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It's Time to Fix Our Parks

Vote Yes on Prop. A on February Ballot

With all the hub-bub from the presidential hopefuls, it could be easy to overlook an important measure on the same ballot that will fix up our ailing neighborhood parks. On February 5th, San Francisco voters will consider Prop. A – a \$185 million bond to repair and rebuild our neighborhood parks, recreation centers and park restrooms.

“Proposition A will preserve and restore San Francisco’s neighborhood parks,” says Glenn Snyder, president of the San Francisco Parks Trust Board of Trustees. “These are the parks we use every day for soccer and softball, for casual strolls and long distance runs, for pushing children in swings and watching birds in their nests.”

Prop. A will replace unsafe playground equipment, protect open space along the waterfront, repair every freestanding neighborhood park bathroom, improve earthquake safety in our recreation centers, plant trees in our parks, restore hiking trails, resurface athletic fields and provide matching grants for smaller neighborhood park improvements, which HVNA neighbors could apply for to make improvements to our parks!



“Every neighborhood in San Francisco deserves high quality parks and park programs, says Isabel Wade, NPC’s Executive Director, “and Prop. A will get us one step closer to this goal.”

Proposed by Mayor Newsom and the entire Board of Supervisors, the bond measure is the first step in a 10-year plan to restore the City’s declining physical facilities while holding property taxes steady. How is this possible? Prop. A bonds will only be sold as old bonds are repaid. According to City Controller Ed



Karen Mauney-Brodek, HVNA associate board member, is a volunteer for the Fix our Parks – Yes on A Campaign. She is committed to San Francisco’s Parks getting the attention they need.

Harrington, this city policy results in “keeping the property tax impact from general obligation bonds approximately the same over time.”

Prop. A requires strict accountability standards including: listing all major projects in the bond ordinance and setting their budgets, a new city website so the public can track bond projects and spending, monthly reports on the bond program and annual meetings at Rec/Park and Port Commissions, annual independent audits by a citizens’ bond oversight committee that can stop the sale of bonds if anything is amiss.

The HVNA Board and a diverse mix of civic groups across the City have endorsed the measure, including: Neighborhood Parks Council, SPUR, Friends of the Urban Forest, Sierra Club, San Francisco Parks Trust, SF Democratic Party, SF Chamber of Commerce, SF Labor Council, Viking Soccer, the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council and the Planning Association for the Richmond.

Vote Yes on Prop A February 5th!

For more detailed information on the proposal please see www.fixourparks.com. For more information or to volunteer on the campaign to pass Prop. A, please contact: Patrick Hannan at 415/608-6699.

January Meeting

The January meeting will be held at 7pm on January 24th at the First Baptist Church, 7 Octavia Blvd. Topics to be discussed at the meeting include supporting Proposition A, the Parks bond; a recap of our successful Fostering Season; a presentation on congestion pricing; and the upcoming HVNA election in February.

We look forward to seeing you!

Planning Issues

As we go to press, there are upcoming meetings regarding the UC Berkeley Extension Campus (55 Laguna) and Market Octavia Plan, seeking to finalize the City’s position on each of these items. Both will have a huge impact on the neighborhood and the City, and we again urge all our neighbors to make their feelings known to both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Even if you have expressed yourself at HVNA meetings and voted on our resolutions, our City officials need to hear from you.

HVNA’s position on the UC Extension campus is reflected in the recent resolution passed by the membership, which is available on the HVNA website. In summary, if the zoning on the site is changed, it must be to NCT only, there must be an increase in open space, the percentage of affordable housing must rise to 40% and there should be no parking on the site reserved for the dental school.

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HVNA is supportive of the Market Octavia Plan and the clarity it will bring to proposed developments in the area, as well as the community benefits and affordable housing provisions. More information is available at the Planning Department's website: www.sfgov.org/site/planning

Make sure your voice is heard!

Safety Committee Update

The Community Response Network (CRN) for the Western Addition is now up and running. If you witness a non-emergency incident that involves young people at risk (particularly minors but also young adults), you can call 415-716-1610 to report it. The CRN has promised to respond within 30-40 minutes. One of the goals of the CRN is to assist families to take responsibility for their children and encourage young adults to seek positive alternatives to negative behavior. We'd all like to change negative behavior without criminalizing our young people. Give the CRN a chance to be a positive influence in our neighborhood! And, let the Safety Committee know you called them!

