

CVIA NEWS

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CVIA Summer Social August 23

It will be the usual relaxed afternoon of schmoozing, snacking, sipping, meeting new neighbors, presentations and the election of officers. But this time there will be a first-ever RAFFLE. You will have received an email alert and also a fancy postcard invitation in the mail by now, so it shouldn't come as a surprise. Below are the raffle gifts donated by our generous neighborhood merchants.



We ask that you let us know if you plan to attend so that Steve Schick, owner of Kezar Bar & Restaurant, can be sure to prepare enough of his delicious appetizers. Write cviasf@aol.com or leave a message at (415) 431-1414.

Please plan to join us—right in the heart of Cole Valley—on Saturday afternoon, August 23. We ask that each person pay \$10 at the door. Your guests are welcome. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20.* All proceeds go to pay for sidewalk cleaning.

Raffle Prizes and Their Values:

- ★ 1 Pound of coffee per month for a year, Peets, \$240
- ★ 2 hour-long personal training sessions w/Jason Kajdasz, Midline, \$180
- ★ Case of Joel Gott Sauvignon Blanc, Finnegan's Wake, \$144
- ★ Yoga class card, Yoga Tree, \$125
- ★ Month of Pilates mat classes with Mien Luong, Midline, \$110
- ★ Selection of books, Booksmith, \$100
- ★ CATERED lunch for six, La Boulange de Cole, \$100
- ★ Gift Certificate, Say Cheese, \$100
- ★ Gift Certificate, Reverie, \$75
- ★ Bling basket & gift card, Cole Hardware, \$75
- ★ 2 Gift certificates for hair styling with Stesha and Sheila, Mane Attraction, \$60 each
- ★ Gift certificate, Raw on Haight (juice drinks), \$28.50
- ★ Scent Library, Ineke, \$25
- ★ Perfume Sample Selection, Ineke, \$25
- ★ "Trees of San Francisco" book, Michael J. Sullivan, \$20
- ★ Gift certificate, High Cotton Kitchen, \$20
- ★ 4 Chinook coupon books, Chinook, \$20 each

*If you can't attend the Social, but would like to buy raffle tickets to support the Clean Cole Street project, send a check to CVIA, Box 170611, SF, 94117 and we'll write your name on the tickets you buy and contact you if you win. Also check the News on our website (cviasf.org/news) for information on where we might be selling the tickets around the neighborhood.

Stabbing at Whole Foods

San Francisco police detained a suspected shoplifter who drew a long knife and plunged it into the arm of a security guard at the Whole Foods Market at Haight and Stanyan streets on July 28 around 8:20 a.m.

The store closed briefly as the SF Fire Department emergency team arrived and the guard was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries sustained during the attack.

The assailant then took off in the direction of Golden Gate Park. Following information from witnesses, the police identified him at



Photo: Juan Carlos Guerrero

A security guard at Whole Foods Market was stabbed by an early morning shoplifter.

Sharon Meadow. The officers commanded him to stop but he "took a hostile stance" compelling the officers to take him to the ground and arrest him. One officer was injured during the encounter. The knife used in the stabbing was recovered as well as items stolen from the store.

The assailant was identified as 35-year-old Chico resident Christopher Pittman, who was booked into jail on suspicion of robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest, use of a deadly or dangerous weapon in commission of a felony, and inflicting great bodily injury during the commission of a felony.

By 9:50 a.m., Whole Foods Market had reopened.

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A CLEAN COLE STREET

Our Neighborhood Heroes 2014 Merchant Participants

Alpha Market	Bambinos
Boulange de Cole	BurgerMeister
Cole Cleaners	Cole Hardware
Crêpes on Cole	MadKat
Padrecito	Postal Chase

Cole Valley Fair Returns

MIDLINE is pleased to announce that the Cole Valley Fair will be back again for its thirteenth year on Sunday, September 28. The Fair continues to be a charming and well-attended event sponsored by local merchants and organizations with an outstanding record of community support. The fair features local art, jewelry and handmade crafts, great food, live music, a display of historical Cole Valley photographs, a full block of vintage automobiles owned by neighborhood residents, events for children including face painting, a jumpy house, balloon animals, obstacle course, and more!

12th Annual
Cole Valley Fair

September 28, 2014
10am - 5pm



Thank You For Your Support



It certainly isn't expected, but when a member sends in an extra contribution, we appreciate it greatly. Only ten 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 sizeable 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 January 1 to August 8, 2014. Please notify us if your name has inadvertently been omitted.

