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Nourishing the Community by Volunteering

Many Hosts Offer Chances To Give Back

By Olivia Boler

November brings a nip in the air, shorter days, and Thanksgiving, a reminder to be thankful for all we have and all we are capable of passing along. In Noe Valley, volunteer opportunities abound. Some are focused on the holidays and winter season, while others are ongoing year-round.

Many of the neighborhood's churches run programs that count on volunteers, and you don't have to be a member in order to participate. Other organizations from private and government sectors also welcome the volunteer spirit. Depending on your interests and availability, there are lots of ways to give back to the community or to those less fortunate. Here are just a few in Noe Valley.

Bethany United Methodist Church
1270 Sanchez St.
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This neighborhood cornerstone offers several ways to give back. Coming up on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 12:30 p.m., volunteers will assemble 150 bag lunches, which will be distributed later in the day to the homeless in the Civic Center area.

"Every second Sunday of odd-numbered months, we assemble bag lunches for the San Francisco Night Ministry," says Rev. Sadie Stone, Bethany's minister.

The Night Ministry provides many services to the city's homeless, from crisis phone lines to ministers who walk the streets at night talking with those living on the street and needing comfort. They also hold weekly outdoor services followed by distribution of the bag lunches.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to

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This Image of Panos Gianaras anchors the new mural on NOVY restaurant on 24th Street. For more photos, see page 15. For more information, see our Rumors column starting on page 29.

Photo by Jack Tipple



Volunteering Beauty. Joan Lionberger and Markos Major, members of Ladybug Gardeners, pitch in to pull weeds, pick up trash, and maintain flower beds at Upper Noe Recreation Center. You too can join the crew on the second Saturday of each month. Photo by Chris Faust

Local Tenants Part of Suit Against Veritas

Renters Charge Landlord With 'Disguised Effort to Harass'

By Corrie M. Anders

Four Noe Valley renters last month joined a citywide lawsuit that accused one of San Francisco's largest landlords of using harassment tactics to drive them from their rent-controlled apartments.

Two tenants at 610 Clipper St. and two others at 1064 Dolores St. were among the 68 plaintiffs in the complaint against Veritas Properties and company owner Yat-Pang Au.

"Defendants target long-term rent-controlled tenants in a disguised effort to harass and intimidate them with the goal of forcing tenants to move out so defendants can raise rents to market rate," according to the litigation, filed Oct. 11 in San Francisco Superior Court.

The complaint alleged the defendants carried out construction and repair work with "excessive and continuous noise," caused "frequent and prolonged water shutoffs," and allowed the disruption of heat supply and deliberate elevator breakdowns. The allegations involve residents in 30 apartment buildings around the city.

The lawsuit listed two plaintiffs on

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Rents at the Town Square Examined

Apple Pay Day Stirs Debate

By Matthew S. Bajko

Beginning around 8 a.m. the morning of Aug. 19, employees with the New York-based experiential marketing agency Factory 360 began setting up booths in the Noe Valley Town Square. The blue and red roofs of the temporary tents were emblazoned with the slogan "Pay Faster With Apple Pay."

It was part of what the firm, in its permit application for use of the public square to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department called the 2018 Lose Your Wallet Merchant Block Party.

"This is a promotional event for Apple Pay. Activities will include face painting and various art activities," explained John Anderson, an account director for the marketing firm, in the permit request. "This is a free and open to the general public event."

Yet it didn't take long for the global technology company's use of the park space at 3861 24th St. to generate a complaint. Nearby resident Michael Fasman fired off an email at 9:57 a.m. that Sunday to Mayor London Breed and District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, complaining about Apple's presence in the plaza.

"Apple is taking over the Noe Town Square today," wrote Fasman. "Are they sponsoring park maintenance for an ex-

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No Housing at Real Food Site, But No Groceries Either

More Retail Planned for Long-Vacant Store Space

By Corrie M. Anders

The San Francisco Planning Commission, despite criticism it was missing a golden opportunity to build new housing in Noe Valley, has given developers permission to convert the former Real

Food Company grocery store into retail space.

At its meeting Oct. 4, the commission approved the owners' request to lift a long-standing zoning requirement that the property at 3939 24th St. only be used for general grocery store operations.

By a 6-0 vote, the commission allowed

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Painted Plywood masks the preparations for a remodeling of the former Real Food building at 3939 24th St. The new space will house three retail businesses. Photo by Jack Tipple



The Visit: An unidentified but clearly happy woman poses beside a car on the 300 block of 27th Street between Church and Sanchez streets. A row of Stick-style Victorians on the south side of 27th Street provides the gingerbread setting.

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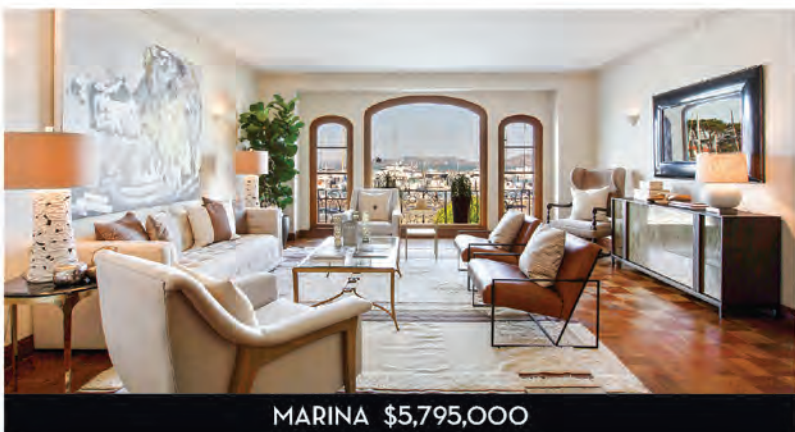
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Two Votes for Cannabis Dispensary (We Think)

The Voice received two emails in response to Rumors writer Mazook's request in the October issue that readers share their opinions on the prospect of a marijuana dispensary in Noe Valley.

A Regular Shopper

Editor:

1. I absolutely support a cannabis store in our neighborhood. We have multiple liquor and wine stores, so why not meet the needs of a growing market? I would be a regular shopper.

2. Why is another yoga studio opening up? It's really unfair to the existing studios, several of which are within two blocks of this space [the former Radio Shack]. They are struggling to stay alive.

3. Why more real estate offices? Because they're the only ones who can afford the rent? We're beginning to look like the Financial District.

I'm a 33-year resident of Noe Valley and have seen a lot of changes. What is worrisome is that the look of the neighborhood has lost its uniqueness and certainly its location as a destination. It's boring.

I'm an Airbnb host and find it interesting that my guests, even with my prodding, typically walk no further than about three blocks (mostly just to go to Whole Foods or out for breakfast) and much prefer to head for Valencia Street, which has far more vitality.

Marla Zemanek

Just a Baby Dispensary

Editor:

Yes, we are in favor of a dispensary on 24th Street, as long as there is plenty of stroller parking in front.

John and Melissa, Sanchez Street

Yea and Nay on Prop. 10

We also received two takes on a controversial state proposition.

A Pocket of Sanity

Editor:

I'm writing to reach out to my fellow Noe Valley residents to encourage them to vote Yes on Proposition 10 to repeal Costa-Hawkins, the 1995 law prohibiting cities from enacting new rental policies.

A state mandate that ties our hands and keeps us from devising our own policies governing rental properties does not suit San Francisco or any other city in California. What works for one city where the solid majority is homeowners may not work for San Francisco, where 64 percent of the population happens to be renters. Major cities in advanced western economies have enacted progressive laws to deal with the imbalance between landowners and land renters. So should we.

When it comes to rental laws, there is a pocket of sanity in North America called Montréal. They have both rent and vacancy control, which allows for housing people of all ages and all income levels. Having the highest per capita college students in North America, they need to house masses of young people who attend one of the many colleges and universities in that town. With a population twice that of San Francisco and a homeownership rate far greater than ours, you would think they'd be less inclined to enact tenant-friendly laws. In case you think their rules have stopped housing production, think again. The number of cranes and condos popping up everywhere is mind-boggling. Even when the property prices dipped a few years ago, the condo construction didn't stop. How do I know that? I used to live there, and I owned a rental property.

The truth is that Prop. 10 will only repeal an ill-conceived piece of legislation. Contrary to what's said by fear-mongering opposition, it would *not* change our current rent control laws one bit. Countries with governments that believe in providing the basics for their population, such as a roof over their heads, have enacted laws that election-time TV ads scare us from considering. The sky didn't fall for them and it won't fall for us when we get there.

So whether you're a homeowner or a tenant, join me and the San Francisco Land Use Coalition, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, and Livable California in voting Yes on 10.

Ozzie Rohm

Repeal Costa, Raise Costs on Housing

Editor:

Vote No on Proposition 10.

Prop. 10 is a state ballot initiative that if passed would overturn Costa-Hawkins, the law that regulates rent control in California.

City Officials Delay Dog Park Hours Decision

By Matthew S. Bajko

A decision on changing the hours of operation at Upper Douglass Dog Park has been delayed by city officials as they continue to meet with dog owners and nearby residents.

In July, the *Voice* reported that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department expected to announce by the end of summer whether it would cut back on the dog park's hours. The site is currently open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on Wednesdays. The closure coincides with street cleaning on that day, when parking is restricted for several hours.

Dog owners 15 years ago pushed the city to turn the former sports field built on the hillside into an off-leash dog play area. The decision to end the park's use for recreational athletics was not without controversy, however, as the *Voice* reported at the time.

More recently, nearby homeowners have complained that dog owners and dog walkers, many from outside the neighborhood, are overusing the park. Upset by noise from barking dogs early in the morning and late at night, some residents have asked the city to curtail access to the site, located at the corner of 27th and Douglass streets.

Former District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy had initiated discussions in the spring about what to do to address the issue. After Rafael Mandelman defeated Sheehy in the June election, Mandelman and his staff took over trying to find a compromise suitable to both sides.

Park officials have been considering

closing the dog park two days a week, an outcome dog owners have been organizing against. A sign posted at the dog park this summer said another option being discussed was closing the site daily at 4 p.m.

The sign also encouraged dog owners to voice their opinions on the proposals by contacting park staff, in particular General Manager Phil Ginsburg. When the *Voice* inquired at Rec and Park in August, park spokesperson Tamara Barak Aparton said a decision would likely be made "in the fall."

She added that the department was "currently monitoring the impact" on Upper Douglass resulting from the July re-opening of nearby Walter Haas Dog Play Area, located at the corner of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Addison Street.

In mid-October, with no decision yet announced, Aparton said the park department had been "in continued conversation with community members, local neighbors, Friends of Upper Douglass Dog Park, and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's office."

Mandelman and his staff met in September with dog owners at the park. They had hoped to meet with the homeowners in October, but the meeting was rescheduled to early November.

Mandelman's office would not give an exact timeline for when it planned to offer guidance to park officials.

Mandelman legislative aide Kyle Smeallie, who handles issues concerning Noe Valley, told the *Voice* that the final decision would be up to the park department.

"What I can say is we want to see a resolution as soon as possible," Smeallie told the *Voice* in mid-October. ■

Noe Valley, San Francisco, and California have a housing affordability and displacement crisis because housing production has been stifled for the last 40 years. Ted Egan, the City's chief economist, has famously stated that San Francisco must build 5,000 new units of housing every year from now on just to keep housing costs in line with the rate of inflation. Please note that San Francisco has only built an average 1,800 units of housing per year for the last 30 years, a 96,000-home deficit—is there any wonder housing costs are so high?

If Prop. 10 passes, new housing construction will come to a standstill. No financial institution will lend money to new housing projects if they have no idea what cash flow will be from rents. (Remember, Prop. 10 would render the law that regulates rent control null and void.) If Prop. 10 passes, \$3,500 for an existing one-bedroom apartment will sound inexpensive, as new housing supply will dry up and new residents will be competing with existing residents for the limited supply of available housing.

Make no mistake, the passage of Prop. 10 would make housing more expensive

and exacerbate displacement in Noe Valley, San Francisco, and California. Vote No on Prop. 10.

Todd David

Bands Were Lucky Before Farmers Market

Editor:

A big thank you to Mazook for his delightful coverage of the 100th appearance of They Call Me Lucky at the Noe Valley Farmers Market music series. The band and I were very pleased.

However, I must make one correction: while a number of successful musicians played at the market early in their careers, including the Family Crest, Tumbleweed Wanderers, and the She's, they had all played many other venues before they appeared in Noe Valley.

In particular, before inviting them to the market, I saw the Family Crest at Bottom of the Hill and the She's at the Makeout Room.

