

# The HAYES VALLEY Voice

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## Limited Edition T-shirts from Hayes Valley Art Works



Hayes Valley Art Works is a place to come together to discuss, learn, teach, share and express artistic vision for the betterment of the neighborhood.

The hard work, activation, and frequent use of the parcel of land at Fell and Laguna by the organizers and volunteers at Hayes Valley Art Works has led to safer and cleaner streets in our neighborhood. The long-term encampments along the sidewalks at the intersection have cleared up and now features programming that engages the residents of Hayes Valley.

In order to keep the activation of this space ongoing until construction begins, a limited edition t-shirt has been created to raise money. Without community support, the activation of this space simply would not be possible. While your contribution may be monetary, the return is in the form of additional programming, memorable events and unique experiences in a beautiful community space where all are welcome.

The first 300 people to Donate \$25+ will receive a limited edition Hayes Valley Art Works T-shirt, a special gift from our sponsors. Please remember that your donation to Hayes Valley Art Works is tax-deductible!

### OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT HAYES VALLEY ART WORKS

With the help of Abuntoo, a new fundraising platform where donors can pick rewards offered by a local business as a thank-you gift, we are launching a month-long campaign to raise \$3,000 for a new project for the site, 'A Walk Through Time', which will combine art with an interactive narrative history of Hayes Valley.

To support the project and to receive rewards from local businesses like CityRide Bike Rentals, visit Abuntoo at [www.abuntoo.io](http://www.abuntoo.io)

Contact [hayesvalleyartworks@gmail.com](mailto:hayesvalleyartworks@gmail.com) for more information.

For upcoming events at Hayes Valley Art Works, see page 4



### President's Column

By Gail Baugh, President

Wow, more to report this time! So much excitement in Hayes Valley, and more to follow. Our focus on the arts continues.

Our beloved Temple, by artist David Best, and supported by Burning Man and fees from new developments, administered through SF Arts Commission, will be de-installed by mid-June. Stay tuned from our ACE committee for further updates regarding what's next. We're now beginning art activities and installations at the Hayes Valley Art Works, at Fell/Laguna, as a temporary activation of the site that will later become affordable family housing. The May 21<sup>st</sup> "Clay Throwdown" was a great event! And we're continuing to look for mural sites on private property for local emerging artists.

Greening in our neighborhood is expanding. We're working on several Living Alley projects, supported by designated fees from new developments in Hayes Valley, thanks to the Market/Octavia Plan. New tree plantings are also soon to happen, and Friends of the Urban Forest is using the temporary site at Fell and Laguna as a staging site for trees to be planted soon. Stop by and take a look. Do you know of an empty tree well? Contact our Greening Committee.

Big news about the San Francisco Unified School District (SFSUD) announced its intention to finally create the Arts Center for our kids in our public schools, located at the historic site at 135 Van Ness and 190 Fell Street between Hayes and Fell. It's a city block that will be devoted to public education through the arts, and right in the heart of HVNA boundaries. School of the Arts High School will be moved here, closer to all the performing arts centers, and the newly opened MOMA. Much more to follow on this important new arts education center.

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**HVNA would like to extend thanks to PROXY/envelope a+d for their support in underwriting this edition of *The Voice*.**

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Many of you have become members of HVNA. Continue to support your neighborhood association by volunteering to help green, create art, support families and children, and keeping our neighborhood safe and welcoming for all. Thank you for your wonderful support. Our membership is at its highest level...now engage! Note: Our May26th meeting summary will be posted to our website blog May 30.

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## Property Crimes Update in Hayes Valley

*by Bob Barnwell, Saefety Committee Chair*

Property crimes are major problem in San Francisco, especially in Northern Police District. At the May 2, 2016 Public Safety Meeting updates were given by several city agencies about what they are doing to fight the crimes. Property crimes, as defined by the San Francisco Police Department, are Burglary, Auto Theft, Theft from Vehicle (car break-ins), Arson and Other Theft. 2015 was an especially bad year for property crimes in Northern Station. But there is some good news on the way.

