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November Meeting

Prepare Streets, Food, or Prepare for Emergencies?

With all the bad news from around the world, one natural disaster after another, don't you worry about how to be prepared for an emergency? Well, civic leaders are worried, and HVNA, along with Supervisor Mirkarimi and the mayor's office, will present information about how to be prepared for a crisis at our November meeting.

Speaking of being prepared, CalTrans and the City spent years planning and constructing the new freeway off-ramp and Octavia Blvd. The Central Freeway Citizens Advisory Committee has requested feedback from the neighborhood as well as from those traveling through it. At the November meeting they will update us on issues and proposed solutions. We will also vote on whether to support the repeal of the tow-away zone on Oak Street.

With all of the discussions about the UC Extension development, it is important that everyone be aware of the plan of action regarding the latest proposal. There will be a brief presentation of our strategy at the meeting.

Last, but certainly not least, please bring a dish to the meeting to share with your neighbors. A portion of the meeting will be set aside for a potluck holiday celebration! Let's kick off the season by celebrating together the wonderful sense of community we share. HVNA will provide honey baked ham. Do you have a favorite dish you'd like to share? If so, bring it. If not, bring yourself and share a good time with your neighbors.

President's Column

By Paul Olsen



Photo: Frances Neagley

A Sense of Community.

This has been a difficult month for me. On top of the usual craziness, I have been dealing with some difficult issues as a caregiver and family member. It has sapped my time and my energy, and the outcome wasn't preventable. What has made the situation more bearable has been the outpouring of support from friends and neighbors.

Decisions have been postponed, meetings restructured, burdens shared as a result of neighbors coming together in time of need. Sidewalks swept, mail picked up, plants watered. Not big things, but unattainable under the circumstances were it not for caring members of the community. Little things can seem insurmountable when they all pile up at difficult times. Having those

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Photo: Barbara Wenger

Neighborhood kids making smores in Koshland Park on Halloween, one of the "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season" events. See page 2 for more details.

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things done, many unexpectedly, makes a far larger impact at times like these.

I owe a large debt of gratitude to the HVNA Board members and several of my other neighbors for helping me through this. I also owe them for the reminder of what a difference a sense of community can make.

At our October meeting, that sense of community was demonstrated in a different way. After many meetings with neighbors, committee members and the Planning Dept, Age Song Senior Communities asked for, and received, the endorsement of the membership for its proposed third senior care facility at Hayes and Laguna. Much of the discussion centered around what good neighbors Age Song/Hayes Valley Care have been in the ten years they've been in the neighborhood, and as they have gone through the process of building their second facility and planning their third.

Also at that meeting, the developers of the UC Extension site gave a lengthy presentation of their revised proposal, citing the feedback received from the neighborhood at the series of meetings sponsored by the Transportation and Planning committee for several of the changes. After the presentation there was lengthy and lively feedback from a community that cares not only about the present, but also the future. My take on the feedback was that while the project is seen as better than that first presented to the community, there are grave concerns remaining that UC and the developers must take into account if they expect community support. We will be following up on this and keeping everyone advised on our plans and timeline for action.

In closing, thank you all for being part of a caring community. Whether your actions help an immediate neighbor, someone down the block, or even someone who may not move to this area for some time, they are appreciated and necessary for this neighborhood to be at its best.

In case I don't have the chance to do so in person, let me wish you happy holidays now.

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"Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season 2005"

Written by Richard Johnson

The Hayes Valley Community Partners has already begun its 4th annual "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season." Hayes Valley Community Partners, of which HVNA is a partner, is a collaboration of volunteers, community organizations, housing developments, police, the local business community, and city agencies.



Photo: Barbara Wenger

Lola Miller Henline all dressed up for Halloween in Koshland Park

Hayes Valley Community Partners use this event and its other activities throughout the year as building blocks that increase community involvement, expand leadership skills and bridge the intergenerational gap between youth and seniors. The lineup of events for this season began on Halloween and will continue throughout the month of December.

