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A Neighborly Perspective

by Gail Baugh and Jim Warshell

They say one thing leads to another. That sure has been true for us in our time in Hayes Valley. What started out as the drudgery of cleaning up trash on our corner became a nice morning ritual and excuse to look lovingly at our home. As work progressed on the outside restoration, there were more excuses to be out there. We found out how friendly this neighborhood is and how so many people care about our house as much as we do. We've met great people, including a family who lived here 30 years ago with 3 generations and 15 people sharing the space! Once a week now, we even try to sweep the next block of Hayes, from Buchanan to Laguna. There is something very Zen about doing it some mornings.

We met the people who run Hayes Valley Playground across the street and helped them organize a clean-up day. Turnout was great and everyone had fun, so we followed it up with more cleanups and then some plantings. The kids got interested and Gail started a vegetable garden for them to tend. It was great to see city kids do their first harvests. We learned about the art program and encouraged the kids to work big (they went from 8"X11" to 25"X45") on their drawings last Halloween. We wound up with 7 large posters to fill our parlor windows; which gave them a very public forum for showing their work... this year marked the second annual poster competition and display. When we found out that the Playground was locked up weekends because staffing was primarily weekdays, we became part of a team to open and close the gate so that kids can use the play area, basketball courts and tennis courts on the weekend. Seeing people enjoy it is wonderful.

Going to one HVNA meeting to hear about Octavia Boulevard turned into membership, committee membership and now Board membership. It would have been hard not to catch the enthusiasm that one feels from

HVNA founders and members. Richard then encouraged our coming to the Northern Station Community Relations meetings, and we have gotten a whole new spin on the concern and commitment of the Police force from the Captain to the beat officers.

We met Devin at a HVNA meeting and he told us about his work placing street planters in the neighborhood. It got us to move some planters out to the sidewalk. When the roses started to bloom, another member called to tell us about more planters that were available. That got some greenery to the street while we were waiting for the Friends of the Urban Forest to get a Hayes Valley planting on board. We met Lynn, the community organizer, and were able to partner with her to get a great planting done. The FUF people were blown away with the amount of community support we had. As of the six-month follow up, all the new trees are being well cared for and are growing like crazy.

There is no way for us to guess what will come next. We just wanted to share our experiences with you at this Thanksgiving season. We are so thankful to be part of this wonderful community and hope to join with more of you in these joyful ventures that have enriched our experience here in Hayes Valley.

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www.hayesvalleysf.org**

Letter from the President

By Richard Johnson



Halloween is over and all elections have come and gone. We now shift our focus to the next major holidays: Thanksgiving and the many festive and spiritual celebrations of December. This time of year families, friends and communities give thanks for the bounty the year has brought. This year has been filled with fear, uncertainty, and an election that has polarized our nation. Now is the time to come together to work towards the common good. That is why the focus of the November HVNA General meeting is on giving thanks, helping neighbors in need, and laying plans for the coming year.

The November program will start with a presentation for the upcoming "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season 2004." This is the third year HVNA has been involved in this event. Also hear about the events Hayes Valley Community Partners has planned in the neighborhood during November and December. The remainder of the meeting will be set aside for a potluck, so please bring a dish to share with others. As well as all of our neighbors, I have also invited Mayor Newsom, Supervisors Dufty and Gonzalez, and new D5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi to attend.

HVNA has been a leader in the city in the areas of planning, transportation, public safety, beautification and small business preservation. In keeping with that leadership role, come hear how you can help give a supporting hand to people in need, reflect with your neighbors on what we have accomplished through our collective efforts, and share a holiday meal. And, see how you can be more involved in the coming year in improving the quality of life within our boundaries and beyond.

HVNA November Meeting

By Richard Johnson

The focus of the Thursday, November 18th general meeting is on giving thanks, helping neighbors in need, and laying new plans for the coming year. Come hear how you can help out with the Third Annual "Fostering a Safe and Caring Community Holiday Season."

After the presentation we will give thanks by having a potluck, so bring a dish to share. Come join us as we give thanks to all the various HVNA committee members for their ongoing efforts and hard work in the past year. If you are not currently involved with a committee, come meet the committee chairs and see how you can get involved in the coming year. In closing I would like to encourage members to renew their membership. If you're not yet a member, please take the time to join.