At the meeting were officers from Northern Station showing that property crimes in their district were down 16% in February, 2016 over February, 2015. Car break-ins were down 29%. The latest statistics were just released and show a drop of 17% in property crimes of April, 2016 over March, 2016. Car break-ins were down 14%.

Also at the meeting was the new Neighborhood Prosecutor assigned to Northern, Assistant District Attorney, Erica Corns. She brought along the special Assistant District Attorney, Shirin Oloumi. She is assigned to overseeing the prosecution of auto burglaries and thefts. They talked about the steps the DA's Office has taken over the last year. Every auto burglary is brought to Shirin Oloumi. She prosecutes herself certain problem defendants. There has been an increased amount of jail time for repeat offenders. There is a lot of pressure on the DA's Office to stop the repeat of property crimes.

This is good news that the police are showing a decrease in crime and the District Attorney's Office is making special efforts to prosecute the crimes. But more is needed. Prevention is especially important. We have talked for years about not leaving anything in your car. Even during the day. There is a call for special Ambassadors to be located at certain hot spots for property crimes. They will assist the residents and especially the tourists in protecting their property. Once again all property crimes must be reported for the police to allocate the resources to the toughest spots.

The reduction in the number of property crimes will be a difficult task to accomplish. Many city agencies will need to be involved along with alert residents. Things have gotten better but there is a long ways to go.

Contact [safety@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:safety@hayesvalleysf.org) for more information.

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to the HVNA website!  
Email [voice@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:voice@hayesvalleysf.org)

## Upcoming Plans for Page Street

*By Jason Henderson, Transportation & Planning Committee Chair*

We are excited about new ideas to make Page Street safer and more comfortable for cycling and walking. These new ideas, including possibly converting Page Street to a one-way street westbound from Octavia to Buchanan, would make Page into the street it is supposed to be – a quiet and calm neighborhood street – and not the freeway ramp that it has become.

HVNA has long advocated that Page Street should be converted into a “bicycle boulevard,” with slower car speeds, reduced car volumes, and safer, more welcoming routes for bicyclists. While the new green center-running bike lane between Laguna and Octavia is a decent start, it is really a band-aid for a street. There are still too many cars on Page. Although no decision has yet to be made, we're very enthusiastic about getting freeway traffic off of Page and encourage further consideration of the westbound one-way option. This option would include a wide, comfortable “contra-flow” bike lane (such as the one on Polk near Market- only better!) that could be fully-separated from traffic by tree-plantings or reorganized curbside parking.

Moving forward, we also urge SFMTA, using technology and computers, to “meter” car traffic on Oak Street between Stanyan/Kezar and Octavia. From the west, drivers, mostly single-occupant, cumulatively overwhelm Oak and Octavia leading to cars spilling over to Page and Haight Streets. The city needs to meter that traffic upstream before it jams up like a clogged sewer, and at the same time, use well-tested traffic calming to keep the cars from spilling over to Page and Haight. Car-drivers can have a better-managed Oak and bus-riders will have a better Haight. Bicyclists and pedestrians need space too, and the logical street in this corridor is Page.

More information about some of the ideas for Page can be found here: [www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/octavia-boulevard-enhancement-project](http://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/octavia-boulevard-enhancement-project).

Contact [planning@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:planning@hayesvalleysf.org) for more information.

## Policy Towards Private Transit

*By Jason Henderson, Transportation & Planning Committee Chair*

The Transportation & Planning Committee of Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association continues to follow developments regarding the private commuter buses running between the city and Silicon Valley. We applaud the SFMTA's policy changes that require the private buses to use designated arterial streets like Oak and Fell. Those streets are where the buses are most suitable – not on streets like Haight or Hayes, where they impede Muni. The private buses are heavier than what is normally permitted on most streets, and contribute to wear and tear on streets designed for lighter vehicles.

