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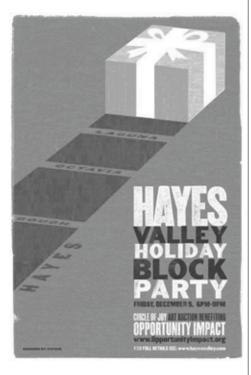
## **Holiday Block Party and Benefit**

2008 marks the 19th year of the Hayes Street merchants' Block Party, to be held Friday, December 5th. This year, a major aspect of the event will be a silent auction of artists' wreaths (not traditional wreaths, but rather art pieces). There will be 24 made by artists and 6 by the kids at Opportunity Impact, the organization which will be the beneficiary of proceeds from the event. The auction will start at 11 am Friday, November 28th and will end at 9 pm the evening of the block party.

Opportunity Impact is located in the Western Addition, and has as its mission the providing of opportunities and skills youth need to reach their potential. More information is available at www.opportunityimpact.org

Wreaths will be in store windows throughout the neighborhood, along Hayes, Laguna, Octavia and Gough Streets, providing even more reasons for people to walk the area. Many stores will also be having live music and/ or events. And, merchants have developed a "Hayes Valley Money" program. More information on activities is available on the merchant website: www.hayesvalley.com

Complementing the Block Party will be the 4th Annual Community Social and Sing Along at Patricia's Green, featuring a strolling Dicken's quartet from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and other local talent. Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be served as well. The Fire Department will also have a toy collection effort at Patricia's Green, so please bring a new, unwrapped toy.



## **HVNA Fall Fest a Success!**

Saturday, October 18th, brought the first annual HVNA Fall Fest to Hayes Valley Playground, at the corner of Hayes and Buchanan Streets. Billed as a chance for neighbors to get together and enjoy each other's company without having to participate in yet another meeting, the event was a magnet for adults and kids from throughout the area. We are very thankful for the support and participation of Hayes Valley Playground's Recreation Director Fidel Joshua. Josh, as he is known around the 'hood, continues strengthening neighborhood ties, bringing kids and adults together.

There was no shortage of great food, as HVNA contributed hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, and local restaurants Paxti's, Suppenkuchen, Double Decker and La Boulange contributed specialties, too! HVNA Board member Karen Mauney-Brodek headed the committee putting the event together, with much help from Jamie Lopez, Richard Johnson

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## **President's Column**

By Frances Neagley



■ November – it is all about elections, the weather getting cooler and the end-of-the-year holidays just around the corner. In the midst of all the things happening or about to happen, one stops and tries to think whether some of the goals got lost over the year.

I'm feeling a bit like I haven't accomplished all I wanted. And much of what I did accomplish I owe to the invaluable assistance and perseverance of those around me, especially all those who serve on the HVNA Board. I expect most people start looking at the end of the year as the prelude to the New Year and wondering how next year will compare to this year. I hope part of everyone's plans for the next few months include being involved in the neighborhood.

The past month saw the beginning of our holiday season. HVNA had a great Fall Fest that received rave reviews. As promised, it was just a day of fun and hanging out with our neighbors. While there were no real political announcements or fund raising, I hope you all

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Upcoming HVNA Meetings Thursdays, 7pm

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haven't lost track of our goal of increasing our membership and getting past and present members to renew. Let's get that done before the year is over!

Halloween celebrations happened all over the neighborhood – from Hayes Valley South to the Beacon Center at John Muir Elementary to the Hayes Valley Playground to the African American Arts and Culture Center. There was something for everyone and we could all walk from venue to venue. The City's goal to keep people "home for Halloween" certainly was realized in our neighborhood.

Thanksgiving is the next big event in November and it always offers another chance to get together with our family, friends and neighbors. The Beacon Center at John Muir Elementary School will work with Community Partners United to host the annual neighborhood turkey meal on November 22nd. This is an opportunity to help out in the community and be with our neighbors, and still celebrate again with our families the following week on November 27th!

In December, there are activities almost every week. From the annual Hayes Street block party to the card and wreath making at the Hayes Valley South Community Room to holiday celebrations at John Muir, the AAACC and City Hall. There will be the usual holiday luncheon toward the end of the month and certainly many other celebrations. Be sure to check out the calendar on the back of *The Voice* for dates, times and contact persons. We won't have an HVNA general meeting in December, but I certainly hope to see each of you at a lot of these events.

