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Growing Community

CommunityGrows had a great summer with their LetUsGrow Summer Camp and Seed-to-Mouth Cooking Classes in Hayes Valley South Community Room. We want to especially thank KATE'S KITCHEN on Haight Street for treating our youth to breakfast everyday during camp. They were amazing! We also want to thank Luz Gomez, from Global Exchange, Markos Marjor (our garden educator) and Saewon Oh (our Cooking

teacher). A special thanks also to our teen counselor, Cleo Harris and Cooking helper, Daarina Lewis. Great job everyone!

We will be having a workday in Koshland Park and Garden on Saturday, September 19th from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon. This workday is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. We will also be having a Community Gardeners Meeting for all Koshland Gardeners at 12:00 noon on that day.

Octavia Parcels May Be Utilized Soon!

After positive reaction at our August meeting, we have urged the Mayor's office to move quickly on the issue of installing temporary uses on the freeway parcels adjacent to Patricia's Green and those where the former freeway touchdown ramps were located. Among the many near-term possibilities would be a restaurant, pumpkin patch and seasonal Xmas Tree lot. More details on the concept are on pages 5 and 6, and the developer and Mayor's office will attend our September meeting.



President's Column

By Frances Neagley



Anyone who works for volunteer organizations comes to understand that while there are significant rewards, the frustrations at time are equally trying. In my second year as president of HVNA, I have a tendency to dwell on the latter and forget about our successes.

The recent D5 Clean-up was a particular example. I was a bit over-committed leading up to that Saturday – house/dog sitting, baseball and my ever-faithful Patricia's Green steward was out of town. I was not sure how I was going to manage the event. And then everyone started showing up. Le Boulange Hayes brought coffee and pastries. Cooper and his mom, Carolyn, helped me get this organized. Then the people started showing up. Some I had met at a previous Patricia's Green maintenance day, but most were new to me. Everyone was enthusiastic about helping.

It was a warm day and we worked our way up and down Octavia Boulevard, cleaning up the trees and the median plantings and picking up trash. We made forays up Oak Street and into the Hickory alley. The number of trash bags that we filled was impressive.

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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.

New Cafe with Lots of Options

By Bob Barnwell

Mercury Cafe, 201 Octavia Street at Page, has only been around six months but there are a lot of things to do there. Depending on the day, they open at 7:00 or 8:00 am and close at 7 or 8:00 pm. They specialize in breakfast and lunch and are one of several gourmet coffee places in Hayes Valley. They have organic and fair trade coffee made on the spot. All baked goods are made there besides custom chili made for the early dinner crowd. Owner Nick Parker has the cafe open seven days a week. He is also a big supporter of community programs in our neighborhood.

When you go in there in the afternoon, you may see 5 or 6 people on computers working on the wireless or the free wifi.



If you're not on the computer you may enjoy the art work around the inside of the dining room. The server, Nicole, may be getting ready for the happy hour of beer and wine besides serving coffee to the people stopping in.

While the cafe closes relatively early, it is available for special functions and fund raisers. Sometimes there will be acoustic performers for everybody to enjoy. If you are in a hurry, you can call first for pick up. There's a lot to handle at 201 Octavia - breakfast, lunch, organic coffee, locally baked goods, computer friendly, happy hour, and pick up. Call 415-252-7855 for info on special event planning, and enjoy the music and art. We welcome Mercury Cafe to Hayes Valley and wish good luck to their business.



Photo: Barbara Wenger

Camille Harris with an onion from the Alemany Farm, visited by the participants in Let Us Grow Summer Camp. 11 youngsters from the community enjoyed 3 weeks of adventures and learning at this environmental summer camp.

