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- Transportation and Planning
- Greening
- Other:

■ **Return to:**

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association
 1800 Market Street, PMB #104
 San Francisco, CA 94102

FEBRUARY

**Wednesday, February 25th
 6 - 7:30 pm**
 Living Alley Open House
 SF LGBT Center, Rainbow Room

**Thursday, February 26th
 7 pm**
 HVNA February Community Meeting & Board Elections
 Hayes Valley Playground
 Clubhouse at Hayes & Buchanan

MARCH

**Monday, March 2nd
 7 pm**
 Public Safety Meeting
 Korean American Center
 745 Buchanan

**Saturday, March 21st
 11 am - 2 pm**
 Mobile Rec with climbing wall, slack line, disc golf, bikes, and more. Get out and play!
 Hayes Valley Playground

**Thursday, March 26th
 7 pm**
 HVNA Community Meeting
 Hayes Valley Playground
 Clubhouse at Hayes & Buchanan

APRIL

**Monday, April 6th
 7 pm**
 Public Safety Meeting
 Korean American Center
 745 Buchanan

**Thursday, April 23rd
 7 pm**
 HVNA Community Meeting
 Hayes Valley Playground
 Clubhouse at Hayes & Buchanan

MAY

**Sunday, May 3rd
 11 am - 6 pm**
 Urban Air Market
 Hayes and Octavia

**Monday, May 4th
 7 pm**
 Public Safety Meeting
 Korean American Center
 745 Buchanan

**Sunday, May 10th
 11 am - 4 pm**
 Mission District Sunday Streets
 Valencia Street between McCoppin & 26th

**Thursday, May 28th
 7 pm**
 HVNA Community Meeting
 Hayes Valley Playground
 Clubhouse at Hayes & Buchanan

This publication needs you!

We are always looking for neighbors to write articles for the Voice and for the blog. Please contact voice@hayesvalleysf.org if you would like to volunteer!

NEIGHBORHOOD NUMBERS

Emergency.....	911
Police: Non-Emergency.....	553-0123
Police: Anonymous Tip Line.....	614-3451
Police: Northern Station.....	614-3400
Homeless Outreach Team 24/7.....	734-4233
All City Departments.....	311

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A Neighborhood Call to Green Your Street

By Brian Michael Silva

Imagine if our streets were greened with newly planted trees and sidewalk landscapes, especially along the Hayes Street corridor between Webster and Market. You can help make it happen! We are very excited to offer you an invitation to join us in an extensive neighborhood beautifying project.

Join HVNA's Greening Committee as the Department of Public Works (DPW) partners with the Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) in bringing more plant life to our neighborhood. Help make our streets look and feel green and beautiful by adding a tree or perhaps a permeable landscaping planter bed to many properties in Hayes Valley!

There are two ways to green your property:

1. A low-cost tree planting (\$50 includes a tree, permit for the sidewalk cut, volunteer help in planting, and support to select and maintain the right tree for your area).
2. A sidewalk planter bed (see the sidewalk gardens between Ivy St and Page on Buchanan, pictured below and right).



Homeowners, property managers, and renters who are in touch with their building managers or landlords, as well as business owners are welcome to get involved. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to participate in the project: Brian Silva at brianmichaelsilva@att.net or Jim Warshell at jimwarshell@yahoo.com. The Greening Committee meets at the Hayes Valley Playground Clubhouse on the 4th Thursday of each month between 6:30 and 7 pm.



HVNA February Community Meeting & Board Elections

Thursday, February 27
 7 pm

Hayes Valley Playground Clubhouse
 At the corner of Hayes and Buchanan Streets

Agenda:

1. District 5 Supervisor London Breed will address HVNA on the state of the district and answer a few questions.
2. HVNA Board elections - Join or renew your membership at the door!
3. Housing Opportunity, Partnership and Engagement (SF HOPE)

President's Column

By William Bulkley



“Well, eight years goes by very quickly! Or so it seems, in retrospect!

That's how long I've been on the board of HVNA. I moved to Hayes Valley a mere twelve years ago... a short while compared to many. At that time, freeways still divided the neighborhood, Patricia Walkup was a vibrant community activist, and you could still get a great southern fried chicken at Powell's Soul Food on Hayes Street. True, many things have changed but, as they say, that's the only constant.



Change is coming to HVNA. Every year, at the February Community Meeting, we elect a new slate of HVNA board members. This is the group of dedicated volunteers who give direction to activities, policies, and finances for the organization. It is their collective vision that sets the tone for HVNA. It is with real pride and humility that I state here that I will not seek another year as board president and that I will, in fact, resign from the HVNA board altogether.

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Keep Calling!

