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## Upcoming Meetings

The May 28th Membership meeting will focus on Community Building and Public Safety. HVNA was formed largely to respond to safety issues. As we have grown, we have become more proactive in efforts to prevent crime, and more collaborative to ensure that all possible members of our community are involved.

This tact has seemed to work in large part, but we are all aware that things could be better. We have invited eleven city agencies and 6 community organizations to participate with us at the May meeting, and will reserve time for neighbors to address specific concerns as well.

Please join with us in learning about efforts in the neighborhood, and in working together to ensure Hayes Valley is a safe and welcoming place for all. Elsewhere in the Voice is a personal reflection on this topic. Please be sure to read it.

There will be NO general meeting in June, although our committees will continue to meet. Many of us will be busy with graduations, Juneteenth, and other local events. We will see you again in July, where our focus will be on art and greening in the community.

## President's Column

By Frances Neagley



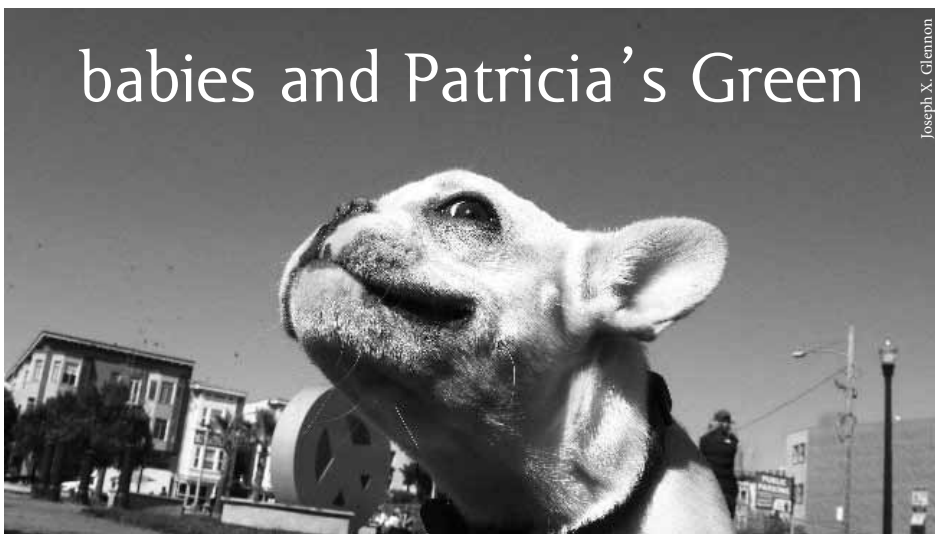
So there I was the other evening, downtown at the Gap Headquarters Building, for the Volunteer Center's 2009 Bay Area Volunteer Awards. The room was filled with all these earnest, cheerful people who volunteer throughout San Francisco and San Mateo.

I was there because Paul Olsen, our esteemed past-president, had been nominated for the non-profit board leadership award. He didn't win, but several of us went to cheer his nomination and him, too.

I was reminded again about how lucky we are in San Francisco, and in Hayes Valley in particular, to live in communities where volunteerism is so prevalent and so successful. Of course, Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association is a totally volunteer organization. Then we have Community Partners United, Mo'Magic, John Muir Elementary School PTA, Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group and Hayes Valley Arts Coalition. They all do so much to improve the quality of life in Hayes Valley and in the Western Addition.

This is not to say that there is not a need for even more volunteers, especially in our neighborhood. There are so many really good

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Joseph X. Cleannon

## babies and Patricia's Green

*Local dog savors peace at Patricia's Green.*

**babies**, a long time and dedicated small business in Hayes Valley, wants to help in keeping Patricia's Green clean. Now in its third location (all in Hayes Valley) at 526 Hayes St, babies is a pet store. The owner, Michael Cunningham, wants to donate free doggie clean up bags for dog owners to use. Easier said than done!! babies needs to get approval from the Rec and Park Dept to be able to donate the bags.

Jim Wheeler is the Rec and Park person overseeing parks in this area, including Patricia's

Green. We know Jim from his attendance at several community meetings and he seems to be interested in the offer of free doggie clean up bags. babies has been working with Rec and Park, and Jim, but the bureaucracy is more extensive than first thought. A resident or merchant, like babies, cannot just place free items in our city's parks. But, if you see a sudden surge of bags, you can credit babies, at 526 Hayes St, with overcoming the bureaucracy.