Benefactors: (\$250 - \$500): Brittny Bottorff & Asim Bhansali, Tracy & Patrick Jennings, Jessica Justino & Bill Hancock, Loic Nicolas, Abby & David Rumsey, Les Silverman & Irv Govan

Donors (\$100 - \$249): Anonymous, Cecile & Jeff Bodington, Linda Coda & Robert Brigante, Catherine Covey & Thomas Ports, Karen & David Crommie, Lena Emmery & Charles Canepa, Diane & Christopher Davies, Tresa & Jim Eyres, Virginia Joosen, Eileen Lemus, Janan New, Jane & Michael Miller, Deborah Robbins & Henry Navas, Rosemary Southwood

Contributors (\$50 - \$99): Joan Boyd, Linda Erkelens & Ronald Dion, Dag & Todd Frederick, Tracy Grubbs & Richard Taylor, Douglas Hall, Marianne Hesse, Molly & John Hooper, Robin & Richard Hornung, Colleen Kavanagh, Randy & Rich Lavinghouse, Wallis & Michelle Lim, John R. Manning, Kendra & William Robbins, Elaine Robinson, Susan & Steven Rosen, Ineke Ruhland & Bill O'Such, Sigrid Schafmann, Michael J. Sullivan, Mary Ann Wolcott

Supporters (\$25 - \$49): Kathleen Bertram, Jeanne Blamey & Robert Fram, Megan & Bruce Bourne, Joan Boyd, Byron G. Bray, Jr., Sheila & P.J. Brooker, Margareta Ekblad & Vojtech Licko, Beverley Epstein, Mary Ann de Sousa, Joan Downey & Ilie Gaceu, John Fricke & Lindsey Criswell, Gloria Galindo, Carole Glosenger, Gerardo Joffe, Dennis Martino, Jane & Michael Miller, Olympia & Douglas Montgomery, Barbara Mow, Robert Page, Jan Platt & Jeff Ross, Ellen Rashbaum, MeMe Riordan, Elsa Rosenberg & David Zuckerman, Deborah Van Atta

Boosters (\$24 and below): Kay Auciello, Rob Bakewell, Judith Bishop, Tina & Oliver Brock, Chris Broderick, Gina Centoni, Ellen Curry, Robert Gordon & Bill Haskell, Minette Gutfreund, Janet & Mark Hall, Beth & Beau Harrington, Maryann Hrichak, Ilya Kaltman & Jack Vognsen, David Keller, Sandra Norberg & Richard Drake, Laraine Stein, Suene & Eric Waldman

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Mayor Gets An Earful From Cole Valley/Haight Ashbury

About 40 neighborhood leaders from District 5 attended a May 28 meeting with Mayor Ed Lee, including Supervisor London Breed, representatives from the Police Department, Department of Public Works, SF Municipal Transportation Agency, and other city departments. We sat around a large U-shaped table and, one by one, pitched requests. The Mayor said he had an \$8 billion budget to work with.

Representing CVIA, I asked that more Park Rangers be hired to concentrate on the east end of the park. I also asked that SFMTA consider enhancing Muni bulbouts with plants, etc. I cited the Carl



Mayor Lee held budget meetings in each of the 11 supervisorial districts.

and Cole giant slab of blank concrete: poured and then forgotten. The Mayor suggested I contact DPW for a "Challenge Grant" to make improvements. Larry Stringer from DPW gave me his card and a city administrator to call (Naomi Kelly 554-7738). Candace Sue of SFMTA also gave me her card and asked me to call her.

Interesting were the requests of other spokespeople from the Greater Haight Ashbury. The Buena Vista Neighborhood Association asked for an arborist to evaluate the trees in Buena Vista Park, as one had just come crashing down on four cars.

Representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, Calvin Welsh accused the city of having a "long term disinvestment in public parks in the Haight Ashbury." He said that an estimate of \$2 million is needed just to upgrade the Panhandle sprinkler system. He wants repaving of the southern part of the panhandle, believing that the Panhandle is more important than simply a neighborhood park but rather a major venue for citywide activities such as the Bay to Breakers and "Four-Twenty."

Ted Loewenberg, president of the Haight Ashbury Improvement Association, spoke for the Friends of Alford Lake, who want funding to make the area more attractive and useful. He is asking for \$5 million from the city and thinks he could raise matching funds from the neighborhood.

Haight Ashbury Merchants Association board member Christin Evans made a case for more police street patrols on Haight Street. She said that officers were routinely pulled from their beats to provide security at baseball games, etc. She believes the Haight is not given as much police attention as some other neighborhoods because there is a perceived lack of violence. Mayor Lee said they were increasing the number of officers and trying to get the social

service people out from behind their desks and do more outreach in the neighborhood.

Was the meeting a perfunctory exercise or did the Mayor really listen? It remains to be seen.

—Carole Glosenger, CVIA President

San Francisco Marathon Takes Over Haight Street

While not as colorful as the Bay to Breakers footrace, the Marathon attracts a more select class of athletes. Even so, more than 25,000 runners participated in the 37th annual race.

"I thought I'd be in the running, but I didn't think I'd win," said 29-year-old August Brautigam of Reno, who took first place in the men's division with a time of 2:32:16.

Starting near the Ferry Building, the race wound its way across the Golden Gate Bridge and back, through the Presidio, and south to Golden Gate Park, before shooting eastward through our neigh-



Winner Augie Brautigam (33) running past the Haight Street Market.

borhood. By the time the runners reached Haight Street, they were more than two-thirds through the course: The eastern end of the park marked 19 miles into the full 26.2-mile race.

What's My House's Story?



Ever wonder when your house was built, who slept in it, when water service was begun, architectural details, or other historical facts about it? The San Francisco History Center is a great place to do your research. For a plan of action, go to the Presidio Branch (3150 Sacramento St.) on **Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about house history resources available at the library.



