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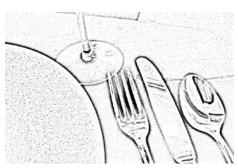
CommunityGrows had a great summer with their LetUsGrow Summer Camp and Seed-to-Mouth Cooking Classes in Hayes Valley South Community Room. We want to especially thank KATE'S KITCHEN on Haight Street for treating our youth to breakfast everyday during camp. They were amazing! We also want to thank Luz 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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Along the way, people stopped to tell us that we were doing a great job and some even asked how to get involved. The volunteers helping that day were all smiles and committing to come out on a regular basis to help keep our neighborhood clean. We were a bit dirty and sweaty but there were smiles all around. It was a very satisfying experience and I pretty much forgot all about my overcommitment stresses.

A little later, we had an HVNA Board meeting and had trouble coming up with some ideas for our next general meeting. I sent an email to an ex-Board member and before I knew it we had a great meeting planned and once again Le Boulange provided refreshments. I had a scheduling conflict and asked Jim if he could moderate the meeting for me and just like that, it was all done.

So here I am, remembering the past couple of months and how much they have demonstrated how well volunteers work together and support each other and support our neighborhood. It really is a good feeling and it makes me proud to live in Hayes Valley and be a part of HVNA.

This, of course, leads me to reminding each of you that you should become part of HVNA along with me. It is time to join or renew your membership. We have multiple categories and will accept any amount you feel you can afford to commit. In addition, we would love to have you commit as much or as little time as you can to volunteer activities.

UPCOMING HVNA MEETINGS

Thursdays, 7pm
Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Dec. 3

To advertise in this newsletter or submit ideas, articles and comments, please email voice@hayesvalleysf.org

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Northern Station Police Captain Casciato, and San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, participated in the 8th annual National Night Out at Hayes Valley Playground in August. Among the performers was a group from Trash Mash Up, seen here being applauded by PTA and HVNA member Gail Baugh.



Photos by Barbara Wenger

John Muir's New Parent Liaison

Well, hello everyone! I would like to introduce myself as the new Parent Liaison at John Muir Elementary. My name is Lisa Fojo and I am very excited to be a part of the San Francisco Unified School District. I graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a Bachelors in Psychology. My interests and concerns revolve around school reform and my passion is listening, counseling and helping others.

What is a Parent Liaison?

A Parent Liaison is assigned to STAR/Dream Schools to continue helping in building capacity at each school site to involve parent/caregivers in the academic achievement of our students.

What is my vision as a Parent Liaison? I am here to help out! I want parents to be passionate for their children's education. I want parents to be as supportive as they can by showing unconditional love and encouragement. My vision is to work closely with parents to meet any problems or concerns they may have as well as get their ideas and voices heard.

Parent/caregivers of our students are of high importance here at John Muir and we thank them for all their efforts and contributions. Parents/caregivers participate in all major activities that the school holds as well as maintain an ongoing communication with teachers and principal. The goal is to progressively grow socially and academically here at our school.

How can you help?

Get involved! One can become a school volunteer which can consist of various tasks such as tutoring, classroom help with special projects, donating school supplies and also spreading your thoughts and ideas for a peaceful bright future in education.

What is an HVNA member?

By Richard Johnson

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association's (HVNA) membership is not homogeneous or static. Membership is as different for each of us as how we live and participate in the neighborhood. Over the years, Membership has changed; HVNA began as a reactive group of neighbors confronting issues of crime and livability. Now, HVNA is a solid pro-active force for all of us to define how we want our neighborhood to be.

For me, membership in HVNA brings the following benefits to my friends and neighbors:

- We have held steadfast in our mission to maintain neighborhood diversity through advocacy of policy and social issues that help foster a safe, green, healthy, thriving, sustainable community.
- We have developed an outstanding reputation among city officials, community groups and business groups for our input on issues, professionalism, volunteer

efforts, and eagerness to collaborate toward proactive solutions to critical issues facing our city.

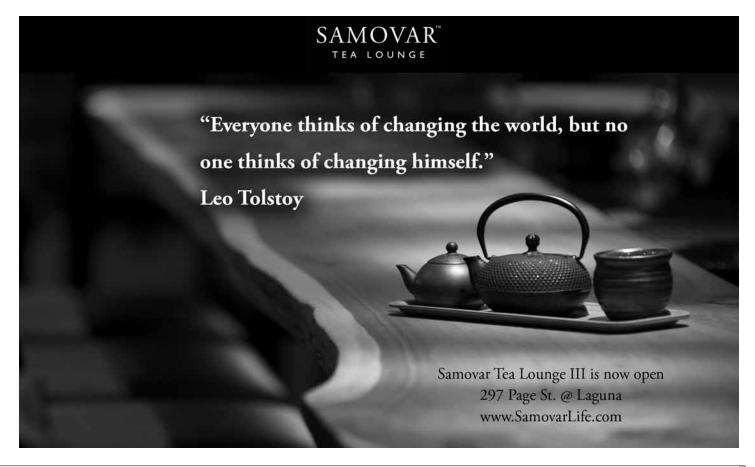
- Opportunity to not only live in, but through active civic involvement shape the future of the neighborhood we call home.
- Volunteer to become an active community builder through our many diverse committees. You get to choose which fits your definition to create the positive social change we all voted for in November:
 - · Public Safety
 - Arts, Culture and Environment
 - Transportation & Planning
 - · Youth and Family
 - Communications
 - Business Relations

I personally know how much the neighborhood has changed since I moved here in

1991. This is due to HVNA and a core of compassionate, dedicated and hard working individuals, who had a vision of a more positive, equitable, vibrant and sustainable neighborhood, and through tenacity turned it into a reality.