Thanksgiving Celebration - With Love

By Pastor Eric Gillette & Gwen Gillette

Valley Christian Fellowship is preparing for its annual Thanksgiving celebration. In previous years, the church has distributed food baskets for everyone—single people, seniors, disabled persons and families. We want to serve everyone with love.

This year we will be hosting a "Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Show" on Saturday, November 20, 2004, from 12–5pm. The community is invited to come and share in the celebration at 738 Hayes Street. This event is in collaboration with the Hayes Valley Community Partners, and Northern District Safety Coordinator of S.F. Neighborhood Safety Partnership, Sandra Swanson. If you are interested in performing, donating decorations, or donating foods such as turkey, ham, desserts, juice and other snacks, please call and leave a message at 415.863 8977. Any help is appreciated, and all are welcomed.

To advertise in this newsletter or submit ideas, articles and comments, please email voice@hayesvalleysf.org

The Hayes Valley Voice extends its gratitude to **Kinko's** 1967 Market Street (at Duboce) for their generous support of our publication.

Hey! Since It's a Neighborhood, Let's Be Neighbors!

What You Do Matters.

By Richard Johnson, Ashley Hamlett, Robert Thomas

In a way, our neighborhood is our public trust; it belongs to each and every one of us. As neighbors, each of us has a responsibility to help make Hayes Valley a safe and healthy place to live, work, and play. Together, in all our beauty and diversity, we can support each other to flourish here for many generations.

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association relies on neighbors like you to be members involved in community-wide efforts. Please take the time to fill out the membership form on page 6 and send it to us with your membership contribution. In addition to becoming a member, please join us at our monthly meetings and give us your suggestions about how we might make Hayes Valley more, shall we say, neighborly?

Who is the HVNA?

Our purpose is to promote a sense of friendly association and community. For example, our popular and informative bimonthly newsletter – put together and distributed completely by volunteers. We collaborate with local organizations. We work with other community groups and city officials in support of a diverse range of activities.

We work responsibly. As a well-connected and highly respected organization, we help

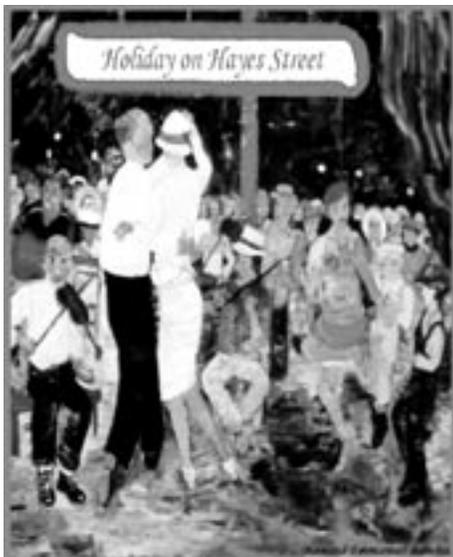
to insure the neighborhood's constructive participation in San Francisco's governmental process. Our work is results-oriented. Our grassroots effort to get the city to demolish the central freeway off-ramp continues to transform Hayes Valley. We see the big picture. As an organization with vision, we worked tirelessly in support of one of San Francisco's most exciting and progressive urban developments, the Octavia Boulevard Project.

You Can Make a Difference!

We work to support cultural and economic diversity. We worked to successfully keep Starbucks off of Hayes Street, and we co-authored legislation to limit the spread of chain stores. We're currently engaged in a wide range of issues, from the proposed U.C. Berkeley Extension development to public safety to "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday season 2004" to neighborhood tree-plantings and clean-ups.

We provide ways for you to get involved. You can support Hayes Valley by attending our community meetings, joining a committee, becoming a member, or just sharing your ideas. Please take the time to become a current member by filling out the membership form on page 6. The HVNA, in order to fulfill its mission, needs both your active participation and financial support.





Block Party Fun!

By Greg Henson

■ It's time to get in the holiday spirit with the annual Hayes Valley Holiday Block Party on **Friday, December 3rd** from 6pm to 9pm. This year's festivities will include lots of street performers, holiday carolers, great DJ's, a photo opportunity with Santa & Mrs. Claus and, of course, the best food, drink and shopping in all of San Francisco.

The holiday party is a great night to get together with friends and neighbors to grab a bite to eat, start your holiday shopping and have a fun filled evening in the hippest neighborhood in town.

