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Adaptations on Patricia's Green

The Hayes Valley Art Coalition is excited to announce the installation "Adaptations", a site-specific sculpture created by San Francisco artist Mark Baugh-Sasaki. The piece will be in place for approximately 6 months, and will be composed of wood collected from trimmings within San Francisco's park system.

Come and celebrate Mark's extraordinary talent at the installation site, Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley, on Friday July 24th from 6 – 7:30pm. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided courtesy of Marino Mexican and Seafood Restaurant, 579 Hayes St and Gaucho, a local Gypsy Jazz Trio.

The following description of the artist's work was lifted largely from the artist's website, www.industrialforest.com:

When asked about nature, the response is often one of visual observations and aesthetic judgments. We don't take into consideration that nature is more of a force or energy that surrounds all things. It is in the trees, rocks, and in ourselves. We often impose our own preconceptions of what nature should be,

attempting to control it and bend it to our will. In this attempt to control organic objects and the land we often destroy elements of the landscape.

These elements are discarded as waste with only the potential to decay. Yet their energy remains. It is not destroyed but rather transformed. When the artist creates a piece, he uses materials that have gone through this transformation because there is that potential energy remaining inside of the materials.

There is still an element of interpretation that the artist asserts over the materials; but he uses the energy inside the materials to breathe new life into them as objects. The artist uses the juxtaposition of organic and industrial materials to demonstrate the relationship that he sees we have with the land. He does not want to tell people what to think, but rather make them more aware of their environment and connection to it.

For more information about Mark Baugh-Sasaki and his work, go to www.industrialforest.com.

President's Column

By Frances Neagley

Summer in Hayes Valley – isn't it the greatest? The days are long and warm and everyone is out walking about.



With the economic downturn, many of us are taking abbreviated vacations or staying at home. Hayes Valley has lots of things to do for the summer – just take a look at the calendar here in the Voice. We have lots of mini parks for mini picnics. There are lots of summer programs for kids and the Neighborhood Baptist Church block party is coming soon.

It is times like these when we appreciate all the green areas in our neighborhood and should be reflecting on how to preserve and protect our parks. We are lucky to have involvement of our neighbors and a good working relationship with the people at the City Park and Recreation Department and with the Neighborhood Parks Council. The park maintenance days are fun for the whole family. We will be talking about the greening of our neighborhood at upcoming HVNA general meetings.

In addition to that, next month we will begin reminding everyone of our membership

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renewal time in September. We hope everyone will join or renew. Your membership, in whatever amount, supports our efforts to continually improve the neighborhood and provide information and communication to our neighbors. Whether you are involved on a committee, using our neighborhood resources, helping organize events, attending meetings, or just supporting us with your dues, we need you to be a part of this organization.

So, enjoy the summer. I hope to see you and your family and friends and pets, out and about in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Clean Up

Sponsored by Supervisor Mirkarimi and Department of Public Works, there will be a neighborhood clean up on August 8th from 9 AM to noon. The event will be a District 5-wide clean up with 11 neighborhood and merchants organizations partici-pating! DPW will provide coffee and pastry for the morning and a lunch after the clean up.

There will also be a location (still to be determined) in D5 for the Gigantic 3, dumpsters for disposing anything and everything, including electronics. There will also be graffiti removal headed up by the neighborhood.

This is a great way to meet neighbors and help clean the community!

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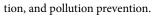
Green Businesses in Hayes Valley

SSMANN AND MOORE

By Nayelli González

Hayes Valley is turning green. Several businesses along this neighborhood's main street have "greened" their operations to run their businesses in more environmentally responsible ways. This includes the environmental law firm of Rossmann and Moore, LLP, a Hayes Valley resident for nearly a quarter century.

Rossmann and Moore, LLP gained its San Francisco Green Business certification in December 2008 after implementing several operational strategies that have increased the firm's recycling & waste reduction, energy conservation, water conserva-



"We are probably the oldest environmental law firm in California, and therefore it seemed both appropriate and desirable for us to set the example in our office operations that we have worked to set in our practice" said Antonio Rossmann, the firm's Managing Partner.

To reduce its carbon and water footprints, the firm took the following measures based on recommendations from the San Francisco Department of the Environment:

Recycling & Waste Reduction

Purchasing power cannot be underestimated when it comes to being green. Rossmann and Moore only purchases 100% post consumer content recycled copy paper and at least 35% recycled paper for other paper products (toilet paper, tissue paper, hand towels, post-it notes, file folders). The firm recycles and composts most of its waste—everything from coffee cups and lids to banana peels.

