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We Welcome HYBYCOZO to Patricia's Green



Currently on display: Large sculpture by HYBYCOZO in the center of Patricia's Green, made from laser-cut steel and assembled on-site. (Photo by Russell Esmus).

Two new sculptures bring new sense of wonder to Hayes Valley!

HYBYCOZO, comprised of Yelena Filipchuk and Serge Beaulieu, create laser-cut steel 3-dimensional sculptures. Though now based in Oakland, Filipchuk and Beaulieu resided just outside Hayes Valley at Guerro and Market until recently.

Their beautiful work, often featured at festivals like Burning Man, can take up to four months to design and create a sculpture.

Installed during the first week of November, HYBYCOZO was selected by the Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Committee of HVNA in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission.

Though many sculptures have been in rotation at Patricia's Green over the years (see Love Your Trees! Plant More in 2017! on page 6 for a photo of the 2010 installation), this installation by HYBYCOZO creates a different experience by featuring two separate sculptures. This was made possible due to the removal of the pepper tree that had died earlier this year.

For more information, contact Pk at art@hayesvalleysf.org.



President's Column

By Gail Baugh, President

Plan For the Future, and Make Your Future Bright

We're traumatized by the past few weeks of the presidential campaign and election, culminating in an unimaginable President-elect Trump. Our nation believes in the acceptance of the rule of law, and the voters split nearly 50/50. The Electoral College was the final decision.

So now what?

As president of a tiny neighborhood association, I suggest that your sense of disbelief be channeled toward local action, embracing your neighbors and clearing a way for you to make a difference in local concerns. HVNA has fought for the unimaginable...taking down a freeway that had been there for more than 50 years, and challenging those who couldn't envision another way. We always moved forward, and never gave up, even when faced with setbacks. We are not alone in our city nor in our state.

And perhaps have empathy for those among us who do not experience the same economic gains as others. Reach out to support each other to accomplish goals that will help us live in a welcoming neighborhood, available to all. I've been introduced to "Parlor Meetings" online, which are ways to bring neighbors together and decide what is important to do, now. As your president, I'd be happy to organize a parlor meeting.

We're beginning the holiday season, and our Holiday Block Party, set for Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6:00-9:00pm, and on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from noon-2:00pm, should be a way to stay positive. Support our local merchants in Hayes Valley, enjoy our local musicians, and greet your neighbors and visitors. Plan for the future, and make your future bright. As Gandhi said, "Be the change you seek."

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Holiday Events Supported by HVNA

By Bob Barnwell

With over 300 members, HVNA is able to support many community programs. For many years HVNA has used the support of community contributions to fund public arts Hayes Valley. From the art at Patricia's Green to pop-up art galleries to the current Hayes Valley Art Works - HVNA has been there to support and guide activities. The Public Safety Committee has produced 4 public safety bulletins. This current December Voice issue contains our bi-annual Business Insert providing additional promotion for our business members. The Greening and Transportation and Planning Committees are also strongly supported by HVNA.

This Holiday season, HVNA is happy to support two community events through grants. First, HVNA has supported Community Grows. This organization is presenting their annual Card & Wreath Making party on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00-4:00pm at the Hayes Valley Community Room located at 401 Rose. This is a great opportunity to get into the holiday spirit with cards and wreaths to take back to your home. Stop by and join other community members of all ages.

HVNA has also provided a grant to support the Holiday Food Box Program. 250 families in the Western Addition will receive turkeys and fresh produce provided by Bi-Rite Market. On December 15th, 10 locations (including 3 in Hayes Valley), will distribute food to families in need.

From January 1 to December 31 HVNA is here to support our community.

The African-American Shakespeare Company

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CINDERELLA

December 22-24, 2015

Directed by ShawnJ West

This heartwarming holiday show finds Cinderella, a young, beautiful dreamer, toiling away as a lowly scullery maid to please her evil step-mother and (oddly masculine) stepsisters. With a little bit of magic, Cinderella finds her Prince Charming and learns that anything is possible—even miracles—when you believe in yourself. A wonderful delight for the entire family, African-American Shakespeare Company's *Cinderella* has been delighting audiences for over twelve years.

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Building Connections for Children & Families

By Devi Zinzuvadia of Magic Zone

Where has this year gone? It seems as though we were just celebrating the end of another successful summer for children and youth programming in the Western Addition, and readying everyone for back to school season... And now leaves are falling from the trees, the academic semester is winding down, and we look ahead to the winter holidays and time together with families and friends!

