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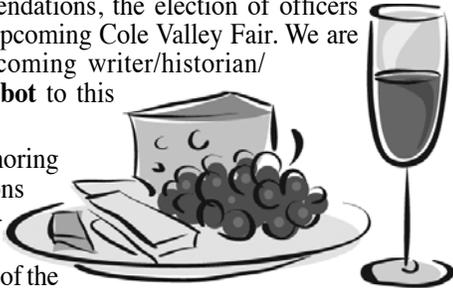
SERVING ALL RESIDENTS OF THE GREATER HAIGHT ASHBURY

FALL 2017

Summer Social Is August 19

It will be the usual relaxed afternoon of schmoozing, snacking, sipping and making neighborhood connections. There will be presentations, commendations, the election of officers and news about the upcoming Cole Valley Fair. We are delighted to be welcoming writer/historian/columnist **David Talbot** to this annual event.

In addition to honoring Talbot, commendations will be given to **Christin Evans**, Haight activist and co-owner of the Booksmith, and the owners of **LAVATION**, Erica and Jason Kajdasz and Mien Leong who, by their generous discounts, have brought many new members to CVIA.



Please join us at **1 p.m. on Saturday, August 19 at the Kezar Bar & Restaurant** on the corner of Cole and Carl streets. Let us know if you plan to attend so that owner Steve Schick, can be sure to prepare enough of his delicious appetizers. Write cviasf@aol.com or leave a message at (415) 431-1414. Beer, wine and food are included in the \$10 per person entry fee. Your guests are welcome.

City Eyes McDonald's But for What, Exactly?

Having spoken with Supervisor London Breed, I gather that the city has been wanting to get rid of McDonald's because it's a nuisance. They think owner (McDonald's Corp) will sell because of the perpetual trouble at that location. The shooting there on August 3 simply added to the list of crimes, both large and small, drawing police to that corner. The City is looking for property to develop for affordable housing with retail on the ground floor and this would fill the bill. However, while waiting for plans and permits, they are considering opening a "temporary" Navigation Center at the site. Breed said she would call for neighborhood input before taking action and would not "force this down our throats."



But, will McDonald's agree to sell?

My feeling is that our neighborhood is already a magnet for transients and drug addicts and that a Navigation Center would not improve the situation. There are an increasing number of Cole Valley families with grammar school-age children—twelve just on Beulah

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Neighborhood Mourns Wayne

It's old news now, but the pain lingers. On June 14 while loading his UPS truck for the day's deliveries, Wayne Chan was shot dead, along with two others, by a fourth UPS employee, who then shot himself.

A native of Hong Kong, Wayne had been with UPS for 28 years, the last decade spent serving the Haight Ashbury and Cole Valley. He was integral to the neighborhood: a part of everyone's daily life. When the news was released, two spontaneous "shrines" were set up, one on Haight Street (by Kent Uyehara in front of FTC) and one in on Cole Street, where neighbors expressed their shock and grief with written comments and flowers. Haight historian Stannous Flouride created a lapel button using the UPS logo that said simply "Never Forget Wayne" that were produced at Free Gold Watch and were available for free at Roberts Hardware. Relatives set up a GoFundMe account for Wayne's family where one can make a donation or simply read the personal comments by neighbors shocked by the crime.



Wayne Chan 1961-2017

The wake, held at Cypress Lawn Chapel on July 1, was crowded with family and friends mourning his untimely death. Eighteen standing



Lapel button by Stan Flouride.

floral arrangements encircled the room while a montage of touching photographs of Wayne's relatively short life ran continuously on a large screen: Wayne as a shy boy, an awkward teenager, a new husband, two beautiful children (Kyle and Kiara), holiday celebrations, and tender moments—reminding all present of their tremendous loss. Upon entering the chapel, visitors were asked to bow three



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Neighbors left tributes at Haight Street memorial in front of FTC.

times before the casket and then pay respects to his family who stood nearby. Haight resident Flip Sarrow addressing the mourners, spoke for most of us, as he expressed the sorrow of the neighborhood.

Although the GoFundMe account was early established (CVIA sent \$200), Booksmith owner Christin Evans—also present at Cypress Lawn—sent an email later saying that Wayne’s nieces wanted neighbors to know that they could also use a Wells Fargo account in the name of Tina Chang (In Memory of Wayne Chan), account #1093144903.

—Karen Crommie

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Street alone—and doubtless many more on adjacent blocks. We have been working for so many years to tame that corner (Stanyan and Beulah)—and have succeeded with Whole Foods, the bike rental stand and the skateboard park. Also consider the other children’s facilities that are within a block or two: small-fry bike instruction at the end of Waller, the Koret Children’s Quarter, Acro Sports (gymnastics) classes, Xian Yun Academy, and continuous high school games at both Kezar Stadium and Pavilion.

Additionally, directly across the street is the main pedestrian entrance to Golden Gate Park. Currently you have to run a gauntlet of druggies and vagabond kids in order to reach Sharon Meadow. Why would we want to purposely expand the indigent population by locating a Navigation Center there, whose residents are free to come and go 24-hours a day?

—Carole Glosenger

Park Branch Library Commemorates Summer of Love

The Park Branch Library is presenting “The Seen: What You Would Have Seen on Haight in 1967.” A walk down memory lane featuring fashion, posters, handbills and photographs of Haight Street businesses and people during the pivotal year 1967, with a special section of then-and-now pictures, now through December 7.

POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM

Captain John Sanford holds community forums the third Monday of every month (except December) from 5 to 6:00 p.m. He gives briefings on upcoming permitted events, reviews neighborhood criminal activity, and addresses the safety concerns of residents. It’s a good way to stay in touch with what’s going on. The meetings are held at Park Station’s Community Room (1899 Waller).