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projects that everyone can find something to suit their interests or concerns.

The path to volunteerism in the neighborhood can start with joining HVNA and/or attending one of our general meetings. Our next meeting is May 28th when we will be talking about public safety. Before that is a gardening and clean-up day at Patricia's Green on May 23rd.

Both of these are good places to meet neighbors and start getting involved. I hope to see you there!



Formerly Hayes Valley Neighborhood Parks Group, Community Grows has wonderful news for the neighborhood. The following was excerpted from their newsletter:

We hope you like our new name! We've been working with our great Advisory Board for the past year doing a strategic plan and figuring out our future. Now that the Hayes Valley has five great parks with amazing stewards around them, we are passing the baton with our support. We are now focusing on the youth of the Western Addition, teaching gardening, cooking and green jobs training. We are finalizing our mission and working on our logo, tag-line, website, and brochure. If you are interested in helping us get up to speed, please contact us! In the meantime, we want to have a celebration in honor of the new name and all our great volunteers on Saturday, May 30th.

Thanks to everyone who wrote glowing reviews of us for GreatNonProfits. We were declared the winner in the small nonprofits category, as part of the Green Choice Awards 2009. We are honored to get this recognition, especially since it is based on the positive words you all wrote about us. Thank you!!

Congratulations to Barbara Wenger, Nora Brereton and all the hard working volunteers who continue to accomplish so much for the neighborhood.

## Greening Octavia Boulevard Parcels

by Jim Warshell

At a recent meeting, I proposed the idea of using the freeway parcels along Octavia for victory gardens until developers are ready to begin building. This was in response to concerns that many projects may be delayed for several years due to the financial crisis' impact on new construction financing. Here is our progress report:

The Mayor's Office of Economic Development, who controls the properties, is very supportive of the concept, especially for parcels M (Fell-Hickory), N (Hickory-Oak), V (Market-Haight) and possibly O and P on the west side of Octavia. They have an interesting concept for temporary retail use on K and L (Hayes to Fell).

We are looking for a financial sponsor, working out details on insurance and establishing guidelines to make it clear to users that these are temporary uses only until development is ready to proceed. We are also trying to use one of the parcels for a dog run to take some pressure off Patricia's Green. More details will be presented at the July meeting. If you are interested in helping, sign up with Jim Warshell at the next



Photo: Henry Osten

A vacant freeway parcel awaits greening.

meeting or contact him at 626-6120.

There will be an Octavia Blvd Stroll on Saturday, May 23rd at 9 am. Meet other neighbors as we survey current conditions and future possibilities along the 5 mostly flat blocks between Fell and Market. Meet in the lobby at 333 Fell Street (between Gough and Octavia) at 9 am for this one hour tour.

## Safety through Community Building

By Richard Johnson

Safety for me brings to mind a beat officer preventing a crime, a NERT member rescuing me in an emergency, Josh feeding a hungry child, Ms Aubrey's kindergarten art works, Barbara Wenger's Peace Wall project and Mo' Magic's Summer Reading Program all working together as community partners to foster a safe and caring community. This is not a vision to me - but a reality - it is part of my daily routine, for I wear many hats in my neighborhood and have for quite some time. My long time involvement, almost 20 years in many groups, has given me a unique insight into the many reasons why our community has been so resilient. Our community has been very fortunate to have a core group of individuals working together as partners over many years to develop a community policing model that is driven by community building

Hayes Valley as a neighborhood has a long history of community building. We have gone from a neighborhood that was overcome by crime and violence to one that shares with

other neighborhoods our insight into community policing. I, along with others, was recruited and mentored in the basics of Community Policing. The essence of our success is that the model has been both designed and driven from the ground up. We created our vision of a safe and caring community and this vision has been realized due to our willingness to partner and collaborate with others. Our vision of safety is broad in nature as we not only look to stop crime but to look at the root causes and work as a community to find permanent solutions for them.

In keeping with our commitment to facilitate discussion of important issues that impact our community, Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association invites you to an evening discussion about public safety on Thursday, May 28th. We have invited City leaders, department heads, police, NERT, Mo'Magic and other partners who collaborate with us in moving from reactive to proactive solutions.

