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## Looking to the Sept. Meeting

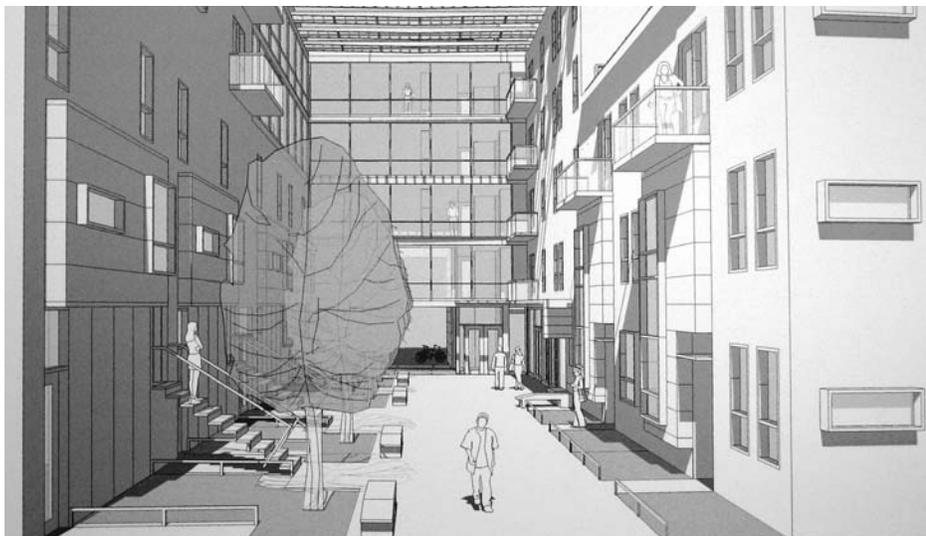
By Robin Levitt

Now that Octavia Boulevard is open there is still one piece of the puzzle that remains. That is the approximately 900 units of housing that will be built along the Boulevard and on the other freeway parcels north to Turk Street. Plans are for 50% of those parcels to be developed by the SF Redevelopment Agency for affordable housing and the rest to be sold by the City to developers of market rate housing.

Earlier this year members of HVNA worked with the Mayor's Office and the Redevelopment Agency as well as other community organizations to organize an architectural design competition for four

architects and planners convened and chose the top designs from the 167 submitted.

Please join us at 7PM on September 22nd in the First Baptist Church for a panel discussion about the competition, view the winning schemes and hear some of the architects talk about their visions for the housing that will be built along Octavia Boulevard. Also find out how and when the City and the Redevelopment Agency plans to develop the housing that will be built along the Boulevard and on the other Central Freeway parcels. More information is available on page 4 of the July issue of the Voice, available on our website: [www.hayesvalleysf.org](http://www.hayesvalleysf.org)



Equal first-place award-winning design for Parcel K by Armit C. Price Patel from Dorchester, Massachusetts

of the sites along the Boulevard. Architects from around the world were invited to participate. The hope was that competitors would develop some very innovative and create ideas for the housing. Indeed they did and in mid June a jury of City officials,

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## President's Column

By Paul Olsen



Photo: Frances Neagley

Summer is over, which means it should start getting hot here any day now. But for many of us, things have already been heating up quite a bit. The long-awaited Octavia Blvd has opened to rave reviews for its form, and optimism for its function. Many of our neighbors have lived in the shadow of the freeway and the detritus underneath it for a long while, and this beautiful boulevard is everything they could wish for. Many neighbors have battled transportation issues for years as well. These could be alleviated by the boulevard and changes in the Market/Octavia plan, in which our neighborhood has been fully involved and supportive. Even so, there is one group of neighbors still needing support - the Northern Mission neighborhood. While the freeway touchdown may be an improvement over Caltran's original planned retrofit, the reality is that there remains a tremendous impact on the quality of life of our neighbors south of Market St. HVNA is supportive of their efforts to have improvements made underneath the new structure and will continue to add our voices to theirs in requesting improvements be made. We encourage each of our members to do the same.

Membership is crucial in many ways. First is the involvement of the most diverse possible group. Second is the energy that each of you brings to the neighborhood and to the organization. Third is the dues that fund the newsletter, our outreach efforts,

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and other activities. Please renew (or join) now, as our fiscal year has just started.

