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Volunteer Connect at John Muir Elementary School

By Gail Baugh

What a great day! Over 100 volunteers from our wonderful city came together two days before schools opened to prepare our local elementary school for the new school year. John Muir Elementary School has been adopted by San Francisco



Daniel Homsey, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, Hayes Valley Community Partners Co-founder Richard Johnson and HVNA member Chris Mejia assist with the cleanup at John Muir.

School Volunteers. For the coming school year they will focus their volunteer efforts in rebuilding our school. For the initial workday, we had volunteers from the SFUSD, International School in Hayes Valley, HVNA, Hayes Valley Community Partners, and many other groups and individuals who just wanted to help.

We painted, gardened, cleaned, filled classrooms with books and materials, and got the library nearly set up. Ross Mirkarimi, D5 Supervisor, and Daniel Homsey, Director for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, worked side by side, digging up the dirt in the front garden, preparing for a planting next month.

We hope you can join us for lots more work to be done at the school. Our next clean-up will be held Saturday, October 14, 9-2 pm, and will include lunch! Come on, you've got 2 hours on a Saturday to help!

Contact Steve Shululu, SF School Volunteers, steve_shululu@sfsv.org, or Gail Baugh, John Muir Elementary PTA, g.baugh@sbcglobal.net for more information.

President's Column

By Paul Olsen



Photo: Frances Neagley

Living in Hayes Valley, we are in good company. You have just to read the articles in the newsletter and see the photos accompanying them to realize how special a place this is, how special the people are, and how lucky we all are to be part of this community. That sums it up – Hayes Valley is special because we are part of a community. Whether it's parks or schools or new development or families and children, there's at least one group working hard on that issue.

September begins our membership year. Please see the article on membership inside the *Voice* if you need reasons to join. Your membership makes a difference, allows us to publish the *Voice* (reaching 10,000 people every issue), and allows you a voice in the organization. Please send in your check today!

Some of the past work of people in the neighborhood and beyond is being recognized in a couple of upcoming events. San Francisco Beautiful has awarded their top award to the collaborative efforts of the Octavia Blvd Project. The award will be presented at their annual event at 6pm on October 19 at the Hotel Nikko.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has also awarded their Grand Prize "Celebrating Excellence in Motion" to the Octavia Boulevard Project. The award, accompanied by a short video, will be presented at the MTC hearing at 8:45am on October 26 at the MTC Offices in the Ferry Bldg.

I'd like to thank all of the people, whether noted in the newsletter or not, who have done so much for this neighborhood these past months. There hasn't been a week that has gone by without a truly amazing effort on behalf of each of us. Let's all continue working together!

Community Day of Encouragement

Neighbors gathered together at a block party organized on Saturday, Aug 28th. Buchanan Street between Grove and Hayes was closed for an afternoon of festivities including music, horse and pony rides, and a BBQ.

Sandra Bolden, Safety Network Community Organizer for the Northern District, worked with Valley Christian Fellowship and the sponsors to host the recent "Community Day of Encouragement." The goal of the day was have the children, the elderly and the in-between generations come out of their homes and enjoy a beautiful day in the neighborhood. In a collaborative effort with the event, Hayes Valley Playground across the street featured activities

for kids, and the cotton candy machine was a big hit for all. The Urban Services YMCA, Buchanan YMCA, Department of Children, Youth and Families, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice sponsored this event.



Photo: Barbara Wenger

Participants enjoying their time on stage

Patricia Walkup Memorial

By Frances Neagley

As someone said, Patricia must have organized a petition drive in heaven for the sun to come out, because after a dreary Saturday, the memorial for Patricia was held in perfect weather on Sunday, September 10th. Coincidentally, this was a year and a day after the opening ceremony for Octavia Boulevard, and many of the dignitaries that were present for the opening were present to celebrate Patricia's life and the accomplishments in which she played such a major role. The memorial was held in the park at the end of Octavia Boulevard, which was dedicated "Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley" after the memorial concluded. The park looked great for the event, through the efforts of park stewards, a cleanup organized by Barbara Wenger and Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group, and special attention from SF Recreation and Parks Department. The setting and the ceremony would not have been nearly as nice without the expertise of Rec and Park's Rose Dennis, who worked on details large and small to support the event.