Richard Hildreth
Organizer of music at the
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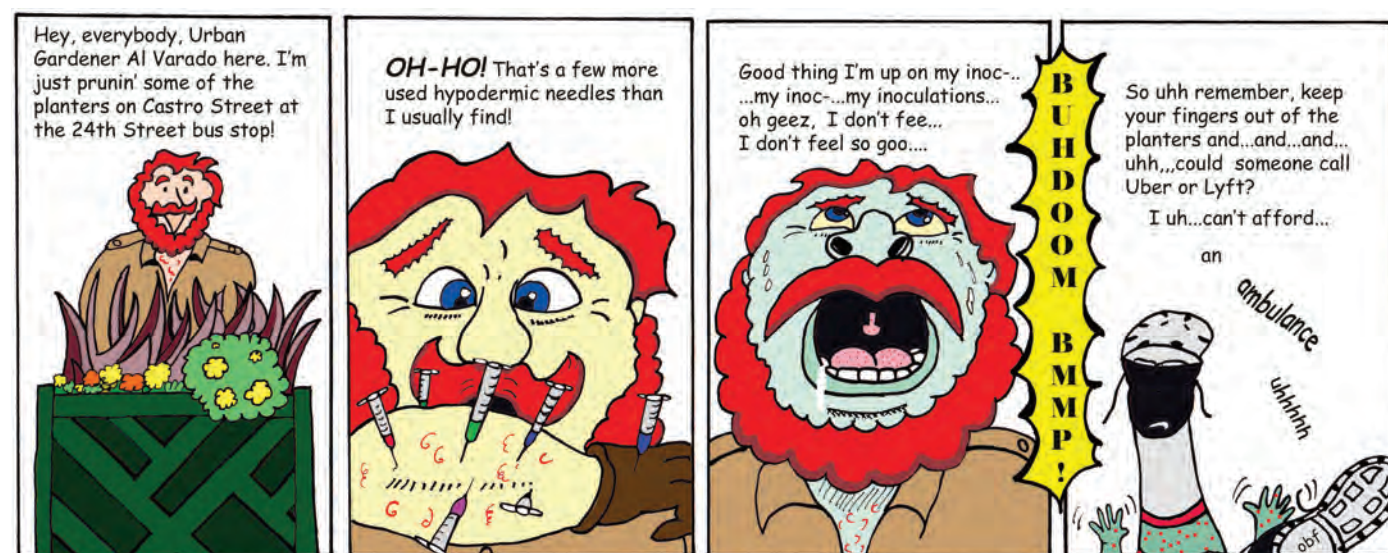
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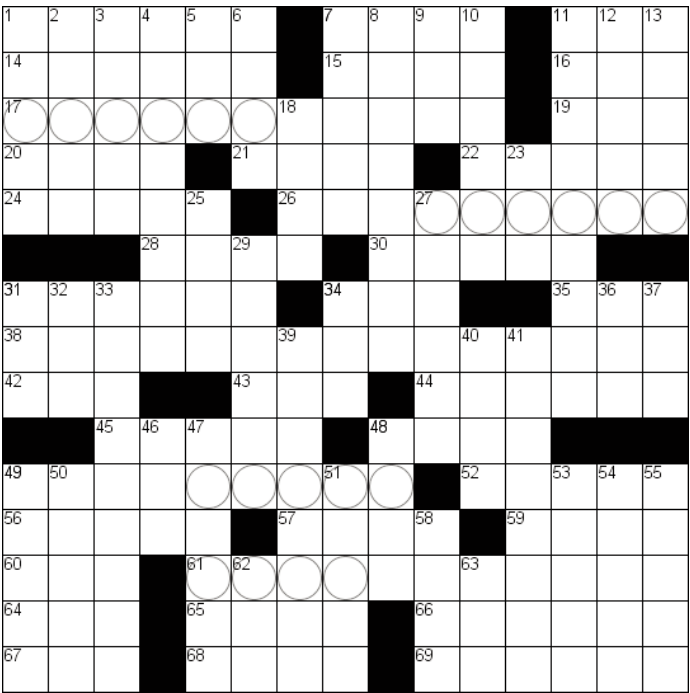
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- 43. Firecracker flop
- 44. Big name in small suits
- 45. Big-band musician Shaw
- 48. Favorite hashtag at the end of a Trump tweet
- 49. 1950s rocker with "His Comets"
- 52. Leading
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- 57. Purchase at Eyes on 24th
- 59. When tripled, "et cetera"
- 60. Looney Tunes'



- 61. Unfaithful husband, e.g.
- 64. Anything raised to the 0 power
- 65. Actress Skye
- 66. New Age retreat in Big Sur
- 67. Homer's TV neighbor
- 68. Wedding-cake level
- 69. Old-time anesthetics
- 6. Jab with a knife
- 7. Lexus competitor
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- 9. Finish
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- 23. Persian Gulf fed.
- 25. "Dark" film genre
- 27. Blouse, in a bodega
- 29. Laboratory in New Mexico
- 31. "Te ____" (Rihanna song)
- 32. Feeling blue
- 33. Judged as faultless
- 34. Bonkers
- 36. Once owned
- 37. 'Sands of ____ Jima'
- 39. Car's gas-carrying tubing
- 40. Michelle Wie's org.
- 41. "I know, I know!"
- 46. *Treasure Island* author's initials.
- 47. First words in a Poe title
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join in assembling the bag lunches, “although if children are going to participate, it’s better if they are accompanied by an adult,” says Stone. Depending on how many volunteers show up, the job takes about 90 minutes. If folks want to help distribute the lunches in the Civic Center, they are also welcome.

During even-numbered months, like December and February, on the second Saturday of the month, Bethany volunteers head to the San Francisco–Marin Food Bank on Pennsylvania Avenue to put in a few hours in sorting food donations. The next Food Bank outing will be Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to noon.

Also in December, Bethany welcomes volunteers to help cook meals for the San Francisco Interfaith Shelter, which provides extra housing for the homeless during the cold winter months. On the evenings of Dec. 27 and 28, volunteers will cook hot meals to take to a shelter.

“In the past, we’ve delivered the food to St. Mary’s on Gough Street,” says Stone. “We cook huge batches of things that are warm and filling like lasagnas, casseroles, soups, and curries.” Each day, they provide food for about 200 individuals.

According to Stone, food is donated from local restaurants, Safeway, Mollie Stone, and individuals. Bethany also has allocated funds for its food ministries to purchase supplies.

“Year-round, we keep a food barrel in the church for Food Bank donations,” she says. “People are hungry year-round.”

She’s also been approached by the San Francisco Food Bank to be a food pantry site in the 94114 zip code. “I don’t know



Brian Orr (center) and his fellow volunteers at the Noe Valley Ministry package sandwiches and sundries for the needy one Sunday a month. Photo by Art Bodner

that we have one in the neighborhood right now. I know there are those who have housing but are low-income and could use a food pantry. We are exploring it, but that would take partnering with the community.”

Stone adds, “Volunteering is important for us because while Noe Valley is our home, we really view the whole city as our responsibility. If we can make people’s lives a little better, one meal at a time, it’s a service to a greater good for the world.”

Contact Sadie.e.stone@gmail.com for more information.

Curry Without Worry at Bethany

Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., the non-profit Curry Without Worry uses the Bethany Church kitchen to cook up huge batches of vegan soups and breads.

“Volunteers slice and dice vegetables, they wash the vegetables, they make bread, they mix and stir the curries,” says Bethany pastor Sadie Stone. “Everything is made from scratch, and it always smells delicious. Volunteers get to eat some of it first. That’s one of the benefits!”

The cooking goes until 5 p.m., and a second shift of volunteers takes the food downtown, where it’s served outdoors

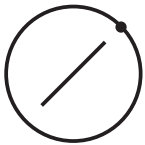
from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., providing a hot meal for about 300 people.

Volunteers are welcome to just show up for these cooking sessions. Or they may pick a shift online at www.curry-withoutworry.org. Children 10 and younger will need to have a waiver signed by their parents.

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There Are Many Ways to Give

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govern the Noe Valley Ministry as one of the Presbyterian church’s elected elders, was looking for ways to build a sense of community in the neighborhood.

A team of 10 volunteers—seven from the church and three from the community—formed to assemble and distribute meals to the homeless on the second Sunday of each month. They meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry’s kitchen to assemble bagged meals.

“Basically, we provide a piece of fruit, a sandwich with vegetarian and lactose-free options, a beverage, and some sort of granola bar,” says Orr. “We also have some toiletries and other items. Many of those who are street-bound are parents and need things like aspirin for fevers. We try to provide things you’ll find over the counter—anything within reason.”

After assembling the food and sundries, the volunteers head to the Mission to distribute the goods. Specifically, they’ve gone to Harrison and Bryant streets and to Franklin Square, a park between Bryant and Potrero and 16th and 17th streets.

“A lot of people hang out there being social, and there are some encampments,” says Orr. The volunteers approach people or their tents respectfully, asking if anyone is home, if they’d like a lunch, and if they’re in need of anything.

Orr says he hasn’t received many donations from the neighborhood. The biggest benefactor has been Grocery Outlet Bargain Market in Crocker Amazon. He would love to have more donations of food and toiletries—basically anything you can get from a grocery store—as well as monetary donations and volunteers.



Christopher Tawadrous (right) and brother Paul put juice cartons in bags that will later be handed out to the homeless.

Photo by Art Bodner

“We are fairly new at this.” So far, the crew has been able to make 50 to100 lunches each month.

“The heart of this effort is to give people who are street-bound or marginally housed some options,” Orr says. “A lot of the government services offered are great. But people who are street-bound don’t have a lot of options. It brings them joy when they can make decisions for themselves, when they aren’t told what to do. Meeting people’s needs is more than making sure they aren’t hungry. It’s also about making a personal connection. We are giving them an alternative to the hot meals at churches or to food pantries. We’re giving them choices.”

To find out more about the Noe Valley Ministry Mobile Meals, email office@noevalleyministry.org or call 415-282-2317. Volunteers under the age of 18 will need to have their parents’ consent.

St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church Food Pantry 101 Gold Mine Drive <https://www.staidansf.org>

For residents of the 94131 zip code, St. Aidan’s on Gold Mine Drive and Diamond Heights Boulevard provides a free weekly food pantry on Friday afternoons, 1 to 2 p.m. Most of the “shoppers” who attend are elderly or disabled. You don’t have to be a member of the church to volunteer nor do you to shop.

Volunteers work either a morning shift, setting up the pantry, or an afternoon shift, during which they run the pantry, break it down, and transport leftovers to a nonprofit. For the past two years, that’s been Walden House on Hayes Street, a men’s residential drug treatment center.

“The morning shift starts about 8:30 a.m.,” says Judy Bley, who is one of the coordinators of the Food Pantry, and a St. Aidan’s congregant. “Some meet the delivery truck and others pick up donated sliced bread, cookies, and cakes from Safeway.” Arizmendi Bakery on Ninth Avenue also donates food, and a volunteer goes to pick that up.

Safeway is across the street in the Diamond Heights Shopping Center, and the delivery truck comes from the San Francisco–Marin Food Bank. Bley notes that many of the volunteers are women in their 70s and they could use some help picking up the Safeway donations. “We have our own rolling carts, but those huge bags of bread can get very heavy.” Volunteers set up tables in the church and arrange the food “farmers’ market style.” In all, it takes about an hour and a half.

The afternoon crew greets the shoppers. “We register them, and they have to show I.D. proving they live in the zip code,” says Bley. They do make some exceptions, such as for caregivers of neighborhood residents. The shoppers have a numerical limit to what they can take. When they’re done, volunteers help them by carrying their grocery bags to their cars, Paratransit, or cabs. The pantry serves about 160 households, which is about 300 people in all.

“We’re committed to taking care of our fellow human beings,” says Bley. “If we see a need in the community, we try to fill it. And we’ve developed relationships with those who come. Some come just to interact, to socialize, and take nearly no food. We have one 99-year-old man who takes two buses from Monterey Boulevard! It’s his one outing of the week.”

In addition, one of the church members, a registered nurse, volunteers her medical services at the pantry by making medical referrals, answering questions, and taking and recording folks’ blood pressure. “She tries to demystify the medical process for older people and makes sure they’re following up with medication,” Bley says.

In all, there are about 34 volunteers, plus six members of the Food Pantry’s leadership team. Bley says if anyone is interested to come to the church on a Friday at noon and ask for her or Grace King. They will give an orientation.

“We’d like a commitment of twice a month, but most volunteers come every week,” Bley says.

30th Street Senior Center 225 30th St. <https://30thstreetseniorcenter.org>

Next year, the 30th Street Senior Center, located between Dolores and Chenery streets, celebrates its 40th anniversary. Founded with the help of volunteers, the center still relies on those looking for ways to give back. Today, there are about 120 volunteers contributing in a variety of ways, from serving meals to teaching art classes.

Valorie Villela is the director of the center, which is part of On Lok, a non-

profit that serves the elderly and their families. “We could really use help on Mondays in our dining room,” she says. There are two meal seatings each afternoon, one at 12 p.m., the other at 1 p.m. About a third of the center’s volunteers work in the dining room. The others work in the various activities.

The center offers dozens of activities for its members, including a popular line-dancing class, a computer lab, bingo, and a variety of exercise classes like Zumba, yoga, and tai chi.

“We have volunteers who work in the garden, with a fairly active group on Thursdays,” says Villela.

If you’re not sure what you’re interested in doing, you can talk to the center’s volunteer coordinator to find out which areas need help. The center is open Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed on Sunday.

Villela says what they really need is a long-term commitment from volunteers. “People are busy, so whether it’s six hours or 20 hours each week, what’s most important is follow-through and being consistent.” She also adds that being bilingual in another language is not necessary, although many of their members speak Spanish or Chinese.

To find out more about volunteering, contact the volunteer program manager, Gloria Gonzales, at 415-550-2205, ggonzales@onlok.org, or assistant director Abigail Headrick at 415-550-2273, aheadrick@onlok.org.

Upper Noe Recreation Center Garden 295 Day St. at Sanchez www.noevalleyreccenter.com

According to Christopher Faust of the Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center, Joan Lionberger has organized the Ladybug Gardeners at Upper Noe Recreation Center for over a decade.

“Despite the name, the group welcomes men, women, and children to join her from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month to tend the gardens,” Faust says.

