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GOOD
CHEER 
& HAPPY
NEW YEAR
from the Hayes Valley
Neighborhood Association

Let the season begin!!

Three important elements of our neighborhood, commerce, community, and art have expanded their presence now!

The Hayes Valley merchants have organized the annual Block Party, happening on Friday, Dec. 4th, 6-9 pm. It's a wonderful way to see our merchants and celebrate the festive mood. HVNA supports activities that bring the community together, and this block party for over 20 years continues to showcase the meaning of community through mostly local businesses. Our merchants have remained focused on providing interesting and often unique products and services. Neighbors and visitors will enjoy the heart of our neighborhood, our merchants and Patricia's Green.

"Support Your Community", a silent auction fundraiser, benefiting the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, will be open 6-8 pm on Dec 4th near Patricia's Green. The fundraising silent auction will be open during the Block Party. There will be many items, all from our local merchants, who also support the good work of HVNA. Organized by board member Bob Barnwell, the auction focuses on our local merchants while also providing funds to support HVNA's many

community activities such as the Food Box program for neighbors in need.

The PROXY PopUp Gallery, now open near Patricia's Green and curated by A.C.E. co-chair Madeline Behrens-Brigham and new co-chair P.k. Cummings, will feature local artists' work for sale (see separate article in the Voice). An addition this year is the Haight Street Art Center, a community-serving art center, dedicated to the art of print-making, which is sharing the gallery space at PROXY. The Art Center will offer recognizable prints and new artists' work as well. This partnership is the beginning of a long-term relationship between local artists in our community and the Haight Street Art Center that will open later in 2016 on Haight Street between Buchanan and Laguna. The PopUp Gallery will be an exciting activity across the street from Patricia's Green.

Explore Hayes Valley and see the changes and additions here. Enjoy the holidays and welcome the New Year by taking the time to introduce yourself and meet your neighbors. Promise yourself that you'll support the artwork that is here and expanding. There is much more creative activity to come in 2016!

President's Column

By Larry Cronander



On a recent Saturday morning, I met in a café with Gail, the HVNA's indefatigable VP, for our regular weekly meeting together. Afterwards, we strolled our vibrant neighborhood and gazed at the wonderful place Hayes Valley has become in just ten short years. We reflected upon how much of the transformation before us was the result of work the HVNA has done, and excitedly discussed the HVNA's projects for the future.

We observed Patricia's Green and Octavia Boulevard, the result of the HVNA's efforts to demolish the Central Freeway; the ongoing traffic-calming projects we have undertaken; the business district with its thriving small businesses, the result of the HVNA's efforts to stem the tide of formula retail. We looked with pride at the many art works that grace our neighborhood, the result of the ACE Committee's inspiring work. The many new residential developments that have sprung up in the Freeway's footprints all bear the input of the T&P Committee, with its goals of inclusionary housing and sustainable transit under the Market / Octavia Plan, which we helped define and on which we continue to work.

The HVNA is proud of its accomplishments and of our beloved Hayes Valley. New projects include the Arts Incubator at Parcel O (Fell and Laguna) to activate the space in the interim until the new affordable housing development there is built; a new traffic-calming effort focusing on the area west of Octavia Boulevard, including Oak, Fell and Octavia; a greening project for Lily Street; and an ongoing effort to improve communications between the HVNA and its members and the general public. These are but a few of our many projects for 2016. Thanks to all for making Hayes Valley what it is and will further become. Hayes Valley is a true community.

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SUZY LOFTUS AT DECEMBER 7 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

By Bob Barnwell

One of our favorite city officials in Hayes Valley is Suzy Loftus. Not only has she and her family lived in Hayes Valley but for several years she was the Assistant District Attorney assigned to Northern Police Station which oversees our area. Suzy has a special place in her heart for the people of Hayes Valley and their public safety concerns. Suzy is now President of the San Francisco Police Commission and was at the December 7 Public Safety Meeting and talked about the role the Police Commission plays in public safety.

What is the San Francisco Police Commission? This is the policy making board that oversees the San Francisco Police Department. The Police Commission holds hearings every week and once a month holds the hearing in the community which rotates among each Police District. The September 16, 2015 community hearing was held at the Korean American Center in Hayes Valley. There are seven members of the San Francisco Police Commission with 4 appointed by the mayor with Board of Supervisors approval and the other 3 are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. They serve 4 year terms with some of the current members having served several consecutive terms. Suzy Loftus was appointed by Mayor Ed Lee and was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Police Commission establishes the policies for the many activities of the Police Department. An example of this is the Police Commission's current discussion of police wearing body cameras. There are other cities in the country that have police body cameras and there is a big call for San Francisco to start the practice. But it is not a simple issue. There will be many rules and regulations regarding body cameras and they will be written by the Police Commission. A complicated question is whether the police should be allowed to see the body camera footage prior to filing their police report. There are strong feelings on both sides of this one issue among the many issues regarding police wearing body cameras. The Police Commission will look at the way other cities use body cameras and they will write the many pages of rules if they approve body cameras. The Board of Supervisors will then have the final approval of the new rules and regulations. This is what happens for the many policies regarding the Police Department and this is the important role the Police Commission plays in public safety.