Those of us who work in service of children and their families in this community know that the mark of a successful year can be difficult to measure, but easy to spot: the excitement on our kids' faces as they participate in activities with their mentors; their deep concentration as they engage with school work or independent reading material; the joy that comes from trying new things; and the connection that follows offering kindness, friendship, and community. Many Western Addition direct service programs within the Mo'MAGIC collaborative have deep and longstanding ties to Hayes Valley, and whether it's YMCA Hayward RecConnect staff and students safely walking the 10 blocks from John Muir Elementary to their program home; or Magic Zone elementary students activating the playground, garden, and classrooms at the program's site in the Clubhouse on Hayes and Buchanan; or older youth and teens considering issues of community and social justice through public spaces along Buchanan Mall through the Citizen Film | Buchanan Change project... there is a great deal happening every day in our neighborhood.

Our shared work can be challenging, and the difficulties our children and families face are real: the cost of living in San Francisco remains high, and quality, affordable housing in our community is scarce. My colleagues and I are often asked, *What can I do to help and support?* Happily, there are a great many answers to that question! Volunteer time and talent is always of value, and within our community collaborative there are many ways to partner. Always feel free to send me an email, or check in at our next HVNA meeting, to discuss!

Devi Zinzuvadia is the Director of Engagement at Collective Impact | Magic Zone, a Western Addition community based organization with program sites at Ella Hill Hutch Community Center and Hayes Valley Clubhouse.

For more information, contact Devi at devi@collectiveimpact.org, or stop by the Hayes Clubhouse to say hello!



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Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Tips

By Bob Barnwell

With 3 people a day hit by cars while walking in San Francisco and with 1 out of 2 people entering the emergency room at SF General due to a traffic crash there is a real need for safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Monday, November 14 Public Safety Meeting discussed the ways to keep safe while walking and bicycling in our city. Natalie Burdick of WALK SF and Adam Cuadra of SF SAFE were joined by Sgt Anthony Manfreda of Northern Station and John Alex Lowell in providing some safety tips. The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition decided to not show up.

Keep all your senses available while walking and bicycling. That means no headphones while riding a bicycle. Distracted walking is an increasingly serious problem. Called pedestrians these walkers are unsafe. Smart phone theft is still a major problem so you must keep head up and go to well lit areas. One of the biggest problems is cars making left turns while people are crossing the street. The drivers are concentrating on the on coming traffic in order to make the left turn and sometimes do not see the walker in the crosswalk and people using smart phones while in the crosswalk do not see the car. There is a big danger in crosswalks and streets during the morning and evening commute hours. The SFPD increased enforcement in 2015 during these times. Both ped and pedal need to look left, right and then left again at a stop sign intersection.

Market St. is an especially dangerous street for bicyclists with all the public transit and fixed rails. They should bike single file on Market and other busy streets. A sharrow emblem on a road means both car and bike are single file. A bike should not be riding next to a car on a sharrow road in San Francisco. In California a bicycle has the same right to the road as a car. It also means that the bicycle needs to observe the same laws as cars. The top citations issued by the police are speeding, not yielding, not stopping on red and improper turns. Another problem on Market are people getting off of buses onto the islands. They need to be very careful crossing the street because if a bicyclist sees no cars they have a tendency to speed up.

Pedestrians need to pause and look both ways before crossing a street. This is especially important for seniors who make up 60% of the people who are hit. Any intersection 25 feet wide can be crossed even if no painted crosswalks. Bicyclists should not be on sidewalks except for ages 12 and under. For long bike rides bring plenty of water, make sure air in tires, there are no cords hanging down, and friends know where you are going and have checkpoints. For long walks make sure you have comfortable shoes, layers of clothing, water and tell friends where you are going. Bright colored clothing is important for both ped and pedal. Some bicyclists have safety whistles.

There are some safety solutions being promoted. If you see a dangerous intersection for walking then contact **WALK SF at walksf.org**. They are promoting speed bumps, raised crosswalks, bulb outs and painted safety zones and lights that provide a few seconds head starts for pedestrians. Cars can make it safer for bicyclists by changing the way they open the door. Called dooring accidents happen when bicyclists pass a car on the left when someone is opening the door. Instead of opening the drivers door using your left hand try your right hand. This causes the driver to turn and better see if a bicycle is passing. We live in a city with many ways of getting around. There is an increased amount of walking and bicycling. Keep you senses, head up and look around to keep safe.

For more information, contact Bob at safety@hayescalleysf.org.