Energy Conservation

Every light switch and heater control in Rossmann and Moore is accompanied with a sign that reminds the firm's staff to turn off lights and heaters when they are not in use. The simple act of flipping a switch, combined with the use of CFLs, has increased the firm's energy efficiency and has reduced the firm's monthly PG&E bill compared to what it used to be when incandescent light bulbs were used.

Water Conservation

The firm cancelled its water cooler subscription, installed aerators on all sink faucets and convinced its landlord to purchase low-flow toilets with rebates offered through the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. By switching to drinking tap water, which is some of the cleanest in the nation, and using

> a dual flush toilet system of 0.9 / 1.6 Gallons Per Flush (versus the previous 5 gallons per flush), the firm has significantly reduced its water footprint.

Pollution Prevention

In trying to prevent water, land and air

pollution, the firm properly disposes of used ink cartridges and CFLs, and also purchases office products (pens, highlighters, printer ink) and cleaning products with low levels of toxicity. To fully comply with these standards, the firm has enlisted the help of the janitorial staff and only uses "green conscious" office supply vendors.

Most of the changes Rossmann and Moore undertook are simple, quick, and costreducing strategies that your business and home can put into practice, too.

Other local businesses are also turning a green leaf. Arlequin and La Boulange on Hayes Street provide customers with biodegradable and compostable food service ware (cups, straws, containers, spoons, knives and forks), and encourage customers to recycle and compost. And environmental law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP is another certified green business in the neighborhood that follows green business principles.

For more information and resources on how to become a San Francisco Green Business, go to: http://sfgreenbiz.org/

As Rossmann and Moore's Office Manager, Nayelli spearheaded efforts to successfully gain the firm certification through the San Francisco Green Business Program. She is currently working toward an MBA in Sustainable Management from the Presidio School of Management.

John Muir Elementary Needs Your Assistance

By Richard Johnson

Once again budgets are tight and if things go as usual, schools will bear a large share of the budget cut backs. In times of tight money, we need to look at our spending priorities and make sure we not only provide services but invest in the future. The voters of SF are to be thanked for establishing the City's Rainy Day Fund that's been used to support our school district, avoiding teacher lay offs for the past two years. This type of forward thinking is the first step in many that need to be made to assure that education regains top priority for CA. I want to make a suggestion, for the next step, that we as a community can do to assure that school funding achieves the maximum effect. Take time to get involved, through volunteering, in your local school.

This school year, 2009-10, at John Muir Elementary Principal Wheaton, Tzu Chi Foundation and the John Muir PTA have set the following goals to achieve.

1. Strive to build upon last year's greatly improved test scores (John Muir ES had the

biggest improvement in the City) and continue to develop academic achievement for all students.

- 2. Assure that all students, no matter their social or economic status, have an equal opportunity to all the necessary resources necessary to gain an excellent education.
- 3. Build upon our recycling efforts, through incorporation into school curriculum, to nurture an environment that will create the future environmental leaders who will lead us to a sustainable future.

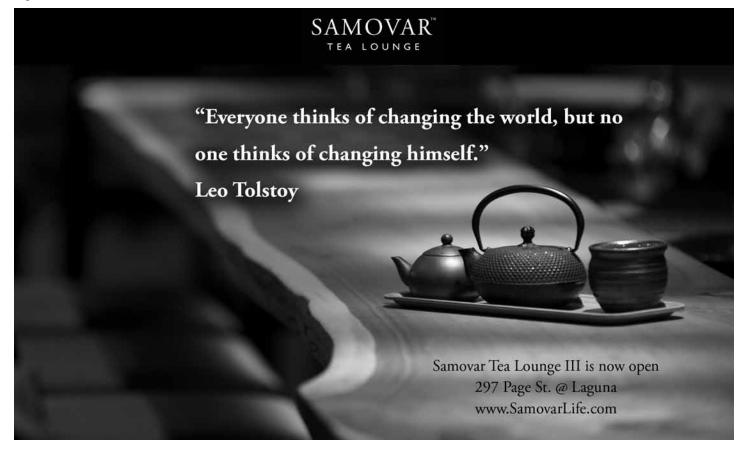
Here is how you, as a community member, can get involved, and through your participation help to achieve the above goals. You don't have to be a parent to participate. One hour a week is a big help!