Because of when we were chartered, our membership year begins in September! Now it's your time to show your support for HVNA by either becoming a new member or renewing your membership (perhaps at a higher level). As both a neighbor and active community builder, I ask you to invest in the future of your neighborhood by taking the time to fill out and send in the membership form on page eight of this newsletter.





Octavia Boulevard Freeway Parcels

At the August HVNA meeting, very interesting presentations were made regarding possible temporary development of several freeway parcels. The 2 parcels adjoining Patricia's Green are explored in a proposal labeled "proxy", and the 2 parcels where the freeway formerly touched down between Oak and Fell, Octavia and Laguna, are explored in a proposal called The Hayes Valley Urban Farm and Garden Education Project.

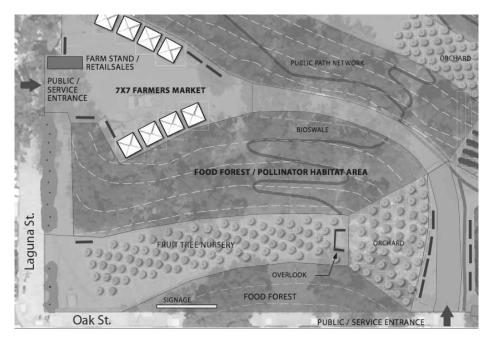
Each of these is just a proposal, and they are not related. Still, the large number of members in attendance at the meeting were very supportive of the proposals, and planning with the mayor's office is ongoing as we go to press. Please review the information provided, and contact the developers with any feedback you may have. You may also contact voice@ hayesvalleysf.org with any comments and suggestions and we will forward them.

Housing Hero Award

San Francisco Housing Action Coalition (SFHAC), of which HVNA is a long-time member, will be bestowing its annual Housing Hero Award on September 23, 2009. This year, awards will go to Planning Commission President Ron Miguel and Planning Commission Vice President Christina Olague, representing the hard work and long range planning of the entire Planning Commission.

The event will take place from 5-7pm at Yerba Buena Gardens. The price is \$40 for SFHAC members, and \$55 for non-members. If you are a paid member of HVNA, you can attend for the lower price! For more information, see www.sfhac.org

With so much development planned in the Hayes Valley area, it's a good idea to hear from our Planning Commissioners about their thoughts, and a good idea to network with people from throughout the development arena as well. We don't exist in a vacuum, and pro-active involvement can play a vital role in assuring well planned, well located and well designed housing is a priority in this City.



This is a very preliminary image of what the temporary use of Parcels O and P might look like. This is not the final rendering or plan for the site, but just current ideas for how it could look. The project designers are eager for community input and will only proceed if and when the project proposal is approved by the Mayor's office.

Hayes Valley Farm and Garden Education Project

The Hayes Valley Farm and Garden Education Project (HVF) is an exciting new opportunity to create a working urban farm and education center in Hayes Valley on a City of San Francisco-owned lot located between Oak, Fell, Laguna and Octavia streets. The project is organized by a coalition of urban farmers, garden educators, social service organizations, and landscape designers. The project is proposed as an interim use - a one to five year time frame - until the City moves forward with other development plans for the site.

The goals of the Hayes Valley Farm project are

- to create a successful, sustainable urban farm where community members can access healthy local food
- to serve as a model and a resource center for urban agriculture education and green job training
- to build community resiliency around local food production

Mayor Newsom's executive order "Healthy and Sustainable Food for San Francisco" declares the city's commitment to increasing the amount of healthy and sustainable food for San Francisco residents. According to the order "Access to safe, nutritious, and culturally acceptable food is a basic human right and is essential to both human health and ecological sustainability. The City and County of San

Francisco recognizes that hunger, food insecurity, and poor nutrition are pressing health issues that require immediate action."

One of the primary principles of the directive is to support the development of urban agriculture: "Food production and horticulture education will be encouraged within the City and, to the extent feasible, on City owned land, through urban agriculture including community, backyard, rooftop, and school gardens; edible landscaping, and agricultural incubator projects."