## Community Partners United Kicks Off Its Seventh Season of Goodwill

By Richard Johnson

alloween events held throughout the neighborhood helped to kick off our Seventh Annual "Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season." This marks the fourth year we opened our neighborhood parks and community centers to community members who enjoyed face painting, story telling, free candy, played games, heard music, made s'mores under the stars and hosted two haunted houses open to the public.

The next scheduled event for the 2008 season is the Giving Voice to the Season Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Show. We will partner with the Western Addition Beacon Center and hold our event at John Muir Elementary, 380 Webster Street, on Saturday November 22nd from 1 to 3 pm (see calendar listing). This is the time of year we reach out as a community and partner with faith-based groups for an afternoon of food, conversation and entertainment.

December will be filled with a month of community events. Please see the calendar on the back of *The Voice* for details.

- The month starts with the 19th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants Block Party on December 5th from 6–9 pm.
- Sixth Annual Wreath and Card Making event with partner Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group. The event

will be located at the Hayes Valley South Community Room 403 Rose on December 6th from 1–3 pm. Join community members as we come together for an afternoon of wreath and card making to distribute to community members. Food, drink and supplies will be provided.

- Seventh annual food giveaway on December 18th and 19th to community members recommended by their peers for building a safe and caring community. Last year we delivered over 225 food boxes to families making a positive change in their community.
- Seventh annual Community Luncheon (location to be determined) on December 20th from 11 am-3 pm. Come join us as we bring our community together for a celebratory lunch, hear speakers and showcase talent in the 'hood. A toy give-away will follow at the Hayes Valley Playground located at Hayes & Buchanan.
- The CPU, of which HVNA is a founding partner, is a collaboration of community members, city departments, and non-profits. Our mission is to provide community events, throughout the year, that bring neighbors together to foster a more safe and caring community. Donations, which are tax deductible, are always appreciated. To make a donation, contact Richard Johnson at safety@hayesvalleysf.org.

## **Thanks to Your Neighbors**

■ HVNA produces almost 4000 copies of *The Voice* six times a year, plus the electronic version always available on the website: www.hayesvalleysf.org. More than 10,000 people see *The Voice* each issue, including your neighbors, friends, merchants, folks at City Hall and the School District offices. This would not be possible without the assistance of our newsletter distribution team. Many thanks to: Lee Jewell, Stefan Hastrup, Jim Warshell, Sarah Young, Karen Mauney-Brodek, Frances Neagley, Ana Canillas, John Phillips, Chris Pederson, Jamie Lopez, Bill Bulkley, Nick Bell, Sirena McCart, Lynn Friedman, Jason Henderson, Clarence Mayers, Doug Prudden, Robin Levitt, Adam Millard-Ball, Mike Willemsen, Paul Olsen, Guy Berryessa and Richard Johnson, distribution coordinator.

Finally, this is the last issue of *The Voice* to be designed by Karen Parry who recently moved to New York. So we are seeking a graphics professional to work with us a few hours every other month so we can continue to produce a quality newsletter. Please contact Editor Paul Olsen at voice@hayesvalleysf.org for more info.

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and others. Board member Chris Mejia graciously donated the use of his professional outdoor grill and flipped many a burger, while Board member Bill Bulkley acted as the unofficial historian of the event, taking dozens of photos available at: http://www.flickr.com/ photos/52659024@N00/. Anyone needing help in viewing or downloading pictures can contact Bill at art@hayesvalleysf.org.

District 5 Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi was one of the attractions, mingling with his constituents, and ensuring both kids and adults were entertained by turning the bicycle art installation into a performance art piece. The energy given off by people riding green bicycles around the playground made it a wonderful afternoon for all! Besides the delectable food and art turned to life, there was also a moon swing, parachute, and other fun for people of all ages.