We are happy that Suzy Loftus is the leader of the San Francisco Police Commission and we were glad to hear from her on December 7 about her public safety concerns for Hayes Valley.

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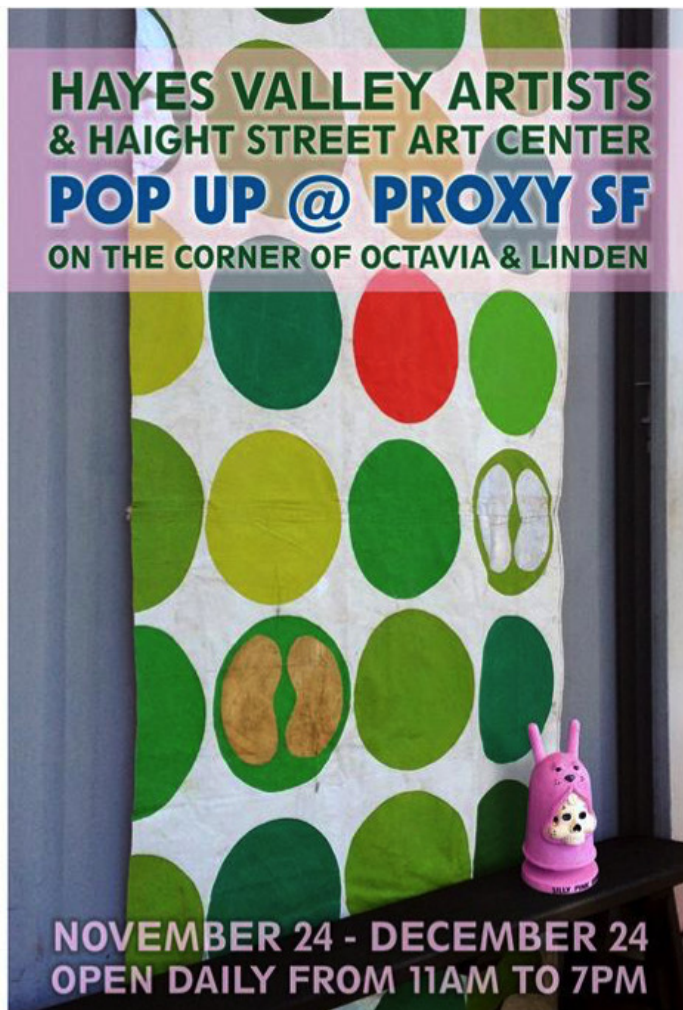
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Hayes Valley Artists & Haight Street Art Center Pop Up @ PROXY SF

by Madeline Behrens-Brigham, outgoing A.C.E. co-chair.

What fits in an 8 foot x 20 storage container? This year for our second annual December show, we have 21 Hayes Valley artists, plus John Baden who did the outside canvas banners/used on the postcard. THEN, there will be artists from the Haight Street Art Center.. BIG names in the rock and roll poster era.. plus new artists. We plan to have a community table set up as in our 580 pop-up for crochet, drawing, portfolios.. We'll be promoting Parcel O and vice versa.

Jose Alberto Guzman Colon (who photographs RuPaul drag queens styled and photographed Emerald O' Leary/one of our artists and me.. and Peaches Christ who lives in our neighborhood as well.. the three portraits will be his section.. Rhonel Roberts has more local posters.. Philippe Jestin will be showing local street signs in his inimitable resin fine line style..

Two new artists will be showing- Alice Koswara and her husband, Eric Broers. Another married couple showing are Earl Speas /Chinese ink drawings and Sarah Young/monoprints they've lived in Hayes Valley for 20+ years. P.k. Cummings will be staffing the container with Emerald O'Leary. P.k. does

glitter Star Wars pieces and Emerald uses some of her poetry on her paintings. Rose Heineman is producing a baby in a month as well as keeping up with her art work.