- 1. If you are a parent, with elementary-age children, enroll them at John Muir and become involved with the PTA.
- 2. Join us in welcoming students back to

school on Monday August 24th (see Voice calendar for details).

- 3. Help break the cycle of truancy by making sure your child attends school every day.
- 4. Make John Muir a green school by assisting with recycling and work with teachers, students, parents and staff to implement their current design to green the school yard.
- 5. Become a school volunteer at John Muir. To start the process, contact Kalvin Arenas, SF School Volunteers, at either k.arenas@sfsv.org or 749-3700.
- 6. Become a tutor, volunteer in the class room, help out in the library, help with art projects, help out at noontime in the playground and volunteer in the parent room.

This year, make time and join me and all the many partners already collaborating with John Muir to "Let the Light Shine on John Muir". We Can Do It by supplementing dollars with people power.





Neighborhood Baptist Church and Community Block Party

Neighborhood Baptist Church is a local community church seeking to aid in the advancement, enrichment, and edification of the residents of Hayes Valley and has been a pillar of the Hayes Valley community since 1945.

Pastor Lane Hawkins assumed responsibility of the ministry in 1998 and began to teach, transform, and lead the church in a new era of spiritual awareness with social responsibility to extend help to the community and to those in need.

The church cares about the surrounding community and is partnering with Community Partners United and Hayes Valley
Neighborhood Association to sponsor the Second Annual Community Block Party on August 15, 2009, at 1pm on Buchanan Street between Hayes and Grove Streets. There will be free food, live entertainment, resources and fun for the whole family. For more information, please contact the church directly at 415-621-8748.

Neighborhood Baptist Church has weekly services geared toward building people and empowering the individual to reach their full potential, and takes health and wellness seriously. In a commitment to educate members and friends, it dedicates one Sunday a month to address diet and exercise needs of the congregation.

Neighborhood Baptist Church also has a ministry outreach at Laguna Honda Hospital every week. There is a faithful team of ministers and members committed to demonstrating love and concern for those hospitalized and sometimes forgotten. They also extend care to the elderly, the sick, those convalescing at home, and give support to widows and orphans.

The church is commonly referred to and known as "Neighborhood". Its members echo and embody the love of God and the spirit of fellowship in the community. It's a church that is friendly, comfortable, and welcoming to all residents of Hayes Valley. You are invited to visit at any time.

Patricia's Green Workday

July 18th is the next workday at Patricia's Green, from 10am -1pm. While the City has been taking good care of the lawn area, and recently did some trimming, there remains

work to be done! Get together with your neighbors, make new friends, and improve this well-used neighborhood resource. For more information, see the calendar listing.

Focus on Local Businesses

By Bob Barnwell

Octavia Haze, 498 Hayes St, at Octavia, has been at the same location in Hayes Valley for 11 years. The gallery is a popular spot during many of the events and block parties in Hayes Valley. For many years the gallery featured glass work besides paintings. For the last 5 years the owner, Eric Melampy, has had a relationship with the artist James Michalopoulos and for the last 2 years the gallery has been devoted to the paintings of Michalopoulos. The artist is a native of New Orleans but also does a lot of work on San Francisco houses and landmarks.

Up to four times a year Octavia Haze has been open at night for people to have a chance to meet James Michalopoulos. This is a wonderful chance for the residents of Hayes Valley to enjoy free food, free drinks (the artist also is a maker of custom rum) and the good vibes of great paintings. The gallery is also open during our frequent block parties and holiday events. That means that up to 10 or 12 times a year, residents can see the paintings of San Francisco and New Orleans and enjoy the generosity of Octavia Haze. The gallery is also a supporter of local community programs. We hope the next 11 years will be as good as the last for Octavia Haze.

Is Graffiti Art, or Vandalism?

Do you have an opinion on the subject? Two of our members, very concerned with keeping Hayes Valley a vibrant and livable neighborhood, have different opinions about graffiti. Ranging from condemnation of vandalism of private property to an embracing of an alternative exhibition of urban artistry, these essays can be found on our website, www.hayesvalleysf.org.

