

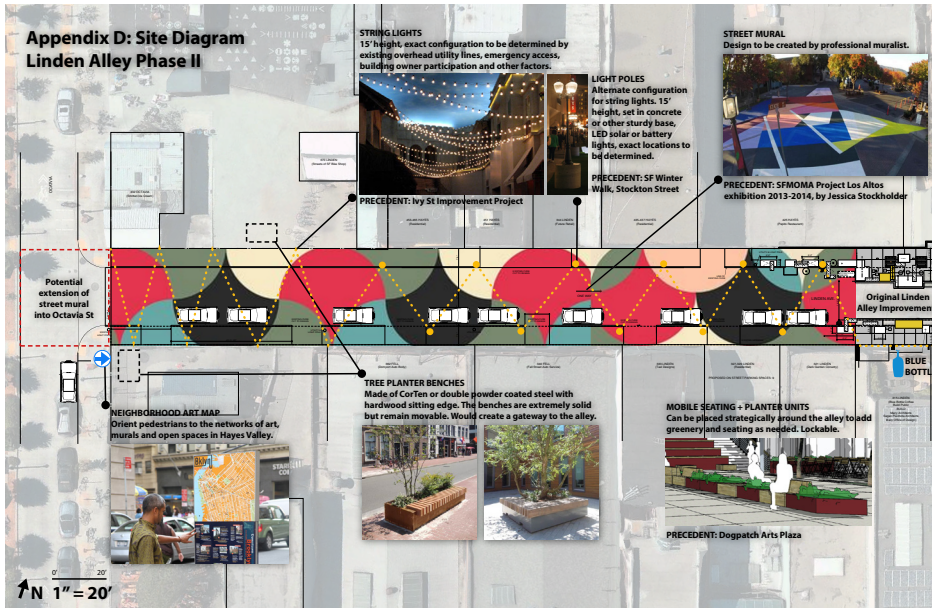
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Living Alley Grants Awarded



Plans for extension of existing living alley on Linden Street between Octavia and Gough.

HVNA is happy to announce that two grants have been approved for Living Alleys. As an integral part of creating a human scale, walkable, friendly neighborhood, the living alleys in Hayes Valley are funded through fees collected from new building developments now being constructed in our neighborhood. The intention of the living alley is to create a space not only for car storage and throughways, but also provide space for cyclists, pedestrian and spaces to garden, sit, gather, and get to know your neighbors.

You can see now the original Living Alley prototype created on Linden Street, near Gough Street. It has been there for almost 5 years, and the local non-profit Build Public received a grant to extend this living alley the full block of Linden to Octavia. See the concept plan.

A more residential street, Lily Street, was also awarded a Living Alley grant. The non-profit organization Friends of the Urban Forest helped neighbors come together and submit a plan that will make their street more enjoyable for everyone, and continue to encourage neighbors getting to know one another.

There is more grant funding available now. The next granting cycle will be in mid-spring (opens February 7, deadline March 24) and a second cycle (opens September 12, deadline October 18) is in the fall. A key component of the Living Alley program, a project managed by the SF Planning Department, is consensus among all neighbors to design and implement a living alley. It requires reaching out to property owners and businesses for their input and agreement. In every case, the living alley process creates opportunities for neighbors to meet one another and appreciate each contribution to the Living Alley design. The design and application process takes about 6 months. We have a new project on Hickory Street, at Van Ness Avenue, and more to follow during the fall cycle.

HVNA will introduce you to both Build Public and Friends of the Urban Forest who can also help with the design and outreach for your alley design. Get started now!!

For more information, contact Lanita Henriquez at lanita.henriquez@sfgov.org and visit sf-planning.org/market-octavia-living-alleys-program



President's Column
By Gail Baugh, President

A New Start to the New Year!

Now is the time to take action in your local community. HVNA just emerged from a membership and community retreat, and the organization has created new resolve to do more good work for Hayes Valley. In our meeting, there was concern about affordability and gentrification. Inclusion, a key word in HVNA's mission statement, seems at risk, as the neighborhood changes.

We agreed to find ways to involve more of our community by starting or expanding our committees. Here is a partial list of our goals for the next 2 years:

Reach out to others in our community: new developments with large groups of new residents. Make sure everyone gets the Voice, one way or we speak with each other.

Support community artists and their art and expressing Hayes Valley's history through the arts.

Help with homelessness and civil rights

Tap into our neighborhood's network. Reach to neighbors to know what is going on, especially to our young residents just moved here and those who feel isolated.

Support our wonderful merchants.

Tell our neighborhood's and neighbors' stories

And we are moving forward in important ways. If you'd like to be a part of our actions, get involved in our committees:

* Transportation and Planning Committee: reviews new developments, transportation improvements, planning issues, Octavia Boulevard, and affordable housing issues.

