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Back to School Celebrations Planned for Western Addition



District Supervisor, London Breed, with community members attending the annual Backpack Giveaway & Health Fair in 2015. Photo courtesy of Don Bowden, ALVS Photography

This August, Collective Impact will be mounting our annual Back to School Celebrations at the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center (1050 McAllister Street, between Webster & Buchanan Streets). These yearly events are much anticipated throughout the Western Addition community, and offer a safe, fun, and spirited coming-together for residents.

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 2 from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Night Out celebrates positive engagement between community members and law enforcement; our friends from SFPD Northern Station will be on hand with activities for the kids, and will be grilling delicious burgers and dogs for all. We will also hold a resource and info fair for Western Addition residents along Buchanan Mall (we do have a need for an additional 2 to 3 volunteers for food and beverage service). Please plan to join in the fun!

Our annual Backpack Giveaway & Health Fair will be held Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 to 2:00pm. This annual event features free backpacks and school supply kits for students ranging from Pre-K to college age. There is also a health and wellness fair; families can count on vision, hearing, dental, and stress tests, and additional check-ups from medical professionals, and can gather resources from other community organizations. Healthy meals and snacks, games, a reading corner, and other activities round out the day. More than 1,500 backpacks and kits will be distributed this year, and families line up hours before the event begins in order to secure items to get the school year off to a strong start for their children.

To prepare for the Fair, the organization holds a "prep party" the week before; many hands are needed to prepare the thousands of backpacks and school supply kits for the big day, and then sort by color and size/age group.

For more information about ways to support our Back to School Celebrations, or to sign up for one of our August volunteer opportunities, please contact devi@collectiveimpact.org or 415-771-7228.



President's Column

By Gail Baugh, President

Our Hayes Valley community truly is the center of much of what the City is struggling to address: retention of housing units for residents

(not hotel space), traffic enforcement and alternatives to car use, local retailers, and supporting our wonderful creative arts community. Much of our new housing now under construction includes BMR's on site. Several of the freeway parcels have been designated 100% affordable, and the one at Fell and Laguna will be just that: 100+ affordable units for families. Hope to break ground in 2017.

That brings me to another favorite topic: a neighborhood-serving, full service grocery store coming to our neighborhood. HVNA supports New Seasons Market, which is currently in lease negotiations with the developer/owner of 555 Fulton, Fulton Ventures. With the vision and determination of former HVNA president Paul Olsen and others, we are fortunate to have this location entitled with an affordable, full service grocery store. It will be large (almost 30,000 sq. ft), and offer delivery service, in-store activities. Additionally, as New Seasons Market is a B-corporation, they will continue their mission to engage and support the community it serves.

There will be employment opportunities, creative opportunities, and it is my hope that this new neighbor will also serve as a gateway for neighbors getting to know one another. There is on-going communication among housing development residents, HVNA, and our supervisor London Breed to plan for this store in our community.

The store opening date has yet to be announced because there have been numerous building delays. The main point is there will be an affordably priced, full service grocery store in Hayes Valley that will serve the Central City and the Western Addition... coming soon. We will keep you updated on the hayesvalleysf.org blog.

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Hayes Valley Art Works is pleased to announce our current curator-in-residence Elliott Cost.

Beginning July 31st, Elliott Cost will present a series of talks titled Island of Stars. The talks will examine deadly thrills, dashboard cinema, and priceless receipts. Speakers include Perry Trollope, Gordon Faylor, Sean Tatol, and more to be announced.



Cost will present one-day pop-up shows from 4:00 to 7:00pm on August 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th.

Sunday, August 7th - Artist Jen Sheer

Monday, August 8th - Artist Kat Schneider

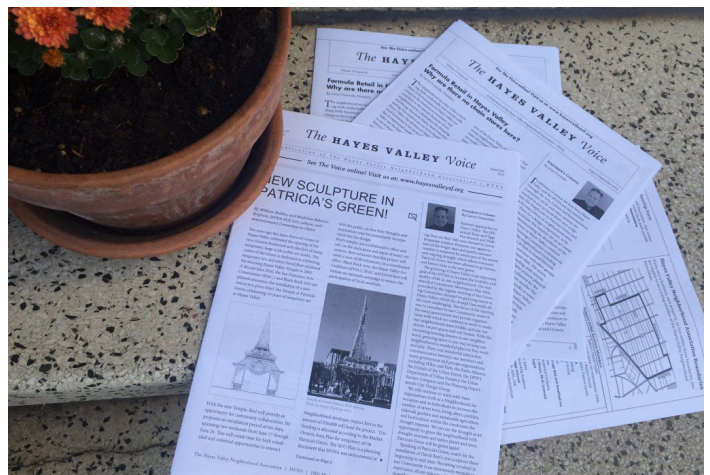
Sunday, August 14th - Artist Peter Hurley