By Bob Barnwell

Many residents of Hayes Valley are familiar with calling 311, for San Francisco City and County departments, and (415) 553-0123, the non-emergency police number, to report situations and problems in the neighborhood. Recently, there has been some frustration with the lack of response from city agencies, mainly the Department of Public Works (DPW), and the long waittime on the calls. The bottom line is that you must keep calling those numbers because without individuals contacting authorities, the city will not know there is a problem and will be unable to appropriately respond. The police have also been frustrated with contacting DPW. In the last few weeks, however, there has been a better response and the area is looking better.

You can call 311 to report trash bin spillage, trash on sidewalks, homeless encampments, noise problems, construction blockage, and many other issues. It is very important to *get a tracking number* when you call. Use that number when you call again to report any ongoing or unattended-to issues. Have neighbors use the same tracking number to show that many residents are concerned about the situation. As an example, many of our neighbors called about the burned homeless encampment along Octavia, which damaged several cars. It took a call to Supervisor Breed's office to get DPW to cleanup the mess after two days. Thanks to Vallie Brown, Legislative Aide, for her help on this matter. Our beat officers, Gordon Moore and Kate Bartel, have also been heavily involved in helping to ensure the safety of our neighborhood, especially with regards to homeless encampments. The result is that DPW is paying more attention to Hayes Valley and the neighborhood is looking much cleaner and safer.

You can also call (415) 553-0123 to report non-emergency crimes, which can include car break-ins, burglaries, vandalism, graffiti, people casing out a home or car, and street blockage. You can also call 311 and if the operator determines it is a crime they will transfer you to the 553-0123 operator. If a crime is in progress, be sure to call 911. When you report a crime via 553-0123 *be sure to get a CAD number*. It is especially important to report car break-ins. The only way the police department knows that there is a break-in problem on your block is if they are receiving reports and can then justify an increased police presence and patrolling of the area.

Finally, some good news for Hayes Valley! A good friend of our area, former Captain and now Commander, Ann Mannix, has been appointed as the head of the Traffic Division for the SF Police Department. Commander Mannix has been to many HVNA meetings and knows many of our community leaders. In the past she has heard directly from many of our neighboring residents about concerns, namely regarding traffic. We can only benefit from having such a good friend as the head of one of the most important divisions in the police department. Congratulations to Commander Mannix, pictured right, on her promotion!



Handling Homelessness in Hayes Valley

By Gail Baugh

A meeting on homelessness in Hayes Valley was held on Friday, November 7th. Homeless Outreach team members Jason Albertson and Rann Parker met with MagicZone, SF Rec and Park, and the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association. We discussed how the community could begin to address the issues of homelessness that we all see in our neighborhood every day. Jason and Rann suggested several ways to help:

1. Ask the person you believe is homeless if he or she needs help. Try to learn his or her name. Ask if the person would like to speak with the Homeless Outreach team. If possible, stay with the person until the team arrives.
2. The Homeless Outreach mobile unit is available 24/7 at (415) 724-4233. Include the person's name, if possible, as well as a description and their location.
3. If a person seems out of control or a danger to themselves or others, contact SFPD by dialing 911. To report homeless encampments, call the non-emergency line at (415) 553-0123.

While homelessness is everywhere, there are specific concerns at Patricia's Green and the Hayes Valley Playground. There will be further meetings on homelessness in Hayes Valley, both at Safety Committee meetings and community meetings. Please join us to continue to address these situations in our neighborhood.

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One of the most important factors in this decision is that we have some very fine associate board members who are very capable and enthusiastic about stepping up. Please be sure to come to the February HVNA Community Meeting to vote for your new and continuing board members!

I'm very happy with what HVNA has accomplished while I have been a board member. Many of the projects we have worked on and supported have had long term effects which we are still feeling. I admit, when I first became involved with HVNA, it took me awhile to understand what was happening with the groundbreaking Market Octavia Neighborhood Plan. This visionary document was the result of a sometimes-contentious collaboration between many neighborhoods and the SF Planning Department. The resulting plan guides development and the way development impact fees are expended in our part of the city. While development has been happening since the economic rebound, we are just now seeing the results of the impact fees coming into our neighborhood. This is very big and very exciting.

Hayes Valley is famous for both being an artistic community and being located at the edge of the Civic Center Arts District. What is really exciting is that despite all the economic changes in the neighborhood, there is still a very strong community of artists in Hayes Valley. The HVNA Art, Culture, and Entertainment (ACE) Committee and the Hayes Valley Arts Coalition have been working together to make sure of this. My co-chair on the ACE committee, Madeline Behrens-Brigham curated three months of pop-up art galleries made up entirely of local artists and now has a database of over 70 artists who live in Hayes Valley! The Rose Street Block Party in October was a recent ACE committee accomplishment that I am personally very proud of. There is sure to be more great public art in Hayes Valley with this important collaboration.