We kicked off our 2005 season with Halloween activities in our local neighborhood parks. This was our first year to create spaces where children, adults and families could come together to celebrate a safe and fun Halloween. The week before Halloween we hosted our 2nd Annual Halloween Poster Contest. All poster entries, including the winners, were on display at Gail & Jim's home located at 700 Hayes.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Talent Show in November

The next planned event is the 2nd Annual "Giving Voice to the Season" Thanksgiving Dinner and talent show on Saturday November 19th, 2005. This year we have extended an invitation to other local faith-based groups to join us as we continue to build on the partnership formed last year with the Valley Christian Fellowship. Come join us as we gather as a community to enjoy food, conversation, and entertainment.

December will be full of activities for the community to enjoy. Plans for the month include the following activities: 15th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants Block Party, wreath/card making workshop, food and toy giveaway, and community luncheon for youth, adults, and seniors. Please refer to the back page calendar for all the dates and details of events.

Cash donations and volunteers are urgently needed. Please contact Richard Johnson at either 415-252-9644 or via email at safety@hayesvalleysf.org to obtain information on how you can make a tax-deductible donation and or volunteer.

15th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants Block Party

Come along for the Christmas Block Party. Shopping, Food, entertainment, silent auctions, and photos with Santa.

If you want to help or need more info contact Lorn of Propeller at lorn@propeller-sf.com

**400, 500 & 600 blocks of Hayes Street & side streets
December 2, Friday 6-9pm**

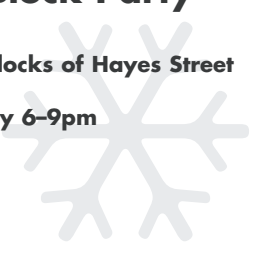




Photo: Barbara Wenger

Kids enjoy a celebratory BBQ after Koshland Park workday in October

Kreative Kids Kare About Koshland Park

Rebecca Bozzelli & Suzi Palladino

■ With the harvest season coming to an end, the gardeners of Koshland Community Learning Garden decided to organize a positive, interactive project to bring the youth of this community together for one last gathering before the rain arrives and the garden lapses into winter dormancy. In celebration of a freshly painted tool shed, we wanted to provide a medium for the kids to express their creativity, so we put together the youth art opportunity: **Kreative Kids Kare about Koshland Park.**

The purpose of the opportunity was to awaken the creative spirits of the Hayes Valley/Western Addition Youth and give them the opportunity to design a mural that they would like to display on the tool shed. Many of the youth of this community spend their weekends and afternoons in the park. This opportunity gave them a chance to creatively express their ownership of the Park. This art opportunity specifically requested the youth to design a mural that depicted their feelings about the garden.

We invited the students at John Muir Elementary School and the Hayes Valley South local neighborhood to participate. The participants were given about a month to design a mural and submit it to various locations in the neighborhood.

Once we received the drawings we had a celebratory BBQ with the community gardeners of Koshland Park and members

of the neighborhood sponsored by Rainbow Grocery Cooperative. At this BBQ the community members were asked to judge the drawings and anonymously select their favorite. After much deliberation we realized that we couldn't just choose one drawing – they all were inspirational and magical in their own element.



Photo: Barbara Wenger

Fortunately, we contacted a local artist, Bill Logan, and he has agreed to compose one giant mural that has a single component of each design we received from the participants. The final composition is in the works and should be on display by the beginning of December, so please come by and check it out! This event was especially amazing because we were able to unite the community by honoring the energetic spirit of the youth. We would like to offer a special thanks to the community members of this neighborhood and, of course, the illustrious Rainbow Grocery Cooperative!

Upcoming HVNA Meetings

7-8:30pm

Nov 17 • Jan 26
No December Meeting

Thanksgiving Potluck

Sisters International
"Sisters Helping Sisters"

A Night of Fun and Acquaintances with Thanksgiving will be on Friday, November 11th from 7-8:30pm at the Hayes Valley Community Room, 403 Rose St at Buchanan. It's Ladies Night. Bring a dish, bring a friend, bring a small raffle gift. We're looking forward to seeing you. For information call 415-487-1218.

Third Annual Black History Celebration

February 2006

All youth ages 4-18 years old are encouraged to sign up and participate in this memorable occasion, featuring the new Western Addition Girls and Boys Junior and Youth Choir.