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San Francisco's Successful Probation Departments

Contributed by Bob Barnwell, Safety Committee Chair

San Francisco is the only county in the state with separate Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments. Both departments have been so successful that many other counties, including Los Angeles County, have contacted San Francisco about how it works. The Adult Probation Department is one of the top 5 in the state with an over 70 % rate of people successfully completing their probation. On Monday, June 6, 2016 the head of the San Francisco Juvenile Probation, Chief Allen Nance, spoke about the success his department has had in the last few years.

In 1989 voters in San Francisco approved a ballot measure to separate Probation into 2 different departments. Juvenile Probation handles youth up to age 18. This is important because of the strict confidentiality requirements for juveniles. For many years Juvenile Probation was led by Chief William Siffermann. Chief Nance has been the head for the last 3 years. The Juvenile Probation Chief reports directly to the Mayor. Many great successes in Juvenile probation have happened over the last few years.

In 2005 there were 1900 referrals to the Juvenile Justice System. In 2016 there have been only 600. In June there were 47 youth in Juvenile Hall. In 2007 there were 205. Chief Nance brought some charts showing a 66% decrease in property crimes by youth. 69% decrease in motor vehicle theft. Total bookings for youth in 2010 was 787. In 2015 it was 379. The majority of youth on probation are African American and Hispanic but from 2006 to 2015 there was a 64% decrease in property crime bookings of African American youth and a 76% decrease for Hispanic youth. In 2010 40% of the juvenile bookings were youth 15 and under. In 2015 it was only 28%.

There are 39 Juvenile Probation Officers currently handling 316 cases. Two officers, Kathleen Owens and Ernest Logoleo, assigned to Northern Station have been regular attendees to the monthly Public Safety meetings. Officer Tony Hurley was there in June. Chief Nance has instituted some new programs in culinary arts, greening, and merchant classes. The result of all the good work by Chief Nance and Chief Siffermann before him is less youth on probation, less youth committing crime, especially at a younger age, and better public safety in our city. Once again San Francisco leads the way with new ideas such as having a separate Juvenile Probation Department from Adult Probation.

Contact safety@hayesvalleysf.org for more information.

Homelessness in Hayes Valley

As a community, Hayes Valley is an assemblage of people sharing a given area. We are a mixture of shared and varying social, cultural, occupational, religious and economic interests. The local homeless population is part of our community and considers Hayes Valley to be their home. Similar to other neighborhoods, Hayes Valley often struggles with the day to day impacts associated with homelessness.

Hayes Valley's community gardens, art projects, unsold baked goods, job training programs and daily sidewalk conversations are inclusive resources for those most in need. Unfortunately, mental health problems often contribute to the daily struggles of living outside. Drug use and a recent surge in burglaries further complicate the issue. Homelessness in Hayes Valley is part of a much larger city, state and national issue. There is no easy fix or solution but we can try to be compassionate and more efficient in our responses when problems occur.

If you see someone posing a threat to themselves, others or property, please contact the appropriate public agencies:

Police non-emergency line - 415-543-0123

Local government services - 311

In case of an emergency - 911.

The San Francisco Police Department has recently increased their neighborhood presence and is trying to help as well.

So many individuals contributed time, energy and funds to improve the neighborhood leading up to and following the Central Freeway removal. As a result, Hayes Valley blossomed and continues to exceed expectations. None the less, living in a city can be hard. For some, life is more challenging and leads to unforgiving conditions like living on the street. Please remember, they are people in tough situations and deserve compassion.

Last month, seventy local news organizations collaborated to focus on homelessness in the Bay Area. The resulting SF Homeless Project is a remarkable effort tackling the history, people, politics, complex realities and potential solutions surrounding homelessness in the Bay Area. The contributors share varying perspective and the project is a must read for those who missed it.

On July 28th the HVNA community meeting featured a panel discussion on homelessness. Visit the HVNA blog for more details.

A Haiku

Contributed by neighbor Maxine Grodjinsky

Local Inspiration: The courtyard of the San Francisco Zen Center located at 300 Page St., outside of the bookstore.

