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Ace Happenings

By Bill Bulkley



Photo: Barbara Wenger

Nora Brereton and Jessica Farkas help install the Victory Garden in front of City Hall

The Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association's Arts Culture and Environment Committee is committed to promoting, encouraging, and acknowledging artistic expression and environmental awareness in Hayes Valley. At its best, art and environment merge to provide us a meaningful expression of the world around us.

As I write this, I am shaking off the playa dust from my recent return from one of the biggest annual art and environmental events accessible to Bay Area residents. Burning Man is more than just a rave in the desert. It is an art festival situated in a beautiful desert sea bed. The environmental conditions, heat, dust storms, winds, dryness, and salinity challenge

festival goers and create a surreal and sublime location for viewing amazing art. Ecological principles are at the heart of the festival. The mantra at Burning Man is Leave No Trace... the fourth largest city in Nevada annually appears and disappears with little mark upon the earth. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, are guiding principles. Hayes Valley has been lucky to receive works that are funded by the Burning Man organization's Black Rock Arts Foundation, including David Best's Temple which inaugurated public art at Patricia's

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President's Column

By Frances Neagley



■ It's hard to believe that it is already September! Summer is almost over, school has started, baseball season is almost over – yes, Karen, it is always about baseball – and most importantly of all, the new fiscal year of HVNA has begun. That means it is time for us all to renew our memberships.

Every year at this time we start reminding everyone to become a new or renewal member of HVNA. Your support is very important to us. Besides holding monthly general meetings, we have many projects that we fund and/or support in the neighborhood. We deliver 3,900 newsletters every other month to every address in Hayes Valley. In alternate months, we deliver flyers to each home with announcements of the upcoming general meeting. We are members of Community Partners United and support their Season of Caring and Sharing. We support the John Muir Elementary School PTA and last year adopted a classroom. Our Board members are members or liaisons with other neighborhood groups. We have a strong

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Visit our redesigned Web site at:
www.hayesvalleysf.org

It's membership time...
join or renew now!

See page 6 for membership form.

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relationship with our City supervisors and other officials at City Hall.

Your membership in HVNA not only supports these activities, but it also demonstrates your support of the neighborhood in which you live and/or do business. While we always encourage everyone to join at the highest possible levels, no amount is too small. Likewise, we encourage each member to be involved in HVNA activities as much as possible, but we are sympathetic of the time constraints in all of our lives.

Although membership is a demonstration of support in the organization and does allow a member to vote on any motions that are presented, it is important to remember that our meetings are open to everyone and we do encourage input regardless of whether one is a current member or not. There is a membership form in each newsletter and on the back of every meeting announcement.

In early August, I joined with other neighbors and business owners at a meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, encouraging them to support the Board of Supervisors resolution to return Hayes Street to two-way from Franklin to Gough and to install crosswalks at all of the corners. PSAC was very supportive and even adopted a resolution to continue the two-way Hayes Street all the way to Van Ness and return the pedestrian crosswalks across Fell at Gough also. These resolutions, which would enhance the walkability of Hayes Valley, will go to the Municipal Transit Authority for feasibility and funding.

Late in August, the Valley Christian Fellowship joined with Mo'Magic and Community Response Network (CRN) to host a Feed the Children Day. HVNA was invited to participate and to recommend ten households to receive food and household item boxes. It was an extremely successful event, and I got to meet many more of my neighbors who were volunteering their time at the event. Each recipient I talked with was extremely grateful for receiving these boxes.

I look forward to seeing you, and your membership form, soon!

Have We Passed the Tipping Point?

By Richard Johnson

The benefit of time passing is the opportunity to reflect on the past. On Tuesday, August 5th, we gathered together at the Hayes Valley Playground to Celebrate National Night Out (NNO), in the Western Addition for the seventh year. As I reflect back on the first NNO event, I see how, as a community, we have built a strong community policing foundation through collaboration and partnerships in Community Partners United (CPU). We



Motorcycle Officer Jeff Sung and Community Activist Michael Patton at NNO

have put authentic meaning to the phrase 'Let the People Lead and the Leaders will follow'. As with all partnerships, it takes time to build trust, but if all share a common vision and a shared commitment, time only makes them grow stronger.

The beauty of the event for me was the natural harmony that prevailed amongst all those in attendance. The police, civic leaders, city departments, educators, CBO's, neighborhood groups, youth, families, neighbors, friends and members of the 'hood all came together to share food, fun and entertainment, brought together by our shared vision to foster a safe and caring community. Each person in attendance was a piece to the puzzle and as with all puzzles, it takes all pieces to complete the picture – a united community that balances the need to protect with the need to find proactive solutions to crime and violence.

