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Photo: Frances Neagley

Marie McCallum, Camille Dawkins, Officer Baron and friends ready food bags

## Upcoming Meetings

The January HVNA meeting will include a presentation from the Prado Group, developers of the S&C Ford site across Market Street from Safeway. The proposed project includes a Whole Foods store with several stories of housing above it. While across the street from HVNA boundaries, this is a part of the Market Octavia Plan we worked on for so long, and will have an impact on our friends and neighbors. Come hear about the plans for this now-vacant site.

The highlight of the January meeting will be a report from our Supervisor, Ross Mirkarimi, on the state of the District and of the City. Supervisor Mirkarimi has worked hard to ensure that Hayes Valley and the Western Addition have a strong voice at City Hall. Find out what he thinks is in store for District 5 in the coming year. And while Ross was easily

reelected to the Board, and several members have more time left on their terms, the Board of Supervisors has the most new members in years. Let's hear what Ross expects to happen city-wide in '09, and what we can do to help keep the proper focus on the things that matter most.

The HVNA February meeting will combine a Town Hall style meeting with our annual election meeting. You can discuss the matters that are important to you with your neighbors and help HVNA prioritize where to focus in 2009. We will invite City representatives to hear your complaints and suggestions, so that we can accomplish things together. We will also vote on the recommendations from the Nominating committee for HVNA Board members for the next year.

## Welcome to William!

Please note, as you read these pages, that we have a new graphic designer donating his services to the organization. William "Cricket" Ulrich has stepped forward to take over from long-time graphic artist Karen Parry, who has

relocated to New York. William not only does graphics, but is also a decorative artist. You can see his work at [www.azurecricket.com](http://www.azurecricket.com). Please join us in welcoming his contributions to the neighborhood!

## President's Column

By Frances Neagley



### What Change do YOU want to see?

As I write this, we are just days away from inaugurating a President who campaigned on a platform of change. Even in the midst of our economic plight, there is a feeling of hope that this good man can change the way things are for the better.

So can you! HVNA holds elections for its Board of Directors every February. These are the people who lead the organization, and make the day to day decisions on priorities and focus. As we make changes in Washington, you can help us make changes in the 'hood! If you have an interest you would like to get more attention, join the Board, and put it out there. The most critical requirement for someone wishing to serve on the Board, besides renting or owning a property or business here, is your wanting to get things done.

Our organization, and Board members, have accomplished a lot over the years. Many of those accomplishments started as small things,

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like leading walks around the block to improve Public Safety, working in one of the parks to improve Neighborhood Beauty, hosting a drawing contest to support neighborhood Children and Families, writing an article to help with Communication, attending a hearing to learn about Transportation and Planning in the neighborhood. You can help guide us as we strive to improve the neighborhood and continue to be relevant in the changing neighborhood we've helped bring about.

If you are interested in joining the Board, email [Nominations@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:Nominations@hayesvalleysf.org). Someone from our Nominations committee will contact you and discuss the process. (We need to prepare our recommendations by early February, so don't wait too long.)

Let's join with Barack Obama and change things for the better!

## Open Space Community Workshops

Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) is working with City agencies to conduct community workshops that will gather input on open space issues in San Francisco. That input will be used to inform an updated Open Space Framework, which will include a new 100-year vision document, a 25-year shorter-term prioritization plan, and finally a short-term action plan meant for implementation. NPC will be gathering input from all over the city, including in our neighborhood.

The workshop in our area will be held on February 18th, from 6-8pm at Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, 1050 McAllister Street. We hope to have you participate! There is also a bike/pedestrian focus group on January 28th that would be of interest to our neighborhood. More information is available at [www.sfnpc.org](http://www.sfnpc.org)

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HVNA President Frances Neagley (center) works with neighbors on making holiday cards.

## What the Holidays Are All About

by Frances Neagley

It's the new year in the neighborhood; but before I start thinking about that, I really want to spend a little more time enjoying the memories of the holiday season.

The Hayes Valley Merchants' block party on Friday, December 5th was one of the best ever. There were people everywhere, from all over the neighborhood and the City. HVNA had its usual tables in Patricia's Green where we served hot cocoa and cider and cookies. Everyone was in a holiday spirit and even I did not let critiques of the cocoa, from our local 10-year-old connoisseurs, dampen my mood.

On Saturday, December 6th, the wonderful Alice Cravens from Modern Tea had a jam making morning at her store and I got to sample the strawberry jam later in the day. The big event that day for me was the annual wreath making and card making, which was held again in the Community Room at Hayes Valley South.