The Golden Gate Park Band
 Celebrating
 132 Seasons of Glorious Music

Sundays April through October in Golden Gate Park
 at 1:00 p.m.

Classical – Marches – Opera – Broadway Shows

Michael L. Wirgler
 Music Director and Conductor

The Golden Gate Park Band has been playing free public concerts on Sundays in Golden Gate Park continuously since September of 1882. This marks its 132nd year. It is one of the last big-city outdoor bands to present a full season of entertainment. The Band is a professional organization: all members belong to the American Federation of Musicians Union Local #6.

The free Sunday afternoon concert season began in April and will continue most Sundays to the finale on October 12. Concerts last about two hours and take place in the historic Spreckels (“Temple of Music”) band shell on the concourse between the two museums.

Muni Fare Increases

As part of the fiscal year 2015-16 budget, SFMTA approved changes to Muni fares.

**Effective September 1, 2014
 Adult Fare will go up to \$2.25**

Discounted fares (Senior, disabled, youth) will remain at \$.75 but will rise to \$1.00 on September 1, 2015

Renovation Design in the Works For Grattan Playground

Our local playground on Alma and Stanyan, Grattan Playground, is designated as a “failing playground” by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and is scheduled for renovation within the next five years. The Friends of Grattan Playground (FOGP) are taking the lead on this project to ensure that our community has a resulting playground that it truly desires: one that is modern, fun, and safe. There have been three well-attended community meetings that resulted in a beautiful concept design. The



The Friends of Grattan Playground are currently raising funds to carry out their much needed renovation plan.

renowned landscape architects at the SWA Group have donated their services to create a design for the renovation of our playground based on this vital community input. Next, our community needs to raise the money to put these playground designs into place. FOGP will be starting the fundraising campaign in earnest this fall at the Cole Street Fair. Please come by the booth and learn more about the project.

FOGP can use your help with fundraising—and beyond. If you are interested in this project, would like to help, or donate to the much needed renovation, please contact Friends of Grattan Playground at grattanplayground@gmail.com, find us on Facebook (Friends of Grattan Playground) for updates, or see us at the Cole Valley Fair!

—Kitty Teerling and Kate Eschelbach

Nominees for New Officers

The following CVIA board members have been nominated to hold offices in 2014-15. Voting will be held on August 23 during the annual meeting at Kezar Bar and Restaurant (900 Cole St.). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

- PresidentCarole Glosenger
- Vice President Amy Blakeley
- TreasurerJoan Downey
- SecretaryKaren Crommie

Nominees need to have been a member of the CVIA Board of Directors for one year. There is one place available on the Board at the present time. Any person living in the Greater Haight Ashbury

June Gutfleisch

June Gutfleisch, an influential Haight Ashbury political activist and arts advocate, died on May 5 of complications from a broken hip. She was 83.

Born June Hope Weidder in Los Angeles, Ms. Gutfleisch got her start in the political realm in the mid-1950s as an undergraduate student at San Francisco State University, where she was involved with the San Francisco Young Democrats.

Her activity in San Francisco and California politics grew during the 1960s, when she was a board member of the Mission Rebels and a promoter for El Teatro Campesino, the cultural arm of the United Farm Workers. A longtime Cole Valley resident, June was also active in the fight against then-proposed freeways through the Panhandle. She was an early leader of the San Francisco Arts Commission's Neighborhood Arts Program, former chief legislative aide to Supervisor Susan Bierman and former aide to City Attorney Louise Renne.

She was predeceased by her former husband Ed Dunn, founder of the HANC Recycling Center, and survived by son Ed Dunn Jr., who was its former executive director.

(With thanks to Jillian Sullivan, San Francisco Chronicle.)

Brainstorm The City's Water

The SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will hold an interactive workshop on Saturday, September 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the San Francisco County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park to help brainstorm future grey and green infrastructure upgrades to San Francisco's combined sewer system.

This interactive workshop will use the SFPUC award-winning watershed planning game and focus on developing infrastructure solutions to sewer system challenges in the three San Francisco Westside urban watersheds: Richmond, Sunset and Lake Merced. The three Westside Watersheds largely consist of the Richmond, Lincoln Park, Sea Cliff, Presidio Heights, Laurel Heights, Sunset, Parkside, Twin Peaks, West Portal, Stern Grove, Ingleside, Park Merced and Oceanside neighborhoods.

PLANNING GAME WORKSHOP DETAILS

Saturday, September 13th, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided)

San Francisco County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park

1199 Ninth Avenue at Lincoln, San Francisco, CA 94122

Space is limited and you must RSVP in advance to www.UWAWestsideGame.Eventbrite.com

*The Urban Watershed Assessment Team
SFPUC Sewer System Improvement Program*

New Sparrow Bar & Kitchen Trending Strong on Haight St.

It has actually been open almost a year so maybe "new" is not the correct term. The Sparrow Bar and Kitchen at 1640 Haight (next to Booksmith) is owned and managed by Veronica Lopez and Marc Diebold. They live in the building and have for about 10 years. When the old Bia's left and space became available, they jumped at the chance to open a place of their own. The space has been cleaned, renovated, redecorated and now fills a much needed venue on Haight Street. The deck and garden are inviting with heaters and blankets to ward off the chill on those cool nights.