Grand Re-Opening Party at Vince & Pete's Three Dollar Bill Cafe on Jan 19

HVNA members Vince and Pete celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of Three Dollar Bill Cafe on Saturday, January 19 after holiday remodeling. Located in the LGBT Center at Market and Octavia, the Café is a great place to grab something refreshing, and now it's been updated.

Join them for a bash to rival their original opening party. They'll have a wonderful array of foods-with some new '08 additions-soju cocktails, music and best of all a wonderful community full of shiny, happy people. Yes, that's you! They'll also be announcing the winners in their Quote Contest, awarding the \$100 grand prize as well as many other prizes.

They have a brand new, comfy look and food and drink specials. Come experience what's new! For more details, visit their Web site: www.threedollarbill.com.

Season Wrap-Up

The 2007 Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season officially ended on Sunday 12.23.07 with the Black & White Ball at the African American Arts & Culture Complex. This marked the sixth year of our Fostering Holiday Seasons. We are starting to reap the benefit of the fostering a safe and caring community seed we planted six years ago.

Here are some of the highlights of the 2007 season:

- Halloween was a success due all the positive options offered to our youth. What a wide variety of choices to choose from: a poster contest, haunted houses, pumpkin carving, story telling and eating smores under the stars. This continues our mission to bring community together to create a positive atmosphere for youth that result in breaking down turf issues.



Thanksgiving Dinner at John Muir Elementary

- Thanksgiving was held at John Muir Elementary for the first time and continues the CPU's commitment to building a stronger partnership between the school and immediate community.
- November 29th Mo'Magic turned one and what a year it has been. Mo' Magic's birth was at an excellent time. Sheryl, through the diverse community activities she held for youth over the last year, has germinated a new sense of hope and optimism amongst Western Addition youth.
- Hayes Valley Holiday Block Party was a great way for community and commerce to come together and celebrate while building a sustainable community. We also got to initiate our new sound system we purchased with funding from both the SF Parks Trust Innovator Awards fund and donations from Bob Barnwell and Mo'Magic.



Wreath Making Results

- Card Making/ Wreath Making event was a hit. We made over 200 cards to be given to community members with each food box. The children made wreaths for their families and also enough for the eight housing sites we deliver food to.
- Food giveaway provided 225 food boxes to nine sites in the Western Addition. An extra plus this year was Josh's kids from the Playground helping to stuff the food bags that were given away. Hats off to Northern Police Station for six years of positive community policing by helping distribute over 1,300 food boxes in the Western Addition.



Preparing Food Bags

- Toy giveaway this year marked the first year of youth doing volunteer work in exchange for a community gift. We witnessed the youth working at a Koshland Park Cleanup, HV Block Party set up as well as the kids lending a hand to carry groceries, stuff bags and load a police vehicle for distribution.

Upcoming HVNA Meetings
Thursdays, 7pm
Jan 24 • Feb 28 • Mar 27

President's Column

By Paul Olsen



Dear Neighbor,

This is my last letter to you as President, and I want to start by stating how honored I have felt representing this vibrant community these past 3 years. The people I have met, the sense of community I have felt, the passion for a diverse and energetic Hayes Valley that has surrounded me have truly been inspiring. That said, after 6 years on the HVNA Board, it is time to step away. This coming February will be the annual meeting and Board election, and I will not be a candidate. I will be working as part of the Nominating committee to ensure we have the best possible slate of candidates to recommend to the membership.

Hayes Valley is a dynamic place as a result of the people who live, work, worship and enjoy recreation here. When I agreed to be President some time ago, my motivation was to ensure that HVNA was able to concentrate on both planning issues and quality of life issues in an equitable manner. Everyday issues must be constantly addressed, but long range issues cannot be excluded as they will impact our everyday lives in the future. Our Board and our membership have done a great job in dealing with the many aspects of our neighborhood over these past years, and we have much of which to be proud. Several issues of huge impact to the neighborhood are still not finalized, and I urge your involvement in the discussions.

My belief is that each of us should be heard, and that if we make the effort to participate, and are heard, that the final decision is acceptable, even if it is not the one for which we advocated. As an organization, HVNA has done a remarkable job of informing the neighborhood, advocating the positions agreed upon by its membership, and providing a forum for all points of view. While I am unsure of the final decisions on several important issues, I know that our efforts as an organization have been in the best interest of the community, and will have a positive impact on those decisions.