The community benefits of this project include

- · Access to Healthy Food
- Urban Agriculture Education and Green Job Training
- Micro-Orchard and Vegetable Nursery
- Community & Ecological Enrichment

With your community support this can happen! You can help us by

- Contacting Rich Hillis from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development to endorse the project (415) 554-6969.
- Contacting us at hayesvalleyfarm@gmail. com to offer your support in the form of donation, willing hands, fundraising, or advice.

proxy: octavia lots K+L menu of programmatic components

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outdoor cinema

Regularly scheduled movies will be projected in the courtyard visible both inside and on the outer facade of the

opportunity for live music

art installation zone

A designated area will be made available to artists interested in exhibiting large-scale modern installations





dining

dining room - space for hire

A private event space that can accommodate large groups as well as intimate gatherings. As a platform to host dinner parties, wedding receptions or tastings, this space fills the need for urban dwellers to entertain beyond the limits of their residence.

chef for hire

Local new and experimental chefs will show off their skills for a culinary audience

food carts

Independent vendors will be invited to sell food for events or on a reoccurring schedule. Their footprint is minimal and they are completely self sustainable







food trucks

Food trucks will be invited to pull in and plug in for a limited period of time. A rotating group of chefs will serve food from local farms and producers



retail pop-up stores

retail shell that will be made available for a limited period of time. Retailers can experiment with new types of stores and shopping experiences without the commitment of a

anchor retail

A combination of enclosed and partially covered spaces to develop a comprehensive retail experience

community

living room - community meeting place

le venue for social gatherings, co meetings, forums, activities and workshops.

temporary bathrooms modular furniture

A series of components designed to be arranged in an infinite number of ways to serve a variety of needs ranging from ndividual to group activities.

farmers market (linden alley)









transportation

zip car electric car plug in

Designated parking spaces with outlets to recharge a fleet of Zip Car electric vehicles.



bike storage bike kitchen

A do-it-yourself bicycle resource run by volunteers. Classes, programs and tools for maintenance available on site.

proxy: Octavia Lots K + L temporary installation

A placeholder for a more permanent building, proxy is a temporary two-block construct that imagines a vibrant focal point for commerce and community. proxy is conceived in relation to the realization that, due to the economic downturn, the sites left over from the path of the former Central Freeway, which slice through San Francisco's Hayes Valley, will be left undeveloped for several years to come. In the meantime, we contend that these sites can be occu- pied by temporary inhabitations of retail, restaurant, art gallery, garden and community-based uses that add to the richness and diversity of Hayes Valley.

Envisioned with a lifespan of two to three years, proxy is an investigation into the potentials of impermanence. At the same time, the project seeks to re-establish the urban fabric through a combination of frame, fabric, mesh, wall and volume. As a temporary architecture, proxy makes visible many normally concealed aspects of architecture: power distribution, garbage and recycling collection, composting, water storage, and the objectification of individual spaces of habitation. Qualities of transparency, veiling and illuminance not easily achieved with more solid building materials are inherent to more lightweight and temporary structures. The retail and food component of the project will be comprised wholly of local San Francisco businesses and vendors primarily through small and portable "pop-up" style retail pods. These small scale, 180 square foot, spaces can be in- dividually inhabited or can be combined together into a cluster of pods occupied by a single occupant. Over the life- span of proxy, it is envisioned that these very small retail spaces will be inhabited by several different businesses or community groups. Sites for food carts and parking for food trucks will be provided to provide a diversity of food choices, all from local Slow Food vendors.

A partially covered interior courtyard exterior movie theater creates an enclosed volume of space within the site that can be used for covered exterior eating and gathering areas. This space links with an open eating courtyard served by food vendors. A glazed art-box will house rotating art installations curated by premier local curators, gallery owners and collectors. The art-box faces inward to the interior courtyard while it has the capacity to project video art pieces onto adjacent surfaces of the proxy construct.

proxy is conceived of with an ethic of sustainability and reuse. The southern face of the L site will sponsor a demon- stration photovoltaic array for on-site power generation. A water collection will be used for irrigation of on-site plantings and the existing asphalt surface will be partially removed to allow for pervious paving in common areas. Retail pods and frames will be re-used or recycled after this inhabitation. Most other components will be rented or recycled after proxy is dismantled.



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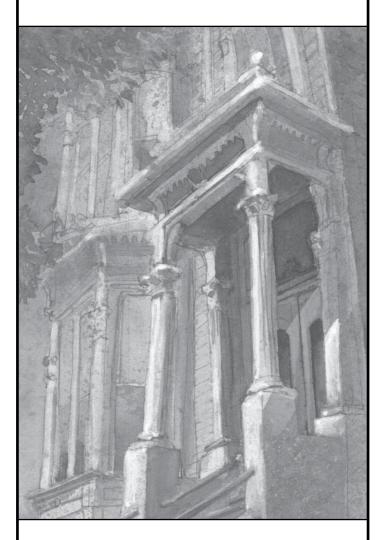
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Name(s):		
Street:		
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Phone:		
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Email (for HVNA mailing use only)	:	

■ Membership Levels:

Please check the appropriate membership category:

- Voting Member: Must reside within the association's boundaries, or own property or a business within the association's boundaries (see map)
- Associate Member: Members residing outside the association's boundaries

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Areas of Interest:

Volunteers are welcome! Please indicate your areas of interest.

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

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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.



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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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



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 fojol@sfusd.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



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 fojol@sfusd.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



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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