Nora and Enokin from Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group, along with Richard Johnson from Community Partners United, led the wreath making and provided wonderful refreshments. They made wreaths for every housing development in the neighborhood and one for everyone else in the room. Bridget and Jessie from Trash Mash-Up helped the kids make shiny ornaments out of old CD's and other recycled things. Once again, I tried to oversee the card making. We needed

to make 255 cards for the food baskets that CPU gives out just before Christmas, along with allowing everyone to make cards for themselves. Tamara, from Jack and Jill, came with her daughter and another student from their high school and they were real troupers. At the end of the afternoon, we had 270 cards and I was just amazed and impressed.

I was able to be on hand with Richard and his CPU volunteers to prepare and deliver the food boxes on December 18th and 19th. Each year at this time, I get to meet and spend time with more of my neighbors. Besides putting food into the bags, Evernease, one of our partners from the Neighborhood Baptist Church, and I were put to work filling out the letters that would be attached to the bags. While we were working on our calligraphy, we had wonderful little conversations and of course, found solutions to most of the world's problems.

Then on Saturday, December 20th, HVNA joined with CPU to host the annual holiday luncheon. Alice loaned the use of Modern Tea for the event. It was a wonderfully intimate and inviting setting. The food was delicious and it was great to see the diversity of people sitting down, eating and chatting.

The gist of all this was that I certainly felt very much in the neighborhood and holiday spirit all through the month and am really looking forward to the new year here, too.

# Dirt-stained Knees and Neighbors

By Buzz Bense

The flyer taped to the lamppost is clear: "Patricia's Green Gardening Day. Saturday November 8, 2009 10 AM - 1 PM. Lend a hand and make new friends."

Patricia's Green is the sweet little park at the end of Octavia Boulevard. As soon as it opened, it became a magnet. There are always people there. I love this bit of brilliant urban planning, and how it has made Hayes Valley more humane.

I have been building community in many ways during my adult life. Because of my temperament, and how I process information, sitting in a room of people talk, talk talking, has never given me the experience of community.

For me, the opportunity to literally roll up my sleeves, get dirty, and make a positive change in my neighborhood seems like great fun and most satisfying. So that Saturday morning I put on my oldest jeans, a flannel shirt, old work boots, grabbed a pair of gloves and set off for the park.

About a half a dozen other folks were there. The park department had dumped loads of mulch chips all over the raised plant beds, and we set off weeding, pulling trash out of the

vegetation, me on hands and knees throughout the bed, enjoying the work and getting dirty.

Of course we chatted while we worked. Bob told me about his Mexican cruise. Henry recounted how he had grown to love gardening growing up in New Jersey. We talked about the big No on 8 protest rally that happened the night before. We asked each other how long we've lived here—I've lived on Oak Street for four and a half years.

As I was grunting and sweating to cut back a tough bush, a little boy came over, hanging onto his mother's hand. "Is that a loppers?" he asked. "Why, yes it is. You are so smart!" I replied. "Would you like to try to use it?" He looked at his mom and she nodded it was OK. "I'll help you. You hold this part, and I'll grab this part and now we're going to puuuuuush!" The branch snapped off, and beaming with satisfaction, he skipped back to his mom's hand. "What do you say?" prompted Mom. "Thank you," he politely replied, and with big smiles they walked off.

A young woman walked by. Thank you, it looks great," she called musically. "You're welcome," I replied. It seemed that people's joy in being in the park increased seeing that a crew of neighbors was there, caring for it.

We wrapped up by planting 20 or so plants, tidying the mulch, picking up garbage, and collecting tools. The park definitely looked like it had been cared for. We were all sweaty and smiling, with a sense of accomplishment through a group effort.

I said my goodbyes. Henry called out—"Be sure to change your jeans before your date tonight!" "Hey Henry, you don't think that a guy with dirt-stained jeans is sexy? I do!"

When I hear someone complain that there is no sense of community in San Francisco, I have to bite my tongue to not respond "Well what are you DOING to make it happen? Sometimes building community is hugely complex and complicated, like the alliances gays need to build with the African American community. But sometimes it can be as simple as getting out of the house and participating.

Walking home, I felt part of my neighborhood, and thought of how we'd made this little park our own, and laughed and bonded and felt like neighbors - good neighbors - while we worked. To me, THAT is a real sense of community.