Cops Read To Kids

By Judy Edmond

New friendships are being created each Tuesday at the Hayes Valley Playground when officers from Northern Station read to young kids.

The "Cops Read To Kids" program was brought to the Playground in April 2004 by Sandra Swanson, neighbor and District Coordinator for Neighborhood Safety Partnership. One of the goals of the program was to break down barriers and build positive relationships between the kids and the cops in the neighborhood.

As the program continues, the kids stretch their attention span and their comfort level with the officers. Now, the kids are so excited about the program that they rush to get their homework done so they can come. They sit around a table with the officers while the officers read a children's book selected by the program. After the reading, the kids are given snacks provided by Northern Station. The reading usually runs about a half hour.

A major key to the success of the program is the interest and sincere participation by the officers from Northern Station. Officers

Patrick Zacconi and Reese Borrows, the local bicycle officers, are regular participants.

When Sandra Swanson announced that the program was ending with an Extravaganza scheduled for November 19, the officers protested that they wanted to continue! So, as we often do among our community partners, Operation Contact and Safety Network offered to help continue the program through the end of the year.

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This program is the actuation of vision, commitment and support fostered by the community. If you would like to participate, contribute or just come and watch, please call Judy Edmond, Operation Contact Safety Network, 921 4195 or email at snetnorth@aol.com.

UC Extension Update

By Jason Henderson

Responding to concerns regarding any proposed changes at the UC Extension site, the Planning Department has drafted a "Policy Guide for Reuse of the UC Laguna Street Campus." This policy paper articulates a generalized view of the UC site and how it fits with the surrounding urban fabric. It is a conceptual, rather than specific, analysis of how the UC Parcel could be redeveloped. Themes in the document will reflect the wider Market-Octavia Better Neighborhoods Plan. This document will be available soon at: <http://www.betterneighborhoods.org> Please take the time to review their study of this 6 acre site and ways in which it can be developed in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

Playground Update

By Jennifer Adams

The last few months have brought a lot of activity and excitement for the youth in our program. Both the 14 & under and 11 & under Flag Football teams, led by Coach Josh, made it through tough schedules and advanced to the playoffs at Kezar Stadium. October set the stage for our annual Halloween festivities, which included a haunted Hayes Valley clubhouse, a ghoulish eyeball piñata, cake and goody bags, and awards for our "Hayes Valley Halloween Spirit" poster contest. There were at least 25 entries from youth ranging in age from 6 to 17. All of the participants received special achievement ribbons and were recognized at the party. Seven were selected as prizewinners, and had their artwork blown up and displayed for the whole neighborhood to admire.

As the Fall season ends, Hayes Valley Playground & Operation Contact are gearing up for the Winter. Everyone is looking forward to all of the annual holiday events and special activities during winter vacation. Between December 20-23 and 27-30, when the kids are out of school, we will offer extended program hours. Field trips will include ice skating, movies, bowling, and of course, the annual Holiday Luncheon and Party put on by the Hayes Valley Community Partners. For additional program info, please contact us at 554 9526 or 437 1887.

Donations are always welcome.

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New Neighbors

By David Hernandez

Hayes Valley is going to have a new neighbor at 521 527 Gough Street, Brown & Co. Real Estate. Developed by Tim Brown of Brown & Co. and John Sullivan of JPS Builders and designed by architect Drake Gardner, the five-story 35,253 square foot building includes 21 luxury condominium units ranging in size from 1,360 square feet to 1,732 square feet. All units have gourmet kitchens, fireplaces, private outdoor space and one car underground parking. Additionally, the building will also offer 4,500 square feet of retail space. Brown & Co. will occupy 3,000 sq feet and the remaining 1,500 sq feet will be leased. The completion date for the project is slated for the first quarter of 2005.

Brown & Sullivan have a reputation for designing new buildings with clean lines and upscale amenities, while preserving the small neighborhood feel. Brown, Sullivan and Gardner have worked together on several projects in the Bay Area. The nearest examples are 570 Page Street (7 units) and 1963 McAllister Street (10 units).

Brown & Co. is a San Francisco based real estate and investment firm. The entire team at Brown and Co. is excited about the move and is looking forward to making a new home in Hayes Valley. Visit their web-site at www.timbrownandco.com or www.525gough.com for pricing and future updates, and please stop by their new office when it is open!

