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Come and Celebrate!

By Richard Johnson

I don't have any money. I'll bet you are low on funds too. Yet, here comes the Holiday Season, just the same.

Wouldn't it be great if we could all put the stress of our times aside and take the time to gather together and celebrate as a neighborhood? This is why Community Partners was created. Our mission is to provide community events, throughout the year, that bring neighbors together to foster a more safe and caring community.

And this is why we are having our 8th Annual Giving Voice to the Season celebrations throughout the neighborhood. For eight years CPU, of which HVNA is a founding member, has been hosting community gatherings around the neighborhood to bolster our connections, to strengthen our ties, and really, just to have a reason to hang out together! What could be more important during these uncertain times than to come together, young and old, weak and strong, to support each other?

The Fostering a Safe and Caring Holiday Season 2009, had a very successful kickoff with our Halloween poster event and various activities this past weekend. If they are a gauge

for the season I feel we are going to have our best Season yet. I want to thank the California State PUC for hosting their 12th Haunted House, WA Beacon Center for an afternoon of ghoulish fun, Hayes Valley South for hosting an early evening of food, fun and crafts. I did not make it to the AAACC Haunted House and look forward to hearing a recap of the event.

There are several upcoming events around the neighborhood and you and your family is cordially invited to attend each and every one! We look forward to seeing you!

Scheduled upcoming activities (Save the dates!):

- 5th Annual Giving Voice to the Season Community Sing Along 6 to 9 pm Friday December 4th, 2009
- Participation in the 20th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants Block Party 6 to 9 pm Friday December 4th, 2009
- Seventh Annual Wreath and Card Making Event Saturday December 5th, 2009
- 8th Annual Food Give Away to over 250 families December 17th and 18th, 2009
- 8th Annual Community Luncheon Saturday December 19th, 2009

President's Column

By Frances Neagley

It is hard to believe that it is November already and that this is the last newsletter of 2009. I think I will resist the urge to look back at the year and instead look forward at all the things that are happening or about to happen in our neighborhood.



The last two months of the year are always pretty busy in Hayes Valley and this year is no different. We will have Thanksgiving events, the wreath and card making afternoon, the annual merchants' celebration, the holiday food boxes and a holiday luncheon. These are great times to socialize and give back to the community and generally get into the holiday spirit. Be sure to check out the calendar on the last page of this newsletter for all the events.

In addition, there is a lot of activity going on along Octavia Boulevard. New construction is well underway at Oak Street where the City has also installed red-light cameras for the intersection. The Project Homeless Connect temporary community gardens from Page to Oak Streets will be breaking ground this month. Other temporary uses along the boulevard should begin in the next few months also.

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Elsewhere, the International School's arts building on Page Street is completed and they are now having programs there. Construction at 1 Franklin should start soon. Things are moving along with the SF Jazz and Whole Foods projects, too. There are articles about these in this newsletter also.

We will have one more general meeting this year. It will be on Thursday, December 3rd because the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving. I hope to see many of you then as we have a potluck and a look at the year's activities and plan for next year. This will also mark the last meeting (at least for a while) at the First Baptist Church. We will be moving to the community room at 333 Fell Street in the new year. We are truly grateful to the First Baptist Church for letting us use their facility all these years, but thought we might try a new location for a while.

So if I don't see you all out and about the neighborhood in the next couple of months, I want to wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season.

Good Neighbor Story

Dear Chris Sullivan,
Thanks for your aid in removing the protruding bolts from the sidewalk at 227 Fell Street, now Vbkirk Flowers And Events.

Here's my story: My mom tumbled, building owner bumbled, 311 fumbled, new storekeeper stumbled, you mumbled, mechanics jumbled, drills rumbled, bolts crumbled, HVNA board member humbled.

– Henry Ostendorf

HVNA Board member Henry Ostendorf submitted the above to recognize the actions of a good neighbor: Chris's Discount Mufflers at 220 Fell St. (near Franklin). As noted, Chris came to the aid of people in the neighborhood by resolving a safety issue. Chris has been a neighborhood merchant for over 20 years, although his shop's lease is up March 2012 when SF JAZZ hopes to begin building their new home at that location. He is hopeful he will be able to find another location in the neighborhood.