Parts and positions available include:

- Martin Luther King
- Rosa Parks – Police Officer – Bus Driver
- Harriet Tubman – Slaves
- WB Dubois – Frederick Douglass
- Queen of Sheeba – Gift Givers

Attention: Parents. Please sign up your children. Sign up now! For more information, contact Ms Ruby at 552-4964

SF Western Addition Drill Team – Drum Corp

"Gathering Our Youth through Positive Beginnings"

Drill Team – Steppers – Drum Corp

Practice will begin starting November 1, 2005. Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm at Hayes Valley Community Room, 403 Rose St at Buchanan. Membership is open to all youth from 5-18 years old. Light refreshments are served at practice. Interested youth should contact Ms Ruby at 552-4964.

Parks Connect: A Partnership to Revitalize San Francisco Mini-Parks

By Kelly Garbach, Neighborhood Parks Council

What is Parks Connect?

Parks Connect is an exciting collaboration between the Mayor's Office and community groups, designed to revitalize small parks throughout the city.

Sounds great, but what does Parks Connect mean for Hayes Valley?

Parks Connect is starting in Hayes Valley, at Koshland Park. There will be a community work-day on December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friends, neighbors and business owners will work together to revitalize the park, from flowerbeds to jungle gym.

This "park-makeover" will help bring Koshland up to excellent maintenance standards. It will facilitate a smooth transition to the City-Community partnership and implementation of a formal work plan.

As the pilot site for Parks Connect, Koshland can set a strong example for other parks throughout the city, demonstrating the power and importance of community participation to create beautiful public spaces.

What are the long-term benefits of Parks Connect?

Under the Parks Connect initiative, volunteer stewards will partner with employees from the Rec. and Parks Department to create work plans and implement high standards of park maintenance and care.

At the city level, this partnership will address the problem of the city's resources being stretched too thinly to do an adequate job at most parks.

Please join us on December 3rd – help revitalize Koshland and set high standards for Parks Connect! For details, call (415) 621-3260 or (415) 987-0433.



District 5 Neighborhood Disaster Plan

■ The Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security, along with the Mayor's Office on Neighborhood Services and representatives from Supervisorial District 5, are in the process of developing a Neighborhood Disaster Plan that will serve as a template to help neighborhoods within District 5 prepare to achieve a level of self-sufficiency in a disaster. Hayes Valley is one of the zones or neighborhoods in District 5 that this plan will target.

A Plan Specific to Our Neighborhood

The plan strongly encourages local residents to become actively involved in the San Francisco Fire Department's NERT Program (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) as a cornerstone to a prepared neighborhood. However, this Community Disaster Plan goes beyond the NERT program and establishes guidelines for how the District as a whole can devise a local response to disaster that complements the City and County of San Francisco larger (citywide) Emergency Operations Plan. When individuals and their neighborhoods are prepared to mutually assist each other immediately after a disaster, lives can be saved, property can be spared and emergency services can focus on responding to the most devastated areas.

The plan will address some of the following issues or neighborhood concerns:

- To outline how the neighborhood can organize an Emergency Preparedness Committee
- To identify disaster needs that might be unique to that community and how the neighborhood can work together to address those needs (this will involve identifying key assets in that community – facilities, organizations, personnel, etc.)
- To discuss roles that the neighborhood might play in helping the City to meet disaster needs in their community (feeding, sheltering, first aid, damage assessment, support for elderly and disabled persons, etc.)
- To provide information for how local residents can work together to improve their individual preparedness and capacity to shelter safely in place for 72-hours post disaster.

There will be a **series of meetings and workgroups** held to develop the plan. The first meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9 at the Office of Emergency Services, 1011 Turk Street. Representatives from HVNA were among those attending. Future meetings will be announced and added to the HVNA Calendar.

Stop the Morning Tow on Oak!

Members will be asked to vote to support the repeal of the tow-away lane on Oak St. The following is information from proponents of the repeal.