* Families and Children: We've got new activities planned beginning in February at the Hayes Valley Playground, corner of Hayes and Buchanan.

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- * Public Safety: We've formed a task force to tackle the complex issue of homelessness. If you'd like to be a part of this task force, contact me.
- * Art and Culture: Finding ways to support our artists
- * Events (new): Planning fun things to do in our neighborhood
- * Greening: Planting more trees and permeable landscapes on sidewalks.

As we gear up for the new year, we'd love to have your involvement, or your donation, to support our goals. Take a look at our committees and reach out to them. I suggest you also tell me of your interest, and I'll be sure you're connected to the right person. As we are about to elect a new HVNA board of directors the end of February, we have all promised to make the coming year positive and fulfilling.

For more information, contact president@hayesvalleysf.org

Public Safety Updates

By Bob Barnwell Chair of Public Safety Committee

On February 6th we will hear from Kathleen Connolly Lacey, Program Director of the UCSF/Citywide Case Management Forensic Program, regarding the proposed Behavioral Health Justice Center. A number of city officials are backing this idea instead of a new jail. We will also hear from Northern Station regarding what they would like to see in 2017 regarding public safety. What can the community do in 2017 to help in public safety?

The March 6th Public Safety Meeting will feature Assistant District Attorney Asha Jameson. She has recently been assigned to Northern Station. She will talk about bail- how is it determined, and the role that the D.A.'s Office plays in determining bail. There are also new ideas on reforming the current bail program. The HVNA Public Safety Committee has maintained a close relationship with the Assistant District Attorney assigned to Northern. From Suzy Loftus to Seth Seward to Marc Masserweh to Karen Catalana to Erica Corns we have had some good input regarding public safety from the District Attorney's Office. We welcome Asha Jameson to our neighborhood and look forward to hearing from her. Please review the calendar and attend these meetings to learn more about public safety in our neighborhood..

NEW - Homelessness Task Force

By Gail Baugh, HVNA President

A group of concerned neighbors are forming a task force to take on the complex issues of homelessness in Hayes Valley, with our initial meeting held Feb 6th. It will be held at the Advent of Christ the King Episcopal Church, 261 Fell St.

Perhaps we neighbors can develop a different approach. If you'd like to join this task force, we are bringing together a group that can take a positive approach, rather than what is already not working. We've got experienced neighbors who tackled many issues in Hayes Valley, and the issue of homelessness is truly complicated.

In our Jan. 14th HVNA community retreat, we identified housing security as one issue that is really important to our neighborhood. We believe that homelessness is often the result of no housing security.

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Family Meet-up Planned for Parents & Caregivers!

Please join us for our first monthly *HVNA Family Meet-up* at the Hayes Valley Playground on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. This will be a great way to connect with fellow parents and build community!

We are planning *Family Meet-ups* on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Light refreshments will be provided by the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association. See you soon!

WHEN - Saturday, February 11, 10:00am to 12:00pm

WHERE - Hayes Valley Playground (corner of Hayes & Buchanan Streets)

WHO - All interested neighborhood parents/caregivers & their little ones!

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Arts & Culture Updates

By Pk Cummings, Co-chair of Arts & Culture Committee

It's a new year, and we want to bring everyone together through the sheer act of creating something. To make this all happen, we have some questions:

Have you got a project in mind, but are not sure how to get funding, speak with building owners, receive city approval?

Looking for a way to bring people together through art? Feel like hosting an event? -Let us know, we have partnerships with local locations willing to host.

Do you own a building and would love a mural? We have an amazing portfolio of artists and a bit of funding,,,

Want to hang your art somewhere local? Perhaps we know of a place that compliments your work.

We are here for you.

For more information, contact art@hayesvalleysf.org

Affordably Priced Grocery Closer to Reality

By Gail Baugh, HVNA President

At the Jan 26th HVNA community meeting, the developer of 555 Fulton Street and the location of a full service grocery store gave an update on the construction progress. Having been delayed for over a year, it is now moving forward. Take a walk to see the progress. The intent is to create a new building with a good design and be integrated into the neighborhood. The glass "skin" should be complete within a few months. New Seasons Market also gave an update that his company is very close to signing a long term lease agreement with the developer. Typically, grocery store leases are for 20 years. When the lease is confirmed, the store will need about 6 months to complete their buildout. Neighbors have endured the construction disruption and loss of street parking for a much longer time than expected.

Now that HVNA is in regular contact with the developer, we expect to provide more regular updates - and - when the lease is signed, we will send out a special notice.