September 18, October 16, November 20
Mark Your Calendars

Squeaky Wheel Receives the Grease – Volunteers Needed

Commuter shuttle buses provide free rides to work for employees of various Silicon Valley companies. The MTA has set up a program where the bus companies are required to pay a fee and comply with a set of rules and regulations in order to minimize shuttles’ impact on Muni, the neighborhoods, and other road users.

The upside of the commuter buses is that there are fewer private automobiles on the road. The downside is that there are rogue bus operators not complying with the rules and the MTA has not sufficiently staffed to catch these offenders. Because of the SFMTA’s lax and sporadic enforcement of previous operating rules, the private operators have a long history of thumbing their noses at city rules and regulations.

These offenses include: excessive idling contributing to unnecessary pollution; operating on weight restricted streets; operating with no



Group is monitoring “Google busses” for non-compliance in idling times, route variations, license plate display and parking.

license plates; and using unauthorized Muni stops. The only Muni bus zones the commuter shuttle buses are authorized to use in our neighborhood are at Parnassus Avenue and Stanyan Street (SW and NW corners) and Stanyan and Waller (NW corner).

Diligent volunteers in Noe Valley and the Castro have persevered and changed the behavior of the bus operators by documenting and reporting violations to the MTA. These volunteers would like help from folks in Cole Valley to help in making the commuter shuttle buses work, not only for the employees, but also Muni riders and the neighborhoods. Changes can be made, but only the constant squeaky wheel receives the grease.

If you’d be willing to spend an hour a week standing on a corner or walking between stops to document violations to make the commuter shuttle program effective, contact Ed Mason at zabredala3@yahoo.com and he’ll give you the lowdown about what to report and how. See map: https://www.sfmta.com/sites/default/files/projects/2017/CommuterShuttlesMap_062317.pdf

—Joan Downey

Deltas’ Kezar Home Games

Saturday, August 19 vs. North Carolina FC - 5 p.m.

Saturday, August 26 vs. FC Edmonton - 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 9 vs. Miami FC - 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 23 vs. FC Edmonton - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11 vs. Indy Eleven - 7:30 p.m.*

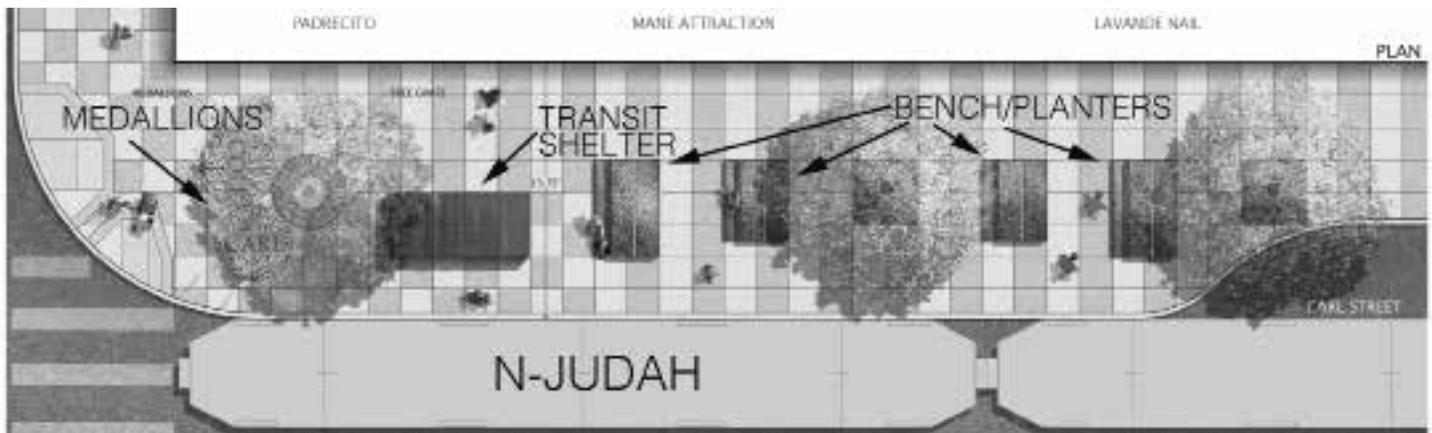
Saturday, October 14 vs. Puerto Rico FC - 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 28 vs. Jacksonville Armada FC - 5 p.m.

For ticket information, please visit SFDeltas.com/tickets.

*Note time change

Upgrades for Carl and Cole Postponed to Early Next Year



Carl Street: Southwest



Carl Street: Northeast

Included as part of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvement and Muni Forward Project, Cole Valley will receive streetscape amenities at three locations near N Judah stops. Construction in the Cole Valley neighborhood is slated to begin in early 2018. The result of this work will be continued improvements to N Judah service, a more beautiful neighborhood and safer streets that are more livable, vibrant and sustainable.

Streetscape improvements will beautify transit boarding areas that were expanded at the N Judah stops at westbound Carl and Cole, eastbound Carl and Cole and eastbound Carl and Stanyan. The larger boarding areas, known as transit bulbs, were installed to improve the performance of the N Judah service as part of the Carl and Cole Track Replacement Project in 2012.

Construction to complete these improvements is expected to last two or three months in the Cole Valley neighborhood. Amenities being installed will include seating with built-in planters, trees, pavement patterning on the existing sidewalk, and sidewalk medallions. Additional work will occur in the Sunset Tunnel and further down the line in Inner Sunset.

In collaboration with the Cole Valley Improvement Association (CVIA) and members of the community, the SFMTA and Public Works worked to develop streetscape concepts for consideration. By listening to neighbors and studying the area, Public Works landscape architects conceived concepts that are designed to create safe and accessible transit amenities, community gathering spaces and seating areas which reflect neighborhood identity and add more neighborhood greening.