Dignitaries unveil the new signage for Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley

The event started with some beautiful songs performed by Kathleen Hollingsworth and then a ceremonial procession led by the San Francisco Zen Center. It was simple, inclusive, and very fitting for Patricia and the neighborhood. Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association President Paul Olsen served as emcee, introducing speakers who were friends of Patricia, each with a different set of memories, all with the same view of a remarkable woman who touched many in her life. Speakers included

Supervisor Tom Ammiano, Transportation Authority Director Jose Luis Moscovich, Patricia's brother Lee Walkup, Kathy and Leroy Looper of the Cadillac Hotel, and Robin Levitt, longtime neighborhood activist and close friend of Patricia. Each shared memories of Patricia that struck a chord with the crowd, whether it was regarding Patricia's virtuosity on the phone or willingness to help with any socially responsible cause.

Some of the dignitaries present were acknowledged from the podium, but as Olsen said, there were so many civic leaders present that to acknowledge them all would double the length of the ceremony! Former Mayor Art Agnos was among those attending, along with D6 Supervisor Chris Daly, BART Director Tom Radulovich, John Thomas from DPW who designed the park landscaping and Dave Monks from Los Angeles who had been a great help during the freeway wars. Also in attendance was Captain Keith Sanford of SFPD, who Olsen introduced as Lt. Sanford. When discussing that later, Olsen explained that many long-time residents of the neighborhood referred to Sanford as "our Lieutenant" because he was such an active participant in community efforts when he worked out of Northern Station (Sanford is now Captain of Taraval Station).

Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley was also dedicated as part of the event. Assemblyman Mark Leno led off the dedication by talking about Patricia as a singular woman, but also as a strong representative of an active community. Patricia had many accomplishments, but they were tied to the work she did with so many, being a strong proponent of collaboration. Then-Supervisor Leno had been very helpful in the freeway campaigns, even though this wasn't his district and there initially wasn't support in his district. But once he sat down with Patricia and others from the neighborhood, he was convinced that replacing the freeway with a boulevard was the right thing to do. He became part of the collaborative effort all across San Francisco that worked to replace an unsafe freeway with a much more pleasant way to move traffic. As he said, there was no arguing with Patricia.

Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, whose district (D5) includes the Green, was the other speaker at the dedication. The Supervisor had flown in from the East Coast just hours before, for a ceremony he said he just couldn't miss. Ross spoke of Patricia's passion and far-reaching vision, and her breadth of knowledge about myriad parts of Hayes Valley and the City as a whole. He pointed out that she could have an idea that might seem far-fetched when she spoke of it, but very astute when one had a chance to look back at a later time. Noting Patricia wasn't one to accept the status quo, Supervisor Mirkarimi challenged the community to live up to her example.



Kathy and Leroy Looper of the Cadillac Hotel speak of Patricia's humanitarian efforts

After their remarks, Assemblyman Leno and Supervisor Mirkarimi were joined by Supervisor Ammiano, former Mayor Agnos, TA Director Moscovich, and Captain Sanford in unveiling the official park sign. Then the crowd was treated to music by Mariachi Tequilla and refreshments from neighborhood restaurants including Modern Tea, Frjtz, Arlequin and Café Grillades.

Olsen noted at one point during the ceremony that Patricia leaves behind a strong legacy. Part of that might be the physical, but the legacy of which she would be most proud is in the people she left behind. As a mentor, Patricia helped shape many lives, and she lives on in the work that those people do.

Contributions are being accepted to permanently place in the Green a memorial to Patricia and the community effort it took to remove the Central Freeway. For more information contact Robin Levitt at 863-5302 or rlevitt@prodigy.net

Hayes Valley Family and Youth Events

By Richard Johnson

In a world where fear and negativity seem to rule the day, it's refreshing to be able to write a story that highlights the positive things in our community. You could say that the times are a changing as the 'hood has been abuzz with lots of community activity. My work as a community activist allows me to see who the true heroes are in advocating for a better future for our youth, families and seniors. Below are a few of the Heroes in the Lower Haight/Hayes Valley/Western Addition:

- Koshland Garden Goddesses Rebecca Bozelli and Suzi Palladino for putting together two very successful youth summer programs: The Let Us Grow! Summer Program 2006 from July 10th–21st and the Seed to Mouth Cooking Class.
- Supervisor Mirkarimi, Sheryl Davis, Jesus Hernandez and the staff of the African American Arts & Culture Complex for putting together the "Honoring Our Past, Claiming Our Future" exhibit at the Sargent Johnson Gallery. The exhibit celebrated the art of our children and youth and ran from July 10th till July 31st.
- Hayes Valley Community Partners for producing the 5th Annual Lower Haight/Hayes Valley/Western Addition National Night Out August 1st. A community event that had a safety fair, entertainment, speeches and BBQ to celebrate community policing in our neighborhood.
- Isabel Wade and the staff of The Neighborhood Parks Council for their 2nd Annual Summer Social in the Park to celebrate volunteers in the park at Patricia's Green on August 23rd.
- SF School Volunteers, Project Connect, Hands on Bay Area, HVNA, Hayes Valley Community Partners and Lower Haight Neighborhood Organization for collaborating to put on the John Muir School Beautification Day August 26th. Over 100 volunteers came together to paint, organize, garden, refurbish both the teachers lounge and parent/family/community room and ended the day with a community BBQ.
- Sandra Bolden, Lynn Winslow, Pastor Gillette and the Valley Christian Fellowship for organizing the 1st Annual Community Day of Encouragement on August 26th.