For more information, contact president@hayesvalleysf.org

HVNA Board of Directors Election Coming Soon

By Bob Barnwell

One of the benefits of being a member of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association is your ability to vote in our annual elections of Officers and Board of Directors. The election is coming up on Thursday, February 23. Current members and members who are no more than 6 months past due will be sent a letter by the Nominating Committee with a list of Officers and Board of Directors. You must be a current member in order to vote. You can send in your renewal if you are past due. You can also renew your membership at the February 23 meeting. Each of a dual membership have a vote. Business members have a contact person who can vote. Make sure your are current in order to participate in the February 23 election for HVNA Officers and Board of Directors.

Tree Planting Coming Soon!!!

By Jim Warshell

They say the best time to plant a tree is 40 years ago, but the next best time is today. We have a slight adjustment to this, and the answer is April 22nd, 2017. This is because there is a confirmed tree planting for Hayes Valley and Lower Haight by The Friends of the Urban Forest on April 22nd. We want to plant 100 trees in our neighborhood.

It is an especially good time to plant a tree in front of your house. In the last election, SF voters approved making tree care and sidewalk repair from root damage a city responsibility, so now, you are not on the hook for pruning your trees. We have one of the best tree canopies in the City, but there are always spots for more. Especially true if you have an open tree well.

The FUF package is \$135 for all permits, the new tree, volunteers to plant it and all utility sign offs to verify it is OK to plant there. If you need a cut in the concrete, they will handle that too. Sounds too good to be true, if you don't believe me, contact jasmine@fuf.net to confirm this great deal.

As your neighborhood coordinator, I have applications and tree books or you can check things out at FUF's website. Do let me know if you are interested in having a tree in front of your house or business and if you want to volunteer on planting day, even better. The application can only be completed by the property owner, so if you are a renter, talk to your building owner. Please join us for the February HVNA community meeting for more information and applications.

For more information, contact jimwarshell@yahoo.com

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Revelry Bistro - Now Open

Contributed by Murrey Nelson

The dynamic duo behind Revelry Bistro, which seemed to just magically appear at the corner of Laguna and Page in March, is Chef Brad Roth and Manager Jerome Ribeiro.



From opposite corners of the earth - Brad from Michigan and Jerome from the Alsace region of France - the two met at Bistro Central Parc in San Francisco where they worked together for three years and then decided to open their own restaurant. The result is a carefully curated menu featuring a selection of cheeses, charcuterie, crudo and popular seasonal items such as blanched artichokes stuffed with goat cheese, sage and onions; sweetbreads; sole; and beef cheeks. The menu is small so it changes all the time, and has recently grown to include brunch on weekends.

Chef Roth's first job was cleaning oysters at a French restaurant in his home state. From there he moved up the line to garde-manger, salads, sauce hollandaise and then to line cook. This start took him to the New England Culinary School and then to Napa Valley, where he cooked at Beringer Vineyards, Bouchon, French Laundry and Catahoula. Focusing on southern inspired French cuisine, his San Francisco stops included Le Metro, Baker Street Bistro, and Bistro Central Parc where he and Jerome met.

Jerome went to culinary school and graduated as a chef. He spent five winters in Switzerland, summers in Germany, England, France and Italy, alternately cooking and bartending. Spying a green card lottery ad in a professional magazine, he applied in 1997. It was a complex, expensive process that had to be completed in six months, but he made it. His eclectic list of restaurant employers in San Francisco include Café de la Presse, the Fairmont Hotel, the Westin St. Francis Hotel and Chez Papa Mint Plaza.

While very much a Hayes Valley neighborhood restaurant, Revelry Bistro has successfully attracted corporate clients to whom the second room appeals. In addition, quite a few customers are visitors who are referred by The Parsonage around the corner. And Brad and Jerome report that a number of faithful patrons of Bistro Central Parc come by to say hello as well.

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African-American Shakespeare Co. Tackles an American Classic

Fathers, sons, brotherhood, love, loss, and hope are all part of two-time Pulitzer winner August Wilson's Jitney

August Wilson is a titan of American Theater. And *Jitney* is one of 10 plays that make up his legendary Pittsburgh Cycle, in which each play takes place in a different decade as a means of illuminating the breadth of the black American experience in the 20th century. As to why a company dedicated to Shakespeare would perform a play by a two-time Pulitzer winning contemporary playwright, African-American Shakespeare Company Artistic Director L. Peter Callender—who directed an award-winning version in 2016 at The American Stage Theater in Florida says: “I think of August Wilson as the Shakespeare of our time. I love Wilson’s honesty, the ‘anthropological aspect’ of listening to real people and capturing the rhythms of their speech.”