The selected option, preferred by community stakeholders, builds

off of this existing condition and utilizes a 'checkerboard' paving pattern incorporated into the sidewalk. The corners of Carl and Cole feature additional trees and a gateway element opportunity. Medallions labeled "Carl" and "Cole" can give a sense of place and way finding in the neighborhood. Because the southwest corner includes heavy boarding activity for the N Judah, seating is prioritized for this location with a 'bistro' seating area and raised planters with benches and wind screens. The other two boarding areas feature the checkerboard paving and new trees.

As with any construction, there will be some short-term inconveniences. We'll be working hard to keep construction impacts to a minimum and let you know when to expect them. We do anticipate that while sidewalks will be closed, pedestrian access will always be maintained.

Beyond Cole Valley, the Inner Sunset Streetscape Project, which is scheduled to begin early next year, will include building new transit boarding areas and curb ramps, repairing sewer, adding new water lines and upgrading traffic lights. Streets will also be paved including Irving Street from Arguello Boulevard to 19th Avenue, 9th Avenue from Irving Street to Judah Street and 10th Avenue from Irving Street to Judah Street.

Accommodating construction along the N Judah line will require four weekend shutdowns, now scheduled for September 9 and 16, and a continuous 10-day shutdown from Church and Duboce to Ocean Beach. Bus shuttles will provide substitution service during shutdowns. Extensive outreach will be in full swing well before the shutdowns to inform Muni customers and neighbors about the alternate service. For construction updates and to sign up for Muni alerts, visit sfmta.com/

—SF Municipal Transportation Agency

Neighbors Resolve Conflict with HVAC Units at 930 Cole

In our last newsletter we reported that Cole Valley neighbors were concerned about the impact of installing heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) units on the roof of 930 Cole Street. As a result, the HVAC units were re-designed so that the heating unit is now mounted on the interior of the building. This eliminates neighborhood concerns regarding noise.

Brendan Ruddy, one of the neighbors involved, said, "We were very pleased with the result, and happy to resolve the concerns amicably with our neighbors at 930 Cole Street. We look forward to working with the building owners in the future." *—Cathy Haller*

Connect With Your Inner Gardener on August 26

Every fourth Saturday, from 9 a.m. until noon, volunteers are needed to help with gardening in the area of Alford Lake. Go to Haight and Stanyan Street and look for the Rec and Park vehicle to determine the exact location within the area. Connect with this beautiful little corner of Golden Gate Park by getting sweaty and meeting other good souls who care about the neighborhood.

Typical gardening tasks include weeding, planting, mulching and clean-up. Many hands make light work, so please consider joining this monthly effort. Plan to wear appropriate clothing for working outdoors and prepare for varied weather.



Light refreshments will be supplied courtesy of McDonald's. So that there are enough tools on hand, please contact the Rec and Park volunteer center at recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org or call 415-831-6330 to let them know that you are coming. Or, hey, just show up.

Supervisor Breed Opens Topic of Injection Centers

Every day there are thousands of IV drug users on our streets, battling addiction in the cold, open air. It's unsafe, unhealthy, and unsustainable. To help combat it, this spring I introduced legislation creating a Safe Injection Services Task Force, which my colleagues passed unanimously.

Representing a diverse set of stakeholders, from small businesses to medical experts, the Task Force has been studying the impact and feasibility of Safe Injection services in San Francisco. The Department of Public Health is now soliciting feedback from residents and merchants like you to help inform the Task Force's work.

Supervisor London Breed

Ed. note: To the Supervisor's credit, four citywide meetings have already been held on this topic. For more information, search SF Safe Injection Site Task Force.

Park Branch Library Open Hours
(1833 Page Street)
Sun 1-5 Mon 12-6 Tue 10-9 Wed 1-9 Thu 10-6 Fri 1-6 Sat 10-6

"Scoot" Muscles In—Big Time

Have you tried parking on the street, parallel to the curb, in front of your garage only to find that a scooter is parked in one of the red-painted "wings" on the either side of your driveway? How about when you've parked in a metered space and return to find a scooter snuggled tightly



On June 20, SFMTA lifted restrictions on parking Scoot mopeds.

between you and the car in front of you so that you have to submit to energetic maneuvers to get back on the road? The city says, "Get used to it."

Current SFMTA rules exempt the moped rental operation called "Scoot" from Residential Parking Permit restrictions, like two hour limits, when they're parked at "scraps" of curb space between driveways that are less than 8 feet wide.

The agency is currently considering compelling these rental companies (oops, "shared" is the term they prefer) to pay a permit fee of perhaps \$235 per vehicle, per year, to allow unlimited parking rights at metered motorcycle spaces without paying, and to park between metered car spaces, which the moped drivers must pay for.

Scoot already has more than 19,000 members, and as many as 750 electric mopeds in its fleet so this is not small potatoes.

So, now we can't park in front of our garage (parallel to the curb) without knocking down a moped and our metered parking spaces (for which we have paid dearly) are being made into straight jackets. Once again, the city is tightening its chokehold on car-owners.

—Karen Crommie

Nominees for New Officers

The following CVIA board members have been nominated to hold offices in 2017-18. Voting will be held on August 19 during the annual meeting at Kezar Bar and Restaurant (900 Cole St.). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

- President Cathy Haller
- Vice President Lena Emmery
- Treasurer Joan Downey
- Secretary Karen Crommie

Nominees need to have been a member of the CVIA Board of Directors for one year. Any person living in the Greater Haight Ashbury who has been a CVIA member for over a year is eligible to apply. Please contact CVIASF@aol.com.

Muni's adult cash fare is now \$2.75



Thank You For Your Support



It certainly isn't expected, but when a member sends in an extra contribution, we appreciate it greatly. Only twelve Cole Valley merchants contributed to the daily cleaning of Cole Street's business district last year, which costs CVIA \$936 each month. We make up the deficit with member contributions, a discount from CleanScapes and proceeds from the "Santa on Cole" photo shoot. So we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members for their generosity during the period August 2016 through July 2017. Please notify us if your name has inadvertently been omitted.