We are aware that SFMTA has designated new loading zones for private buses on Oak and Fell. For the past few years this has been our suggestion. We'd rather see SFMTA and tech workers adequately fund PUBLIC transit but in the meantime this is an acceptable compromise. These loading zones are on the main arterials rather than neighborhood streets, and significantly, unlike the use of bus stops, it is already legal for the city to create these loading zones.

Regarding the use of Muni stops, once again this year HVNA joined with citywide allies in opposing a misguided State Assembly bill that would have allowed private buses to use Muni stops. Muni has enough problems with all the car traffic and double parking in the area. Private buses should work out routes that do not impede PUBLIC transit – like sticking to Oak and Fell.

As we've said before, we appreciate the products that the employees of these corporations design – from cancer-fighting drugs at Genentech to search engines at Google. Indeed some of our members work for these companies. But private, exclusive buses in public bus stops have negative impacts on public transit. They prevent Muni from pulling up to the curb to pick up senior citizens and people with disabilities, and they add to the travel times of thousands of Muni passengers. We need to build up our public transit infrastructure, expand cycling options, and discourage further privatization of our public realms.

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## New Quarters: Inaugural Exhibition

Contributed by Emma Spertus for Hayes Valley Art Works

Hayes Valley Art Works is pleased to announce the inaugural exhibition *New Quarters*, opening on Saturday, June 4 with a reception for the artists from 4-6pm. *New Quarters* includes artworks by Violette Alby, Michelle Echenique, Jackie Farkas, Daniel Farnan, John Farnsworth, Eliza Fernand, Steven Garen, Jamie Kelty, Nicole Lavelle, Cara Levine, Sonja Ljubinkovic, Pablo Manga, Jary Neibur, Jay Rosenberg, Suchitra Sharma, Vidhu Singh, Emma Spertus, Robert Spertus, and Deirdre Weinberg. The exhibition was juried and curated by Tanya Gayer. *New Quarters* will be on view from June 4 – July 9, 2016.

The selected artworks for *New Quarters* interpret the hybrid site of Hayes Valley Art Works through installations, photography, painting, and collage. Functioning simultaneously as developed and feral, HVAW provides a multifarious encounter with the land, art, people, and the built environment. A shipping container on site functions as a gallery for such artworks as the still and serene abstract paintings by Jary Niebur and the complex collages by Jamie Kelty. Each artwork featured in the gallery utilizes color and form in similar qualities as their surroundings of telephone poles, concrete slabs, fencing, overgrown milk thistle, freshly planted gardens, and modest grade of dirt terrain. The combination of these artworks and elements located in the site recall a history of a developed property that once functioned as a freeway onramp and homeless encampment, but other elements of the property reveal an attempt by nature to recapture what the lot once was prior to its development. The artworks selected for this exhibition reflect the brackish environment that one experiences upon entering HVAW, and question what this rare slice of open and underdeveloped space in San Francisco might provide for the arts community.

The outdoor installations of *New Quarters* additionally call upon the hybridity of the environment seen in the work of Michelle Echenique and Steven Garen who focus on direct individual contact with nature and human-made materials like metal or concrete. Using such human-nature combinations, the artists respond to a part of the HVAW site that subsequently becomes a personal and private space in a vast and open area. It is this individual and community aspect of each installation, and interest in infrastructure and nature, that supports the HVAW intentions as a site for artists and the public. As the organization looks forward in future programming and workshops it endeavors to function as a place of refuge and dialog amongst the shifting Bay Area communities, housing, and economy.

Maps will be available in the gallery for viewers to locate and enjoy the outdoor installations. Hayes Valley Artworks is located at 456 Laguna Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. It is open six days a week from 12 - 5pm (closed on Tuesdays). It is supported through a partnership between Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, City of San Francisco, Haight Street Art Center, community support, and volunteers

Contact [hayesvalleyartworks@gmail.com](mailto:hayesvalleyartworks@gmail.com) for more information.