What does HVNA stand for? Often I am so involved in logistics that I do not verbalize what this dynamic organization can mean to all of us. Sometimes we are all so involved in details that we don't see the larger picture, or impact, of all of our actions. HVNA is about togetherness, about quality of life, about improvement, about each of us. Whether we are advocating for best use of a proposed development site, supporting wreath-making at the holidays, helping send neighborhood kids to a competition in Bakersfield, sponsoring temporary art in the local parks or providing a forum for residents to air their views, HVNA provides a structure for all of us to make into a neighborhood.

We look forward to your active participation.

### Meeting Schedule

The September 22nd meeting will largely focus on the **architectural competition** for the parcels along Octavia Blvd. There will also be a presentation on the concept of Co-housing, and our friends from FUF will be there to discuss planning for another tree planting in the 'hood.

The October 27th meeting will focus on **proposed developments** in the neighborhood, including another senior housing facility on the site of the former Hayes Valley Market. The development team for UC Extension will bring their latest proposal to us at that meeting as well.

Our November meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 17th, as Thanksgiving falls on our regularly scheduled date. Please mark your calendars accordingly. There will be **no December meeting**, but plans are afoot for the holidays. More details will be available in the November newsletter and on our website.

We regret the last-minute cancellation of the August meeting, and our inability to notify everyone. The UC development team wanted to make further changes to their proposal before bringing it to the membership, and we agreed with their reasoning that they take the time necessary to revise their proposal to reflect community input.

# Octavia Boulevard Opens!

It's finally happened. The Boulevard is a reality. Fifteen years after the earthquake made the Central Freeway structurally unsound, and 3 different ballot campaigns resulted in the planning of a street-level roadway to replace it, it's here! Opening ceremonies were held on Friday, September 9th, and many politicians and City department heads turned out. Also there were people from the neighborhood, people who should really take credit for much of the efforts.

A while back, in conversation with HVNA Founder Patricia Walkup, a statement emerged, one that is still true today. "Ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things." There are too many people in the neighborhood, and throughout the City who were responsible for this improvement for them all to be named. If you lived here during the freeway campaigns, you will recognize your neighbors and friends

who were involved. If you didn't, please know that tremendous efforts took place to improve the quality of life throughout the area.

While life has improved considerably in the area north of Market Street, many concerns remain South of Market in the Northern Mission neighborhood. There will be a community meeting at the Baha'i Center, 170 Valencia, at 7pm on September 20th to discuss what measures should be taken. Please show your support to our neighbors across the street at that meeting.

It will take awhile for commuters to become accustomed to the new street grid, and there will be tie-ups and inconveniences as this happens. There have been several accidents as people try to make turns or fail to heed the lights. Please be careful when you are in the area.



Above: Blvd architect Alan Jacobs (at left) watches Mayor Newsom cut the ribbon opening Octavia Blvd. Assemblyman Marc Leno, with arm around Patricia Walkup, watches along with Supervisor Jake McGoldrick while former Mayor Willie Brown holds the ribbon

Right: Mayor Gavin Newsom shakes hands with Robin Levitt as Patricia Walkup looks on



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## Renew Your HVNA Membership Today...

### And See the Rewards Tomorrow.

The 2005–2006 HVNA Membership year begins this month. Membership to HVNA is perhaps one of the best “bang for the buck” quality of life investments you can make. Tackling short and long-term quality of life issues impacting our neighborhood, the HVNA has made significant improvements in public safety, neighborhood beautification, and neighborhood planning.

REACH OUT! Ninety-five percent of your membership dues pay for costs associated with printing and distributing the Hayes Valley Voice. With a distribution of

over 3,000 households, the Voice is our most effective method of alerting Hayes Valley residents to important issues and events relevant to the neighborhood. By

renewing your membership we can continue this great service to the neighborhood. With new memberships, we can increase the scope and frequency of neighborhood forums and events, providing greater opportunity for neighbors to connect around important issues.

DON'T BE PASSIVE! Remember, your awareness and involvement in our neighborhood association increases our political capital in local politics, allowing us greater influence in shaping our neighborhood. Rather than reacting to outside forces of change, the HVNA has an excellent history of conceiving and delivering neighborhood vision.

#### JOIN! PARTICIPATE! AND BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY!

There are many ways to express your membership: attend the monthly general meetings and vote, study an issue important to you and bring your valuable knowledge to the community, join the Board or one of the HVNA Committees.