Beacons: (\$1000): Les Silverman and Irv Govan

Benefactors: (\$250 - \$500): Karen & David Crommie, Craig Newmark, Loic Nicolas, Kerith & Tony Pucci

Donors (\$100 - \$249): Cecile & Jeff Bodington, Lena Emmery & Charles Canepa, Gina Centoni, Linda Coda, Catherine Covey & Thomas Ports, Diane & Christopher Davies, Kathryn Demas, Linda Erkelens, Tresa & Jim Eyres, Joan Downey & Ilie Gaceu, Margaret & Russell Garvin, Robert Gordon & Bill Haskell, Marianne Hesse, Virginia Joosen, Randy & Rich Lavinghouse, Eileen Lemus, Janan New, Joanne & Bill Prieur, Sigrid Schafmann, Robert G. Jones & John T. Smith, Michael J. Sullivan, Tracy Grubbs & Richard Taylor, Beth & Rick Thurber

Contributors (\$50 - \$99): Byron G. Bray, Jr., Chris Broderick, Elizabeth Corden, Sandra Norberg & Richard Drake, Claudia Scharff & Timothy Dunn, Kate Ditzler & Stuart Gasner, Carol & Richard Harris, Shannon & Chris Hock, Mary & John Hooper, Robin & Richard Hornung, Ice Cream Bar -Juliet Pries, Jim Laufenberg, Michelle & Wallace Lim, Bahereh & John Manning, Robin Ridgeway, Deborah Robbins & Henry Navas, Ineke Ruhland & Bill O'Such, Kendra & Billy Robins, Elaine Robinson, Susan & Steven Rosen, Kathe Traynor, William A. Villaroel

Supporters (\$25 - \$49): Anonymous, Molly Barry, Kathleen Bertram, Judith Bishop, Donna Cooper, Kevin Dede, Jeanne Blamey & Rob Fram, Deb & Todd Frederick, Melissa & Glen Gee, Carole Glosenger, Lauren Gunderson, Janet & Mark Hall, Jean Hayward, Lynn Kormandy, Margareta Ekblad & Vojtech Licko, Richard Magary, Dennis Martino, Carolyn McKenna, Barbara Mow, Thomas Nicoll, Marlie Palmer, John Priest, Francine M. Prophet, Erik Puknys, Ellen Rashbaum, Helen & Allan Ridley, MeMe Riordan, Marie & Bruce Sampson, Deborah Van Atta, Edward C. Walls, Mary Ann Wolcott, Elsa Rosenberg and David Zuckerman

Boosters (\$24 and below): Sharon Birenbaum, Cindy Roberts & Mike Burbank, Warren Cockrel, Ellen Curry, Bonnie Fisher & Boris Dramov, Beverley Epstein, Mary Ann de Sousa, Andre Ferrigno, Gloria Galindo, Minette & Isac Gutfreund, Maryann Hrichak, Corina Jordan, Margaret Laws, Diane & Bob Silver, Rita Veideman

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Sutro Forest Management Plan Ready for Review

Neighbors living around Sutro Forest have just learned that public comment on UCSF's draft management plan for overseeing the acres of mainly Eucalyptus trees has been extended to September 22. The next meeting on the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) is scheduled



Forest provides wilderness trails with access from Cole Valley.

for August 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Millberry Union (500 Parnassus). Aesthetics, ecosystem needs, fire hazard and public use all have come into play over the last few years. Go to www.ucsf.edu/cgr-projects/mount-sutro-open-space-reserve. If you have questions or concerns, please contact: Christine Gasparac at Christine.Gasparac@ucsf.edu, 415-476-8431.

New Head for Sutro Stewards

Craig Dawson has been the Executive Director of the Sutro Stewards since its inception a decade ago. His vision has resulted in the remarkable forest trails that we all enjoy.

On July 6th Amy Kaeser became the new Executive Director of the Stewards after serving as Conservation Manager since 2015. Craig states that



Amy Kaeser is well-prepared to succeed Craig Dawson in directing the Sutro Steward's extensive volunteer network.

that "Amy has the degree of passion and enthusiasm for Mount Sutro necessary to continue the mission of the program. She worked on transitioning into the role over the last year to better understand the history and relationships Sutro Stewards has with the surrounding community, the University, and Recreation and Parks Department." Amy will continue to build on the great volunteer base established over the last decade and wishes to remind everyone that the work on

Mount Sutro is far from complete and still requires ongoing commitment by volunteers to improve and maintain the area.

Craig will stay active with the organization as a Senior Advisor, currently working on the Clarendon Trailhead Project. Please check out SutroStewards.org for more information and volunteer opportunities.

—Lena Emmery

Mark your calendar for September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Author, lecturer and music historian Richie Unterberger is presenting "The Summer of Love in Cinema" at Park Branch Library (1833 Page St.) Evening library events like this are occasional and not to be missed.

Accelerate Sports Performance Moves to Cole Valley

Accelerate Sports Performance (ASP), is now the third tenant in the former Cole Garage, taking its place between Leenie Rae Boutique & Art Gallery and GoHealth Urgent Care at 930 Cole Street.

Founder and director Jack Cooney created ASP to bridge the gap between strength and conditioning training and sports medicine. The goal is for science to meet health...to create customized, science-based exercise programs to help clients maximize performance. To that end, ASP offers personalized, semi-private strength and conditioning programs, with physical therapy and chiropractic services available on-site. In addition, clients can participate in group training sessions and yoga classes.