## Happenings at John Muir Elementary School

There are so many great things happening at John Muir, our local school, that there isn't room for it all in the Voice. We have included some information here, and more is available on the John Muir link on our website.

Lily Street dead ends at the John Muir schoolyard wall, but the neighborhood doesn't see that as a barrier to our involvement in this institution. On the last Saturday of April each year, the Lily Street residents have a blocks long yard sale. For several years, they have included community awareness and fundraising for John Muir as part of the event. This year was the most successful to date, with resource tables in the schoolyard; the SFPD running the BBQ and helping local kids serve lunch to participants; a sale of handmade cards from the children's art project; and donations to John Muir PTA of over \$550! Plan ahead for next year's sale...

The San Francisco Giants are looking to extend their involvement in the community, and John Muir is one of two San Francisco schools that will be receiving \$100 for every run the Giants

score this season! Too often we look at sports through a lens of wins and losses. This generous act allows us to look at our local baseball team in a different way. It also gives teachers another "hook" to use to get kids excited about the subject matter. Besides the obvious math implications, there are also history, geography, physics and other lesson plans that can be tied to this program. Season ticket holder, HVNA President, and John Muir PTA Treasurer Frances Neagley now has even more of an excuse to wear the orange and black...

The dedicated teachers at John Muir work with a group of wonderful students, who continue to excel in all of their studies. For several years, HVNA, the state PUC and Community Partners United have sponsored a Halloween poster contest, with the art hanging in PUC offices and in local businesses and homes.

Now, some of the talented artists at John Muir will have recent art works hang at the de Young Museum! Some people may hit the museum to see King Tut, but don't miss our kids' treasures while you're there...

## Mini Block Party is a GO... Friday, June 19th, 6-9 pm

Theme: PASSION

Hayes Valley Merchants are all unique, individual shops/ restaurants / businesses, each following their Passion !!! They will show this off at this party.

Events might include art openings, trunk shows, special menu nights and more. Plan to attend and support our local merchants!

Also, coming up on Saturday, May 16th, 10 am - 7 pm, is the City Wide Sidewalk Sale. Hayes Valley merchants will be participating in this as well.




To advertise in this newsletter or submit ideas, articles and comments, please email [voice@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:voice@hayesvalleysf.org)

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Paul Olsen

Stay out of the planters!

## Tending Patricia's Green (and beyond)

by Henry Osten

I moved to Hayes Valley a year ago and created the role of coordinator for volunteer garden days in Patricia's Green. Honestly, I can't think of a better way for me to jump into the fabric of the neighborhood and make friends fast. Last month, on April 26, twenty-three of us joined in the biggest and most thorough scrubbing of Patricia's Green ever. While not everyone had green thumbs, five teams of weed pullers, shrub pruners, pavement washers, graffiti removers and gardeners came together in the spirit of community and dirty hands. SF Rec and Park staff gardener, Todd Suci, graciously coordinated our work on his regular day off, as City staff could never do what we accomplished with current staffing levels.

Our recent late rain came as a blessing. Both Patricia's Green and nearby Koshland Park (an urban dream at Buchanan and Page) are now in full spring glory. If you haven't gotten out for a stroll in our parks, you're missing out! Please be aware that the planters are off limits! Children and dogs enjoy exploring them, but can be very harmful.

Unfortunately, all isn't so pretty with the graffiti in the neighborhood and charming Linden Street a hot spot. Even the the Peace sculpture was targeted over a recent night, but cleaned up the next day by Bicycle Bob's Graffiti Watch team.

Graffiti Watch volunteers have helped mitigate graffiti on public property around the Green

since this past fall. Last month, Bob attended the City's Graffiti summit with over 200 interested citizens to learn how they can help stem the spread of such vandalism. The City makes it possible for community members to get involved by providing training, tools, paint and support to take back your sidewalk, block and neighborhood. I'm a regular graffiti cleaner, and I tell you there is no better way to get to know your neighbor. Thanks go out to Keishu (aka David) Resident Manager of Bridge Housing at 333 Fell Street for providing a permanent home to our local Graffiti Watch team's supplies.