Joseph Kohls will be showing prints inspired from his trip to Morocco.. Diane Devine will show her rich water colors along with her cards.. , Tana has a tiny one.. (another Hayes Valley baby) ..and will grace us with other new work... Jennifer Maria Harris keeps producing new work and celebrated her daughter's 6th birthday recently.. Brian Lieske will show witty typography prints/cards.. Smyth will show only one new piece. he has a full show on Valencia.. Pat Swan will show her linocut cards, Michael Goldman is taking a break from his film/set work(Woody Allen's last film here and others) and will show his photographs.. Z McGarigle will share three of his pieces after a successful Open Studio this year.. and neighborhood resident and artist/activist will show one piece from her mixed media works.. called "Welcome" that she did when she was able to move back to Hayes Street and now will be moving to Santa Rosa.. seems fitting to show something about her moving on to a new adventure!.

A.C.E. Committee is announcing that P.k. Cummings will take over Madeline's co-chair role. We welcome P.k. to her post! More to follow in the next Voice!

Holiday Food Box Giveaway in Hayes Valley and Western Addition

By L. Gannon, Mo'Magic

In December, Mo'MAGIC will organize a Holiday Food Box giveaway that will benefit Beacon Center at John Muir Elementary School, Hayes Valley Apartments and the Boys and Girls Club/ Don Fisher Clubhouse in Hayes Valley and eight Western Addition locations. Each FoodBox will contain a 10-12 pound turkey and fresh produce.

On December 17, 2015- once the food boxes have been stuffed and organized by volunteers, police officers from the Northern Police Station will make deliveries to the nominated families at the various Hayes Valley and Western Addition housing complexes. Community partners, such as the Boys and Girls Club, will also serve as drop off points for additional community members. Families are nominated by the managers from the housing complexes.

Kaiser Permanente and Bi-Rite Markets have been major supporters of this community program. Kaiser has donated money to cover the costs of the turkeys and will provide volunteers to help with stuffing the food boxes; Bi-Rite is donating all the fresh produce, organizing the turkey order and offering their staff as volunteers. Money has also been pledged by Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, Lee Walkup, the law offices of Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP and the San Francisco Federal Credit Union.

The Holiday Food Box giveaway is an example of how Mo'MAGIC, Kaiser Permanente, Bi-Rite Markets and individual contributors come together to make the Holiday Season a great time for families in the Hayes Valley and Western Addition communities.

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posting anything about the
neighborhood on social media!

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Consider how you can support your neighborhood...

...with a little of your time and skill.

The HVNA has helped to shape our neighborhood, which is why you want to live here. Is there a way you can give back, too? Consider what the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association has done over the past 10 years. HVNA, through its network of neighbor volunteers, has played a pivotal role in...

- * ...keeping the Western Addition's public schools open and receiving the support they deserve for the future of our children here.
- * ...reaching out to youth to stop the cycle of violence that had been the norm here. Forming coalitions with city and neighborhood groups to support permanent change in our neighborhood.
- * ...negotiating with UC Regents on their former UC Extension site to be sure that the developers built apartments with affordable units and had community spaces for the neighborhood. That is why there is the Haight Street Art Center and a new community gardening space, both free and available to the neighborhood without charge. It is also why historic buildings, part of the original San Francisco State University campus, were restored.
- * ...continuing to make our streets safe for pedestrians, working with SFPD enforcement, SFMTA for safe corridors for bikes, and traffic engineering to address Octavia Boulevard's safety concerns.
- * ...making sure that a new affordable grocery store moves into the neighborhood at 555 Fulton St. The Western Addition needs community-serving businesses, and an affordable grocery store is the heart of our community.
- * ...creating places for art and community in vacant spaces, encouraging the development of temporary use such as the Hayes Valley Farm, Community Grows, PROXY's many enterprises, and now the new Hayes Valley Art Works space at Fell and Laguna.

It's easy to forget what it took to create the Hayes Valley neighborhood of today. Remember to think how you can also be a part of the changes and support a liveable, walkable, green neighborhood. Join us at www.hayesvalleysf.org today.

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Greening Workday Party at Hayes Valley Playground

By Brian Silva and Lynn Sexton, Greening Committee



On Saturday November 7th a large turnout of approximately 20 plus neighborhood volunteers dug in and got their hands dirty at the annual Fall Hayes Valley workday party - thank you to all! With everyone's can-do spirit, in a single morning we were able to remove old mulch and resurface all the beds with new topsoil and improved mulch, and start replanting the community vegetable garden. This added welcomed nutrition for the plants and rejuvenated the flowerbeds.

A large undertaking like this could not have been achieved without the efforts of so many people. A very big thank you to San Francisco Recreation and Parks staff for materials and their time. Another big thanks to Devi Zinzuvadia and Robin McGee of MoMagic and their volunteers for their energetic contribution and graciously providing a delicious pizza lunch for everyone after a successful day.

There are many benefits to making our neighborhood more green. Did you know plants and trees clean the air of carbon dioxide? With minimal effort on our part they bestow so much beauty and enjoyment in return for everyone.