Western Addition Drill Team & Drum Corps

By Ruby Johnson

Here is an opportunity for youngsters in the neighborhood to get together and have fun. All members, ages 6 to 12, old and new, are welcome.

Now practicing for our special Holiday Events:

- Caroling in Hayes Valley – Dec. 3, 2004
- Martin Luther King Celebration – Jan. 17, 2005
- Black History Celebration – Feb. 27, 2005

Bring your talents and ideas. You don't have to be a member to participate! Come One – Come All! For more information call Miss Ruby 415.552 4964

Support the HVNA

Become an HVNA Business or Organization Member! See the membership form on page 6 or contact Frances Neagly for further information at membership@hayesvalleysf.org

Have any neighborhood news, know of a new business or organization in the neighborhood, or have a story to tell? Want to write for Hayes Valley Voice? Contact us at voice@hayesvalleysf.org or call 415.263 3996

**Hayes Valley Community Partners
“Fostering a Safe and Caring
Community”**

Third Annual Holiday Season Event 2004

This year marks the third year for Fostering A Safe and Caring Community Holiday Season Event. The Hayes Valley Community Partners, who produce the event, are a collaboration of volunteers, community organizations, housing developments, police, business community, neighborhood associations and city agencies. We meet throughout the year and put on two major events “National Night Out” and “Fostering a Safe and Caring Community Holiday Season.” This year we are dedicating the event to Vicky Winston, one of our key organizers in the first two years, who left this world on August 15th, 2004.

Each year the event includes new groups and activities. As I write this article we just awarded seven prizes for our first Halloween Poster Contest for local youth. The winners are being displayed in the windows of 700 Hayes. Our next event will be our kick-off for “Giving Voice to the Season” at the Valley Christian Fellowship located at 738 Hayes Street. Neighbors will enjoy a free Thanksgiving Dinner and participate in a talent show.

The Hayes Valley Community Partners started with an initial goal of distributing food and gifts to needy residents for Christmas. We have a strong committee with good hearts and ideas, but the reality is we need funding from the community. So I am making a plea to individuals, merchants, and groups for donations. HVNA distributes 3400 newsletters. Hopefully we can raise \$4,000 to continue our primary missions of being compassionate, developing leadership, building bridges, and improving the quality of life for all. We can easily meet our funding goal with 40 donations of \$100 each. We will greatly appreciate any support that the community can provide.



Left to right Jim Warshell, Judy Edmond, Vicky Winston, Richard Johnson

This year's events include: A Free Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Show (November 20), Hayes Valley Merchants' 15th Annual Block Party (December 3), Wreath and Card making for everyone (December 11), delivery of food boxes (December 21/22), and a community luncheon and toy give away to youth (December 23). Please see HVNA calendar for details.

All funds raised go directly into our activities. Administrative support is donated through the work of our committee members. Operation Contact, Inc., a non-profit agency, serves as our fiscal agent. Donations are tax deductible. We are also seeking volunteers to help out with all events. If you are interested or want additional information please call Judy Edmond at 921 4195 or email at snetnorth@aol.com.

Greetings from Northern Police Station

By Captain Kevin Dillon

■ I would like to take this opportunity to describe a novel youth program for boys and girls 12 to 14 years old that is sponsored by the San Francisco Police Department. The program, called “Bingo Basketball,” is made possible by a grant from the federal government’s “Project for Safe Neighborhoods” fund. Bingo Basketball gets its name from the idea that the teammates are chosen at random to inspire a sense of noncompetitive teamwork and cooperation.

Officers at Northern Station provide guidance for those who participate by coaching and refereeing the teams. At half time they offer a mentorship program designed to help the participants develop the social skills they need to build bridges and succeed in life. Some of the topics that the officers cover during the half time breaks include decision making, setting goals, school participation, and avoiding gangs and drugs.

All of the kids are awarded prizes after the game, too. The prizes include Yo-yos, mini footballs, mini basketballs, highlighters, pens and Frisbees. Drinks and snacks are provided after the game as well. We only ask that parents sign a permission slip allowing their children to attend. Parents and aspiring participants can find the permission slips at the Hamilton Gym, Hayes Valley Playground or any of the following middle schools – Benjamin Franklin, Roosevelt, Marina and Presidio. The games take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Hamilton Gym on Geary and Steiner between 4pm and 8pm. Please tell your 12- to 14-year olds about this terrific opportunity.