NEW QUARTERS Opening Reception: Sat., June 4 from 4-6pm

Free Artist led creation workshops: Sat., June 25 from 3-5pm



## It's That Time of Year Again!

By Pk Cummings, A.C.E. Committee Co-chair

The art at Patricia's Green is ready for its annual rotation. *Would you like to be a part of the team that makes it happen?* Beginning June 14th, David Best and his group will be dismantling the beloved structure. Volunteers are welcome and needed with this process. Pieces of the Temple will be temporarily housed at our very own Hayes Valley Art Works, some may even be available for you to take home. From there it will move forward with its original intent, which is to be ceremoniously burnt at a later date. The next art is... to be determined.

What is being considered at this time are existing pieces that can be transported to the site in the center of Patricia's Green. A.C.E. is working closely with the SFART Commission on selecting the next piece. If you, or an artist you know would like to submit a proposal, one may do so through [art@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:art@hayesvalleysf.org). Submissions are reviewed on a rolling basis. If you have big dreams and a way to make it happen next year, we have some funding available and would love to showcase local talent. Now is the time to begin thinking about it! We expect the next piece to be installed sometime in the Mid-Fall/October.

We would like to also give a shout out to Hayes Valley Art Works, located at the Fell & Laguna freeway parcel O. Have you checked it out yet? It's an art incubator of goodness where you are free to have the space to be creative. There are amazing opportunities to show off your skills immediately. Drop by and talk to Hayes Valley Art Works director, Jay Rosenberg, about upcoming programming at the Fell & Laguna parcel.

Contact [art@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:art@hayesvalleysf.org) for more information.

## Community Gardens to Open Soon at Haight & Laguna

Contributed by Alchemy by Alta

The Community Garden at Alchemy by Alta Apartments will be opening soon! Former HVNA president Paul Olson and others worked for nearly 8 years to be sure community access was assured for this land, owned by UC Regents, and leased to Wood Partners developers for 75 years.



Please contact the Alchemy by Alta Leasing Office to advise of your interest to reserve one of the plots. There is no charge for your garden plot. Alchemy by Alta Leasing Office will act as Garden Coordinator and will do the following:

- Assign plots (size is approximately 3 x 4 ft with water source)
- Maintain a waitlist
- Orientation of Community Garden with new gardeners
- Collect and keep all corresponding paperwork, including lease agreement, release of liability, and garden rules
- Maintain a list of current gardeners
- Communicate with lease holders of inactive or unsightly plots, eventually evicting from plots if unresponsive to less extreme attempts to correct.

Hours of operation are currently set to be 7:00a - 7:00p (or sunset, whichever time is earlier). Smoking, littering, loitering, skateboarding, feeding birds, and other activities as described in agreement, are not allowed

Contact [live@alchemybyalta.com](mailto:live@alchemybyalta.com) for more information.

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**THANKS TO BUSINESSES OF HAYES VALLEY**

*Contributed by Bob Barnwell, HVNA Membership Secretary*

Once again businesses in Hayes Valley showed they really support the community. 18 businesses provided donations to the silent auction at the May 4 “More Than Magic” fundraiser for summer youth programming. Public Bikes will help in June. Over \$50,000 was raised from sponsorships, ticket sales and auction and silent auction items.

Led by long time contributors such as McRoskey Mattress, Yoga Tree, Timbuk2 and Through the Hayes Optometry and new contributors such as Kit and Ace and Will Leather Goods it was a great night for the youth of the Western Addition and Hayes Valley. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the fundraiser and Fig and Thistle, Live Fit Gym, Lux SF and Streets of SF Bike Tours helped again as they have in the past. The Absinthe Group once again came thru with a dinner at the Boxing Room.

For six years the San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Ballet have provided tickets for good seats for some of their great performances. These are always very popular silent auction items. Once again we offered a package called “A Day in Hayes Valley”. This starts with brunch for 2 at Chez Maman West, then a gift certificate at Warby Parker, followed by drinks at Two Sisters Bar and Books and ending with dinner at Suppenkuche.