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

The Sweetest Block in Hayes Valley

by Bob Barnwell

We all love our small businesses in Hayes Valley. There are a lot of unique stores in our area that carry many different lines of products. There is a spot that might be the sweetest area in our neighborhood. In just one block we have three very different sweet stores. In the block of Hayes between Gough and Octavia these three stores carry distinct lines of sweet products. Each store also has a secondary line that is worth the stop especially during the upcoming holiday season.

If you walk this block your first stop may be at the corner of Hayes and Gough. Christopher Elbow Artisanal Chocolate is at 401 Hayes St.. His only other store is in Kansas City, Mo. Each day these hand made chocolates are flown in from the kitchen in Missouri. Each day there are 24 to 30 types of chocolates to choose from. Some chocolates are seasonal and on October 29 Michael, the manager, was helping Christopher Elbow with the fall flavors. If you want the chocolate taste but not the candy then try the 10 to 15 types of hot chocolate. After 1 ½ years in Hayes Valley Christopher Elbow Artisanal Chocolate is doing well and looking forward to the holiday season. Stop by and get your box of holiday sweets.

Your next stop could be a few doors up at Paulette Macaron at 437A Hayes. There are 11 to 15 types of macarons to choose from.

The other location is in Beverly Hills. Hayes Valley and Beverly Hills is a good duo. These traditional French cookies are made by hand and all have natural flavors and colors. This store has been in business for 10 months and also carries a line of coffee and teas. They specialize in the hard to find Mariage Freres tea. This tea has been around since 1854 and comes in many flavors. The holidays should be good for Paulette Macaron especially as party favors for the fun times over the next few months.



Truffles at Miette

Miette Coniferie at 449 Octavia is another good stop on this sweet block. They carry the widest range of sweet products. Chocolates from around the world plus locally hand made Artisanal chocolates fill the store along with 30 types of licorice and lots of gum and rock candy. For almost three years Tess, the manager, has sold a large quantity of fluer de sel caramels.

If you do not want any of the candy then try the cookies, macarons, or cupcakes that are baked right at the store. The other two locations at the Marina and Ferry Building will soon be joined by a store at Jack London Square. Halloween is a big time of the year for this store as well as the holidays and Valentine's Day.

One block with three very sweet stores all are in the Hayes Valley.

Songs Without Words, an antique piano showroom, opens in Hayes Valley in December taking over the former Linc Art Gallery storefront at Rose and Market. The store offers the finest European pianos in completely restored condition. The store will host recitals and is available for intimate private parties with catering and music. Songs Without Words is also excited to sponsor Hayes Valley's musical and art community with pianos, musicians and video art. Their video projection art and old world furnishings combine to create a truly unique experience in their showroom. The Grand opening is December 18th, 1632 C Market Street. www.fine-european-pianos.com.



Western Addition Beacon Center

Located at John Muir Elementary School and Raoul Wallenberg Traditional High School, the Western Addition Beacon Center (WA Beacon), an entity of the Buchanan YMCA, provides quality after-school programming for youth and also serves as a community center addressing the specific needs of the Western Addition community. The WA Beacon serves over 600 youth and families annually – focusing on project based learning, academic alignment of educational standards and behavior management techniques through artistic expression and exploration.

The WA Beacon is currently enrolling youth and adults for the following services:


1. Handful Players (@ John Muir ES)- Musical & Performing Arts Program targeting 4th and 5th grade youth.
2. Mid Life Program (@ John Muir ES)- A comprehensive project based program that focuses on providing middle and high school youth the necessary skills to become thriving adults.
3. Hayes Valley Community Center- An after school program specifically designed for

youth ages 10-18.