There are several kinds of jobs volunteers can do, including taking care of native plants, planting new flowers, mulching, and trimming the shrubs and ivy. Of course, there’s always weeding.

Lionberger provides volunteers with gardening tools, but it doesn’t hurt to bring your own, along with gardening gloves and a hat for sunny days.

“Joan coordinates with [San Francisco] Rec and Park gardeners to designate a work area, and the gardeners provide support in the form of equipment, debris removal, or labor,” says Faust.

Service requirements are “casual,” meaning folks can work for an hour or two, doing what they can.

“Tending our park is a labor of love,” says Faust. “It’s the jewel of the Upper Noe neighborhood and the community social hub. While we take pride in the beauty of our park, the greatest benefit is meeting and chatting with neighbors who pass by. That they appreciate our work is a bonus. We appreciate that they find Upper Noe to be such a pleasant place to visit.”

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Corporate Use of Town Square Raises Eyebrows

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tended time or other benefit to the neighborhood, or is this a new City policy of allowing corporations to overrun public spaces, perhaps in exchange for ‘campaign contributions’ to our elected officials?”

Factory 360 paid a total of \$1,035 for its use of the square that day from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Fasman did not respond to a request for comment for this story. Asked about his complaint, state Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), who fought for the creation of the Noe Valley Town Square when he served as District 8 supervisor, told the *Voice* that he wasn’t concerned about seeing the occasional corporate event at the site.

“I don’t think we had a lot of conversation about what or who exactly was going to be using it or renting it out,” he recalled. “Our goal was to create a much needed public space that the entire community could use. I think, at this point, if it is being rented out on a regular basis for corporate events, that would be a problem because we want it to be available to the public.”

Most Activities Home Grown

According to a list of the 32 permits that have been granted for use of the Town Square since January of 2017, Apple’s appears to be the only one sought by a corporate entity (names of permit requesters were not included). Neighborhood groups, nonprofits, and the park boosters group tasked with holding com-

munity events in the square on a regular basis have requested the overwhelming majority.

The events have run the gamut from dances, concerts, and movie nights to forums for candidates running for local office. Last year saw the square used for holiday celebrations around Halloween, Christmas, and Hanukkah; this Nov. 2 the park will be used for a Noe Valley Day of the Dead celebration.

“The activities we permit in the parks must have a recreational purpose. In this case, the event had face painting, art, and other children’s activities,” explained Tamara Barak Aparton, deputy director of communications and public affairs for the park department, about why the Apple event was permitted.

“The First Amendment does not allow for us to pick and choose what or who we permit. The reasons we can deny a permit are narrow and laid out in Section 7.07 of the Park Code.”

Those include if another conflicting event has already been given a permit or is being held at the location by the city agency, if the proposed event would damage the park site or is inconsistent with the facility’s purpose, and, of course, if the proposed activity is illegal. Permits can also be denied if the event producers don’t follow the city rules or fail to pay the necessary fees.

Different Costs for Different Folks

What the agency charges for permits can vary, as the city’s Park Code fee section, Aparton noted, “clearly identifies separate fees for commercial and nonprofit events.”

In the case of the Noe Valley Town Square, the permit cost for commercial uses is \$885, while nonprofit uses are charged 50 percent of that fee. Because the Noe Valley Town Square was dedi-

cated only two years ago, it does not yet have its own designated permit fee, as other city park properties do. For instance, the cost to rent out the Japantown Peace Plaza, which is similar in layout to the Noe square, is \$1,586 for commercial users and \$793 for nonprofits (per event per day).

“In order to calculate the commercial fee for new parks, we measure the usable square footage of the park (5,036 for Noe Valley Town Square). We then divide it by seven to estimate the capacity, and multiply that number by the Park Code mandated fee (\$1.23),” explained Aparton.

Noe Valley resident Leslie Crawford, who oversees the regular community programming at the square, told the *Voice* that due to the support of former District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty, the park boosters were able to work out an agreement with the Recreation and Park Department whereby they can hold one event a month at the site without having to pay the permit fees.

Every supervisor since, including Wiener, Jeff Sheehy, and Mandelman, has supported the arrangement, noted Crawford, “because what we are trying to do are events that are free and for the community to no benefit to our own really. So we came to this arrangement to make it economically feasible for us.”

Neighborhood Gets a Break

Crawford said the park boosters group (Residents for Noe Valley Town Square), which is fiscally sponsored by the Noe Valley Association (the property owners, renters, and businesses along 24th Street), has had to pay permit fees at times, such as when it needed to hire park rangers to patrol an event or when it provided food or amplified sound.

“San Francisco Rec and Park has been

great to work with and to make it affordable for us to do that programming and classes,” said Crawford.

When the Apple Pay event occurred, Crawford happened to be out of town. She said she hadn’t personally heard of any complaints about the event.

“I think Noe Valleyans feel a sense of ownership over this space,” Crawford surmised as to what might cause some to object to corporations in the Town Square. “I think we have put on 24 major events since we opened the square, from dances and movies and on and on there. In terms of scale, I don’t think we are in danger of some corporate takeover.”

Square Reflects Those Around It

Todd David, who helped lead the campaign to turn what had been a parking lot owned by the Noe Valley Ministry into a city-owned recreational space that doubles as the home of the weekly Saturday farmers’ market, also was unaware of the Apple event or any grumblings about it. He told the *Voice* that if commercial users are following the permit process and paying to use the Town Square, he has no issues with their doing so.

“If Rec and Park needs to charge corporations permitting fees to offer better or more summer camps to families, that is a trade-off I am willing to support,” said David.

He, too, doesn’t recall there ever being discussions about how or who would use the park, once it opened. To his delight, David said the neighborhood had turned the site into a true gathering space at all hours of the day.

“We as a community have really embraced the Town Square. I am so proud to see how much it is used,” he said. “It doesn’t surprise me a company wants to

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Residents Get a Square Deal

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capture that really good community energy. Is it surprising a high-tech company wants to base an event in Noe Valley? From a company point of view, that really makes sense to me.”

‘Suggestion Box’ Planned

As for community uses of the space, Crawford in early November planned to post a survey to the website <https://noe-valleytownsquare.com/> so the public can submit ideas about programming in 2019.

She is also planning next month to install an “old-fashioned suggestion box,” she said, near the bulletin board in the park for people to drop off ideas about future events.

“What is wonderful to me is I am hearing from a lot of merchants that these events are really helping their stores,” she said. “At a time when stores are feeling beleaguered in the age of Amazon, these events bring people onto the street, give them a sense of neighborhood, and then they go eat and shop in the local stores and restaurants.”

Ironically, Apple markets its Apple Pay feature as a boon for small merchants, arguing it allows their customers an easier way to pay.

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City Lifts Real Food’s Grocery-Only Status

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the developers to start seismic retrofitting and to remodel the empty one-story 5,490-square-foot building into space for three retail stores.

The owners, a San Francisco real estate investment group headed by Tom Murphy of Aralon Properties, sought the zoning change after concluding that putting in a replacement market was not economically viable, given the presence of the popular Whole Foods Market across the street.

The request to lift the grocery-only zoning drew strong support from local merchants, who noted the site had been a blot on the landscape since 2003.

“This space has been empty for 15 years,” said Debra Niemann, head of the Noe Valley Association community benefit district on 24th Street. “We don’t need another grocery store on 24th Street. We need an active merchant.”

Also pleased was Paola Heines, co-owner of nearby Xela Imports, a shop selling jewelry, clothing, and decorative arts.

“There are too many empty spaces” on 24th Street, Heines said. (At the end of last year, there were more than a dozen vacant stores in the neighborhood.) “At this point, any kind of retail

would be good,” and might help rejuvenate the strip. Heines said she’d prefer to see “something not already here,” a business such as a gym or a yoga studio or even a new restaurant.

At the hearing, several residents spoke in favor of housing at the site. Anastasia Yovanopoulos, representing the Noe Neighborhood Council, said, “It would be wasteful to squander the opportunity for development of more housing, and the added housing at this location would not result in the displacement of any residents.”

Caroline Kennedy, chair of the Dolores Heights Improvement Club, implored the development group to modify its plans to also include rental housing.

“Apartments above the retail shops would provide much needed housing for the community and add to the vitality of 24th Street,” she told the commissioners. “Every project, even as small as this one, counts toward achieving our housing targets.”

Daniel Frattin, a representative for the investment group, said the space could have accommodated no more than nine residential units, and the site would have been vacant for another five years from design to construction if housing were involved.

The developer’s current plan calls for adding a second entrance to the storefront and dividing the interior into three retail spaces. While making seismic repairs, the investment group will redo the stucco facade, refurbish the

parapet, and install three ADA-accessible bathrooms.

The building’s owners have not set a completion date nor have they said what kind of businesses they will seek. However, in August owner Murphy told the *Voice* he expected the project to be done by the end of this year.

Under city zoning rules, retail generally means businesses selling goods like clothing, pet supplies, or home furnishings. Restaurants, personal service businesses like nail salons, and financial businesses, such as real estate firms and banks, could operate under the retail category, but would require additional planning department approval.

Former Noe Valley residents Kimball and Jane Allen founded the Real Food Company health food store in 1970. Nutraceutical Corporation of Park City, Utah, purchased the grocery in 2002, but abruptly shuttered it a year later in the face of an employee union-organizing effort.

Over the next 14 years, District 8 supervisors and numerous Noe Valley store owners and residents repeatedly petitioned Nutraceutical to reopen, renovate, or tear down the building. All to no avail.

In the fall of 2017, a private equity firm led by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young purchased the Nutraceutical conglomerate. The following May, it sold off the Real Food site to Murphy’s investment group.



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Renters Sue Big Landlord

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Clipper Street: Kendra Weinisch, who moved into her unit in November 2010 and pays \$1,685 a month, and David Cunningham, a resident since 2013



Veritas' building at 1064 Dolores St. offered two apartments for rent in October.

whose rent is \$2,583.

The Dolores Street plaintiffs were Adrian Anzaldúa and Mirra Schwartz. They moved into their unit in August 2010 and paid \$2,400.

The lawsuit did not spell out the size of their individual apartments, nor the tenants' specific grievances. None of the Noe Valley tenants responded by press time to calls asking for comment.

The apartment building on Clipper is a three-story, 21-unit complex last sold in December 2014 for \$9 million. A studio was available in October for \$2,595 and a two-bedroom unit for \$4,795.

The Dolores Street building is a three-story, 12-unit complex last sold in September 2014 for \$6,250,000. In October, it offered two two-bedroom units for rent, one for \$4,495 and the other for \$4,595.

There is an annual limit to the amount landlords who fall under San Francisco's rent control ordinance can raise rents. This year it's 1.6 percent. However, owners can raise rents any amount they want when a unit becomes vacant.

A Veritas executive denied the charges in the lawsuit.

"We dispute all claims that we are hostile or negligent towards our valued residents in any way," Veritas COO Justin



The building at 610 Clipper St. is a 21-unit complex that was last sold in December 2014. Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Sato told the *Voice* in a statement.

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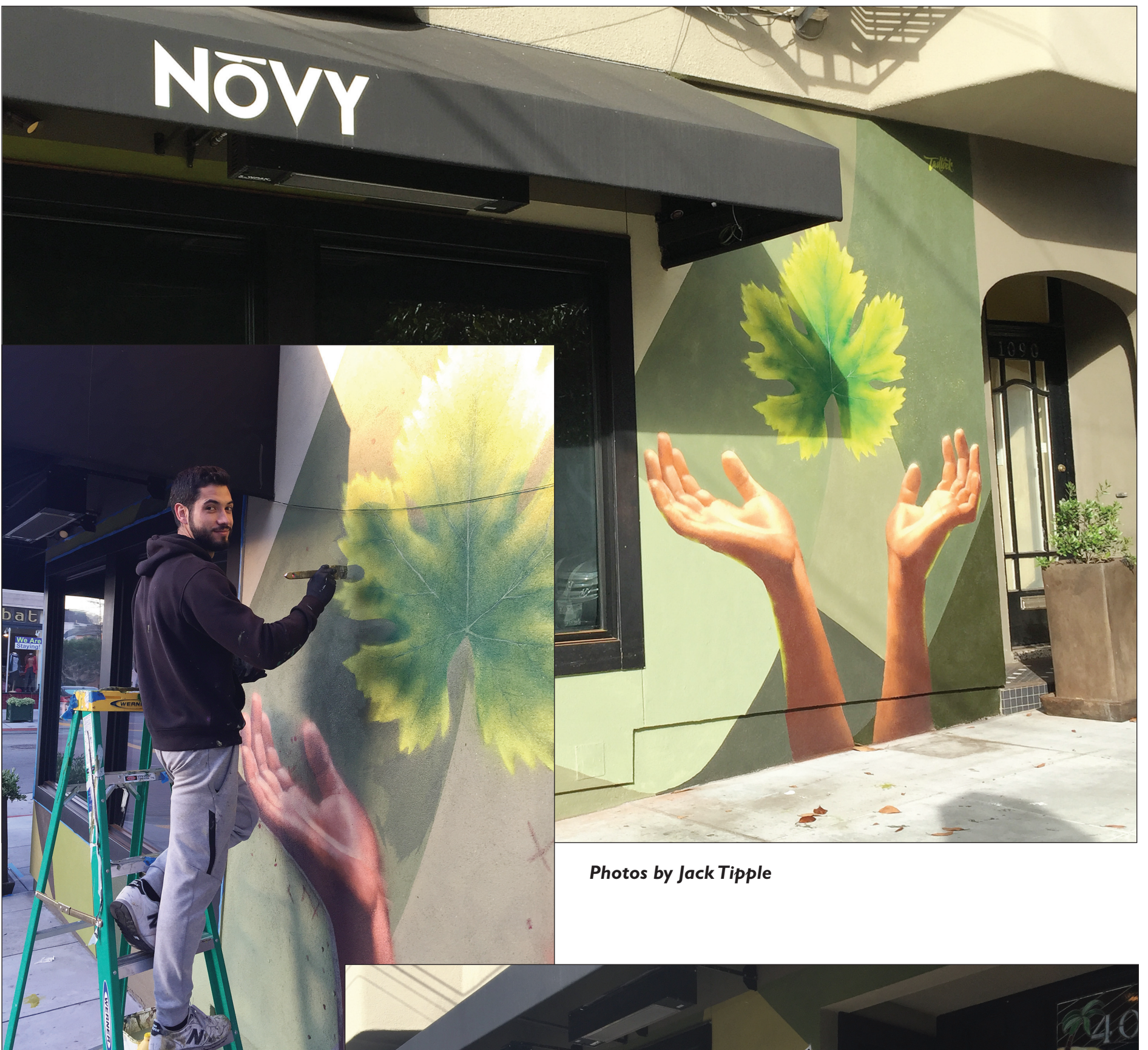
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Mural Brings Restaurant Heritage to Life

NOVY owners, sisters Kristen and Kathryn Gianaras hired muralist Alexander Tadlock (pictured above) to portray their grandfather Panos Gianaras and a symbolic journey to their stewardship of the restaurant, now called NOVY.