Over 1200 youth in 25 programs will benefit from the money raised on May 4. This includes locations in Hayes Valley such as the Beacon Center, Hayes Valley Playground and the Don Fischer Clubhouse at the Boys and Girls Club. We should feel proud of the businesses we see as we walk through Hayes Valley. They are the ones, when asked, go out of their way to provide a good summer for the youth in the area. They have done it in the past and 2016 was a banner year for their support. Community Gardens to open soon at Haight and Laguna

Contact [business@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:business@hayesvalleysf.org) for more information.

**HVNA Ham & Eggs Fire Brunch**

**Thanks to all who contributed to our annual fundraiser!**



*HVNA Volunteers collecting donations at Biergarten on 5/7/2016. (Pictured from left HVNA Secretary, Russell Esmus; member, Pauline Kahney; membership secretary, Bob Barnwell; Associate Member, Channing Hussey).*

**JUNE**

**Monday, June 6th**  
7:00pm: Public Safety Meeting  
safety@hayesvalleysf.org  
Korean Cultural Center  
745 Buchanan St.

**Tuesday, June 7th**  
All day: ELECTION DAY  
Remember to VOTE!

5:00-10:00pm: 2nd Annual  
Proxy-SF Jazz  
Neighborhood Block Party  
Hayes & Octavia

The SF Jazz Festival runs  
through June 19th @ SFJazz

**Wednesday, June 8th**  
Sunset: Community Water  
Ceremony  
Hayes Valley Art Works  
Fell & Laguna

**Tuesday, June 14th**  
All day: Temple removal  
Patricia's Green

**Wednesday, June 15th**  
Sunset: Community Water  
Ceremony  
Hayes Valley Art Works  
Fell & Laguna

**Thursday, June 16th**  
6:30-7:00pm: ACE Cmt Mtg  
art@hayesvalleysf.org  
Café la Vie, 514 Octavia

San Francisco Black Film Festival  
African American Art & Culture  
Center 762 Fulton St.  
runs through June 19th

**Wednesday, June 22nd**  
Sunset: Community Water  
Ceremony  
Hayes Valley Art Works  
Fell & Laguna

**Thursday, June 23rd**  
6:30-7:00pm: Greening Cmt Mtg  
green@hayesvalleysf.org

7:00pm: Membership/  
Community Meeting  
Hayes Valley Clubhouse  
corner of Hayes & Buchanan

**Wednesday, June 29th**  
Sunset: Community Water  
Ceremony  
Hayes Valley Art Works  
Fell & Laguna

**June 25th & June 26th**  
SF PRIDE  
Multiple events throughout SF  
and at Civic Center

**JULY**

**Monday, July 4th**  
No Public Safety Meeting  
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Independence Day!

**Thursday, July 21st**  
6:30-7:00pm: ACE Committee  
meeting  
art@hayesvalleysf.org  
Café la Vie, 514 Octavia

**Thursday, July 28th**  
6:30-7:00pm: Greening  
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7:00pm: Membership/  
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# We often get asked: "What is PROXY?"

*A message from our underwriter, Douglas Burnham of PROXY/envelope a+d*

**P**ROXY is the place we created next to Patricia's Green in response to the Hayes Valley neighborhood's call for interim uses on vacant freeway parcels along Octavia Boulevard. We got involved because we thought we could make a difference in a place that had too many vacant places, too many parking lots.

We started with creating spaces for new businesses like BIERGARTEN, Smitten, Streets of San Francisco Bike Tours, and JuiceShop. Now, with four years left on our lease, we are focused on creating a new kind of arts institution, one that brings free cultural programming to street level. We even started a nonprofit — HERE FOR NOW — to raise funds supporting this experiment in making the city a better place.

If you haven't experienced PROXY we hope you will come out for the 2nd Annual PROXY & SFJAZZ Block Party on Tuesday, June 7, 5:00-10:00pm. Music, films and festivities--enjoyed outside together: that's why we created PROXY.

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