HVNA is all about the residents of Hayes Valley coming together in different ways to build a stronger community. While the organization has a strong reputation for its efforts in tearing down the freeway and building Octavia Boulevard and Patricia's



Having fun with the parachute at Fall Fest

Green, as well as its efforts in helping produce many holiday events, it also works closely with people throughout the area to further public safety, art, green spaces, and so much more.

Membership in HVNA is low cost, with dues supporting production of the newsletter, many community events, committee work involving art, culture, parks and more, along with our partnership with Community Partners United and the many organizations in and around our community with which it is comprised. Please join HVNA and further support your neighborhood. Membership information is located on page 6.



More fun at Fall Fest. To see more photos go to http://www.flickr.com/photos/52659024@N00

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### Free Pre-School for Four-Year Olds!

Children who are 4 years old before December 2nd, 2008 are eligible for free pre-school at John Muir Elementary School, 380 Webster St, between Oak and Page. It is a morning program, from 8:30–Noon with lunch included, during the 2008–2009 elementary school calendar year. Mary Lee Kane, MA Early Childhood Education, is the teacher.

Apply to SFUSD Child Development Program, 20 Cook St, phone 415-750-8500. There aren't many open slots, and enrollment is first come, first served, so call today!

### Peace Sculpture in Patricia's Green

A major goal of Hayes Valley Arts Coalition is to have continual sculpture installations in Patricia's Green, and we have been fortunate with the work they have done so far. Michael Christian's Koilos recently left the park, and the Arts Commission is slightly delayed in installing the Peace Sculpture that will replace it. While we had expected it in time for the election, thus focusing both on the issue of peace in our time and the 40 year anniversary of the summer of love, these things take time. The Arts Commission is now expecting that installation will take place Thanksgiving week.

Hayes Valley Arts Coalition, with financial support from area merchants and HVNA, has handled the expenses of installation and breakdown of the artwork not managed by the Arts Commission. They already have the next installation lined up – a piece by local artist Mark Baugh-Sasaki. We look forward to both of the upcoming installations, and appreciate how the placement of temporary art helps to activate the park for a diverse audience.

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## **Picking a President**

We are all affected by the choice for President, whether we're able to vote or not. Amidst the joy now felt in our neighborhood, is also a yearning for what positive change our new President will bring. And it's not just adults who feel it – it's everyone.

The week before the election, John Muir Elementary School 5th grade teacher Ms Hale gave her kids a writing assignment: Who should be President, and why? The answers are surprisingly direct, and full of hope and wisdom. Although each student deserves to have his or her essay printed in full, space limitations won't allow that. So, below are excerpts from the papers we received. After reading them, you'll understand what wonderful children full of promise we have in the neighborhood.

"Barack Obama would be a good President because he cares about America. He will help America with their taxes and he will make it fair for everyone."

"I would vote for Barack Obama, but not because he's black. Barack Obama will do good things like help homeless people and not send people to war to get killed."

"If Barack Obama is President, he might end the war and take responsibility for ending violence in areas like my neighborhood."

Presidential Essays from Ms Hale's Class

"It is important to have an African-American President because we have not had one before. This will be good for America because it will help end violence and be good for all people."

"Barack Obama will help people by lowering prices and taxes... Barack Obama will help all people because he is not a racist."

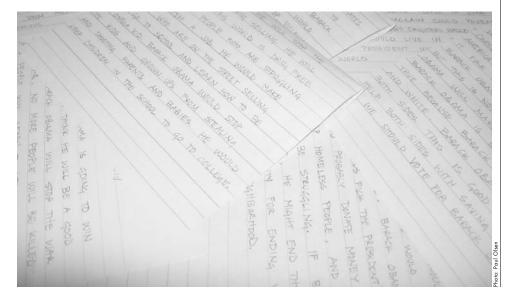
"Barack Obama will stop the war with Iraq. No more people will be killed and people will learn to get along."

"I think Barack Obama will be the President because he is smart and he will be a good President. He will be a great President because he is serious and he will do the best for what America needs."

"Barack Obama...will be a good President because he will help make the United States better. He will help the economy and to make the world a better place."

"If Barack Obama is President, he will change things for the better. He will stop the gang violence and the drug selling...He would help people who are struggling by giving them a job... He would keep children in the school to go to college."