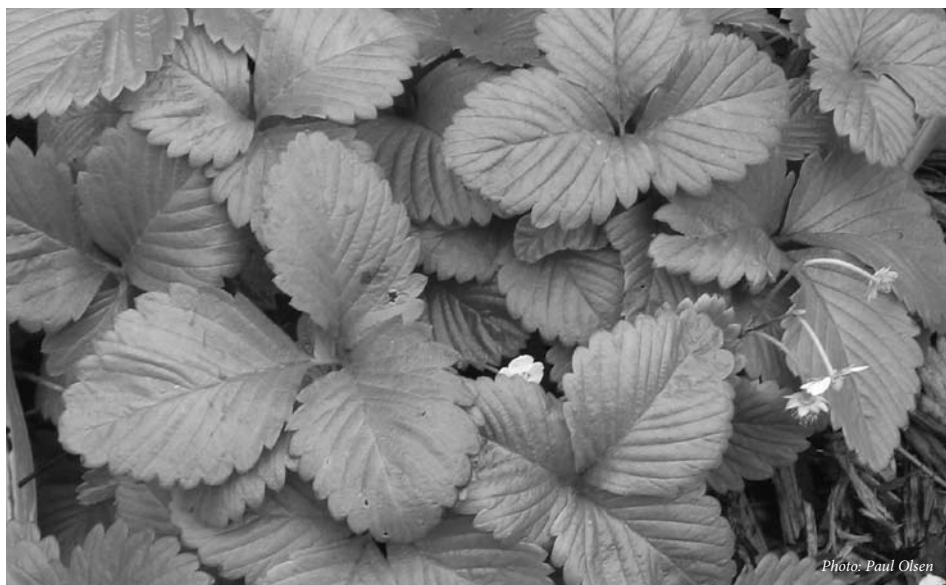


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Strawberry plants benefiting from Patricia's Green workdays

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## Peace on Patricia's Green

The newest art installation on Patricia's Green was installed recently. While originally expected to be in place before the election, Tony Labat's "Big Peace IV", a powder-coated steel structure symbolizing the 50th anniversary of the Peace symbol, is in place for the inauguration of a President who ran on a background of Hope, a theme of Change, and a motto of "We Can Do It".

The temporary art installation is sponsored by the San Francisco Arts Commission, with special thanks to the SF Public Utilities Commission and the Recreation and Parks Department. The artwork itself is courtesy of the artist and Gallery Paule Anglim. Tony Labat was born in Havana, Cuba in 1951, and received his Bachelor's degree from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1978 and his Masters in 1980. In 1985 Tony began teaching at the Art Institute, and is currently Chair of the New Genres Department.

Tony Labat has exhibited internationally over the past 25 years, and created Big Peace in 1987. Ten years later, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Summer of Love, Big Peace II was proposed for Golden Gate Park. It was first approved by the City, but the project was later cancelled due to public outcry.

40 years after Woodstock and the Summer of Love, Big Peace IV has found a place in Hayes Valley.

Mr Labat is known not only for his Peace-related sculptures, but for a body of work that also includes performance and video. More information can be found on his website, [www.tonylabat.com](http://www.tonylabat.com).

Big Peace IV, like all art installations on The Green, is temporary. After several months, it will be replaced with another work, this one by local artist Mark Baugh-Sasaki, which is expected to remain through the summer. That artwork is being sponsored by Hayes Valley Arts Coalition.

As can be seen in the accompanying photo, Patricia's Green is designed to have a space not only for art installations, but for children to play, adults to linger, and all to enjoy. See the article elsewhere in this issue for the effect Patricia's Green has had on neighborhood involvement.



## Greening at John Muir

Our local elementary school, John Muir, at the corner of Page and Webster, is in the midst of a second year of a bottles and cans recycling program, and is also slated to have its school yard "greened" to be healthier and more appealing to the kids.

Children attending the school are helping raise money for special projects, and learning more about the affect we all have on the environment, by bringing in cleaned bottles and cans. Part of their curriculum allows the study of natural resources and the importance of recycling, so besides the moneys raised, awareness is being raised as well. You can help our kids by washing and saving your own recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans, and dropping them off at the school office during regular school hours.

Fitting nicely into the picture of awareness of our natural resources and the impact we can have on them is the planned renovation of the asphalt schoolyard into something healthier, more environmentally friendly, and also more appealing to the kids. Classes at John Muir already have access to the Learning Garden at Koshland Park a block away; and for some, that's the only greenery they're in contact with on a regular basis. This will build upon what they learn there and offer different recreation than they currently have.

Plans for a Green playground at John Muir will include the provision that parents and neighbors be responsible for maintaining the Green elements of the playground. For more information contact our Families and Children committee, at [safety@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:safety@hayesvalleysf.org).

## Hayes Valley Playground Renovation on Track

Trust for Public Land, which has partnered with the City to renovate Hayes Valley Playground, presented Phase 1 for Civic Design Review late in 2008. After discussions about the design and the concepts behind them, Phase 1 was unanimously approved. It was explained that the design is based around existing programs and allowing visibility to the playground. Changes since the last review included pulling the building away from the corner of the lot, lowering the roof on parts of the building, and creating a hedge on Linden. See [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org) for more details.