The menu has vegetarian, vegan, gluten free choices as well as plenty for the meat eaters to enjoy. The food is prepared with organic local products whenever possible. The preparations are simple yet



Imaginative food and a friendly staff are building a loyal clientele.

interesting American Modern. There is a variety of small plates, my personal favorite being the Burrata with oven dried tomato jam and basil pistachio pesto, and a variety of salads to choose from. Some of the large plates include Niman Ranch tri tip, cheddar grits with a poached egg and greens, several fish dishes and, of course, the burger—both traditional and vegetarian.

There is a nice wine list (available by the glass or bottle) and many choices of draft and bottled beers from small, sometimes local, breweries.

I hope you give it a try. I think you will be happy with the food and the friendly, efficient service and atmosphere. Serving lunch Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Closed Monday. www.sparrowbarandkitchen.com.

—Joanne Prieur



Would you like a copy of this newsletter sent to a neighbor? Send an email to cviasf@aol.com or Leave a message at 431-1414 with their name and address and consider it done.

Panhandle Playground Ailing

A Letter to Supervisor London Breed

The small playground in the Panhandle of Golden Gate Park has had its ups and lots of downs in the year our preschool has been using it. But, lately, it seems to have become totally invisible to Rec and Park. About 20 years ago the very old structures were replaced by a prefab system donated by a local Saturn dealership. The neighborhood grew restive over the fact that Saturn put a plaque, recognizing this, on the structure. The name had to go. Then a part of the equipment was discovered not to be ADA approved and that part had to go. Then, after a lot of usage, a clever little hand-cranked tramcar fell into disrepair and it disappeared. That left us with a two-



The Panhandle Playground, especially designed for children under six years old, has been left with a single usable slide and one tire swing.

slide structure and a tire swing and a lot of sand. Now the toddler slide has been vandalized and a non-ADA wooden barrier put in its place. That leaves one semi-vandalized structure with one usable slide and one tire swing. There are sometimes 20-30 children using this playground. When asked, one gardener estimated it would take one to six months to get the slide repaired.

We use the playground to do big art projects and our director heads a nonprofit call the Kevin Collins Children's Learning Garden. As participants in this effort, we plant, water and tend the garden surrounding the playground. We are there at least once a week, as are many other groups, to pick up trash and make sure any hypodermic needles are cleared out of the playground sand.

We love the Panhandle in spite of the indigent-trashed bathroom and sorry drainage system.

Since we started the nonprofit children's garden, the regular gardeners have become much more invested in doing other plantings and maintenance than when the playground was surrounded by debris-clogged and rat-infested bushes. Now, all we need is some usable playground equipment.

*Belvedere Montessori Pre-School
Barbara Alexander, Director
Sandra Berry, Teacher*

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Captain Corrales' Farewell

"And now, like the old soldier of that ballad, I close my military career, and just fade away...an old soldier who tried his best to do his duty, as God gave him light to see that duty. Good bye."
—General Douglas MacArthur

I joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17. Shortly after my return to "The World" from "The Nam" I joined the San Francisco Police Department. After five decades of service, I find that, like MacArthur, it is time to "fade away." I will take this last opportunity to thank all of you who



welcomed me to the Park District and who have supported me for the last two years. Particular thanks to the many of you that expressed disappointment and offered condolences when our newsletter was censored. There will be a brief suspension of the

newsletter until my successor gets up to speed.

To my critics (there might be one or two out there), I offer my thanks. Scrutiny of the police is a vital component of a democratic society. On Tuesday I donned my uniform for the last time, got into a black-and-white radio car for the last time, and went on patrol for the last time. I've been a policeman for forty-four years, eight months, twenty-eight days, all my adult life. It wasn't long enough.

On Wednesday, after turning in all my gear, I opted to check conditions on Haight Street one last time. Despite employing my finely honed police instincts for the last time, I was unable to spot any suspicious scoundrels skulking sinisterly. Purveyors of pernicious poison, in possession of passels of The Weed with Roots in Hell were nowhere to be seen. I knew then that I could go home.

I have loved every minute of every day of every year. It has ended too soon. Good-bye.

—Captain Greg Corrales

Sean Wilsey in the Haight

The Booksmith hosts San Francisco's own Sean Wilsey on August 21 at 7:30 p.m. In his new book, "More Curious," Wilsey travels across the U.S., from the launchpad at Cape Canaveral, to the isolated artists' enclave of Marfa, Texas, to the boardrooms and



ballrooms of post-9/11 New York City. Wherever he is, Wilsey captures his surroundings with the precision of a photographer and the raw grace of a skateboarder (he's an amateur practitioner of both arts).

These essays—some of which have been expanded and updated from pieces originally published in Vanity Fair, GQ, McSweeney's, and elsewhere, and some of which appear here for the first time—comprise nearly fifteen years of Wilsey's most vital work on the glory and the misery, the beauty and absurdity of contemporary America.

Cheap Laughs on Haight Street

Performance has returned to the former Red Vic Movie House. After several years of renovation—including the opening of a popular marketplace of small food vendors and the expansion of the Alembic bar and restaurant, the property at 1727 Haight, called appropriately “Second Act,” has finally opened its small performance space, an integral part of owners Jack and Betsy Rix’s original plan.



