saturday December 5th, 2009
- 8th Annual Food Give Away to over 250 families December 17th and 18th, 2009
- 8th Annual Community Luncheon Saturday December 19th, 2009

President's Column

By Frances Neagley



It is hard to believe that it is November already and that this is the last newsletter of 2009. I think I will resist the urge to look back at the year and instead look forward at all the things that are happening or about to happen in our neighborhood.

The last two months of the year are always pretty busy in Hayes Valley and this year is no different. We will have Thanksgiving events, the wreath and card making afternoon, the annual merchants' celebration, the holiday food boxes and a holiday luncheon. These are great times to socialize and give back to the community and generally get into the holiday spirit. Be sure to check out the calendar on the last page of this newsletter for all the events.

In addition, there is a lot of activity going on along Octavia Boulevard. New construction is well underway at Oak Street where the City has also installed red-light cameras for the intersection. The Project Homeless Connect temporary community gardens from Page to Oak Streets will be breaking ground this month. Other temporary uses along the boulevard should begin in the next few months also.

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