Now with Patricia's Green looking good I've make a commitment to tend to the sidewalk planters on the East side of Octavia between Hayes and Oak. While the boulevard leading to Patricia's Green may not quite be the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, it's got potential to be a fine street. It needs your help as much as Patricia's Green. Anyone willing to join me with a Greening movement down to Market Street?

Garden Days on Patricia's Green will be Saturdays May 23 and July 18. Koshland Park days are normally the 2nd Saturday each month. Your neighbors are waiting to meet you.

Email [green@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:green@hayesvalleysf.org) for more information about any of these activities.

## Save the Date and Come Celebrate!

Neighborhood Baptist Church, in collaboration with Community Partners United, is hosting the second annual Community Block Party on Saturday, August 15, 2009, from 1 to 4pm on Buchanan Street between Hayes and Grove Streets. This is an event for everyone, whether you are young or old, a grandparent, single, have a large or small family; you are welcome to come join in the fun. There will be something for everyone.

The event will include free food, entertainment, health screenings, children's activities, community resources and much more. The Neighborhood Baptist Church is a congregation that loves and cares about its community. We want to be a blessing and make a difference in the lives of others in the Hayes Valley community by sharing God's love, celebrating His presence and being of service. Come join us on the 15th of August.

For more information, please contact Neighborhood Baptist Church at (415) 621-8748 between the hours of 9:30am to 3pm, Tuesday through Friday or at [www.NeighborhoodBC.org](http://www.NeighborhoodBC.org).

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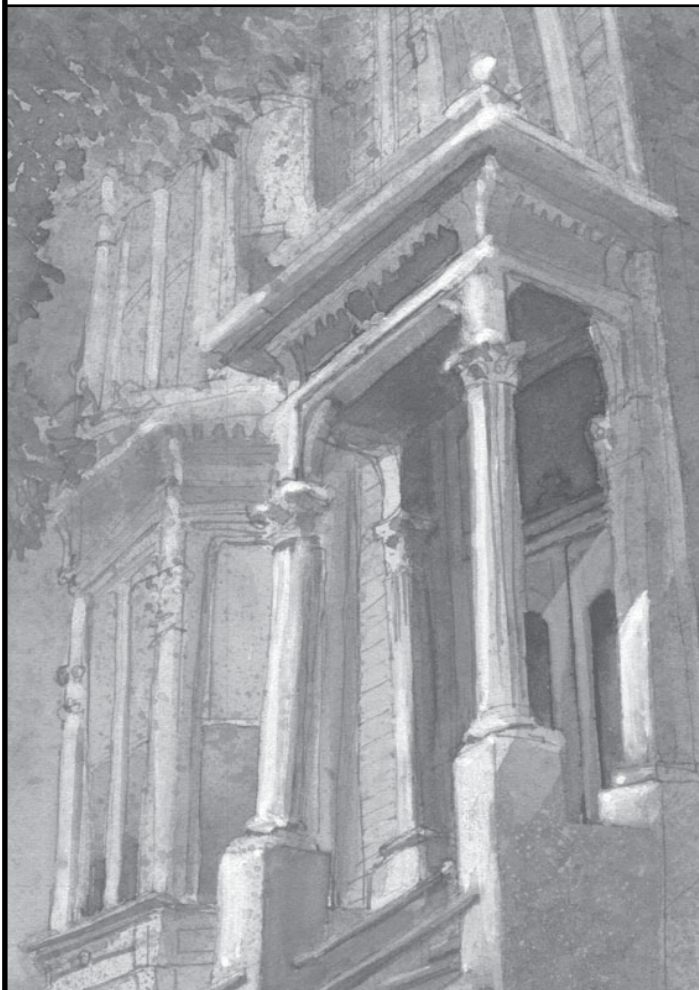