Reflection on the past gives us the opportunity to fine-tune a shared community vision. There has been tremendous change in our neighborhood. Our diverse community has come together to tear down a freeway, to

rebuild our parks and public housing, to save John Muir from closure and to advocate for more beat officers and demand ample resources so all residents have an equal playing field. Our strength as a community is that we are steadfast in our attitude that we are all part of the problem and the solution. We have both the ear and active participation of Supervisor Mirkarimi, MONS and SFPD to partner with us to reverse the negative effects of crime and violence in the 'hood. As a friend often says to me, we are on large ship and we are slowly turning it by our strong and successful community policing model. To speed up this process, we all, as a united community, need to participate. Each community member plays a different role in the process of moving from problem to solution. So take the time to figure out your role in the process and assume it, because as a unified community we can move any mountain.

In closing I want to extend special thanks from CPU and HVNA to our partners:

- Josh and the children of HV Playground – our hosts
- Northern Police Station Captain Casciato, Sgt Griffin, Lt. Slade and the beat officers
- Safety Network
- WA CRN
- Supervisor Mirkarimi, Val and staff
- Mike Farrah, Camille and the staff of MONS
- Miss Ruby and the WA Drill Team
- Horace Tolson & SGI-USA Golden Gate Chorus
- All the CBO's who participated



NNO Honorees with Supervisor Ross Murakami

Tending Patricia's Green

by Henry Osten

Moving to Hayes Valley earlier in the year I found myself blessed with a fine view of Patricia's Green from my new place. I say blessed because normally a working boy like myself (I'm a rehab counselor for a State agency) couldn't afford to move into a Hayes Valley apartment, let alone one with a seductive view.

Not surprisingly, I, and others, see Patricia's Green as the showpiece of Octavia Boulevard's redevelopment. So even if I don't have "jingle in my pocket" to fully appreciate every smart cafe and boutique on Hayes Street, Patricia's Green will always offer me a great seat and free dog and pony show (sans the pony and replace with an Aussie with a Cockatoo) most any day of the week.

Soon after I began to frequent Patricia's Green, I began to wonder who was "in charge" of the park. I've reached out to my neighbors and the many stakeholders of the Green. This includes Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association; Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group; SF Neighborhood Parks Council; SF Recreation and Parks Department; staff at the SF Planning Department including the landscape architect, John Thomas, who designed the park; Barbara Wenger of Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group who played an important role in the development of the Green as well as the restoration of our Neighborhood's sister parks (Koshland, Page Rose Mini Park & Page Street Garden); and Madeline Behrens-Bringham and Russell Prichard of Zonal who are credited with bringing public art to the Green. Madeline and Russell are Park Stewards and liaisons with the city.

No matter what role one has in Patricia's Green, all agree that it is a very well used park. Of course "well used" can mean "popular" or it can mean "in need of care."

Not long ago Patricia's Green had an assigned gardener, Mary Ann, who truly loved and tended Patricia's Green five days a week. Sometime last year she was injured and assigned to duties within Rec and Park. Now Patricia's Green has no assigned gardener. Most weekdays at eight in the morning we're lucky to have a custodian pass through to clean graffiti

and the most obvious litter. Unfortunately gardening issues, such as tending the plants and even mowing the lawn, are only done by the city on a "rotating" and "as staffing allows" basis. While Patricia's Green needs more care than is currently budgeted, Rec and Park does what it can to support community efforts in the parks with a volunteer coordinator, Kristen Bowman, to coordinate work day projects.

On July 19th, Patricia's Green saw twenty volunteers participate in a Clean Up with the guidance of a Rec and Park gardener - complete with tools and supplies, mulch and replacement plants. By mid-afternoon the beds were weeded, the plants were planted, new friends were made, and we all had our daily dose of fresh air and exercise. Our work efforts were further rewarded when additional city staffers showed up to trim palm fronds and give the pavement and seating area a much needed deep pressure wash. The park looked great; but of course it takes daily efforts to keep it looking its best.

Here's how you can help:

- Pick up and properly dispose of an inconsiderate neighbor's discarded coffee cup or lunch trash.
- Keep your pets from all play on the lawn if it's just been watered or when it's a rainy day. Little paws do significant damage to roots of grass when the lawn is soggy, and no one likes a muddy dog at home.
- Call 3-1-1 to report any health or safety issue including excessive bird droppings (and any sign of human waste) on the pavement or seating areas. Don't wait for someone else to report it. Calls from multiple people might make the difference in response time.