An afternoon filled with fun games, free food and good music held at Buchanan Street Block party and the Hayes Valley Playground.

- Val Brown and Gail Baugh for organizing the first "Hand in Hand" Support our Kids going to John Muir back to school day on August 28th.
- Gail Baugh for organizing a PTA at John Muir Elementary School. The PTA is looking for community involvement to help local students achieve their true potential so all doors to opportunity are open.
- George Smith and the staff of Ella Hill Hutch for hosting the backpack giveaway on September 10th. Over 600 backpacks were given out along with food, fun and family activities.

Thanks to all the above dedicated individuals who are working to create positive activities for children, youth, adults and seniors to come together and celebrate both our diversity and community. Be on the lookout for all the events to come as the Hayes Valley Community Partners kickoff their 5th Annual "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season 2006" with Safe Halloween events in various Hayes Valley Parks.

Join The John Muir Elementary PTA!

By Gail Baugh

I don't have kids, don't own a house, so why should I care about the public schools here?

In a city with the lowest percentage of children per capita of any large city in the country, you have to wonder why we San Franciscans should concern ourselves with educating our City's children. Well, you've heard the saying: "...it takes a village to raise the children..."? We're all part of the Hayes Valley village.

You can join the PTA just because you are a part of our community – you don't need to be a parent. That's what we've done here in Hayes Valley. We members from HVNA and Hayes Valley Community Partners got together to establish a PTA for our local public school – John Muir Elementary School. We formed the PTA on Aug 24, with our school principal, some teachers and staff, and community

members. It is the first PTA established in this school in over 50 years. We are now recruiting families whose kids go to John Muir. With strong community support comes more interest in John Muir, come energized teachers, come happy kids who like learning, come parents who are proud to help, and the circle begins again. Join us.

We can choose to make public schools a part of our lives. As residents of the Hayes Valley



community, we can choose to support the next generation, as we were supported by others during our years in school. You can choose to contribute to bake sales, help in the gardens, volunteer to read to kids, make coffee in the parent room, put up pretty bulletin board displays in the hall, assist in making tons of copies for the teachers...the volunteer list is long. You can choose.

Supporters of the John Muir Elementary School PTA include the California Public Utilities Commission. This group, long active with John Swett Elementary, has followed many of the children to John Muir. Last week they held a very successful week-long fundraiser, featuring lunches for the staff and a bake sale (see photo at left). Paxti's on Hayes Street donated pizzas for one of the lunches, and PTA members Madeline Behrens-Brigham, Michael Patton and Paul Olsen were among those who assisted the wonderful CPUC staff. For information on joining the PTA, contact Gail Baugh, PTA president, John Muir Elementary, g.baugh@sbcglobal.net

San Francisco Western Addition Drill Team Doing Positive Things

By Ms Ruby Johnson

"Gathering our youth through positive beginnings" is what these youth members have done. The San Francisco Western Addition Drill Team has been active in our Hayes Valley/Western Addition neighborhood and the Bay Area for the past 3 ½ years. They have traveled to Los Angeles and Ontario, California with the invitation to perform and compete at a Youth Conference and Competition that is held every summer.



Drill Team Members at a Competition

For the year 2006, they have earned 4 trophies! Two were for first place and two for second place, as well as a certificate of honor. A highlight for 2006 is an invitation to perform at a live gospel concert called the "Crave to Praise." This concert will be video recorded live at the Berkeley Community Theatre on the Berkeley High School Campus.

This special event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at 7:30pm. To all our community supporters, family and friends – save this date! As soon as tickets and more information are available, Ms Ruby will provide an update. We thank you in advance for your support.

Your HVNA Membership Makes a Difference

By Richard Johnson

In a conversation the other day about HVNA, Frances said "HVNA is a group run with lots of elbow grease on a shoe-string budget." The elbow grease was clearly evident to me last Sunday as I looked around at all the community members gathered for Patricia Walkup's Memorial Celebration. As both a founding member and board member of HVNA, I know first hand the constant financial struggle we face as an association to assure we can fund our annual operating budget. So I write this article as a neighbor to encourage you to continue the legacy that Patricia left by either becoming a new member or renewing your current membership so HVNA can continue to be a leader for positive change.