4. ESL Classes for Spanish Speaking Adults- Learn the necessary skills to read and speak simple phrases in English. Child watch is available.
5. Math Literacy Night @ De Avila ES- Facilitated by WA Beacon Center
6. Reading Literacy @ Hayward Rec Connect- Facilitated by WA Beacon Center
7. Nutrition Seminar @ John Muir
8. Freshman Academy Workshop @ Wallenberg HS- Facilitated by WA Beacon Center
9. Thanksgiving Luncheon & Turkey/Food Basket Give-a-Way @ John Muir ES
10. Warm Coat and Toy Drive
11. Western Addition Holiday Event @ John Muir ES
12. Winter Camp

For more information on any of these programs, see more details on the John Muir page at www.hayesvalleysf.org or call the Beacon offices at 415-749-2714

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Performing Arts Building Proposed in Hayes Valley

SFJAZZ is a local nonprofit performing arts organization involved in hosting jazz performances and jazz education. A summary of their mission and goals can be found on their website at: www.sfjazz.org/about/index.asp. They've purchased a parcel in Hayes Valley and are proposing to build a new 3-story building for a performance space and offices. The parcel is located on the northwest corner of Fell and Franklin Streets. There's currently an automotive repair and maintenance business on the site and the buildings that are there now will be replaced. SFJAZZ will build a new state-of-the-art jazz performance space, and the building will include offices for about 30-employees, education and rehearsal space, a box office, a small café, and an enclosed loading area on the west side of the property.

The site is an excellent location. It is near the other performing-arts venues in the Civic Center Area, is easily accessible by Muni and BART, and is also relatively easy to access by bicycle. It is just one block from the Hayes Street retail corridor and in walking distance to many fine restaurants. The excellent transit-oriented location and the close proximity of

the Performance Arts Garage means this project is not required to have parking. The waiving of the requirement to provide parking is beneficial to SFJAZZ because it makes the project more affordable. It lowers the cost of the development as a whole, making the non-profit more capable of undertaking this project. The project will have ample bicycle parking for employees and visitors.

HVNA has not received final drawings for the project but we have this general description: The main entrance for the new building will be on the corner of Fell and Franklin. The café/restaurant will likely be on the corner of Linden Alley and Franklin, and will be oriented towards the street to enliven the area. The façade of the building will be glass-wrapped on three sides, but there will be a major blank wall on part of the Linden Street side of the building and on the western side of the building where the loading area will be located. The blank wall is an unfortunate side-effect of the configuration of the theater. The HVNA Transportation and Planning (T & P) committee will be working with the developer to mitigate the visual impact of these walls.

This project largely fits with the spirit and intent of the Market and Octavia Plan, and the T & P committee looks forward to hearing more about the project over the next year. The project sponsor is currently working on the architecture of the building. They expect to be ready for a formal presentation to the community in early 2010 and they hope to go before the Planning Commission in Spring 2010.

One disappointing aspect of the current proposal is the lack of housing on the site. HVNA has always advocated for housing in this area, especially for affordable housing. We recognize a need for housing for performers and musicians and other artists that could live within walking distance to work if they could live in the neighborhood. We'd hoped that this project could include housing for musicians and others. SFJAZZ said that they looked into housing but that the addition of housing made the project too expensive for the non-profit. The HVNA T & P committee will continue to advocate for more affordable housing in the neighborhood and seek ways to keep SFJAZZ involved in that endeavor.

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Please check the appropriate membership category:

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Areas of Interest:

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Business Relations

Communications (Newsletter & Web site)

Families and Children

Neighborhood Safety

Support (flyer distribution, mailings, etc.)

Transportation and Planning

Other: _____

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Western Addition Beacon Center

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The above is a partial listing. Our businesses and institutions are valued members of the community, and we very much appreciate their support. We update the listing in each issue.

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.

Transportation and Planning Committee Report

At 2001 Market, the Prado Group has proposed a mixed-use retail and residential development on the previous site of the S & C Ford dealership at Market and Dolores Streets. While this site is just outside the boundaries of HVNA, it will affect our neighborhood and the broader Market and Octavia Plan, so the T & P Committee is watching it closely.