Participate in an Upcoming Green Clean Up

Community Clean Up dates are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 8, between 10 am to 1 pm. Just show up dressed down to get dirty.

If you can't make either above date, Koshland Park has a monthly workday on Saturday September 13th from 11 am-2 pm.

Hayes Valley NERT Update

Greetings neighbors! Hayes Valley NERT is changing its meeting schedule. **Beginning September 25, 2008**, Hayes Valley NERT will meet quarterly instead of monthly. We will meet that date at 6 pm, at the First Baptist Church Meeting Room, 7 Octavia Blvd. We hope you will attend this meeting so that we all can go over this new schedule and other important updates.

John Muir Elementary PTA Update



The first day of school!

The school year has begun, and we have such good news for our community! The number of families enrolling at John Muir ES has increased quite a bit. We even have a waiting list this year for some grades. Our test scores are beginning to show improvement. And, most important to our children, new playground equipment will be installed by the end of the year!

We are also continuing our recycling program, collecting bottles and cans in each classroom, and instilling in our children the value of sustaining our environment. Bring your clean collected bottles and cans to our school office! The funds raised go toward classroom supplies.

Even if you don't have kids, say hello to the families and their kids as they go to school. Recognize the effort it takes to do well in school, and congratulate the fact that they go to "our" neighborhood school. Let's all have a great year - and watch out for our Halloween celebration this year!



Season of Caring Thanksgiving 2007

7th Annual Fostering a Safe & Caring Holiday Season 2008

By Richard Johnson

Community Partners United, a SF Parks Trust partner, is gearing up for its 7th year of Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season 2008. As is past years, the official season kicks off in October with a youth poster contest and various Halloween events located throughout the Western Addition. The season will continue through November with our 5th Annual Giving Voice to the Season Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Show. Our season concludes in December with a month of events ranging from a Merchants' Holiday Celebration, Community Sing Along, Wreath and Card Making, Food and Toy give-away and community luncheon. The essence of the season is to sponsor community events that offer a chance for community to gather and share food, fun, and entertainment while fostering a safe and caring community.

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the upcoming October 23 HVNA general meeting to hear all the details. As always, we are seeking tax deductible donations to cover expenses for the season. The San Francisco Parks Trust is our fiscal sponsor. To find out how you can make a donation, please contact Richard at safety@hayesvalleysf.org.

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Green, and Koulios, Michael Christian's sculpture recently installed there. Please read more about Burning Man's art and environmental statement and the Black Rock Arts Foundation at www.burningman.com

Closer to home we have an amazing event happening in San Francisco that exemplifies the merging of art and environment. That is the opening of the California Academy of Science in Golden Gate Park. This amazing building with the largest living roof in the city is a work of art by internationally known architect Renzo Piano. The opening celebration is September 27 and 28. www.calacademy.org

The third annual Park(ing) Day will take place around San Francisco on Friday September 19. This amazing event by REBAR encourages us to look at how we might more creatively use public space that is typically dedicated to cars. Several installations are planned in Hayes Valley by ACE committee members, the HV Art Coalition, and other neighbors. Please take some time out of your day Friday to visit the installations. www.parkingday.org

Another city-wide event that encourages more creative and healthy use of public streets is the second Sunday Streets event happening on September 14. Roads from the Bayview to Chinatown will be closed for the second time from 9 am to 1 pm to encourage recreation and human powered transportation along the waterfront. See www.sundaystreetsf.com.

The annual Open Studios happens this fall in San Francisco over five weekends from the first weekend in October to the first weekend in November. For thirty years this project has

invited the public to visit artist workspaces and support artists. Hayes Valley artists will open their doors on the 2nd weekend, October 11 and 12 from 11 am to 6 pm, www.artspan.org

As school has started for the fall, there is an amazing lineup of events open to the public at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music located on Oak near Franklin. For their 2008–2009 season see www.sfc.edu.

While still in the planning stage, I have word that City|Space, the non-profit art organization that examines the urban environment will be showing their annual Asphalt Shorts program of short urban films in Hayes Valley. Keep an eye out for future announcements and go to www.city-space.org for more information.

As noted in the last issue of the Voice, Slow Food Nation planted a victory garden in the Civic Center. Labor Day weekend saw 50,000 people come through and experience the garden and the opportunity to sample locally-produced food. The garden will remain open until November, so if you haven't seen it, you still can experience a little country in the heart of the City!