The concept behind ASP was based on Jack Cooney's experience as an athlete and a professional. He saw a disconnect between trainers, athletes, doctors, physical therapists and parents that affected the improvement and performance level of the client. Jack ultimately undertook training to become an Athletic Trainer, a healthcare professional who is trained, among other things, to prevent, treat, diagnose, rehabilitate injuries, and collaborate with other healthcare professionals. He is also a certified strength and conditioning coach as well as a performance coach certified through the Olympic USA Weight-lifting Association.

With Cooney's extensive scope of practice, a highly trained and certified staff, and with a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and a Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) on board, Jack was able to address the disconnect that he had observed. That led to the opening of ASP in San Francisco eight years ago. Now ASP has moved to Cole Valley to be more centrally located.

All ASP trainers are certified strength and conditioning specialists, and each has at least two additional specialized certifications. They work with clients who have varied levels of fitness—high-level performance athletes (NFL players and Olympic athletes), high school and college athletes, individuals returning from injuries or surgery and those wanting to reach the next level of performance. Clients range from teens to adults in their 70s.

ASP is not an open gym. All trainers are prepared and ready to oversee each individual's program; clients can work with any staff member. There are no time limits on training sessions...trainers spend



ASP founder and director Jack Cooney: "My path was paved by years of athletics, and the injuries that came with hard play."

as much time with each client as needed. Because of that, there is no need to schedule an appointment; clients come in when it's convenient and trainers will be there to coach them through the workouts. The staff is there to oversee the workouts, make adjustments and iterations, and

to assist as needed. If clients need to travel but want to continue their training, travel and remote programs are tracked through ASP's own mobile technology, Training Slate. For more information on programs, hours and to schedule a tour of the facility, please go to the website at <http://www.acceleratesp.com/> or contact ASP at 415-841-2721

—Cathy Haller

City Takes Responsibility for Street Trees – Up to a Point

The passage of Prop. E on the November 8, 2016 ballot amended the City Charter to transfer responsibility from property owners to the City for maintaining trees on sidewalks adjacent to their property, as well for repairing sidewalks damaged by the trees. The City would pay for this by setting aside \$19 million per year from its General Fund, adjusted annually based on city revenues. Prop E passed with almost 80 percent voter support. The Department of Public Works is starting with the worst trees first.

There is a catch, however. The part of the old law regulating the cutting of 'significant' trees on your own property still stands. This is a tree 1) within 10 feet of the street (not the sidewalk), 2) with a diameter



With changes of building ownership, care of street trees has been slack.

of 4.5 feet, 3) is over 20 feet in height or, 4) has a canopy in excess of 15 feet in width. Neighbors must be notified of removal and if there are any objections DPW will hold a hearing. In addition, a replacement tree must be planted. If a tree is deemed "hazardous" (dying, obstructive, diseased) by the City removal will be allowed. For general tree questions, contact Urban Forestry at 415-554-6700 or email urbanforestry@sfdpw.org. Report fallen trees or limbs online, the mobile SF311 app or call 311.

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Our Neighborhood Heroes

2017 Merchant Participants

Bambinos, Cole Cleaners, Cole Hardware, Crepes on Cole, Finnegans Wake, Jerome's Antiques, Leenie Rae Boutique, Luke's Local, Pacific American Group,* Padrecito, Postal Chase, TANTRUM.

*Owners of 930 Cole Street (former Cole Garage)

Kathleen Miller

February 20, 1947 - April 20, 2017

Long time CVIA member Kathleen Miller was born in Manhattan and, after distinguished academic achievements, went on to break corporate “glass ceilings” throughout her impressive career in management and marketing.

Kathy was fluent in Russian, loved music, food, and travel, and created a beautiful garden in her Alma Street home. She is survived by her husband John Ignacio, daughter Alison Margarita Ignacio and two stepdaughters, Kiernan Lindsey Ignacio of Peekskill, New York, Christine Keith Ignacio of San Francisco, and four grandchildren.

(Excerpted from SF Chronicle, April 25, 2017)

The Bindery Reopens With Style and Innovation

The Booksmith has reopened The Bindery (1727 Haight), an off-shoot of their famous book store. The venue had a temporary opening during last year’s Christmas season and then closed immediately afterward for major renovation. It is a large space (2,800 sq.



Books are only one part of The Bindery’s many attractions.

ft.) and features, in addition to a full-service book store, a dedicated events parlor complete with a beer and wine bar and full-service café. It will be available to rent seven days a week

The Bindery will also include an experimental keystone, The Arcana Project: a deep, highly inclusive array of books—fiction and nonfiction, from all over the world—presented in chronological order. It is designed to assemble an incomplete, constantly evolving index of converging and diverging stories that lead towards our literary, cultural moment. For questions or comments, contact Christin Evans, Christin@booksmith.com.

CVIA Officers

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- MembershipLena Emmery
- Community RelationsAmy Blakeley

Cops Host National Bash

National Night Out is celebrated by police departments across America. The annual gathering began in 1984 to empower residents of crime ridden neighborhoods to get out on the street on a summer night to party with the police. This year’s event on August 1 was hosted by Park District Station and held for the second time at Duboce Park. The evening was coordinated by Rick Johnson, a member of the Police Community Advisory Board (CPAB) and included a barbecue, entertainment and prizes.



CVIA President Chuck Canepa congratulates Park Station Lieutenant Ed Santos, Jr. on the success of the annual event. Santos was representing Captain John Sanford who was away.



Students of all ages from the Xian Yun School on Page Street provided continuous entertainment throughout the evening.



Left to right, CVIA President Chuck Canepa, CVIA’s rep to CPAB Lena Emmery, Park Station Officer Lily Prillinger, SFPD Commander Ann Mannix, CVIA Board members David Crommie and Cathy Haller.

CVIA Board Minutes

The following is a summary of what took place at the CVIA board meetings the last three months. Those wishing to bring a neighborhood issue before the Board are welcome to do so. Meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the home of a member. There is no meeting in December. Call 415-431-1414 to learn the location.