For drivers:

- Frees up over 150 long-term parking spaces
- Reduces speeding

For ALL residents:

- Reduces traffic noise
- Makes our sidewalks much safer/more pleasant
- Lots more neighborhood parking for your early morning guests, even if they are just dropping by to pick you up
- Improved localized air quality

Why this change is possible:

- For many months, this same approach has worked very well for Fell Street (parking there is both sides of the street at all times, except street cleaning)
- Traffic volumes on Oak and Fell are similar (currently commuters are "given" 4 lanes on Oak to go to work in the morning, while those same commuters do fine with 3 lanes on Fell in the afternoon)
- Drivers tend to avoid the curbside traffic lane on Oak Street anyway, due to its discomfoting tilt toward the sidewalk for drainage purposes
- The City wastes valuable taxpayer resources by deploying Parking Control Officers each weekday morning to ticket/tow vehicles parked curbside on the north side of Oak Street
- Traffic uses the north (curbside) lane for only 90 minutes a day, 5 days/wk
- It is dangerous to facilitate speeding with 4 lanes of morning freeway-bound traffic through Oak Street, since the traffic comes to an abrupt crawl just east of Fillmore Street (approaching Octavia Blvd)



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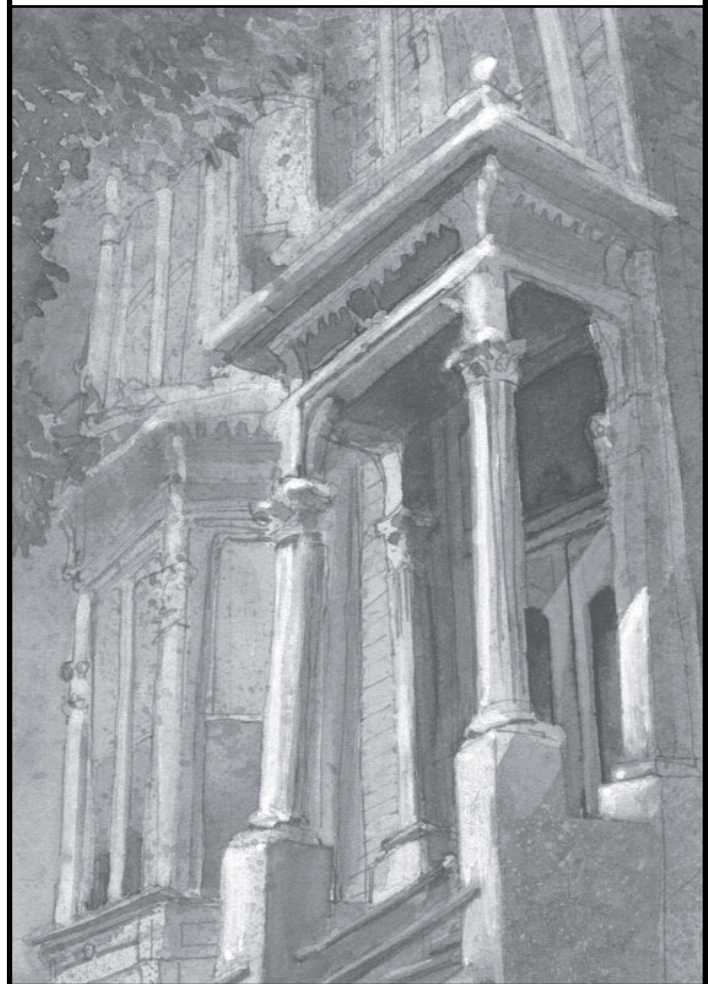
Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi on Koshland Park workday with garden coordinators Rachel Bozzelli and Suzi Palladini

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Volunteers are welcome! Please indicate your areas of interest.

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Neighborhood Safety

Planning and Transportation

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Other: _____

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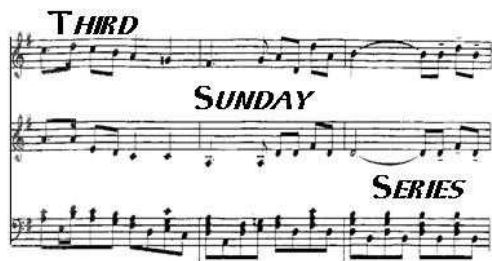
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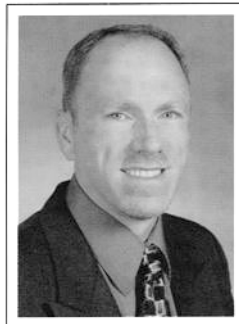