For 20 years, starting in 1977, Panos' Restaurant, occupied the location and was run by Kristen and Kathryn's parents John and Vi Gianaras. In March of 2015 NOVY came into being with the sisters taking charge.

One each of the hands portrayed on the Noe Street side of the mural belong to the Gianaras sisters.

A mural viewing party will take place on Sunday, November 4, from 5 to 7:00 p.m. at the restaurant: 4000 24th Street at Noe Street.





Classic Beauty in Noe Valley.

Photo by Jack Tipple

Group Explores Mission Dolores ‘Green’ Benefit District

By Katie Burke

A group of neighbors, calling themselves the Mission Dolores Green Benefit District Exploration Team, is proposing a “green” benefit district in the area surrounding Mission Dolores Park. The district’s goal would be to make the neighborhood “safer and more welcoming for all, while preserving its unique character,” says Conan McHugh, one of the group’s leaders.

The green benefit district would be similar to a commercial benefit district, such as the one sprucing up 24th Street in Noe Valley. However, says team member Carolyn Thomas, “[While] a CBD is interested in commercial concerns like merchants and marketing,...a GBD is more geared toward the interests of the residents, addressing the streetscape and greenspace.” In both cases, the property owners within the district pay in to a fund, which then pays for projects like sidewalk cleaning and landscaping.

As envisioned by its planners, the Mission Dolores GBD would stretch from Castro to Valencia streets and from 22nd Street to near Duboce Avenue. It would tax property owners an amount not likely to exceed \$300 per year, said McHugh. A share of the money would go toward hiring a director, who would draw up a maintenance plan, oversee the group’s board, and be an advocate for GBD residents at City Hall.

Last summer, the team distributed an informal SurveyMonkey questionnaire to

take the pulse of local residents. The team also “walked and talked with people in the neighborhood and Dolores Park,” said McHugh, who lives on Guerrero Street.

The group, which has support from the organizations Dolores Park Works and Dolores Park Ambassadors, also emailed members of the Ford Street Community Group and the Castro CBD, among others.

With about 80 community members responding, the survey identified the neighborhood’s main concerns: homeless assistance, street-sweeping and trash pick-up, vehicle break-in prevention, safer bike lanes and pedestrian crossings, and care and maintenance of park areas.

McHugh said his personal answers aligned well with the survey results.

“To me, being a property owner and a rental property owner in the area, it’s about the safety and the engagement of the community,” he said.

Still, he stressed, “This isn’t about creating a homeless exclusion zone.”

Over the past two months, the team has held two planning meetings at Dolores Park Church. Members have also created a more formal survey. That survey is now available for homeowners, renters, and others to complete, on the group’s website at www.doloresGBD.org.

The team will announce the formal survey’s results at a third planning meeting, on Thursday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m., at the church, located at 455 Dolores St.

All property owners and renters in the proposed district area are invited to attend, as is the general public. Those interested in reaching the team or reading up on the plan should do so via the website.

To win city approval, the self-taxing plan would have to be approved by 50 percent plus 1 of the property owners in the area.

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Kids Ask Katie

Kids Ask Katie is a column in which Katie Burke—a neighborhood resident, writer, and family law attorney—gives answers to kids' questions about Noe Valley. Children ages 3 to 12 can address their questions to Katie@noevalleyvoice.com. Katie will write you back to schedule an interview and photo session.

Why do we need so many banks in Noe Valley?

—Asked by Molly Fox, 13

In June, I met 13-year-old Molly Fox (then 12) at the Noe Valley Farmers Market in the Town Square. Molly, who lives on 24th Street, was with her mom, Leslie Crawford.

When I asked Molly for a question about the neighborhood, she responded, "Why do we need so many banks in Noe Valley?"

"It's not that I dislike banks," she explained, "but there are so many of them. We don't need more banks, real estate agencies, or nail salons... People aren't going down the street and saying, 'Let's go shop at the real estate office.' You would want to go to a movie theater or a cafe or anywhere where there's an authentic business... That's the way we can escape Amazon consumerism."

The Noe Valley banks offered no collective retort: Noe Valley branch managers at Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and the new First Republic branch declined interviews. Nick Demopoulos, the Noe Valley branch manager for



Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and Molly Fox exchange views on the kinds of stores they'd like to see in "Downtown Noe Valley."

Sterling Bank & Trust, was out of town and unavailable to talk.

Tony Roldan, manager of the Umpqua Bank branch at 3938 24th St., came through.

"Here's what I would say to a 13-year-old asking why we have so many banks: Why are there so many schools? We have to let people see what opportunities are out there. Same as banks."

"You don't have to be a customer for us to take care of you," Roldan said. Umpqua has computers the public can use to print documents, they offer popsicles and bottled water to any person who walks in, and dog biscuits for their four-

legged friends.

According to Roldan, dogs often lean toward the branch as their owners walk them by. "No, they're not doing any banking," Roldan mused, "but they know they get treats."

Umpqua also has its own coffee beans, blended for their customers, and they often hand out the bags. The 24th Street branch participates in community events, including donating to the Noe Valley Girls Film Festival and taking the bank's popsicles out to 24th Street to talk up the annual September event.

But why *so many* banks? "Every bank is different. It's all about the culture," Roldan explained, saying neighbors' preferences may differ. He identified Umpqua and Sterling as community banks, distinguishing them from credit unions and from Noe Valley's "big banks."

Asked what her favorite business in Noe Valley was, Molly named Walgreens on Castro Street. "Some of their makeup is so cheap," she explained. She would like to see a Boba Guys, a movie theater, and a pet-grooming place move in to any vacant spots on 24th Street.

To encourage her civic engagement, I invited Molly to interview District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman in October at Bernie's coffee shop.

Curious what Mandelman was doing to improve Noe Valley's retail scene, Molly asked the supervisor, "What are you doing to help small businesses stay in Noe Valley, when banks, real estate offices, and nail salons are taking up so much of

the available retail space?"

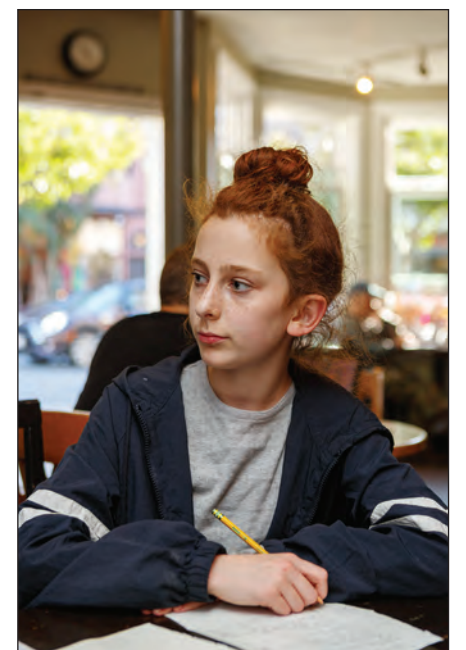
Mandelman reminded Molly that he'd been in office only three months. But this lifelong San Francisco resident had ideas, and he shared her desire to bring more fun consumer businesses into Noe Valley, telling her 24th Street featured a movie theater in the 1940s and '50s.

"It would be hard to get a movie theater in now because of the economics. You need 15 screens," Mandelman said. "It's hard enough to keep open the single-screen theaters we already have [in our city]."

Mandelman prefers local small businesses, and he banks with a credit union. He also has a Wells Fargo account, opened when he worked at a job with a Wells Fargo ATM nearby.

To the question of why so many banks in Noe Valley, Mandelman explained that banks are attractive tenants, since they are relatively stable and can pay their rent, presenting less of a risk to landlords than small retail stores.

Molly asked why Noe Valley had many empty storefronts. Mandelman told her the city does "a miserable job" of collecting the fee it can extract from landlords who keep their retail floors empty. Mandelman thinks the city might more seriously attempt collection if the



In an ideal world, says Molly Fox, 24th Street would have a movie theater and a Boba Guys tea store, to go along with Bernie's coffee shop.

fee were higher. We could also vote in a vacancy tax, he said.

Thank you, Molly, for your savvy question, and for being such a concerned Noe Valley citizen.

Thank you, Tony Roldan and Supervisor Mandelman, for taking the time to talk with us.

See you all in the neighborhood!

—Katie Burke



Tony Roldan, manager of the Noe Valley branch of Umpqua Bank, lists several reasons his bank is a good neighbor on 24th Street.

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Rebecca Jacobson and her dad Mark Jacobson went scuba diving in the Cayman Islands and posed with their favorite newspaper when back on dry land.



Casey and Angie Nakahara introduced their hometown newspaper to family friends and students Kara and Jada Herbert at Xavier University in New Orleans.



Jesse Kershner visited Bert Nienhuis in Amsterdam and shared a laugh. Nienhuis had previously stayed with the Kershner family on Noe Street

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The Cost of Living in Noe

September Unusually Slow

By Corrie M. Anders

Buyers purchased only two single-family detached homes in Noe Valley in September. And both sales were well under \$2 million. (The average for August was \$2.6 million.)

The low numbers had real estate expert Randall Kostick, who provides monthly data to the *Noe Valley Voice* via his firm Zephyr Real Estate, shaking his head.

“It’s very strange,” Kostick said. “It seems like a strange set of events.... It seems completely out of place.”

It was the first time in 10 years of counting that fewer than four houses had sold in September.

However, he said, there remained robust buyer interest in Noe Valley, and the “shockingly slow” September might just be a blip.

“I think it is an oddity in the data,” he said. “I think there is a cooling that has been taking place over the last year and a half—but it is not as dramatic as this data would lead you to believe.”

It would take another month or two of



A gourmet kitchen, private deck, and the sparkle of a modern makeover attracted buyers to a flat in this Edwardian on 26th Street, built in 1924. The new owners paid \$1,725,000 for the two-bedroom condo.

Photos by Corrie M. Anders

data to determine whether a slow September portended a market favoring buyers over sellers, he said.

The month’s most expensive house was a Victorian cottage on the market for 34 days before it received an offer at the \$1,795,000 asking price. The 1,048-square-foot two-bedroom, one-bath home is located in the 1600 block of Church Street between 28th and Valley streets. Built in 1885, it had been remodeled to feature an elegant interior with hardwood floors, a wood-burning fireplace, a garden with fish pond, and two-car parking.

Noe Valley’s condominium activity was a tad more lively, with buyers making offers in an average eight days and paying an average 10 percent more than the sellers’ asking price. Six condos changed hands during September, compared with three sales a year earlier.

The highest-priced condo was a two-bedroom, 1.5-bath unit in a 1924 Edwardian in the 3900 block of 26th Street, between Church and Sanchez streets.

The full-floor unit, offering 1,377 square feet of space, had been renovated with amenities that included a gourmet kitchen, laundry area, period detailing, a private deck, and one-car parking.

The final price was \$1,725,000, or 15.4 percent above the seller’s asking price (\$1,495,000).



This 1885 Victorian on Church Street sold in September for \$1,795,000. The modernized two-bedroom cottage included hardwood floors, a wood-burning fireplace, and a fish pond in the garden.