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Families and Children

Neighborhood Safety

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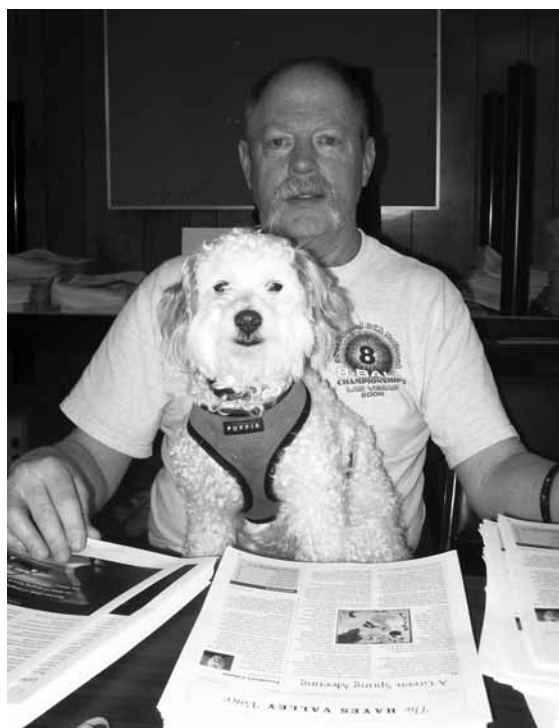
by Paul Olsen

## COMMUNICATION

One of the most important things a neighborhood group does is inform its stakeholders. HVNA is no different. Our major expense each year is the bi-monthly production of The Hayes Valley Voice and the alternating announcement flyers. These publications are backed up with on-line versions on our website, and emailed announcements to those on our list.

In our efforts to keep people informed, and become informed ourselves, we deliver newsletters to all addresses within our borders, including the teachers and staff at John Muir Elementary School, to SFUSD offices, and to officials and agencies at City Hall.

None of this would be possible without the help of our writers and photographers, our collating team, our graphic artist William Ulrich, our webmaster Kassim Visram, our distribution coordinator Richard Johnson, and the



Voice Editor Paul Olsen gets a little help collating

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Please join me in thanking them for making sure we're up to date. If you would like to join our communications committee, help with our website, contribute articles or photos, help us collate or deliver the newsletter, please contact me at [voice@hayesvalleysf.org](mailto:voice@hayesvalleysf.org).



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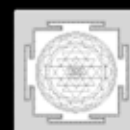
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**05.28, Thursday 11am-1pm**

**Mo' Magic Community Meeting**  
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. Topic & location Contact: Robin Jackson at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

**05.28, Thursday 6-7 pm**

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

**05.28, Thursday 7-9 pm**

**H.V.N.A. General Meeting**  
First Baptist Church Basement 7 Octavia (at Waller). Safety through Community Building. Contact and additional info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

**05.30, Saturday 11-3 pm**

**Koshland Park Annual Spring Festival** • Koshland Park @ Buchanan & Page • Come out and give TLC to the garden/park from 10-1 pm. Community celebration with food, music, arts & crafts from 1-3 pm. Contact info: Nora at noraborealis@juno.com or 424-5770.



**06.01, 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

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

**Mo' Magic Community Meeting**  
(See 05.28 listing).  
For topic & location Contact: Robin Jackson at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

**06.11, Thursday 6pm**

**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: Sandra Estrada at 241-6335 ext 3129 or plsestrada@yahoo.com

**06.11, Thursday 6-7pm**

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**06.19, Friday 6-8 pm**

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**07.01, Monday 7-8pm**

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# Volunteer Symposium

By Bob Barnwell

On May 19th a Volunteer Symposium was held at Le Colonial in San Francisco. This event was sponsored by Citizen Hope, the New Leaders Council, Democrats Work, the Good OL' Girls, and chaired by the San Francisco Young Democrats (SFYD). Hayes Valley and the Western Addition were well represented by 3 groups among the 10 spaces available at the symposium. Mo Magic Foundation, The Koshland Garden, and Opportunity Impact had tables for volunteers to come up to and offer help. Other groups included San Francisco Food Bank, St Anthony's Foundation, San Francisco Boys and Girls Clubs, and Stern Grove Festival association. Proceeds from the event went to the Food Bank.

Supervisor Bevan Dufty had Maxwell Szabo of the SFYD get in touch with Hayes Valley volunteer Bob Barnwell, representing the Castro Lions. Since the Castro Lions are a membership organization, Barnwell gave Maxwell the names of local groups who need volunteer help. The Western Addition and Hayes Valley have a number of groups that need volunteer help, and many were contacted. This was the first opportunity to work with groups such as the SFYD. We hope HVNA can be partners with SFYD on future projects and events.



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