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11.14, Monday 6-8pm

Central Freeway Citizen's Advisory Committee
100 Van Ness, 25th Floor
Discussion of Octavia Blvd and touchdown ramp, logistics and ancillary projects
Contact: Robin Levitt rlevitt@prodigy.net

11.16, Wednesday 6-7:30pm

North. District Community/Merchant's Mtg
3rd Wednesday of every other month
Northern Police Station, 1125 Fillmore (at Turk), parking available
Work with police, and city agencies to find permanent solutions to ongoing safety issues.
Contact: Captain Dillon at 614-3400 or kevin_dillon@ci.sf.ca.us

11.17, Thursday 7-8:30 pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting
3rd Thursday Holiday Schedule
7 Octavia (at Waller)
Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org
Topic: Emergency Preparedness & Potluck

11.17, Thursday 5:30-9:30pm

Maitri 10 day Art Sale Opening
580 Hayes St @ Laguna
Purchase art and raise money for AIDS Hospice
Info: www.maitrisf.org/artsale

11.19, Saturday 4-6 pm

2nd Annual "Giving Voice to the Season" Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Korean American Community Center
745 Buchanan Street (at Grove)
Food, talent show & resource information fair
Contact: Sandra Bolden of Safety Network
At 292-3030 or sbolden@ymcasf.org

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No HVNA December General Meeting

12.02, Friday 6-9pm

15th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants Block Party
400, 500 & 600 blocks of Hayes Street & side streets
Shopping, Food, entertainment, silent auctions, and photos with Santa. Contact Lorn of Propeller at lorn@propeller-sf.com

12.03, Saturday 10am-2pm

Koshland Park Workday
Meet at Koshland Park basketball court,

corner of Page and Buchanan – Help make your park a clean, green and Safe place.
Contact: Neighborhood Parks Council at www.sfnpc.org or 621-3260 & Rebecca 987-0433
Rain Date Sun. December 4, 2005 10am-2pm

12.05, Monday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee
1st Monday of each Month
Korean American Community Center
745 Buchanan (at Grove)
Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

12.07, Wednesday 7-9pm

District 5 Together – 5th year celebration dinner at Alamo Square Seafood Grill 803 Fillmore
\$30 tickets to RSVP and info contact: SFRichard@sbcglobal.net

12.08, Thursday 7-8:30pm

Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum
2nd Thursday of each month
Northern Police station, 1125 Fillmore (at Turk), parking available
Contact: Captain Dillon at 614-3400 or kevin_dillon@ci.sf.ca.us

12.10, Noon-3 pm

3rd Annual Wreath/Card Making
Hayes Valley Playground, 691 Hayes Street (at Buchanan) – Come help make cards and wreaths to be given out in food boxes.
Contact: Richard Johnson at: safety@hayesvalleysf.org or 252-9644

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01.02, Monday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee
Hayes Valley Playground, 691 Hayes (at Buchanan)
Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

01.04, Wednesday 7-9pm

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

01.12, Thursday 7-8:30pm

Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum
2nd Thursday of each month
Northern Police station, 1125 Fillmore (at Turk), parking available
Contact: Captain Dillon at 614-3400 or kevin_dillon@ci.sf.ca.us

01.18 Wednesday 6-7:30pm

Northern District Community/Merchant's Meeting
3rd Wednesday of every other month
Northern Police Station, 1125 Fillmore (at Turk), Parking available
Work with police, and city agencies to find permanent solutions to ongoing safety issues.
Contact: Captain Dillon at 614-3400 or kevin_dillon@ci.sf.ca.us

01.26, Thursday 7-8:30pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting
Every Fourth Thursday
7 Octavia (at Waller)
Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org
Topic to be determined

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Cars – Parking Citations.	553 9888
Cars – Towed Vehicles	553 1235
City Trees	695 2162
Curb Painting Requests	554 2336
DPW	554 6219
Dumping (Illegal)	695 2017
Friends of the Urban Forest	543 5000
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Mayor's Office	554 6141
Noise Abatement	554 5815
Octavia Boulevard Public Info	554 5440
Police – Anonymous Tip Line	614 3451
Police – Emergency (anon.)	553 8090
Police – Non-Emergency.	553 0123
Police – Northern Police Station.	614 3400
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