The Prado Group, along with a representative from Whole Foods, presented the latest iteration of their proposal at the HVNA general meeting on October 22, 2009. The proposal includes a Whole Foods grocery store on the ground floor and 6-stories of housing, totaling 80 units. The proposed project would raze all of the existing buildings on the site and should go to the Planning Commission for approval by January 2010. However several major issues remain unresolved.

First, this development is in a transit rich area of the city and will include a neighborhood-serving grocery store. There are 88,000 people within a one-mile radius of the store and many people will be walking and bicycling to this store. Some HVNA members have expressed disappointment that the grocery store will have 65 parking spaces given the great location for

a model sustainable store. Whole Foods has stores in New York with no parking. We encourage Whole Foods and Prado to think about being cutting-edge and progressive on the retail parking. They could provide an innovative jitney or taxi service for costumers who walk to the store but need a ride home.

Second, HVNA is opposed to Prado's request for a "conditional use" permit from the city in order to increase the parking in the residential component of the development. Again, this is a transit-rich, walkable area, and excessive parking is not needed. Prado is not offering any convincing arguments except that it will enable them to sell their units at a higher price. This is not within the spirit and intent of the Market and Octavia Plan. We are insisting that the developer comply with the allowed parking under the M&O plan.

Lastly, affordable housing remains a concern. Many HVNA members would like to see the affordable housing on site, rather than have the developer pay fees that allow the housing to be built elsewhere. We continue to encourage on-site affordable housing so people of diverse incomes can still live in the Upper Market area.

This is an extremely important development and it will be a project that sets precedence for other mixed-use developments in the Market & Octavia Plan area. HVNA applauds the re-use of the site, the provision of housing and the use of the ground floor as a grocery store; but this is a transit rich site and needs to be built that way. HVNA has not yet taken an official position on this project. More details about this project can be found at: <http://www.2001marketsf.com>

At 1 Franklin, there will be 35 housing units (15% of them affordable) and a small corner commercial space on the ground floor. The proposed building is located at the corner of Franklin and Page Streets, where there is currently a surface parking lot. 1 Franklin complies with the Market and Octavia Plan in almost every way. The HVNA T & P Committee has met several times with the project sponsors and while we still have reservations about some of the architecture, we are very enthusiastic about the project. The Hayes Valley neighborhood worked on the implementation of the Market & Octavia Plan for eight years and we appreciate this developer for adhering to its guidelines. It is expected that this project will appear before the planning commission within a year.

John Thomas Has Retired

By Bill Bulkley

Hayes Valley lost an advocate for community open space planning when John Thomas retired from his position as Landscape Architect with the City of San Francisco's Department of Public Works (DPW) last month. John worked for the City for twenty-three years, during which time he received 13 design awards. He worked on over 60 Recreation and Park Department projects in his career.

John's involvement with Hayes Valley began in the mid-1990s when he worked with Barbara Wenger and others to complete the community's vision for Koshland Park.

In 1999, John began work on Octavia Boulevard as part of a team effort that included DPW, Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) and design consultants Allen Jacobs and Elizabeth McDonald. Over his years of



public service, John positioned himself as a City intermediary who is interactive with the public through community workshops and the Central Freeway Advisory Committee. John worked with many neighborhood activists including Patricia Walkup, Robin Levitt and Stefan Hastrup.

John believed that the future of open space in Hayes Valley was in the Living Alleys concept as proposed in the Market Octavia Neighborhood Plan – not only in a single design but an implementation as extensive as possible without expending extraordinary amounts of money on fine materials.

Hayes Valley will benefit from his care and vision for a long time. John's contact information is: John Thomas, 509 Brown Street, Iowa City, IA 52245. johnfrederictomas@gmail.com

Public Safety Update

by Bob Barnwell

The Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association's Public Safety Committee is now meeting at the Korean American Center at 745 Buchanan, on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. We will not be meeting in December, but will meet again on January 4, 2010.

In the last six months we have had numerous City and State departments at the meetings including Juvenile Probation, Adult Probation, State Parole Department, the Housing Authority, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defenders' Office, the City Attorney's Office, Northern Police Station, the SF Unified School District, as well as managers from the many housing developments in our area.