Our future plans include replenishing the community vegetable garden, planting bulbs and seeds for spring blooms, and maintaining the nine current flowerbeds. If you enjoy gardening, or simply want to learn more about horticulture, we welcome volunteers to make a difference in greening and beautifying our community. To volunteer with the HVNA Greening Committee, please contact Brian Silva or Lynn Sexton at

greening@hayesvalleysf.org.

We also welcome any comments or suggestions.

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Progress at Hayes Valley Art Works

By Jay Rosenberg

On Sunday, Nov 1, we toured the vacant lot at the corner of Fell and Laguna, a.k.a Parcel O for the first time. We began to collect found objects, started to clear some of the debris and envisioned spaces for a studio and gallery, a stage, a resource center, a labyrinth, benches and tables, accessible paths, outdoor classrooms, and more.

Since then, we've continued to clean up and activate the space and have been working on realizing a few of those ideas. If you are interested in helping out, please join us at one of our upcoming Volunteer Work Parties. We've posted a schedule for December on the HVNA website (www.hayesvalleysf.org) and it's also in the calendar in this month's issue of The Hayes Valley Voice.

The first month activating the site has been a wonderful experience. I've really enjoyed getting a chance to catch up with old friends and also meeting some of the new neighbors. Many people have stopped in to see what's planned, and quite a few have expressed interest in teaching workshops, making and displaying their work, or simply wondered how they could help.

We are actively looking for volunteers and accepting donations. Please contact us if you would like to participate in preparing Parcel O.

Hayes Valley Art Works, a temporary arts incubator is forming on Parcel O (at Fell and Laguna) as a place to come together to discuss, learn, teach, share and express artistic vision for the betterment of the neighborhood. As we work to transform the space we are looking forward to your creative ideas, volunteerism, and participation.

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Local Voices

By Gail Baugh, vice president, HVNA

Respect. This word has great meaning in Hayes Valley. Respect for those who have endured difficult times here. Respect for those who had a vision for a new neighborhood. Respect for the decisions that were made to create a neighborhood from under the shadow of a towering, 40-foot double-deck freeway. And now a new type of respect...

Accelerating housing prices and rents make living here more exclusive. HVNA's mission is an inclusive mission, embracing all residents. So, when longtime residents are forced to leave, we are seeing lack of respect, in particular the real estate agents and investors who see a profit to be made, not the development of a community.

Most recently, AT&T filmed a commercial in our neighborhood, receiving permission to temporarily to remove street parking to park the filmmakers' equipment. However, a food truck, brought in exclusively for the film crew, created an unhappy environment where neighbors couldn't park their own cars and watched the film crew eat at a food truck, rather than enjoying the many local restaurants. And then there was the 400 block of Oak Street...real estate agents, selling 2 flats in a historic, intact Victorian home that had been gutted of its history, received permission to temporarily remove street parking to provide valet parking for those wealthy enough to afford the prices. No respect for the neighbors who live here.

No one could have imagined 25 years ago what is occurring today in Hayes Valley. The economic boom has especially impacted our neighborhood, even as the Market/Octavia Better Neighborhood Plan is being implemented. However, as property values increase and a different group of neighbors move in, the character of this neighborhood is to know your neighbors. Respect for your neighbors is very important here. Make eye contact and say hello. Introduce yourself and get to know someone who may be different than you. It will be an enriching experience.

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DECEMBER

Wednesday, Dec 2nd

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Friday, Dec 4th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

5:00-9:00pm: Support Local Merchants
at Hayes Valley Holiday Block Party

6:00-8:00pm: HVNA's fundraiser
Support Your Community near
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Auction!!

Sunday, Dec 6th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Monday, Dec 7th

7:00pm: Public Safety Cmtee: SFPD
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Wednesday, Dec. 9th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Thursday, Dec 10th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

6:30-7:00pm: Greening Committee
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7:00pm: Hayes Valley Neighborhood
community & membership meeting -
Madeline's Party & traffic calming
updates
Hayes Valley Playground (corner of
Hayes/Buchanan)

Friday, Dec 11th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Saturday, Dec 12th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Wednesday, Dec 16th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works

Thursday, Dec 17th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Friday, Dec 18th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Sunday, Dec 20th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Wednesday, Dec 23rd

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Wednesday, Dec 30th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

JANUARY

Sunday, Jan 3rd

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
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Fell and Laguna

Monday, Jan 4th

7:00pm: Public Safety Cmtee
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Wednesday, Jan 6th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
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Fell and Laguna

Thursday, Jan 7th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Friday, Jan 8th

12:00-5:00pm: Volunteer Work Party
Hayes Valley Art Works
Fell and Laguna

Thursday, Jan 21st

6:30-7:00pm: Greening Committee
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7:00pm: Membership & community
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