Update From Transportation & Planning Committee

By Jim Warshell, interim Chair

Transportation & Planning continues to have interesting and informative discussions surrounding development issues within our borders and in nearby projects requesting our input. Our most recent meeting had a very engaging discussion of the Planning Department's proposed Urban Design Guidelines work. While the extensive effort HVNA put into the Market/Octavia Plan has Hayes Valley ahead of the curve on comprehensive and detailed guidelines, our input is still critical to the discussion. The discussion was further enhanced by having the developers planning to present later in this T&P meeting join the discussion and share their perspectives and insights. Planning will be holding a further outreach meeting on December 5th between 6:00 and 8:00 at California Pacific Medical Center, Davies Campus, 45 Castro Street (Gazebo Room) and all are invited to attend.

Among the developers presenting at this recent meeting was Parcel T on Octavia between Page and Rose Streets, a dramatic proposal with sidewalk engaging retail, sophisticated design and, much to our acclaim, zero parking. The other project for which we reviewed was early concept plans for a development at Market and Duboce, incorporating the historic Mission Revival building currently housing Kinkos/FEDEX and a law firm and the parking lot next door. While slightly out of our HVNA boundaries, we welcomed the opportunity to provide input to this development team as well. This project is a complex challenge of balancing historic preservation while dealing with "facadism" issues and achieving growth in housing stock on this most transit rich site. We hope to continue interesting and thought provoking discussion on this key site.

It was particularly heartening that these two projects were both being done by local developers with significant successful history in our community, DG Design and David Baker Associates. Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to welcoming back our Chair, Jason Henderson, and learning of his European sabbatical discoveries.

For more information, contact Jim at planning@hayescalleysf.org.

NERT is Coming to Hayes Valley

by Helen Gekakis

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) is a free training program for individuals, neighborhood groups, and community-based organizations in San Francisco. Through the program, individuals will learn the basics of personal preparedness and prevention. You will learn the basics to take care of yourself and others.

Classes are held one night a week for 6 weeks from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Classes include Risk Awareness, Disaster supplies, Personal/Family Disaster Planning, NERT overview, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Medicine, Terrorism Awareness, Disaster Pre-Planning-building community one block at time.

You will have the skills to be prepared for emergencies big or small, and get to know your neighbors on your block to maximize resiliency after a disaster.

The San Francisco Fire Department will provide training at the Hayes Valley Playground Clubhouse (corner of Hayes and Buchanan) on successive Fridays beginning at the end of January or early February, 2017.

Stay tuned for confirmation dates in the Voice, our website, and social media!

For more information, contact safety@hayescalleysf.org.

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Love Your Trees! Plant More in 2017!

By Jim Warshell, *greening committee*

Proposition E has won big in San Francisco -- getting almost 80% of the vote! Our city (and Hayes Valley) will finally have the urban forest that it deserves. Passing Prop E means that property owners will no longer shoulder the financial burden of pruning trees or fixing tree-related sidewalk damage. By removing most people's primary concern related to having a tree in front of their property we hope to make more property owners anxious to have a tree in front of their property. A slight increase in the property transfer tax will fund the development of a uniform crew of professionals to properly tend to our trees rather than making it the responsibility of the property owner to find the service and pay for it. Since well cared for tree lined streets add to the value of properties, this seems to have been an appropriately sourced funding mechanism. This should make planting trees a more reasonable commitment for the average homeowner hoping to beautify his community without having to take on undue responsibilities.

To kick start our local effort to take advantage of this opportunity, HVNA and its neighbors are planning a tree planting for next April. If you have or know of a place that needs a tree, contact the property owner in front of the space, and reach out to HVNA's greening committee to learn how to get trees for your street. This planting is already well along in reaching the "critical mass" needed to do a planting, so count on it happening! The tree-planting program thru Friends of the Urban Forest is a simple, low cost (\$135 covers all permitting, inspections of site suitability, tree well prep/cement removal, the new tree and labor of well trained volunteers and neighbors) way to have the tree planted properly.

We hope you can add your address to the tree planting party by March 15 deadline to be included in the April 2017 planting. If you miss this opportunity, it may be a few years before there is another planting in Hayes Valley since FUF rotates neighborhoods cover the whole city.

Download the tree planting application at <http://www.fuf.net/programs-services/greening/> or contact greening@hayesvalleysf.org to get your application and answer your questions. Applications will also be made available at upcoming HVNA community meetings.

NOW LET'S START PLANTING!



The ginkgo trees at Patricia's Green c.2010 (with temporary sculpture "Ecstasy")

Looking Forward For Hayes Valley Art Works

By Gail Baugh, president

After having a successful fundraiser, selling famed artists Jeremy Fish and Stanley Mouse art works that they both donated to HVAW, a crowd-funding campaign is underway to help match a \$10,000 grant. Donate on through this link: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/hayes-valley-art-works/>



Art by Johnna Arnold currently showing at Hayes Valley Art Works.