Comedy on every third Thursday is one of many events at Second Act.

Harnessing the power of the Bay Area’s acclaimed stand-up talent, there will be a live comedy event monthly on every third Thursday. The Cheap Laugh features local talent, national acts and surprise guests in an intimate setting.

At only \$7.00 admission, The Cheap Laugh is priced to keep your money where it belongs, stashed discreetly in your Cayman Island account.

Show your bicycle helmet or Clipper card for \$1 off admission. Beer from the Haight’s Magnolia Pub as well as wine will be served. Since seating is limited, get advance tickets at: www.brownpaper-tickets.com/event/777593

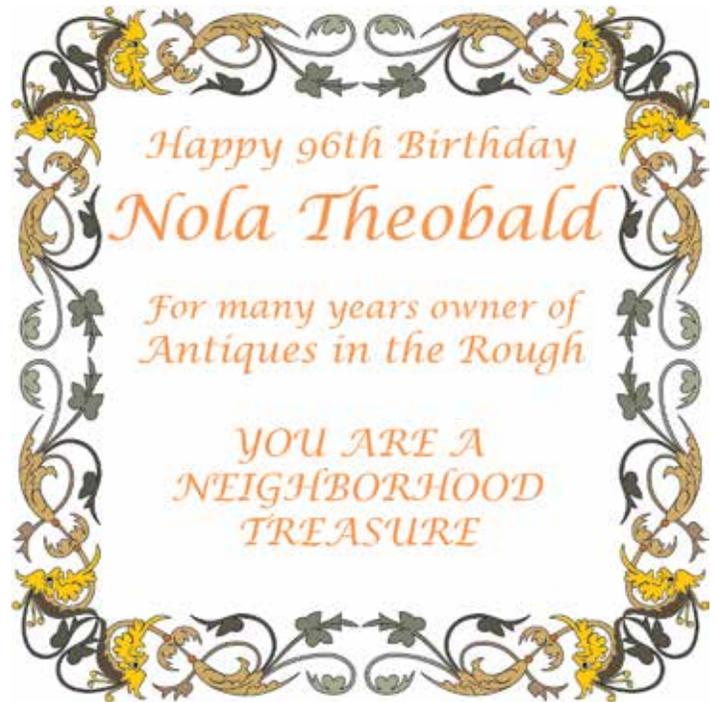
POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM



Captain Raj Vaswani holds community forums the second Tuesday of every month (except December) from 6 to 7:00 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 9, October 14 and November 11
Mark Your Calendars



A Night to Remember

The Boys and Girls Club was the setting for Park Station’s celebration of the National Night Out event on August 3. It happened in each of San Francisco’s ten stations but, we like to think our particular event was the best. There were representatives from the Sheriff’s Department, NERT, Red Cross, SF PAL Cadets, Supervisor London Breed’s office, DA’s Office, Boys and Girls Club, and



Motorcycle dreams: One perk of SFPD’s “National Night Out” on Page Street.

Police from UCSF, SFSU and the US Park Department. But the biggest hit with the children were the folks with the vehicles: Park Rangers with their all-wheel Polaris, the SF Fire Department with an enormous truck kids could climb into and ring a bell, and—the perennial scene stealers—the Mounted Police, whose horses stood still for cautious petting, probably longer than they wanted to. There was plenty

of food with contributions from McDonald’s and Pizza donated by North Beach Pizza and Escape from New York Pizza, along with barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers cooked and served by the officers of Park Station.

Sponsored by the SFPD and the Safety Network Program, in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco, “National Night Out: America’s Night Out Against Crime” is held annually on the first Tuesday of August across the country to promote neighborhood involvement, help stem crime through strengthening police-community relations, and encouraging neighborhood camaraderie by hosting neighborhood events—which the Park Station team, led by Captain Raj Vaswani, did in great style.

—David Crommie

CVIA Board Minutes

The following is a summary of what took place at the CVIA Board of Directors over the last four 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. at the home of a member. There is no meeting in December. Call 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, SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council, the UCSF Community Advisory Group, Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods.

May

Location: Home of Lena Emmery and Chuck Canepa, May 5, 2014

■ Treasurer Joan Downey reported a total of \$17,426.77 in the account, out of which \$4,438.17 is being presently held in the Clean Cole fund.

■ Guest Ellen Holderman spoke about the blog at colevalleysf.com. Starting in 2010, it gradually concentrated on coming events. The Facebook page has over 1,000 followers. The recent colevalleysf.com happy hour had at least 50 people of all ages. The size of response was due to asking “yes” responders to be “volunteers” and bring 5 more people with them. They are also active on the Facebook page called Not So Secret Cole Valley so they get a lot of visibility. They received donations from local merchants and had trivia cards set out as an ice breaker. Ellen agreed to cooperate by letting people know that colevalleysf.com does not represent CVIA by putting something akin to “looking for CVIA? Click here...” on their website.