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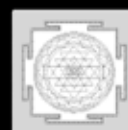
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SEPTEMBER

09.18, Friday 5:30-8:30 pm
Supervisor Mirkarimi's Quarterly Art Exhibit • Room 282 City Hall
 Western Addition Youth Art Showcase
 Contact info: vallie.brown@sfgov.org

09.19, Saturday 9:30 am to noon
Community Grows Presents: Koshland Park and Garden Workday
 Corner of Page and Buchanan
 Help make your park a clean, green and safe space. Community Gardeners Meeting at noon. Contact info: Barbara at 431-8112 or Barbara@communitygrows.org

09.24, Thursday 7-9 pm
H.V.N.A. General Meeting
 First Baptist Church Basement
 7 Octavia (at Waller). Contact and topic info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

09.26, 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 626-6906 or green@hayesvalleysf.org

09.26, Saturday 10am-5pm
Brothers for Change Presents: Black Family Day at Margaret Hayward Park • Corner of Laguna & Golden Gate Avenue • A day of family celebration with food, fun, games and entertainment. Contact info: Robin Jackson at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

OCTOBER

10.01, Thursday 11am-1 pm
Mo' Magic Community Meeting
 AAACC 3rd Floor located at 762 Fulton (at Webster). Mo'Magic is a collaboration of organizations, city agencies and community members working together make a difference in the lives of children, youth and their families in the Western Addition. Contact: Robin Jackson at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

10.05, Monday 7-8 pm
H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee
 1st Monday of each Month
 Korean American Center
 745 Buchanan (at Grove) Topic & Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

10.08, Thursday 6-7 pm
Northern District Police/Community Relations Forum. Police, community, city attorney & district attorney's offices partnering to find proactive 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

10.14, Wednesday 9am
John Muir PTA Meeting
 John Muir Elementary located 380 Webster (at Oak). Faculty, staff, students, parents and community members partnering to assure a quality education for every child. Contact info: 241-6335 or fojole@sbusd.edu

10.15, Thursday 11am-1 pm
Mo'Magic Community Meeting
 (See 10.01 listing) For Topic & Location Contact: Robin at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

10.22, Thursday 7-9 pm
H.V.N.A. General Meeting
 First Baptist Church Basement
 7 Octavia (at Waller). Prado/Whole Foods and 55 Laguna development updates and Halloween planning.
 Contact Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

10.29, Thursday 11am-1 pm
Mo'Magic Community Meeting
 (See 10.01 listing) For Topic & Location Contact: Robin at 563-5207 or momagicadmin@gmail.com

10.31, Saturday All Day
7th Annual Safe Halloween in Hayes Valley/Western Addition. For event locations and activities please contact Robin at momagicadmin@gmail.com or 563-5207

NOVEMBER

11.02, Monday 7-8 pm
H.V.N.A. Public Safety Committee
 1st Monday of each Month
 Korean American Center
 745 Buchanan (at Grove) Topic & Contact info: safety@hayesvalleysf.org

11.11, Wednesday 9am
John Muir PTA Meeting.
 Veteran's Day, no meeting scheduled. For details, contact: 241-6335 or fojole@sbusd.edu

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11.21, Saturday 11 am-2 pm
6th Annual Giving Voice to the Season Thanksgiving Dinner.
 Sponsored by Community Partners United & Western Addition
 Beacon Center. John Muir Elementary Auditorium 380 Webster (at Oak). Share food, entertainment and conversation with family, friends and neighbors. Contact info: cpusf.founded2002@sbcglobal.net

DECEMBER

12.03, Thursday 7 pm-9 pm
H.V.N.A. General Meeting
 First Baptist Church Basement
 7 Octavia (at Waller). Holiday potluck, committee updates, and MORE!
 Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

Upcoming Meetings

The September meeting of HVNA will focus on the various developments proposed for the neighborhood. Work is underway at the corner of Oak and Octavia, and at 1844 Market Street. How long and what will these projects be? There are other projects that have been approved in the area, but where are they in the process? 580 Hayes has an interim plan, 555 Fulton is a question mark, and there are more.

We have invited the Planning Department to make a presentation to inform us of what is likely to happen, and how long it is likely to take. Our August meeting, covered elsewhere in this issue, was full of information regarding possible temporary uses on vacant freeway parcels. There will be an update on this issue at the September meeting, but we will also focus on privately held parcels already in the pipeline.

The October meeting will likely focus on 2 proposals affecting the neighborhood, the Prado Group's proposed Whole Foods Market at Dolores and Market Streets and the still vacant UC Extension site, 55 Laguna. We will also have information on neighborhood Halloween activities, the kick-off of Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season.

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