It is never too late to be involved. If you have an interest in issues in the area, let HVNA know, let your elected representatives know, and be an advocate for the position you believe to be the best. That way, we all win!

I want to acknowledge some of the many people who have worked so diligently to improve Hayes Valley, and whose support has been inspirational. First is Frances Neagley. She has been tireless in her involvement, and has represented us well in many collaborative undertakings. Richard Johnson continues to amaze me with his efforts, both in leading initiatives for Children and Families and for all his work behind the scenes. Jason Henderson has utilized his education and background to assist us in decision making, but beyond that has ensured maximum involvement and participation in difficult issues.

Gail Baugh and her leadership with the PTA at John Muir, Ruby Johnson with the Drill Team and the Learning Center, Sheryl Davis with Mo' Magic and Josh at Hayes Valley Playground give us all hope that our kids can have bright futures. Officer Jeff Sung keeps us involved with Northern Station and ensures that there is a solid and positive police presence in our area. Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi and Regina Dick-Endrizzi have worked with us, represented us, and listened to us at City Hall and in our neighborhood, and we have benefited from the work they do.

Additionally, there are two unsung heroes who have been a pleasure to work with and who have made a tremendous impact on our ability to communicate with our hundreds of members and thousands of neighbors. As a neighborhood organization run by volunteers, we have a terrific website that provides the ability to read (or download) newsletters, study resolutions passed by the membership, or link to government officials. This wouldn't be possible without a lot of late night work by Kassim Visram. And this newsletter, which reaches 10,000 people, would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of award-winning graphic designer Karen Parry. I know well how many hours through the weekend are spent taking raw information and putting into a legible and pleasing format. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and our newsletter and its format have been copied by several other groups, which speaks well of Karen's expertise.

Finally, thanks to all of you who do so much. The merchants with their block parties and other events raising funds for deserving organizations; churches and institutions providing spaces to meet and support for community groups; City agencies collaborating rather than dictating; and above all, ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things.

I look forward to seeing you in the 'hood. Maybe now I'll have a chance to stop and talk!

HVNA Elections are in February, too!

While the major emphasis on elections is the Presidential primary on February 5th, HVNA will also be having elections to its Board of Directors at our meeting on February 28th. The Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates for the HVNA Board who are representative of the community, reflecting our diversity on the Board in terms of age, ethnicity, socio-economic status, community involvement, etc. The committee will need to interview all those who express interest, incumbent or otherwise, and agree on a slate to present to the membership by February 18.

If you are interested in serving the neighborhood in this way, please let the nominating committee know of your interest. Email Nominations@hayesvalleysf.org or call 263-3996. Committee members include Gail Baugh, Lynne Creighton, Chris Mejia and Paul Olsen. People interested in being on the Board, or in voting for Board members, must ensure their dues are current.

Hayes Street Traffic

The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee will be having its monthly meeting on Monday, January 28th at 5:30 PM in Room 408 City Hall. Included on the agenda is the returning of Hayes Street to 2 ways between Van Ness Avenue and Gough Street. HVNA will be speaking in favor of the proposal at the meeting.

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association joins the Hayes Valley Merchants Association in supporting the conversion of Hayes Street back to a 2 way street and recommends attention be paid to the restricted pedestrian crossing at Fell & Gough Streets as well.

John Muir Elementary... Your Neighborhood's School

A Wonderful Fall & Winter Semester

Thank you to parents, children, teachers, staff and our neighborhood for a wonderful completion of the fall semester at John Muir. Your PTA continued to rally to provide support for your neighborhood's children, as we work to create a positive learning environment. Here's what we've accomplished for our kids:

Fundraising Success

- December 7 Parent Dinner – \$500
Congratulations, parents! Fantastic home-cooked tamale dinner! Completely organized and run by our families.
- \$5000 grant received from PG&E – 5th grade teacher Ms. Cogley was awarded this grant to teach our children how to use a solar cooker (without electricity!). PTA VP and grant writer Kim Knox assisted Ms. Cogley in applying.
- \$250 Adopt a Classroom – from the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Assn. Thank you. We'd love to have other neighbors adopt a

classroom. The funds will be used for field trip buses and expenses to give our kids experiences outside our neighborhood. Donate what you can – your contribution is tax-deductible.

- \$500 in neighborhood fundraising – thank you!

ESL Spanish/English Classes

Beginning Jan. 14 at John Muir's Beacon Center!