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
September 2018	2	\$1,625,000	\$1,795,000	\$1,710,000	59	95%
August 2018	11	\$1,650,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,578,000	19	109%
September 2017	6	\$1,475,000	\$2,301,000	\$1,824,333	24	108%
Condominiums/TICs						
September 2018	6	\$955,000	\$1,725,000	\$1,469,167	8	112%
August 2018	11	\$1,650,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,578,000	19	109%
September 2017	3	\$685,000	\$1,407,000	\$1,007,333	22	111%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
September 2018	3	\$1,385,150	\$2,010,000	\$1,798,383	28	104%
August 2018	2	\$1,900,000	\$4,900,000	\$3,400,000	13	108%
September 2017	5	\$1,200,000	\$4,450,000	\$2,380,000	63	97%
5+-unit buildings						
September 2018	0	—	—	—	—	—
August 2018	1	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,450,000	70	98%
September 2017	0	—	—	—	—	—

* Survey includes all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is loosely defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The Voice thanks Zephyr Real Estate (zephyrre.com) for providing sales data. NVV11/2018

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range October 2018	Average October 2018	Average September 2018	Average October 2017
Studio	9	\$1,995 - \$2,975	\$2,479 / mo.	\$2,398 / mo.	\$2,647 / mo.
1-bdrm	18	\$2,795 - \$6,450	\$3,670 / mo.	\$3,541 / mo.	\$3,496 / mo.
2-bdrm	19	\$3,250 - \$5,900	\$4,384 / mo.	\$4,291 / mo.	\$4,620 / mo.
3-bdrm	19	\$4,300 - \$10,950	\$6,110 / mo.	\$6,922 / mo.	\$7,382 / mo.
4+-bdrm	7	\$6,695 - \$20,000	\$11,506 / mo.	\$11,005 / mo.	\$10,965 / mo.

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Colors of the Season In Noe Valley

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October 27th saw the oranging of Noe Courts as State Senator Scott Wiener brought his 2nd annual Pumpkin Carving Contest to Noe Valley.



SHORT TAKES

Tree Lighting the First Day

Saturday, Dec. 1, will be one of the busiest days of the year, thanks to the arrival of 24 Holidays on 24th Street, annual festivities sponsored by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association.

The month of events starts with free hayrides in a two-horsepower wagon driven by cowboys along 24th Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. As you trot past Zephyr Real Estate, be sure to say thank you. The firm is once again sponsoring the stage, which picks up riders in front of Walgreens at Castro and Jersey streets.

From 3 to 8 p.m., the Noe Valley Holiday Wine Walk will offer wine pairings with end-of-the-year holiday meals. Scott Shuemaker of IDK Events, which is producing this year's walk, says that "culturally appropriate" Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's food will be offered with a varietal wine sample at 12 stops along 24th Street. Each stop will be identified by a six-foot-tall wine glass banner.

Pick up your souvenir glass and map at the Noe Valley Town Square and progress west. Some of the stops include The Agency, Umpqua Bank, Small Frys, Novy Restaurant, Honeycomb Salon, Gallery of Jewels, and Wink. You'll be able to buy any of the wine you like on the tour at Noe Valley Wine & Spirits, 3821 24th St., or PlumpJack, 4011 24th St. Tickets for the Noe Valley Holiday Wine Walk are available for \$25 at noevalleywinewalk.com or eventbrite.com.

The final event of Dec. 1 will begin at the square as darkness falls. Enjoy holiday treats and music from 5 to 8 p.m. and behold as a giant Christmas tree is lit. Town

Square elf Leslie Crawford says, "For the Town Square Tree Lighting, we will feature tap-dancing Christmas trees, the Boy Scouts choir, and the SF City Carolers, along with holiday cookies from Noe Valley Bakery and hot chocolate and mulled wine. And snow!"

That's only the beginning. For the other 23 days in the 24 Holidays calendar, go to 24on24th.com or catch up with Santa in next month's *Noe Valley Voice*.

Be Thankful and Remember

The Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library is sponsoring two events of special note in November, one of giving thanks and the other of remembering.

There will be a Thankfulness Tree at the library open house Saturday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. Attendees are invited to write what they are thankful for on a paper leaf and add it to the tree. The open house also will feature free refreshments, crafts for kids, and music by Six Roses Jazz Duet. The library is located at 451 Jersey St.

The remembrance event is a free tour of Old Mission Dolores on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 2 p.m., led by a volunteer docent from the Mission Dolores Basilica congregation. The old mission, which dates from 1776, is the oldest surviving building in San Francisco and the gravesite of 5,000 Ohlone, Miwok, and other tribal members, many of whom built the structure. The tour is part of the San Francisco Public Library's series of November events honoring native Californian cultures. Register at 415-355-5707. Space is limited to 20 people.

Live From New York

Noe Valley Chamber Music will present performances in three concert formats when Decoda, the New York-based chamber collective, comes to town. The sextet of clarinet, oboe, double bass, viola, violin, and soprano will play at Snapshots, Classical Kids, and Sundays at Four on Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 and 2. Decoda will cover some



Sandhya Acharya, author of *10 Gulab Jamuns: Counting With an Indian Sweet Treat*, will appear at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 7, as part of an all-day Diwali Festival of Lights celebration at Charlie's Corner, 4102 24th St. The bookstore says "come learn about this Hindu holiday, which celebrates our inner light and love."

of classical's greatest hits during Snapshots, NVCM's new cabaret-style performance hour, at the Red Poppy Art House, 2698 Folsom St. in the Mission, on Thursday, Nov. 29. Doors open at 6:30, and Decoda plays at 7 p.m. Tickets go for a suggested \$25 donation.

At Classical Kids on Saturday, Dec. 1, Decoda will dazzle with "Trapeze," their interactive presentation based on music by Prokofiev. The show begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$40 for a family of four.

Seven pieces are on the Decoda program for Sundays at Four at the Ministry, Sunday, Dec. 2, including music by Barber, Britton, Gould, Premo, Prokofiev, and

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Recycling Box Now on 25th Street

The nonprofit Recycle for Change has put one of its green collection boxes for used clothing, shoes, toys, and other small household items in a new spot on the grounds of James Lick Middle School.

The Richmond-based organization had initially installed its large green receptacle on the sidewalk in front of the school near the intersection of Clipper and Noe streets. But as the *Voice* noted last month, maintenance access issues required it to relocate the box.

"It has now been moved, but it just moved around the corner," noted Recycle for Change spokeswoman Alexandra Bradley. "It is still up against the school building but now on 25th Street, closest to the 25th and Noe corner of the school."

The receptacle continues to be accessible to the public, even when the school is not in session. The box is part of the nonprofit's Green Schools Textile Recycling Initiative to assist schools in greening their campuses.

Recycle for Change had sought to place one of its boxes in the city-owned Harry Aleo public parking lot on 24th Street near Castro. That plan was nixed, however, due to neighbors' concerns that doing so would exacerbate problems with garbage left at the lot.

To learn more about what donated items Recycle for Change accepts, visit its website at <https://www.recycleforchange.org>.

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Schubert. An after-party, hosted by musicologist Kai Christiansen, will happen down the street at La Boulangerie de Noe, 3898 24th St.

Christiansen also hosts the Noe Valley Chamber Music salon Evenings with Kai, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m., in a private home, where he'll lead a discussion of music being played at the Dec. 2 Sundays at Four concert. Space is limited. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Tickets for all of the events are available at nvcm.org.

Parade of Preschools

A preschool fair, sponsored by the San Francisco Office of Early Care and Education, will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6 to 8 p.m., at City Hall. Parents can speak with representatives from a variety of family childcare providers and preschools located around the city. Information on financial assistance will also be on hand.

To learn more and register for the fair, go to sfpreschoolfair.eventbrite.com. There is no admission charge. A kids' play zone and free refreshments will be available.

Resound Brings Hope and Joy

Songs of comfort, hope, justice, and joy will be offered the Friday after Election Day by the Resound Ensemble at the vocal group's fall concert, led by new artistic director Dr. Ben Riggs.

The concert title, "I Dream a World," comes from a piece by composer Joan Szymko, based on the poem of the same name by Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes. The Hughes poem be-

gins, "I dream a world where man/No other man will scorn,/Where love will bless the earth/And peace its paths adorn."

Two other works by women are in the program: "Quilt Songs," choral sets commissioned by Resound by composers Carol Barnett, Ysaye Barnwell, Gabriela Lena Frank, Libby Larsen, and Alice Parker; and "Ella's Song," a composition by Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of the Sweet Honey in the Rock a cappella group, inspired by Ella Fitzgerald's life and work.

Also being performed are choral works by Jean Berger, Leonard Cohen, Edward Elgar, Eric Whitacre, and Jake Runestad.

Riggs notes that "we live in a world often divided, downcast, and despairing" and invites us through this concert to "dream a world of hope and justice."

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, at 8 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Tickets are \$30 for premium seating, \$20 general admission, and \$10 for children 5 to 12. Buy at resoundensemble.org or Eventbrite.

It's a Disaster!

The San Francisco Fire Department is offering a free personal disaster readiness workshop on risk awareness, planning for disasters, and emergency supplies on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6 to 8 p.m., at 2310 Folsom St. Information on the San Francisco Fire Department's NERT program (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) will also be presented.

NERT is free training on how to be an effective volunteer in case disaster strikes. The six once-a-week sessions cover earthquake awareness, basic disaster skills, disaster medicine, light search and rescue, and team organizing. A new training has been scheduled for January in Noe Valley.

To sign up for the personal readiness workshop or team NERT training, go to sf-fire.org. Classes tend to fill up fast. So run don't walk.



Dave Frangquist and Leslie Sortie perform in *Summer of Love, Luv*, a "St. Dymphna's" musical comedy playing Nov. 9 to 11 at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive.

Back to the Summer of Love

The saga of the fictitious St. Dymphna's Church continues with the 15th original musical comedy written, directed, and performed by the parishioners and friends of the real St. Aidan's Church in Diamond Heights. In this one, the St. Dymphna staff time-travels between the present and 1967. The production is appropriately entitled "Summer of Love, Luv." Far out!

Once again, John Wilk, theatre professor at City College, has written the book and will direct the play. Scumbly Koldewyn, of Cockettes fame, is the music director. Megan Dueck is the choreographer. Music will be groovy Summer of Love classics.

The totally boss 15-member ensemble includes three priests in guest-starring

roles, retired bishop Nedi Rivera, her husband Bob Moore (also a retired Episcopal priest), and current St. Aidan's rector and not-retired Cameron Partridge.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11. Tickets are \$30 for priority seating Friday and Saturday, \$20 adult general admission, and \$10 for children 5 to 18. Buy yours at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3669777.

St. Aidan's is located at 101 Gold Mine Drive. Free parking is available Friday and Saturday evenings in the Safeway shopping center across the street from the church. Wicked, man.

Short Takes are compiled and written by Richard May.

NVCM's Classical Kids

Saturdays at 10:30am Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular Voice column profiling new businesses in Noe Valley. This month, we decided to feature Little Artistas, a children's art studio and play space that has been making its colorful presence known on Church Street for over two years.

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Imaginations and creative spirits run wild at Little Artistas, where children up to age 11 can learn to paint, play music, and freely express themselves.

"We are opening their sense of wonder and creativity," says operations manager Eva Welles Rodrigues. "We are opening their eyes to a lifelong appreciation of art."

One of the tenets at Little Artistas, notes Welles Rodrigues, is to "make the world relentlessly playful."

The studio accomplishes that goal by offering a wide array of classes for different age groups of children. One of its more popular offerings is a "Baby and Me" class, for parents of newborns age 18 months to children three and a half years old.

"New moms are looking for new activities to do," says Welles Rodrigues, herself the mother with her husband of a new baby.

The classes are held throughout the day and run either 45 minutes or an hour and a half. They usually fill up fast with a waitlist for families who sign up late. Due to the limited space it has, Little Artistas caps the number of slots at 10 for the classes geared toward children under the age of four and at six for the classes aimed at older kids.

There are classes for both English- and Spanish-speaking families. Enrollment for new classes begins three months in advance; the January through May classes posted in mid-October. (The price for up to 18 dates ranges from \$425 to \$760.)

New for 2019 are a number of classes geared for older children, ages 6 to 10, that involve more difficult skill sets, such as stop-motion animation, printmaking, and weaving patterns for clothes.

"A lot of parents are seeking more skill- and technique-based classes for their older kids," explains Welles Rodrigues.

Anna Calonje launched Little Artistas five years ago in Glen Park, at 667 Chenery St. Raised in a bilingual home in Cali, Colombia, she was surrounded by artists, educators, and environmentalists. Her up-



Teacher Jenny Rodriguez leads a music class in Spanish, as Little Artistas manager Eva Welles Rodrigues looks on from the children's art gallery.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

bringing inspired her to offer similar experiences to children in San Francisco.

"I opened Little Artistas because I believe children should have access to creative outlets, safe spaces for self-expression, and, most importantly, fun ways to learn!" Calonje enthuses on her website.

In summer 2016, in looking to expand to meet growing demand, Calonje toured spaces in various neighborhoods in San Francisco, but she always had Noe Valley at the top of her list. Since taking over the storefront at 1513 Church St. (once occupied by the Loft, Spark Creativity, and Tacolicious Inc.), which is 1,100 square feet and has access to a small garden out back, Little Artistas has felt embraced by local families.

"We definitely have created a little community here," says Welles Rodrigues, who was hired two and half years ago.

At both of its locations, Little Artistas runs camps, from just a day to weeklong, timed to the vacation calendar for the San Francisco Unified School District. They split them into younger and older age groups, and warn that attendees should wear clothes they can get dirty. (The cost is \$100 a day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a 20 percent discount for siblings and the option of aftercare until 6 p.m. at \$17 an hour.)

Little Artistas also has a weekly Date Night offering on Saturdays, begun in response to clients' requests, where parents

can drop off their kids, ages 4 to 10, at 5 p.m., and have three hours to themselves. (The cost is \$40 with a 20 percent discount for siblings, and the night features a movie, an activity themed to the film, and pizza for the kids.)

"It's been a really fun night. The kids get a night out while the parents have a night out," says Welles Rodrigues. "If we are creating these city kids, they can have a fun night out too."