There are many more changes in the works for HVNA other than membership and roles on the board. We are currently working on and



will be soon unveiling a new web page that will be vibrant and connected to many social media platforms. We're working hard to make sure you are well informed of what is happening in HVNA and in the neighborhood in general. We will be making changes to this publication, *The Hayes Valley Voice*, and hopefully we will be adopting a new graphic identity this year as well!

It has been great having a friendly working relationship with London Breed, first in her role as Executive Director of the African-American Art and Culture Complex, then as Supervisor for District 5, and most recently as President of the Board of Supervisors. At times her decisions may not have been as progressive as HVNA may have wanted, but she has a difficult and diverse constituency to balance and there is no question that she is respected by her peers. I look forward to seeing what she can do in her new position of responsibility. (Read more on page 4 to learn about Breed's new role as President of the SF Board of Supervisors.)

I would like to thank my fellow HVNA board members - past and present. This is not a job that one does alone but is truly dependent on the support of all board members who are really the most talented community activists. All have busy private lives and yet find time to volunteer to make our neighborhood, safer, more beautiful, and well informed. HVNA has a reputation as being THE most progressive neighborhood association in the city. We are proud of that and it's one thing that I hope will not change. Finally, I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to support the HVNA mission.

See you on the street!,

William Bulkley



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African-American Shakespeare Company Presents *Xtigone*

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association business member African-American Shakespeare Company presents the world premiere of nationally recognized playwright Nambi E. Kelley's *Xtigone*.

A contemporary urban adaptation of Sophocles' tragedy *Antigone*, the play is an impassioned response to the recent untimely deaths of children in emerging Chicago playwright Nambi E. Kelley's native city as a result of gang violence, which has risen sharply in the past several years.

The production updates the conventions of ancient drama for contemporary movement. Ensemble singing, rhythmic movement, and musical accompaniment was an essential part of Greek tragedy's original performance in ancient Athens; similarly, music will provide an urgent musical heartbeat to this stirring depiction of the immense human cost of violence in our cities and in our families.

XTIGONE
Playwright: Nambi E. Kelley
Musical Composer: Tommy Shepherd
Director: Rhodessa Jones

PERFORMANCE DATES
Saturday, February 14th at 8 pm
Sunday, February 15th at 3 pm
Saturday, February 21st at 8 pm
Sunday, February 22nd at 3 pm
Saturday, February 28th at 8 pm
Sunday, March 1st at 3 pm
Saturday, March 7th at 8 pm
Sunday, March 8th at 3 pm

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London Breed Elected President of SF Board of Supervisors

By Bob Barnwell

On Thursday, January 8th, the current Supervisor for District 5 (which covers most of Hayes Valley), London Breed, was elected President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Breed's election by her fellow supervisors makes her the number two elected official in San Francisco. Supervisor Breed grew up in the Western Addition and has a long relationship with many community members in Hayes Valley. This also means that HVNA's favorite Legislative Aide, Vallie Brown, will be working near the top of city government.



As President of the Board, Supervisor Breed will appoint committee members, set agendas for Board meetings, and run the weekly Tuesday Board of Supervisor meetings. With her new role, Supervisor Breed will have a louder voice on issues affecting the City and County of San Francisco. She is also next in line to become Mayor in the chance that anything happens to current Mayor Ed Lee.

Supervisor Breed has been a regular attendee at many HVNA meetings and events, including the January 29th Membership Appreciation Party. She will also be at the February 26th HVNA elections meeting. Many people in Hayes Valley have Supervisor Breed's ear and we look forward to working with her and helping her in her new position with increased responsibilities. Congratulations to Supervisor London Breed on her election as President of the Board of Supervisors!



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Hayes Valley resident Jordan Ma has created a website with depictions of his favorite spots in his favorite neighborhood. Take a look here:

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Candlelight Vigil Held for Young Men

By William Bulkley

On Friday, January 9th, four young men were murdered in Hayes Valley at the corner of Laguna and Page streets. Supervisor London Breed and other community leaders organized a candlelight vigil for the men and their families on Monday, January 12th, three days after the crime. The four men killed were Yalani Chinyamurindi, Harith Atchan, David Saucier, and Manuel O'Neal. All had close ties to the Western Addition. A crowdsourcing fundraiser has been established for Chinyamurindi, a San Francisco City College student who police say was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Donations for his memorial will be accepted at: www.gofundme.com/Yalani. No suspects have been arrested in the case.



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