Every meeting begins with a reading of the minutes of the last meeting and reports from delegates to the Kezar Stadium Advisory Committee (KSAC), SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), UCSF Long Range Planning (CAG) and the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods (CSFN).

June

Location: Home of Karen & David Crommie—June 6, 2017—7:00 p.m.

■ Amy Blakeley reported a notable response on CVIA's website and Facebook page to the offer by Friends of the Urban Forest to help with streetscape projects.

■ Marianne Hesse reported on the positive response to the FUF project by Ken Schoon, director of the Waller Center on the opportunity to green the front of the property on the corner of Waller and Belvedere. He will make an enquiry to the board of the Methodist Church to estimate their interest.

■ Karen Crommie reported on dire concern by members of the CSFN as to the 130 bills moving through the California legislator to increase affordable housing. Many of these bills severely curtail the rights of San Francisco neighborhoods to determine the appropriateness of proposed development. She also announced that the office of Open Space Committee Chair was up for recommendation and that any CVIA member of good standing was eligible.

■ Motion: CVIA opposes SB35 (Scott Weiner), which would "streamline" local development restrictions at the expense of neighborhood character, density and architecture. Approved unanimously. CVIA will submit a letter to Senator Weiner stating such.

■ In her review of the last CPAB meeting, Lena Emmery reported that plans are underway for this year's National Night Out, to be held again at Duboce Park on the first Tuesday of August giving community members the opportunity to meet their local police officers.

■ Lena Emmery reported a complaint forwarded by Christin Evans that noise from the Delta's soccer game had disturbed nearby residents. We have learned that, unfortunately, "drumming" is traditional in soccer and that it goes with the games.

■ Lena also lead a discussion on a proposed injection site in the Haight. All agreed it would bring no benefit to neighborhood families, the present tenor of street life, nor to the intervenous drug users themselves. Lena agreed to draft a list of reasons for this consensus, send it to the board for comment, and forward it to Captain Sanford, as he requested. Chris Hock suggested that we also state things we support along with it.

■ Discussed plans for the Summer Social on August 19 at Kezar Bar and Restaurant. Marianne has offered to work the reception/fee desk, Karen to introduce the speaker, with other jobs designated by Joan Downey upon her return.

■ It was agreed that, in addition to an email reminder, David and Karen would design and send a postcard reminder to all members by August 5. And that it should employ a Summer of Love theme, in keeping with the speaker, David Talbot, author of "Season of the Witch," an account of the Haight during its iconic period.

■ Cathy Haller summarized the neighborhood backlash resulting from a proposed rooftop HVAC unit necessitated by an elite training gym going into 930 Cole. Hearing scheduled for June 28.

■ Cathy also reported that the tenant for the former Doug's Suds will be a café called Wooden, which plans a "soft opening" soon.

■ Discussed volunteer activities for members. Will continue in future meeting.

■ Discussed State Senator Scott Weiner's bill to allow bars to remain open until 4 a.m. Although two board members liked the idea, the majority of those present (7) strongly opposed the move. Motion approved: Karen to write to Weiner expressing our opposition.

■ Edward Walls reported on raucous parties happening sporadically at 213-15 Carl Street- seeming to corresponding with certain sporting events. Suspicion is that the premises are been rented out for parties. Edward will keep a diary and do further investigation.

■ Cathy Haller asked about oversight of Cole Street cleaning services paid for by CVIA. She reported litter near Padrecito and elsewhere. This was corroborated by two other board members. Joan Downey will be asked to look into it upon her return.

■ Edward Walls accepted board membership, which had been proposed several months ago.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

July

Location: Home of Carole Glosenger – July 10, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Corina Jordan and Matthew Tennes

■ Treasurer Joan Downey reported a bank balance of \$31,202.45 out of which \$9,067.23 is being presently held in the Clean Cole Street fund and \$5,517.20 is being held in the account (as fiscal sponsor) for the Stanyan Parklet. She also asked for approval on renewing CVIA's liability insurance (\$1200) and reported that it is time to consider grants to the neighborhood (see below).

■ In her review of the last CPAB meeting, Lena Emmery asked for the board to vote on a motion to allow the used of tasers by the police. Captain John Sanford has asked each CPAB member to give him the consensus of the group they represent. The CVIA board approved this unanimously but stressed the need for thorough training for use of tasers and, of equal importance training in de-escalation of incidents.

■ Lena also reported that the Delta's development of the Kezar Stadium for before-game activities was appealing and included family amusements. Joan and others reported hearing the announcements during the game. Deltas have changed to an earlier starting time of 5 p.m.

■ Chuck Canepa reported that UCSF's plan for Sutro Forest, authored by a panel of experts in forest management, is moving forward. He announced regretfully that the Sutro Stewards had not received the grant they had hoped to get to complete the Clarendon trail. Also that Craig Dawson, founder, had stepped down after many years.

■ Karen Crommie's report from the last CSFN meeting included information about the SFPUC's plan to introduce well water into that coming from Hetch Hetchy. There are sound arguments on each side but consensus at the June meeting was that it was too soon to take this drastic step since there is no water shortage in the immediate future. San Francisco well water, although far below the state's contamination levels, is still questionable.

■ Cathy Haller gave a comprehensive report on the findings of the Vancouver trial project furnishing injection sites for intervenous drug users. This is being studied for duplication in San Francisco. Four locations have been earmarked, but not the Haight Ashbury (yet). The results have been promising—controlling needles and infection while also availing users to potentially life-saving services. Cost effectiveness shown. Integration of services and the training of personnel was key.

■ Joan Downey announced that the "history wall" at the Cole Valley Fair, always curated by Jessica Justino, will this year highlight the neighborhood's new merchants.

■ Decided on three commendations to be presented at next month's Summer Social.