The first class series will start on January 14, 2008 and end on March 13, 2008. The second series will start on March 14, 2008 and end on May 13, 2008. All classes will be held at John Muir Elementary School in Room 18 on the third floor, every Monday and Wednesday (except holidays) from 6:30–8 pm. Space is limited so please encourage those who may be interested to pick up an application as soon as possible. For more information, you can contact Maysha Jackson, Program Coordinator at (415) 793-5008 or Marco Diaz, Site Coordinator at (415) 749-2715.

Recycling Effort to Begin

John Muir Elementary PTA will be one of three schools statewide to participate in a Department of Conservation effort to encourage children and their families to recycle glass and plastic bottles as a fundraiser for their school and a composting effort in the cafeteria. One of our supporting foundations, Tzu Chi Foundation, has a contributor who will match every dollar that is raised from recycling. We hope to teach our kids that trash isn't just garbage. Trash can be useful and raise money! If you have bottles or cans to donate, please contact PTA President Gail Baugh at 265-0546.

"Reflections" Art Contest

Each year, the PTA nationwide sponsors an art contest, called Reflections. John Muir submitted two literature winners from our school to the District PTA contest. Madeline Behrens-Brigham and Russell Pritchard were the neighborhood artists who helped judge the

John Muir Elementary School's Fundraising Success!

By Kim Knox, PTA Vice President of Fundraising

Remember, our leaders come from public schools like John Muir.

Under the able leadership of Ms. Alene Wheaton, Hayes Valley's own John Muir Elementary School has been receiving grants of materials and funds to help with the education of our neighborhood's future leaders. I have assisted in writing the several grant applications with Ms. Wheaton and her teachers. Read on!

John Muir Elementary was one of 14 SFUSD schools to receive a Quality Education Investment Act grant. Under the grant, John Muir Elementary will get \$111,000 each year for seven years. The funds will go towards hiring a literacy expert, more professional development on reading, and working towards getting John Muir Elementary School's students to become strong readers.

Fifth grade teacher Mildred Hale won \$5,000 for two professional development workshops on math instruction from the National Educators Association. She also won a grant to help teach the fifth graders about financial management. Third grade teacher Michele Cogley won a \$5,000 grant from Pacific Gas and Electric to purchase solar cookers for third, fourth and fifth grades in order to learn more about the environment and energy.

Fifth grade teacher Mildred Hale also won a field trip for her students to Audubon Ranch. The students were thrilled to learn about marine wildlife, including guppies. But they were more amazed to see their first horse and cow.

And We Continue to Dream for Our Kids...

We're still working to find funding for several important items and projects.

- "Word for Word" theater has an outstanding program that infuses students with an excitement and love for reading and literature. The cost of the program is

an investment of \$8,000 to offer this outstanding program to our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students.

- How food is grown – Our younger students have never been on a farm nor understand that food must be grown. This is important since farms and gardens are part of the first grades' curriculum. Their fondest dream is to visit a farm. For \$5,000, our first and second graders can go to Slide Ranch to learn how their food is grown.
- A mural on our school! Ms. Cogley has also been trying to raise funds to create a Precita Eyes mural on the school's wall along Oak Street. The theme would be the biospheres of California to honor John Muir's vision. The school is looking for donors to help cover the \$10,000 cost of the mural.

For more information, and especially if you have funding ideas, contact John Muir Elementary School PTA's Vice President of Fundraising, Kim Knox, at (415) 290-2708.

entries. This is the first year that John Muir ES has participated in this local, state & national contest. The winners will have their entries published in a book of all local entries. Congratulations to our kids!



Photo: Barbara Wenger

Since the Spring of 2007, students from the after-school Beacon Program at John Muir ES work with Nora Brereton of the HVN Parks Group on Monday afternoons, every other week in the garden and every other week learning how to cook at Modern Tea with owner Alice Cravens and head cook Alicia. In November, they made ravioli and vegetable salad. When finished they all sat down and enjoyed the fruits of their labors.