A unique service Little Artistas offers is the creation of a mural. The artists will come out to a site and paint a work of art, with the assistance of children and adults. The studio and its charges have painted murals at Fairmont Elementary School in Glen Park (inspired by the artist Matisse), the Upper Noe Recreation Center (with a California theme near the child play area on Day Street), and Alvarado Elementary School in Noe Valley (one featuring marigolds and another a rainbow).

The cost runs in the thousands to tens of thousands of dollars depending on the size of the artwork, number of children involved, and whether it's at a public or private facility.

"We do a few a year. We love them, but it is not something we can pitch. Someone has to approach us wanting a mural," says Welles Rodrigues.

Little Artistas' storefronts can be rented out for birthday and baby showers in two-hour blocks accommodating 10

people. (The price is \$500 for the Glen Park location, \$600 for Noe Valley.) Inquiries for doing so should be emailed to parties@littleartistas.com.

Families interested in signing up for any of the offerings at Little Artistas can easily do so online. They are also always welcome to drop by either location, says Welles Rodrigues, to check out the spaces and ask any questions of the staff.

—Matthew S. Bajko



Eva Welles Rodrigues, who manages the Noe Valley branch of Little Artistas, says local parents are seeking more skill-based classes these days.

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Nov. 1: The monthly self-guided Castro ART WALK features exhibits by local artists in various neighborhood businesses. 6-9 pm. For a map and list of participants: castroartwalk.com.

Nov. 1: Local artist and author Deamer Dunn discusses his latest MYSTERY, Omar T in San Francisco. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Nov. 1, 9, 15 & 29: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, and music. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 1-29: Shrawan Nepali leads Thursday morning MEDITATION, 8 to 9 am, in the Noe Valley Town Square; bring a pillow. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Nov. 1-29: Newcomers welcome at the AL-ANON Literature Discussion, meeting Thursdays at Bethany UMC, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez.

Nov. 1-29: Bring your brain to TRIVIA NIGHT on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Nov. 1-30: Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

Nov. 1-30: BootCampSF conducts FITNESS training Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 am. SF Rec Center Basketball Court, 30th and Whitney. 567-9009; sfbootcamp.com.

Nov. 1-30: Charlie's Corner offers children's STORY TIMES every day. Mon.-Fri., 10 am, noon, 3 & 5 pm; Sat. & Sun., 10:30 am, 12:30 & 3:30 pm. 4102 24th; 641-1104.

Nov. 1-30: The On Lok 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon & 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

Nov. 2-16: The DAY OF THE DEAD exhibition at Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts wraps up Nov. 18 with a mole tasting and contest in the Main Gallery. 6:30 pm. 2868 Mission. missionculturalcenter.org.

Nov. 2-30: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett bookstore. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com. (Saturday-night JAZZ is 7:30 to 10 pm.)

Nov. 2-30: Chris Sequeira leads a free Friday KARAOKE for Adults gathering at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061.

Nov. 3: Dolores Park Works seeks volunteers to replant the GUERRERO MEDIAN at 17th; Tartine is donating pastries, but bring gloves and a hat. 9 am-1 pm. RSVP to doloresparkworks.org.

Nov. 3: Stand Up San Francisco hosts a VOTING PARTY to discuss candidates and issues. 1-3 pm. Location to be determined; RSVP to standupsf.net.

Nov. 3: Learn to knit or crochet at the Noe Valley Library's KNITTING CIRCLE. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 3: OPEN HOUSE at the Noe Valley Library includes refreshments, crafts, and a Thankfulness Tree. 2-5 pm; music by Six Roses Jazz Duet at 3 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 3: Celebrate the 10-year ANNIVERSARY of Omnivore Books with cake, booze, and party favors. 3-5 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 3-24: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live music from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Nov. 3-24: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

Nov. 3-24: The Randall Museum's close-up of California wildlife, "Meet the ANIMALS," is now called "Meet the Keeper." Saturdays at 2 pm. 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

Nov. 3-27: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 3 & Dec. 1: The Town Square hosts DRUMMING and dancing on first Saturdays. 4-5 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Nov. 4: The Noe Valley Town Square offers JAZZ featuring the band Lunarville, from 1 to 3 pm. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Nov. 4: Michael Minkovitz and Jose D. Medina introduce *Thank You, Crow*, at a 2 pm STORY HOUR. Folio Books, 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Nov. 4 & 18: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 4, 18 & 25: Bring your yoga mat to an ESSENTRICS workout at the Noe Valley Library. 1:30-2:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 4-25: A free T'AI CHI class at the Noe Valley Town Square is offered Sundays, from 9 to 9:45 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Nov. 4-25: Taylor Pangman and Lauren Cohen from Yoga Mayu offer a free YOGA CLASS at the Noe Valley Town Square; bring your own mat. Sundays, 10-11 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Nov. 4-25: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 4 & Dec. 2: The Asian Art Museum offers FREE ADMISSION on the first Sunday of the month, courtesy of Target. 200 Larkin. 581-3500; asianart.org.

Nov. 5: ODD MONDAYS hosts "Talking About Theater" with Maxine Einhorn, Lily Janiak, and Joel Mullennix. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. oddmondays.com.

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26: The ACC Conversation Club meets on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. For details, email krismoser@aol.com.

Nov. 6: Vote ELECTION Day. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. For information go to sflections.sfgov.org.

Nov. 6 & 20: Bethany United Methodist Church offers free KNITTING lessons on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. 7-8:30 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Nov. 6-27: The Eureka Valley Library tells TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 6-27: Volunteer to make meals for the hungry at Civic Center Plaza at "Currry Without Worry." 1:30-5 pm. Bethany UMC, 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Nov. 6-27: John McClean Wolf leads SACRED YOGA Tuesdays at Holy Innocents. 7-8 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142; holyninsf.org.

Nov. 7: Celebrate the DIWALI FESTIVAL of Lights at Charlie's Corner Bookstore. 10 am & 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Nov. 7: The free City of San Francisco PRESCHOOL FAIR explains options for locations and costs of providers; a kids play zone is included. 6-8 pm. City Hall, First Floor. sfpreschoolfair.eventbrite.com

Nov. 7: Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook discuss *ISRAELI SOUL: Easy, Essential, Delicious*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A

Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 7: Children 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 6:30-7:30 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 7: Make personalized glass pebble magnets at adult CRAFT NIGHT at the Noe Valley Library. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 7-28: The Noe Valley Town Square hosts group MEDITATION Wednesdays, from 8 to 9 am. 3861 24th. noevalleytownsquare.com.

Nov. 7-28: Folio Books offers STORYTIME for toddlers Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Nov. 7-28: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com

Nov. 7-28: The Eureka Valley Library hosts BABY RHYME and play time on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Nov. 7-28: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesday, 4 to 7 pm, through November. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Nov. 7-28: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church holds Candlesong, a TAIZE-style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Nov. 7-28: History group Shaping San Francisco offers free PUBLIC TALKS on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Eric Quezada Center, 518 Valencia. shapingsf.org.

Nov. 7-28: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Nov. 7 & Dec. 5: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; glbthistory.org.



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CALENDAR

Nov. 8: The DIAMOND HEIGHTS Community Association meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 7 pm. Call 867-5774 for location; dhcasf.org.

Nov. 8-Dec. 15: John Fiser performs his solo show, “A History of WORLD WAR II: The D-Day Invasion to the Fall of Berlin.” 8 pm Thursdays (no performance Thanksgiving), 8:30 pm Saturdays. The Marsh, 1063 Valencia. 282-3055; themarsh.org.

Nov. 9: The Noe Valley Library screens the 2017 FILM Thor: Ragnarok, the third movie in the action series. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 9-11: The Goddess HARVEST FESTIVAL at Herchurch features art, poetry, music, workshops, and a marketplace. Fri., 6-9 pm; Sat. & Sun., 10 am-5 pm. 678 Portola. 731-2953; herchurch.org.

Nov. 9, 10 & 12: The Resound Ensemble performs a CONCERT of hope and joy, “I Dream a World.” Fri. and Sat., 8 pm; Mon., 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. resoundensemble.org.

Nov. 9 & 11: John Wilk’s MUSICAL COMEDY Summer of Love, Luv, with musical direction by Scrumby Koldewyn, plays at St. Aidan’s Church. 7:30 pm; Nov. 11, 2 pm. 101 Gold Mine. 285-9540, ext. 3, staidansf.org.

Nov. 10: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on second Saturdays. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

Nov. 10: The Noe Valley Library hosts a docent tour of old MISSION DOLORES. 1-2 pm. Meet at 3321 16th, at 12:45 pm. Space is limited; register at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 10: SF Neon offers a NEON WALKING TOUR, “Market-Mission-Castro.” 5:30-7:30 pm. neonbook.xyz.

Nov. 11: A beginning readers STORY HOUR at Folio Books features puppets and *The Nocturnals Grow & Read* series. 2 pm. 3957 24th. foliosf.com.

Nov. 11: Political group ACTION SF meets from 3 to 4:30 pm, on the second Sunday of the month. 4190 24th at Diamond.

actionsolidarity@gmail.com; resistry.net.

Nov. 11: Nicole Ponseca and Miguel Trinidad introduce their COOKBOOK, *I Am a Filipino*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 11: The Natural Rhythms Trio, Terry Garthwaite, Becky Reardon, and Elise Witt, perform a CONCERT at Bethany UMC. 4 pm. 1270 Sanchez.

Nov. 11: Dub Mission presents the “Farewell to ELBO ROOM SF” party, starting at 9:30 pm; the venue closes its doors on Jan. 1, 2019. 647 Valencia. 552-7788; elbo.com.

Nov. 12: The DOLORES HEIGHTS Improvement Club holds its monthly board meeting. 7-9 pm. Bank of America, 501 Castro. doloresheights.org.

Nov. 13: The Noe Valley Library hosts an eReader and ONLINE RESOURCE “Drop-In” from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 13: The SF Fire Department offers a one-day Disaster Training Personal Readiness WORKSHOP. 6-8 pm. 2310 Folsom, enter on 19th. sf-fire.org.

Nov. 13: PFLAG meets at the Women’s Building, 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsf.org.

Nov. 14: Park Rangers tell traditional OHLONE TALES of the Presidio, for all ages. 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 14: The GREAT BOOKS discussion group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 15: MUTTVILLE Senior Dog Rescue hosts a pre-holiday benefit CHAMPAGNE PARTY; dogs welcome. 6-8 pm. Jo Malone London, 2157 Union. 673-1091; muttville.org.

Nov. 15: Stephanie Hua discusses

Edibles: Small Bites for the Modern CANNABIS KITCHEN. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 15: Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. Community room, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane. Confirm meeting location at 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

Nov. 16: Sarah K. Benning does a POP-UP SHOW of embroidered artwork, stitching supplies, and patches at Rare Device. 3-7 pm. 4071 24th. 374-7412; raredevice.net.

Nov. 16: Alexis Fajardo discusses Kid Beowulf: The Rise of El Cid at the BOOKWORMS Club (and pizza party) at Folio Books. 6 pm. 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477, tiny.cc/followworms.

Nov. 17: The Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project offers “A Walk Along the Glen Park SUFFRAGE TRAIL.” 10 am-12:30 pm. Meet at Glen Park BART Plaza. Sign up at glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

Nov. 17: Meet Matthew Heroux and Wednesday Kirwan, AUTHORS of *Owl Love You*, at Charlie’s Corner Bookstore. 10:30 am. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Nov. 17: Third Sunday CONCERTS in the Park at Noe Valley Rec Center features Essence Goldman. 10:30-noon. 295 Day. 970-8061.

Nov. 18: Signups begin for the SF YOUTH BASEBALL League at Noe Valley Rec Center; play begins in March. 10 am. 295 Day. 970-8061; register in person or at noevalleyreccenter.com.

Nov. 18: Bethany UMC hosts a HOLIDAY FAIR from noon to 5 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393; bethanysf.org.

Nov. 18: STAND UP San Francisco hosts its regular monthly meeting. 2-4 pm. Bethany United Methodist Church, 1270 Sanchez. standupsf.net.

Nov. 19: ODD MONDAYS hosts an open mic featuring Mission District poet Cesar Love. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm. Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. oddmondays.com.

Nov. 21: The Noe Valley Ministry offers a LABYRINTH WALK, on third Wednesdays, at 6 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

Nov. 24: The SF Chamber Orchestra and the Children’s Fairyland PUPPETEERS perform The Nutcracker Sweet at the Noe Valley Ministry. 2-3 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2314; noevalleyministry.org.

Nov. 27: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400; missionpolicestation.org.

Nov. 27: Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Social hour 6 pm; program 6:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. ToddsDavid@gmail.com.

Nov. 27: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC’s “Evenings with Kai Salon Lecture Series” runs from 7 to 9 pm. Noe Valley address provided with ticket purchase. nvcm.org.

Nov. 27: Alex Lemberg discusses “Stairway Walks in SF” at the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. Congregation Sherith Israel, Newman Hall, 2266 California. 881-7342; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Nov. 28: The RESILIENT Diamond Heights work group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan’s Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

Nov. 28: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads *Leaving Before the Rains Come* by Alexandra Fuller. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 29: The Holiday Art Shop at CREATIVITY EXPLORED opens. Mon.-Fri., 10 am-5 pm (Thurs. until 7 pm), Sat., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Nov. 29: John Briscoe introduces *Crush: The Triumph of CALIFORNIA WINE*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 1: Volunteer to weed and tidy up JURI COMMONS from 9 to 11 am; coffee and pastry provided. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th. RSVP to meetup.com/juri-commoners.