Finally, I'll close with this blind item... What major art organization is planning to move to Hayes Valley with headquarters, performance space and café open to the public? Plans are still too new to reveal but this should be a great addition to the neighborhood.

The arts are alive and well in Hayes Valley. Please consider becoming involved in the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association and the Art, Culture and Environment (ACE) Committee. Email art@hayesvalleysf.org to participate.

Thank You for a Successful Community Block Party!

By Tracy Burris

■ On behalf of Pastor Lane Hawkins and the Neighborhood Baptist Church, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Hayes Valley Community Partners United for their support and partnership on the success of our Community Block Party.

On August 16, 2008, the Neighborhood Baptist Church, in partnership with Community Partners United, hosted a community block

party on Buchanan Street between Hayes and Grove Streets. The community enjoyed live entertainment, food, activities for children, community resource information, health screening and much, much more.

Thank you to the Honorable Ross Mirkarimi, who addressed the attendees with positive remarks about the neighborhood's strong community ties and diversity.

Special thank yous go to Hayes Valley Playground for hosting the children's activities; Ruby Johnson and the San Francisco Western Addition Drill Team who performed; and to Lieutenant Slade and the officers of SFPD Northern Station for barbequing and providing a safe event.

The goal was to share ideas and resources with a fun event that would bring the entire community together. The event was a resounding success.

This One's for YOU!

Come one, come all! Come meet your neighbors at the Hayes Valley Fall Fest on Saturday, October 18th, at Hayes Valley Playground. This is really a great chance to get to know each other – so often we see each other, but haven't taken the time to say hello and meet. The Fall Fest starts at 1:00 and ends at 5 pm.

Hayes Valley Playground is located at Buchanan and Hayes Streets. There will be food, fun, games, music and information on the neighborhood and various goings on – including the upcoming park renovation!

We hope everyone can make it! Tell your friends, family and neighbors & bring them along. There's nothing to do but enjoy each other's company and have a good time hangin' with your neighbors. So let's do it!

Hospice Lifts Spirits with Happy Hour

Recently, the San Francisco Chronicle ran an article, with an accompanying video, regarding the hospice at Laguna Honda Hospital. In keeping with Zen practices, embodied by Hayes Valley's own Zen Center, HVNA Board member Jim Warshell volunteers at Laguna Honda, and can be seen in the video. To get a feel for an important City resource, and for how Hayes Valley residents step up to help those in need, in the neighborhood and without, please follow the link below: <http://link.brightcove.com/services/link/bcpid1407952648/bctid1753825938>

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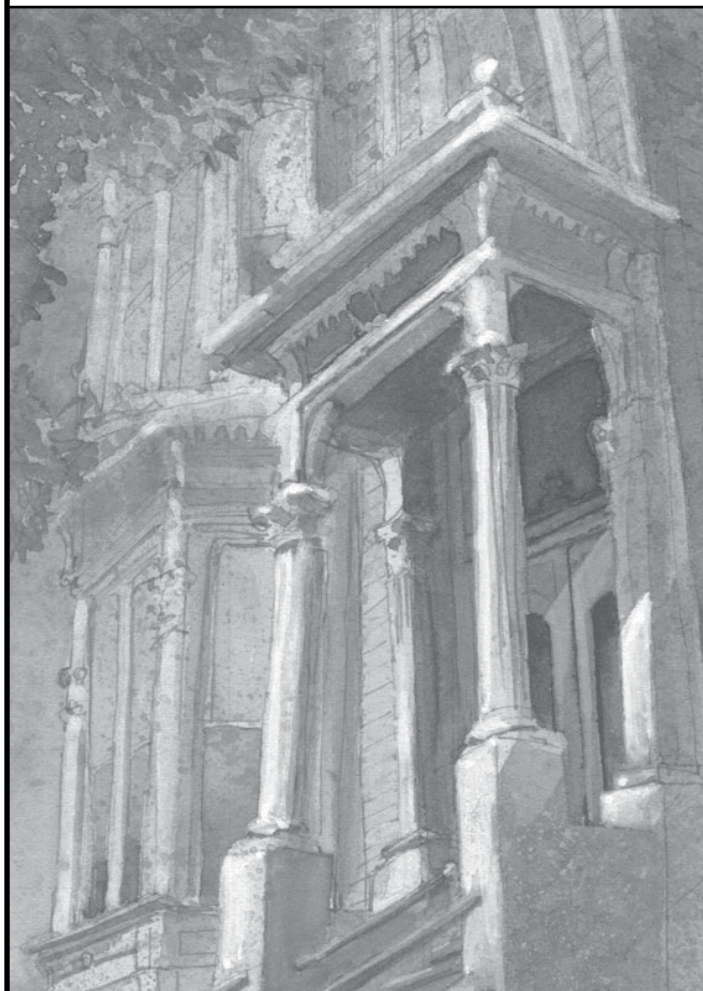
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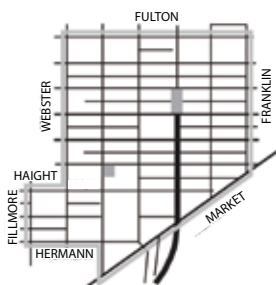
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☐ Families and Children