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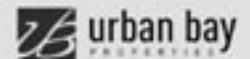
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Richard Johnson and Rebecca Bozzelli at the end of a successful day of making beautiful wreaths and home-made cards for the holidays. Mark your Calendars for this year's event, Saturday, December 11th, noon-3pm at the Hayes Valley Clubhouse and Playground (corner of Buchanan & Hayes). Best of all, it's FREE.

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11.18, Thursday 7-9pm

Special Meeting Date
H.V.N.A. General Meeting
7 Octavia (at Waller)
Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org
Potluck - please bring a dish to share

11.20, Saturday Noon-5pm

Giving Voice to the Season
Talent Show and Free Thanksgiving Dinner
Valley Christian Fellowship
738 Hayes Street
Food donations, questions, or concerns
leave message at 415.863 8977

11.29, Monday 6-7:30pm

Resident Meeting for Hayes Valley North & South
Last Monday of each month
Location: 403 Rose (at Buchanan)
Contact info: 415.487 9496

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12.01, Wednesday 7-8:30pm

District 5 Together
1st Wednesday of each Month
Northern Police Community Room
1125 Fillmore (at Turk), parking
Contact info: www.sf5together.org

12.01, Wednesday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. Transportation & Planning
Committee Meeting
1st Wednesday of each Month
Location: LGBT Center, 1800 Market
Contact info: planning@hayesvalleysf.org

12.03, Friday 6-9pm

Hayes Valley Merchant Block Party
Hayes Street between Laguna & Franklin
Food, caroling, entertainment and fun

12.06, Monday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A Public Safety Committee
1st Monday of each month
Hayes Valley Playground
691 Hayes (at Buchanan)

12.08, Wednesday 7:30-9pm

H.V.N.A Board Meeting
Hayes Valley Playground 691 Hayes
Contact info: president@hayesvalleysf.org

12.09, Thursday 7-8:30pm

Northern District Police/Community
Relations Forum
2nd Thursday of each month
Northern Police Station, 1125 Fillmore
(at Turk) Parking is available
Contact info: Safety Network 921 4195

12.11, Saturday Noon-3pm

Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday 2004
Wreath and Card Making
Hayes Valley Playground
691 Hayes St (corner of Hayes & Buchanan)
Materials provided to make wreaths and cards

12.27, Monday 6-7:30pm

Resident Meeting for Hayes Valley North & South
Last Monday of each month
Location: 403 Rose (at Buchanan)
Contact info: 415.487 9496

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01.03, Monday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A Public Safety Committee
1st Monday of each month
Hayes Valley Playground
691 Hayes (at Buchanan)
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01.05, Wednesday 7-8:30pm

District 5 Together
1st Wednesday of each Month
Northern Police Community Room
1125 Fillmore (at Turk)
Contact info: www.sf5together.org

01.05, Wednesday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. Transportation & Planning
Committee Meeting
1st Wednesday of each Month
Location: LGBT Center 1800 Market
Contact info: planning@hayesvalleysf.org

01.12, Wednesday 7:30-9pm

H.V.N.A Board Meeting
Hayes Valley Playground 691 Hayes
Contact info: president@hayesvalleysf.org

01.13, Thursday 7-8:30pm

Northern District Police Community
Relations Forum
Northern Station, 1125 Fillmore
(at Turk), parking available

01.19, Wednesday 6-7:30pm

Northern District Community Merchant's
Meeting
3rd Wednesday of each month
Northern Police Station, 1125 Fillmore
(at Turk) Parking is available

01.27, Thursday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting
7 Octavia (at Waller)
Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

Look What's Going On In Hayes Valley!

By Ruby Johnson

"Sisters International"/"Little Sisters International"
"Sisters Gathering Sisters"/"Sisters Helping Sisters"

The Women's Group

Meets every first and third Fridays, 7-8:30pm,
at Hayes Valley Community Room/
North & South - Rotated

The Young Women's Group

"Little Sisters International" meets every second
Friday, for ages 12 years through 19 years.
All Are Welcome. Bring A Friend!
Light refreshments are served.

Things in Planning:

Bible Study Cards Movies
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Bingo Jazzercise
Need A Friend? Fundraisers Music

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7-8:30pm

Nov 18 • Jan 27 • Feb 24

No December Meeting