■ CVIA membership renewal on line: Amy Blakeley presented a revised online membership form to the Board. There was some feedback and questions and Amy will bring them back to Danielle (hopefully) for a final revision. The free version of the online form is limited and Amy will find out the price of upgrading to individualize it.

■ SFMTA 2030 Plan: municipal bond of \$500 million is backed by property values and a vehicle license fee plus (potentially) matching funds by the state Metropolitan Transportation Commission. It will cover street paving, transit and safety. District 5 is hosting an open house meeting Monday at the African American Arts and Cultural Complex. Candace Sue, a new CVIA member, is Community Director at MTA and gave us a brief understanding of “who does what” within the department.

■ Mayor’s Budget Meeting: Reviewed CVIA’s questions and the response from the Mayor and his team. (See article on page 3).

■ A discussion of a raffle at the Summer Social as another vehicle for funding the sidewalk cleaning program. Amy to write a draft email to merchants of Cole Valley and Haight Ashbury.

■ Golden Gate Park Soccer Fields: General discussion made it apparent that there is support of real grass for the fields but will wait for next month’s meeting when there are more board members present to make a public stand. Joan Downey noted that she is a “yes” even though she is not able to attend the June meeting.

■ Mural at Carl and Cole: Contacted owner of Doug’s Suds via letter but have not received a response. Joan will send another letter to see if we can engage his interest.

■ Google Voice: It was suggested that CVIA sign up for a Google Voice phone number so that the “office” number isn’t linked directly to the private line of a Board member and is also a number that can be fluid and change as the Board changes. All confirmed to move

forward and Chris Hock will set it up.

Adjourned: 9:45

June

Location: Home of Carole Glosenger, June 2, 2014

■ Treasurer Joan Downey, who was absent, submitted the following report by email. There is a total of \$17,419.01 in the account, out of which \$5,187.19 is being presently held in the Clean Cole Street fund.

■ Lena Emmery reported that the Kezar Advisory Committee expects to receive a report on the schedule for the track replacement closing Kezar Stadium for three months in the fall.

■ In her review of the Community Police Advisory Committee, Lena also reported that over 3,000 bicycles have been registered so far. SF SAFE is spearheading the drive. SFPD has increased their concentration on bicycle theft, going so far as to plant “sting bikes” to lure thieves. She also said there is a new City CarShare spot at Cole and Frederick.

■ Coalition for SF Neighborhoods delegate Karen Crommie reported on proposed measures for the November ballot discussed at May meeting: Mandatory special election to replace supervisors who vacated mid-term, a general obligation transportation bond, historic designation height change, enforcement of ban on short term rentals, expanded affordable housing priority.

■ Web coordinator and CVIA’s community relations officer Amy Blakeley is working on a telephone response link on the web page. There is a one-time fee of \$30.

■ Chuck Canepa announced that UCSF has completed the demolition of their small building at 374 Parnassus (at Hillway), creating a plaza with seating and landscaping and expanding the bus stop (pad).

■ Discussed details of the upcoming Summer Social on Sunday, August 23. Decided that raffle prize appeals should go out July 1 with a deadline of July 15 to submit in order to provide adequate time to include the merchant’s name in publicity. Member invitations (postcards) should be sent first week of August.

Adjourned 9:00 p.m

July

Home of Karen and David Crommie, July 7, 2014

■ There was no Treasurer’s report as Joan Downey was out of town.

■ CSFN delegate Karen Crommie reported on ballot measures discussed at the June meeting. Of fourteen possible measures, there was a debate on three. Voting resulted in a no recommendation for the Short-term rental regulation and endorsements for both the “Restore SF’s Transportation Balance” measure and the “Golden Gate Park Recreational Fields Renovation Act” (no artificial turf). More ballot measures will be debated at a special meeting in August.

■ Discussed the ballot measure putting restrictions on short term rentals (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) and decided not to take a position because it seemed disingenuous: any rental under 30 days is illegal anyway so regs “controlling” them is moot. (Note: since then, the measure has been withdrawn in favor of Supervisor Chiu’s legislation covering the same ground.)

■ Decided to present Supervisor London Breed a special commendation at the CVIA Summer Social on August 23 for her clear-eyed representation of Cole Valley and Haight interests at City Hall. If she cannot attend, we will reserve the award until next year.

■ Discussed extending CleanScapes services to Stanyan and Carl as Joan had suggested. Board felt it was difficult enough to secure funding for the Cole Street corridor and that extending it would be an unneeded responsibility.

■ Voted to write a letter to the SFMTA and Mayor protesting the pilot using 900 parking spaces for car sharing vehicles.

■ Decided that letters to the remaining merchants asking them for items to be raffled at the Summer Social should go out immediately with recommended corrections. Agreed that raffle tickets be sold at \$5.00 each (5 for \$20).

Adjourned 9:30

August

Location: Home of Carole Glosenger – August 4, 2014

■ Treasurer Joan Downey reported a total of \$15,751.84 in the account, of which \$4,240.19 is being held in the Clean Cole Street fund.

■ Lena Emmerly reported that the Kezar Advisory Committee had been notified that contract negotiations have held up the August replacement of the Kezar Track and that it will remain open for the time being.

■ In her review of the Community Police Advisory Committee, Lena also reported that participation in the SFPD's bike licenses program has reached the 4,000 registered.