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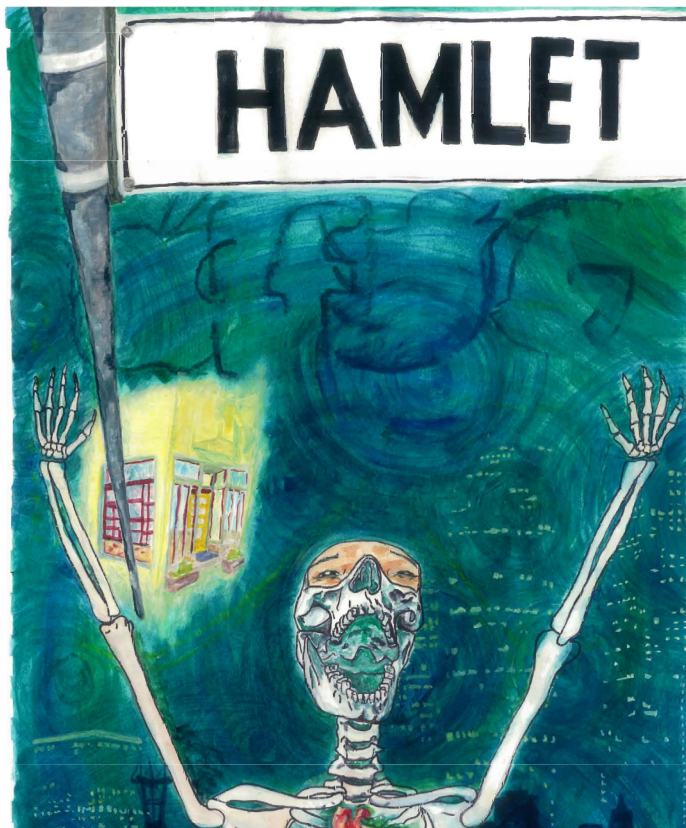
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San Francisco Youth Theatre Presents... William Shakespeare's **HAMLET**

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with music by **Schuyler Karr**

San Francisco Youth Theatre is pleased to present the SFYT DREAM Ensemble production of William Shakespeare's classic tragedy, *Hamlet*. This production of *Hamlet* is set against the backdrop of present day San Francisco, with the Danish monarchy being transformed into tech giant Elsinore.com. The play is edited so as to focus on the domestic tragedy that gives *Hamlet* much of its power. Hayes Valley Art Works is a unique setting for this intimate production, performing in the open air. The live musical score, composed by Schuyler Karr, and performed on stand-up bass adds a distinctly cinematic feel, which complements the play's evocative language, beauty, and imminent dread.



August 26th-28th at 7:30pm
Hayes Valley Art Works
456 Laguna Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

For tickets, visit www.sfyouththeatre.org

San Francisco Youth Theatre creates cutting-edge theater that represents the unique sensibilities of youth. The SFYT DREAM Ensemble consists of high school and college-aged actors dedicated to creating and performing works of art that tells the compelling stories of their community.

Visit sfyouththeatre.org or hayesvalleyartworks.org for more information.

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Hayes Valley Art Works: July Recap

New Work by Helen R. Gaus

By Russell Esmus, *Editor of The Hayes Valley Voice*



"Untitled" 2016 by Helen R. Gaus. 30.5" X 26.5", acrylic on linen.

Helen R Gaus recently showed new work at Hayes Valley Art Works with a small reception on July 15th. Though Gaus now resides outside of Hayes Valley, she feels a connection to the neighborhood and has been involved in the community for many years.

Gaus used to reside on Fell Street and often participated in dance events at the African Outlet which was in Hayes Valley at the time (formerly at 524 Octavia, now on Third St. in Bayview). "It felt like the crossroads of the city," Gaus says, "where the quieter western neighborhoods meet the more hectic downtown activity. Kind of a gateway." Gaus also had her first San Francisco show in Hayes Valley in 2009, at a shop called AsIWouldSay. The shop featured a gallery in the back, run by a few friends of hers.

Reflecting on her first San Francisco show as well as this new one, Gaus said she was glad that a space like Hayes Valley Art Works is operating in the neighborhood. "You can't rely on full fledged galleries or venues to cultivate culture in a community. They're great and important hosts for established artists or musicians, but can't provide for [emerging] artists or ideas which also need space to evolve in order to become the future creative expression of a community."