■ Kathy Haller asked the board to consider how we can connect members with opportunities for volunteering for neighborhood projects. Those suggested were the Cole Valley Fair, Santa on Cole, an organization of neighborhood NERT members, and joining the gardening team in Alvord Lake Park one morning a month (4th Saturday). Carole Glosenger suggested coordinating volunteering with SF Village to help seniors living in Cole Valley/Haight Ashbury get to appointments, shopping, etc. President Chuck Canepa suggested picking a cause every other month and giving all members a chance to volunteer together, ending with pizza and beer.

■ Decided to confer grants to 1) the family of slain UPS driver Wayne Chan for \$200 (Joan to make contribution through "Go Fund Me") 2) Grattan School for \$2,000 (Cathy to research specific need) 3) Sutro Stewards (Lena to pursue specific need). Joan will investigate the need of Rec and Park for funds to replace the recently vandalized slide in Koret Children's Quarter playground.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

August

Location: Home of Marianne Hesse – August 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

■ Treasurer Joan Downey reported a bank balance of \$28,821.01 out of which \$8,241.23 is being presently held in the Clean Cole Street fund and \$5,517.20 is being held in the account (as fiscal sponsor) for the Stanyan Parklet. She also reported that the balance of \$303.17 remaining in the D5-Together (defunct organization) account at Wells Fargo was transferred to the CVIA general fund until the group reactivates or we can determine whom should be reimbursed. If no one can be found, the sum will be donated to a charitable cause within District 5.

■ In her CPAB report, Lena Emmery described the very successful National Night Out hosted by Park District Station and coordinated and staffed by CPAB members (reps from neighborhood organizations) held at Duboce Park. (See article on pg. 7). She also announced that Cathy Haller will now be her alternate at the monthly meeting. Cathy reported that the meetings will now occur on every second Monday at 5:00 p.m. Results of the polling by Captain John Sanford of reps from all neighborhood organizations within Park District, was "yes" to equip the officers with tasers. And, most important, that they are thoroughly trained beforehand in their proper use.

■ CSFN rep Karen Crommie made a motion to support the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association in their effort to reduce the soaring rate of car boosting by requiring rental cars agencies to give clients clear theft avoidance information and also to remove any decals identifying vehicles as "rental cars," because of the preponderance of theft from those cars.

■ In her report on the Kezar Advisory Committee, Lena reported that attendance at the Deltas' professional soccer games at Kezar Stadium, numbering around 2,000, is not enough to keep the team going permanently—in spite of a lively family setting and excellent action. The new earlier start time of 5 pm may help but more publicity is clearly needed.

■ President Chuck Canepa reported that the deadline for comments on the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for UCSF's Sutro Forest management plan has been extended until September 22. The next community meeting on the plan will be on August 24 at 6:30 in Millberry Union.

■ Board discussed individual duties during the Summer Social on August 19. David to send invitation file to Joan to email (as reminders) to members.

■ A discussion of "Cole Carl" t-shirt stock determined that Joan Downey would contact Mario at Postal Chase to update sales and inquire if he would like to end the contract with CVIA, releasing all remaining

stock. If he agrees, Carole Glosenger will pick up and store the shirts.

■ After discussing additional grants, it was decided to give a matching fund of up to \$1,000 to the Sutro Stewards, \$1,000 to Rec and Park's fund for the replacement of the recently vandalized slides and play structures at the Koret Children's Quarter. A grant to Grattan School is pending until new principal is free to determine where the need is greatest. (Our prior grants to Grattan have been to its library.)

■ After a review of the prospect of a Navigation Center at the present McDonald's (or anywhere in the Haight/Cole Valley) it was decided that CVIA should hold a community meeting in October when the result of the City's purchase bid will have been determined.

■ The next meeting on September 4 will be held at the home of Chuck Canepa and Lena Emmery.

Adjournment 9:10 p.m.

CVIA Executive Board: Amy Blakeley, Chuck Canepa, David Crommie, Karen Crommie, Joan Downey, Lena Emmery, Carole Glosenger, Cathy Haller, Marianne Hesse, Shannon Cooper Hock, Chris Hock, Edward Walls

Another Neighborhood Loss

Customers of the Shrader Cleaners were saddened by the death of Thanh Huynh, who passed away on June 24. A sign on the door



read "He was a hardworking man that connected with everyone who came into the store and always made his customers laugh or smile. He will be dearly missed for his laugh, smile, and jokes."

Call for News

We need news items, articles, letters, opinion pieces. Please tell us what you know about Cole Valley and the greater Haight Ashbury: handwritten, type-written, e-mailed or scrawled on a cocktail napkin. We want to hear from you! CVIA News: 628 Ashbury St. or cviasf@aol.com



Postscripts

Went to see the Deltas play Miami at Kezar the other night. Nice mellow crowd, fun to drink in the “Triangle” beer garden beforehand and watch the little kids playing around with a soccer ball. The pro team members are from all over the world and are top-performing. For a novice to



soccer, I was impressed at how much more entertaining it was than football. They don’t stop playing; you can watch the bodies move (and what bodies they are)—more important, you can see the ball, making it easy to follow the action. Please note that they’re changing their starting time for the rest of the season from 7:00 to 5:00 p.m. Not so foggy going home that way. See schedule of home games on page 7.

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It’s hard enough to open a new business in this city and you certainly don’t need a burglary just before you’re set to open. Early the morning of August 3, the coffee shop Wooden, due to open any week now (at the site of Cole



Valley’s former laundromat Doug’s Suds) was broken into. Owner Steve Wickwire told Hoodline.com ace reporter Walter Thompson that he was robbed of a MacBook Pro and two sets of keys. The amazing thing was that Wickwire’s partner Nathan Mass was working in the basement of the building at the time. As soon as the thieves realized they weren’t alone, they fled in a van. Thompson quotes Wickwire as saying dryly, “This is nothing compared to how robbed I feel by the SF Planning Department.”