■ Joan Downey reported that she has met with owners of buildings on the corner of Stanyan and Carl with the intention of starting a sidewalk cleaning project through CleanScapes similar to that on Cole Street. Board voted unanimously that she should go ahead if the effort could remain cost neutral to CVIA, as they do not want to increase the financial burden of the twice daily cleaning of the Cole Street business corridor.

■ Decided to table a decision on the MTA's pilot project reserving city curb space for private car-sharing companies. It is controversial among board members.

■ Karen will contact Jarie Bolander, head of the District 5 coalition (5-Together) to suggest our organizations join in sponsoring an "issues night" before the November election.

■ Discussed strategies for attracting more members through our booth at the Cole Valley Fair (September 28).

■ The remainder of the meeting was focused on the upcoming Summer Social and its accompanying raffle.

Adjourned 9:30 p.m.

CVIA Executive Board: Amy Blakeley, Chuck Canepa, Shannon Cooper Hock, David Crommie, Karen Crommie, Joan Downey, Lena Emmerly, Carole Glosenger, Douglas Hall, Marianne Hesse, Chris Hock.

Walgreens Early A.M. Noise

After CVIA received several complaints about Walgreens' late night delivery hours we found that, after ten years in relative harmony with the neighborhood, there had been a change of corporate policy favoring the currently popular retail practice of "night-stocking." As a consequence, the schedule for delivery trucks into the Stanyan Street parking lot, formerly arriving around 6:30 a.m., had changed to a period between midnight and 3 a.m. Said neighbor Edward Walls, "Night time deliveries are just plain bad for the neighborhood: the noise is cruel, and we have no choice but to be awoken and disturbed. What matters is the quality of life that is being taken away."

CVIA wrote to Walgreens management explaining the situation and neighbors report some modification to their schedule. It is, however, a situation that needs vigilance. Report further problems to cviasf@aol.com.

—Karen Crommie

"Muni Forward" Plans Changes to the Neighborhood

At a meeting at the First Baptist Church on June 23, the Municipal Transportation Agency revealed the changes they are proposing to Cole Valley and the Haight Ashbury. They focused mainly on speeding public transit. The bus stop is being removed from Cole and Haight. The stop on Haight and Buena Vista West will be moved



The workshop featured boards showing the various points of proposed traffic mitigation designed to speed up Muni. Afterwards, attendees were asked to provide written evaluations.

one block east to Haight and Lyon. Traffic signals are replacing stop signs at Baker and Broderick. New "bulb-outs" (hereafter bulbouts) are planned for Ashbury at Haight, and Masonic and Haight. All new traffic signals will have Transit Signal Priority (TSP), meaning the light will stay green longer when signaled by an approaching bus/streetcar resulting in more efficient transit.

There was concern from the CVIA board about the possibility of signaling devices being installed at Carl and Cole streets. Joan Downey and Chuck Canepa, both board members, met with Tess Kavanagh and Jay Lu of MTA at the intersection to go over the MTA plan. They learned that the current plan does not call for changes to the four-way stop signs at Carl and Cole, and the sensors being installed there are to provide input for the signals at the next intersection at Carl and Stanyan.

The unfortunate aspect of this "upgrade" is that they will be removing concrete on the 100 block of Carl to install this system. There will be concrete removal from BurgerMeister west all the way to Stanyan, which will (mostly) consist of a 18" wide cut/trench for the installation of conduits from the sensors to the signal system at Stanyan. In addition some concrete between the track rails will be removed and reinstalled where the actual sensors are to be located.

Background

The N Judah light rail line carries more than 40,000 daily customers on an average weekday. Approximately 20,000 of these customers board at stops located within the proposed travel time reduction project study area, located along 3.4 miles between Carl and Cole and Judah and Great Highway. Within the study area, the N Judah operates at an average speed of 8 miles per hour during peak periods.

The 71-Haight Noriega bus line carries more than 15,000 daily customers on an average weekday. The project study area is



located along Haight Street between Laguna and Stanyan Streets. Within the study area, the 71 Haight Noriega operates at less than optimal speeds during peak periods. In order to reduce transit travel times and improve reliability within its proposed Rapid

Izu Gone

Leading a walking tour of the Haight Ashbury, Izu used to pass under my window. I could instantly recognize her voice and smile at the character she had become. When a personality as clearly formed as hers passes away, as occurred on July 24, the fabric of the neighborhood becomes a little more threadbare. She had the bad leg, sometimes hobbling along crutches, other times in a wheel chair. Involved in seemingly endless litigation over an accident in the far-off past, she courageously led group after group of ill-assorted tourists over 12 blocks of the Haight.

Her death from cancer at St. Mary's Hospital shocked the neighborhood. The forty or so admirers at the funeral, held at McA-



The route of Izu's walking tour of the Haight included the mural on the outside wall of the gym on Belvedere at Waller Street.

voy O'Hara and Evergreen Mortuary, took turns relating stories about this larger than life presence, now gone. Her son Christian (I didn't know she had a son) from New York was there, while Pam Brennan, Izu's employer and owner of the Flower Power Walking Tour, read comments from visitors who had taken Izu's tour. The excerpts below, from a travel blog, capture her as accurately as any.