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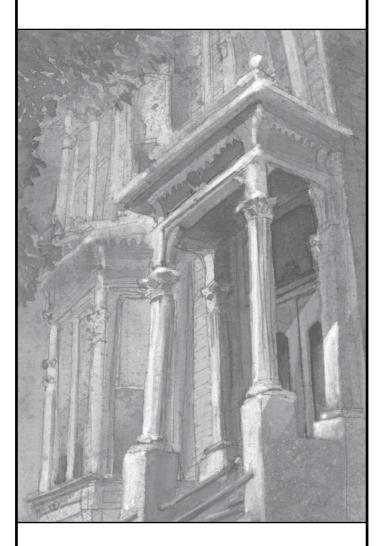
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- ☐ Communications (Newsletter & Web site)
- ☐ Families and Children
- Neighborhood Safety
- ☐ Support (flyer distribution, mailings, etc.)
- ☐ Transportation and Planning
- ☐ Other:

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Bold type signifies those businesses supporting HVNA at the Benefactor Level. We thank them for that additional support.

We extend our gratitude to **Print & Ship** 1586 Market Street for their generous support of our publication.

"Catch Me Doing Something Positive"

By Richard Johnson

Community Partners United (CPU) is gearing up for the 8th Annual Western Addition National Night Out Event, Tuesday August 4th, 2009. The theme for the evening will be "Catch Me Doing Something Positive". This year we will use the event as a way to gather our diverse neighbors to come out and celebrate the positive things a core group of community builders are doing to reverse the damage crime and violence has had and continues to have on our neighborhood. National Night Out (NNO) is celebrated in all 50 states with over 10,000 cities participating in this national event.

This year CPU is highlighting the positive activities a core group of community builders have been doing to bring hope, increase safety, and level the playing field so the door of opportunity is open to all. The main focus of the evening will be safety, but this year we will have representatives from various City Departments, neighborhood groups,

community based and faith based organizations and non-profits present to both promote and do outreach for the various services they provide to the Western Addition. The evening program will showcase the talent of our community and include speeches given and proclamations awarded by elected officials, a resource fair and food and drinks for all in attendance.

What: 8th Annual Western Addition

National Night Out

Where: Hayes Valley Playground

699 Hayes Street (at Buchanan)

Date: Tuesday August 4th, 2009

Time: 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm

Come to this month's HVNA meeting and hear about the scheduled events being planned to celebrate NNO on Tuesday August 4th. Please visit the HVNA website at www.hayesvalleysf.org for details of scheduled events.





Seed To Mouth

Seed-to-Mouth Cooking Classes are held every Thursday afternoon in July from 3-5 PM at Hayes Valley South Community Room, 403 Rose Street. Everyone is welcome! This activity is sponsored by Community Grows, formerly Hayes Valley Neighborhood PARKS Group. For more information, please contact Barbara Wenger at barbara@communitygrows.org or 415-431-8112.

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07.17, Friday Noon-4 pm

Hayward Rec-Connect Presents: Western Addition Family Summer Carnival 2009 at Hayward Playground 1016 Laguna (@ Golden Gate). Raffles, free food, games, activities for youth and families. Contact info: Toyia Copeland at tcopeland@ymcasf.org 756-9632

07.18, Saturday 10 am-1 pm

Patricia's Green Gardening Day Meet at Hayes & Octavia to garden for a day. Tools, gloves and supplies provided. Contact Henry to confirm date & details at green@hayesvalleysf.org or 626-6906.

07.23, Thursday 11am-1 pm

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

07.23, Thursday 3-5 pm

Community Grows Presents: Seed to Mouth Cooking Classes Hayes Valley South Community Room 403 Rose Street (at Buchanan) Afternoon of cooking, learning recipes and eating healthy food. Adults & children welcome. Contact info: Barbara at 431-8112 or Barbara@communitygrows.org

07.23, Thursday 6-7 pm Hayes Valley NERT – Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Team

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

07.23, Thursday 7-9 pm H.V.N.A. General Meeting

First Baptist Church Basement 7 Octavia (at Waller). Topic: Greening, Sustainability and saving money. Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

07.30, Thursday 3-5 pmCommunity Grows Presents: Seed to Mouth Cooking Classes Hayes Valley South Community Room

Hayes Valley South Community Ro 403 Rose Street (at Buchanan) see 7.23 listing

07.31, Friday Noon-1 pm

3rd Annual Mo'Magic/MONS
Western Addition Youth Showcase
City Hall in South Light Court
Contact: Robin Jackson at 563-5207
or momagicadmin@gmail.com and
Camille.Dawkins@sfgov.org or
554-6475.