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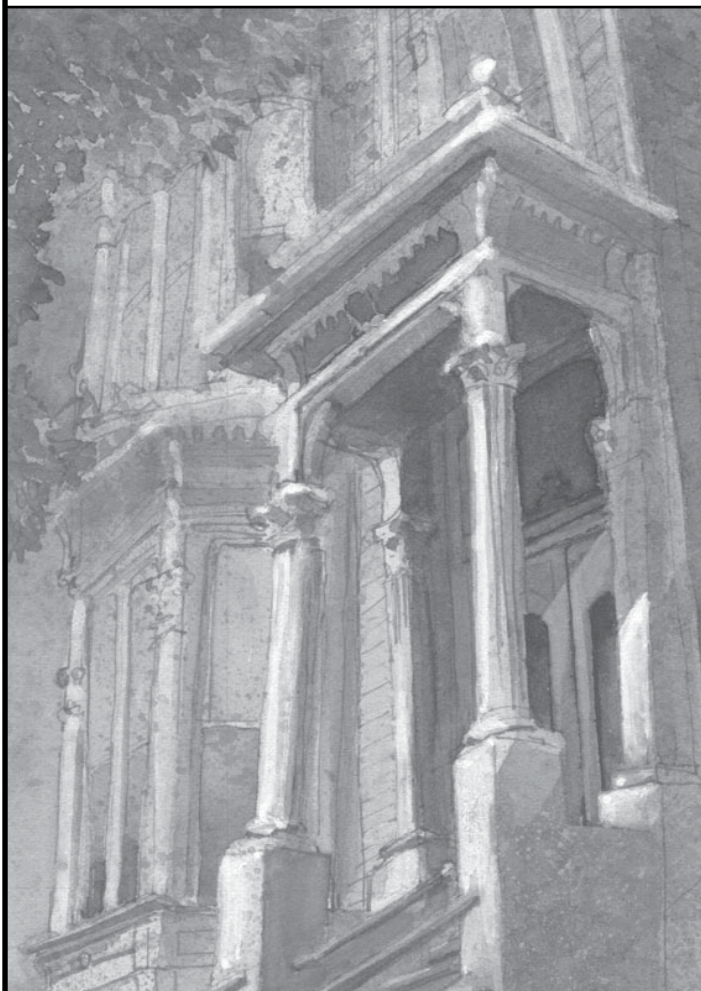
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☐ **Associate Member: Members residing outside the association's boundaries**

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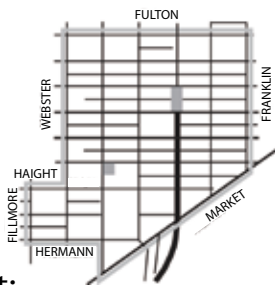
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☐ Business \$100



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☐ Arts, Culture and Environment (ACE)

☐ Business Relations

☐ Communications (Newsletter & Web site)

☐ Families and Children

☐ Neighborhood Safety

☐ Support (flyer distribution, mailings, etc.)

☐ Transportation and Planning

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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West Bay Housing

Western Addition Beacon Center

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Look for an updated listing of our business members in upcoming issues

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**01.22, Thursday 11am-1 pm**

**Mo' Magic Community Meeting**  
West Bay Conference Center 1290 Fillmore (at Eddy). 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.  
Contact Info: Sheryl Davis at Sheryl.Davis@sfgov.org

**01.22, Thursday 6-7 pm**

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

**01.22, Thursday 7-9 pm**

**H.V.N.A. General Meeting**  
First Baptist Church Basement 7 Octavia (at Waller). Topics include the proposed Whole Foods Market across from Safeway and the State of the District report from Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi. Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

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**02.02, 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

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**02.12, Thursday 9am & 6:30 pm**

**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 every student.  
Contact info: 626-6120 or g.baugh@sbcglobal.net.

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**Northern District Police/ Community Relations Forum.**  
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Contact info: Captain Sgt Griffin 614-3400 or Bill.Griffin@sfgov.org

**02.14, Saturday 11-2 pm**

**Koshland Park Gardening 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.

**02.18, Wednesday 6-8 pm**

**Neighborhood Parks Council D5**  
Open Space Community Workshop Ella Hill Community Center 1050 McAllister (at Buchanan)  
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**02.19, Thursday 11am-1pm**

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**02.26, Thursday 7-8:30pm**

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**02.28, Saturday 10am-1 pm**

**Patricia's Green Gardening Day**  
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**Mini Block Party – January 23rd**

Planning is underway for a “mini block party” among Hayes Valley merchants and galleries. The event will be on Friday, January 23rd, and will be in the evening and will feature art openings, trunk shows, design events, music and food.

A partial list of planned participants includes a reception for artist David Imlay at Sharon Reaves Gallery; live music at Zonal; a trunk show at LemonTwist; a design event at Inside; an art reception at Michaelopolus Gallery; a comic book launch party at Isotope; live jazz at Momi Tobys Café; and a larger than life projected photo show at Patricia's Green, with Zonal photographer Kevin Haas.

The holidays may be over, but our local business owners continue to bring excitement to the 'hood. It's wonderful to be able to support local businesses and have fun, too!

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