Dec. 1: 24 Holidays on 24th Street kicks off with a hayride (11 am-2 pm) and a Christmas TREE LIGHTING, featuring tap-dancing trees and caroling by SF City Carolers and the Boy Scouts (5-8 pm). Noe Valley Town Square, 3861 24th.

Dec. 1: The Noe Valley WINE WALK features more than 15 local businesses, from 3 to 8 pm. Tickets are available at 3861 24th, or at noevalleywinewalk.com.

Dec. 1: Mahsa Vahdat and Atabak Elyasi perform a CONCERT at 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS (formerly Noe Valley Music Series) at St. Cyprian’s, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Dec. 1 & 2: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC’s Classical Kids hosts a concert by Decoda at 10:30 am on Dec. 1 and a regular performance by the group at 4 pm on Dec. 2. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 648-5236; nvcm.org.

Dec. 2: MUSIC ON THE HILL celebrates its 20th anniversary with “Christmas in Venice,” a performance by Nash Baroque. 7 pm. St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 101 Gold Mine. 820-1429; musiconthehill.org.

December Noe

The next *Noe Valley Voice* Calendar will appear in the **December 2018** issue, distributed the first week of December. The deadline for items is November 15. Please email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com . Events in Noe Valley receive priority.



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THU NOV 15	STEPHANIE HUA • EDIBLES: SMALL BITES FOR THE MODERN CANNABIS KITCHEN • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE A tasty and unique collection of cannabis recipes: This collection of 30 bite-sized, low-dose recipes ventures boldly beyond pot brownies with tasty, unique, and innovative treats.
SAT NOV 17	JORDAN MICHELMAN & ZACHARY CARLSEN • THE NEW RULES OF COFFEE • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE An illustrated guide to the essential rules for enjoying coffee both at home and in cafes plus facts, lore, and popular culture from around the globe. And of course, there will be coffee to sample!
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UPPER NOE REC CENTER

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We'll Get 'em Next Season

SF Youth Baseball League signups for the 2019 season are set to begin on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. (Bats will be swinging in March.) Register online or visit Upper Noe Rec Center, at 295 Day St. at Sanchez Street.

Meanwhile, the rec center's new Concerts in the Park series is bringing free live music to the playground on third Saturdays of the month, from 10:30 to noon. On stage Nov. 17 will be singer Essence Goldman, known for her album *A Dog Named Moo and His Friend Roo*. She's followed up on Dec. 15 by Audio Blonde, an all-girl teen band from Fremont, Calif.

Want to keep recreating through December? Check out all the classes and free activities in the fall session, like pickleball, tango, volleyball, and zumba. You also can help keep the park in top shape. Call San Francisco Customer Service (311) to report issues and concerns with equipment, conditions, and service, says Chris Faust, chair of Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center. Or volunteer for Ladybug Gardeners on second Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

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TUESDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

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Auditorium Free Play	2:30-5 p.m.*
Petite Bakers (ages 3-6) Drop in or register	10-11 a.m. (begins Oct. 30)*
Rec-N-Tot Soccer	10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun for All	10-11:30 a.m.
Pickleball (all ages)	12:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
Feldenkrais	1-2 p.m.
Soccer	4-5 p.m.
QuickStart Tennis (ages 8-13)	5-6 p.m.
Soccer	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tennis Intermediate/Advanced (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adult Boot Camp	7:45-8:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	3-4 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates all levels (18+)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Qi Gong for Seniors (55+)	1-3 p.m.
Coed Flag Football -- Pee-Wee Division (ages 8-10)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Volleyball -- Girls Beg. (ages 7-9)	4-5:30 p.m.
Coed Flag Football - Senior Division (ages 11-13)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Little Kickers (ages 4-7)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Karate Kids (ages 6-12)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tennis beg/intermediate (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

THURSDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	9:30-11 a.m.*
Petite Bakers (ages 3-6) Drop in or register	10-11 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (ages 2-4)	11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Pickleball (all ages)	12:30-3:30 p.m. FREE
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE
Theater-Mini Players (ages 5-6)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Zumba (family)	5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE
Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Open Gym	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	1-4 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates all levels (18+)	11:30 -12:30 a.m.
Shred-N-Butter (ages 6-13)	3:45-4:45 p.m.
Volleyball League -- Girls Intermed. (ages 10-14)	4-5:30 p.m.
Karaoke for Adults (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

SATURDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Open Gym	None
Auditorium Free Play	12-4:30 p.m.*
Yoga-Vinyasa (18+ all levels)	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (ages 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE

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Open House at the Noe Valley Library: Come share what you are grateful for by adding your leaf to a Thankfulness Tree. Enjoy crafts, refreshments, and music by Six Roses Jazz Duet, starting at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3; 2 to 5 p.m.

Essentrics™ Workout: Essentrics, based on the theories of Miranda Esmonde-White, is a gentle workout drawing on the movements of tai chi, ballet, and physiotherapy. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat. Space is limited, so call 355-5707 or visit the library to sign up. Sundays, Nov. 4, 18 & 25; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

A Magnetic Adult Craft Night: Make personalized glass pebble magnets out of scrap paper or images you bring; all materials provided. Sign up at 355-5707 or ask at the info desk. Wednesday, Nov. 7; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Practice knitting and crocheting on the first Saturday of the month. The library has supplies to practice on, but bring your own yarn and needles if you're working on a project. Saturday, Nov. 3; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

AAC Conversation Club: Practice the use of Alternative and Augmentative Communication devices, including Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, Talk Bar, and smart phones and tablets. For information, contact Kris Moser at krismoser@aol.com. Mondays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The library screens *Thor: Ragnarok*, the third film in the 2017 series based on the Marvel Comics superhero Thor. Friday, Nov. 9; 2 p.m.

eReader and Online Resource “Drop-In”: Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN (and passwords) to an informal workshop about the SFPL’s digital resources, including the library catalog and databases, Kanopy for streaming films, Flipster and RBDigital for magazines, and OverDrive and Axis360 for eBooks. Tuesday, Nov. 13; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Great Books Discussion Group: The Great Books Council of San Francisco sponsors these meetings to discuss and learn from outstanding works of writing. For information, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, Nov. 14; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month’s selection is *Leaving Before the Rains Come* by Alexandra Fuller. Copies of the book are held at the Circulation Desk for checkout. Wednesday, Nov. 28; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

A Thankfulness Tree

The Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library invites you to an **Open House** on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. Besides music by Six Roses Jazz Duet, an ongoing craft project, and refreshments, there will be a **Thankfulness Tree**, where each visitor can add a leaf that describes what they are grateful for.

The library will also offer a special history walk this month, a tour of the old **Mission Dolores** at 3321 16th St., on Saturday, Nov. 10, 12:45 to 2 p.m. Mission Dolores is the burial site of some 5,000 Ohlone, Miwok, and other First Californians, many of whom had built the mission and were its earliest members and founders. Space is limited, so register soon at 355-5707.

The *Noe Valley Voice* would like to give thanks for the book list that Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr provide to us each month, in addition to fulfilling their regular duties at the library. November’s new titles include a mystery involving the young William Shakespeare, a book on political “craftivism,” and a comprehensive guide to sharks, to just name a few.

To check on their availability, or on the array of books, CDs, and DVDs at the branch, call 415-355-5707 or drop by the beautiful Carnegie building at 451 Jersey.

Please note, however, that all San Francisco libraries will be closed on Sunday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Adult Fiction

• *Beautiful Illusion* by Christie Nelson is a tale of romance and intrigue set at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island.

• A former servant pieces together a new life in *The Secrets Between Us*, Thrity Umrigar’s sequel to *The Space Between Us*.

• The historical mystery *The Spy of Venice* by Benet Brandeth follows the adventures of a young William Shakespeare in 1585.

• *Notes From the Fog* is a new collection of 13 short stories by Ben Marcus.

Adult Nonfiction

• Paul French tells the story of Lucky Jack and Dapper Joe’s careers in crime in *City of Devils: The Two Men Who Ruled the Underworld of Old Shanghai*.

• In *Do You Really Need That Pill? How to Avoid Side Effects, Interactions, and Other Dangers of Overmedication*, Dr. Jennifer Jacobs addresses alternative solutions to health problems.

• The first English translation of *Pasta for Nightingales: A 17th-century Handbook of Bird-Care and Folklore* by Giovanni Pietro Olina includes watercolor illustrations.

• Kate Briggs recounts stories of literary translation throughout the years in *This Little Art*.

Adult eBooks

• In the psychological thriller *Her Sister’s Lie* by Debbie Howells, a woman confronts the secrets of her late sister’s life.

• In *Bring Me Back* by B.A. Paris, a

woman who disappeared 10 years ago appears to be sending messages and leaving clues to her whereabouts.

• Sayraphim Lothian describes political and protest craft work in *Guerrilla Kindness and Other Acts of Creative Resistance: Making a Better World Through Craftivism*.

• Pamela Druckerman examines middle age with wit in *There Are No Grown-Ups: A Midlife Coming-of-Age Story*.

Adult DVDs

• In the 2018 film *Ant-Man and the Wasp*, two superheroes uncover secrets from their past.

• Triplets separated at birth meet and learn their history in the 2018 documentary *Three Identical Strangers*.

• The documentary *Westwood: Punk, Icon, Activist* (2018) tells the story of fashion designer Vivienne Westwood.

• The 2018 documentary *Navajo Code Talkers of World War II* describes a secret code used by the Marines that was never broken.

Children’s Nonfiction

• *Hawk Rising*, written by Maria Gianferrari and illustrated by Brian Floca, describes the everyday life of the predatory bird. Ages 6 to 9.

• Scientist Temple Grandin explores different ways to look at things in *Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor*. Ages 8 to 12.

• *The Ultimate Book of Sharks*, a National Geographic Kids title by Brian Skerry, features fascinating facts, real-life stories, and descriptions of every species of shark. Ages 9 to 12.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Natural Presidio: As part of the library’s celebration honoring indigenous peoples, **National Park Service** park rangers will tell Ohlone tales and show animal pelts and indigenous plants still found in the Presidio. All ages welcome. Wednesday, Nov. 14; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Open House at the Noe Valley Library: Add your leaf to a Thankfulness Tree. Enjoy crafts, refreshments, and music by Six Roses Jazz Duet, starting at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3; 2 to 5 p.m.

Miss Catherine leads **Toddler Tales**, with books, rhymes, music, and small movement, on Thursdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m. For ages 16 months through 36 months with parent or caregiver.

All events take place at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St. between Castro and Diamond streets. For information, call 415-355-5707 or visit www.sfpl.org.

Children’s Fiction

• Jed Alexander’s picture book *Red* is a new version of the tale of Little Red Riding Hood, with a surprise ending. Ages 2 to 5.

• A girl searches in the jungle for a special song in *Kaya’s Heart Song*, written by Diwa Tharan Sanders and illustrated by Nerina Canzi. Ages 4 to 6.

• In *Imagine!* written and illustrated by Raúl Colón, a painting in a museum comes to life for a little boy. Ages 4 to 8.

• *The Day You Begin*, by Jacqueline Woodson with illustrations by Rafael Lopez, is about bravery and taking the first steps in life. Ages 4 to 8.

• The daughter of an explorer searches for him in Egypt in *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*, by Joe Todd-Stanton. Ages 4 to 10.

• *A Case for Buffy* is the last book in the Detective Gordon series, written by Ulf Nilsson, illustrated by Gitte Spee, and translated by Julia Marshall. Ages 6 to 10.

• A fourth-grader has dreams of being a basketball legend in *Power Forward*, the first book in a series written by Hena Kahn and illustrated by Sally Wern Comport. Ages 7 to 11.

• In Katherine Applegate’s *Endling #1: The Last*, a mythical doglike creature worries she is the last of her species. Ages 8 to 12.

• A girl discovers her boarding school is actually an undercover spy ring in *Mrs. Smith’s Spy School for Girls* by Beth McMullen. Ages 9 to 13.



Annotations by Voice bookworm
Karol Barske

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and now for the
RUMORS
behind the news

The Grass Is Greener

By Mazook

LAST MONTH'S RUMOR is this month's reality. The vacant storefront at 3751 24th St. at Chattanooga Street, known in these parts as the Mill — for its former occupant, which in March moved to 18th Street and became Unionmade Women — may soon change from a purveyor of wool to a purveyor of hemp — that is, a cannabis store.

I have confirmed that an application for a retail dispensary ("medical and adult") at the Mill has been made to San Francisco's Office of Cannabis, the agency that reviews the locations of all dispensary applicants in the city. (Before opening, applicants must obtain both a California license and a city cannabis business permit.)

The owner of the building, Sharon Cassidy, also confirmed her space has been rented to someone who plans to open a pot shop. But she stopped short of giving me their name.

However, San Francisco Planning Department records show that the applicant is Alex Solis. Cassidy said she would let that person know of my inquiry, but at press time there had been no response.

A records search at the OC further revealed that another application had been filed for a dispensary in Downtown Noe Valley. This one was made by "Gold City Greenery" for a commercial space on the ground floor of the almost completed building at 3910 24th St., next door to St. Clair's

Liquor. (When finished, the building will also have three residential units upstairs.)

But hold on, not so fast. When I contacted one of the building's owners, Mousa Khouri, he was a bit surprised. He said, "They [Gold City Greenery] made us an offer which we have not accepted, so there is no lease right now!" He said he was negotiating with the prospective tenant as well as with other parties who have expressed an interest in taking over the commercial space, which consists of the main floor and a big basement below.