Contact hayesvalleyartworks@gmail.com for more information on work by Helen R. Gaus

New Development Coming to Parcels M & N

Contributed by envelopeA+D

In June, the San Francisco Planning Commission approved the mixed-use development proposed for Octavia Boulevard Parcels M and N, marking a critical milestone for a project that has spent over 10 years in development. Designed by envelope A+D, the 24-unit project began in 2005 as the first prize winner of the *San Francisco Prize: Octavia Boulevard Housing Design Competition*. This international juried competition, sought fresh approaches to urban housing in anticipation of new development on 22 parcels created by the Central Freeway's removal.

Set along the east edge of Octavia Boulevard, parcels M and N are among the most challenging of the former freeway sites. The two 120-foot-wide parcels are just 18 feet deep, defying typical housing configurations. Instead, the design uses the site's shallow footprint to encourage a lifestyle that is engaged with the existing community.



Concept art for the new mixed-use structures to be built on parcels M & N along the east side of Octavia, between Fell and Oak.

The eight two-bedrooms and 16 efficiencies are compact with living areas and bedrooms oriented out to the neighborhood. Windows run the full length of each unit. The exterior vertical-lifting screens provide privacy and shade. Through the day, the shifting screens will generate a subtle movement and change in the appearance of the buildings.

The concept recognizes that in a culturally rich neighborhood, life naturally extends outside of the home—from a nearby café to one of the many performance halls down the street. The ground level retail spaces of parcels M and N will complement the neighborhood by bringing added activity and additional retail space to Octavia Blvd.

When completed, parcels M and N will stand as a reminder to the vision of the Hayes Valley neighborhood. As advocates for both the permanent removal of the earthquake damaged freeway and the San Francisco Prize design competition, the neighborhood has seen new design approaches that could influence infill housing throughout San Francisco and beyond.

Contact planning@hayesvalleysf.org for more information about new developments in the neighborhood.

AUGUST

Monday, August 1st

7:00pm: Public Safety Meeting
Korean American Center
745 Buchanan
SFPD Youth & Community
Engagement Unit

Tuesday, August 2nd

5:30-7:00pm: 15th Annual
National Night Out
Ella Hill Hutch @ 1050 McAllister
Food, Resource Tables,
Entertainment

Saturday, August 6th

10:00-2:00pm: Backpack Givaway
& Health Fair
Ella Hill Hutch @ 1050 McAllister
Free backpacks for youth K-12

Thursday, August 11th

6:00-7:30pm: Transforming
Anxiety & Depression
Practice Class
SF Zen Center @ 300 Page St.

Wednesday, August 17th

5:30 pm: John Lewis & Andrew
Aydin
Speaking event at USF

Wednesday, August 24th

5:00-7:00pm: Benefit Auction &
Celebration
Hayes Valley Art Works

Thursday, August 25th

6:30-7:00pm: Greening
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7:00pm: Membership/
Community Meeting
Hayes Valley Clubhouse at the
Playground, corner of Hayes and
Buchanan

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 1st

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Monday, September 5th

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Thursday, September 22nd

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Hayes Valley Clubhouse at the
Playground, corner of Hayes and
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Living Alleys in Hayes Valley

The grant application for the Living Alley Voice project is due in mid-September. Several grant applications are in the works for alleyways in our neighborhood, including projects on Lily.



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HVNA Now Has 300 Members

The Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association, as July 15, has 300 current members. Thanks to a great Spring Renewal campaign and with many of the people moving into Hayes Valley joining HVNA we have more members than ever before. The 300 members is a 25% increase over the 240 current members we had on August 31, 2015. The membership year is September 1 thru August 31. A big thanks goes to the Membership Committee. Channing Hussey, Daniel Watson-Weller and Larry Cronander did a great job with the Spring renewal campaign. We will followup with a Fall renewal campaign.

Another thanks goes to the decision made by the HVNA Board several years ago to try and sign up members using PayPal. It took a lot of work. Thanks to Nathan Lozier, the past Treasurer, who set up the PayPal account and worked out several kinks. He worked hard which has paid off with the 300 current members. Our current Treasurer, Chris Sater, has picked up from Nathan and there is a smooth use of PayPal. Most still renew by mail but you can still go online and renew using PayPal. 300 members means a lot of new people, new ideas and new energy in HVNA.

Flower Garden Volunteers Wanted at the Hayes Valley Playground!



One of the many garden spaces at the Hayes Valley Playground located at Hayes and Buchanan.

Have you always wanted a flower garden, but live in a tiny apartment? If you live in Hayes Valley you have a wonderful opportunity. The beautiful flower gardens in and around the Hayes Valley Playground at Buchanan at Hayes are maintained entirely by volunteers who live in the neighborhood. We need just a little gardening help, whatever you can spare. We've got gloves and garden supplies for you.

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