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Building your library? Don’t forget the SF Public Library’s 53rd Annual Big Book Sale, September 20-24 at Fort Mason’s Festival Pavilion. It’s the largest book sale on the West Coast, of-

fering more than 500,000 works and media for \$3.00 or less.

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Jennifer Piallat, the owner of Cole Valley bistro Zazie, is expanding her brunch-fueled empire with the purchase of Calistoga Kitchen (1107 Cedar Street, Calistoga), along with partners Shaun McGrath, Jenna Hodges, and Kaitlin Jones (all formerly of neighboring Sam’s Social Club). Piallat, who is celebrating Zazie’s 25th anniversary this year, has been splitting her time between San Francisco and Calistoga since buying a home there in 2008.

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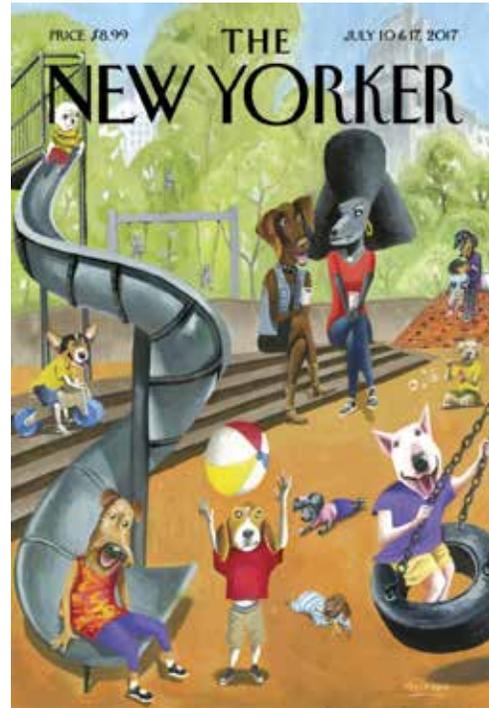
Kelly Humphrey posted this picture of recent graffiti on the top of Tank Hill. (With the whole bay spread out in front of them, you have to wonder



what they were thinking?) Thanks to quick response by Rec and Park, it was gone within 12 hours.

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Cole Valley artist Mark Ulriksen produced another droll cover for New Yorker Magazine, the July 10 & 17 issue. “Off The Leash” depicts a children’s playground with the usual variety of sizes, types and activities but,



oops, they happen to be dogs. In an interview with long time New Yorker art editor Françoise Mouly he said, “When you have kids, you take them to the playground; and when you have dogs, you take them to the park. Some of our favorite neighbors come from the dog park. We see them every day, even if we didn’t know their names for six months. Puppies learn from bigger

—Karen Crommie

Open Letters

To Supervisor London Breed:

I am a longtime resident of the Upper Haight and an active member of HAIA. I overheard you speak last night at the quality of life meeting in the Haight, and I would like to voice my strong opposition to your suggestion that the city of San Francisco purchase the McDonald's at Haight and Stanyan and turn it into a homeless navigation center.

While I know that you have not expressly stated the purpose of the acquisition, it is difficult to envision why the city would have interest in purchasing the property otherwise. This is an extremely troubled intersection and putting an entire city block of homeless housing simply means that this block will never, ever improve. It means that the entrance to Golden Gate park will be plagued by transients by your design.

Give the neighborhood a chance to thrive. Do not make one of San Francisco's most iconic streets a continued mecca for homelessness. I am 100 percent against this property becoming a city-owned navigation center. I will be a vocal opponent of this every step of the way.

John Brady

To City Librarian Luis Herrera

Park Branch is about to get a new manager—it is essential he/she has the staff, the enthusiasm and the budget to address the neglected Seniors of the Haight Ashbury.

I looked at North Beach and was jealous. Not only do they have numerous library activities but also the Telegraph Hill community Center, free lunches, the NEXT Village group, and the Senior Center at Aquatic Park.

Here in the Haight we have nothing. Zero. Zilch. We are surrounded by "Summer of Love" rigmarole but those of us who were there are completely ignored, unserved. Yet for older citizens, Isolation is as dangerous as smoking.

Over the years I have been told there was a shortage of staff and money so nothing could be done. Finally, in exasperation a year ago, I started "Haight Ashbury Seniors." Ann Lane, former Branch Manager, allowed us to use the library. I did the work—posting fliers, booking speakers, maintaining email lists, etc. Admittedly, we are listed in the SFPL monthly calendar.

It is a year later and we are still meeting but I can no longer carry the burden alone. I need your help. Haight seniors need the City's help.

Cosi Pavalko

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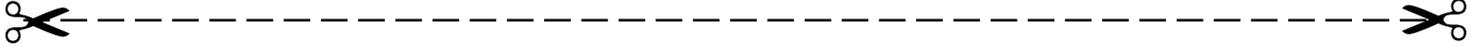
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Membership in the Cole Valley Improvement Association is open to anyone interested in the greater Haight Ashbury. CVIA's mission is to promote a sense of responsibility and mutual respect throughout the district; preserve the character of its architecture; support the police in law enforcement efforts; encourage neighborhood-serving business; and be

constructively involved in San Francisco's governmental process. Annual dues are \$25.00. Membership provides contact with other responsible neighbors, a quarterly newsletter and participation in an active forum for effecting change. If you would like to become a member, please send in your dues with the form below.

Please clip and mail the coupon below to CVIA, P.O. Box 170611, San Francisco, CA 94117



Yes! I'd like to become a CVIA member!

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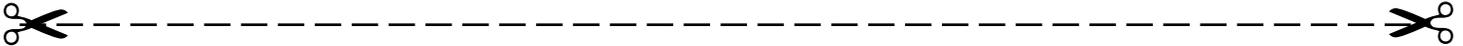
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