2005–2006 Look Ahead (current and continuing neighborhood issues):

- development of the former freeway parcels
- development of the former UC Extension Campus
- training and assistance in developing an effective model for Neighborhood Safety
- traffic calming associated with Octavia Boulevard
- park improvement and park maintenance
- participation in the public approval process for several mixed-use projects

The HVNA membership year begins in September and ends in August. Annual membership dues are gratefully accepted anytime during the membership year but payment of dues during the fall will assist the HVNA in budget planning.

Fill out the HVNA  
Membership  
Form on Page 6

## Open Studios – An Artistic Reminder

As you may remember from the excellent article by David Hamlet in the July *Voice*, artists from Hayes Valley will be participating in Open Studios the weekend of October 15–16. This is your chance to see the work of your neighbors, and perhaps make some purchases without paying a gallery commission. The *Chronicle* and *Bay Guardian* will each publish maps of the area so you can make sure to cover as much ground as possible. For more information, refer to the July issue of the *Voice*, available at our website: [www.hayesvalleysf.org](http://www.hayesvalleysf.org)



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*“The Blue Bull and the Man with Two Buckets” by Jennifer Harris. See more of Jennifer’s and other the Hayes Valley artists’ work during Open Studios weekend on 15 & 16 October.*

## Documentary Benefit Scheduled

October 13: 6:30 PM at New College of California Theatre, 777 Valencia Street. A benefit for the documentary “Uncommon Knowledge: Closing the Books at UC Berkeley Extension” which will include a screening of footage from the film, a question and answer session with the filmmaker followed by a reception. The documentary includes the period leading up to the closing of the UC Berkeley Extension campus in Hayes Valley, but not on the subsequent decision by the University to propose a private housing development on the site.



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# Focus on Families and Children

By Frances Neagley

One of the wonderful benefits of our new Hayes Green is the large number of children and families that are making use of the park. There isn't a time during the day when the play structure doesn't have kids on it, in it, or around it. And their parents are sitting nearby, getting to know the neighbors. This success has helped HVNA focus on something that has been a priority for a long time, but one that hasn't been fully supported by the infrastructure of the organization.

Earlier this year, the HVNA Board established several core initiatives, in order to ensure that our energies were focused throughout the neighborhood. These were about long-term planning, immediate needs, and quality of life. One of the most successful offshoots of that focus has been the Hayes Buchanan Task Force, an offshoot of our focus on the Hayes Valley Playground Perimeter and the Children and Families in that area.

The Public Safety committee has clearly identified that there should be multiple efforts made to improve the quality of life for our neighborhood. One of these is enforcement, and the group has been involved in educating and informing neighbors about the removal of undesirable elements from our community. The committee has also provided neighbors with a forum to review enforcement concerns.

Perhaps more important to the neighborhood are efforts of prevention. HVNA has focused on opportunities for children in many of its lobbying efforts and, as shown in Hayes Green, has had some success. Some of the strongest feedback from the community related to the proposed development of the UC Extension site is the need for programmed activities for the youth in the area. Efforts at Hayes Valley Playground and Koshland Park also reflect the need to work together to offer our children the best opportunities and our families the most support possible.

At the urging of many community members, HVNA has established a new committee: Families and Children, under the excellent direction of Richard Johnson. As Gail Baugh, an active neighbor and Co-chair with Richard of the Public Safety committee noted, "Now we can see our community as family, and new offspring to be nurtured. Richard understands this point well." Richard and Gail have worked together with the Public Safety committee, and their outreach efforts have been successful. Many of the people who have been participating on the committee and attending its meetings have expressed their frustration that there is more finger pointing going on than prevention efforts. More telling, there has been frustration that others don't understand people from different parts of the neighborhood. The sense of community isn't felt in all areas, and it should be.

By focusing on our future, the children and families in the area, we focus on the larger family that is Hayes Valley. On Monday, Sept 12th, the Public Safety meeting at Hayes Valley Playground was so well attended that people were climbing over each other for seats. And it wasn't a calm or boring meeting either, as people felt free to voice their concerns. HVNA President Paul Olsen remarked that the spirited meeting was a good sign. As he put it, "If people didn't care so much, they wouldn't come and they wouldn't argue. There is so much energy in the room because people in Hayes Valley are passionate about their quality of life." Olsen thanked Gail Baugh for running the meeting, and her efforts in getting such a good turnout. Olsen singled out Supervisor Mirkarimi for his attendance, insight, and efforts to make progress in this area. The supervisor has been of tremendous support to our group.