By the way, Gold City has also made an application for another location in the Inner Richmond (235 Clement St.), as well as at a processing center near Silver Terrace just off Third Street.



ROACH CONTROL: The director of the OC, Nicole Elliott, has been overwhelmed by the number of applications she's received in recent months. This portends a long process for both existing dispensaries and those that want to open new locations.

"We currently have more than 400 applications for permits being sought for the 263 locations [citywide] which we are in the process of reviewing with our current limited staff of three," said Elliott, "so hopefully the city will give us more resources."

She said the review process with present staffing "could last well into 2019, and this is only the first piece of the puzzle," with the next step being going through the Planning Department's conditional use process, which, of course, includes public hearings.

Last month's rumor about this matter caused a stir on the Nextdoor network for Noe Valley and surrounding neighborhoods. On Oct. 4, Steve and Debbie Dell posted, "This is an FYI for all neighbors if you haven't read the [item in the Voice Rumors]. Whether you are for or against, rumor is that this vacant space previously occupied by Mill clothing is in process of

potential site for marijuana sales..."

There were over 80 comments, many of which digressed from the question, but those who did express opinions on the cannabis dispensary location showed an overwhelmingly positive response. According to my count, in addition to the 16 emoji smiles, comments were about 10 to 1 in favor of the proposition.

Some wanted to expand the concept. Sallie Greene of Upper Noe wrote, "I say a chocolatier should share the space." Wrote Kevin Olson of Twin Peaks, "Awesome, this is great news for Noe Valley residents who want easy access to a dispensary!" And Michael Carr in Central Noe Valley opined, "I assume it will be well regulated, with entry controlled and restricted to people who present valid ID. If so, I have no problem with that."

Robert Whitten of SE Mission commented: "Cannabis dispensaries generally make great neighbors. Liquor stores and places like Whole Foods that sell hard liquor should adopt their policies of no one without valid I.D. and under 21 to be allowed in. Keeping out the young preppy entitled Brett Kavanaugh types who like beer."

Thirty people thanked Zubin Desai of Central Noe Valley, who wrote, "Noe needs a classy dispensary! I'm all for this."

I added my own two cents: "I appreciated reading all of your 86 comments, especially the ones responsive to the rumor. It seems like almost all of the on-point comments were favorable. Very kewl, mellow and far out."



ON THE 24TH STREET BEAT: It was nice to see the flurry of activity last month at the San Francisco Fleet Week world headquarters, located on Sanchez just south of 24th, on the west side of the street. Over the years, the location has been everything from the Garage Sale Store to Décor Ga-

lore.

However, for the past three years it has been "ground zero" for this group, formally known as the San Francisco Fleet Week Association, which, under the stewardship of Executive Director Lewis Loeven, has produced Fleet Week for 38 years. Kudos too and a big "ahoy" to Operations Manager Diana Bartram, who lives in Noe Valley and enjoys the neighborhood and her commute to work.

The world headquarters of GlobeIn will be having its grand opening of a retail store at 4175 24th, the former home of Cliché Noe, on Nov. 16. GlobeIn works one-on-one with artisans from around the world to sell their handmade goods. The company was inspired by Muhammad Yunus, a Bangladeshi social entrepreneur who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for founding the Grameen Bank and pioneering the concept of microcredit.

Co-founder Liza Moiseve says GlobeIn has been offering an online monthly subscription box, with small collections of hand-crafted items, by mail since 2015. They work with more than 1,000 artisans in places like Mexico, Morocco, India, and South Africa, and have over 10,000 monthly subscribers at \$50 per month. Liza, as she prefers to be called, says proudly that the company is made up of 90 percent female employees.

Store hours on Nov. 16 will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Liza says on opening day and during the weekend of Nov. 17 and 18, customers will get 20 percent off all products, both in-store and online, with the code HELLONO.

By the way, the December box is the "Celebrate Box." It will include two martini glasses (Mexico), a palm leaf basket (Mexico), a set of three sari gift wrappers (India), and a paper rosette (Nepal).

Up the street at the space long occupied

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RUMORS

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by Noe Valley Cyclery (until the beginning of this year), the For Rent sign is down and the location is slated to become the temporary office space of longtime Noe Valley business Real Management Company. RMC is redoing its office at 1234 Castro, just above 24th Street.

RMC’s boss, J.J. Panzer, says they “will be there for about eight months while the remodel is being done.” Then the bike shop space will be for rent again.

As we reported last month, the space formerly occupied by Artisana at 3927 24th is for rent. Building owner Joel Cooper-smith says he’s received “a lot of calls” from interested people but he thought the most interesting for the neighborhood were people who wanted to open a gourmet coffee shop and another who wanted to turn the space into a dog supply store. Cooper-smith says it’s approximately 1,500 square feet, with the asking rent being \$6,500 a month.



A VANDAL IN THE WIND: Colin Hutton, owner of Video Wave on 24th near Noe, has had his store vandalized twice over the past three months, leaving him with broken windows. He’s somewhat discouraged and saving up to repair the second one, which was smashed the day after he fixed the first one. Says Hutton, “I can’t afford to keep fixing them, and am afraid they will come back and break it again.”

He’s reported the vandalism to police but is not holding his breath. He says he doesn’t know whether he can continue the business after his lease is up for renewal next year. There’s a GoFundMe link he’s posted on his Facebook page. Hope the

fundraiser will help him stay in business.



SHORT SHRIFTS: Philz Coffee on the corner of 24th and Diamond will become “cashless” on Nov. 1, meaning customers must pay electronically. Can I still pay with U.S. postage stamps?...

A new hair salon called Poppy & Finch is opening at 1515 Church (near 27th), in the space once occupied by Little Folkies, which moved down to share space at Mobu Studio (1605 Church), which was the Folkies’ original location back when they started in 2009. Got that? The new salon owner is Rebecca Hinh...

It looks like the space at 1478A Church St. that used to be TMI Colonics will be occupied by a dress designer, based on the draped mannequins that have appeared in the store windows...

Some kind of computer school is going to open soon at the space at 3980 24th, which most recently was Supervisor Rafael Mandelman’s campaign office. Apparently, they don’t want to talk to the press yet, but nearby merchants are hoping their first task will be to wash the front windows...

At One Stop Party Shop, which has been at the corner of Church and 28th streets for 32 years, owner Mardie Vandervort reports that this year’s Halloween favorites are Black Panther costumes for the boys, and as always, princesses and witches for the girls. As for the most popular item at the shop, she says, “We have been selling about 15 wigs a day.”



THE ART OF THE MATTER: A new mural now wraps around Novy restaurant on the corner of 24th and Noe. (See images on page 1 and 15 this issue.) The idea, according to Novy co-owners and sisters Kristen Gianaras and Kathryn Gianaras, stemmed from a meeting last year of the Noe Valley



Artist Alexander Tadlock at work on a mural on Novy’s at the corner of 24th and Noe streets. The restaurant will have an official unveiling on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Photo by Jack Tipple

Merchants and Professionals Association, where Lisa Bowes, owner of the International Art Gallery on Mission Street, presented information on ways businesses along 24th Street might have murals painted on their buildings. The plan was to bring more vibrancy to Downtown Noe Valley, to provide pleasant images for sidewalk shoppers, and perhaps create mural tours.

“I was voted onto the NVMPA board as vice president this July, and I decided that Novy needed to be the first business to take the leap with a mural,” says Kristen, “and I contacted Lisa, who connected us with a young, extremely talented artist from Mexico named Alexander Tadlock, who we met...and it was an immediate fit.”

After multiple meetings with Alexander—“he even sat us down for an hour-long lesson on art theory!”—the sisters decided on a mural that would “tell the story of family, food, and woman power devel-

oped through the generations,” explains Kristen, “and required the mural to be tasteful, to be painted in a color palette that blended with the building, and to tell a story that honored the history of the neighborhood.”

The mural was completed at the end of October, and there will be a viewing party on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, as long as supplies last.

In the mural, the young man facing 24th Street is Kristen and Kathryn’s grandfather, Panos Gianaras, “who emigrated to the U.S. in 1939, made his way to San Francisco, and ran a small bar and grill with my father, John Gianaras,” says Kristen. The lease on the bar and grill, the Coliseum at 11th and Mission, ran out in 1975, so Panos decided to retire.”

As many of you might recall, John Gianaras bought the former L&F corner grocery store at 24th and Noe in 1977 and opened the original Panos’ Restaurant in Noe Valley. Panos would come in at 7 a.m. every morning and start rolling dolmas. Then at lunchtime you would see him leave, riding off on his bike. In 1988, John and his wife Vi remodeled the restaurant, and finally in 1998, they sold the space to Pasta Pomodoro, which had a 17-year run. Panos Gianaras died in 2004 at the age of 90.

In 2015, Kristen and Kathryn, after consulting Mom and Dad, chose to rekindle the family restaurant business, and opened Novy—or NōVY, as their logo depicts it.



THAT’S 30, BOYS AND GIRLS. The holidays have officially started in Noe Valley, with the Spooktacular in the Town Square on Oct. 28, and the annual kids parading down 24th Street on Halloween afternoon and night. Remember to support our local brick-and-mortar merchants, not just those in cyberspace. Ciao for now. ■



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Al-Anon Noe Valley
Contact: 834-9940
Website: www.al-anonsf.org
Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.
St. Philip Church, 725 Diamond St. (park on Elizabeth Street side; enter on 24th Street through parking lot)

Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association
Website: www.evna.org
Address: P.O. Box 14137, SF, CA 94114
Meetings: See website calendar. Castro Meeting Room, 501 Castro St., 7 p.m.

Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774
Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131
Website: www.dhcasf.org
Meetings: Second Thursday, 7 p.m. Call for location.

Dolores Heights Improvement Club
Email: info@doloresheights.org
Website: www.doloresheights.org
Meetings: Third Thursday of every second month. Bank of America, 18th and Castro.

Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)
Contacts: Deanna Mooney, 821-4045; Diane McCarney, 824-0303; or Sally Chew, 821-6235
Address: 560 Duncan St., SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Fair Oaks Neighbors
Email: hello@fairoaksneighbors.org
Address: 200 Fair Oaks St., SF, CA 94110
Street fair is the day before Mother's Day.

Fairmount Heights Association
Contact: Kathy Keller, 912-9365
Email: Kathy.Keller44@gmail.com
<http://fairmount-heights.org>
Meetings: Monthly social mixer and discussion, 350 Amber Drive

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Contact: Lisa and Mo Ghotbi, 821-0122
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Friends of Dolores Park Playground
Contact: Nancy Gonzalez Madynski, 828-5772
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Address: 140 Turquoise Way, SF, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Friends of Noe Courts Playground
Contact: Laura Norman
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Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)
Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
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Meetings: Two or three annually; held at St. Philip's Church or James Lick School

Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center (Upper Noe Rec Center)
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Meetings: Email or check website.

Friends of 30th Street Senior Center
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Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUND OG)
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Glen Park Association
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Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noon

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association
Contact: Dr. Lisa Fromer, president
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Meetings: Quarterly. Email for details.

Merchants of Upper Market and Castro
Contact: 835-8720
Email: info@castromerchants.com
Address: 584 Castro St. #333, SF, CA 94114
Meetings: Call for details.

Noe Neighborhood Council
Contact: Ozzie Rohm or Matt McCabe, Co-founders
Email: info@noeneighborhoodcouncil.com
Website: www.noeneighborhoodcouncil.com
Meetings: Quarterly at Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St., with date publicized on website and Nextdoor.com.

Noe Valley Association—24th Street Community Benefit District
Contact: Debra Niemann, 519-0093
Dispatch: To report spills, debris, or garbage on 24th Street, call Ron Vanini, 596-7089.
Email: info@noevalleyassociation.org
Website: www.noevalleyassociation.org
Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

Noe Valley Democratic Club
Contact: Hunter Stern, 282-9042; hls5@jibewl245.com
Website: noevalleydems.com
Meetings: Fourth Tuesdays, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., 6:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Farmers Market
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Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332
Email: info@noevalleyfarmersmarket.com

Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)
Contact: Rachel Swann, 225-7743
Meetings: Last Thursdays, Old Republic, 4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.
Website: www.NoValleyMerchants.com

Noe Valley Parent Network
An e-mail resource network for parents
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Progress Noe Valley
Facebook: facebook.com/ProgressNoeValley
Email: progressnoe@gmail.com
Website: progressnoe.com
Meetings: Check Facebook page for current meeting and event schedule.

Residents for Noe Valley Town Square
Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
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Website: www.noevalleytownsquare.com
Meetings: Call for details.

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)
Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-coordinators Maxine Fasulis, mfasulis@yahoo.com; Carole Roberts, carole_roberts@faludi.com
Note: Two trainings to be held in Noe Valley in January 2019. Check schedule at NERT at www.sf-fire.org.

San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets
Contact: Don Oshiro, 285-8188
Email: contact@sanjoseguerrero.com
Website: www.sanjoseguerrero.com
Meetings: See website.

Stand Up San Francisco
Contacts: Laura Shapiro, Phyllis Ball, Paul Silverman
Email: info@standupsf.net
Website: www.standupsf.net
Meetings: At offices of members of Congress, weekly. All-group meetings at Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St., once a month

Upper Noe Neighbors
Contact: Olga Milan-Howells, 756-4455
Email: President@UpperNoeNeighbors.com
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