So Far So Good

The neighborhood of Hayes Valley is a committed group of people dedicated to maintaining the unique diversity our neighborhood. As a community, Hayes Valley has:

- Become integrally involved in community policing since the early nineties
- Led the way to tear down a freeway and create the award winning **Octavia Boulevard**
- Reclaimed a neighborhood through an active community policing program
- Rebuilt **Koshland** and **Rose/Page Mini Park**
- Saved the **Page Street Garden** from being sold by SLUG so that now it has become another city park

- Created **Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley**
- Created a vibrant business community in Hayes Valley
- Rebuilt **Hayes Valley North and South housing sites**
- The HVNA T&P committee under Patricia Walkup oversaw all major development in Hayes Valley
- Participated in the **Market Octavia Plan** and maintains an excellent working relationship with the Planning Department
- Spearheaded **Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness** outreach by partnering with Hayes Valley NERT to recruit Block Captains and promote emergency preparedness and training throughout Hayes Valley and the Western Addition
- Continues to shape, through community discussion, the development plan for the former UC Berkeley site at 55 Laguna
- Recently we formed the first-ever PTA at John Muir Elementary School

I personally know how much the neighborhood has changed since I moved here in 1991. This transformation is a direct result of the partnership formed between HVNA and a core of compassionate, dedicated and hard working individuals. Now it is your time to show your support for HVNA by becoming a new member or renewing your membership at a higher level. So I am asking you as a neighbor to take the time to fill out and return the membership form in this edition of the Voice.

UC Extension Update

■ At the July HVNA meeting, members present voted in favor of two resolutions, effectively outlining the organization's position on the UC Extension site. One resolution was in favor of the nomination of the buildings on the campus to the National Register of Historic Places. The other resolution contained elements the neighborhood would prefer be included in any potential development of the site. Both resolutions are available on the HVNA website, www.hayesvalleysf.org. Many elected officials have come forward in support of elements of

the current development proposal. Each of those officials has also confirmed the importance of a process that allows for community input in any decision, and we look forward to their support in making sure our voice is heard.

T-shirts are now available in support of the effort to nominate the UC Extension campus buildings to the National Register of Historic Places. To purchase t-shirts, please contact Lavont1@pacbell.net. All proceeds will benefit the National Register nomination.



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09.28, Thursday 6-7 pm

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Emergency/Disaster Preparedness
First Baptist Church, 7 Octavia Blvd. @ Waller
Disaster Response and Safety
Contact info: mail@hayesvalleynert.org

09.28, Thursday 7-9pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting
7 Octavia (at Waller)
Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org
Topics: upcoming ballot measures
Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

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10.02, Monday 7-8pm

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

10.04, Wednesday 7-9pm

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

10.07, Saturday 10am-12pm

SFGRO Composting Workshop
Page Street Community Garden
Page St between Buchanan and Webster
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Contact info: 252-4292, compost@sfgro.org

10.12, Thursday 6-7pm

Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum
Work with police, city attorney & district attorney's offices to find permanent solutions to ongoing safety issues. 2nd Thursday of each month. Northern Police station, 1125 Fillmore (at Turk) Parking is available
Contact info: Captain Dillon 614-3400

10.12, Thursday 6pm

John Muir PTA Meeting
380 Webster (at Oak) in parent room, 1st floor
Join faculty, students, parents and concerned community members as we partner to assure quality education for all children. Community Welcome. Contact information: madelinebb@sbcglobal.net PTA Secretary

10.14, Saturday 9am-Noon

John Muir Elementary School
Volunteer Day. Volunteers are needed to paint hallways, mural work, organize the cafeteria and

general TLC at our local school. 380 Webster (at Oak) Contact info: Jessica_Pullano@sfsf.org at SF School Volunteers

10.14, Saturday 11-2pm

Monthly Koshland Park Work Day
Meet at Koshland Park basketball court
Corner of Page and Buchanan
Help make your park a clean, green and safe space. Contact info: Rebecca at rabozzelli@yahoo.com or 987-0433

10.26, Thursday 6-7pm

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Topics: Focus on parks and open space, Linden Street beautification project
Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

10.31, Tuesday 4-9pm

Safe Halloween Events in HVNA parks for youth, families & adults. For more information contact safety@hayesvalleysf.org

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11.01, Wednesday 7-9pm

District 5 Together
1st Wednesday of each month
Northern Police Community Room
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11.06, Monday 7-8pm

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Upcoming HVNA Meetings

Thursdays, 7pm

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11.19, Sunday 4-6:30pm

Third Annual Giving Voice to the Season
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