*Anyone wishing to join the Families and Children committee can contact Richard Johnson at [Safety@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:Safety@hayesvalleysf.org)*

## Laguna Grove Care Senior Community Opening in Hayes Valley

By Ali Kia Shabahangi

The newly built 56-bed Laguna Grove Care Senior Community at 624 Laguna Street opened its doors on Friday, August 26, 2005 to praise from San Francisco's District 5 Supervisor, Ross Mirkarimi and Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Laguna Grove Care was developed and is being managed by AgeSong, a Hayes Valley based, family-run company with the vision of reasserting the value of aging and of being an Elder.

Supervisor Mirkarimi showed his support at the Grand Opening and Rep. Pelosi thanked the AgeSong team for their leadership in caring for the most frail in our community. "AgeSong is cutting edge compassion to assisted living care from an inflexible institutional practice of yesteryear" stated Supervisor Mirkarimi at the Grand Opening of the new community. Rep. Pelosi stated: "Congratulations... This new facility embraces what we all hope for in elder care services. This safe and

beautiful environment with character and warmth creates a community that feels like home. This new facility will allow San Franciscans to preserve valued local relationships when they can no longer live alone."

Laguna Grove Care is an expansion of Hayes Valley Care, a 47-bed senior care community at Hayes and Laguna. Hayes Valley Care began as little more than a dream in 1995 when three brothers decided to combine their diverse backgrounds as psychologist, attorney and spiritual wayfarer in pursuit of a common mission to create therapeutic environments for San Francisco's aging population. Hayes Valley Care opened in 1997, providing a community in which people could feel safe and supported to live all the different dimensions of who they are. Today, the AgeSong team has grown to include their sister Elke, and fifth business partner, Chad.

## A Benefactor for HVNA

By Frances Neagley

A few months ago at the Public Scoping meeting for the UC Extension site, Brian Basinger, Executive Director of the AIDS Housing Alliance, gave an impassioned speech. His comments touched upon the need for housing for all members of the community, and the need for a site that has been designated for the public good for so long to include housing for those in need as part of any redesign. There were many comments made that evening, and HVNA President Paul Olsen's comments also touched on the need for any changes at that site to be reflective of the neighborhood's input and reflective of the 150 year history of public service.

After the meeting, one of our members talked to Brian about the AIDS Housing Alliance, and received from him the recommendation of a realtor to help with a pending transaction. I am happy to report that because of the involvement of AHA and HVNA in that recommendation, the realtor has made a contribution totaling \$2500 to be divided between the two groups!

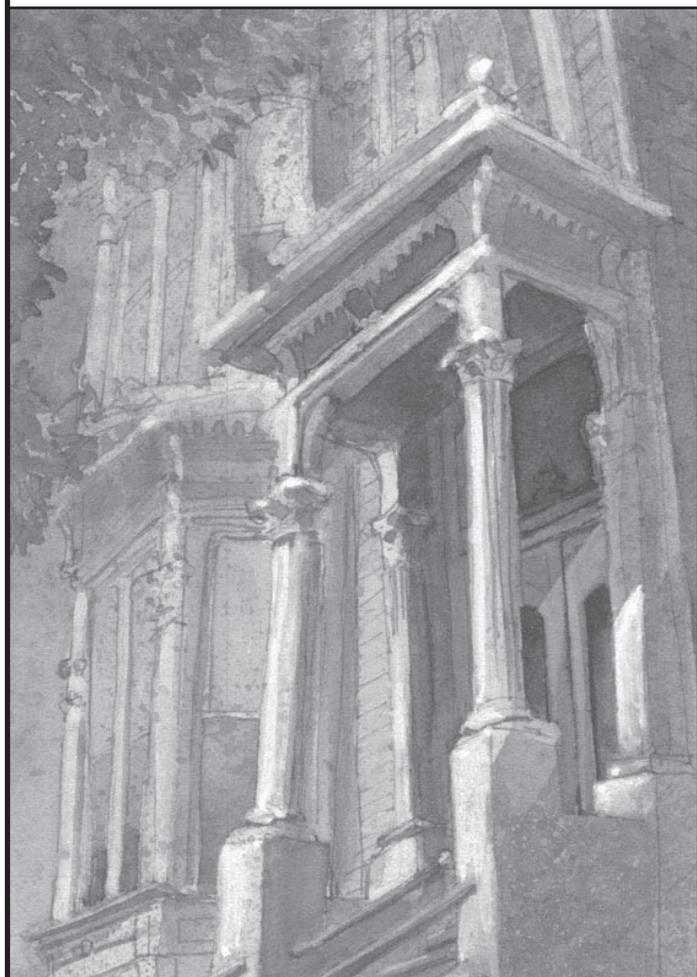
Our thanks go out to Jim Prevo of Zephyr Realty for his generosity. Jim can be reached at 415-695-0552 ext 130. This is another wonderful example of the network that exists within HVNA. At a time when the association has incurred extra costs hosting meetings regarding the UC Extension site, and is looking toward continuing its support in "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season", Jim's generosity is very timely.