☐ Neighborhood Safety

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☐ Transportation and Planning

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09.13, 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.

09.13, Saturday Noon-4pm

Page Street Garden BBQ.
Located on Page between Webster and Buchanan. Community potluck, bbq and entertainment. Contact info: Michael at 902-9537

09.18, Thursday 11 am-1 pm

Mo' Magic Community Meeting
AAACC 3rd Floor located at 762 Fulton (at Webster). Mo' Magic is a collaboration of organizations, city agencies and community members working together make a difference in the lives of children, youth and their families in the Western Addition. Contact Info: Sheryl Davis at Sheryl.Davis@sfgov.org

09.20, Saturday 10am-1 pm

Patricia's Green Cleanup
Friends and neighbors meet at Hayes & Octavia for park clean up. Tools, gloves, supplies, food & drink provided for all. For info contact: Henry at either 626-6906 or hostendo@dor.ca.gov

09.25, Thursday 7-9pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting
First Baptist Church Basement, 7 Octavia (at Waller). Contact and topic, info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

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10.01, 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

10.02, Thursday 11 am-1 pm

Mo' Magic Community Meeting
AAACC 3rd Floor located at 762 Fulton (at Webster). (See 09.18 listing). Contact Info: Sheryl Davis at Sheryl.Davis@sfgov.org

10.02, Thursday 6-7pm

HVNA Transportation and Planning Committee monthly meeting.
Hayes Valley Playground Trailer, 699 Hayes Street (at Buchanan). Contact info: planning@hayesvalleysf.org

10.06, Monday 7-8pm

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

10.09, Thursday 9am

John Muir PTA Meeting
John Muir Elementary, 380 Webster (at Oak). Join faculty, students, parents and concerned community members as we partner to assure quality education for all children. Contact info: 626-6120 or g.baugh@sbcglobal.net.

10.09, 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. Northern Police station, 1125 Fillmore (at Turk) Parking is available. Contact info: Captain Sgt Griffin 614-3400 or Bill.Griffin@sfgov.org

10.16, Thursday 11 am-1 pm

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10.18, Saturday 10am-1 pm

Koshland Park Fall Fest
Youth of BEET Ranger program have planned and will lead and provide snacks for a community workday. Contact info: Nora at 424-5770 or noraborealis@juno.com.

10.18, Saturday 1-5pm

Hayes Valley Fall Fest
Hayes Valley Playground, 699 Hayes (at Buchanan). Join family, friends and neighbors in the 'hood for an afternoon of food, fun & entertainment. Contact info: Safety@hayesvalleysf.org.

10.23, Thursday 7-9pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting
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10.30, Thursday 11 am-1 pm

Mo' Magic Community Meeting
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10.31, Friday 6-10pm

Halloween
Events at several locations in the 'hood. Haunted House, Face Painting, Story Telling and S'mores at Koshland Park. Contact Information: Safety@hayesvalleysf.org

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11.03, Monday 7-8pm

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

11.04, Tuesday 7 am-8 pm

Presidential Election
Let your voice be heard, get out and vote. Nearest polling place contact: Elections Dept at 554-4375 or www.sfgov.org/elections

11.05, Wednesday 7-9pm

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4th Annual Giving Voice to the Season Thanksgiving Dinner & Talent Show
John Muir Elementary Auditorium, 380 Webster (at Oak). Share food, entertainment and conversation with family, friends and neighbors. Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Some of the topics to be discussed at our upcoming meetings include:

September 25: The upcoming Election – what does it mean to the neighborhood? What are the items of most interest to neighbors?

October 23: Plan Halloween activities for all to participate in and the kick-off of the 2008 Season of Sharing. Come together as neighbors to plan events for all the community.



Western Addition Drill Team at this year's National Night Out

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