"Hey, man!" shouts out a squeaky voice in the form of a friendly greeting. There's a group of us, and we all turn in unison to watch the source of the voice make her way up the street. She's clad from head to toe in psychedelic tie-dye and sequined Converse sneakers, a waif with flowing dark hair and even darker glasses, a near-ringer for Yoko Ono's beauty regimen circa 1969. She's Izu, and she's who we've all been waiting for.

"It was around that time when Susie [Interlandi] – as was her name before she changed it to Izu – and her 'New Yawk' City parents moved out to San Francisco, so that Susie could experience the movement and, boy, did she ever. From 1967's Summer of Love to travelling back to her home state for 1969 Woodstock, Izu has lived in the hippie moment. Today, voted a top guide in San Francisco, Izu takes us on a walking tour of her life." And what a life it was.

–Karen Crommie

(Thanks to Vivian Vassos for the quotes. www.trafalgar.com on Zoomer.)

Postscripts

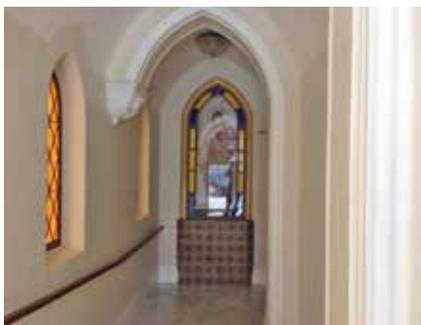
Longtime CVIA member **Dr. David McNeil** wrote to tell us that his son, **Trevor**, is running for the SF School Board this November. His mother was the late **Dr. Sally Scully**. Learn more about Trevor O'Neil at <http://democracy.com/trevormcneil>

We had announced in the last issue that the **Kezar Stadium** track would be closing for a six-month renovation but it seems there has been a complication in the bidding process and the makeover will be delayed. In the meantime the **Summer Youth Sports Camps** will continue daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Diamond Supply Co., the skateboard fashion line, opened a retail store on Haight Street on August 7. Pulling up in his Rolls Royce, **Nick Diamond** and the rest of the Diamond crew attracted a line



around the block – that, and deeply discounted merchandise. Security guards let in a limited number of people into the store at one time. The storefront had been empty for months after Pure Beauty gave up the ghost.



Daily mass is now celebrated every day of the week at 8:30 a.m. in the tiny chapel of **Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration Monastery**. Tucked into the side of the building at 771 Ashbury, next to the Lycée, it is a very special place, visited by devout Catholics from all over the city.

Congratulations to **Robert Schiff** who located his 11 year old black cat "**Mineu**" thanks to a posting on **Nextdoor**. If you want to join this online neighborhood bulletin board go to Nextdoor.com.

Supervisor London Breed wrote to tell us that she had secured funds to repave Kezar Drive. Hooray!

In case you're confused, **Cole Valley** and the **Haight Ashbury** are in the **17th State Assembly District** represented by **Tom Ammiano** (who's termed out this year. The battle to succeed him is between Supervisors Chiu and Campos). We are in the **11th State Senate District** represented by **Mark Leno**, who is in office until 2016. We are in the U.S. House of Representatives' **12th Congressional District**, represented by **Nancy Pelosi** who is running for reelection this year, a shoe-in.

–Karen Crommie

Letters

Dear CVIA:

In the article, "Pinball on Waller Street," Karen Crommie stated that the owners of Antiques in the Rough were dead. I am writing on behalf of Nola Theobald, owner of Antiques in the Rough, to let you know that she is very much alive (although her husband did pass 10 years ago). She has been a member of the CVIA for many years and looks forward to your newsletters. I can not tell you how dismayed we were to read that she was dead. She will be turning 96 next month. Please print a correction and feel free to wish her a happy birthday.

Janie Tanaka

Ed. Note—Heartfelt apologies to Nola Theobald for my error and please go to page 7.

Dear CVIA,

I am referring to a letter sent to the editor in your last issue by a Mr. Andrew Leavitt.

I gather that he is unaware that the responsibilities of cleaning bulky items left on the sidewalk was shifted from DPW to Recology, of course, for a fee, which was part of their rate increase in the middle of last year. As far as I know DPW has NOT laid off those workers who were previously assigned this task. Homeowners are paying double for the removal of debris left on our sidewalks—once in increased fees to Recology and second to DPW personnel, who probably just twiddle their thumbs.

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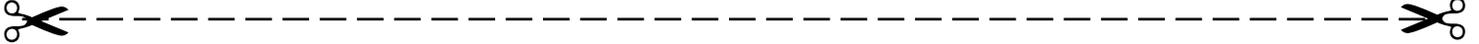
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constructively involved in San Francisco's governmental process. Annual dues are \$25.00. Membership provides contact with other responsible neighbors, a quarterly newsletter and participation in an active forum for effecting change. If you would like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

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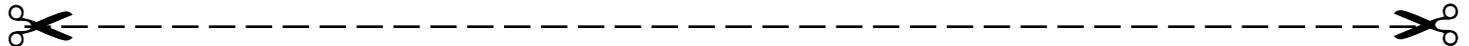
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