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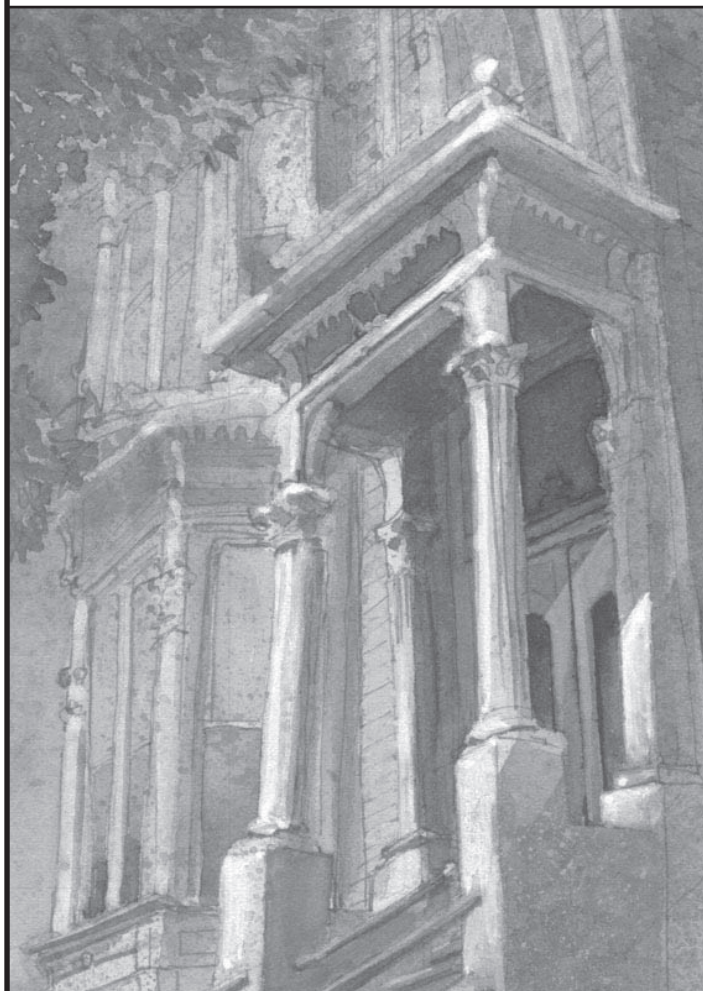
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☐ Communications (Newsletter & Web site)

☐ Families and Children

☐ Neighborhood Safety

☐ Support (flyer distribution, mailings, etc.)

☐ Transportation and Planning

☐ Other: _____

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Hayes Valley NERT - Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Team
First Baptist Church Basement
7 Octavia (at Waller). Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Meeting.
Contact info: mail@hayesvalleynert.org

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7 Octavia (at Waller). Topic: Parks bond and congestion pricing. Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

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02.04, Monday 5-7:30pm

Plan Presentation & Reception
Showing AgeSong's plans for 580 Hayes Street (the former John's Hayes Valley Market). Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP Contact: aborges@agesong.com

02.04, Monday 7-8:00pm

H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee
1st Monday of each Month Hayes Valley Playground Trailer, 699 Hayes (at Buchanan). Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

02.06, Wednesday 7-9pm

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

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02.09, 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: Nora at noraborealis@juno.com or 424-5770.

02.14, Thursday 9:30-10:30 am & 6-7pm

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Crime Prevention Tips For Seniors and People with Disabilities

- Whenever possible, travel with someone you know.
- Have a plan for what you will do if confronted. Show confidence, yell, use a body alarm or whistle or find some other way to make noise.
- Be realistic about your limitations. Avoid places or situations that put you at risk, such as dark alleys and unlit parking lots.
- Avoid establishing predictable activity patterns. Most of us have daily routines, but never varying them may increase your vulnerability to crime.
- If you use a wheelchair or other adaptive device, keep money and personal items hidden from view, but easily accessible to you. Use a fanny pack or pocket attached to the wheelchair arm rather than bags attached to the rear of the chair.
- Have emergency phone numbers and a means of contacting emergency assistance available and accessible to you at all times.
- Plan an escape route from each room in your residence to use in case of emergency.
- Make sure doors have peepholes or viewing areas at a level that allows you to view visitors.
- Put good locks on all your doors and windows. Use them while you're home as well when you're out.
- Never open the door for a stranger. Ask for proof of who they are and the purpose of their visit. If you are visually impaired and unable to see the person's official identification, verify by checking the person's identity with their agency.
- Never tell a stranger calling by phone that you are alone or disabled.
- When riding a bus, sit as close to the driver as possible.
- Always carry your medical information in case of an emergency.
- If you have a speech or hearing impairment, carry a card of communication symbols to ensure that you can be understood by others.
- If you have difficulty speaking, have a friend record a message giving your name, address and type of disability to use in emergencies. Keep the tape in a recorder next to your phone.

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