It is 1977 and the Hill District of Pittsburgh—served by a makeshift taxi company because established taxi companies will not run their cars to the neighborhood—is a place facing the end of the road. Urban renewal threatens a way of life for those that live there, and the characters ultimately face navigating through the challenges of their own individual pasts, as well as the racial particularities of the era they find themselves living in.

This new production comes at a time when Wilson’s work is experiencing a resurgence of sorts. Denzel Washington recently starred in the film version of another Wilson play, *Fences*, as well as the first ever Broadway production of *Jitney*. A recent review makes the shrewd observation that the characters in both works wrestle with “ruthlessness and rebellion,” and who despite the scars the outside world has left them with, make decisions that determine their own fates.

If all that sounds a bit Shakespearean, you would not be wrong. *Jitney* will run April 1-16 at the Marines Memorial Theater at 609 Sutter St.

Tickets available at african-americanshakes.org or <https://goo.gl/lvxYoc>

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March 19	Music for the Lenten Season SCHOLA ADVENTUS
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June 18	Lauren Carley

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Silent Disco Urban Nights Kickoff !

By Patricia Megowan

The newly formed Events Committee within HVNA has partnered with ZEROdB Global to present "Silent Disco Urban Nights", a monthly social gathering at Patricia's Green featuring music, dancing, drink specials from sponsoring bars, and a raffle.

Don't miss this fun-filled event series. The kick-off Party will be Saturday, February 18, from 7:00 pm - midnight. Headphones are available for sale or rent from ZEROdBGlobal. RSVP early and save \$3 on your headphone rental!

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Monday, February 6

6:00pm: Homelessness Task
Force Meeting
Advent of Christ the King
Episcopal Church @ 261 Fell

7:00pm: Public Safety Meeting
The proposal for the Behavioral
Health Justice Center
Korean American Center
745 Buchanan

Tuesday, February 7

Application Filing Open for
Living Alleys Grant

Wednesday, February 8

6:30-9:30pm: NERT training
continues
African American Arts & Culture Ctr
Fulton near Webster

Saturday, February 11

10:00am-12:00pm: HVNA Family
Meet-up
Hayes Valley Playground Clubhouse
Hayes and Buchanan

Wednesday, February 15

6:30-9:30 pm
NERT training continues
African American Arts & Culture Ctr
Fulton near Webster

Saturday, February 18

7:00pm -12:00am: Silent Disco
Music - Dancing - Drinks
Patricia's Green
Hayes and Octavia

Wednesday, February 22

6:30-9:30pm: NERT training ends
African American Arts & Culture Ctr
Fulton near Webster

Thursday, February 23

7:00-8:30pm: Membership/
Community meeting
New Board of Directors to be
Confirmed for 2017
Hayes Valley Playground Clubhouse
Hayes and Buchanan

MARCH

Monday, March 6

7:00pm: Public Safety Meeting
A discussion of bail and bail
reform with Assistant District
Attorney Asha Jameson
Korean American Center
745 Buchanan

Friday, March 24

DEADLINE Applications due for
Living Alleys Grant

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New Developments Continue to Rise

New developments continue to spring up everywhere. There are new condominium buildings: 8 Octavia, 388 Fulton Street, 301 Ivy Street, 450 Hayes St, and soon to open 555 Fulton Street. There are new apartments at Alchemy and Avalon Bay. Thousands of new residents are coming to Hayes Valley. Imagine Hayes Valley 25 years ago... who would have imagined this to be one of the most vibrant places to live and play?



The Market/Octavia Better Neighborhood Plan, approved by the Board of Supervisors after 10 years of neighbors and city agencies input, with sheer determination, to hammer out a plan for our community. We are seeing the results of generally good planning and implementation of the plan. We're working on the March community meeting that will show the new buildings that are coming to the neighborhood. Most important, the large parcel at the corner of Fell and Laguna, 110 apartments, 100% affordable, should break ground later this year. It is a car-free development, and contains a community garden for the residents. A mural from the Hayes Valley Farm will be incorporated into the complex. Development should break ground on Octavia Blvd, too.

Along Octavia Blvd., Department of Public Works (charged with maintaining the Boulevard) has begun a dead tree replacement project. New trees will be planted by early February. On blocks where new construction is scheduled, smaller plantings will be used instead of trees to allow flexibility in sidewalk usage (new buildings may change how pedestrians will use the sidewalk).

If you would like to be a part of the Octavia Boulevard Restoration Task Force, please contact HVNA president Gail Baugh to know how to get involved. One task that is urgently needed are local "eyes" on the boulevard to advise DPW when something needs to be replaced or repaired. This boulevard has been internationally recognized for its design, and it requires all of us to be vigilant in its maintenance.

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