We have a new police captain at Northern Station. On November 14th, Captain Casciato was replaced by Captain Ann Mannix. We appreciate the efforts Captain Casciato has made for our community and look forward to working with Captain Mannix.

DECEMBER

12.03, Thursday 7-9 pm
H.V.N.A. General Meeting
 First Baptist Church Basement
 7 Octavia (at Waller). Holiday schedule
 with community social & potluck.
 Contact info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

12.04, Friday 6-9 pm
**20th Annual Hayes Valley Merchants
 Holiday Block Party**
 300,400,500 Hayes Street (Between
 Franklin and Laguna and side
 Streets). A evening of food, drinks,
 entertainment and shopping.

12.04, Friday 6-8 pm
**5th Annual Community Partners
 United "Community Sing Along"**
 Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley located
 at Hayes & Octavia. Community
 welcome to share food, hot drinks and
 song. Contact info:
 cpusf.founded2002@sbcglobal.net.

12.09, Wednesday 9 am
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 all
 children. Contact info: 626-6120 or
 johnmuirparents@gmail.com

12.10, 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 to 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

12.10, 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
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 Parking is available Contact info:
 Captain Sgt Griffin 614-3400 or
 Bill.Griffin@sfgov.org

12.12, Saturday Noon-3 pm
**6th Annual Community Partners
 United Wreath/Card making event.**
 Hayes Valley Community Center
 403 Rose Street (at Buchanan)
 Community welcome all supplies,
 snacks and beverages supplied.
 Contact Info: Nora at 424-5770 or
 noraborealis@juno.com.

12.19, Saturday Noon-3 pm
**8th Annual Community Partners
 United Community Holiday
 Celebration.** Location to be deter-
 mined Community welcome for an
 afternoon of food, entertainment and
 conversation. Contact Info: Richard
 cpusf.founded2002@sbcglobal.net.

12.19, Saturday 10 am-2 pm
**African American Arts & Culture
 Complex Holiday Event**
 762 Fulton (at Webster)
 For additional details contact:
 922-2049 or Info@aaacc.org.



JANUARY

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

01.07, Thursday 11am-1pm
Mo' Magic Community Meeting
 AAACC 3rd Floor located at 762 Fulton
 (at Webster). (See 12.10 listing)
 Contact: Robin Jackson at 563-5207 or
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01.09, Saturday 11am- 2 pm
**Koshland Garden Community
 Workday •** Corner of Page and
 Buchanan Friends and neighbors meet
 at basketball court for a day of
 gardening in park & community
 garden. Tools, gloves and supplies
 provided. Contact info: Nora at
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01.13, Wednesday 9am
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 all children.
 Contact info: 241-6335 or
 johnmuirparents@gmail.com

01.14, Thursday 6-7 pm
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 ongoing safety issues. Northern Police
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 Parking is available. Contact info:
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01.21, Thursday 11am-1pm
Mo' Magic Community Meeting
 AAACC 3rd Floor located at 762 Fulton
 (at Webster). (See 12.10 listing)
 Contact: Sheryl Davis at
 Sheryl.Davis@sfgov.org

01.28, Thursday 7-9 pm
H.V.N.A. General Meeting
 Bridge Housing Community Room
 333 Fell (at Gough). Topic &
 contact Info: www.hayesvalleysf.org

Tending Patricia's Green Via Park Scan?

Our City's Recreation and Parks Department was unable to schedule any park workdays for volunteer gardeners for the remainder of the year. Many neighbors do hope to have more park support from the City next year. Contact us at green@hayesvalleysf.org to let us know your interest in helping with upcoming gardening activities. Until then, please help tend your park via ParkScan at www.parkscan.org, a project of the Neighborhoods Park Council.

We've listed a number of maintenance issues with images and hope that park lovers will add comments and report issues of concern. Park Scan allows us to publicly keep track of when and how the City responds. More comments could mean more action.

Might Park Scan be the place to begin a health and safety discussion for a "people only" zone on the grass?

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