07.31, Friday 5:30-8 pm

3nd Annual Mo'Magic Youth Art Show. View artwork by youth from the Western Addition. For location and additional info contact: Mo'Magic at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com



08.03, Monday 7-8 pm

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

08.04, Tuesday 5-8 pm

8th Annual Western Addition/Hayes Valley National Night Out Event • Hayes Valley Playground 699 Hayes Street @ Buchanan. Join your neighbors, friends, families, police and elected officials to share food, entertainment, and safety resource fair. Learn how to build a safer community through active community building. Contact info:

08.05, Wednesday 11 am-2 pm

safety@hayesvalleysf.org.

Rec & Parks Presents: Play Day on the Green. Play Day on the Green at Marina Green Contact info: 831-2790 or james.wheeler@sfgov.org

08.06, Thursday 11am-1 pm

Mo'Magic Community Meeting (See 07.23 listing) For Topic & Location Contact: Robin at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

08.07, Friday 11 am-2 pm

3rd Annual Mo'Magic Youth Field Day at Golden Gate Park (Speedway Meadows). Western Addition Youth grades K-12 come together for food, fun, games and comraderie. Contact info: Robin at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

08.08, Saturday 9 am-Noon District 5 Clean Up

Join Supervisor Mirkarimi, DPW, neighbors, friends and family in a district wide day of greening. Contact: Vallie Brown, Legislative Aide at Vallie.Brown@sfgov.org or 554-7687

08.08, Saturday 10 am-3 pm

MONS presents: Summer of Unity Celebration • Ella Hill Hutch Community Center 1050 McAllister (at Webster). Youth and families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and access community resources. Contact info: 554-6475 Camille.Dawkins@sfgov.org

08.11, Tuesday 10 am-1 pm

Mo'Magic Community Summer Cleanup Buchanan Mall (btw Eddy and Grove) Youth, families and seniors invited to join together for a day of cleaning and greening. Contact info: Robin Jackson at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com.

8.13, 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 Contact info: Captain Sgt Griffin 614-3404 or Bill.Griffin@sfgov.org

08.14, Friday 6-9 pm

Mo'Magic Black and White Ball West Bay Conference Center 1290 Fillmore @ Eddy Contact info: Robin at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

08.15, Saturday 1-4 pm

Neighborhood Baptist Church Presents: Buchanan Street Community Block Party (between Hayes & Grove) and the Hayes Valley Playground. Free to Community, see article page 4. Contact info: Barbara (church office) at 621-6748 or www.neighborhoodbc.org.

08.20, Thursday 11am-1 pm Mo'Magic Community Meeting (See 07.23 listing)

08.22, Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Mo'Magic/AfroSolo Presents:
3rd Annual Community Health Fair & Backpack Giveaway. Ella Hill
Community Center 1050 McAllister
(at Webster). Community welcome to
a youth backpack giveaway and Health
Fair with medical screening, information tables, demonstrations
and raffle prizes. Contact info: Robin
at 563-5207 momagicadmin@gmail.
com and Thomas Simpson
(Health Fair Info) at 771-2376 or
Thomas@afrosolo.org.

08.24, Monday 7:45 am- 9 am • 3rd Annual John Muir

Elementary Back to School Day.
Assemble at school steps located at 380
Webster (at Oak) to welcome
students, parents, teachers and staff
back for their first day of school.
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given to students. Contact: Richard at
safety@hayesvalleysf.org or 252-9644.

08.27, Thursday 7 -9 pm

H.V.N.A. General Meeting First Baptist Church Basement 7 Octavia (at Waller). Topic: More sustainability and savings for you Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org



09.03, Thursday 11am-1pm

Mo'Magic Community Meeting (See 07.23 listing) For Topic & Location Contact: Robin at 563-520 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

09.10, Thursday 9am & 7 pm

John Muir PTA Meeting. John Muir Elementary located 380 Webster (at Oak). Contact info: 241-6335 or safety@hayesvalleysf.org

09.14, Monday 7-8:00pm

H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee Hayes Valley Playground Trailer 699 Hayes (at Buchanan). Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

July Meeting

The upcoming meeting will focus on greening the neighborhood. Not so much through planting and caring for our parks, although that is a part of it, but through conservation and adaptation. We'll focus on water, garbage, recycling, and solar energy, and how we can save money and resources by making changes in our homes and businesses. Please also see the article on page 2 about a local green certified business.

We'll also have information about the approaching National Night Out, sponsored in part by our Public Safety committee, and our neighborhood clean up.

UPCOMING HVNA MEETINGS

Thursdays, 7pm

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Police: Emergency (anon.) 553 809	0
Police: Northern Station 614 340	0
All City Departments:	1