Their goal is to raise \$5000 by the end of December. Your donation is tax deductible, with Intersection For the Arts as the fiscal agent. Make dreams for local art come true, since we can't change the national picture.

100% of donations go to keeping arts and public programming alive at Hayes Valley Art Works, which includes:

- Artist and curator fees
- Remain open and free to the public four days a week
- Improvement Projects - better gates, signage, and movable table set up
- Promotion - getting the word out about HVAW and our events
- Basic HVAW Operating Costs (such as utilities and maintenance)

HVNA is beginning the process of transitioning the HVAW's site to a new location, once the affordable housing development to be built on this site at Fell and Laguna begins in 2017. There are several vacant parcels of land on the eastern side of Octavia Boulevard, and initial discussions are beginning with the City's Department of Real Estate and the developers who will eventually build on these sites, to consider temporary uses for art installations or other works projects beginning in 2017. While there is no firm decision regarding temporary use of the Octavia Boulevard sites, initial outreach has been positive, and the fundraising mentioned here could help ensure there is an organization to transition to new temporary sites in Hayes Valley. Hayes Valley Art Works looks forward to your support to make a difference locally.

DECEMBER

Friday, December 2nd

6:00pm: 26th Annual Holiday Block Party
Hayes St at Octavia Blvd

Saturday, December 3rd

1:00-3:00pm: Holiday party Family Day
feat. photo booth at PROXY

1:00-4:00pm: Annual Wreath & Card Making Event
Sponsored by Community Grows
Hayes Valley Community Room
401 Rose St.

Monday, December 5th

7:00pm: PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
Korean American Center 745 Buchanan St.
"Proposal for a new Behavioral Health Justice Center"

Saturday, December 10th

FINAL DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO HAYES VALLEY ART WORKS INDIEGOGO FUNDRAISER
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12:00pm: SANTACON starts from Union Sq.
SFFD to collect toy donations from participants

Tuesday, December 13th

6:30am: Full Moon Ceremony
SF Zen Center
Page St. at Laguna St.

Thursday, December 15th

4:30-6:00pm: Western Addition Youth Interfaith Party
Jewish Community High School of the Bay
1835 Ellis Street

December 22nd-24th

CINDERELLA
Presented by African American Shakespeare Company
Herbst Theater
401 Van Ness Ave.

Saturday, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE
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JANUARY

Sunday, January 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!

Thursday, January 26th

6:30pm: Greening Committee meeting

7:00pm: HVNA membership meeting
Hayes Valley Clubhouse at the Playground, Hayes and Buchanan

Third Sunday Concerts 2016/2017

December 18 Christie Springer, Soprano
Brian Swager, Harp
Daniel Pociernicki, Narrator

January 15 *IN OTHER WORDS*

Jennifer Ashworth, Soprano, Lauren Carley, Alto
Kevin Baum, Tenor, James Monios, Bass

February 19 João Kouyoumdjian, Guitar

March 19 *Music for the Lenten Season*
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May 21 Agave Baroque

June 18 Lauren Carley

All concerts start at 4 pm ~ hosted reception follows

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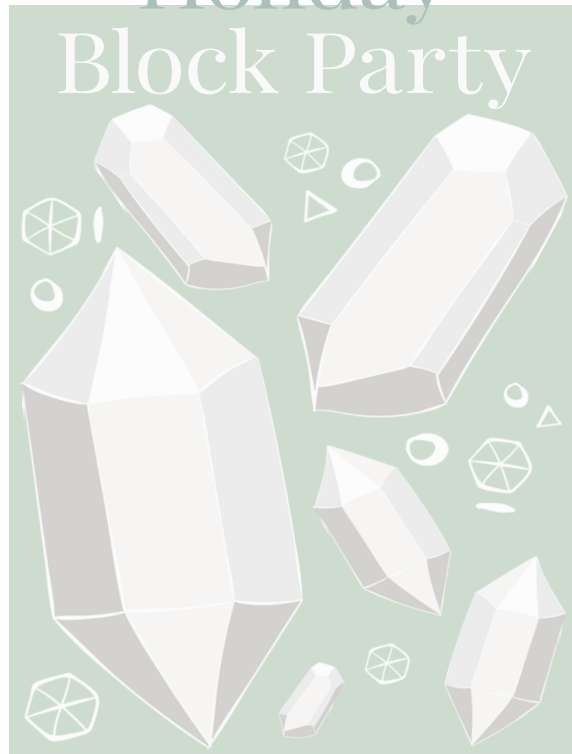
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