These are remarkable sentiments from 9 to 11 year-old members of our community. Their candidate won, and we hope their wishes for him, and for us, come true.



## Western Addition Community Response Network (CRN)

By Fatima Khaliq

#### What is the W.A. C.R.N.?

The Western Addition Community Response Network (WA CRN) is a crisis response agency for District 5. The CRN provides violence prevention, intervention and crisis response services to the Western Addition. When a homicide occurs in the Western Addition, the CRN immediately reports to the crime scene to support the victim's family and residents. Following a homicide, the CRN provides support through case management and/or referral to a network of services.

#### **Community Presence**

Daily, CRN Street Intervention Workers (SIW) "work the streets" in their royal blue jackets providing outreach in areas of the Western Addition where youth and young adults hang out. Our outreach efforts have determined that many young people, mostly young men, need employment and education services to get them off the streets and living a productive life. The youth and young adults we serve are between the ages of 14–24 years old. We focus on building relationships with our clients by listening to their concerns and creating plans to meet their education and employment needs.

Many of our clients have been involved in the criminal justice system and are referred to us by Huckleberry House CARC (Community Assessment and Referral Center) or adult/ juvenile probation. For those clients, we provide intervention services so that they do not become involved in these activities again. For clients that do not have a criminal or violent background, CRN provides prevention services through a combination of case management, program referrals and social groups.

Whether a client needs intervention or prevention services, the first step toward achieving their goals is their willingness to commit to changing their life. With the support of the SIWs, clients work with CRN Case Manager Lindsey Quilitan to identify their challenges and come up with a realistic

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plan to make changes. The CRN office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–4 pm, for drop-in services and appointments.

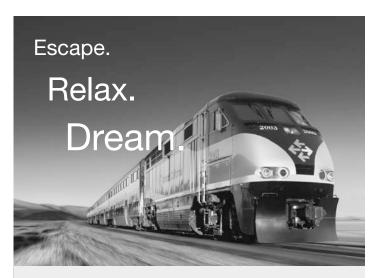
#### **Community Support**

Social Group: Currently we are seeking to support or establish social groups (if no group exists) in the following areas of the Western Addition: Hayes Valley (Hayes Valley Playground), Plaza East, King/ Garvey housing, and Westside Courts. Hayes Valley Playground's Park and Recreation Department has partnered with WA CRN to host a Girl's Group for ages 14–17 years of age from November 4 through January 20, 2009, every Tuesday 4:30–6pm. The objective of the Hayes Valley Playground Social Group for Girls is to provide resource information, computer training, and life skill development. To register for the program contact Lekesha Howard at 415-921-2765.

#### Meet the Staff

**Timothy Washington**, Senior Street Intervention Worker, supports each SIW who has a specific focus area:

Ivory Peterson (Hayes Valley); Marquez Shaw (Plaza East); Karim Mayfield (Martin L. King-Marcus Garvey Cooperative); Walter Redding (McAllister area). Other CRN staff members are: Case Manager Lindsey Quilitan; Programs Coordinator Lekesha Howard; and CRN Coordinator Sandra Bolden. These people are all helping the Western Addition by working with our youth. Please take the time to get to know them.



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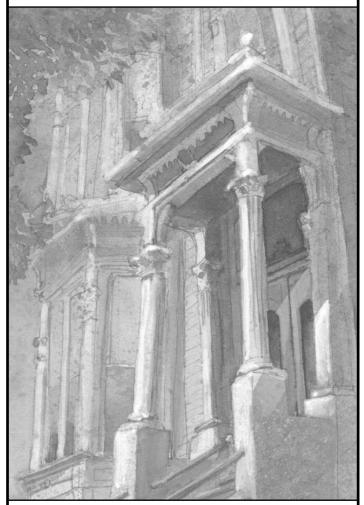
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- □ Families and Children
- □ Neighborhood Safety
- □ Support (flyer distribution, mailings, etc.)
- □ Transportation and Planning
- □ Other:

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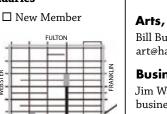
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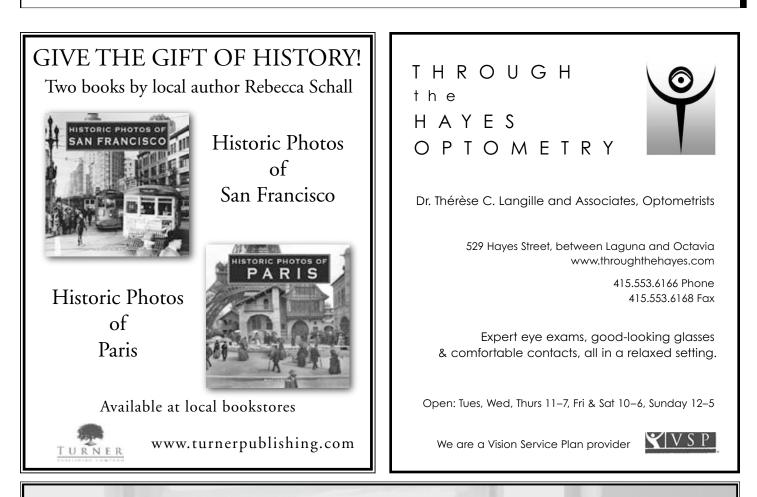
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#### HVNA CALENDAR

Upcoming HVNA Meetings Thursdays, 7pm

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#### 11.20, Thursday 7–9pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting First Baptist Church Basement, 7 Octavia (at Waller). Potluck celebration and update on pending developments in the area and discussion on community involvement. Come, and bring your neighbors, too! Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

#### 11.22, Saturday 1–3 pm 5th Annual Giving Voice to the Season

Thanksgiving Dinner. Sponsored by Community Partners United, Western Addition, Beacon Center, Mo Magic & Faith-Based Groups. John Muir Elementary Auditorium. 380 Webster (at Oak). Community Welcome for an afternoon of food, entertainment and conversation. Info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org



#### **12.03, Wednesday 7–9 pm** District 5 Together

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

#### 12.04, Thursday 6–7 pm

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

#### 12.05, Friday 6–9 pm 19th Annual Hayes Valley

Merchants Holiday Block Party 300, 400 & 500 blocks of Hayes Street (between Franklin and Laguna and side Streets). A day of food, drinks, entertainment and shopping.

#### 12.05, Friday 6-8 pm

**4th Annual Community Partners United "Community Sing Along"** Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley located at Hayes & Octavia. Community Welcome to share food, hot drinks and song. Info: safety@hayesvallesf.org.

#### 12.06, Saturday Noon-3pm

**5th Annual Community Partners** United Wreath/Card making event. Hayes Valley Community Center, 403 Rose Street (at Buchanan), Community welcome. All supplies, snacks and beverages supplied. Info: Nora at 424-5770 or noraborealis@juno.com.

#### 12.08, Monday 7-8 pm

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

### 12.11, 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 to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and their families in the Western Addition. Info: Sheryl Davis at Sheryl.Davis@sfgov.org

## 12.11, Thursday 9am & 6:30pm

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. Info: g.baugh@sbcglobal.net or 626-6120.

#### **12.11, Thursday 6–7 pm** 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. Info: Captain Sgt Griffin 614-3400 or Bill.Griffin@sfgov.org.

#### 12.13, 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

#### **12.20, Saturday Noon-3pm 7th Annual Community Partners** United Community Holiday Celebration. Location to be determined. Community members are welcome for an afternoon of food, entertainment and conversation. Info: Richard Johnson at



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

#### **01.22, Thursday 7–9pm H.V.N.A. General Meeting** First Baptist Church Basement, 7 Octavia (at Waller). Topic & Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

### **Upcoming Meetings**

November 20th will be the last HVNA meeting of 2008! Highlights include an update on planned construction and potential development in the neighborhood, information on how Market Octavia Plan implementation is progressing, and a POTLUCK!

Come not just to hear about what might be built on your corner, or across the way, but also to spend time with your neighbors before the craziness of the holidays relegates us to just sending cards. There is always a wonderfully diverse selection, and the chance to sit informally with people who have so much in common is not to be missed.

Rumor has it that there will be more decadent brownies this year, as last year's batch didn't last very long. Please come, bring something you'd like to share, and relax and enjoy the evening.

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