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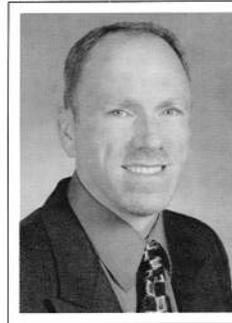
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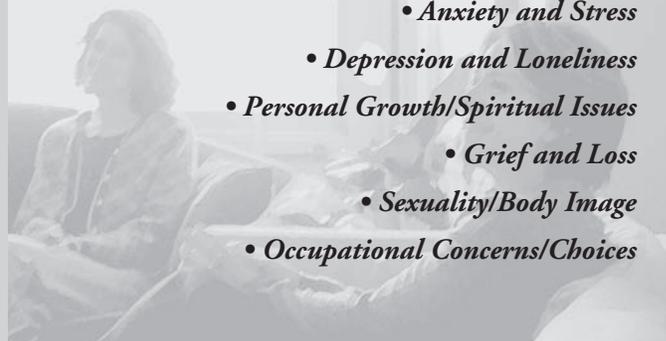
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**Upcoming HVNA Meetings**  
 7-8:30pm  
**Sep 22 • Oct 27 • Nov 17**  
**No December Meeting**

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**09.20, Tuesday, 7pm**  
**Central Freeway community meeting**  
 Baha'i Center, 170 Valencia (at Duboce)  
 Discuss possible improvements to the freeway  
 touchdown ramp area

**09.21, Wednesday 6-7:30pm**  
**Northern District Community/Merchant's Meeting**  
 3rd Wednesday of every other month  
 Northern District Police Station, 1125  
 Fillmore (at Turk). Parking is available.  
 Work with Police and city agencies to find  
 permanent solutions to ongoing safety issues.  
 Contact Safety@hayesvalleysf.org

**09.22, Thursday, 7-9pm**  
**HVNA General Meeting**  
 7 Octavia (at Waller)  
 Octavia Blvd Design Competition  
 Contact www.hayesvalleysf.org

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**10.03, Monday, 7-8:30pm**  
**HVNA Public Safety Committee**  
 1st Monday of the month  
 Korean Cultural Center, 745 Buchanan St (at  
 Grove)  
 Contact safety@hayesvalleysf.org

**10.05, Wednesday, 7-9pm**  
**District 5 Together**  
 1st Wednesday of the month  
 Northern Police Station Community Room  
 1125 Fillmore (at Turk). Parking is available.  
 Topic: Emergency Preparedness  
 Contact sf5together.org

**10.10, Monday, 7-8:30pm**  
**HVNA Beautification Committee**  
 2nd Monday of the month  
 Hayes Valley Playground  
 691 Hayes (at Buchanan)  
 Contact beauty@hayesvalleysf.org

**10.13, Thursday, 7-8:30pm**  
**Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum**  
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 Northern District Police Station, 1125  
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**10.15, Saturday & 10.16, Sunday**  
**Open Studios in Hayes Valley**  
 Artwork and a chance to meet the artists in  
 the 'hood  
 See article in this newsletter for details

**10.27, Thursday, 6:30-9pm**  
**HVNA General Meeting**  
 7 Octavia (at Waller)  
 Proposed developments in the area  
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**HVNA General Meeting**  
 4th Thursday of the month (except Holidays)  
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**11.24, Thursday**  
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